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52nd United Way campaign comes to a close today, goal expected to be met

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

For the second time in as many years, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is expected to meet its goal when the 52nd annual campaign is officially closed today.

Campaign Chairman Archie Kountz said that he felt "the numbers will be close, but that the people of the community will once again come through."

Goal for this year's campaign was \$212,500, which is the basically the same amount raised a year ago when

the campaign surpassed its goal of \$210,000. That was the first time in the decade of the 1990s, as well as in at least 10 years, that the campaign had met its goal.

"Last year, for the first time in a number of years, we surpassed our goal," Kountz said. "Last year we maintained our previous year's goal of \$210,000 and attained \$212,475."

The success of last year's campaign has helped fuel this year's effort.

"This has been an exciting campaign," explained United Way Executive Director Carroll Jennings. "We've had a number of participants

take part who have never taken part before and we've had a number of participants increase their participation significantly."

Jennings said the organization might not know the amount of money it has raised today because of a number of pledges still out.

"It may take a few days to get all of those numbers in and to know exactly where we stand," he said.

When the campaign began in the

fall, former Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro defensive back Willie Mitchell challenged those attending the kickoff luncheon.

"Don't worry about what everyone else is doing, or what they are going to do," he said. "You just worry about doing the best you can do. If each of you do that, then your campaign will be a success."

The local United Way organization supports 11 member agencies, including the American Red Cross, Boys Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, Northside

Community Center, Salvation Army, YMCA, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and Rape Crisis/Victim Services.

Members of the United Way's allocations committee, chaired by Richard Steel, have been meeting and interviewing representatives of the member agencies, working to determine the amount of money that will be allocated this year.

Other members of the committee include Sylvia Casas, Lee Emerson, Esther Lopez, Bill Tarleton, Linda Weaver, Becky Field, Clarence Hartfield and Laura Martin.



Six schools get cash from state

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Six area campuses will receive monetary awards as part of the Texas Successful Schools Awards System, educators confirmed this week.

Moss and Kentwood elementaries in Big Spring, Coahoma Junior High and High School and Elbow Elementary and Forsan High School in Forsan ISD all are slated to receive cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

The schools are being recognized for gains in student performance on the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), more commonly known as the state's school report card.

The awards are based on Spring 1997 performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, which measures skills in reading, writing and mathematics. Schools also had to meet standards for dropout and attendance rates.

Cash awards for area schools were as follows:

- \$500 — Moss Elementary, Kentwood Elementary, Elbow Elementary and Forsan High School.

- \$1,000 — Coahoma Junior High, Coahoma High School.

Cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per school were given, depending on the number of students served at the campus.

Honored schools were divided into two categories — recognized and exemplary. Recognized schools had at least 75 percent of all students passing each section of the TAAS, a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less, and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent.

Exemplary schools had to have at least 90 percent of all students in each population group (White, African-American, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged) passing each section of the TAAS, a dropout rate of less than 1 percent and an attendance rate of 94 percent or greater.

Moss Elementary was honored as Recognized, while Kentwood was placed in the Exemplary category. Both Forsan campuses placed in the exemplary category.

"We're certainly proud of the schools that received this award," said Murray Murphy, assistant superintendent at Big Spring ISD. "This is an example of the hard work the teachers



Stanton Buffalo Chad Smith (90) blocks as Italy's David Weaver (82) pursues James Jenkins (45) into the line after Jenkins took a handoff from quarterback Kyle Herm (3). Stanton beat Italy 35-7 in the Class 2A state semifinals and faces Rogers' Eagles Saturday at 6 p.m. in Texas Stadium for the state football championship.

HERALD photo/Jim Pardo

Replacement of decaying playground equipment being discussed by city

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Planning has to be a top priority where parks and recreation are concerned.

That was the thinking where Big Spring's parks and recreational facilities are concerned when work began on the city's long range plan.

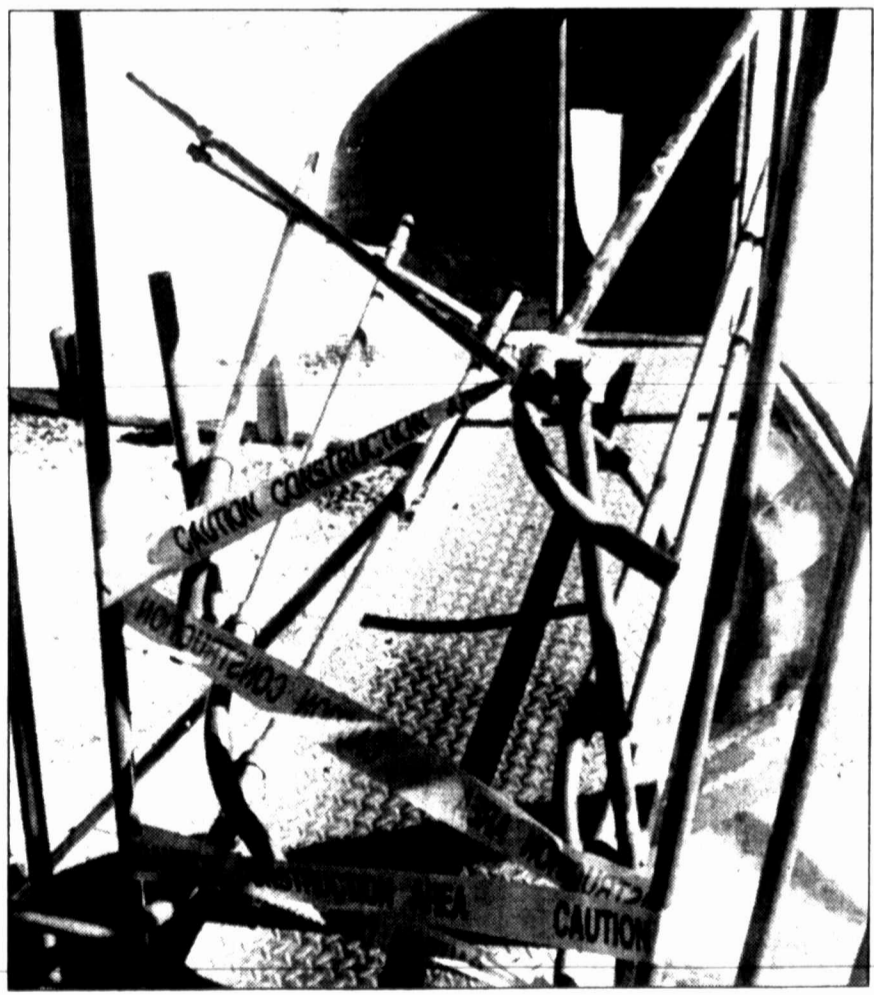
Part of that planning today includes dealing with broken equipment, some of which is visible in Comanche Trail Park.

City Parks Supervisor Becky Crane said the city has contacted the Texas Municipal League (the city insurance carrier) about sending out representatives to do a recommendation (evaluation) of the equipment.

"We're going to try to replace the broken equipment with some more modern equipment," Crane said. "I'd like to see that done by summer, but that may not be feasible."

According to Crane, the city is currently working at the Kids' Zone playground to install restroom facilities.

"We're also working on the benches and things we have yet to do at Kids' Zone," Crane said.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

City parks supervisor Becky Crane wants to replace aging playground equipment, such as this 1960s-era piece in Comanche Trail Park, with more modern equipment.

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Elections

Names continue to be added in local contests

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Only two weeks remain for area residents to add their name to the growing list of candidates wanting to represent Howard County in an elected capacity.

Anyone wanted to seek elected office in the March 10 primary will have until 5 p.m. Jan. 2 to file with a party chairperson.

County Democratic Party Chairman Jerry Barker and Republican Party Chairman Dwain Fox remind prospective candidates that their are not considered officials candidates until they have filed with the their party chairperson.

Some new names to surface as candidates for the spring primary include Democrat Bobby Cathey for the County Commissioner Precinct 4 position; Republican Fredi Frank for the County Commissioner Precinct 4 position; Michael McBrayer for Howard County Surveyor; Benny Green for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2; Ray Villareal for Democratic Party Chairman.

Cathey held the Precinct 4 commissioner's seat from 1991-1994, but was defeated by Republican Homer Wilkerson in a runoff election in 1994 by just 59 votes. Wilkerson was defeated by Sonny Choate in the 1994 general election. Choate has decided not to seek reelection in the March primary.

In the race for the commissioner's seat in Precinct 2,

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CANDIDATES

The following election lineup is tentative until the Jan. 2 filing deadline has passed:

118th District Judge

- Robert H. Moore, III — Republican

Howard County Judge:

- Ben Lockhart — Republican

County Commissioner, Pct 2:

- Jerry Kilgore — Republican
- John Wayne Metcalf — Republican

- Donnie Reid — Democrat (has not officially filed with party chairman)

County Commissioner, Pct 4:

- Gary Simer — Democrat
- Bobby Cathey — Democrat
- Fredi Frank — Republican
- Jody Nix — Republican (has not officially filed with party)

Treasurer:

- Bonnie Franklin — Democrat

Justice of the Peace - Pct 1, Place 2:

- Marilyn Carson - Republican
- Bennie Green - Republican

Justice of the Peace — Pct 2:

- Quail Dobbs — Republican

District Clerk:

- Glenda Brasel — Democrat

County Clerk:

- Donna Wright — Democrat

County Surveyor:

- Michael McBrayer — Democrat

Democratic Party Chairman:

- Ray Villareal



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Pat Mendoza (left) and Danelle Castillo work at the Salvation Army to pack donated items for needy families. There are 272 local families that will receive food, toys for children and other items Monday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There is also a waiting list for the holiday aid program.



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Winners named in lighting contest

by HERALD Staff Report

Judging in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Decorating Contest is complete. Following is a list of winners. In the commercial category, winners are:

Inside display
Best of the Best — Norwest Bank, Red Mesa Grill; first place — Fibreflex, Spring City Senior Citizens Center, and Miss Royale; second place — Hughes Rent to Own, city of Big Spring Water Department.

Outside
Best of the Best — Kelly Newton Insurance Agency, Professional Health Care; Community Service Award — Comanche Trail Festival of Lights; first place — First Presbyterian Church, Joy's Hallmark, Miss Royale, State Farm Insurance.

In the residential category, winners include:

Original homemade:
Best of the Best — Sharon Gaylor, 207 Circle. First place — Eddie Word, 1806 Goliad; John Allred, 2605 Larry; Edward and

Alex Gariepy, 3227 Auburn; Randy and Katy McKinney, 1314 Monmouth; second place — 705 Highland, Dan and Kathy Lusk.

Religious
First place — Joe and Kathy Clark, 1016 Baylor; Bennie and Ruelene Porter, 3223 Duke; and Erlinda Flores, 1213 W. 6th.

Lights only
Best of the Best — Kenneth Boothe, 2606 Allendale; Tom and Julie Coates, 908 Lancaster; Showplace Award — Stan and

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OBITUARIES

Peter C. Harmonson

Memorial service for Peter C. Harmonson, 78, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997, at Hodges Chapel of First Christian Church in Lubbock. Mr. Harmonson died Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. He was born on June 9, 1919, in Justin. He married Dan Long on May 13, 1941. He graduated from Texas Tech University and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and the Saddle Tramps. Most of his life was spent in the automobile business in Big Spring and Lubbock. He was a volunteer serving Meals on Wheels, a member of Trinity Church of Lubbock and had served as an usher for many years. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include: his wife, Dan Harmonson, Lubbock; two sons, Peter C. Harmonson III, El Paso, and David Harmonson, Round Rock; one daughter, Paula Duncan, Midland; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

Will W. Clement

Military graveside service for Will W. Clement, 82, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Clement died Wednesday, Dec. 17, in a local hospital.

He was born on March 6, 1915, in Henry, Tenn. He married Lucille Waldorf on Oct. 10, 1948, in Panama City, Fla. He was raised in Tennessee and came to Big Spring with the United States Air Force and was stationed at Webb Air Force Base before retiring as a Master Sergeant after 28 1/2 years in the military. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include: his wife, Lucille Clement, Big Spring; and one sister, Catherine Bowman, Chattanooga, Tenn. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Dewey Phillips, Jr.

Graveside service for Dewey Phillips, Jr., 73, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997, at Westbrook Cemetery with Dr. Claude

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
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906 Gregg St.
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Will W. Clement, 82, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.
Peter C. Harmonson, 78, died Wednesday. Memorial services will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Hodges Chapel of First Christian Church in Lubbock.

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24th & Johnson 267-3288
Benjamin Lecroy, 80, died Sunday. Military graveside services will be 1:00 PM Friday at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, In San Antonio.
Ida A. Hughes, 92, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Baptist Temple Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.
Dewey Phillips, Jr., 73, died Thursday. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM Saturday at Westbrook Cemetery.

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Craven officiating.
Mr. Phillips died Thursday, Dec. 18, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness.

He was born on Aug. 8, 1924, in Trent. He had lived in Big Spring for 20 years. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army in France and Italy. He had worked as a Civil Service employee until 1955 and had been a truck driver since then, working for Steere Tank Lines and C&R Transport.

Survivors include: three sons, Dewey Wayne Phillips, Dallas, Stanley Phillips, Big Spring, and Ronald Phillips, Garland; two brothers, James Phillips, Big Spring, and Jerry Phillips, Woodward, Okla.; two sisters, Kay Gregory, Westbrook, and Jean Breeden, Wheeling, W.Va.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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

Jo Nell "Jody" Wilson

Graveside service for Jo Nell "Jody" Wilson, 70, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997, in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson died Monday, Dec. 15, in Lakeland, Fla. She was born on May 30, 1927. She was a housewife and a real estate agent. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include: two sons, Gary W. Wilson, Avinger, and Michael Wilson, Lakeland, Fla.; two daughters, Tonya Boyd, Big Spring, and Renett Wilson, Midland; two sisters, May Ballard, Lake Buchanan, and Marie Anderson, Longview; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home, Robert Lee.

ELECTION

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Incumbent Jerry Kilgore faces a challenge from Democrat John Wayne Metcalf, whom he defeated by 14 votes in a 1994 runoff.

Barker has decided not to seek the Democratic party chair again.

The list of candidates seeking to represent the county in the State Legislature (District 70) had not changed as of Thursday afternoon and still includes a rematch of the 1996 campaign with incumbent Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, facing off with businessman Scott McLaughlin, R-Big Spring.

SCHOOLS

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and administrators do at those campuses.
Campuses were also TSSAS award winners if they ranked in the top 25 percent of all campuses statewide with respect to performance in reading and math.

