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United Way leaders give credit to volunteer workers for making campaign a success

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

The success of this year's United Way campaign, which raised \$215,952, is a reflection of those who contributed as well as those who worked to get the United Way message across to the community, according to Executive Director Carroll Jennings and Campaign Chairman Archie Kountz.

Pledges and donations came from a variety of sources, which included out of town donations, \$4,000; agencies, \$2,204; Pacesetters division, \$27,250; state employees campaign, \$4,010; combined federal cam-

paign, \$29,704; loaned executive division, \$100,540; commercial division, \$20,000; professional division, \$7,225; community division, \$7,711; Big Spring Herald, 2,701; Cococo, \$7,107; Bert Harris, \$2,000 and KBST, \$1,500.

The 1997 campaign drive surpassed its \$212,500 goal by \$3,952.

"I'm thrilled about this campaign," Kountz said. "Everyone who gave made a difference. We knew it would be right down to the wire."

According to Kountz, the campaign started with early planning and the assembling of the United Way cabinet.

Joining Kountz on the United

Way cabinet were Betty Kelley and co-chairman of the commercial division Jody Nix; Cheryl and R.G. Click, Community Division; Sue Partee and Steve Jeter, Pacesetters Division; Dr. Robbie Cooksey, James Welch and Mike Thomas, Professional Division; and Kevin Freeman, Loaned Executive Division.

Proceeds from the United Way's 1997 campaign fund drive will benefit organizations like the American Red Cross; Boys Club of Big Spring; Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Rape Crisis/Victim Services; The Salvation Army; Westside

Community Center; Westside Day Care Center; West Texas Girl Scout Council; and the YMCA.

Allocation of funds for 1998 will be announced at a late date, according to Jennings.

In February, the United Way allocated \$144,000 to its member agencies from funds raised in 1996, including the American Red Cross, \$5,835; Boys Club, \$31,057; Boy Scouts, \$5,037; Dora Roberts Rehab Center, \$14,122; Rape Crisis/Victim Services, \$9,504; The Salvation Army, \$18,295; Westside Community Center, \$7,520; Westside Daycare Center, \$20,475; West Texas Girl Scout Council, \$4,051; and YMCA, \$12,565.

Bell rate hike request won't affect local customers

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Area telephone customers will not be affected by possible changes in monthly telephone rates requested by Southwestern Bell.

Bell officials filed Thursday with the

Texas Public Utility Commission for rate changes that would affect 52 exchanges throughout the state, affected about 2.5 million customers, said Vanessa Haley of Southwestern Bell. The rest of Bell's 300 calling areas would be unchanged by the new schedule.

No cities in Howard, Martin, Glasscock or

Mitchell counties will be affected by the rate change, Haley said.

The rate plan would increase local phone rates by \$40 million a year in Texas. PUC officials said it will take about two months to review the plan before reaching a deci-

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A Championship Season ...

Stanton's Buffaloes and their run to the 1997 Texas Class 2A football title



Coming Tuesday ...

'A Championship Season,' an eight-page recap of the Stanton Buffaloes' state championship season, will be included in Tuesday's edition.

Lights at Historic Spring a big hit



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

The lights at the Historic Spring drew more than 5,000 visitors during the first week they were illuminated. Here, the lights are shown in a time exposure shot taken from U.S. 87, just south of the entrance to The Village at the Spring.

Comanche Trail Festival of Lights group already planning for next year's effort

Members of Comanche Trail Festival of Lights are not wasting any time patting themselves on the back.

The very successful display of lights in Comanche Trail Park continues until Jan. 1, but the group is already making plans for next year.

They continue to seek ways to improve their efforts, including more participation from other local groups. Response to the display, volunteers said, has been more than they ever expected.

"I'm not sure I expected all the response, with all the visitors," said Pat Simmons, who spearheaded the project. "It's definitely gone beyond my expectations."

Hundreds of people have been visiting the spring almost every night since it opened Dec. 9, according to figures from the group. On Friday, Dec. 12, the group counted 1,154 visitors; and Saturday, Dec. 13, there were 1,300.

During a six-day survey of visitors, more than 5,100 were counted. There have been light-watchers from all over Texas, seven other states, Canada and even Africa.

"I've been going out there to check on it," Simmons said, "and there are people going in and out of there all the time."

Even Saturday night, with a steady mist falling, Simmons said cars continued to arrive at the lighted display.

"There were kids getting out of cars to go look," she said. "I was amazed."

There are more than 30,000 lights hung throughout the spring area, and many lighted sculptures made by inmates. Funded with help from the Conventions and Visitors Bureau, the group also received help from the city of Big Spring parks department and countless other local businesses and individuals.

The display begins at 6:30 p.m. nightly, continuing until 10 p.m. when the

electrical cords are removed by city parks employees.

Simmons said anyone who wants to participate in expanding the project for next year should call her at 263-4607 or Wayne Jones at 264-2571.

They are accepting financial donations to expand the electrical work for next year's display. Donations can be made through the city of Big Spring, to "Comanche Trail Festival of Lights," and are tax deductible.

"We'll be looking for all kinds of help," Simmons said. Next year, the group hopes to arrange for local civic organizations to "adopt a spot" or something similar.

Simmons said thanks to the efforts of many people, the spring lighting has been beautiful, and more popular than anyone expected for its first year.

"I just knew it would be," she said, "if other people and the city could see my vision of what it could be."

DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Moore

Moore Development board trims list of applicants from 16 to five — expects to hire someone within next 10 days

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

The board of directors of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. have studied the 16 applications submitted by people interested in Moore's executive director's position being vacated by Danette Toone and have narrowed their choice down to five finalists.

At its recent board meeting, Moore authorized board members Terry Wegman and Phil Carruthers to negotiate on behalf of the board and make an offer to one of the finalists interviewed for the position.

According to Carruthers, Moore expects to name a new executive director with the next week to 10 days.

Toone said she is willing to help the new director in any way possible as far as transition is concerned, even if it requires working by telephone from her new location.

Toone announced her resignation in October so she may join her husband, former Big Spring TU Electric District Manager John Toone, who has accepted a similar position in Temple.

One of the first duties a new director will have is the upcoming resource fair in early 1998.

Moore had a successful major employer forum earlier this year and plans a repeat early in 1998 as part of its resource fair.

According to Moore Assistant Director Pam Welch, the resource fair is still in the planning stages, but the hope is that it can happen sometime in January or February.

Moore's first-ever such forum in February of this year was

considered a success by Moore's board of directors, which is the reason a second forum is being planned.

The initial forum was the result of nine months of work analyzing a comprehensive survey sent to area manufacturing businesses.

"The first forum was more of a meeting of the minds concerning the labor force," Welch said.

The initial gathering was also an attempt to find out whether or not any of the local manufacturing companies had any major problems in the areas of labor, city hall, taxes or simply how to make the proper contacts regarding certain issues.

"This time we want to offer all of the available resources we can to businesses (in the form of booths) so they may visit these resources to see if any of them may be of help to them," Welch said.

Some of the resources may include organizations like the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the Small Business Development Center out of Lubbock and the Job Training Partnership Act.

Moore sees gathering like the major employer forum as an educational process as well as an opportunity for local manufacturing businesses to network.

