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Rural clout declines in Congress, coalitions needed to get results

By GERARD SHIELDS
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — The political clout of America's rural regions has weakened over the last three decades because of declining populations and the disappearance of 124 congressional districts.

Today, four out of five Americans live in cities or suburbs, leaving just 57 rural House districts with 13 percent of the vote. In 1966, members from the nation's rural regions controlled 42 percent of the House vote and held 181 districts.

The erosion has weakened the political muscle of industries that once dominated American politics such as farming and coal mining. The dilution is most visible over the last six years in the elimination of federal government farm subsidies and the environmental crackdown on coal.

"I don't think anyone takes the rural or farm areas seriously anymore," said Hugh Winebrenner, a professor of public administration at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. "They're willing to buck it."

Even though rural areas have less population, they suffer from some of the same problems as urban areas.

Rural congressional members struggle for federal money to help with health care, poor schools and an increasing problem with violent crime, evident in the recent high-school shooting in Paducah, Ky.

Mustering a rural political front has been difficult. Members of Congress from the farm region can't recall the last time they heard from the Rural Caucus. And House Speaker Newt Gingrich's Rural Task Force of last year dissipated without a whimper.

That forces rural members to form coalitions with other groups linked to urban and suburban districts.

"It has nationalized members of the

House, making it impossible to be a one-interest member," said Charles Jones, a recently retired political science professor with the University of Wisconsin. "Rural House members are having to do what senators had to do for a long time and that is to compromise."

The coal industry is the best example. Since the federal government passed new provisions reducing acid rain in 1990, more than 46,000 coal-mining jobs have been eliminated. In the new crackdown on coal emissions because of global warming, mining leaders are trying to warn congressional members from urban districts

that the job losses also will affect suppliers and manufacturers in their areas.

Of the 435 House districts, 390 hold some kind of link to mining, industry leaders note.

"We've had to do that because there aren't that many rural districts," said Bob Webster, a spokesman for the National Mining Association. "We try to build a bridge with our manufacturing members because you have to work hard to make a case to urban and suburban districts."

Congressional members from farm

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Kersh: Master Plan made progress in '97

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Where the positives of the city of Big Spring's current progress lies in regard to its long range plan.

Planning Coordinator Tara Kersh says is due to the many different groups that have given so much of their time in 1997.



KERSH

"I noticed a big push in volunteerism and people took things into their own hands," Kersh said. "People were open to the idea of contributing their time and asking how could they help."

One reason for the progress is tangible results, according to Kersh.

"We're seeing a lot of projects being completed such as Beals Creek, Morgan Park and the observation deck at the spring," Kersh said. "It's good for people to talk about projects, but it's even better to have some good hard results to look at."

Because of the help from citizens in 1997, Kersh says planning projects for next year will be that much easier.

One of the projects for 1997 was the downtown beautification project (courthouse square), which was very time consuming, but one Kersh sees as a springboard to revitalizing the rest of the downtown area.

The important thing now is that the objectives in the long range plan are already prioritized.

"The citizens have already done that," Kersh said. "But there

are those projects that are easier to target as more doable at a particular time. We want to do as much as we can with what we have."

"It's a matter of being efficient with time as well as the city's resources," Kersh added.

The projects completed this year have been successes because people could reach out and touch what was going on and could see that an effort is being made in Big Spring.

"We want what's best for Big Spring just as the citizens," Kersh said.

One of the items on Kersh's wish list for next year includes the construction of gateways to the Big Spring community.

"We're drawing plans now and have met with the Texas Department of Transportation regarding regulations as well as their input," Kersh said. "We want impressive entrances to Big Spring for people who come into town or those just passing by."

According to Kersh, a couple of the areas being looked at as gateway sites include the Big Spring State Park, McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark and Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Other items scheduled for next year include some painting and minor renovations to spruce up city hall, the airpark master plan and renovations to the municipal auditorium, making it marketable and used more.

Some of the groups Kersh says she has enjoyed working with this year include the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Big Spring Women's Club, Harvest Fest, Downtown Beautification and the



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Entrances to the city of Big Spring, such as this one at exit 174 on Interstate 20, may receive a new look next year as Big Spring officials begin to work on gateways to the city. City officials see gateways as a positive introduction to Big Spring for motorists and passersby.

Friends of the Settles.

"These are can-do groups and people who take their part of a project and go to it," Kersh said. "They are not getting absorbed into what

if, but are just concerned with getting business done."

As with anything there are negatives, but Kersh said she came to Big Spring during the Kids' Zone project and just prior to the May 10, 1996 hailstorm that damaged so much of Big Spring, so she has seen nothing but the giving spirit of Big Spring.

Better Business Bureau warns of scam run by Yellow Pages firm

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Businesses receiving a yellow form, which appears to be an invoice for a listing in the yellow pages, may want to take a close look at it before taking any action, according to the Permian Basin Better Business Bureau.

"The form is from an Angola, Ind. company called Yellow pages Inc., and is not an invoice but a solicitation for the order to have your business listed in something called 'The Business to Business Yellow Pages Directory,'" BBB President Dick Rowland said.

"If you take a good look at the form, it says right on it that it is not an invoice," Rowland added.

"The problem is that so many companies take a quick look and send it to accounts payable without really looking at it."

According to Rowland, the BBB office received a copy of the solicitation Monday.

"You also need to remember that this company is in no way affiliated with the local phone company, or your long distance carrier," Rowland said.

Roland added he didn't think the company was breaking any laws that he knows of, but said the BBB felt it should warn local companies that the form is not a bill and they don't have to pay anything unless they want to purchase a listing.

According to the BBB, these misleading solicitations are usually for about \$100, which falls just short of breaking the

law.

"Most include the disclaimers required by federal postal law to distinguish a solicitation from an invoice, but many businesses may not read the fine print and are misled by the names of the soliciting companies, which often resembles those of well-known business directory distributors, and by the familiar 'let your fingers do the walking' logo," Rowland said.

"Business may not know that use of the familiar logo is not illegal since neither the logo or the term yellow pages is a registered trademark."

One of the following two disclaimers must be included on such solicitations:

• This is a solicitation for the

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WEATHER

Tonight: Clear. Lows lower to mid 30s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs lower to mid 70s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast, Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 60s. Saturday, cooler with a chance of rain. Lows in the 30s. Highs upper 40s to mid 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows mid 20s to 30s.

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Enrollment

County's three districts all show gains over 1996 as declines are reversed

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

In a change from recent trends, enrollment in Howard County school districts is on the upswing.

All three public school districts in Howard County report increased enrollment over this time last year, but the exact reason for those increases are unknown, at least for now.

The past few years have seen a gradual decline in Big Spring ISD enrollment, but that trend has stopped, at least for now. As of Dec. 12, the district reported an enrollment of 4,387 students, up six from the same time last year.

That figure is notable, especially considering that BSISD experienced a smaller-than-average kindergarten class this year. Elementary enrollment for the district is down about 30 students from this time in 1996, most of that accounted for at the kindergarten level.

The most recent BSISD figures show total elementary enrollment (grades K-5) at 2,133, down only eight from this time last year. Secondary enrollment (grades 6-12) is 2,196, up almost 20 from December 1996.

Coahoma and Forsan schools also report increases.

Coahoma ISD figures as of the end of November report a total enrollment of 1,002 students, up 18 from the same time last year. Most of that increase can be accounted for in a jump in elementary enrollment.

Coahoma elementary enrollment is at 557, up 13 from the same time last year. Junior

BY THE NUMBERS

A comparative look at county school enrollments from 1996 to 1997:

	1996	1997	Change
Big Spring	4,381	4,379	-2
Coahoma	1,002	984	+18
Forsan	689	684	+15



McQUEARY

high enrollment remains unchanged at 183, while the high school reported 288 students, a slight increase from the previous year.

Forsan ISD shows a total enrollment of 689 as of the end of November, an increase of 15 students from the same time in 1996. Elbow elementary reports having 326 students — up six from November 1996 — while the junior high-high school population is at 373, up nine from last year.

BSSD Superintendent Bill McQueary couldn't put his finger on a specific reason behind the increases, but he wasn't going to dispute the figures, either.

"It's a positive thing," he said. "Since 1994, we've had a gradual loss of students ... I really don't know why enrollment's up. The economy is good right now, and that's affecting all of Texas, some places even more than here."

He said that state and federal projections call for a continuation of the financial good times.

"I don't know how that fits in with Big Spring, but there seem to be some things going on here," McQueary said. "But I don't know if that's attracting people in."

BSPD still looking for trio connected with week-old east side sexual assault

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring police are still searching for three males in connection with a sexual assault that occurred last week.

BSPD Sgt. Roger Sweatt said the sexual assault occurred between 9:30-10:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 somewhere on the east side of town. A young woman around 20 years old was in her backyard by the alley when she was

abducted by two men wearing masks and dark clothing.

The two men carried the woman off to a waiting car and drove her to another location, where she was assaulted, Sweatt said. After the assault, she was forced to walk home.

Police are looking for three men — two who assaulted the woman and a third who drove the vehicle — although limited physical descriptions are available. All three wore masks and

dark clothing during the assault.

Sweatt said today that not much has changed in the investigation. One of the suspects is described as a white male, but no other details are available.

Details on the assault were sketchy because of the victim's emotional state, Sweatt said. Another interview with the victim was planned for today, he

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OBITUARIES

Benjamin LeCroy

Graveside service for Benjamin LeCroy, 80, will be 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1997, at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, with Rev. John Payne, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Mr. LeCroy died Sunday, Dec. 14, at the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

He was born on March 21, 1917, in Gatesville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

He is survived by a son, Tom Christopher, Corpus Christi; a daughter, Gayle Davidson, El Paso; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Margaret Gallaway

Graveside service for Margaret Gallaway, 84, Big Spring, will 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Walter Lee, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Coahoma, officiating.