Campus categories are based on several factors, including the percent of students identified as African-American, Hispanic,

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PLAYGROUND CONTEST

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Aside from using more modern equipment to replace the broken equipment currently at Comanche Trail Park, Crane said she would also like to see the equipment geared toward a bit of an older age group since the city now has Kids' Zone.

"As far as the long range plan is concerned, addressing the equipment problems at Comanche Trail Park will address some of the issues in that section of the plan," Crane said.

According to Crane, improvements at Comanche Trail Park, and the additions of Kids' Zone and Morgan Park have done a lot for addressing the city's park issues.

Several of the areas included in the master plan's parks and recreation section include more county involvement; making children the number one priority in this area; utilizing existing facilities; better management and maintenance at the city golf course; privatization of park facilities; addressing vandalism in parks; utilizing the inmate workforce as well as include city sponsored recreational programs.

The plan says one of the major elements in the shaping of an urban environment is its size, location, configuration and use of the community's parks and public open spaces (such as Morgan Park and Kids' Zone). They tend to form a common core for residential development and neighborhood activities, they effectively utilize land deemed unusable for normal urban development and they serve as buffers between otherwise incompatible land uses.

When the long range plan was written, it pointed out that Big Spring has a disproportionate amount of tax income being derived from residential property, which leaves tax payers uncomfortable with an increase in taxes for park purposes.

The city is deficient in neighborhood park areas, which Morgan Park addresses and there is also a shortage of picnic areas and playground equipment.

In part one of the master plan, topography in Big Spring was listed as an asset as well as air quality, with very few environmental problems.

Other areas of concern pertaining to parks and recreation include the shortage of community facilities, the need for a sports complex, and whether or not Big Spring needs a recreation center.

The city's park system is comprised of several areas including open areas such as Comanche Trail Golf Course, Comanche Trail Amphitheater, Mount Olive Cemetery, Moss Creek Lake and city services, which includes investigation of the administrative needs of the park service.

The adequacy of Big Spring's existing parks, recreation facilities and open spaces is determined by applying the needs of the present and forecasted populations of the city to acceptable national standards, according to the long range plan.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

CONTEST

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Sue Partee, 711 Belvedere; First place — George Sloan, 6013 E. Midway; Tom Demeny, 7601 Pats Road; Kerry Fryar, 28 Brackeen Lane; Jerry and Jan Sloan, 6100 Walter Road; Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth, 106 E. 17th; Julie Martinez, 618 Birdwell; Tommy and Laurie Churchwell, 606 Highland; Michael and Evelyn Dawson, 2806 MacAuslan; Phinney family, 3241 Drexel; Steve and Karen Fraser, 905 Highland; Vassar family, 1410 S. Baylor; Wanda Roman, 2708 Coronado; Michael Helm, Barcelona Apartments; Donald Longorio, 4009 Conally; Arvin Hart, 903 Runnels; Lucy and Freddy Rodriguez, 1303 Mulberry; and Benny Rodriguez, 601 E. 17th.

A list of all the homes entered in the contest can be picked up at the chamber, along with a city map for taking a tour of local Christmas lights.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA is planning a holiday camp for children in the community whose parents must work during the school break.

Trained staff will provide educational, fun activities in a safe environment. Dates are Dec. 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 and Jan. 2. Hours are 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call 267-8234.

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

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
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.
•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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life! Deadline changes

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.

MARKETS

March cotton 66.95, down 80 points; Jan. crude 18.37, down 15 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 39.50; cash steers steady at 65; Feb. lean hog futures 59.20, down 42 points; Feb. live cattle futures 65.50, down 50 points.

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Norwest 36 1/2 - 1 1/2
NUV 9 1/2 - 1/4
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Paralell Petroleum 6 nc
Rural/Metro 30 1/2 + 1/4
Sears 41 1/2 - 1 1/2
Southwestern Bell 73 1/2 - 2 1/2
Sun 40 1/2 - 1 1/2
Texaco 51 1/2 - 2
Texas Instruments 42 1/2 - 1/2
Texas Utils. Co 40 1/2 - 1/4
Unocal Corp 37 1/2 - 1/2
Wal-Mart 38 1/2 - 1/4
Amcap 15.24-16.17
Euro Pacific 25.88-27.46
I.C.A. 30.62-32.49
New Economy 19.47-20.66
New Perspective 19.17-20.34
Prime Rate 8.50%
Gold 287.50-287.80
Silver 5.97- 6.00

FIRE/EMS

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

Thursday 9:42 a.m. — 200 block Texas Road, medical call, patient transferred to VA Medical Center.

2:18 p.m. — 3200 block Fordham, automobile fire, extinguished by responding units.

2:53 p.m. — 400 block E. Sixth, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:37 p.m. — 300 block Sgt. Paredez, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

POLICE

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

• **MIKE NEWSON, 39**, arrested on charge of assault/family violence.

• **JEANETT NEWSON, 29**, arrested on charge of assault/family violence.

• **JIMMY JUAREZ, 28**, arrested on charge of no driver's license.

• **MICKEY ALVAREZ, 30**, arrested on charge of failure to identify.

• **MELANIE WILLIAMS, 25**, arrested on local warrants.

• **MICHAEL GALAVIZ, 20**, arrested on charge of assault/family violence.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** on the 1700 block of Runnels.

• **THEFT** on the 100 block of Lamesa Highway, the 400 block of Gregg, the 1500 block of Marcy, the 300 block of Gregg and the 2300 block of Wasson.

• **ASSAULT** on the 1600 block of E. Third.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** on the 1600 block of E. 11th and the 300 block of E. 20th.

• **FORGERY** on the 1300 block of W. Fourth.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA** on the 2060 block of Coliad.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

• **RUSSELL EDWARD MCKISKI JR., 51**, 2102 Merrily, arrested on a contempt of child support order.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 74
Thursday's low 33
Average high 56
Average low 28
Record high 80 in 1980
Record low 7 in 1924
Precip. Thursday 0.00
Month to date 0.39
Month's normal 0.41
Year to date 19.34
Normal for the year 18.32
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Christmas Holiday
Office Hours and Advertising Deadlines for the Big Spring Herald
The Big Spring Herald offices will close for the Christmas Holidays 12 NOON, December 24 and will reopen for business at 7:30 a.m. Friday, December 26.
Advertising Deadlines
Wednesday, December 24.....Monday, 12 NOON
Thursday, December 25.....NO PAPER
Friday, December 26.....Tuesday, 12 NOON
Sunday, December 28.....Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Classified Deadlines
Wednesday, December 24.....Tuesday, 12 NOON
Thursday, December 25.....NO PAPER
Friday, December 26.....Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.
Circulation Phones
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Marital problems may have triggered 30-hour standoff at day-care

PLANO (AP) — A gunman was struggling with marital problems and probably never intended to take children hostage when he walked into a day-care center, police and relatives said.

James Monroe Lipscomb Jr. released his own son and stepson — the last of his 85 captives — and then surrendered Thursday night, ending the 30-hour siege. No one was hurt.

"The babies are free! The babies are free!" Tawana Shaw, 18, a cousin of the last hostages, shouted as she ran into the street.

Lipscomb, 33, had taken 80 children and five adults hostage at the Riggsbee Child Development Center on Wednesday afternoon. Police Chief

Bruce Glasscock said there were no terms of surrender.

"I think it was a situation he fell into. As we talked to him, he became more and more regretful of his actions," police spokesman Carl Duke said.

Glasscock said the domestic dispute was at the center of negotiations with Lipscomb.

"It was a long-term domestic situation that actually developed over the last few days and erupted into what occurred," Glasscock said.

Lipscomb was charged with one count of aggravated kidnapping and police said more charges were likely.

Police said Lipscomb had tried to rob

someone outside the nearby Plano Bank and Trust shortly before he went to the day-care center where his wife, Kris, works in this suburb north of Dallas.

Day-care center worker Denise Anderson was in charge of a classroom of six toddlers when the gunman took them hostage. She said he wasn't necessarily threatening, but he was angry, pacing the halls as he repeated that he "meant business."

"He wanted to talk to his wife. He kept saying, 'Let me talk to Kris,'" Ms. Anderson said.

Mrs. Lipscomb had escaped as her husband entered the building and was not among the hostages.

Glasscock said there is no information that Lipscomb planned to take hostages.

"There may have been some waving around of the weapon," Glasscock said. "(But) it doesn't appear that there was any direct threat to the hostages."

Lipscomb's relatives said he never would have hurt anyone and they were supportive of him.

"He was just scared and his kids were his defense. He didn't know what the police were going to do to him," Mrs. Lipscomb's cousin Theresa Love said. "I don't think he would have harmed those kids. He loved those kids to death."

Mrs. Lipscomb's sister, Joan Shaw,

said the couple's three-year marriage has been stormy. "I don't know what snapped," she said. "They had marital problems, but everybody has."

The gunman released dozens of children and three adults in the early hours of the standoff. Another adult was released just before midnight Wednesday, while the last adult was freed about 4 a.m. Thursday.

Glasscock said the remaining children figured in Lipscomb's decision to surrender.

"He was tired," the police chief said. "The children were getting tired, and I think he started thinking about the welfare of the children."

Commissioner wants board members to air complaints before entire board

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses says that two State Board of Education members who claim there has been improper management of the \$16 billion Permanent School Fund should produce their evidence to the entire board.

Moses made the comment Thursday during a meeting with the San Antonio Express-News Editorial Board.

Republican board members David Bradley of Beaumont and Dr. Robert Offutt of San Antonio have criticized other board members for accepting campaign contribution from money management firms recommended by the Texas Education Agency staff in September.

The have also claimed the firms the staff members have recommended may be unqualified and have substantial litigation history.

"As of today, I have yet to be presented with any written materials," Moses said. "If there is a problem with the use of external fund managers, then let's put it on the table."

The commissioner said he was willing to work with board members, but said they needed to work out their concerns through discussions with the board and the TEA staff.

"I want to work with them," he said. "I am concerned about the stewardship of the fund, and I am concerned about the integrity of those funds."

Interest from the Permanent School Fund is used to buy textbooks for the entire state. It was created with a \$13.9 billion state endowment to lessen taxpayers' financial burden.

Until 1995, the TEA oversaw the fund and was sole manager.

The issue is a discussion item on the agenda for the board's next meeting in January.

While the board is working out their concerns on the fund, no contracts with new firms have been signed, Moses said.

Republican Monte Hasie of Lubbock admits he accepted contributions for his failed state Senate campaign last year from three firms managing the Permanent School Fund. The donations amounted to \$22,000 before the board took up the money manager issue.

Rene Nunez of El Paso, a finance committee member, also admitted to accepting contributions from one of the outside investment managers but adds that he legally reported the contribution.

Hasie, a stockbroker, said he saw nothing wrong with voting on the firms and had a lawyer determine the donations were legal.

"It may be legal in Texas, but it doesn't pass the smell test," Bradley said.

TEXAS BRIEFS

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EL PASO — Union Pacific Railroad discriminates against minorities in the hiring and promotion of minorities at El Paso, a group of railroad employees say.

Richard Sambrano, a conciliation specialist with the Justice Department, said Thursday he is helping the railroad and its workers resolve their differences.

"The workers would like for Union Pacific to develop strategies whereby the El Paso work force better reflects the composition of the community," Sambrano told the El Paso Times.

Ricardo Trevizo, former director of the League of United Latin American Citizens in El Paso, said only 5 percent to 8 percent of Union Pacific's highest-paid positions in El Paso are filled by Hispanics, blacks and other minorities.

The city is nearly 74 percent Hispanic and nearly 4 percent black.

DALLAS — Convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh says he's not scared of being executed and doesn't expect that appeals to save his life will succeed.

"Because of the intense public pressure and demand for my blood, I do not see an appeals court ruling in my favor," he said in a letter to The Dallas Morning News.

"I have no fear of execution," McVeigh wrote. "If anything, death by execution is much more predictable than normal life or combat — because I at least know when and how I'm checking out."

The Morning News reported receiving the seven-page, handwritten letter in a copyright story published today and in the newspaper's online edition Thursday night.

McVeigh, 29, is being held in the federal maximum security prison near Florence, Colo., after his conviction on 11 counts of conspiracy and murder in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed

168 people.

WASHINGTON — U.S. residents seeking to bring foreign relatives here permanently now must sign a binding contract with Uncle Sam agreeing to shoulder financial responsibility in the event the newcomers obtain welfare benefits for which they aren't eligible.

Under provisions of the 1996 immigration law taking effect today, those wishing to sponsor a relative into the country also must prove to the government that their income exceeds 125 percent of federal poverty levels.

Critics complain the new rules will prevent thousands of lower-income Americans from reuniting with their families. They also contend the requirement that sponsors reimburse the government for public benefits received by their charges amounts to an open-ended financial liability that only the well-heeled can assume.

"I think they can scratch out the 'Give me your poor' part on the bottom of the Statue of Liberty," Carl Shusterman, a Los Angeles immigration lawyer, said Thursday.

FORT WORTH — Walking through a corridor of the Henrietta Marie's lower deck, Josie Gordon confronted a deep sadness as she viewed the statues of slaves huddled in tightly bound metal chains.

"I could hear their voices. I could see the pain," Ms. Gordon, 51.

From the depths of history and the sludge off the shore of the Florida Keys, the sunken slave ship Henrietta Marie has embarked on one, final voyage.

Archaeologists have assembled parts of the ship and its interior for a national tour. It will appear at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History until Jan. 4.

The exhibit has drawn thousands in Dallas-Fort Worth, where visitors describe it as a heart-wrenching experience.

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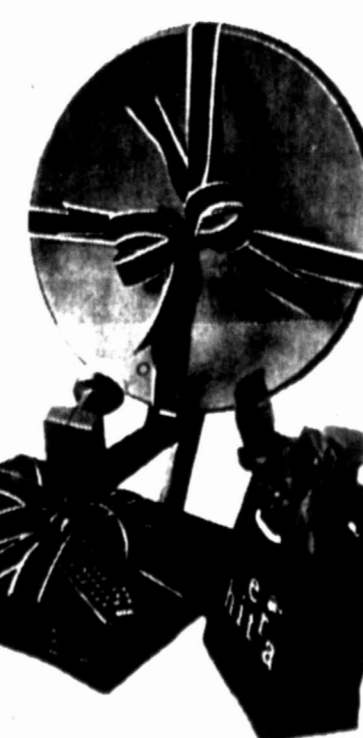
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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Coaches and team members of the **STANTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**, for reaching the Class 2A state finals. The Buffaloes face Rogers at 6 p.m. Saturday, at Texas Stadium.
- Students at **BAUER MAGNET SCHOOL**, who helped guest writer Nancy Koger discover "What's Right About Big Spring."
- **TYRON DAVIS**, Stanton Buffalo wide receiver for being named to the Associated Press Sports Editors All-State 2A Football first team; **KYLE HERM**, named to the second team; and honorable mention teammates **JEREMY SMITH**, **JAMES TAYLOR**, **CHAD SMITH** AND **JODY LOUDER**.
- **PAM JORDAN**, for her promotion to captain and assistant police chief of the Big Spring Police Department.
- **ALEX EDGEMON**, young pianist and musician who has entertained so many of us at Big Spring State Hospital events.
- **MARTIN COUNTY HOSPITAL** for earning certification as a trauma facility by the Texas Department of Health.