Moore is also in the process of contracting out for a labor analysis survey sometime after Jan. 1.

"We're looking at a study to determine the underemployed, who commutes (and what salaries they will commute for), availability of part-time labor

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Snoopy's Christmas
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WEATHER

Tonight:



Tues:



Wed:



Thurs:



Tonight, periods of rain. Rain changing over to a mixture of freezing rain, sleet or snow northwest. Lows 30-35 north to 45-50 lower trans pecos. Tuesday, rain likely, rain possibly mixed with sleet or snow early. Snow likely northwest, otherwise cloudy. Highs 35-50. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Extended forecast, Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 40s to mid 50s. Christmas, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s to lower 30s. Friday, mostly cloudy.

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WHAT DO YOU WANT SANTA TO BRING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS?

 "I want a play gun and my own room." JUSTIN MURPHY BIG SPRING	 "The winning lottery ticket." MOLLY SMITH BIG SPRING	 "A BB gun and my own house." CHRIS RYAN BIG SPRING	 "Some jewelry, clothes and a virtual pet." ASHLEY GONZALEZ BIG SPRING	 "I want a Barbie doll and a Christmas book." JANELLE OVERTON BIG SPRING	 "My family to come home for Christmas and (for them) to be safe." AMY FRANKLIN BIG SPRING
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OBITUARIES

Joseph Lesley Christensen

Following a lengthy illness, Joseph Lesley Christensen, 74, El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 21, 1997, in El Paso. Service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1923, in Memphis, Texas, son of the late E.G. and Ollie Christensen. Mr. Christensen was a 1941 graduate of Big Spring High School. He was a Big Spring businessman for many years. During his high school years he began working in the family owned, Christensen Boot Shop, located on Second Street.

He was inducted into the Marine Corps in August, 1942. Upon completion of Communications School, he was sent to the South Pacific. After his discharge in 1945, he returned to Big Spring to work in Christensen and Sons Boot Shop. On Sept. 28, 1946, he married Mary Alice Cain, of Big Spring.

When the family business was sold in 1948, Mr. Christensen opened the J.L. Christensen Boot Shop at 602 W. Third, where he remained in business for the next 25 years. In 1974, he closed his boot shop in Big Spring to accept a position as Quality Control Officer for Sanders Bootmakers in El Paso.

Mr. Christensen was a member of Trinity First Methodist Church, in El Paso. He was a member of El Paso Retired Teachers Association, the Parkinson Support Group, and the Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Christensen of El Paso, one daughter, Lynn McDowell of Grand Prairie; two grandsons, Jerin McDowell of Dallas and Jalyn McDowell of Grand Prairie, an aunt and uncle and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Edward G. Christensen, one sister, Jeanetta Bogard, and his parents.

Pallbearers will be Jerin McDowell, A.J. Cain, Jim Lively, Kelly Gafford, Brad Carr and Chris Bogard. Honorary pallbearer will be Jalyn McDowell.

The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Tuesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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

Paid obituary

G.I. "Bogie" Sims

Service for G.I. "Bogie" Sims, Brownfield, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1997, at the First Baptist Church, Brownfield, with Rev. S.L. Yielding, Brownwood, and Rev. Jack Garrett, Brownfield, officiating. Burial will be in Terry County Memorial, Brownfield.

Mr. Sims died Sunday, Dec. 21.

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24th & Johnson 267-4283

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH
Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331
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He was born on Jan. 1, 1915, in Jones County. He moved to Terry County in 1922 and was a farmer until retiring in 1975. He married Cleo Waiser on Jan. 1, 1934, in Jones County. He was a charter member of the Wellman Lions Club, served on the Wellman School Board, the Wellman Coop Gin Board and on the Federal Land Bank of Levelland. He was a deacon with the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Cleo Sims, Brownfield; five sons, Arvil Waiser, Lubbock, Jerry Sims, Lubbock, Larry Sims, Brownfield, Terry Sims, Big Spring, and Barry Sims, Brownfield; one sister, Ruth Cook, Amarillo; two brothers, Billy Sims, Odessa, and D.B. Sims, Las Cruces, N.M.; 15 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

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In this area, the two closest cities to be affected by the new plan are Odessa and Abilene, which would both see slight increases in basic phone rates under the new plan.

Odessa and Abilene phone customers would see a 30-cent increase in basic one-party rates and a 65-cent increase in basic business monthly rates.

PBX Trunk rates for businesses in the two towns would increase by 96 cents a month.

Statewide, business customers would pay between \$19.15 and \$28.25 a month for local service, while residences would pay between \$8.15 and \$11.06 for basic local service.

The new plan would cut phone rates in two areas: Roby in West Texas and Poteet, south of San Antonio. Monthly rates would fall 65 cents for Roby area customers and 45 cents for residences in the Poteet area.

All customers in those areas would split a \$50,000 refund because they previously were overcharged in local service, a Bell spokesman said.

The highest residential rate increase would be 65 cents for customers around Dallas, while businesses in Austin would see their basic monthly rate increase by \$1.10.

A PUC spokeswoman said this morning that these figures are very preliminary, and subject to change by either PUC or Southwestern Bell before a final decision is reached next year.

Bell has about 9 million phone lines in Texas, almost 78 percent of all the lines in the state.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

MOORE

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and the educational level of the workforce," Welch said. "This will probably be contracted out to a telemarketing firm."

"This study will give us a much better handle on knowing what type of workforce we have in Big Spring," Welch added. "This will also be very helpful in determining what types of industries we target. Industries will then have a much better look at what type of workforce Big Spring has."

BRIEFS

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

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

BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA is planning a holiday camp for children in the community whose parents must

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

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.

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

Free tax help will be available beginning Monday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the First Presbyterian Church.

For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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.

THE HISTORIC SPRING IN Comanche Trail park will be decorated with a lighted display of thousands of lights nightly beginning at 6:30 p.m. through Jan. 1.

For more information, call Pat Simmons, 263-4607.

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

Comanche County attorney files for judge race

HERALD Staff Report

Comanche County Attorney Terry McCall, R-Comanche, has tossed his hat into contention for judge of the Eleventh Court of Appeals in Eastland.

McCall said his campaign and service in the court would be founded on the themes of honesty, ethics and integrity.

"To me these words are more than a campaign slogan; they are the foundation of our judicial system," McCall said.

"The Eastern part has an excellent reputation throughout the state of Texas, and I hope to participate in the continuation of that tradition."

McCall said his broad based experience in the fields of law, business and agriculture make him uniquely qualified to serve as an appellate court judge.

"My experience as a criminal prosecutor, county elected official, businessman and rancher give me a breadth of experience that is truly unique," McCall said. "Like the courts, my judicial philosophy is conservative. Judges should interpret the law, follow precedent, and not legislate from the bench."

McCall became Comanche County Attorney in 1992 and was elected to a second term in 1996. He began his legal career in Houston, with the law firm of Baker & Botts, where he specialized in corporate finance tax law.

McCall is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Texas School of Law. He was selected to be a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was the President of Phi Eta Sigma. He is a veteran and served in the U.S. Army and the Army Reserve.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SPRINGBOARD

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TODAY
-Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.
-Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

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-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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10:20 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
12:50 p.m. - 300 block Val Verde, smoke scare.