Mrs. Gallaway died Tuesday, Dec. 16, in a local care facility. She was born on Dec. 6, 1913, in Glen Rose, and married Myles Gallaway on July 10, 1940, in Brownfield. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1993. She had worked in admissions and at the switchboard at Malone-Hogan Hospital and Clinic for 16 years. Mrs. Gallaway was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Coahoma. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include: several nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and friends.

The family suggests memorials to: First Presbyterian Church; 209 N. First; Coahoma, Texas.

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

W.R. "Bob" Powell

Funeral service for W.R. "Bob" Powell, 75, Sweetwater, was 10 a.m. today at Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home Chapel with Larry Fluit officiating.

Mr. Powell died Monday, Dec. 15, 1997, at his home.

He was born on July 13, 1922, in Fisher County and married Zilpha Alyne Whitten on Oct. 29, 1945, in Sylvester. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He was with the Sweetwater Police Department for 34 years and was assistant Police Chief for several years before retiring. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving as an engineer in World War II.

Survivors include: his wife, Zilpha Alyne Powell, Sweetwater; a son, Bobby Powell, Big Spring; a daughter, Kathy Sloan, Colleyville; a brother, Billy C. Powell, Big Spring; two sisters, Laverne Bowman, San Angelo, and Pauline Derrington, Lamesa; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home, Sweetwater.

David M. Hicks

A memorial service for David M. Hicks, 47, Salt Lake City, Utah, was noon today at MacKay Cottonwood Mortuary, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. Hicks died Monday, Dec. 15, 1997, at his home.

He was born on July 14, 1950, in Kermit. He was raised in Eunice, N.M. and was a 1968 graduate of Hobbs High School, Hobbs, N.M.

Survivors include: his wife, Luann Hicks, Salt Lake City, Utah; two sons, Noel Allen Barton, Dallas, and Derek Montgomery Hicks, Big Spring; a daughter, Britney Marie Truett, Philadelphia; a stepson, Jason Cole Lee, Salt Lake City, Utah; a step-daughter, Nauti Ann Lee, Salt Lake City, Utah; four grandchildren; his mother, Rebecca G. Hicks, Salt Lake City, Utah; a brother, Edmond B. Hicks, Jr., Lubbock; and a sister, Monica Denise Hicks, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Arrangements under the direction of Cottonwood Mortuary, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jo Nell M. Wilson

Service for Jo Nell M. (Jody) Wilson, 70, Big Spring, is pending with Shaffer Funeral Home, Robert Lee.

She died Monday, Dec. 15, 1997, in Lakeland, Fla.

Rowland said.
With few exceptions, charges for legitimate listings are included on advertisers' monthly phone bills, not billed separately, according to the BBB.

RURAL

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districts are trying to do the same to stay politically alive. The 1996 Farm Bill cut agricultural subsidies and a new bill on tobacco would eliminate crop price supports.

"Food is a major part of our national security," said Rep. Ron Lewis, R-Ky. "We need to make sure that we get the message to our urban friends."

ASSAULT

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added. Sweatt said evidence in the case will be sent off to Austin's crime lab for further testing. Investigators also hope that definite DNA evidence can be obtained.

"If we can develop a suspect, then we'll be able to test the DNA against him," Sweatt said. The lack of a concrete suspect has skewed the investigation somewhat, Sweatt admitted.

"We're having to work on this sort of backwards," he said. "Usually, we have a suspect, then we do DNA testing on him. But now we have to do the DNA testing, and hopefully, we'll develop a suspect."

Sweatt urged anyone with information on this crime to contact the police department at 264-2550.

BRIEFS

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE is looking for volunteers to assist taxpayers with preparation of their 1997 Income Tax Returns. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training for volunteers will be Monday-Friday, Jan. 12-16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels. All study materials will be furnished and there is no charge for the training.

Free tax help will be available beginning Monday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the First Presbyterian Church. For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

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

For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee is \$5.

THE HISTORIC SPRING IN Comanche Trail park will be decorated with a lighted display of thousands of lights nightly beginning at 6:30 p.m. through Jan. 1. Special musical programs are planned through Sunday. For more information, call Pat Simmons, 263-4607.

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

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Call (915) 686-9251 to schedule appointments.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SPRINGBOARD

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

TODAY
•Downtown Lions Club, noon.
Howard College Cactus Room.
Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.
•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.
•NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.
•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
•Rackley-Swords Chp. 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
•American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

FRIDAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

MARKETS

March cotton 66.50, up 30 points; Jan. crude 18.14, down 3 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.50 lower at 39; cash steers steady at 65; Feb. lean hog futures 60.05, down 35 points; Feb. live cattle futures 66.40, up 27 points. quotes: Delta Corporation. Noon courses provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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Rural/Metro	30 1/2 - 1/4
Sears	44 1/2 + 1/4
Southwestern Bell	75 1/2 + 1
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Texaco	53 1/2 - 1/4
Texas Instruments	44 1/2 + 1/4
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Unocal Corp	39 - 1/4
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Ampcap	15.35-16.29
Euro Pacific	25.61-27.17
I.C.A.	30.78-32.66
New Economy	19.52-20.71
New Perspective	19.18-20.35
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	287.90-288.40
Silver	5.90-5.93

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:
• **PATRICIA GROSSMAN**, 35, arrested on charge of Class C assault.
• **JUAN OCHOA**, 27, arrested on charge of DWI.
• **FABIAN CHAVERA**, 18, arrested on charge of public intoxication.
• **JOE MARTINEZ**, 35, arrested on charge of public intoxication.
• **FLOYD PHILLIPS**, 47, arrested on local warrants.
• **BOBBY RUTH**, 22, arrested on local warrants.
• **ERNESTO MORALES**, 24, arrested on charge of driving while license invalid.
• **LEOHONO HERRERA**, 49, arrested on charge of failure to identify.
• **MICHAEL BIRMELEN**, 17, arrested on charge of burglary of a habitation.
• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** on the 700 block of W. 15th.
• **THEFT** on the 1800 block of Gregg, the 300 block of Owens and the 300 block of Gregg.
• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** on the 1000 block of S. Main.
• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** reported to the police department.
• **FORGERY** on the 100 block of Main, the 2500 block of Gregg and the 1600 block of E. Fourth.
• **ASSAULT** on the 1900 block of Lamesa Highway.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:
• **RICHARD LYNN ROBERTSON**, 50, 3304 W. 80 No. 18, arrested on a charge of theft.
• **CRUZ GUTIERREZ SR.**, 22, 808 W. Fifth, arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
• **TERESA ANN LABBE**, 19, 703 Craigmont, arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
• **JAMIE LEE LACHMILLER**, 21, Austin, arrested

on charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
• **CORI ANN WILLBANKS**, 18, HC 76 Box 60A, arrested on charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
• **JEREMY CHAD CHAVIS**, 26, Killeen, arrested on charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
• **WILLIAM L. ROTHELL**, 21, 9500 Rural Route 33, arrested on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces and making alcohol available to minors.
• **FABIAN ERNESTO SERRANO**, 19, 2805 Cactus, arrested on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces and minor in possession.
• **ZACHARY WHITE TERRY**, 20, Austin, arrested on charges of minor in possession and possession of marijuana under two ounces.
• **MICHAEL WAYNE COGBURN**, 19, 605 Dealy, arrested on charges of minor in possession and possession of marijuana under two ounces.
• **AMY RAY EPLEY**, 20, 1202 Richie Road, arrested on charges of minor in possession and possession of marijuana under two ounces.
• **JAMES RAY COGBURN**, 20, 605 Dealy, arrested on charges of minor in possession and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:
Tuesday
10:02 a.m. - 1900 block Simler, trauma call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
1:15 p.m. - 500 W. 17th, medical call, patient transferred to VA Medical Center.
4:51 p.m. - FM-700 and Birdwell, traffic accident, two patients transferred to SMCC.
5:45 p.m. - 1700 block S. Lancaster, medical call, patient transferred to SMCC.
10:03 p.m. - 2400 block Peach, medical call, patient transferred to SMCC.
10:59 p.m. - 2300 block Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to SMCC.


CORRECTION

On page 3A in Sunday's Herald, the float in the Christmas parade float was identified as belonging to Culligan Water Conditioning. The float pictured was entered by Franklin & Sons.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 64
Tuesday's low 25
Average high 58
Average low 29
Record high 77 in 1946
Record low 11 in 1989
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
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Month's normal 0.37
Year to date 19.34
Normal for the year 18.28

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Jury begins deliberations in second Oklahoma City bombing trial

DENVER (AP) — Presented with dueling images of Terry Nichols as either gentle family man or enraged killer lashing out at his government, jurors at the second Oklahoma City bombing trial began deliberations with an admonition to set aside concerns over public opinion.

Unlike jurors who convicted Timothy McVeigh of murder and conspiracy and then sentenced him to death for the April 19, 1995, bombing, the panel deciding whether Nichols is guilty of 11 identical charges have more options.

They can consider second-degree murder or manslaughter charges, neither of which carry the death penalty. McVeigh's jurors, who reached their verdict after 23 hours of talks over four days, didn't have those options.

After U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch read the instructions and jurors heard emotional pleas from the attorneys, the panel discussed the case

for about three hours Tuesday before going home for the night.

The seven women and five men were to resume deliberations today.

Matsch described to the jury each count against Nichols — conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction, use of a weapon of mass destruction, bombing of federal property and the murders of eight federal law enforcement officers in the line of duty. Each can be punished by a death sentence.

"You must not allow public opinion to play a role in your decision," the judge said.

In his last chance to address the panel before it received Matsch's instructions, prosecutor Larry Mackey ridiculed the defense portrayal of Nichols as a devoted father and husband, "as if a family man can't be a terrorist."

"Terrorists have families," he said. "The question is how they treat them, how they allow the dedication to a

political principle to corrupt what should be important to them."

Prosecutors contend Nichols, 42, and McVeigh, 29, worked together for months to plot the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in retaliation for the deadly FBI siege of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, exactly two years earlier.