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Bill Clinton: In search of a foreign policy

By ANN McFEATTERS
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WASHINGTON — A large portion of the questions at President Clinton's recent lengthy day-into-night press conference were aimed at untangling the threads of his foreign policy.

We reporters failed. After a number of successes that clearly emboldened him to think, hey, foreign policy is not that difficult, Clinton is mired in some difficult dilemmas that show he's mainly been reactive and unfocused about what exactly he wants to achieve.

His determination to stay in Bosnia — and his admission that he was wrong to set two missed deadlines for getting American troops out — are not surprising. He earlier indicated that to pull out next June would likely mean the Bosnian people would be back at war within weeks. It was self-deceiving to have believed he could put some soldiers on the ground and quickly end age-old hatred.

But it is disturbing that Clinton still thinks that a little more time will make the process work to create a united Bosnia out of deep ethnic rivalry that sparked genocide and some of the worst crimes seen

since World War II.

"If we pull out before the job is done, Bosnia will almost certainly fall back into violence, chaos and ultimately a war every bit as bloody as one that was stopped," Clinton said, conspicuously not saying that anything different will be tried now.

"I honestly believed that in 18 months we could get this done. I wasn't right, so I don't want to make that error again," he said refusing to give any more timetables.

Bosnia is not Vietnam and comparisons are not apt. But those who remember that America's leaders promised never again to deploy American troops without an end strategy to pull them out are right to worry.

Without a deadline for withdrawal, the White House now says that America's presence (8,500 Americans serve in the vicinity of Bosnia) will be reviewed every six months. But is the goal still to keep people from killing each other?

Nothing has been cleared up about Iraq, either. Saddam Hussein continues to hide his chemical and biological weapons in secret places, such as in his dozens of presidential palaces, refusing to let U.N. inspectors inspect them.

Clinton does not have the backing of the old Gulf War allies to do more than threaten Saddam. Meanwhile, he has let Iraq get away with spreading the false perception that Americans don't care about sick, starving Iraqi children when it is Saddam who personally held up humanitarian sales of oil to benefit his people.

Economic sanctions have not worked against Iraq or many other countries, yet the administration continues to rely almost solely on them and has made no move to examine alternatives.

Hope for a lasting peace in the Middle East is dwindling everywhere, but the administration's cache of new ideas seems exhausted. Efforts to push Israel into going ahead with plans for pulling out of the West Bank, which would jump start peace talks, have gone nowhere.

The proposed global warming treaty Clinton hailed is also on the road to nowhere because developing nations refuse to participate in costly controls on carbon dioxide emissions on grounds it's not fair that the West got to the wealth of cheap energy first.

When the Asian markets began collapsing, Clinton at first took a wait-and-see atti-

tude, wary of political ramifications if he showed too much concern too soon and worried about being second guessed.

Clinton does not have a meeting set yet with Boris Yeltsin for next year and insists the aging leader is well despite his recent illness. But if anything happens to Yeltsin, chaos in Russia will immediately be the world's biggest worry. Clinton backburners Russia and China at our possible peril.

None of this is said to blame Clinton for problems beyond his control. He is, after all, only a mortal and temporary custodian of the world's largest military and moral power. But it is said out of worry that there is no overarching doctrine of American foreign policy as the decade and the century and the millennium dim.

Answers are vague to such questions as when do we use military power? Why? How do we persuade other nations in a changing world to follow our lead and also accept their own responsibilities? Is U.S. leadership moribund?

America will find the answers. She always does. But it seems to be taking a long, long time.

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



The facts, please, about global warming

By LEONARD LARSEN
Scripps Howard News Service

The Kyoto conference on global warming — maybe — has waked all of us up to inevitable disaster just over the horizon. But, even guaranteed that the sky is really, really falling this time, we don't know if it'll be an environmental disaster or an economic disaster.

Which is to say, you can believe environmental alarmists when they preach of flood, drought and worldwide weather gone wacko on account of global warming or you can believe economic alarmists who insist industrial restraints to curb global warming will kill the goose and fry the golden egg.

Or put another way, the rich and greedy industrial polluters, fouling the air and melting the icebergs, will end civilization as we know it. Or the environmental quacks will influence enactment of laws to throw sand in the machinery of progress and end civilization as we know it.

That's some lousy choice Americans are now told they're going to have to make and make it in a hurry before

global warming begins killing little tots in their beds or before grass is growing in the streets of American cities which, by then, may be a blessing because that'll be all Americans will have to eat.

To make choosing worse, America's elected and appointed leaders act as if they've all been bought and paid for by propagandists and lobbyists for one side or the other. And the evidence is most of them who speak on the subject would probably be struck dumb if they weren't supplied with canned speeches whipped up by hired alarmists on both sides.

For only a couple examples, we had Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., traveling to Kyoto to mouth the propaganda — some of it word for word — that's been spread ankle-deep to the American media by global warming treaty opponents, seemingly led now by something called the Global Climate Coalition.

And we had Vice President Al Gore, traveling to Kyoto to solemnly quote himself about the approaching end of the world and to repeat propaganda from the environmental industry.

Gore, draped in the trap-

pings of the White House, did manage to juice up the Kyoto proceedings by revealing he'd been instructed by President Clinton to instruct U.S. negotiators at Kyoto to be "flexible."

Hagel matched that bombshell with his news flash for reporters and onlookers in Kyoto that the treaty terms finally agreed on, placing little or no burden for environmental cleanup on "developing" nations while saddling the United States with monumental costs, was already dead before it arrived in the Republican-controlled Senate, if it ever arrives there.

It becomes obvious these people are not to be believed, none of them. The environmentalists, with Gore their chief mouthpiece, tell of melting polar ice caps inundating continents, of parched farmlands and worldwide starvation and every awful weather event with a name on it to be blamed on global warming and the greed of industrialists. And, beyond anecdotes and somewhat statistics, they offer no real proof.

Matching them, treaty opponents peddle their brand of fright. One of the bulletins from the Global Climate

Coalition reported — as fact — that a global warming treaty put in force would cost the U.S. economy \$200 billion a year and result in the loss of 2 million American jobs, calculated state by state right down to 309,000 jobs lost in California and 1,000 jobs lost in Vermont. And they offer no real proof.

I'm probably like many or even most Americans. I can believe greedy industrialists are willing to risk our health, our lives and our future on earth, buying off public officials who'll block safeguards to global warming. And I can believe organized environmental kooks, threatening elected officials with reprisals at the polls, intend to have all of us living in lean-tos, eating uncooked leaves and bugs and berries and riding to Chicago on our bicycles.

But I can't believe all of it and, either way, I'm not convinced the sky will fall. What's needed, before President Clinton stirs up some fudge he'll call compromise, are unadorned facts based on reliable evidence and information about global warming and what — if anything — has to be done about it.

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Shortage of life-saving antibody medicine worrisome to patients

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Tens of thousands of people who need blood-based immune globulin because of conditions such as deficient immune systems are facing a severe, nationwide shortage at the worst time — the peak of cold and flu season. The sudden shortage of the life-saving medicine is blamed on increased demand, production problems and product recalls.

"In the last couple weeks, it has gone from short supply to not available at all," said Jason Bablak, spokesman for the International Plasma Products Industry Association.

Without their monthly intravenous dose, tens of thousands of patients, many of them children born without working immune systems, risk debilitating illness and death.

"I've lost two boys with hemophilia to AIDS already, and I'm terrified of losing Teddy," said Elaine DePrince of Cherry Hill, whose three hemophilic sons all contracted AIDS from tainted blood-clotting products.

Teddy, 17, needs a monthly intravenous dose of immune globulin because his body cannot make antibodies. DePrince said Thursday the home care

company providing the medication has none for Teddy this month and is unsure when it can get any.

"I was utterly horrified," DePrince said.

Teddy got a dose in December because another young hemophilic died of AIDS and the family gave her his medicine. But next month, he may have to stay home from school.

The Food and Drug Administration, which inspects every lot of the medicine before it is sold, is "working closely with manufacturers to expedite distribution of all available product without compromising safety," FDA blood chief Dr. Jay Epstein said Thursday.

No one knows when the shortage will end, although Alpha Therapeutic of Los Angeles, Bayer Pharmaceutical of West Haven, Conn. and Baxter Healthcare of Deerfield, Ill., are awaiting approval of new facilities so they can expand production.

"I suspect (it) will be in short supply for the foreseeable future," said industry consultant Donald Tankersley, who previously directed the FDA's plasma derivatives laboratory.

Immune globulin is made by

separating antibodies from blood plasma, most of it collected from paid, repeat plasma donors, then treated to kill viruses. The Red Cross pays Baxter to make its immune globulin brand from plasma separated from whole blood it collects.

The other manufacturers are Novartis of East Hanover and Centeon of King of Prussia, Pa.

Interviews with all six manufacturers and other experts indicate the biggest problem is steadily increasing demand for immune globulin as more physicians prescribe it for additional uses, many of which are not life-threatening. Those include chronic fatigue syndrome, diabetes and autoimmune diseases, including multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.

"Physicians need to be mindful to direct the product to the patients that need it the most critically," Epstein urged.

Besides pediatric AIDS, immune globulin is approved by FDA for patients getting bone marrow transplants and for those with primary immune deficiency (PID), a group of about 50 inherited immune system disorders.

Postal worker kills one, wounds two before taking own life

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A postal employee who had been denied a promotion opened fire in the main post office early today, killing a co-worker and wounding two others before he apparently shot himself dead. Two bodies were taken from the post office and loaded into hearses about 3:40 a.m., nearly three hours after the shootings. Police refused to identify the dead.

The gunman opened fire in an all-night mail-sorting room busy with holiday work. A witness counted 12 shots.

"I saw the guy holding his gun in the air. He seemed calm. Then I saw a lady crouching down near me. Then I knew something was up," said worker David Norcross.

"The first thing I did was duck and make a beeline for the exit," said worker Skip

Teitz. Employee Robbie Jungbluth, a former official in the postal union, said supervisors had picked on the gunman, who had recently been transferred against his will and passed over for a new job.

"It was just difficult for him to adjust and management made it more difficult," she said. "Management pushes people, they harass people and intimidate them ... It was just a matter of time."

Teitz said he did not know the assailant well but that he would "never expect something like this from him."

Joan Chitwood, 55, was shot in the face but her injuries did not appear life-threatening, said Mark McLaughlin, a spokesman for Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital. Rodrick Patterson, 44, was

treated for a minor gunshot wound to the foot and released.

Employees who were rushed from the building after the shootings were allowed to return, but were sent home a few hours later.

Postal Service officials refused to comment.

In the past decade, the numbers of shootings by postal employees has made the phrase "going postal" a slang term for mass violence.

The phrase could date back to August 1986 when Patrick Henry Sherrill, a part-time letter carrier in Edmond, Okla., killed 14 colleagues and himself. He had faced the possibility of being fired.

In September, a postal clerk in Miami Beach shot his former wife and her friend as they stood in line, then killed himself. The women survived.

Western officials encouraged by massive water transfer plan

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Officials who manage valuable water supplies in the West praised a federal plan that would let them transfer water between states, enabling fast-growing areas to take full advantage of precious allotments from the Colorado River.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt unveiled the plan Thursday at the annual meeting of the Colorado River Water Users Association.

The plan would have a major impact on booming southern Nevada, which currently uses about 215,000 acre-feet of its annual 300,000-acre-foot allocation from the Colorado River.

An acre-foot of water — meaning enough water to cover an acre at a depth of 1 foot — can serve one or two families for a year.

The new rules would allow Nevada to store its leftover water in aquifers — underground areas containing water in Arizona. Nevada could then draw against those reserves after the turn of the century, as growth requires more water. Las Vegas is one of the nation's fastest-growing cities.

"I think this is one of the most significant steps that has happened on the Colorado River in decades," said Pat Mulroy, general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority. "It is the first time two states in the lower basin worked this cooperatively on water management issues."

Storing water in Arizona is a money-saving step that would "take us through comfortably to year 2030, even with the most

aggressive growth," Mulroy said.

Babbitt also told delegates Thursday that California must work harder to live within its Colorado River allocation of 4.4 million acre-feet of water. The state currently draws more than 5.2 million acre-feet from the river annually, tapping water unused by Arizona, Nevada and other states.

California water authorities in October drafted a plan to reduce the state's demand for water from the river.

The Colorado River Water Users Association's meeting involves water officials and representatives of Indian tribes from the seven Colorado River states — Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

Prosecutors unveil fresh indictment in Chicago corruption investigation

CHICAGO (AP) — An alderman was charged with pocketing bundles of small bills in an FBI sting as federal prosecutors resumed their attack on political corruption one day after another council member was acquitted.

Virgil Jones, 48, on Thursday became the sixth alderman charged in the undercover probe dubbed Operation Silver Shovel.

On Wednesday, prosecutors had suffered a setback with the acquittal of Alderman Ray Frias on payoff charges. He claimed he was entrapped.

On Thursday, U.S. District Judge Blanche Manning placed former water Commissioner John Bolden, 59, on probation for one year and fined him \$5,000 for two tax convictions

arising from the probe. Prosecutors had sought a prison sentence.

Bolden had been charged with taking two \$1,000 payoffs and lying on his tax returns. He was convicted on the tax charges but acquitted of the payoffs Sept. 22 after saying he, too, had been an entrapment victim.

Acting U.S. Attorney Scott Lassar brushed aside any thought that public opinion may be turning against the investigation, a key factor in prompting Mayor Richard M. Daley to push two ethics measures through the City Council this year.

He said undercover agents must be used to offer payoffs to targets in sting operations, even though it gives defense attorneys fodder for entrapment

claims. "In order to gain evidence, the government inserts itself as the bribe payer, and that's the way we've been investigating public corruption very successfully for the last 25 years," he said.

Prosecutors said the Jones indictment was returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 11 but not unsealed until Thursday. They said the alderman took payoffs of \$4,000 and \$3,000 to allow the undercover informant to operate a rock crusher in his ward.