1:08 p.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
5:43 p.m. - 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

10:27 p.m. - Three miles north on Highway 360, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

Sunday
4:11 a.m. - 500 block West 17th, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

-CHRISTOVOAL MONDRAGON, 20, was arrested for public intoxication.

-JOE BERNAL, 36, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

-ROJELIO RAMIREZ, 17, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

-JAMES CANTU, 27, was arrested for driving with an invalid license.

-MICHAEL SMITH, 43, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

-ADA HUTCHESON, 31, was arrested for class B theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

-CALVIN KERBY, 18, was arrested on local warrants.

-RUBEN ROJAS, 23, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

-JOSE MARTINEZ, 25, was arrested for not having a driver's license.

-JULIE REDDING, 32, was arrested on local warrants.

-TONY CARL, 41, was arrested for class C assault/family violence.

-RANDY MIER, 20, was arrested for assault/family violence.

-CLASS A ASSAULT in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

-THEFT in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place; 3000 block of Gregg; 1700 block of Wasson; 800 block of E. 1-20; 1700 block of Marcy; 400 block of Johnson; 17th and Gregg; 3600 block of Tingle; and the 300 block of E. 3rd.

-THEFT UNDER \$50 in the 200 block of W. Marcy; and the 1800 block of Gregg.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 400 block of W. 10th; and the 1600 block of Kentucky Way.

-BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1800 block of Main.

-BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1800 block of E. Marcy.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2200 block of Marshall.

-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1900 block of Main.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 58
Sunday's low 30
Average high 57
Average low 28

Record high 84 in 1981
Record low 2 in 1983
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 1.13
Month's normal 0.49
Year to date 19.34
Normal for the year 19.14

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MARKETS

March cotton 67.75, up 45 points; Feb. crude 18.38, down 16 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.50 lower at 38; cash steers steady at 65; Feb. lean hog futures 58.95, down 52 points; Feb. live cattle futures 65.90, up 15 points.

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Index 7813.59
Volume 162,112,810
ATT 61 1/2 + 7/8
Amoco 84 1/2 + 1
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Atmos Energy 28 1/2 + 1/8
Calenergy Inc. 28 1/2 + 1/8
Chevron 74 1/2 + 1/8
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Exxon 60 1/2 + 1/8
Fina 64 1/2 - 1/8
Halliburton 48 1/2 - 1/8
IBM 102 1/2 + 1/8
Intel Corp 72 + 2
Laser Indus LTD 25 nc
Medical Alliance 4 nc
Mobil 71 1/2 + 1/8
Norwest 37 1/2 - 1/8
NUV 9 nc
Phillips Petroleum 47 1/2 - 1/8
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Sears 42 1/2 - 1/8
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Sun 42 1/2 + 1/8
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Texas Instruments 45 1/2 + 1/8
Texas Util. Co 40 1/2 + 1/8
Unocal Corp 38 1/2 - 1/8
Wal-Mart 38 1/2 + 1/8
Amcap 15.19-16.12
Euro Pacific 25.37-26.92
I.C.A. 27.88-29.36
New Economy 19.38-20.57
New Perspective 18.92-20.07
Prime Rate 8.50%
Gold 290.40-290.90
Silver 5.96-5.99

FIRE/EMS

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

Friday
4:31 a.m. - 2300 block Wasson, false alarm.
7:43

Police say couple hunted victims in minivan 'abduction chamber'

PLEASANTON, Calif. (AP) — She vanished off the street one pale December morning, gone with a scream and the whooshing thump of a van door. Two days later, the strangled body of 22-year-old Vanessa Lei Samson was found face down in the snows of the Sierra Nevada, 185 miles away.

The shock to family and community was followed by wrenching astonishment. Police believe the pretty young clerical worker was the latest victim of two predators who hunt for young females in what officers describe as a "murder and abduction chamber" — a gutted Dodge Caravan minivan rigged so victims can be tied to the floor.

"Some people might go duck hunting. These people went hunting for women who were vulnerable to abduction," Pleasanton Police Chief Bill Eastman said.

Samson's bound and gagged body was found Dec. 4 by a winding mountain road near Lake Tahoe. Beside her lay the murder weapon, a six-foot length of black rope.

Michelle Lynn Michaud, 38, and James A. Daveggio, 37, were arrested Dec. 8 in Reno, Nev., in a separate case, the kidnapping and rape of a 20-year-old local business college student in September. That woman was grabbed by the hair, yanked into a van and raped repeatedly, FBI Special Agent Tom Griffin said.

Additionally, arrest warrants have been filed in Sacramento linking them to two other sex cases — the 13-year-old daughter of a friend of Michaud's family who was attacked in September, and a 12-year-old relative of Michaud's who was driven to Oregon in a van and repeatedly assaulted in October. Although both girls knew the suspects, they went to police only after recognizing the couple in news reports about the student's rape.

Daveggio and Michaud pleaded not guilty to federal charges of kidnapping, conspiracy to kidnap and weapons charges in the Reno case. The break in the Samson case came when Michaud confessed she had helped

Daveggio kidnap and murder the woman as she walked to work, Eastman said.

Although police have announced Daveggio and Michaud are suspects, neither has been charged in the Samson killing, and Eastman has refused further interviews. Michaud's lawyer, Mary Boetsch, declined comment on the Samson case. Daveggio's attorney did not return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

However, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Friday that, in a tearful telephone conversation, Daveggio told his mother he didn't kill Samson.

"He said, 'Mom, I swear to you I did not kill anybody,'" she told the paper.

Police are also investigating the couple in connection with the 1991 kidnapping of 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard from South Lake Tahoe. The girl's stepfather was 100 yards away when she was dragged into a car. A composite sketch based on his description of a female abductor bears a striking

resemblance to Michaud, a hollow-eyed woman with an angular face and lank brown hair.

Jaycee's mother, Teri Probyn, was reluctant to hope her daughter might finally be found. "I'm not getting on the roller coaster ride this time," she said.

According to Eastman, Michaud told investigators she and Daveggio were out cruising for victims the morning of Dec. 2. They first targeted two young girls they saw walking to school but changed their minds when they spotted Samson walking to work at SCJ Insurance Services.

Michaud told investigators she stopped the green Caravan, and Daveggio leaped out and grabbed Samson. A witness heard a scream then the sound of a van door slamming shut.

The couple drove to Sacramento, where they live and where Michaud cashed a \$538 welfare check, then continued toward Lake Tahoe.

Michaud told authorities they promised Samson they wouldn't kill

her. But after spending the night at a motel near Lake Tahoe, they strangled her, Eastman said.

Daveggio, a balding, mustachioed man nicknamed "Froggie" for his husky voice, had been living with Michaud and her two children in Sacramento for about a year, police said. The Chronicle reported he was convicted of sexual assault in 1985 and was required to register as a sex offender but had not done so since 1995.

Acquaintances said the couple met about 18 months ago inside a smoky roadside bar called Bobby Joe's on the south side of Sacramento. A bar regular told The Oakland Tribune the romance began when Michaud pointed a finger at Daveggio and said, "I want THAT."

Friends and neighbors interviewed by the Chronicle painted a wildly conflicting picture of Michaud. Some said she bragged about turning tricks for \$1,000 a night. Others knew her as a school crossing guard and volunteer at a Roman Catholic church.