The government conceded that Nichols wasn't there when the bomb went off, but accused him of helping his Army buddy deliver a getaway car to Oklahoma City three days earlier and helping pack the bomb inside a Ryder truck the day before the blast killed 168 people.

Mackey said Nichols had no alibi for the morning of April 18 and he lied when he said he went to meet McVeigh in Oklahoma City to pick up a used TV set.

"It's time," Mackey told jurors in a voice barely above a whisper. "It's now time, 32 months since that truck bomb

exploded, 39 months since Terry Nichols bought the first ton of fertilizer. It's time for justice and you're in control of that."

Defense attorney Michael Tigar choked back tears as he ended his presentation, telling jurors a verdict of innocent would show the justice system works.

"If you respected the presumption of innocence you'd say, 'Well, we understand, he's human. He's human,'" said Tigar, who placed his hands on Nichols' shoulders and called him his brother.

Nichols fought back tears when lawyers referred to his son, Josh, but otherwise he sat expressionless, looking at the jurors. His wife, Marife, his mother and two of his siblings were seated behind him in the courtroom.

As they had throughout the trial that began Sept. 29, defense attorneys suggested that the government mishandled its investigation and tried to per-

suade witnesses to mold statements to fit the FBI's theory. Within days of the blast, they said, the FBI adopted the theory that McVeigh and Nichols were the only ones involved and discarded evidence suggesting anything different.

"We submit to you that the government's theory is riddled, riddled, riddled with doubts," Tigar said.

Mackey acknowledged that some mistakes were made, but there was no reason to feel sorry for Nichols.

"There has been no rush to judgment," he said. "What has emerged has been a complete and compelling picture, Terry Nichols and Timothy McVeigh side by side."

And answering Tigar's dramatic reminder that Nichols "is a human being, Mackey told jurors that the men, women and 19 children who died in the blast "are your brothers and sisters as well."

Federal judge strikes down Oregon term limits law

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A federal magistrate has thrown out Oregon's term limits law, saying it violates the constitutional rights of voters who want to elect experienced candidates.

"No right is more precious in a free country than that of having a voice in the election of those who make the laws under which we must live," U.S. Magistrate Tom Coffin wrote Tuesday.

The ruling could allow two dozen lawmakers who appeared headed for forced retirement to run for re-election next year. The state attorney general's office said it would appeal and wanted the 22 representatives and two senators to be barred

from running until the case is concluded.

"There's no sense in rushing to let these folks file to run when there's so much more at stake than just this election cycle," said office spokeswoman Kristen Grainger.

Oregon's law was approved overwhelmingly by voters in 1992, touted as a way to keep out career politicians and bring in fresh ideas. It limits legislators to three two-year House terms and two four-year Senate terms, not to exceed 12 years overall.

The term limits prompted a lawsuit from the legislature's longest-serving member, 15-term Rep. Bill Markham of Riddle. The Republican is one

of about a half-dozen of affected lawmakers who said they may run for re-election if allowed.

"They asked me to be the guinea pig on this lawsuit. I'm out front on it," he said. "It would be doggone disingenuous on my part if I didn't consider running again."

The lawsuit takes particular aim at the law's lifetime ban, a provision that says once legislators reach the legal limit of service they never can run for the office again. A similar section of California's law led a federal judge in that state to rule the law unconstitutional, a decision under review by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Microsoft: Court ruling hurts others

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. said many technology companies stand to suffer unless a federal appeals court quickly overturns a lower court order that temporarily separates Microsoft's Internet browser from its Windows software.

"It is no exaggeration to say that the public generally has a significant interest in the prompt disposition of this appeal," Microsoft said in papers filed Tuesday with the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The documents urge the appeals court to quickly overturn last week's ruling by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

Microsoft may be facing legal attack on another front. Some of the nation's largest states held a closed three-day meeting in Chicago last week to consider their own antitrust suit against Microsoft's marketing practices. The New York Times reported today.

The newspaper said attorneys general from states including

Florida, Illinois, Minnesota and New York attended the meeting and have subpoenaed information from Microsoft competitors about business practices in the industry. The multistate effort is reminiscent of a similar attack on the tobacco industry for reimbursement for spending on smoking-related illnesses.

In its federal court filing, Microsoft charged Jackson's decision spawned market speculation that the next generation of Windows — Windows 98 — won't be shipped on schedule in the spring. Microsoft said the stock market had been rattled in late June 1995 on a rumor that Windows 95 wouldn't go out on time.

"Indeed, significant segments of the United States economy may be affected by doubt surrounding the release of Windows 98," the court papers said.

Jackson issued a preliminary injunction ordering Microsoft to quit requiring computer-makers to distribute its Internet-browsing program when they install the popular

Windows operating system software on their PCs. Microsoft appealed the order Monday.

Jackson's ruling stemmed from a Justice Department lawsuit contending Microsoft violated a 1995 court order aimed at preventing anti-competitive practices. The government sought a \$1 million-a-day fine if the company refused to obey a contempt finding.

Despite the injunction, Jackson made no such decision. He appointed a technology law expert to review the highly technical case and present a report by May 31.

Microsoft contended that Jackson's order went far beyond what the Justice Department sought and "radically altered the status quo" by requiring Microsoft to offer to computer-makers a stripped-down version of Windows 95 without the Internet Explorer browser software.

Browsers, such as Explorer and Netscape Communication Corp.'s Navigator, enable computer users to find and retrieve information on the Internet.

Police say 5-year-old was locked away from food

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP) — Forced to forage through trash cans for food and drink from a toilet, a 5-year-old boy weighed just 20 pounds when welfare workers took him from his parents.

Donald and Kimberly Higbee, who were investigated for child abuse in California and Houston before they moved their family to Gray, Tenn., in 1996, worked in fast-food restau-

rants and kept food in the house. But it was locked away, forcing their 5-year-old son to scrounge for scraps.

The couple were charged Monday with one count each of felony aggravated child abuse and neglect. Each was jailed on \$75,000 bond and could face up to 60 years in jail if convicted.

The boy, his 4-year-old brother and 7-month-old sister were removed from their home in

August and placed in foster care.

The boy, who has since gained 9 pounds, was "stoic, reserved, intimidated and very fearful of all things" when he was found, said Sgt. Tom Frayer of the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

"He looked like someone who had been starved," Frayer said. His brother and sister were in much better shape, he said.

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OUR VIEWS

Curtain coming down on another UW campaign

Friday, the curtain comes down on the 52nd annual campaign of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County and, by all indications, it will be considered a successful campaign.

The goal this year is \$212,500 — the same amount as was raised a year ago when the campaign reached its goal for the first time this decade.

United Way Executive Director Carroll Jennings tells us we'll have a good idea as to where we stand on Friday, but that a number of pledges are still outstanding and the real picture will take a few days to come into focus.

Still, the campaign had passed \$175,000 two weeks ago and several successful in-house drives that have been conducted since that time, adding to the excitement about another successful campaign.

We believe the United Way is perhaps the best manner, especially in a community our size, for those in need to get the help they need through the member agencies.

Despite the best efforts of the many volunteers who work the annual campaign, we know there are folks here and there — perhaps even yourself — who were not contacted and who have not had the opportunity to participate in the campaign.

If you are one of those — or if you have had a change of heart and have decided to give — it's an easy enough thing to do. All you need to do is pick up your phone and call the United Way office at 267-5201.

Over the years, we've heard many campaign slogans and seen many campaign commercials with the organization's helping hand logo.

To us, it's not hard to understand the importance of every single dollar that comes into the campaign because we've known many people who have benefited in one way or another from the program.

The bottom line is that it doesn't happen unless people open their hearts and their pocketbooks... simply put, it's not the United Way without you.

YOUR VIEWS

To THE EDITOR:

RE: Your Views, Dec. 14.

David King is right. Let us take this one step back into history. In 1776, America's founding fathers instituted a new form of government called a republic. The following definitions are found in the 1929 U.S. Army Soldier Training Manual (TM 2000) in the sub-section titled: Citizenship.

A republic is defined as:

"Authority is derived through the election by the people of public officials best suited to represent them. Attitude toward property is respected for laws and individuals rights and a sensible economic procedure. Attitude toward law is the administration of justice in accordance with fixed principles that establish evidence with a strict regard for consequences. A greater number of citizens and the extent of territory may be brought within its compass, it avoids the dangerous extremes of either tyranny or mobocracy. Its results are statesmanship, liberty, reason, justice contentment and progress, and is a standard for of government throughout the world."

And as of March 9, 1933, we are operating under a democracy which is defined as:

"A government of the masses, authority derived through mass meeting or any other

form of direct expression. It results in mobocracy; it's attitude toward poverty is communistic negating property rights. It's attitude toward law is that the will of the majority shall regulate whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse, without restraint or regard to consequences, its result is demagogism, license, agitation, discontent and anarchy.

I don't believe we, as a people, can afford to operate in the manner which our government now operates, without having some rather long lasting ramifications. Our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren deserve better. It is up to us to meet this problem head on rather than allowing it to continue on, in people who are elected to represent us, but haven't got a clue as to what form of government the U.S. Constitution calls for. I say we must have a recall election or public impeachment of elected and hired city officials, if they cannot adhere to Constitutional law they are sworn to by the certified oath of office they made upon induction or hiring into public office. The government is supposed to serve the people, not rule or lord over them!

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Covering the courts: Manual for murder

James Perry followed the book. On the night of March 3, 1993, he shot and killed Mildred Horn and strangled her crippled son.

For good measure he also murdered Janice Saunders, the boy's nurse.

Last month Perry was back in the news — not because of the murders, but because of the book that taught him how to kill.

The facts have been stipulated: Paladin Press, an obscure publishing house, produced a 130-page book, "Hit Man: A Technical Manual for Independent Contractors." Perry obtained a copy and read it with scrupulous care. He set himself up as a murderer for hire.