One bundle of small bills was left in a restaurant and pocketed by Jones in a restroom, prosecutors said. It represented payment for 400 loads of crushed rock at \$10 a load, prosecutors said.

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Iraq opens several of Saddam's palaces to foreign reporters

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq opened about a dozen of President Saddam Hussein's palaces to foreign reporters today, but again vowed that U.N. arms inspectors will never enter the buildings.

The arms monitors have demanded access, saying they suspect that Iraq may be hiding information on its banned weapons programs in the palaces. The United States has strongly backed the U.N. demand.

"They shall never be allowed in," Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told reporters. "Their inspection injures the dignity and sovereignty of the nation."

He added that Iraq wanted reporters to see the palaces "where a lot of mystery has been fabricated."

Reporters were shown five palaces in the presidential complex on the western bank of the Tigris River in Baghdad, which is off limits to civilians.

Four huge bronze busts of President

Saddam Hussein sit atop stone palaces where lawns 10 times the size of a soccer field are planted with trees and flowers.

One building featured a huge domed hall tiled with Italian marble. Another had bronze statues of soldiers and paintings of Saddam leading his army into victory.

There were two palaces under construction in the sprawling compound.

The compound is so large that journalists had to take buses from one site to the next.

The presidential complex in Radhwaniya, outside Baghdad, was also opened to reporters. It features huge artificial lakes filled with wild ducks and birds. In one of the palaces there, builders had made the image of a falcon in Italian marble.

Aziz said the main palace in Baghdad, which was built in the 1950s, was bombed during the 1991 Gulf War. A wall painting shows Saddam giving a helping hand to the builders who not only reconstructed it but added two massive new wings.

The palaces in Baghdad had no furniture and the offices were not staffed. A few armed sentries stood guard.

Saddam's personal secretary, Lt. Gen. Abed Hamoud greeted journalists at one site and restated Iraq's opposition to opening that palace.

The inspectors "will never be allowed to enter these places even if all are bombed and turned into ruins," Hamoud said.

Aziz said the presidential compound was deserted at the start of the latest crisis with U.N. weapons inspectors.

Jealous Christian sects guard turf at Jesus' birthplace

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BETHLEHEM, West Bank — In this traditional season of peace on earth and goodwill toward mankind, a somewhat lesser standard of harmony prevails at the spot revered by Christians as the birthplace of Jesus.

It goes something like this: Stay off my turf, and I'll stay off yours — maybe.

The Church of the Nativity, built over the cave-like grotto where Mary is believed to have given birth, is shared by three main Christian groups: Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian Orthodox. Several smaller groups, including Copts and Syrian Orthodox, also are allowed to conduct certain rites there.

Over the years, the rival sects have sometimes come to fisticuffs over care and upkeep of the church, which is visited each year by thousands of Christian pilgrims. The lamplit, wax-scented basilica is the scene of a midnight Mass on Christmas Eve that is televised on a giant screen in the square outside and seen by viewers the world over.

The annual cleanup day falls a few days after Dec. 25, when Western sects observe Christmas, and prior to mid-January, when Eastern ones do. And as always, the church's keepers are hoping to stave off a specter of Christmas past: soapuds flying while angry black-robed priests face off with brooms and mop handles.

The cleaning is mainly a ter-

ritorial exercise, said Daniel Rossing, formerly of Israel's ministry of religious affairs, who served for 14 years as a mediator in Nativity disputes.

"It's not so much about making the church spic-and-span — it's about asserting control over certain areas," he said.

During Rossing's tenure, which ended in 1988, peaceful holidays were glad tidings indeed. In the 1980s, scuffles broke out several times over one sect trying to clean an area claimed by another. In other years, only elaborate behind-the-scenes maneuvering prevented a confrontation, he said.

Even though a truce has held in recent years, the jealous turf-guarding means trouble could flare again at any time, said Father Jerome Murphy-

O'Connor, a prominent Roman Catholic biblical scholar.

"All it takes is one aggressive personality, or one little misunderstanding, and it's all set off again," he said. "It's such an illogical system — if they don't defend their rights all the time, they lose them."

This year, as the holiday approaches, the Palestinian authorities who run Bethlehem and other West Bank cities have been quietly working to ensure that the cleanup won't turn into a dustup.

But the Palestinians, who have controlled Bethlehem for only two years, are relative newcomers to the Nativity scene, and there's still some question as to who will emerge as the main Palestinian player in church matters.

Like so many disputes in this part of the world, this is an old, old quarrel. At the fortresslike church, with its soot-stained walls and wood-beamed roof, grudges and slights — real or imagined — go back centuries.

A church first was erected on the site in about 333 A.D. by King Constantine but was so badly damaged in the revolt of the Samaritans that it was replaced in the 6th century.

During the Crusades, all the Christian groups cooperated in a 12th-century renovation of the church. That brought it to perhaps the height of its splendor, with rows of shining columns, white marble walls and spectacular mosaics.

But from the 13th century on, historians say, things went downhill.

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Kim Dae-jung promises change in South Korea; markets, voters unsure

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SEOUL, South Korea — It took Kim Dae-jung four tries and 26 years to win South Korea's presidency and along the way he was jailed, exiled and targeted for assassination. Now comes the hard part.

Kim — a veteran opposition leader once persecuted by military dictators — must convince the world financial community he is committed to putting South Korea's ailing economy back on track.

The president-elect tried to do just that in today's acceptance speech, pledging to stick to a strict economic reform plan and pay back a record loan South Korea negotiated earlier this month with the International Monetary Fund.

"Although a tough road lies ahead of us, it is a path we must take," said the president-elect, the first opposition leader to win the presidency since South Korea's independence in 1948.

The Korean won weakened today against the dollar and stocks bounced up and down as election news mixed with news about brokerage house Shinsegi Investment Co. going under, another in a year of corporate bankruptcies.

The U.S. stock market reacted nervously Thursday to Kim's election victory. "Stocks took a dive when the results came in," said Edward Yardeni, chief economist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in New York.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell nearly 147 points, later recovering about a fourth of its loss, on what analysts said was fear that pro-labor Kim would resist fully implementing reforms called for in the IMF's bailout plan.

Two weeks ago, Kim promised voters he would force the IMF to renegotiate the most punitive terms of its \$57 billion bailout plan. But Kim reversed his pledge after the nation's stock market and currency plummeted. Kim repeatedly attempted to ease investor fears today.

"I will fully cooperate with

the IMF," he said. "I will stick to the market economy system. I will open the markets considerably and make South Korea a safe and attractive place for foreigners to invest."

However — as in the election campaign — he offered no specific plans for the economy.

Also during the campaign, Kim pledged to free prisoners of conscience in South Korea and reform a security law used to jail dissidents. He didn't refer to any new initiative regarding human rights in his speech.

The government denies it is holding any political prisoners, but human rights groups estimate several hundred are in prison.

There was no immediate reaction to Kim's election from police or the main government spy agency, which have been criticized for persecuting government opponents.

Kim also pledged to end the decades-old practice of funding and protecting businesses in exchange for bribes.

"I will sever all businesses from political shackles and protection," Kim said. "Businesses must survive in a free-market economy and through global competition."

While endorsing him at the polls, voters also displayed uncertainty about what to expect under the 73-year-old former dissident.

"It is really something that we have for the first time kicked out those ruling forces," said 34-year-old bowling alley manager Suh Hyon-gil. "But when it comes to the question of whether Kim is the right president for us, well, I think we have to wait and see."

Kim won't take office until late February, raising fears the lame-duck administration of President Kim Young-sam will let the economy stumble along.

Once in office, Kim will find his options limited by restrictions imposed under the IMF's \$57 billion rescue plan.

The IMF is requiring South Korea to restrain its economic growth, raise taxes and interest rates and slow the expansion of its powerful conglomerates.

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Local bar makes room for religion on Sunday mornings

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The Rev. Lee Rushing has turned a local night spot into a prayer spot on Sunday mornings.

For two weeks, he has been holding church in the Lucky Clover Lounge, 1310 W. 4th Street.

"My Bible says Jesus came for the sinners — that includes us all," Rushing said. "You can turn any place into a place where God wants to be."

On the first Sunday morning, about 25 people showed up for the 10 a.m. service. The next week, just over 30 came.

This Sunday is the last planned service before a holiday break.

"People are talking about it," said Rushing, who admits all the comments have not been positive. But he said he sees that the services have met a need previously not addressed in the local community.

To advertise for the services, Rushing and some friends passed out fliers. They visited bars on a recent Saturday night, and had pamphlets printed.

"The church isn't a building," Rushing said. "It's people. The same way I can have church in a bar, I could have Bible study

in a heroin addict's home." Some people, Rushing added, "get more fellowship out of a bar than they would get in any church."

Bar owner Dottie Leffler said Rushing, a family friend, presented the idea and she did not hesitate.

"I said that's just fine," she said. "Everybody just thinks it's kind of funny. But I think it's nice, real relaxed."

"Some of my regular customers come, and they like it." There is music, preaching and Bible reading — similar to the routine of most church services. But dress is casual, and coffee is provided.

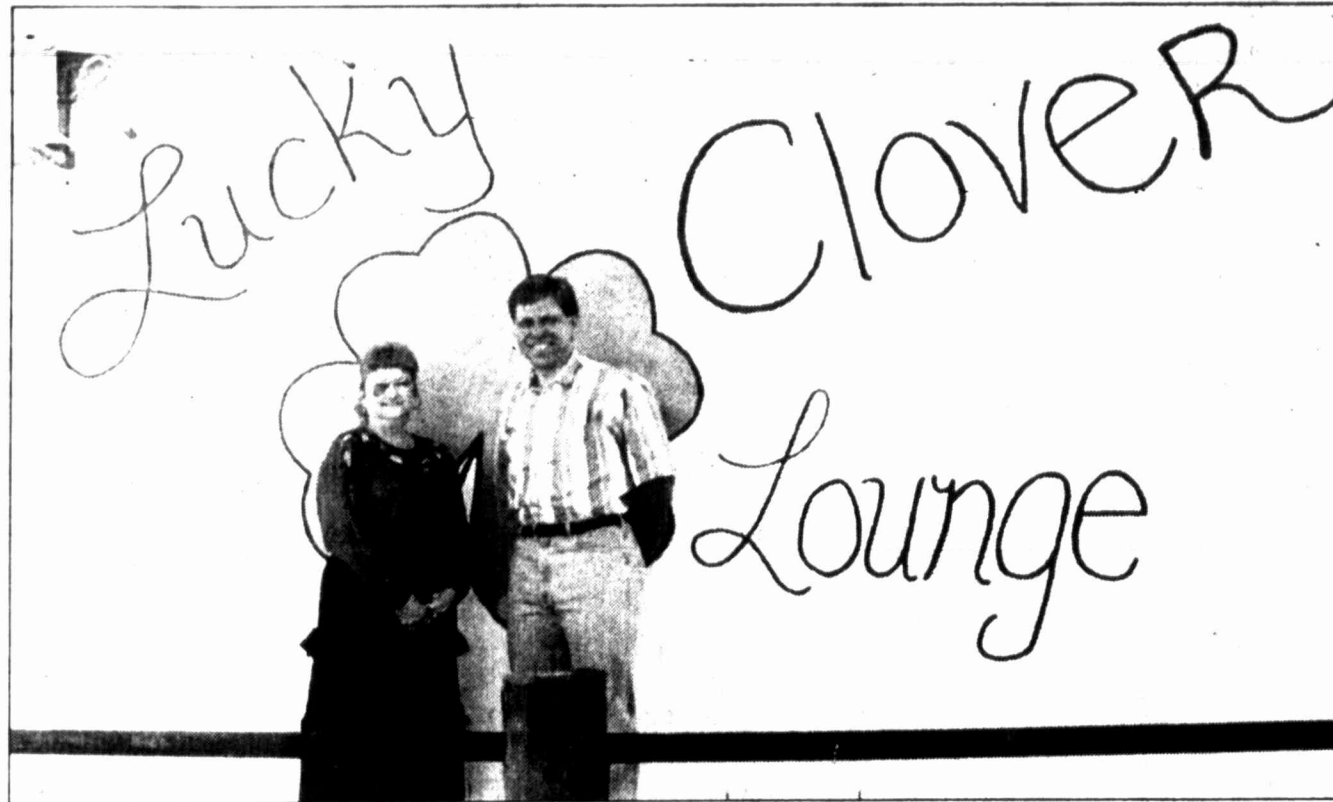
Rushing said the idea of "church in a bar" developed over several years, based on what he experienced while visiting an Argentina prison last year.

There, Rushing explained, the church had a miraculous effect on one of the world's worst prisons — and he saw the power of faith.

"I came back from Argentina last year knowing that God can do anything for anybody," Rushing said.

He wanted to try an outreach in Big Spring, aimed at "those who are really in need."

"I'm changing my methods," he said. "But I'm not changing my message. If we're going to



Dottie Leffler and the Rev. Lee Rushing stand outside Leffler's Big Spring bar, the Lucky Clover Lounge. Rushing has led two worship services at the bar on Sunday mornings, and plans a third Sunday at 10 a.m.

reach people that aren't darkening the doors of our churches, we've got to change our methods."

Christians, Rushing said, need to "be purposeful in building relationships with people who do not have a relationship with Christ."

If that means moving the church service out of the church building, Rushing said, then that's what needs to be done.

"My concern," he said, "is to turn on the light of the gospel and let God take care of the darkness."

Since word has spread about his unusual services, Rushing said other businesses have contacted him about bringing church services to them.

For more information, call him at 268-1234. Church begins at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Lucky Clover.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

CHURCH NEWS

First United Methodist Church

"Dancing on Christmas Candlelight" (John 1:1-18) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how Christ brings joy into our hearts the closer we get to Christmas. During this service there will be the annual "March to the Manger," a special offering for the San Antonio, Waco Homes and the Big Spring Salvation Army. The traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Ceremony will be on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

During the service on Dec. 28, wear a gift you received and be ready to tell others about it. Share the Joy!

St. Mary's Episcopal

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet in the Parish Hall Saturday, Dec. 20, at 8 a.m. for their monthly meeting and breakfast.

The Parish Christmas Caroling and party is on Saturday, Dec. 20. Meet at the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, our party will be at the home of Rocky and Barbara Harris, 612 Tulane.

Decorating the church and soup luncheon is Sunday, Dec. 21, at 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Eucharist - Wednesday, Dec. 24, beginning at 10:30 p.m. at the church. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist Service, Thursday, Dec. 25, at 10:30 a.m.