Scandals of Hispanic officials felt deeply by their community

HOUSTON (AP) — This year, as high-profile Hispanics in Texas have been tainted by scandal, many have been taking those disgraces as a blow to the entire community.

"This has not been a good year for Hispanics in this state," said Houston Port Commissioner Vidal Martinez, who assumed a post left vacant by an indicted Betti Maldonado.

"We have city councilmen in Houston in trouble. We have a school official in Dallas. We have the favorite Hispanic son from Texas in San Antonio ... The others," Martinez told the Houston Chronicle.

"We don't have a lot of people on point out there and, all of a sudden, we're looking at this wasteland of fallen leaders."

Among those running into trouble this year:

• Henry Cisneros, the former housing secretary and San Antonio mayor, was indicted recently on multiple counts of misleading FBI agents about funneling money to his former mistress.

• Maldonado was indicted this summer by a federal grand jury after an FBI sting operation at Houston City Hall. Also caught in the sting were Ben T. Reyes,

the city's first Hispanic councilman, and his successor, John Castillo. The three face trial in March on bribery and conspiracy charges stemming from the city's convention center hotel deal.

• In October, former Dallas Independent School District superintendent Yvonne Gonzalez pleaded guilty to federal charges of misapplying public money to buy furniture. She was also accused of sexual harassment by a subordinate.

University of Texas government professor Rodolfo de la Garza said many Hispanics take each scandal so personally because of the community's political immaturity and uncertain status in greater society.

"We overload our officials, both positively and negatively," he said.

Still, those feelings are not unique to Hispanics, said Tatcho Mindiola, of the University of Houston.

"It has to do with minority status, cultural identity and proving ourselves, so that when someone comes along who instills a great deal of pride in us, like a Lena Guerrero or a Henry Cisneros, we take it personally," he said.

Murder leads cops to sex, pornography ring

WACO (AP) — Bellmead police believe they have uncovered a ring of men who have seduced teen-age boys with money and drugs, then sexually assaulted them.

The Waco Tribune-Herald, in a copyright story Saturday, said six men have been arrested for their alleged involvement in multiple sexual assaults on juveniles in the Waco area over the last two years.

Seven boys between the ages of 14 and 17 have been identified

as victims, according to the newspaper.

"There's a lot more victims that we don't know of," said Detective Thomas Noble of the Bellmead Police Department, north of Waco. "There could be three or four within the last few years or it could be as many as 15 or 20."

The investigation surprisingly spawned from a Dec. 2 trailer fire that killed 14-year-old George Scilley.

Sheriff's officials say 21-year-old Paul Singleton gave a written confession shortly after the fire, describing the blaze as a botched murder-suicide attempt. Singleton was indicted Friday by a Hill County grand jury on charges of murder and attempted murder.

Singleton and Scilley lived in the aluminum, three-room trailer 25 miles north of Waco with 54-year-old Jerry Lee Easter, who owned the home.

Singleton, whom officials said did not give a motive for the blaze, had lived with Easter since he was a teen-ager and had indicated to sheriff's offi-

cials that Easter molested him.

After the fire, Easter told investigators he drove to La Vega High School each afternoon to "pick up the boys."

Then, on Dec. 11, a Bellmead woman contacted police to say she was concerned for her son's safety in the wake of Scilley's death. Officers said that boy also had been sexually assaulted.

"The mother stated that she thought the murder was a result of adults trying to cover their tracks because they were afraid that their victims were going to start talking about sexual abuse they had encountered," Bellmead police chief Robert Harold said.

The same mother gave police information that led to the discovery of more than 100 videotapes at the home of Kenneth Clyde Dockery in East Waco, police said.

About 20 tapes were pornographic and most featured an odd mixture of sexual and non-sexual scenes, investigators said. Some of the tapes date back to 1988 and several appear

to have been taped over repeatedly.

As of Friday, police had filed charges related to molesting juvenile boys against Easter; Dockery, 37; Charles Everett Scott, 54; Robert Brian Wright, 24; and David Gonzales, 34.

Another man was arrested Thursday in Greenville on a parole violation and could be charged with an offense related to the Bellmead case, police said.

The charge against Wright was filed before the Bellmead investigation began, but involved other members of the alleged ring and one of the identified victims.

Police believe the men seduced the boys with drugs, alcohol, tobacco and between \$20 and \$35. The men were "socially acquainted," police said, but it is not known where they met or how long they had known each other.

Likewise, the boys were all friends, poor students and many had been in previous trouble with the law, police and school officials said.

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REVENUES	
LOCAL SOURCES	
Local, Intermediate, and Out of State	2,966,369
Total Local Sources	2,966,369
STATE SOURCES	
State Distributed	878,693
Total State Sources	878,693
FEDERAL SOURCES	
Federally Distributed	136,727
Total Federal Sources	136,727
TOTAL REVENUES	4,001,789
EXPENDITURES	
Instructional Services	2,435,187
Instructional Related Services	273,222
Pupil Services	609,738
Administration	214,781
Plant Services	576,470
Ancillary Services	11,000
Intergovernmental Services	70,494
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,190,892
Excess Expenditures Over Revenues Other Resources & Uses	189,103 (3,081)
TOTAL EXCESS EXPENDITURES/ OTHER RESOURCES	186,022
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TOTAL FUND BALANCE	2,154,249

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EDITORIAL

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

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OUR VIEWS

Stanton's Buffs:
Simply the best
this football season

Maybe the sign should read, "Welcome to Stanton — home of 3,000 friendly people, a few ol' soreheads AND the 1997 Class 2A state football champions."

The Stanton Buffaloes grabbed the brass ring, not only for themselves but the entire area Saturday night in Texas Stadium, when they defeated Rogers 33-7 to claim the state title.

It is almost impossible to overstate the importance of this feat. Not only is this the first-ever state title for Stanton — and the first 11-man championship claimed in the Crossroads Country — but the only the second crown won by a West Texas team this year.

For years, this area has seen some pretty good football teams. In 1953, the Big Spring Steers reached the Class 3A state title and made it to the Class 4A semifinals 36 years later. And every other school in this area has fielded playoff teams from time to time.

But until this year, no area team had ever won a state title in football. That's old news, now, however. Martin County has bragging rights to one of the best teams in the state, and a group of young men have gold-plated memories that will only become more dear as time goes by.

And speaking of memories, Stanton's season produced a bushel-full of flashbacks. From the heat of preseason practice in August to a water-logged Texas Stadium the week before Christmas, the Buffs took on all comers and bested all challengers.

It was a team without weaknesses. If you stopped their passing game, their running game would beat you. If you stopped their running game, their defense would find a way to get you.

That's about as perfect as you'd want a team to be. So, to head coach Mark Cotton and the rest of the team, congratulations. Although it's something long suspected in this corner, it's nice to know that the rest of the state knows a great team when it sees one.

Do as I say, not as I write, professor exclaims

Time for sackcloth, time for ashes! Having spent a year counseling erring writers to read their copy, read their copy, read their copy, I arrive penitently at the last column of 1997.



James J. Kilpatrick
Columnist

Physician, heal thyself!