In some fashion (the record is not clear) Lawrence Horn, Mildred Horn's ex-husband, got in touch with Perry. They struck a deal. Perry was to murder Mildred, her 8-year-old paraplegic son and anyone who might witness the killing. Lawrence would inherit a \$2 million settlement paid to the

boy for the injuries that left him paralyzed for life. Perry would be paid accordingly.

The murders went precisely by the book. Heirs of the victims subsequently sued Paladin Press in U.S. District Court in Baltimore. They charged that the book was responsible for the killings — that the publisher, in effect, had aided and abetted in the crime.

Paladin rested its entire defense upon its First Amendment right of freedom of the press. A number of newspapers and organizations supported the publisher, among them The New York Times, The Washington Post, the Society of Professional Journalists, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression.

District Judge Alexander Williams Jr. accepted this defense and granted summary judgment in Paladin's favor. The heirs appealed to the 4th U.S. Circuit. On Nov. 10 a three-judge panel, speaking through Circuit Judge J. Michael Luttig, reversed the district court. Unless the Luttig opinion is overturned on further appeal, the heirs may pursue their suit for damages.

I hope the Horn and Saunders families carry the case to a jury trial. I hope they win a judgment that will take all of Paladin's assets, down to

the publisher's last paperclip. And as a founding trustee of the Thomas Jefferson Center I publicly express my regret that we supported Paladin's indefensible defense. Until I read Judge Luttig's opinion last week, I had no idea of the cold-blooded contents of this manual for murder.

The manual instructs a killer to get his expense money up front. Horn paid Perry \$3,500 in advance. The manual instructs a killer to use a rental car, to steal out-of-state tags, to stay at a motel near the job site. Perry did all of these things. The manual instructs a beginner to use an AR-7 rifle, to construct a silencer, and to aim for the victim's eyeballs from a distance of 3 to 6 feet. Perry was a model student. As instructed, he picked up the empty cartridges, disassembled the rifle and discarded the pieces along Route 28 in Montgomery County. He went by the book.

Paladin Press has stipulated that in marketing "Hit Man," it "intended to attract and assist criminals and would-be criminals who desire information and instructions on how to execute the crime of murder for hire." The publisher agreed that through "Hit Man" it assisted Perry in the three murders. The company's defense is freedom of the press or no defense at all.

This is sickening. I have put

in 56 years as reporter, editor and columnist, and I have lived every day of my adult life by the light of the First Amendment. For me, and for most of my brothers and sisters of the press, the doctrines of free speech and free press constitute our secular religion.

Like theistic doctrines, faith in a free press is a principle that often is hard to live by. The ACLU, for one example, has shrugged off some heavy blows from its critics. The Thomas Jefferson Center has taken on some unpopular causes in seeking to protect free expression. We cherish our constitutional right.

But no constitutional right is absolute. When a publisher goes beyond expression, as Judge Luttig ruled, and gets into conduct — into actively aiding and abetting a remorseless killer — we push beyond the limits of free speech. Counsel for the Paladin Press would make a travesty of the Constitution I love.

Presumably Paladin will seek reargument before the full 4th Circuit, and if that fails, will try the Supreme Court. Months of litigation lie ahead. As for the assassin Perry, he was caught, tried, and is now on death row in a Maryland prison. Horn was sentenced to life without parole.

They should have read better books.



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Honestly educate our children about the Bible

By BONNIE ERBE

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The latest theater in the war between religious fundamentalists and upholders of the American Constitution is the public high schools.

As part of the latest round, according to a story by the Associated Press, "Parents and others have sued to block a (Florida) county from teaching Bible history courses in high schools."

Oddly enough, though counting myself as a definite member of the "upholders of the Constitution" camp, on this issue I agree with the religious fundamentalist camp (Pat Robertson et al.) and say bring on the Bible history classes — as long as they are bona fide Bible history courses, not religious conversion courses.

One of the great and largely unrecognized political accomplishments of the past decade on the part of the Christian Coalition is its packing of school boards, particularly in the South, with their members. Mothers and fathers run for office, almost always concealing their zealous religious agenda. But once they get on school boards, they use their newfound muscle to try to preach their version of Christianity to students and

to turn public schools into publicly financed Sunday schools.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in Lee County, Fla., where Christian Coalition-allied school board members have wielded considerable clout over the curriculum for the 53,000-pupil system. Against vociferous objections by many local residents, the five-member board ordered high schools to begin offering Bible-history classes this fall. Hence, the lawsuit.

As a product of a New York City private progressive school, I have spent much of my adult life making up for my lack of knowledge of biblical history. As a result, whenever I have a free moment, I tear into the closest scholarly tome, teaching myself about the history of the Bible, how it was written, by whom it was written and how it came to us today in what we all know as the King James version.

What I have learned is fascinating and central to my understanding of Western civilization and its ethical and religious underpinnings. For example, biblical scholars now agree almost to a person that the gospels were not written by their apparent authors, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. In fact, scholarly research shows

they were written by committees of authors and that they were not written until decades, if not a century or more, after Jesus' disciples died.

Imagine if someone died in 1950 and nothing was written down about his or her life until 1990. How chock-full of inaccuracies would the account of that person's life be? Such historical criticism of the Bible tells us that the gospels should be read more like an historical novel than as history itself. And yet many Americans are woefully ignorant of this information.

The Bible itself was not compiled as one book until the late fourth century. Its creation was spurred by the Roman Emperor Constantine, who converted the Roman empire from paganism to Christianity. Gospels by other disciples that were circulating at the time were eliminated from the formal version of the Bible because they contradicted what had become by then official church doctrine.

Again, most modern-day Christians assume the Bible is something that appeared magically in its present form right after Jesus Christ died. Not so.

Of course, to wish that authentic Bible history cours-

es would be championed by the Christian Coalition is folly. The disagreement among Christian Coalition members and constitutional supporters centers on exactly what will be contained in those so-called Bible history classes in public schools. The coalition supporters essentially want Bible study classes which accept the Bible as fact and offer no critical, scholarly research into the history of the Bible itself.

But I say, call their bluff. Instead of waging lawsuits about whether such courses should be taught, allow the courses to go forward. But make sure that the curriculum includes a balanced representation of what is actually in the Bible, and what actual historians trained in Bible history say about its historicity, how it got there and what it really means. This will do more to honestly educate our young people, while simultaneously opening their eyes to shaky foundations of the Christian Coalition than elimination of Bible history classes will do.

(Bonnie Erbe, host of the PBS program "To the Contrary," writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service. Her e-mail address is 102404.3317@CompuServe.com.)



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Young talent Pianist performs, competes, but keeps future plan in focus

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Alex Edgemon is not a celebrity — yet. The 13-year-old musician and aspiring physician is working on local fame, however. He entertains regularly at churches, Big Spring State Hospital events and other occasions.

"For anyone who has heard him play, the reaction is usually — 'wow!' and then, 'He's how old?'"

"I heard my mom playing," explained Alex. "I wanted to be able to do that."

"He could play part of the songs I played, by ear," said his mother, Connie, who began her own piano lessons at age 6.

Her experience made Alex's mother wary of starting him on lessons too early.

"Practicing was always a big deal," she said. "I wanted this to be something he really wanted to do."

So three years ago, Alex started lessons. He added that to his already busy schedule which now includes tennis, student council and school choir, not to mention church choir.

His musical abilities have been recognized by many — at

age 9, he was asked to join the adult choir at church. The next year, he and a friend performed a song and dance at the state hospital talent show. They were a hit.

But Alex does not exactly have stars in his eyes. Not yet, anyway.

"One of the things I encourage him to do," his mother explained, "is to have some real vocational goals. It is very difficult to make it professionally in music."

She said she hopes Alex will always have something "to fall back on."

When performing, this young pianist always seems cool and collected.

"I just try to focus," he said. He competed this summer at the Permian Basin Fair and Expo, taking home third place in his age group, which included those 13-18. Friday, he will compete in a talent show at Music City Mall.

"If I start thinking about something else, I can get all messed up," he said.

"He's his own worst critic," Connie said. "He can mess up, and he doesn't even react. I doubt anyone — except his piano teacher — could tell."

The Runnels student already writes his own songs. His favorite classical composers include Chopin and Beethoven. Among current musicians, he admires Yanni.

Alex practices about an hour each day, or "every time he walks by the piano." He does not set a regular schedule.

Although his mother does not "make him" practice, she does



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Alex Edgemon plays his piano at home recently. At age 13, he has been taking lessons for only three years, but already performs and competes regularly. He will compete Friday in Odessa.

try to use the lessons as a way to teach responsibility.

"I believe when you make a commitment to something, you honor that," she said. That's why, if Alex decides on a whim that he no longer wants to take piano lessons, he must complete the month, because he has already paid for that period of time.

"By the end of the month, he

has always changed his mind and wants to keep going," his mother said.

His favorite subjects in school are English and science.

And although music is likely to figure somewhere in his future, he has other goals as well.

"Ladies and gentlemen, tonight we welcome, in concert, Dr. Alex Edgemon..."

cooking and heating devices, says a CDC spokesman.

Still, every year more than 85,000 Americans suffer symptoms of CO poisoning that require medical attention.

CO is colorless, odorless deadly gas. Because you can't see it or smell it, illness or death can occur before you know it's there. A by-product of combustion, CO is produced by common gas or oil appliances such as space heaters, furnaces, fireplaces, hot water heaters, clothes dryers, cook stoves and barbecue grills.

CO fumes from automobile and gas powered lawn mowers can also enter the home through walls and doorways if the engine is left running in an attached garage.

CO is more easily trapped in homes today because of their tight construction, insulation, weather-stripping and storm windows. These energy-efficient features make it necessary to make sure homes are properly ventilated.

When CO is inhaled, it displaces oxygen. The more CO you breathe, the less oxygen reaches your brain and heart. As it accumulates in the blood, symptoms similar to flu appear such as headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizziness and irritability.

As levels of CO increase, vomiting, confusion, heart palpitations and eventually loss of consciousness and death can occur.

Everyone is at risk but experts believe the elderly, people with heart or respiratory problems, babies and children are at greater risk. Most people recover if they receive treatment in time.