Advent Quiet Day - St. Nicholas' Church, 2900 Princeton, in Midland on Saturday, Dec. 20. The program entitled, "Journeying into the Heart of the Christ Child," led by Fr. David Krause, starts at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

First Christian Church

During the 10:50 a.m. worship service at First Christian Church this Sunday, Rev. Gary Groves' sermon, "It Doesn't Happen Everyday" will be taken from the Biblical text found in Isaiah 9:1-6.

The First Christian Church would also like to take this opportunity to invite the community to join us at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve for our annual Candlelight Christmas Eve service. In addition to the Christmas message of Christ's birth, Rev. Groves will gather the children around for the special Christmas story of the "Three Trees." What a better time than on the eve of our Savior's birth to gather with family and friends to remember the many wonders of Christmas!

First Church of God

The community is invited to a worship service of beautiful Christmas music. The adult choir of the First Church of God will present the cantata "Joy In This Place" Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

This cantata tells the Christmas story with an exceptional blend of warmth, sensitivity and exuberance. The choir will be directed by Linda Randell.

CrossRoads Church

CrossRoads Church has

Please see CHURCH, page 9A.

CLUB NEWS

Capt. Elisha Mack DAR

Members of the Capt. Elisha Mack DAR chapter of Big Spring met in the home of Mrs. Bill Pollard, 1606 Osage St., on Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. for their annual Christmas party.

Refreshments were served by Chapter Regent, Mrs. J.W. Tipton and the hostess, Mrs. Chas Cummings and Mrs. Bill Pollard.

Gifts were exchanged with a Chinese Auction. This was a lot of fun and good fellowship.

The regular chapter business was postponed to the next meeting in January.

Those attending were: Sara Tipton, Martha Cummings, Carole Lawson, Olive Cowden, Nadine Hodnet, Mickie Waldren, June Reid, Fran Riley, Bonnie Hale, Fern

Alexander, Millie Cunningham, Charlene Ragan, and special guests, Kim and Erin Pollard and Karen Madry with the hostess, Lora Mae Pollard.

1955 Hyperion Club

The 1955 Hyperion Club met Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the home of Charlene Morehead, with Kathryn Perry, co-hostess. Morehead had her home decorated beautifully for the Christmas season and Anna Matt Angel gave the program, "telling a little story called 'Merry Christmas, Mr. Baxter.'"

Sharon Johnston, President, presided over a short business meeting. The club took names of three angels from the community Angel tree. Eleven members were present and three guests, Mary Walker, Kaci Morris, and Anna Matt Angel. Pat Williams was welcomed as a new member. Diane Murphy won the door prize.

Mary Jane Club

Coahoma's Mary Jane Club

held their annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange at the community center with Marie Ethridge, Eula Bell Fowler and Nan McKinney as cohostesses.

The center was beautifully decorated for Christmas and featured a lighted reindeer and a sleigh loaded with wrapped gifts. A lively Chinese-auction gift exchange was followed by a salad luncheon. Guests dined at tables adorned in red and green with centerpieces of pine. Each of the 13 guests received a Santa Claus lapel pin as a favor from the hostesses.

1948 Hyperion Club

The 1948 Hyperion club held its December meeting in the home of Zula McCrary with cohostesses Betty Price and Roberta Shive.

The beautifully decorated home and yard made the perfect setting for a lovely holiday luncheon and gift exchange. There were 20 members in attendance.

Let's examine our hearts, and monitor our tongues for the sake of our kids

A letter to the Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune from a 12-year-old asked, "How has such a great civilization stooped so low as to swear in front of future generations?" Another letter written by a fourth grader said, "When I hear swearing, I feel like shrinking."

Over the past few decades, our society has gone through numerous telling changes. Perhaps one of the most conspicuous changes has been the growth of profanity in the public square.

Profanity is even evidenced in school children all across the land. We have no cause to wonder why children are learning to swear at younger and younger ages.

Adult profanity is foisted upon them in the home, on television, and on the athletic field.

In the movies, even a "G" rating does not guarantee the absence of profanity. Yet, although profanity among the adult population is filtering down to the younger generation, it is the young who are telling us how unbecoming it is for profanity to be a mark of a society.

Jesus said of those who would follow His teachings, "you are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). All who profess to be followers of Christ have a responsibility to influence society for the good. Our examples ought to be of the highest standard.

That standard must, of all places, begin with the tongue.

The Lord also said, "Not what enters into the mouth defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles man" (Matthew 15:11).

The standard by which we should govern our words was well stated by the apostle Paul, "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29).

Profanity has never given grace to the hearer. There is no occasion when profanity is more needful than another word.

Profanity, rather, tears down self-esteem in the listener. It belittles and abuses and disparages.

Society, it may be said, has more important problems than for us to worry about profanity. But profanity is a sign of disrespect for others that shows up in other facets of society. A society profane in its speech will probably remain profane in its characters.

Recently, Bill Cowher, head coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers decided to make a conscious effort to clean up his speech. He reached that decision when he was caught on national television screaming a profanity on the sideline of a football game.

When he had to explain to his family what he had said, he realized that he is an example for thousands of young people.

Profanity may be commonplace now, but all it will take to remove it from the public square is for individuals to examine their hearts and monitor their tongues.

We need not be a society that stoops so low as to swear in front of future generations. Russell Mullins is minister at Coahoma Church of Christ.



Russell Mullins
Guest Columnist



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Elbow Elementary students recently collected money to buy gifts for Salvation Army Angel Tree children. Some of those who participated, shown with some of the gifts they delivered Wednesday, are, from left (standing) Bree Clark, Eric Denton, Amanda Longorio, Kyle Daniel; (sitting, back row) Reagan Rotan, Joshua Hatfield, Deston Scroggins, Laura Spence, Leslie O'Rear, Maci Johnson, and in front, Dane Johnson and Noelle McDowell.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Want to see Living Tree again?

For those who missed the annual presentation of the Living Christmas Tree at First United Methodist Church earlier this month, or those who just want to see it again, a video of the event was made. It will be broadcast Sunday at 7 p.m. on cable channel 10.

The entire production will be shown. It is a Christmas musical collaboration of several local churches, with narration.

For more information, call First Methodist at 267-6394.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Holiday camp planned

Big Spring Family YMCA is planning a holiday camp for children in the community whose parents must work during the school break.

Trained staff will provide educational, fun activities in a safe environment. Dates are Dec. 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 and Jan. 2. Hours are 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information, call 267-8234.

Lutheran church program

St. Paul Lutheran Church plans a Christmas program Sunday beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will include the choir, musical instruments and narration. The public is invited to attend.

Call the church at 267-7163 for more information.

THE LAST WORD

Don't talk unless you can improve the silence.
Vermont proverb

If you don't say anything, you won't be called on to repeat it.
Calvin Coolidge

I conceived at least one great love in my life, of which I was always the object.
Albert Camus

Big Spring Friday, Dec 19, 1997

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By LISA JOHNSON
St. Louis Po

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Experts share tips to avoid depression during holidays

By LISA JONES TOWNSEL
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Sleigh bells ringing, carolers singing, festive lights twinkling, and there you sit sulking. What's wrong with this picture?

You could very well be depressed.

The holiday season might be most memorable for mistletoe and making merry, but it's also the time of year when some people pop a mental fuse because they feel loads of pressure to prepare the best meal, attend the most parties and buy the most perfect gifts.

"Depressive feelings are going to slap you in the face during the holiday season," says Dr. Lori DeRosear, medical director of the St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center. "It's very rare that people are all that happy around the holidays. It's too much."

Multiple life issues can bring on depression, DeRosear says. "We have clinical, or major, depression, and then we have situational depression, which is more psychological, not medical."

The biggest factor that leads to situational depression during the holidays is a change in routine. "Stress, whether good or bad, depletes our brain of neurochemicals responsible for keeping us from getting anxiety and depressed," DeRosear notes.

It's important to validate your feelings, recognize the triggers and then avoid putting yourself in stressful situations during the holiday season and beyond. "A little forethought is very good," she says. "People think that everybody else is having a wonderful time, when, in reality, many people would just as soon hope the holidays didn't happen."

DeRosear and other mental-health experts say people need to lower expectations for themselves and others. "Help yourself out by not going to too many events and not having too many high expectations," she says. "Try to keep the same routine as the rest of the year."

Xavier Amador, an associate professor at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University and a psychology and health contributor to the "Today Show," agrees. "We're bombarded by Norman Rockwell-esque images," he says. "If you don't fit them, you feel pressure. During the holidays, we feel a lot of pressure to feel up and joyous. There's a common myth among many people that you can control your feelings during the holidays."

Last month, Amador stopped in St. Louis as part of a book-promotion tour for his new book, "When Someone You Love Is Depressed: How To Help Your Loved One Without Losing Yourself."

Four common triggers for the holiday blues are pressure to feel good, reminders of loss, high expectations and alcohol, Amador says.

"Alcohol is a depressant. It makes you feel good for an hour or so. But when you're drinking, you're also likely to be triggering small bouts of depression."

Glitter, garland and galas may help raise spirits, but they also may unconsciously bring personal shortcomings to the forefront.

"Sometimes the holidays remind people of the issues that are going on in their lives that they may not have a handle on," says Paul Guyton, a psychiatric social worker at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Crafter's nutcracker creations are uniformed, but unique

DALLAS (AP) — Connie Jo Avery makes nutcrackers, those hand-held darlings of the holiday season. Big ones, almost 4 feet tall — just about right for the Jolly Green Giant.

Somebody once asked Ms. Avery if her 44-inch-tall nutcrackers, decorative though they might be, really do crack nuts. In response, she popped a big pecan into Dohla's wooden jaws and SWAK! Pecan pieces flew every which way.

The stunned onlooker stared wide-eyed for a moment. Ms. Avery assumed a look of childlike innocence and said, "Next question?"

Dohla is named for John C. Dohla, a Hessian soldier in an Anspach-Beyreuth infantry regiment that served in the Revolutionary War from 1777 until its capture and repatriation in the 1780s. Mrs. Avery knows all this because she paints her handmade nutcrackers with the uniforms of the French, German and British troops that fought in the American Revolution.

Ms. Avery designed and built her first set of nutcrackers in 1992. "Until I made my first one," she says, "I had never picked up a saw in my life. I had two brothers and a sister, and my brothers did the wood-working. Maybe I picked it up by osmosis."

But she knew she had a creative streak. "When I was about 8 or 9, one of my teachers wanted to give me art lessons because I always wanted to paint. When I was 10 years old, I painted my grandmother's house."

The oldest of four children who grew up around the Houston oil fields, Ms. Avery pursued her creative urge by enrolling in college about 20 years ago to study architecture. She didn't make it through the first year.

Instead, she discovered she had ovarian cancer and that it had spread to her colon. At 25,

she had her uterus, ovaries and part of her intestinal tract removed. Chemotherapy, radiation and more surgery followed.

She was so weakened, doctors didn't think she would live. Quietly, they told her parents that they had done all they could do; the rest was up to her.

"My father came into my room and whispered that he had to go back to work but that my mother would stay with me," she says. "I didn't know until later that he was so afraid I would die that he couldn't bear to be there when it happened."

"Ironically, I felt reassured. I knew Daddy wouldn't leave me unless he thought I was OK, and knowing that made me strong. He didn't tell me the real reason until much later."

When she left the hospital, she says, she just wanted a job, something that would help her get back on her feet. "I still knew there was something out there for me; I just didn't know what."

She worked as a computer programmer and systems analyst and eventually built a career as a small-business consultant. But the artistic urge lingered, so she took a painting course at Collin County Community College.

"That's when I decided to rearrange my life and focus on art as a career," she says. In 1990, she received a request to paint eight 10-foot nutcrackers for Preston Center. "It was like a seed had been planted. Nutcrackers. They are so charming and full of personality. I fell in love with them."

"I spent several evenings in a makeshift Lakewood storefront, working to bring these very large cutouts to life," she says. People leaving the restaurant next door would peek through her windows and she would peek back and see parents talking to their little chil-

dren. "The little ones' eyes would get big, just filled with wonder. I knew this was special for them, and that made me really happy."

"When the nutcrackers were loaded for delivery," she says, "I knew there was something about them that wouldn't end."

By 1993 she had decided to leave computers. "I began planning the logistics for the change, keeping my vision in front of me at all times. I don't think of myself as a religious person; I don't go to church or anything like that, but I do have God in my life. And I think that there was a plan for me to do what I'm doing."

Three years later, the C.J. Avery Nutcracker Co. was born.

She calls them her children. Ms. Avery, 47, is twice divorced and otherwise childless. She shares her Richardson home with 7-year-old Odi, her affectionate toy dachshund, and a growing collection of books on the American Revolution. She replicates uniforms from the books as closely as she can, down to braid, epaulets, fur and feathers.

"Once I decided to make the nutcrackers, I wanted to dress them in something distinctive," she says. "Since nutcrackers are traditionally soldiers, I thought, 'Hey, why not Revolutionary soldiers?'"

She began researching uniforms and stumbled upon another new love: American history.

"I never knew that much about the revolution," she says. "I knew a lot about Texas history 'cause they teach that until it comes out of your ears. And because it bored me to death, I thought all history was boring. I admit it, I didn't pay much attention."

Each nutcracker is signed, dated and numbered as part of a limited edition, and accompanied by a historical description.

CHURCH

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recently called Jeff Janca as pastor. He is a graduate of Howard Payne University and has served on staff in Baptist and nondenominational churches in Brownwood and Corpus Christi.

"Our purpose at CrossRoads Church, is to be an encourager church, pointing people to Jesus, and encouraging and helping, the wounded and hurting."

CrossRoads Church will have a Christmas Eve service this Wednesday at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend. CrossRoads Church is located at 3401 E. 11th and FM 700. For more information, call 264-0734.

Church of the Harvest

The Children's ministries of the Harvest will present "Ten Christmas Sheep," a pageant that brings a new dimension to the classic Christmas story, Sunday during 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. services. Communion will be served at the evening service, and "No Walls" Praise and Worship band will perform at both services.

The public is invited to attend.

"No Walls" Praise and Worship band will have a Christmas bake sale at Big Spring Mall Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

There will be no service Wednesday at Church of the Harvest.

Due to the Christmas holiday, Church news deadline for the Friday, Dec. 26 paper will be Tuesday, Dec. 23 at noon. Sunday life! deadlines are also Tuesday at noon next week.

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Denison, Texas City top 4A all-state team, Steers trio gets mention

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — While Big Spring's Antwone Edwards, Jeff Denton and Brock Gee earned honorable mention in balloting for the Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 4A all-state team released Thursday, it was powerhouses Texas City and Denison that took the lion's share of first-team selections.