My most embarrassing howler of the year came in June, when I wrote a column about misspellings. Somewhere the proprietor of a furniture store had advertised a "Dunkin Pfife mahogany dropleaf table." Dunkin Pfife? I clicked on to my indignation mode:

"Plainly," I said, "the wretch who drew up that ad had heard of Duncan Phyfe, the famous Scotch-born cabinetmaker (1768-1854) who made his name in America. Did the ad writer have doubts about spelling Phyfe's name? Did he look it up? No!"

Nothing was wrong with my facts. It was the "Scotch-born" that done me in. Buckets of mail sloshed over the transom. Most of my correspondents seemed to be named Mac-something, but there was a Kinnear in Seattle, a Vanderhoof in Evans, Ga., and a Ratner in Boynton Beach, Fla. They all said the same thing: Scottish,

sir! Phyfe was SCOTTISH-born! The only proper place for Scotch, I was firmly advised, is in the whisky of the same name.

Very well. In this regard, I promise to sin no more. I will don my kilt in the tartan of Clan Colquhoun. I will put on my grandpa's sporrans and skean dhu (purse and dagger). I will even listen to an hour of bagpipes playing Highland laments. A greater act of contrition no man could make.

My Latin blunder in August was more embarrassing than my Scottish blunder in June. I was warning against the misspelling of Latin phrases, such as "ad nauseam" and "bona fide." Remembering the Latin for "Beware the dog" ("Cave canem"), I thought I would dress up the piece a bit if I put my warning in Latin, so I did: "Cave quid dicis!" said I. "Beware what you say."

Great Caesar's ghost! I never dreamed there were so many Latinists out there in this broad land. A gentleman in Stuart, Fla., led a vanguard of readers crying that it should have been "Cave quid DICAS," because an indirect question demands the subjunctive. A Catholic priest in South Holland, Ill., said I should have said, "Cave QUOD dicis," because QUID is used only in questions, such as "Quid dicis," what say?

Charles J. Milhauser, professor of classics emeritus at Cornell College, provided a gentle suggestion:

"There are several ways of rendering your cautionary 'Beware what you say.' Keeping your choice of words, I would suggest the following modification: CAVE NE BARBARE DICAS. This translates literally as 'see to it that you do not speak barbarously,' i.e., beware of speaking like a person who does not know the language."

I can say in my own feeble defense only that I cribbed "Cave quid dicis" directly from the Berlitz Dictionary of Foreign Terms. I was putting on the canem, and at my age I ought to know better.

In this same column — I was having a bad hair day — I corrected a reporter for The Seattle Times for beginning a story, "Cognito, ergo sum." The reporter fell flat on her face, I said. Then I said, in print, "Descartes' famous postulate was 'Cogito, ergo sum, I think, therefore I am.'"

Who fell flat on whose face? The famed philosopher and mathematician is Rene Descartes, not Descarte-apostrophe-s. Carelessness, sir, sheer carelessness. No excuse.

Over the years I have constantly pressed this admonition to writers: When in doubt, look it up.

This is great advice, but it doesn't work when one is not in doubt. I was in no doubt at all when I suggested in a column about double negatives that writers heed the advice of Cab Calloway: "Accentuate the positive, eliminate the nega-

tive, latch on to the affirmative," and so forth.

It wasn't Cab Calloway. It was Johnny Mercer. More sackcloth, more ashes.

Another of my recurring lectures has to do with syntax, i.e., the orderly arrangement of words, phrases and clauses within a sentence. In another column on double negatives, I expounded the art of litotes, by which we damn with faint praise or praise with faint damns. The usual example is, "She's not a bad soprano," which is subtly different from saying that the lady is a good soprano.

I cited as my own example, "She was not wearing a really tacky dress." Hoo, boy! I would have been home free with, "The dress she was wearing was not really tacky." My inept syntax carried an implication for some that she was wearing nothing at all.

Except for a misspelling of "remuneration," a copyediting oversight, that's about it for 1997. At year's end I want also to express heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of readers who send me Horrid Examples and Good Stuff.

Out of a harvest of 5,000 clippings a year, I glean enough grist to keep the mill going.

Can we glean grist? I must look it up, look it up, look it up.

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OTHER VIEWS

Never was anything so doomed to such total failure as the attempt of the Puritans, fearful of popery and paganism, to eradicate the celebration of Christmas in America.

Three centuries later, Americans have transformed a minor and austere observance.

Something about the celebration of Christmas resonates with the American soul. Our fascination with the holiday grew as America coalesced into a true nation in the 19th century, when by happenstance a poem, a novella and a cartoon conspired to define a public perception of Christmas that continues to this day.

In 1822, clergyman Clement Moore penned a ditty to amuse his children. The opening, "Twas the night before Christmas ..." is now the most famous first line in English language poetry.

In 1842, Charles Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol," a tale of redemption and reborn generosity that, with Tiny Tim's cry, "God bless us everyone," defined the Christmas spirit. True, Dickens was English, but nowhere was the book embraced more than here. Indeed, he wrote "Christmas Carol" after a visit to the United States and, as historian Penne Restad notes, "Only after his visit to America did Dickens begin to give large Christmas parties."

By 1881, St. Nick had become Santa Claus as we know him, with the belly, beard and trademark costume, thanks to a political cartoonist, Thomas Nast, whose normal metier was lampooning corrupt politicians.

Also at the end of the 19th century, Americans wholeheartedly adopted a custom popular in some parts of Europe.

Christmas is a massive commercial event. That's our way with holidays. But it is far more than that. Americans make heroic efforts to be with their friends and families for the holidays. Although it is a Christian holy day, we ecumenically try to include everybody in the celebration and to insure that no one, not the troops overseas, people living alone, the elderly, the poor, is left out.

Dale McFeaters
Scripps Howard



Cool thoughts on global warming

WASHINGTON Eskimos will be passing out from heat strokes before most Americans agree to fight global warming by reducing their standards of living.



Carl Rowan
Syndicated
Columnist

Many members of the U.S. Senate are making that clear in their hostile reactions to the accord just reached in Kyoto, Japan, under which 38 industrial nations would have to reduce their emissions of carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases to something below 1990 levels.

Already we are hearing screams that we Americans are being asked to sign away our good life because to meet our environmental target we would have to:

Virtually wipe out the coal industry.

Drive down farm incomes by some 50 percent.

Devastate our automobile industry, whose vehicles are the main contributors to the

climatic disruptions that some say are grave threats to our children and grandchildren.

Drive up the cost of gasoline dramatically and impose restrictions that would wipe out millions of U.S. jobs.

Opponents say there is no climatic problem now or on the horizon that justifies such an assault on U.S. prosperity.

President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and others in this administration say all this is scare talk from greed-driven interests. They say that the scientific peril is clearly documented, and some compare those fighting the Kyoto accords with the tobacco interests that maintained that smoking cigarettes was not a health threat.

But some surprising people, such as British Petroleum's chief executive John Browne, are conceding that there is a genuine problem of the deterioration of our atmosphere and urgent steps must be taken to curb global warming.

But the worldwide effort is likely to be hamstrung by those who say that even if the problem is real, Americans can only be asked to sacrifice a trifle to solve it.