If several persons in a home have the same symptoms or if symptoms subside when you are outside the home, suspect CO poisoning.

The National Safety Council offers the following suggestions for reducing the risks of CO poisoning.

1. Have your heating systems — furnaces, space heaters, fireplace, water heaters, pilot lights — checked annually.
2. Check all appliances that use flammable fuels.
3. Don't use ovens or range burners to heat the room.
4. Don't operate barbecue grill indoors.
5. Open windows and vents periodically to let fresh air in and stale air out.
6. If you experience flu-like symptoms while driving, have your car inspected for leaky

Please see **DENSON**, page 6A

Know facts on carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in America.

A study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found about 1,500 deaths per year from CO poisoning in the 1980s. The rate has probably decreased because

of improved pollution control in automobiles, which accounted for more than half the deaths, and improved safety in home cooking and heating devices, says a CDC spokesman.

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improved pollution control in automobiles, which accounted for more than half the deaths, and improved safety in home cooking and heating devices, says a CDC spokesman.

Still, every year more than 85,000 Americans suffer symptoms of CO poisoning that require medical attention.

CO is colorless, odorless deadly gas. Because you can't see it or smell it, illness or death can occur before you know it's there. A by-product of combustion, CO is produced by common gas or oil appliances such as space heaters, furnaces, fireplaces, hot water heaters, clothes dryers, cook stoves and barbecue grills.

CO fumes from automobile and gas powered lawn mowers can also enter the home through walls and doorways if the engine is left running in an attached garage.

CO is more easily trapped in homes today because of their tight construction, insulation, weather-stripping and storm windows. These energy-efficient features make it necessary to make sure homes are properly ventilated.

When CO is inhaled, it displaces oxygen. The more CO you breathe, the less oxygen reaches your brain and heart. As it accumulates in the blood, symptoms similar to flu appear such as headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizziness and irritability.

As levels of CO increase, vomiting, confusion, heart palpitations and eventually loss of consciousness and death can occur.

Everyone is at risk but experts believe the elderly, people with heart or respiratory problems, babies and children are at greater risk. Most people recover if they receive treatment in time.

If several persons in a home have the same symptoms or if symptoms subside when you are outside the home, suspect CO poisoning.

The National Safety Council offers the following suggestions for reducing the risks of CO poisoning.

1. Have your heating systems — furnaces, space heaters, fireplace, water heaters, pilot lights — checked annually.
2. Check all appliances that use flammable fuels.
3. Don't use ovens or range burners to heat the room.
4. Don't operate barbecue grill indoors.
5. Open windows and vents periodically to let fresh air in and stale air out.
6. If you experience flu-like symptoms while driving, have your car inspected for leaky

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Thomas New (from left), Roy Bruns and Stacy Nelll took advantage of the recent nice weather and played a little football in the park in Coahoma on Saturday.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

- Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- TOPS Club (Take off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in 5:15 p.m., Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr., 6:15 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local

restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). Various activities, guest speakers, games, covered dish supper, visit. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

- Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
- TUESDAY
- Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the

Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

- Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.
- "Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
- Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.
- The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the

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Parents should be aware of hazard potential in toys

As the holidays approach, a child development specialist at Texas A&M University asks shoppers to buy age-appropriate toys for children. Parents, she says, should consider whether the toy is potentially dangerous to their child, or any child for that matter.

"Parents should ask, 'Would my child use this toy safely? Would another child pick this up and potentially harm themselves and my child with it?'" says Dr. Linda Ladd, a Family Life and Early Childhood Development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Parents also need to consider where children are developmentally, Ladd adds. Parents should ask whether their children are emotionally and cognitively able to play with a particular toy.

"Most kids are right in their range and those are generous age ranges on those toys. The manufacturer certainly wants to sell every toy they can, and they're going to give the earliest date they can possibly give and the latest date."

When age ranges are ignored, consequences can be serious, Ladd says. "The thing we hear about most often are the small parts of toys that get into a child's mouth who is at the stage where they taste



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

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everything and the child swallows the toy and the child chokes."

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), almost two dozen children suffered toy-related deaths, and 150,000 children were treated in emergency rooms for toy-related injuries in 1995.

Ladd, who is also a clinical psychologist, says experiencing continual defeat at the hands of a toy also can be harmful for children who are beginning to develop a self concept. "I don't want to keep a child from learning defeat, but if they experience repeat defeat, it is typical for them to say, 'I don't like it anyway.'"

Or they may internalize it. "What's the matter with me that I can't do it? I'm not as good as someone else."

For more guidelines on appropriate toys for children, check out the CPSC web site at www.kidsource.com/CPSC/safety/toys.html

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Cyber news for Christmas

(NAPS) — The Internet takes on a holiday spirit with www.christmas97.com, a special website dedicated to Christmas cards by e-mail. There are other unique services available, including:

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- A guest book containing Christmas messages from thousands of people around the globe.
- A fascinating insight into how Christmas is celebrated all over the world. For example, did you know that in Germany, girls dress up as angels and deliver presents?



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Want to help with taxes?

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for volunteers to assist taxpayers with preparation of their 1997 Income Tax Returns. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training for volunteers will be Monday-Friday, Jan. 12-16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels.

All study materials will be furnished for trainees. Free tax help will be available beginning Monday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the First Presbyterian Church.

For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

THE LAST WORD

My only policy is to profess evil and do good.
George Bernard Shaw

Man blames fate for other accidents, but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole in one.

"Horizons" magazine

I have certainly known more men destroyed by the desire to have a wife and child and to keep them in comfort than I have seen destroyed by drink and harlots.
William Butler Yeats

Messy shoppers make holiday havoc for clerks

LIVINGSTON, N.J. (AP) — A half-hour before closing at the Livingston Mall, Karen Glevis surveys the damage — the misplaced belts, the missing gloves, the mismatched pile of hastily folded sweaters.

"It can take 45 minutes to refold a table of sweaters," sighs the assistant manager at Sears, anticipating a weary night of picking up after messy shoppers.

At the Disney store, baseball caps and discarded Winnie the Pooh dolls litter the carpet. Compact discs have fallen waaay under the racks at Sam Goody. And after enduring the footsteps — and food droppings — of several hundred children, the Santa set needs a good vacuuming.

The holiday season usually means more store hours for shoppers. But it can add several hours to a mall's after-hours routine, as employees stay into the night to regroup and restock for the next morning.

It can be an exhausting bummer. "We have had to stay until 2 a.m. before," Ms. Glevis says. "We don't leave until it's ready for tomorrow."

The longer holiday hours — many stores stay open until 11 p.m. and reopen at 8 a.m. — give employees less time to get organized. And the extra business adds a ton of paperwork at the end of a night, Sam Goody assistant manager Earl Hall says.

Not every store has to spend hours cleaning up after shoppers. At the San Francisco Music Box Co., crammed with knickknacks, assistant manager Karen Lamanna says, "I just vacuum, count the money and get out."

But for high-volume stores, or ones where customers can easily pick things up and put them somewhere else, it's a nightmare.

"It's horrible," says Hallmark cashier Tanya Senior, who finally had the time to buy four stuffed animals after her shift.

"All the cards are on the floor," she says. "People take them out and don't put them back in the right place."

Other stores sometimes revamp their floors at night after closing. At 11 p.m. last Friday, an army of employees at The Gap, The Limited and other clothing stores busily replaced that day's outfits with new ones.

Nearby, Brenda Haas, who has a day job in the mall's marketing department, delicately tossed white "snow" under a 37-foot Christmas tree, making sure the phony drifts were flawless.

"It's my job to make sure that the center looks great for the weekend," she says. "If the snow doesn't look perfect, then I'm not happy."

At Sears, one worker replaced a half dozen belts onto the rack, another searched for lost mates to shoes, while still others restacked and refolded piles of khaki pants, sweaters and turtle-necks.

Ms. Glevis, stuffing leather wallets back into their boxes, found an empty box from Isotoner gloves she assumes were stolen.

The mess will only get worse as Christmas gets closer.

"As people get more frantic and they can't find gifts, they tear through the departments rapidly," she says.

After cleaning up, Ms. Glevis isn't through. She has to put up sale signs for a weekend special between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. the next day. A new crew will come in two hours early to restock.

"It's just basically picking up after people," Ms. Glevis says. "I tell you, when I go home I don't want to fold anything."

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fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

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

WEDNESDAY
-Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

-Samaritan Counseling

Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

THURSDAY
-Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Ayford.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

-A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

-Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

-Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
-Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY
-Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

-Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

-"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

-West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., various Saturdays, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the meeting date.

SUNDAY
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

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If you have questions about carbon monoxide, contact your local gas company or a qualified heating contractor.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

Deadline changes next week

Due to the Christmas holiday next week, all Sunday *life!* section items, including birth announcements, engagements, weddings and anniversaries for the Dec. 28 paper will be Tuesday, Dec. 23 at noon.

The deadline for club and church news next week will also be Tuesday, Dec. 23 at noon.

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Back in lights Display not causing problem despite town's past court battle

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Angry neighbors once asked the state Supreme Court to order the plug pulled on Al Copeland's eye-popping Christmas lights. The dazzling display is bigger than ever and the neighbors — well, they just don't seem to mind anymore.

You can't miss Copeland's house — two-story toy soldiers, a giant faux snowman, glowing angels, bigger-than-life reindeer, lights in the trees and on the house. Oh so many lights — a million of them, costing \$125,000, in a display that took two months to put up.

There are Christmas carols, too, played on hidden speakers. In the back yard are two generators that power the vast homage to the holiday.

So why no fuss?
It's because the crowds that set Copeland's neighbors into a panic have dwindled and so have the problems in this quiet New Orleans suburb.

"If I were to fight him (in court) now I would lose because it's no longer a nuisance," said Burt Klein, who led the legal battle to get rid of his neighbor's blazing display.

Copeland, a restaurateur who made a fortune before he lost his Popeyes fried chicken chain in bankruptcy, has been

in at least two tiffs for appearances' sake.