Texas City, which won a state title last weekend, and Denison, which will be playing in its third straight final this weekend, each placed three players on the APSE team.

Linebacker Everick Rawls, defensive lineman Jermain Anderson and defensive back Joe Grant all made the first-team off the Texas City squad that defeated Corsicana 37-34 in last Saturday's Division I final. Rawls also was voted the defensive player of the year.

Texas City coach Rusty Dowling described Rawls and Anderson as "the kind of guys you



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have to have to win state championships." He added that Grant, who also starts at receiver, "has probably been involved in as many or more big plays than anybody we have."

Denison, which faces La Marque in the Division II championship Saturday, was represented by offensive lineman Chad Carlat, running back Chris Robertson and defensive lineman Aaron Hunt.

"They're all very deserving kids," said Denison coach Bob Brown, whose 15-0 team finished the regular season ranked No. 1 in the AP poll. "They all stepped up their performance every year and every week in our program. I think all three are legitimate Division I recruits."

La Marque had no first-teamers, while Corsicana's lone honoree was offensive lineman Billy Yates. Yates was the only player on last year's first-team offense to make it back. Jacksonville linebacker Kevin Aldridge was the only returning player on the first-team defense.

Three teams each placed two players on the first team, notably Waco Midway, which was ousted by Texas City in the semifinals. Midway's honorees were quarterback Brandon Johnson and his favorite target, receiver Kevin Brown. Johnson also was voted offensive player of the year.

West-Orange Stark was represented by off-

sive lineman Rusty Bernard and defensive lineman Charles Sias. Andrews had first-teamers in running back Shaud Williams and defensive back Waylon Mayfield.

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.

The other running backs were Tellis Redmon, who played at second-year Colleyville Heritage this year after winning a state title at Grapevine last year, and John Richardson, who replaced last year's first-team running back Burnest Rhodes at Terrell.

Rounding out the first-team offense were linemen Antwan Kirk-Hughes of Waxahachie and Jonathan Pritchett of Clear Brook, receiver Jorge Villareal of San Angelo Lake View and

See ALL-STATE, page 2B

Bufs, Eagles boast potent offenses

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

STANTON — If anything's certain about Saturday's Class 2A state championship football game between Stanton's Buffaloes and Rogers' Eagles, it's a bet that it will be a high-scoring affair.

Judging from the scores turned in by both teams' high-octane offenses this season, it could take a degree in mathematics just to total the final score.

It's a prospect Stanton coach Mark Cotton, despite wishing otherwise, admits is likely when his Buffs and Joel Berry's Eagles step onto Texas Stadium's artificial turf at 6 p.m. Saturday.

"I hope not, but it really does look that way," Cotton said when asked if he believed both teams would light up the scoreboard.

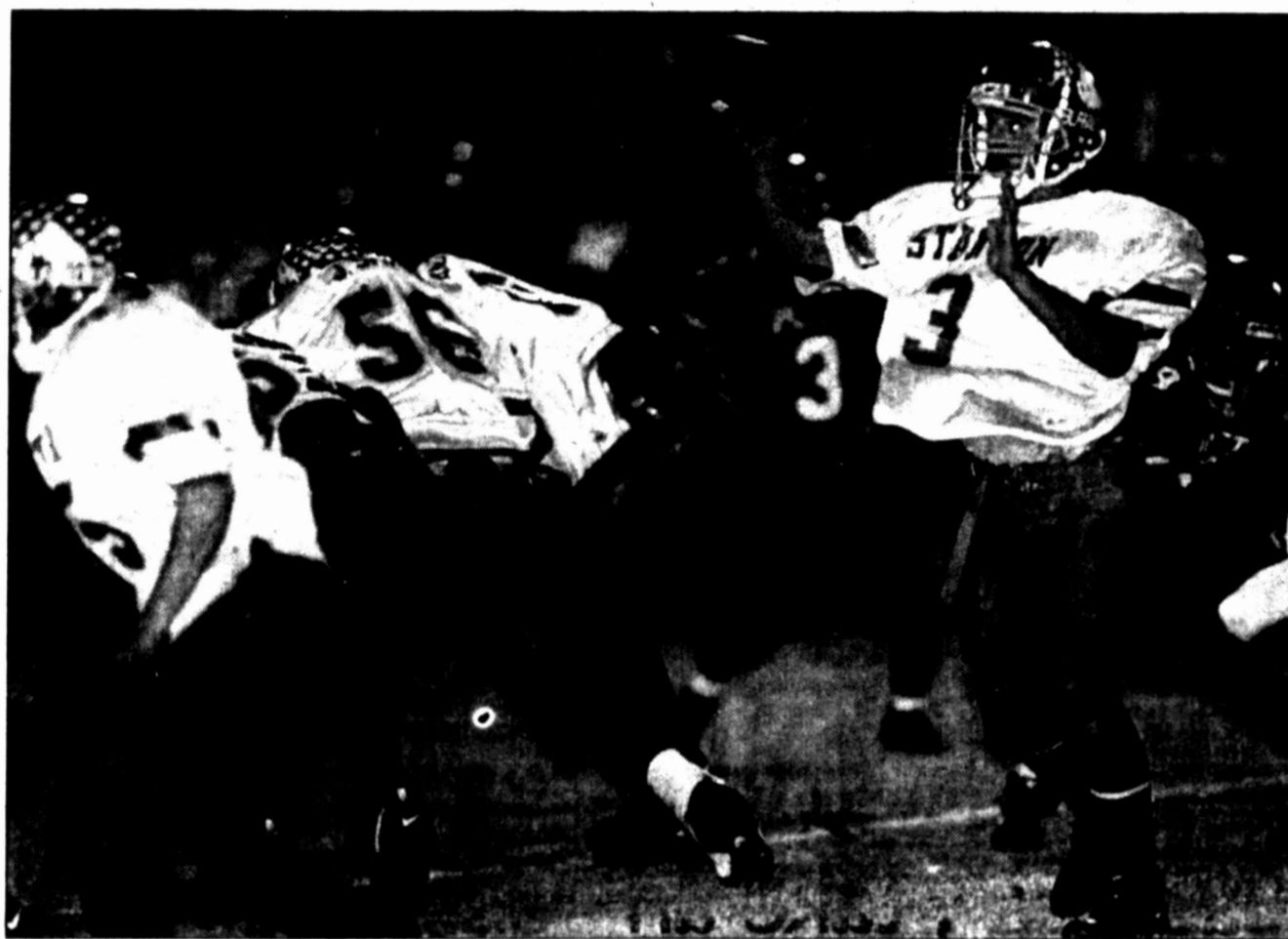
"All you have to do is look at the way they've beaten people and the kind of total offensive yardage they've put together and you know you'd rather not get in a scoring contest," Cotton explained.

Stanton, of course, has been highly effective at scoring, as well.

The Buffaloes, who bring a 15-0 record into the title game, have scored less than 35 points just once in the playoffs — their 21-20 semifinal win over Lockney. They returned to form last week, eliminating Italy in a 35-7 semifinal rout.

Entering the playoffs, Stanton had averaged better than 40 points per game — many times scoring nearly that many points in the first two

See BUFFS, page 3B.



Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm (3) shown here completing a pass against Post in the Buffs' playoff win over Post's Antelopes, will be pitting his sparkling skills against Rogers' record-setting Patrick Hutka Saturday in the Class 2A state championship game at Texas Stadium.

West Texas collectively backing Stanton

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

STANTON — When Stanton's Buffaloes step onto the floor of Texas Stadium for Saturday's Class 2A state championship game with Rogers' Eagles, they'll not only be carrying the banner for Stanton, but all of West Texas.

That fact isn't lost on Mark Cotton and his Buffs.

"The support we've received from the community has been tremendous," Cotton said. "It's really been something to see the community get

so excited about these kids.

"I was talking with one man who told me the only thing that could possibly be better for this town than our to the finals would be high cotton prices," he added. "That's a pretty big compliment. There's no way we could have imagined the impact our success has had, but it's not just our success. We can't possibly thank everyone enough."

But if Cotton and his team have been surprised by the community's support, they've been literally flabbergasted by well-wishers from the

See SUPPORT, page 3B

Faith powers Berry along difficult road

By TIM WAITS

Temple Daily Telegram

ROGERS — Joel and Rhonda Berry knew God wouldn't give them any more than they could handle over the last four years, but they did start to wonder how far their limits would be stretched.

The Berrys are now reaping the benefits of four years of perseverance following a difficult head football coaching transition at Rogers and a series of family medical problems, one of which almost took the life of their infant son earlier this year.

After three straight area round finishes, Joel is now coaching the Eagles in their first Class 2A state championship football game Saturday at 6 p.m. against Stanton in Texas Stadium. The four-year march to this game, however, didn't come without blood, sweat and tears.

"It comes back to trying to teach young kids our philosophy and prepare young boys to become young men," said the 33-year-old coach. "The only way to do that is by modeling that."

"There were some emotional times behind closed doors with some trials and tribulations," he said. "But that's what makes you stronger."

At this point, Berry may have the strength of Samson to go with the patience of Job.

Berry's dreams were realized four years ago when the Rogers school board hired the young former Southlake Carroll assistant to become their new head football coach. Berry was following in the footsteps of his father, Donnel, who coached at several schools for 25 years.

But instead of being overwhelmingly accepted into the fold, Berry's hiring caused a firestorm of dissent.

Berry was replacing Donald Godwin, one of the winningest coaches in Texas high. Godwin spent 31 years building a wildly successful program in Rogers.

Many in the town expected Al Hefft, Godwin's assistant of 17 years, to be handed the job. When he didn't, much of the

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Coaches who've been there recall title games

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Stanton's Buffaloes and Rogers' Eagles will be making their schools' first ever appearances in a state championship football game Saturday. It will also be the first time Mark Cotton and his counterpart, Joel Berry, have coached a team to the state finals.

One step away from reaching the pinnacle of his profession, Cotton said Tuesday he is awed by being fortunate enough to take a team into the 16th week of the schoolboy football season.

He is keenly aware that many accomplished coaches

spend their entire careers and never have the opportunity to contend for a state championship.

"I was thinking about that last night," Cotton explained, noting that his first thoughts were of long-time friend and mentor Bill Grissom, who has announced his retirement as Colorado City's coach.

"I can't think of a better coach than Bill Grissom," he said. "I served on his staffs at Hamlin, Breckenridge and here for 17 years. He's a tremendous coach and motivator ... a great educator, but he never had a chance to play for the state championship."

It is such emotions that rise,

swell and sometimes overwhelm a coach going into a title game, according to other coaches who've previously lived the experience.

Billy Barnett, who coached the Sands Mustangs to the state six-man football quarterfinals this season, has led teams to the title game three times and served as an assistant on two other finals.

"It starts in those last few minutes of the semifinal game when you know you've won," Barnett explained. "It's just the greatest feeling in the world. Everything you've been working for since two-a-days in August has paid off ... you're headed to the BIG game."

Coahoma boss Jim Edwards, who coached Munday's Moguls to the state finals in 1984 and 1990 — defeating Union Hill the first time and losing to Bartlett in the latter, not only knows what it's like to get there, but has been predicting Stanton's title bid since losing to the Buffs the second week of the season.

"When we played Stanton, I said they looked like a state championship to me," Edwards said. "Some people looked at me like I was crazy, but I told them that I've seen state champions before ... coached them. You could see it in their faces,"

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Florida stopover helps Jazz iron out problems

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — A two-game stopover in Florida was just what the Utah Jazz needed to work out their problems on the road.

The defending Western Conference champions beat the Miami Heat to stop a three-game road skid, then defeated the Orlando Magic 85-73 Thursday night to improve to 2-1 on an East Coast swing that continues Sunday at Cleveland.

Overall, the Jazz are 5-7 away from home, while they've compiled a 10-2 record at the Delta Center.

"These are all big wins when you're out on the road and you have been playing the way we have been playing," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "You have to get some confidence somewhere. The last couple of games our guys seem to be better, a little

more together."

In other NBA games, Seattle defeated Denver 119-106, the Los Angeles Clippers beat Golden State 82-78 and Phoenix downed Dallas 89-75.

Karl Malone scored 30 points, and the Jazz broke open a close game with a 13-0 second-half run.

"We're starting to get back to where we want to be," the NBA's second-leading scorer said. "It's a tough road, but we just need to keep working and see what happens."

Malone didn't have a basket during the seven-minute stretch in which the Jazz took control of the game, but delivered nine of his team's final 11 points down the stretch.

He also drew a mixed response from a small portion of the Orlando Arena crowd of 17,258 who saw him pat female official

Dee Kantner on the rear end in the third quarter.

The same kind of thing happens frequently with male officials, and Kantner did not appear to be offended.

"I think they (female referees) are doing a great job. ... In some jobs you can't give them a pat," Malone said. "But you are going to treat them like guys. They know that."

Rony Seikaly had 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead Orlando, which shot 38 percent from the field and was held to 34 points in the second half — 13 in the fourth quarter.

"We had a horrendous shooting night, and I thought we looked flat for the first time all year," Orlando coach Chuck Daly said. "But we had to play our three inside people (Seikaly, Horace Grant, Bo Outlaw) for over 40 minutes. That's too much."

Bulldogs top Reagan County

HERALD Staff Report

COAHOMA — Ryan Peckham scored a game-high 26 points and Blake Nichols added 24 in leading Coahoma's Bulldogs to a 92-84 win over Reagan County's Owls.

The Bulldogs, used to outshooting their opponents from 3-point range, saw Reagan County nail 10 of the long distance jumpers, while they could manage just eight.

But Coahoma took a 19-14 lead at the end of the first period and extended it to a 45-35 margin at halftime.

Going into the final eight minutes, Coahoma owned a 65-51 lead, but the Owls, paced by Joe Comacho, mounted a furious rally, scoring 33 points down the stretch.

Comacho paced the Owls with 25 points, while Ray Reyes and Brian Goodloe added 11 points apiece and Kurtis Neal scored 10.

Peckham and Blake got tremendous scoring support, however, as three more Bulldogs finished the night in double figures. Kurt Bennett, Robert Lain and Jason Gwyn each had 11 points and Regi Roberts added eight.

The Bulldogs improved to 10-3 with the victory, while Reagan County saw its record dip to 8-5.

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kicker Shane Armstrong of Friendswood.

Ricky Salinas of Edcouch-Elsa was the other defensive lineman, Tyreo Harrison of Sulphur Springs was the other linebacker and the other two defensive backs were Michael Lewis of Lamar Consolidated and Tobin Swope of Highland Park. Ed Johnson of Fort Worth Arlington Heights was the punter.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE
LINEMEN
RUSTY BERNARD, West Orange-Stark, 6-3, 255, Sr. — 77 punts, graded out at 91 percent during the regular season on 100 district chump.