President Clinton has already seen that Senate leaders think

India, China and Third World countries ought to bear a large share of the burden of reducing emissions of the offending gases even though the Kyoto accord allows India and China to set voluntary targets.

Third World leaders note that the average American uses many times the amount of energy used by the average Third Worlder. They say it is arrogantly absurd for U.S. senators to protect Americans who own two gas guzzlers by dumping the load on a Chinese who now has a bicycle and only dreams of a car.

In trying to appease Senate foes of the Kyoto agreement, President Clinton is saying that the Third World must sacrifice. Third World leaders are saying, "Not till we see what sacrifices are made in industrialized nations."

But there seems to be no limit as to how far we Americans will go to protect our standard of living, even when it is based in part on our using the energy supplies of other nations. All our presidents, including Democrat Jimmy Carter and Republican George Bush, have made it clear that the U.S. will fight to retain access to Middle East oil.

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Cowboys close disastrous season with 20-7 loss to Giants

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Let the changes begin at Valley Ranch after the Dallas Cowboys' biggest disaster since they went 1-15 in 1989.

Coach Barry Switzer was talking like he might be gone after Sunday's season finale in which the Cowboys sleep-walked through a 20-7 loss to the NFC East champion New York Giants.

"I'm not looking at this thing through rose-colored glasses," owner Jerry Jones said. "We have a lot of work to be done."

Dallas failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 1990 with its 6-10 record, which will place the Cowboys in the top 10 of the draft and give

them a fourth-place schedule next season.

Jones said he will decide in late January or February about Switzer's future.

"I'm not sure I want to come back," Switzer said. "I don't want to make emotional decisions. I'm not making that decision with the emotion of today's game influencing me."

There was confusion whether Jones and Switzer ever discussed a consultant's role with the team.

"I told Jerry after the game he ought to get rid of the whole damn bunch of us," Switzer said. "Jerry will make the decision and we'll talk about that in the future. This is not the time or place to talk about it."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said changes needed to be made.

"We're better than 6-10," Aikman said. "This didn't happen overnight. This has been happening over a couple of years and it all caught up to us. Some things need to be addressed."

Like a coaching change?

"I have no idea what's going to happen and it's not for me to decide," Aikman said. "Jerry will make decisions on the best interest of this organization."

Offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese could be on the chopping block. He has already said he expects to be fired.

The Giants, completing the worst of first seasons under rookie coach

Jim Fassel, go into the playoffs with a 10-5-1 record and will be at home Saturday for a wild-card game against Minnesota. No team had ever gone undefeated through the NFC East schedule. New York was 7-0-1 with the only blemish a 7-7 tie with Washington.

"When we started the season we had high hopes, but there weren't a lot of other people who did, and rightly so," Fassel said. "But to come in here and play a game that was supposed to be meaningless and keep fighting showed a lot of character. To go undefeated in the division, we couldn't ask for anything more."

Danny Kanell threw a 21-yard touch-down pass to Chris Calloway, Rodney

Hampton scored his 49th career touch-down on a 1-yard run, and Brad Daluiso kicked field goals of 28 and 42 yards against the uninterested Cowboys as the Giants built a 20-0 lead. Hampton surpassed Joe Morris as the Giants' career rushing touch-down leader.

Dave Brown replaced Kanell in the second half and fumbled his first snap, which Fred Strickland recovered at the New York 20. Emmitt Smith scored on a 4-yard run with New York substitutes sprinkled in the lineup.

New York, which beat Dallas 20-17 at home, beat the Cowboys in Texas Stadium for the first time since 1990. That was also the last year the Giants swept Dallas in a season series.

Tennessee unanimous No. 1 in poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennessee led a top six that held firm today in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, while there was plenty of change elsewhere.

Florida International cracked the Top 25 for the first time in more than three years, Purdue returned after a three-week absence, and Washington vaulted into the top 10. Alabama fell out for the first time in five years.

Tennessee (13-0) swept away three opponents, including nationally ranked Wisconsin, to win the Northern Lights Invitational in Alaska. The Lady Vols received all 38 first-place votes from a national media panel.

The Lady Vols held a 950-907 lead in total points over No. 2 Old Dominion, which was followed by Connecticut, Louisiana Tech, North Carolina and Texas Tech — all in the same spots as last week.

Vanderbilt climbed one spot to seventh, Wisconsin moved up one place to eighth despite its 87-66 loss to Tennessee in the Northern Lights final, and Washington jumped five places to ninth. Virginia remained 10th.

Arizona slipped four places to head the second 10 after being tagged by Purdue with its first loss of the season. Then it was Florida, Illinois, Nebraska and Georgia, followed by Southwest Missouri State, Stanford, Colorado, North Carolina State and Western Kentucky.

Auburn, Purdue, Duke, Florida International and Arkansas held the final five spots.

Purdue (7-3) returned to the poll after its third victory of the season over a team ranked in the top 10 at the time, 68-54 over Arizona. The Boiler-makers of first-year coach Carolyn Peck also beat Stanford and Florida when they were in the Top Ten.

Peck's team was 25th in the third poll of the season, but fell out the next week after losing to Old Dominion and Florida International in a span of four days.

Florida International (6-0), which has eight foreign players on a roster of 14, also has beaten Georgia this season. The ranking is the first for the Golden Panthers since the week of Nov. 29, 1994.

Washington (8-0) ended North Carolina State's 10-game winning streak to win its own Husky Classic on Sunday. The Huskies were last in the top 10 on Feb. 14, 1995.

Bufs' grit too much for Rogers

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Glitz met grit Saturday night in Texas Stadium, and glitz took a pounding.

A heavy rain that fell for the duration of Saturday's Class 2A championship football game played havoc with Rogers' famed passing game, but that's only part of the reason Stanton left the field with a 33-7 victory.

The Buffs proved they could best adapt to the inclement conditions, and they did it in a way to make almost any long-time fan of West Texas football proud — with a rock-hard defense and a relentless running game.