Earlier this year, a state judge threw out Copeland's claim that he was libeled by novelist Anne Rice. She criticized his Straya restaurant in a newspaper ad as gaudy and tacky, worse even than a flop-house. The judge said her comments were protected by free-speech rights.

But before that was the battle over the Christmas display.

Copeland first began the large displays in 1975, and in time, thousands of gawkers flocked to Metairie.

Klein recalled visitors urinating on his lawn, knocking on his door, vandalizing the neighborhood and leaving garbage. The crowds made it a nightmare to go to and from his own little piece of heaven on Earth.

The Louisiana Supreme Court ordered the display dismantled in 1985, saying Copeland had disobeyed its order to limit the show.

Copeland moved the display to Popeyes headquarters, and lost an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Copeland had stayed with modest displays at his home until a few years ago. But now the lights are back in full force.

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TCU's fearless, largely untested Frogs prepare for date with Kansas

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — Even at 9-0, with blowout victories over two Big 12 teams, No. 24 Texas Christian isn't attracting much attention.

That's OK with the Horned Frogs. There are other ways of getting respect.

"We don't want anyone to give it," said point guard Prince Fowler. "We want to take it."

The Frogs, impressive in their unbeaten start but largely unrecognized because of a soft schedule thus far, will soon have their chance.

In their first real test, TCU heads north Saturday to play No. 2 Kansas.

TCU coach Billy Tubbs said the game should reveal a lot about the

Frogs' potential.

"To be the best you have to play the best," Tubbs said Monday. "I tell my players if they don't think they can win — don't show up. ... This team is good and we expect to have a chance to win."

So far this season, TCU hasn't so much beaten opponents as annihilated them.

In nine games, the Frogs have outscored opponents by a total of 326 points (1,032-706). In five games, they won by 30 points or more. They lead the nation in scoring with 114.7 points per game.

A 153-87 drubbing of Texas-Pan American shattered the school record for team scoring. Players say TCU's ascent into the

Top 25 is the culmination of Tubbs' implementing his run-and-gun style and his respect for the fundamentals.

Tubbs' first move when he took over the team three years ago was to put the players on a stiff running regimen, said senior guard James Penny.

He also made them shoot until they couldn't lift their arms.

"He always told us we would get to the national spotlight someday," Penny said. "When everyone else said this team could never amount to anything, he said our day would come."

But TCU, which climbed into the Top 25 this week, is largely untested.

With the exception of a 107-76 victory over Texas Tech, TCU's big wins came against teams such as Delaware St. (3-2) and winless Morgan State.

Schedule strength could be a problem if the Frogs are on the bubble for inclusion in the NCAA Tournament. Last year, the Frogs were left out despite a 22-13 record.

But Tubbs says building the team's confidence has been a part of his strategy from the beginning.

"First, you have to learn how to win. Our confidence is high and that is important," he said. "We have several games coming up in which we will have plenty of opportunities to show what we've got."

There have been plenty of reasons for Tubbs' optimism in TCU's quick start.

In a 99-75 victory over Baylor, TCU got 22 points each from its backcourt trio of Fowler, Mike Jones and

Malcolm Johnson. Its defense stifled the Bears, holding star center Brian Skinner to 13 points.

Johnson scored 33 points and Lee Nailon added 28 more in the blowout of Texas Tech, a game in which the Horned Frogs shot 64 percent.

"We've never had this many offensive threats," Johnson said. "We have guys that score from anywhere." If TCU has an Achilles' heel, it's a lack of size.

Only 6-9 center Dennis Davis can be considered a physical power.

"We've always been smaller than the other teams," Fowler said. "Even Baylor was bigger than we were. If we take care of business and play physical, that doesn't have to be a problem."

Dykes inspires banquet audience

Brady Patterson gets academic achievement award

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley

Texas Tech Head Football Coach Spike Dykes speaks to his audience about his ties to Big Spring and Howard County during Tuesday night's Big Spring High School Football Banquet, as Quarterback Club official and emcee Terry Brumley looks on.

Making the most of one's life, regardless of what turns it may take over the years, was the focus of Texas Tech Head Football Coach Spike Dykes' remarks Tuesday as keynote speaker of the Big Spring Quarterback Club's annual Big Spring High School Football Banquet.

Dykes, who recalled having served as head football coach at both Coahoma and Big Spring earlier in his career, directed most of his remarks to the athletes being honored following the Steers' 8-4 bi-district championship season.

Initially reminding the BSHS students that they're "fortunate to attend a great high school," Dykes recalled having attended last year's Hula Bowl in Hawaii and a visit the players and coaches made to the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor.

He explained that 1996 Heisman Trophy winner Danny Worfel was the guest speaker for a banquet prior to the all-star game.

"He (Worfel) had just received the biggest honor a college football player can receive," Dykes noted. "But he explained that he'd never really appreciated what he had and what it meant to be an American until he'd visited Pearl Harbor."

Worfel, he added, directed his remarks that evening to the youngsters attending the banquet.

"He talked to them about what they were going to make of their lives and that's what I want to talk about to you," Dykes said. "You've only got one life to live. So, the question is, what are you going to do with your life?"

Explaining that there's only one reason to be involved in athletics, band, choir, cheerleading and other similar endeavors is that it's fun.

"Of course, we're always trying to win when we're involved in programs like that," Dykes said. "That's one of the first keys to success."

"A lot of people like that

word ... success ... they like that 'S' word because it reminds them of dollar signs," he added. "They think success is all about dollar signs. That's not success, though. Success is something else."

Success, he explained, is taking one's life and trying to make it the best it can be.

"First of all, you have to have some ambition and want to," he added. "Have enough want to that you want to do darn bad that you get it done."

The term "can't," he added, isn't part of the vocabulary used by successful people.

Faith in a higher power is also a key to a successful life, he noted.

The Red Raiders coach reminded the audience of a moment of silence that was observed at the start of the banquet in memory of 1989 Steers quarterback Rance Thompson who died in an automobile accident last week in Nacogdoches.

"We just had a prayer for Rance Thompson ... nobody knows why those things happen," he said. "You have to have some faith. All of us need to have more in that department."

Dykes added that liking oneself, being willing to try and having enthusiasm are the final ingredients to success.

"If you don't like yourself, you better do something about it," he stressed. "If you don't, you're a blithering idiot."

"And if you're ever going to be a winner or a champion, you've got to go out and do it ... you have to try."

Those who never make an effort are to be pitied, Dykes added, because they never have a chance to succeed.

Defining enthusiasm as being unselfish, Dykes reminded the BSHS students they benefit from an enthusiastic community.

"You've got the finest coaching staff in the world, because they care ... I know, because I see coaches all over the country," he explained. "You have that new (athletic training facility) building and a great school because people in this community care about you."

Telling his audience he's certain the 1997 Steers have already experienced the benefits of the traits he'd been stressing, Dykes explained the Steers couldn't have fashioned a bi-district championship

without exhibiting them.

"The key is to continue on that path ... to be enthusiastic, to try and to have faith," he added. "Then one of these days, you'll look in that mirror and like what you see. And when you look like what you see in the mirror, you're No. 1."

Following Dykes remarks, Gayla Stone and Kay Watson introduced Big Spring's varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders and mascots.

Coach Ricky Long — standing in for head coach Dwight Butler who joined coach Jay Kennedy in attending Thompson's funeral — introduced the remainder of the coaching staff.

Long introduced the collective freshman and junior varsity football teams before he and the remainder of the staff individually introduced the members of the varsity team, student trainers and managers.

Long also presented the only individual award given each year during the banquet, the academic award which was presented to Brady Patterson.

Jason Brock and Jeremy Collier presented the coaching staff with a plaque from the team's seniors.

2A All-State Rogers dominates; Davis Buffs' only first-team selection

From staff and wire reports

DALLAS — The Rogers Eagles, who will face Stanton's Buffaloes in a Class 2A state championship playoff game Saturday evening at Texas Stadium, dominated selections to the Associated Press Sports Editors all-state team with four first-team picks.

Stanton, which will take a 15-0 into Saturday's title game, had only one first-teamer in senior wide receiver Tyrone Davis, who was also an honorable mention selection at defensive back.

However, Buff quarterback Kyle Herm was a second-team pick on both offense and defense. Four other Stanton stars received honorable mention — offensive lineman Jeremy Smith and James Taylor, defensive lineman Chad Smith and linebacker Jody Louder.

Davis was selected to the first team based on 36 receptions for 920 yards and 17 touchdowns in the regular season. He has since raised his reception yardage to more than 1,400 yards and 22 touchdowns.

Rogers' record-setting quarterback/receiver tandem of Patrick Hutka and Josh Whatley headlined the APSE Class 2A team.

Hutka, a converted receiver who has set state and national records in his first season at quarterback, was a runaway pick for first-team quarterback and offensive player of the year. Whatley, Hutka's favorite target, also easily made first team at receiver.

With Kyle Eaton being voted first team at offensive and defensive line, Rogers took a class-best four first-team spots. Eaton was the only two-way pick.

Alto, which fell 42-33 to Rogers in the semifinals, had two first-teamers in linebacker Brian Gamble and defensive back Andrew Poole. Gamble, son of Alto coach Lucky Gamble and a first-team pick last year, was the defensive player of the year.