CHAD CARLAT, Denison, 6-4, 225, Sr. — top lineman for No. 1 team
ANTWAN KIRK-HUGHES, Waxahachie, 6-4, 205, Sr. — key man on line of team that averaged 403 yards, 35 points

IGNATHAN PRITCHETT, Clear Brook, 6-4, 230, Sr. — tight end was top blocker on team that averaged 328 yards per game; caught 3 TD passes

RILEY YATES, Corsicana, Sr. 6-3, 285 — first team last year; led line producing 1,631 yards rushing

ENDS
KEVIN BROWN, Waco Midway, 5-10, 175, Sr. — 51, 1,032; 60 yards rushing; 191 yards on returns

JURGE VILLAREAL, San Angelo Lake View, 6-4, 185, Sr. — 64, 1,070, 7 TDs; second in state in catches, third in yards

QUARTERBACK
BRYANT JOHNSON, Waco Midway, 5-10, 175, Sr. — 138, 2,202, 602; 30 TDs, 8 INTs

RUNNING BACKS
TELLUS REDMON, Colleyville Heritage, 6-1, 180, Sr. — 248, 1,559

JOHN RICHARDSON, Terrell, 5-11, 175, Sr. — 174

CHRIS ROBERTSON, Denison, 6-3, 190, Sr. — 173, 1,621, 152 points

SHAUD WILLIAMS, Andrews, 5-8, 175, Jr. — 277, 1,866, 23 TDs

PLACE KICKER
SHATE ARMSTRONG, Friendswood, 6-1, 175, Sr. — hit 38 PATs and 11 FGs this year on 41 points

DEFENSE
OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Brandon Johnson, Waco Midway

DEFENSE
LINEMEN
TERRAIN ANDERSON, Texas City, 6-3, 220, Sr. — 60 tackles, 135 assists, 25 solo, 20 for loss, 4 forced fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries (1 for TD), 10 hurries, 1 INT, 6 pass breakups, 10 sacks

ARLON HUNT, Denison, 6-4, 215, Sr. — 13 tackles for loss, seven sacks, three blocks, 1 INT in a defense that gave up 7.3 points per game

RICKY SALINAS, Edcouch-Elsa, 6-3, 252, Sr. — 84 tackles, 20 solo, 19 sacks, 1 fumble recovery, 1 INT for 19th team that allowed 36 points, and 154 rushing yards all season

CHARLES SIAS, West Orange-Stark, 6-0, 221, Sr. — 72 solo tackles, 20 assists, 10 sacks on 10.0 team; defense allowed just 11.6 yards per game

LINEBACKERS
KEVIN ALDRIDGE, Jacksonville, 6-2, 235, Sr. — had 93 tackles, 2 INTs, first team last year

TYEOR HARRISON, Sulphur Springs, 6-3, 235, Sr. — 119 tackles (77 solo), 22 for loss

EVERICK RAWLS, Texas City, 6-1, 205, Sr. — 114 tackles (90 assist), 24 solo, 12 for loss, 4 forced fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries (1 returned for TD), 13 hurries, 1 INT, 1 pass break up and 5 sacks

DEFENSIVE BACKS
JOE GRANT, Texas City, 6-1, 155, Sr. — six INTs, including two returned for TDs in one game

MICHAEL LEWIS, Lamar Consolidated, 6-3, 190, Sr. — 5 INTs

WAYLON MAYFIELD, Andrews, 6-2, 185, Sr. — 31 solo tackles, 34 assisted tackles, 4 pass breakups, 7 INTs, 1 TD, 1 fumble recovery

JOHN SWOPE, Highland Park, 6-0, 175, Jr. — 5 INTs

PUNTER
ED JOHNSON, FW Arlington Heights, Sr. — 6, 170 — 43, 42, 6

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Frank Rawls, Texas City

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
JUSTIN GADSBERRY, Ennis, 6-1, 245, Sr. — 100

JEFF HARBAUGH, FW Arl. Heights, 6-7, 200, Sr. — 100

SCOTT KELLY, Brownwood, 6-0, 220, Sr. — 100

KEITH MEYER, Bay City, 6-4, 265, Sr. — 100

MARIN SCHWELLE, Canyon Randall, 5-9, 200, Sr. — 100

RILEY CARDWELL, Stephenville, 5-9, 175, Sr. — 100

KEVIN ANDERSON, Livingston, 5-9, 175, Sr. — 100

JOHN FREEMAN, Brownwood, 6-3, 205, Sr. — 100

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BRUCE SUMRALL, Nederland, 5-10, 190, Sr. — 100

JOHN THOMAS, FW Arl. Heights, 5-7, 175, Sr. — 100

DEFENSE
DUSTY BLOCKER, Waco Midway, 6-2, 240, Sr. — 100

CHRIS CAMPBELL, Mt. Pleasant, 6-1, 220, Sr. — 100

GERALD MORGAN, Mesquite Point, 6-4, 200, Sr. — 100

JOHN THOMAS, Texas City, 6-3, 270, Sr. — 100

LEWIS KENNEDY, Waller, 5-10, 190, Sr. — 100

JOE MARICHALAR, Edcouch-Elsa, 6-0, 220, Sr. — 100

MARCUS MOSLEY, Dallas South Oak Hill, 6-5, 210, Sr. — 100

JOHNATHAN PALAFOX, Sweetwater, 6-0, 180, Sr. — 100

BOYD KENT BLACK, Canyon Randall, 5-11, 171, Sr. — 100

QUINTRON BROWN, Ennis, 5-11, 190, Jr. — 100

TERRANCE CALHOUN, Austin Reagan, 5-10, 175, Jr. — 100

BRIAN CLARK, Brownwood, 5-11, 175, Sr. — 100

TIGH THRIFT, Bay City, 6-0, 180, Sr. — 100

CHARLES RUSSELL, Canyon, 6-0, 200, Sr. — 100

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE
LINEMEN

Scott Rexco, Smithson Valley, James Togo Higley, Conroe, Oak Ridge, Daniel Lewis, Smithson Valley, Chris McIntire, Stephenville, Brandon Morales, Schertz Clemens, Rick Raymond, Smithson Valley, Ben Smith, Brownwood, Kelly Terrill, Stephenville

ENDS
Marvin Baugus, FW Eastern Hills, Matt Blackburn, Stephenville, John Paul Boone, SA Lanier, Jonathan Cooper, La Marque, Bethel Johnson, Corsicana, Marty Jones, Brownwood

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Stanton's kids looked like state champions.
Edwards echoed Barnett's sentiments, stressing that simply getting to the final game was reward in itself.
"This week before the game is a fun week, because everyone's so excited ... you're excited ... the kids ... the community. There's really nothing like it," Edwards added.
Texas Tech head coach Spike Dykes, who played in a championship game his senior year at Ballinger and coached Midland Lee to the Class 5A finals in 1983 — in both instances, his teams lost.
"It seems like it happens so fast ... there's just nothing really like it," said Dykes, who has coached the Red Raiders to a Southwest Conference championship.
"You don't have time to really prepare for everything that's happening," he added. "You've worked all year long. All of a sudden, you're there; and then, just as quickly, it's almost gone before you know it."
"You've gotten to that last week and it just vanishes ... especially if you lose."
However, if Cotton and Berry experience the same emotions Barnett's felt, today will mark a drastic slowing of events.
"Beginning Friday it's like every minute lasts forever," he said.

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quarters.

Rogers, with a 14-1 record, advanced to the championship with a 42-33 win over Alto — the Eagles' one-back, shotgun, no-huddle offense literally taking the favored Yellowjackets right out of their game.

The Eagles are led by the record-setting passing combination of quarterback Patrick Hutka and wide receiver Josh Whatley. Hutka, a converted receiver, has passed for 4,346 yards by completing 273-of-452 passes (60 percent). He's passed for 52 touchdowns and been intercepted just seven times.

Those numbers make Hutka the most successful passer in state history, and if he can pass for 221 yards against the Buffs on Saturday, he'll own the national schoolboy record.

Whatley, one of three quality receivers at Hutka's disposal, has capitalized on his teammate's accuracy, setting state records for both pass receptions and receiving yards.

In addition, Hutka is the Eagles' leading rusher with 1,431 yards to date.

Stanton will counter with junior quarterback Kyle Herm. All he's been able to accomplish is completing 102-of-158 attempts for 2,068 yards and 35 touchdowns while being intercepted five times. He's also rushed 117 times for 776 yards and 14 more TDs.

In any other year, Herm's statistics would have earned him a first-team all-state berth, but that honor went to Hutka. Herm was forced to settle with second-team selections on both offense and defense.

However, Herm's favorite receiver, senior split end Tyrone Davis, joined Whatley as the first-team wideouts on the Associated Press Sports Editors all-state team released earlier this week. Going into Saturday's game, Davis has caught 48 passes for 1,200 yards and 24 touchdowns.

Somewhat forgotten is all that offensive firepower. Cotton says, it the fact that both teams possess excellent defenses.

"We've played great defense all year long and probably had our best defensive game of the year last week against Italy," Cotton noted. "We just rose up and hit them time and time again."

BERRY

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resentment from Godwin-Hefft loyalists was directed at Berry.

"It was a double emotion for me," said Berry. "I'd always dreamed about getting that first head coaching job."

"The other emotion was the challenge," he said. "I was faced with a new job and the changing of the head coach. It was a challenge and a lot of emotions came into play in a small town. There are a lot of ties to athletics and change doesn't come easy."

SUPPORT

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region. Upon learning the Buffaloes would be facing Rogers on Texas Stadium's artificial turf, Odessa High School coach Randy Quisenberry called Cotton and offered Stanton use of its turf shoes.

In addition, the Buffs have been given use of Odessa's Ratliff Stadium for practices this week.

District 6-2A rival Iraan, the defending Class 2A state champion, offered the use of its travel bus to help transport Stanton's contingent to Irving.

Last week, when bitterly cold temperatures arrived as the Buffs were preparing to face Italy in the semifinals, Garden City coach Dennis Bryant offered use of the Bearkats' indoor practice facility. That offer was gratefully accepted.

"I can't begin to tell you all of the things people have done for us, not to mention all the telephone calls we've gotten wishing us well and telling us how proud they are of the job we're doing in representing West Texas," Cotton said. "It's really humbling. There's really no way to express how much we appreciate everything. Somehow, saying 'thank you' just doesn't seem like enough."

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that both they that have
wives be as though they had
none.
I Corinthians 7:29

**God Is Watching
Over Us**

During a recent homily, our pastor was telling us about a Christmas play that was put on by some second-grade children. One of the lines that the child playing Mary had was "Don't worry Joseph, God is watching over us". Several times during the play, whenever they would be confronted with a problem, she would repeat her line, "Don't worry Joseph, God is watching over us". This is a good lesson for us to remember whenever we are overly anxious about some situation. If only we could develop the trust and faith of a child to know that we are God's children and that His love and concern are such that He wants only the best for us. When Mary and Joseph were on their way to Bethlehem, they were well aware that it was near the time for Mary to give birth. While in Bethlehem, Jesus was born and Mary wrapped Him in cloths and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them to stay at the inn. Although we can only imagine the deep concern that Joseph must have had for his wife and child, both Mary and Joseph knew and trusted that God was watching over them.

*I will say of the Lord, He is my
refuge and my fortress: my God;
in Him will I trust.*
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Gift trends this year — services, luxuries

By JESSICA WEHRMAN

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And a soon-to-be released anthology in tribute to the princess is likely to reign supreme in the world of wrapping paper and mistletoe.

As in other recent years, electronics are expected to be big.

'Christmas is traditionally a big time for electronics,' says Conroy, adding it's the ideal time to spend loads of money on gadgets that many people wouldn't buy ordinarily.

Prices of TVs should be low, he said, as manufacturers clear the market for next year's more advanced high-definition televisions. Large-screen televisions and satellite dishes will be particularly popular.

A new style cordless phone will also likely be a hot gift item. The 900 megahertz cordless phone will allow greater security, so the next door neighbor won't be able to eavesdrop.

Among other gifts and gadgets hoped to be hits this holiday season:

The Sharper Image is offering a personal lie detector for those likely to smell a rat in the business world. The "Truth Seeker" can be put on a desk, and lights up for the person who owns the desk when the person sitting opposite sounds stressed. It retails for \$199.

A robot called "Emiglio" is expected to be one of the season's big sellers. The two-

foot-tall device is operated by remote control, and carries a tray that can be used to deliver drinks. The robot actually "speaks" by allowing you to talk through a handset in your voice or a "robot" voice. \$149.

At Bloomingdale's, the "Palm Pilot" is expected to be a hot seller. The electronic organizer is described as "top of the line" and costs \$249.

Both Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue are stocking up on cashmere anything — robes, sweaters, wraps and mittens — in anticipation for a newfound love of the soft material. Sweaters start at \$100 and go up.

Though clothes aren't expected to be hot, anything in brown, chateau or plum tones — in anticipation for a newfound love of the soft material. Sweaters start at \$100 and go up.

Look for computer junkies to stock up on "peripherals" — such as sound cards and laser printers. Conroy predicts the old dot-matrix printers will soon be virtually extinct.

As if buying a vintage wine isn't enough, the Sharper Image is now offering a device that will tone down the acid content of old wines and reveal a fruitier essence. The vintage enhancer looks like a tall opaque glass, but actually makes wine taste sweeter. \$70.

Loving parents cherished no matter what their age

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed the negative responses I received when I asked readers about their experiences as children of older parents.



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

Today I'm printing the positive. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My dad was 46 when I was born. He was the most patient, loving father in the world. He'd show up at school when I was younger, take movies of me playing sports and running. We fished the Grand Canyon, fished, played softball together all my life. He was always there for me, as well as for my daughter. I sent him a dozen roses for his 81st birthday last April and told him how much I loved him. He passed away 2 1/2 weeks later. So, Abby, tell those people in Texas to go for it! — BONNIE ARVONITIS, VISTA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a child born to my mother when she was 40. I lost her when she was 70. My parents filled each holiday with so much enthusiasm, all our friends wanted to share them with us. And they did. When I think of all the unwanted children born to younger parents, I know that when one chooses to have a family at 40, it's because children are WANTED. My father died at the age of 59. I was 21, and yes, I would like to have had him longer. But again, the years I had with him were treasured — and 59 is very young, especially now that I am 59! — BARBARA SHOOP, HOLLYWOOD, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: At age 44, my mother announced to her doctor that she might be pregnant with her seventh child. Without bothering to examine her, he informed her she was going through "the change." A — you name it. Ours was the house where everyone felt comfortable. Mother was my best friend. We traveled together, talked on the phone almost every day, shopped together, laughed together and cried together. She died in 1995, at the age of 81. I miss her every day. Advanced age doesn't preclude one's being a good parent. It depends on the individual. Although I lost my mother sooner than I would have wished, I never forget how lucky I was to have her. — MARY-LOVE BIGONY, few months later, Mother returned and said, "If I'm not pregnant, what is moving around in my stomach?" That was me!