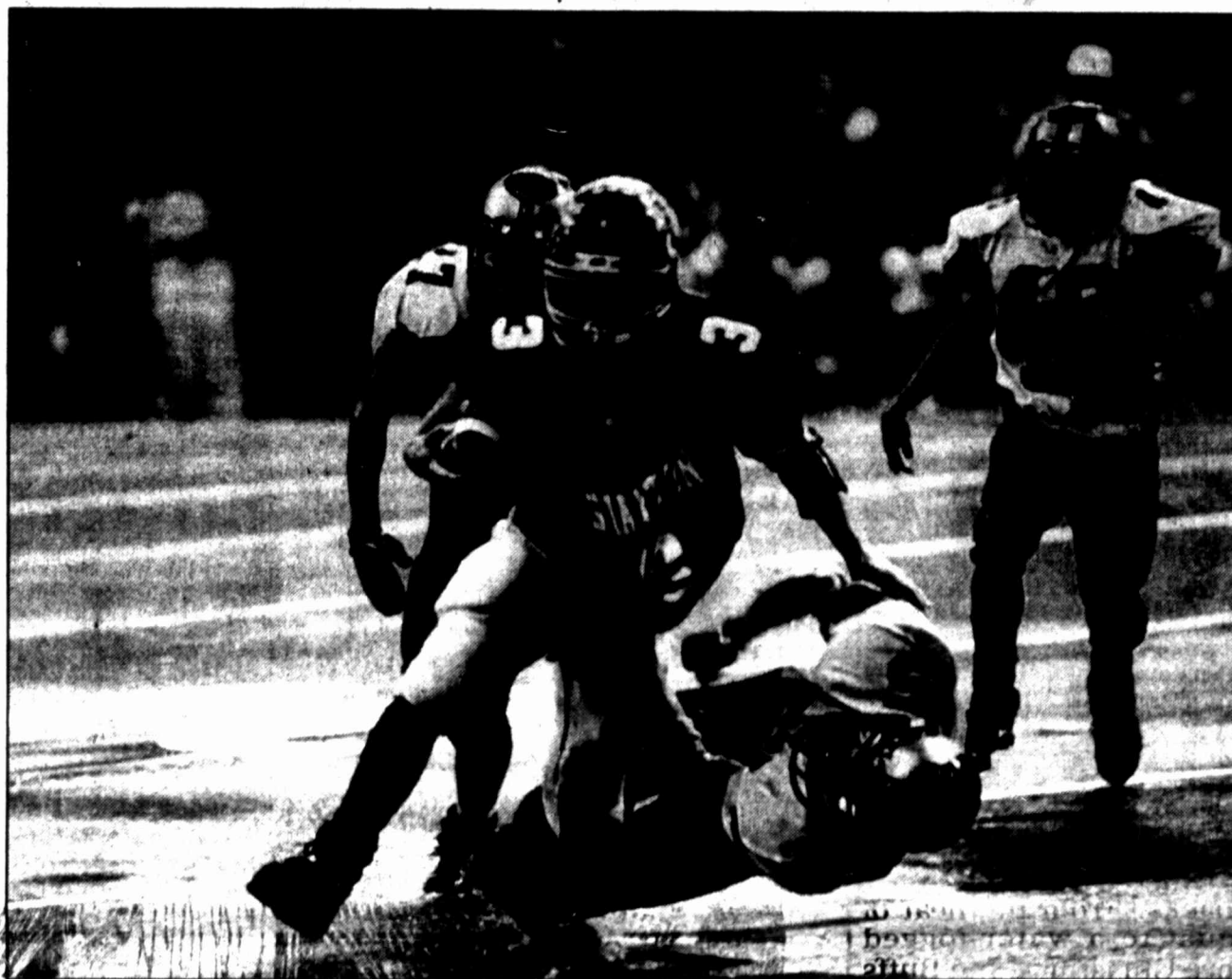
There's been a nasty rumor afloat the past few years that traditional West Texas football is no longer good enough to win state titles. But the Buffs showed that the old standby still had a few wins under its belt.

Rogers entered the game renowned for its high-powered passing game. The Eagles' Patrick Hutka earned a spot in the national high school record book thanks to a four-receiver, no-huddle version of the run-and-shoot offense.

But Saturday's showers and Stanton's defense reduced Rogers' cannon to a pop gun. Hutka managed 212 yards passing, but that was well below his per-game average. In addition, the Eagles' only touch-down came on the ground — a five-yard scamper by Hutka late in the first quarter.

Stanton, meanwhile, showed the early fireworks. Immediately after Hutka's touchdown, Tyrone Davis put the Buffs on the board with an 88-yard kickoff return. Fullback Jody Louder then put Stanton in front to stay with a 20-yard TD run in the second quarter.

"In the first half, we didn't play all that well, and we were



Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm (3) runs through and over Rogers defensive back Nelson Kortis (5) en route to a third-quarter touchdown during the Buffs' 33-7 state championship win over the Eagles.

still winning the game," Stanton defensive end Chad Smith said. "We were tired of hearing about Rogers' offense. We scored more points than they did all year ... We wanted to come out in the second half and show them what we could do."

What the Buffs did in the last two quarters was give a lesson in power football. Stanton virtually abandoned the pass, opting instead to use Louder and a two tight end offensive set as a hammer to loosen Rogers' defense.

The fullback responded with one of the best games of his career, piling up 103 yards and

scoring three touchdowns. And the Eagles' defenders did indeed begin wearing down under the onslaught.

"We decided to go with the double-tight (offense) and let (quarterback) Kyle Herm make the decisions for us," head coach Mark Cotton said.

"In the first half, I didn't feel like we played Stanton football. So we decided to go with the double-tight and played like the Stanton Buffaloes are capable of playing in the second half."

The strategy worked. The Buffs gained more than 130 yards on the ground and scored three touchdowns — an

8-yard keeper by Herm and a pair of scores by Louder.

While Stanton's offense was grinding, its defense was pounding — pounding Hutka and the Eagles. Rogers virtually abandoned its running game in the second half, but were unable to generate any consistent attack.

"We were hurt a little bit by their running in the first half," said Herm, who doubles as a cornerback on defense. "But the defense stepped up and played in the second half. That's how you win championships."

The West Texas way was the best way, it seems.

Third-ranked Duke romps to easy 126-64 win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DURHAM, N.C. — Forget that Duke's freshmen class may be among the nation's finest. Coach Mike Krzyzewski wants his veterans prepared for the long Atlantic Coast Conference haul.

Krzyzewski turned to Ricky Price early Sunday against Mercer, and the senior helped to guide the No. 3 Blue Devils to a 126-64 rout.

"The thing that this team lacks right now is experience," Krzyzewski said. "You can get

caught up with how deep this team is supposed to be, but we need to get experience. Some things you can't teach."

Before he was declared academically ineligible last spring, Price had started 54 games at Duke and averaged 10.4 points a game.

Price looked a little creaky initially and went scoreless in the first half. But he closed strong, hitting four of his last six shots. By the time he ended with a show-stopping 360-degree slam in the game's final seconds, the Cameron crowd was

screaming with delight. "I almost felt like crying as we headed into the locker room," Price said. "This feels really good."

Price finished with 10 points, one of six Blue Devils who scored in double digits.

In the only other game Sunday involving a ranked team, No. 15 Iowa crushed Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 96-37.

First-year center Elton Brand led Duke with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Trajan Langdon had 19 points and Mike Chappell 18. Reserves Chris Carrawell and

Chris Burgess added 14 and 10 points, respectively.

But Duke (10-1), looking to regain its composure since blowing a second-half lead and the nation's No. 1 ranking at Michigan, needs more than scoring.

That's one of the reasons Krzyzewski called on Price midway through the first half.

"Having Ricky back is nice," Krzyzewski said. "I thought his teammates looked good playing with him on the court, too. They were happy to have him back."

Vikings, Lions in playoffs; Sanders gets his 2,000

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was a pretty good day for NFL teams that had to win.

—Tampa Bay had to win to clinch its first home game in the playoffs since 1979, and the Buccaneers did so with a 31-15 victory over Chicago.

—Denver had to win to get a home game in the first round, and the Broncos did it with a 38-3 rout of San Diego.

—Minnesota had to win to get into the playoffs, and the Vikings did it, snapping a five-game losing streak with a 39-28 decision over Indianapolis.

—Washington had to win to make the playoffs, and the Redskins beat Philadelphia 35-32, but they didn't get in because the teams they needed to lose refused to do so.

Finally, there was a game that both teams needed to win, the New York Jets at Detroit.