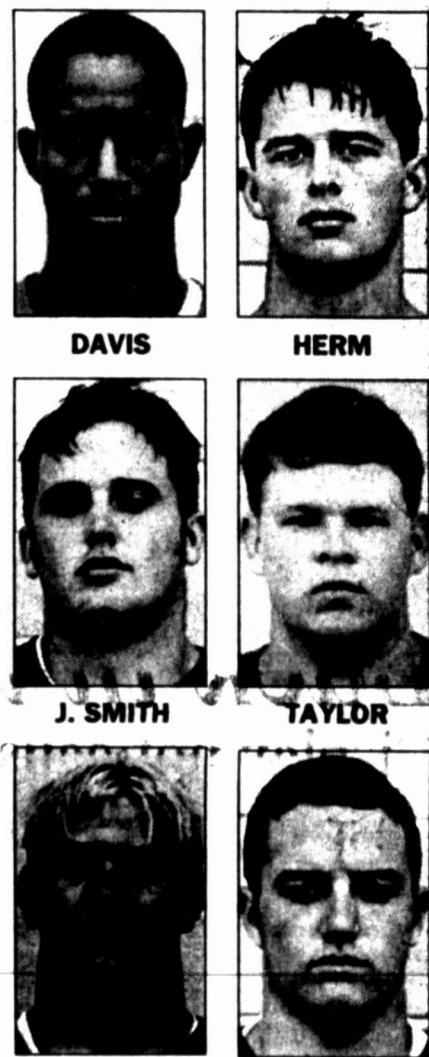
Kerens, which was eliminated by Alto in the regional finals, landed three first-teamers: defensive back Kelton Jordan, defensive lineman McCraig Jordan and kicker Chad Lancaster. Kelton Jordan, who was first-team running back and defensive back last season, was second team at the position this year.

Industrial, which was beaten by Rogers in the second round of the playoffs, was the only other school with multiple first-teamers. Brandon Green was picked at defensive line and Brandon Karl at punter.

The eighth annual APSE team was chosen by sportswriters around the state, based on players' regular-season performance. Nominees were selected during the season and balloting was conducted during the playoffs.

Rounding out the offensive line were Mitch Denley of Refugio, Glen Killough of Italy, Nathan Lammert of Crawford and Derek Long of Celina.

The running backs were



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Keyou Carver of Harleton, Chris Spivey of Groveton and Ronnie Unberhagen of Academy.

Demetria Tucker of Bangs was the other defensive lineman, while Allen Collins of La Villa and Ryan Kleiber of Schulenburg were the other linebackers. The other defensive backs were Cody Evans of Iola and Nick Knocke of White Deer.

The story behind Hutka's move to quarterback is already part of local lore in Rogers and much of Central Texas. The gist is that coach Joel Berry had designed a new all-shotgun, no-huddle offense and figured the 6-foot-2, 180-pounder could run it as well as anyone else on the roster.

Hutka responded by throwing for a class-record 3,243 yards in the 10-game regular season. Over five playoff games, he's upped that to 4,346 yards, overtaking Chris Sanders of Flower Mound Marcus for the state record. With 221 yards Saturday, he'll have the national mark.

Overall, he's completed 273-of-452 passes (60 percent) with 52 touchdowns and seven interceptions. Hutka can run, too. He has a team-high 1,431 yards rushing and another 41 yards on returns, giving him 5,818 total yards and smashing the state and national single-season record of 5,146 yards Kenneth Hall of Sugar Land set in 1953.

One of the amazing aspects of Hutka's success is how he's continued to improve even after other teams had seen him on tape and scouted him.

"That story behind the story is his personality and his ability to stay even-keeled," Berry said. "I consider him a balanced emotional player. That's what you like in your leader."

Not surprisingly, Stanton

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Kemp comes through in crunch for Cavaliers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shawn Kemp did not figure to be much of a factor when he left the court late in the third quarter. He was shooting poorly, saddled with four fouls and stymied by Phoenix's sagging defense.

That all changed late in the game. Kemp broke loose for nine points in the final four minutes, helping the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Suns 103-90 Tuesday night.

Kemp finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds as host Cleveland won for the 11th time in 12 games.

"He was a man among boys," Phoenix coach Danny Ainge said.

Derek Anderson scored 19 points and started a decisive 13-0 run in the fourth quarter. He made a pretty pass to set up a three-point play by Kemp, and the pair hopped up and down to celebrate.

"I think we needed someone to step up and give an energy spark," Anderson said.

In other games, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Minnesota 109-96, Golden State defeated Dallas 103-92, Seattle stopped the Los Angeles Clippers 109-94, Sacramento beat Portland 94-87, Utah downed Miami 103-95,

New York defeated Detroit 83-78, Houston beat Vancouver 118-91 and San Antonio downed Denver 99-85.

Kemp was just 3-for-13 from the field when he picked up his fourth foul with 3 minutes left in the third quarter.

"He came back when we needed him," Cleveland coach Mike Fratello said. "He got done what we needed to get done."

Antonio McDyess scored 21 points for the Suns, who lost their third in a row. Phoenix still has games left this week at Dallas and Denver.

"We just have to figure out a way real quick to salvage this trip," said Danny Manning, who had 12 points.

Lakers 109, Timberwolves 96

Los Angeles began a five-game road trip with its third straight win, and Eddie Jones scored 32 points as the Lakers improved to 12-0 against Midwest Division teams.

Elden Campbell added 22 points for Los Angeles. Once again playing in place of injured Shaquille O'Neal, Campbell took over inside after Minnesota center Stanley Roberts got in early foul trouble.

Nick Van Exel had 12 points and 14 assists for the Lakers, and Kobe Bryant scored 19 points. Kevin Garnett had 21 points and 18 rebounds for Minnesota.

Warriors 103, Mavericks 92

Joe Smith scored a season-high 28 points, and Donyell Marshall had 22, giving Golden State its first two-game winning streak of the season.

The Warriors, 4-3 since star Latrell Sprewell was suspended, were 1-13 with him to start the season.

Golden State led by five points after the third quarter, then made seven of its first 10 shots in the final period to pull away at home.

Dallas lost its sixth straight game. The Mavericks are 1-6 under coach Don Nelson, a former Warriors coach.

Jazz 103, Heat 95

John Stockton played a season-high 27 minutes and sparked Utah's 10-0 run at the start of the third quarter at Miami.

Stockton, who missed the first 18 games of the season after knee surgery, finished with 14 points.

SPORTS EXTRA

LOCAL BOWLING

LADIES' MAJOR RESULTS-Barber Glass & Minor 2-6, Big Spring Music 6-2, Federal Oil 2-6, Wynn's Winners 6-2, Pack-N-Senders 6-2, Unearned Points 2-6, Inspirations 0-8, Cine Construction 8-0, Southwestern Crop Ins. 8-0, Alley OOPS 0-8, Green House Photography 4-4, Campbell Cement 4-4, K.C. Kids 6-2, Neighbors Auto Sales 2-6, Psycho Sisters 2-6, Gene's Dream 6-2, BSAS Inc. 6-2, Day & Day Builders 2-6, Rocky's 6-2, Carlos Inc. 0-0, hi sc team game Big Spring Music 7-2, Federal Oil 6-75, BSAS Inc. 6-62, hi sc team series Big Spring Music 20-40, BSAS Inc. 19-75, Southwestern Crop Ins. 19-22, hi hdp team game Federal Oil 9-47, Wynn's Winners 8-81, Big Spring Music 8-87, hi hdp team series Wynn's Winners 25-80, Federal Oil 15-59, Gene's Dream 25-28, hi sc game WBC Renee Carr 2-35, Karen Bearden 2-27, Tamara Barber 2-28, hi sc series WBC Renee Carr 5-91, Tamara Barber 5-64, Joyce Davis 5-52, hi hdp game WBC Renee Carr 2-81, Shirley Lee 2-93, Patricia Zant 2-83, hi hdp series WBC Renee Carr 7-14, Shirley Lee 6-94, Renee Carr 6-72, most over eve game WBC Renee Carr 2-77, Patricia Zant 6-11, Shirley Lee 6-60, most over eve series WBC Renee Carr 7-108, Shirley Lee 8-5, Teresa Woolferton 5-6.

NFL STANDINGS

Table with NFL Standings columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Includes American and National Conferences.

FLORIDA AT WASHINGTON, 6 p.m.

Carolina at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m. Boston at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m. New Jersey at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m. Dallas at Calgary, 8 p.m. Vancouver at San Jose, 8:30 p.m. Toronto at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.

NBA

Tuesday's Games Utah 103, Miami 95 Cleveland 103, Phoenix 90 L.A. Lakers 109, Minnesota 96 New York 83, Detroit 78 Houston 118, Vancouver 91 San Antonio 98, Denver 85 Seattle 108, L.A. Clippers 94 Golden State 103, Dallas 92 Sacramento 94, Portland 87

COLLEGE SCORES

Table with College Scores columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Includes Men's and Women's Games.

Switzer defending himself, says Dallas' fall not his fault

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Barry Switzer isn't blaming himself, so the Dallas Cowboys' 1997 collapse must be players' fault. "I did as good a job as when we won the Super Bowl, probably a little bit better considering some of the younger players," Switzer said Tuesday in assessing his performance. Dallas has won three Super Bowls in the 1990s, including one in Switzer's second year. This season, a combination of injuries, age and undisciplined play has led to a 6-9 record and jeopardized Switzer's job. Owner Jerry Jones has steadfastly refused to say Switzer and his assistants will be back. Only six teams in the NFL have a worse record than the Cowboys do entering Sunday's game with the NFC East champion New York Giants. Facing perhaps his last week as coach of the Cowboys, Switzer was in an almost jolly mood at Valley Ranch. He was wishing everyone "Merry Christmas" and said a big priority next week was shopping. "You know, I live by myself, so I have to do my own shopping," Switzer said. "I've only got a couple of days." Switzer said all the speculation about his ouster hadn't hurt him.

"It hasn't bothered me at all, not one bit," Switzer said. "It's probably affected my family members more than anyone else."

Switzer talked some about the meaningless game with the Giants on Sunday. New York will host a wild-card team in a first-round game, and that won't change regardless of a loss.

A loss for Dallas could help propel the Cowboys to the top 10 on draft day and give them a fourth-place finish and a much easier schedule next year.

Switzer said the Cowboys, although they will play some young players, will go all out. "We're going to try to win a football game," Switzer said. "It's not like this is an exhibition game."

Switzer said the careers of several veterans, such as tackle Mark Tuinei and special teams star Bill Bates, could be winding down.

"This is a business," Switzer said. "Some of the guys had great careers but it comes a time when every (player) has to move on."