When I was born, my mother was 45 and my father was 57. I was born healthy despite my mother's age, her lack of prenatal care in the first trimester, the fact that she contracted hepatitis during the pregnancy, and consequently had X-rays while I was in there.

Mama was viewed by neighbors as if she had done something immoral or disgusting. Wasn't it bad enough when she had my sister (her sixth) at 39?

Sure, there were times when I was embarrassed by my white-haired parents, especially as a teen-ager. But what teen-agers aren't embarrassed by their parents at some time or another, regardless of age?

Mama is now 75. I am 30 with a family of my own. We are very close. Mama has some health problems, but she's active and independent. I will never regret that she gave me life. My advice to "To Be or Not to Be?" BE! — MAMA'S BABY IN FLORIDA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 20: Confusion marks this year. You might be overwhelmed by what goes on. It is important to verify news and plans. Your communication skills will grow enormously. Your career is demanding; you might have to push hard and give up some fun times. It is worth it, though. If you are single, you might have a problem getting a relationship off the ground because you are so busy. You are likely to meet someone through work, however. If attached, make sure your partner is in touch with what is happening in the different areas of your life. Keep talks flowing. VIRGO makes you nervous.

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) Be direct with others; if there is any way to, a mix-up to happen, it will. Continue tying up loose ends. Confirm plans to get together with loved ones. You are best off flowing with the moment. Don't get frazzled by the hectic pace. Tonight: Get as much done as you can!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might mean well, and a loved one certainly does, but you might have a misunderstanding. Don't permit it to

melts others. Go out and relish the parties, shopping and music. Tonight: You are a driving force.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You need time off from playing Scrooge. You are out of sorts, without a doubt. Take a nap, and indulge yourself. Feel free to cancel plans and regroup. Also, determine what truly ails you. A best friend helps anchor you. Tonight: Get away from it all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Plans change, surprising you. Though you are disappointed, it piques your creativity; you devise more fun plans. Emphasize friendship and celebration. Don't let anyone stop your party from happening. Tonight: Lead tonight's festivities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You seem easily misunderstood, especially by those in power. Use events to buy more time; then you can really enjoy yourself. Be understanding. There is enormous pressure on everyone, not just you. You have a lot of ground to cover. Tonight: Head out and about!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Break patterns, and don't worry. Opt for the higher road, and look at the big picture. How you view another could

change. Be realistic about your expectations. Visit with others, catch up on news and mail all your cards. Plan a getaway. Tonight: Enjoy the Christmas lights.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Defer to another, in order to get the whole picture. Do not get carried away with what is going on; mellow out. You help others through your calmness and sincerity. Go with a loved one to see decorations, finish shopping and have a fun meal. Tonight: Enjoy, enjoy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Others are frazzled, including a parent or boss. You can help everyone out with last-minute details. It is important to stay centered. Visit friends, enjoy yourself and do what you need for the holidays. Bring others together. Tonight: Relish being a socialite!

BORN TODAY Psychic Uri Geller (1946), director George Roy Hill (1922), artist David Levine (1926) For America's best extended horoscope, recorded by Jacqueline Bigar, call (907)740-7444, 99 cents per minute. Also featured are The Spoken Tarot and The Runes, which answer your yes-or-no questions. Callers must be 18 or older. A service of InterMedia Inc., Jenkintown, Pa.

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FURNISHED APTS.

Furnished efficiency apt. 408 W. 5th. Bills pd. HUD app. 263-4922

Apartments, houses, mobile home. References required. 263-6944, 263-2341.

FURNISHED HOUSES

Furnished 1 Large bedroom. 204 E. 22nd. \$265/mo, \$150/dep. Sorry, no pets! 263-4922.

RENT TO OWN

Neat 1 bd., - 2 bdr., 1 bath, 4 bd., - 2 bath, \$300 per mo. - Also 4 acres chained link fence with truck scales, steel box car, office & shed at 1400 N. Birdwell lane, was a scrap iron yard. 264-0510

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FOR RENT OR RENT: 3 bd house, 2 bd, 2 bath house, 4 bd, 2 bath house. Call 267-3905.

2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1103 Stanford. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022.

3/1/1 - \$495, Mobile Home - \$415, 2/1/1 - \$425, No pets 267-2070.

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3 bdr., 2 bath, 2107 Main St. #1(duplex) Hud accepted 267-6050

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Small 3 bd. Mobile Home. W/D, stove & frig., CH/RA. Midway area. \$350/mo. \$150/dep. 393-5585 or after 2pm 267-3114.

Partially fur. 1 bdr. house, single or couple preferred. Dep. required. Call 267-6409 after 6p. m.

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Please Help! Must sell quick '96 GMC Jimmy 4dr. Loaded.; Bernina machine and cabinet; Glastron Inboard Boat & trailer. Call after 6pm 263-1748.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING The following address has gone before the board of Adjustments and Appeals, and have been ordered to be abated by demolition: BILLIE J CHEW, DMR, LOT 4 BK 1 STARBUCK ADDITION, LOCATED AT 1410 BOBBI. A. G. GILBERT ADDRESS UNKNOWN OR PATSY GILBERT, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, LOT 12 BK 2 MT. VIEW, LOCATED AT 1411 MESA. JOHN S. GUNN C/O JANA HILL, 703 E. MAIN, MEXIA, TX 76667. 3349, VERA NELL McMILLIAN, RUBY L. JOHNSON, CLYDE POLK, ALL UNKNOWN, LT 5 BK 7 COLE & STRAYHORN, LOCATED AT 508 E. 12TH. ARNULFO F. HERNANDEZ, JR., 410 NW 5TH, BIG SPRING, TX 79720. LT 6, BK 4, BAUER, LOCATED AT 410 NW 5TH. JAMES T. MARLOW, 1304 CIRCLE, BIG SPRING, TX 79720. LT 7, BK 5, MONTICELLO, LOCATED AT 1304 COLLEGE. C/O OMA T. MURRAY ESTATE, C/O GLEN MURRAY, 700 E. 12TH, BIG SPRING, TX 79720. LT 5 BK 107 ORIGINAL TOWN, LOCATED AT 208 NW 2ND. DEWEY STEWART, DMR, W/25 LT 8 BK 4 MOORE, LOCATED AT 806 NW 4TH. B.A. BURNELL & E.L. MCCURDY, BOX 81 BIG SPRING, TX 79721. FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN OFFICE, R. JONES, BOTH UNKNOWN, LT 2 BK 39 ORIGINAL TOWN, LOCATED AT 1002 GOLIAD. EVE CAVAOS, 806 W. 8TH, BIG SPRING, TX 79720. BIG SPRING EDUCATION EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, 1110 BENTON, BIG SPRING, TX 79720. E/507, LTS 4-6, BK 6, CEDAR CREST, LOCATED AT 806 W. 8TH. Kathy H. Davis Building Official 1679 December 19, 21 & 22, 1997

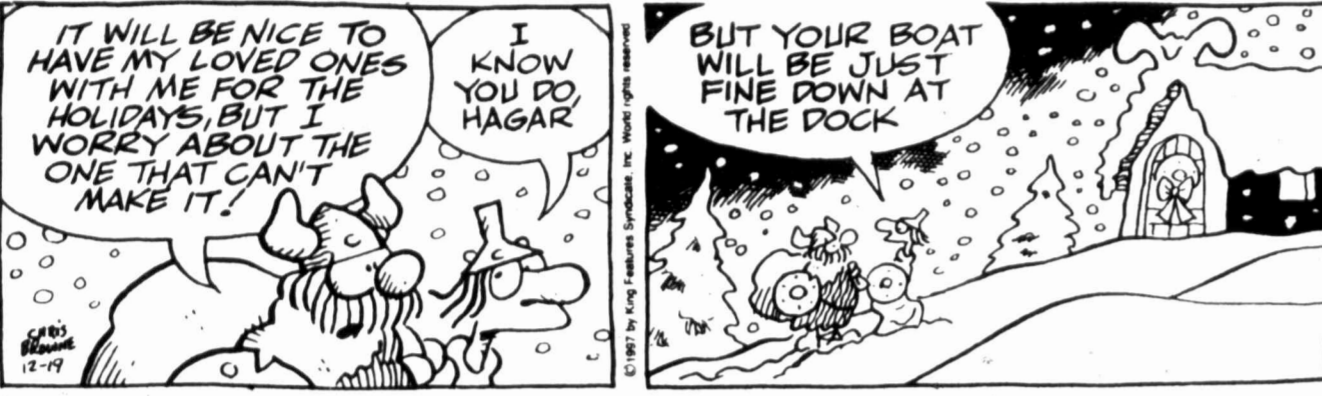
PUBLIC NOTICE The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., on February 4, 1998 at 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, for the purchase of a one (1) ton crew cab pickup truck. Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the Big Spring Independent School District's Business Office, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids will be opened and read aloud publicly at the above set time, place, and date. Bids will be presented to the Board of Trustees on February 12, 1998, at 5:15 p.m., at their regular board meeting for their consideration. The Big Spring Independent School District's Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 1664 December 12 & 19, 1997

FRIDAY

DEC. 19

Table with 24 columns (KMD, KPEJ, KERA, FAM, KOSA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UNI, DISN, NASH, TMC, SHOW, HBO, KMLM, A&E, DISC, TNT, FSN, ESPN, AMC, BET) and 7 rows (6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30) listing various TV programs and their channels.

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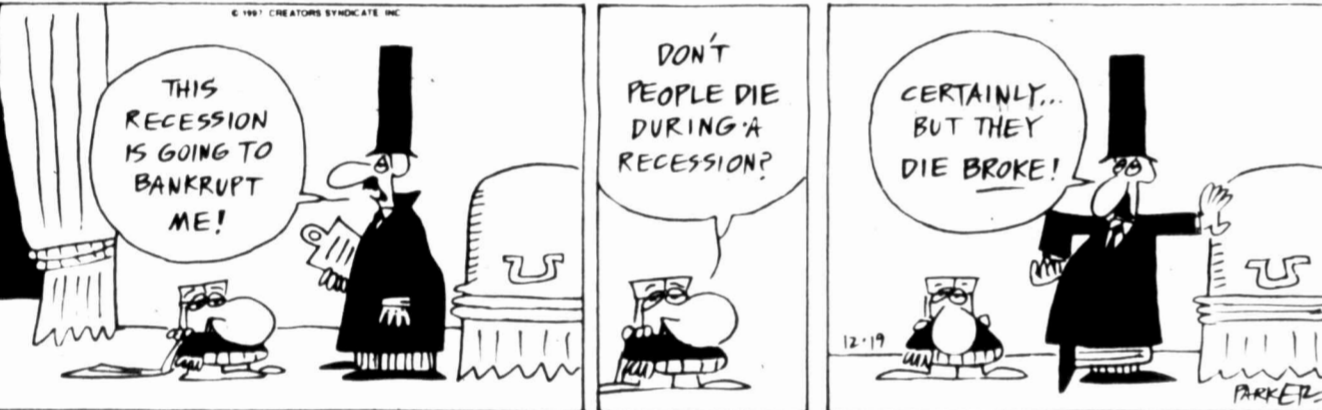
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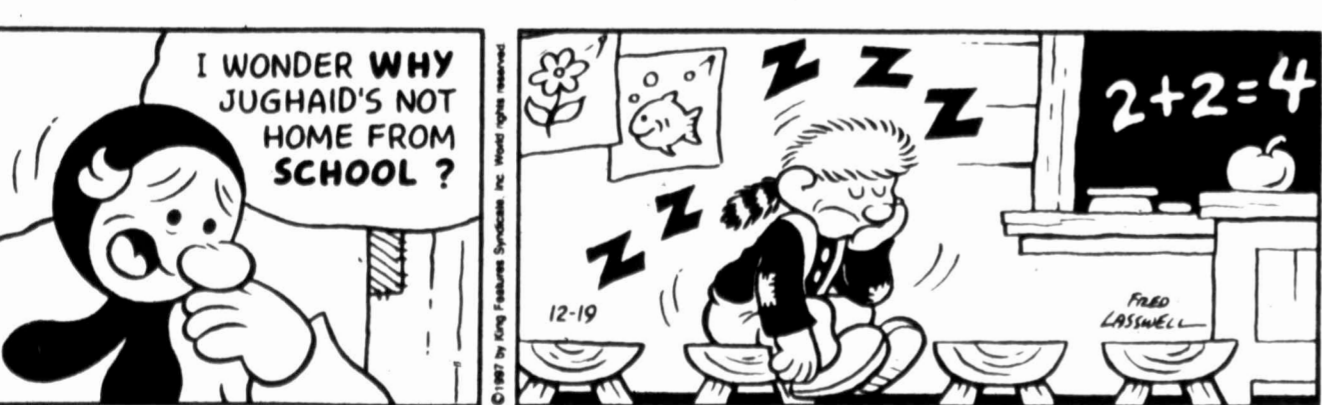
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 1997. There are 12 days left in the year.

On Dec. 19, 1843, Charles Dickens' classic Yuletide tale, 'A Christmas Carol,' was first published in England. On this date: In 1732, Benjamin Franklin began publishing 'Poor Richard's Almanac.' In 1776, Thomas Paine published his first 'American Crisis' essay, writing: 'These are the times that try men's souls.'

In 1777, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pa., to camp for the winter. In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Pa. In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. began transmitting overseas with its 'Empire Service' to Australia. In 1957, the musical play 'The Music Man,' starring Robert Preston, with book and songs by Meredith Willson, opened on Broadway. In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, ending the Apollo program of manned lunar landings. In 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States. In 1984, Britain and China signed an accord returning Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, 1997. In 1986, the Soviet Union announced it had freed dissident Andrei Sakharov from internal exile, and pardoned his wife, Yelena Bonner.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Thursday's Puzzle solved grid with answers for the crossword puzzle.

Shop Big Spring advertisement for Ritz theater, listing showtimes and prices.

CINEMA 4 advertisement for Big Spring, listing showtimes and prices.

BIG SPRING HERALD advertisement with contact information and office hours.