He said he didn't know if Tuinei, a 15-year veteran, will be back.

"The last two years have been a disaster for him physically," Switzer said.

He said 12-year guard Nate

Newton could return if he gets in better shape.

"Nate could drop 40 pounds in the off-season and still be a force if he wanted to," Switzer said.

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League ANHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with C. Murli Wilson on a one-year contract. DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Bill Bjugstad on a minor league contract. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Named Tom Bugre as bullpen coach. MAINE RED SOX—Agreed to terms with INF Mike Morgan. OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with 1B SE Mike Blowers and INF Mike Nelson on one-year contracts. SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with INF Tony Fossas and INF Pat Litchak on one-year contracts.

NHL

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TITLE GAMES

CLASS 5A Division II Flower Mound Marcus (13-2) vs. Alief Hastings (14-1), 12:07 p.m., Saturday, Astrodom. CLASS 4A Division II Denison (15-0) vs. La Marque (12-3), 4 p.m., Saturday, Astrodom. CLASS 3A Commerce (15-0) vs. Sealy (15-0), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Astrodom. CLASS 2A Stanton 3B, Raley 7 Rogers 42, Aro 33. Stanton (18-0) vs. Rogers (14-1), 6 p.m., Saturday, Texas Stadium.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports Registration for youth league continues The Big Spring YMCA is taking registrations for a its youth basketball league. The registration deadline was Dec. 6, but late registrations are being accepted with a \$5 additional fee. No tryouts will be held for the league, which organizers say will have an emphasis on participation and fundamentals, not winning. Practice begins the week of Jan. 5 and the first games will be played on Saturday, Jan. 17. For more information, call 267-8234. Recreational swims scheduled at YMCA Recreational swimming has been scheduled for Dec. 22, 23 and 26 at the Big Spring Family YMCA. The swims are scheduled for 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on each of the three days. For more information, contact YMCA officials by calling 267-8234. TP&WD officials offer 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. Local chapter needs softball umpires The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, including the Big Spring area, this spring. For more information, contact Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at (915) 520-6502. USA Volleyball clinics scheduled 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 Tracl Pierce by calling 264-3641.

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coach Mark Cotton, while acknowledging Hutka's remarkable success, still believes he has the state's best quarterback in Herm.

"He (Hutka) deserves all the attention he's gotten," Cotton said, admitting that his primary concern going into Saturday's championship showdown is stopping the Eagles' vaunted passing attack. "He's wracked up more than 5,800 yards in total offense this year ... as a team, we're just a little above 6,000 for the season. He's definitely a Division I prospect from what I've seen, but I still believe they (sportswriters) overlooked a great quarterback in Kyle."

Whatley has caught 117 passes for 1,601 yards. He's broken the state receptions mark and is just four shy of the national record. His yardage is a 2A best and among the top five in state history. With about 130 yards

Saturday, he can move into the top 10 in national history.

"Whatley isn't the fastest or strongest player on the field; far from it. But he's an intelligent and confident player who finds other ways to succeed."

"He knows how to run routes, how to catch the ball and what to do with it after he catches it," Berry said. "It doesn't take a Lombardi to understand that you want to get him the ball."

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK
PATRICK HUTKA, Rogers, 6-2, 160, Sr. — 207-344-6 with 2A record 3,243 yards, 39 TDs; 152-1,001 yards rushing, eight TDs.

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LINEBACKERS
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 18:

You are buoyant, expressive and together this year. You exhibit a new style and confidence. Others respond to you; life seems like a cornucopia of opportunities. If you are single, your wit, alertness and magnetism draw others. Still, you might decide to play the field. If attached, communications are wonderful, though sometimes excessively vocal. You have a unique opportunity to create excellence this year. Long-distance travel, education and a new philosophical, spiritual perspective open you up even more. LEO teaches you.

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)
With the holiday season in full gear, you are driven; the goal is to have a great time. Choices seem to mark your path. Your sense of direction is key; there is so much going on that you could easily get distracted. Make an important call. Tonight: Add a personal touch to the fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Understand how important your priorities are, specifically about work. Stop sitting on your duff contemplating change; take action. Some of the upheaval might unnerv you, but it is time. Conversations with close friends are reassuring. Tonight: Make it cozy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Reach out for another, give your opinion, share feelings and pioneer a new path. Conversations with a partner are lively. Express what is on your mind. Make calls, clear your desk and get ready to enjoy. Tonight: Tend to last-minute details.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You have a lot to get done. There is no time like the present to dig in and make what you want happen. A slow but steady pace is key to handling details. You do not need anything lurking in your mind. Shop during your lunch break. Tonight: Shop again!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
There are many choices, and you have the pleasure of making them. Excellent communications mark your interactions, with a flirtatious tone popping in. Is this new? No, your charisma melts others. Let your imagination pick your direction. Tonight: Lucky you!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Take a back seat, and remain detached, even though you feel overwhelmed by what is about to happen. You will get more done if you don't worry. Be careful about moving too quickly; you could twist your ankle. You are accident prone.

Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Aim for what you want. A loved one comes through for you in a big way. He will do what you don't want to. Caring abounds, and you see your ultimate wishes fulfilled. Clean off your desk, get cards in the mail and finish work. Opt for several days off. Tonight: Be happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Responsibilities call; you feel pulled between home and work. The pressure is high, and you are definitely in the pressure cooker. Establish limits; after all, the holidays are also important for you. Buy a holiday present just for yourself. Tonight: Race around!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The true meaning of the holidays touches you on a deep level. Caring flourishes, and you are very much in control of your expectations and desires. You are about to greet a special experience. Take action, move a project, stay in control. Tonight: Spread holiday cheer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Conferring with a partner is helpful. You gain a different perspective, and decide to take action. You are inspired to go shopping and tend to various holiday errands. Consider blowing the money you have left on a special gift. Tonight: You are in prime company.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You are a live wire, and somewhat difficult to stop. But then, who wants to? Remember, though, that a strong, magnetic friend also likes to be the lead actor, so defer to him. You seem to get a lot done. You are personality-plus. Tonight: Dance the night away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Emphasize work, and clear your desk. Maintain a high profile, and let the boss lean on you. You are more important than you know. Responsibilities call. Discuss frustration before you get angry. This is important in the next month. Tonight: Finish up as much as you can.

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DEFENSE
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LINEBACKERS
Tim Black, Blooming Grove; Aaron Bridges, Whitewright; Ty Cobb, Rio Vista; Jeff Davis, Pilot Point; Mark Fryar, Eldorado; Jody Lauer, Stanton; Marcus McDowell, Bangs; Burl McKinney, Refugio; Daniel Powers, Italy; Jason Rupie, Charlotte; Lexter Thomas, East Bernard; Taylor Tubb, Canadian.

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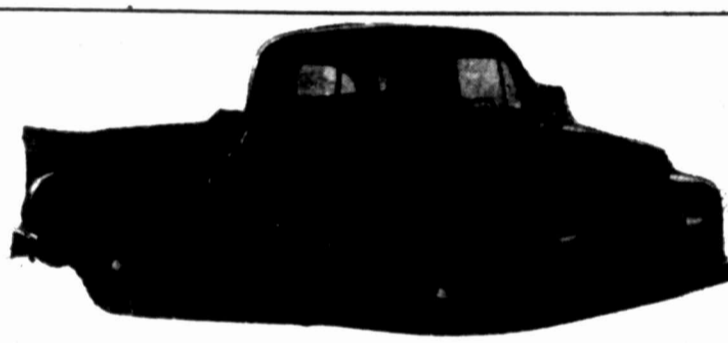
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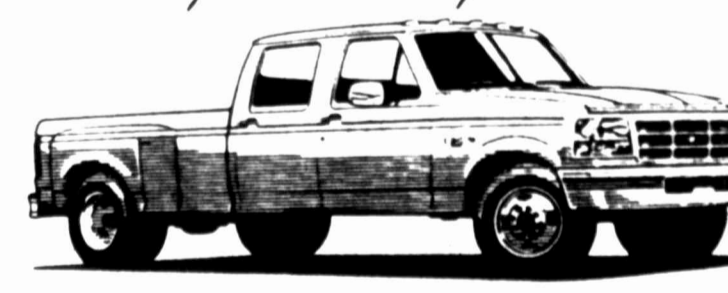
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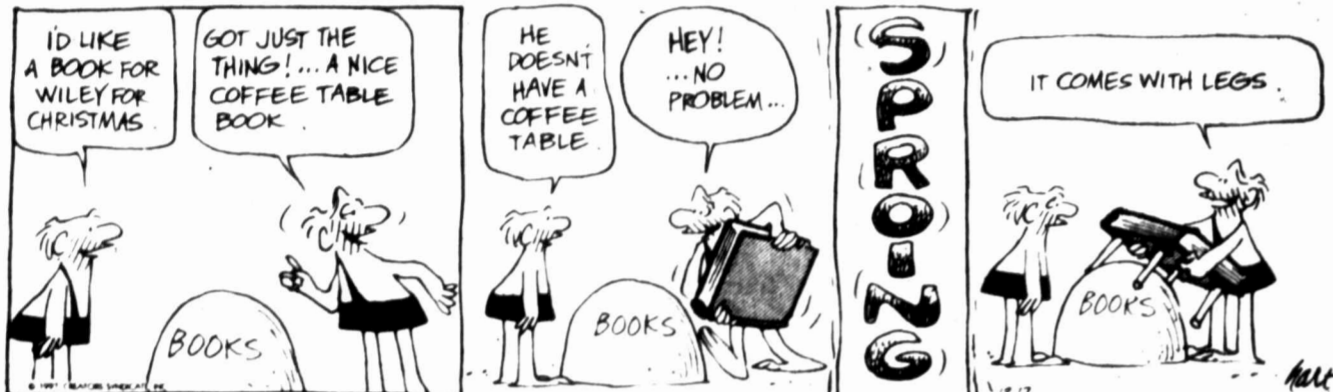
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