The Lions had a chance before their kickoff to clinch a playoff berth with a loss by Washington or Minnesota. Because neither cooperated, the Lions faced a must-win situation.

The Lions prevailed 13-10, overcoming a 10-0 deficit and the Jets' suffocating defense on Barry Sanders for nearly three quarters.

As if the drama of the win-or-die game wasn't enough, Sanders' chase for 2,000 yards and a scary collision that knocked Lions linebacker Reggie Brown unconscious made it compelling. At a hospital later, Brown was conscious and able to move his limbs.

Sanders had just 23 yards late in the third quarter, but he ran for 161 yards

from the last play of the third quarter until the end of the game, finishing with 2,053 to join Eric Dickerson and O.J. Simpson as the only 2,000-yard runners.

"Barry, he's unbelievable," Jets safety Victor Green said. "We broke down a couple of plays and he beat us."

In other games Sunday, it was Cincinnati 16, Baltimore 14; Kansas City 25, New Orleans 13; New York Giants 20, Dallas 7; Tennessee 16, Pittsburgh 6; Arizona 29, Atlanta 26; and Seattle 38, San Francisco 9.

Tonight, Miami plays host to New England, with the winner getting a home game against the loser next Sunday in the playoffs.

Other matchups for the wild-card round have Minnesota (9-7) at the Giants (10-5-1) and Jacksonville (11-5) at Denver (12-4) on Saturday and Detroit (9-7) at Tampa Bay (10-6) on Sunday.

Overtime loss ends Steers JV bid during Sweetwater tourney

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's junior varsity Steers dropped a 50-43 overtime loss to Snyder's Tigers to make a quicker than hoped for exit at the Sweetwater JV Tournament Saturday.

Colby Ford paced Big Spring with 16 points and John Purcell added eight, but were unable to keep pace with the Tigers during the extra period.

It was the second heart-breaking loss of the tournament for the Big Spring contingent. The Steers had opened with a 43-41 loss to Merkel in the tourney's opening round.

Again, Ford led the Steers with 19 points, but Big Spring was unable to add double-digit scoring support. Lance Brock added eight points to the Steers' total.

Both the Steers JV and varsity were scheduled to play this afternoon in Snyder before taking a break for the Christmas holiday. The junior varsity game was slated for a 2 p.m. start, while the varsity was to take the floor at 3:30.

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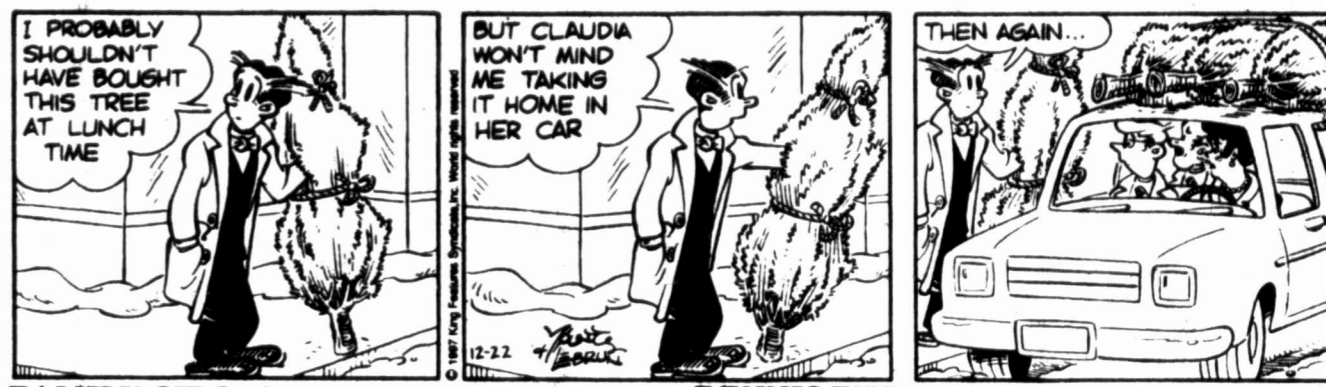
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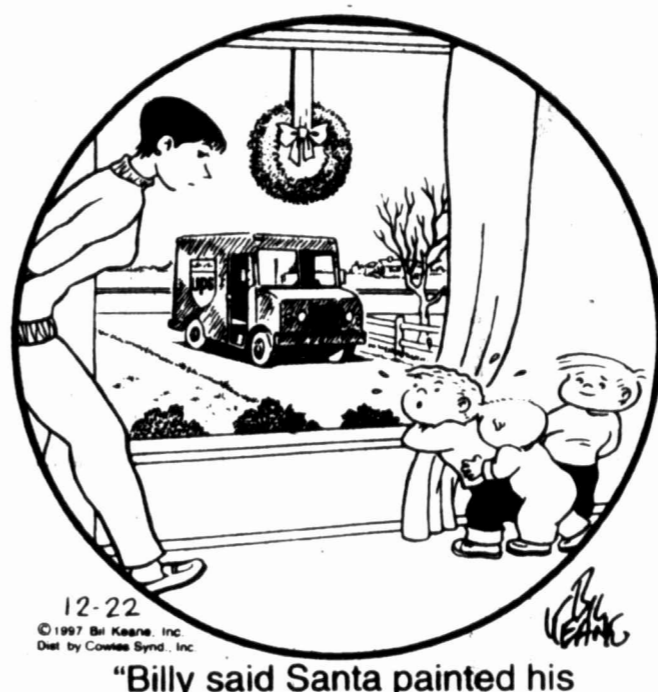
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Dec. 22, the

356th day of 1997. There are nine days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 22, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, the Germans demanded the surrender of American troops at Bastogne, Belgium; Brigadier

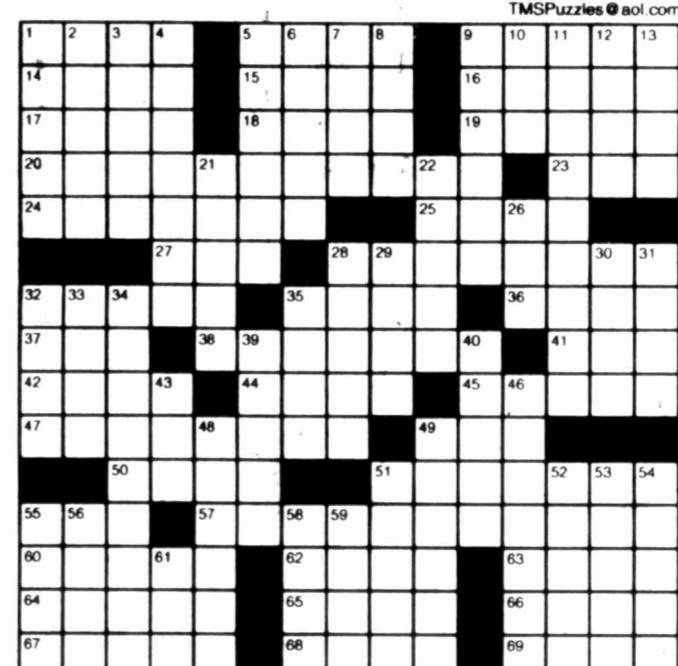
Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied: "Nuts!" On this date: In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American colonies under the command of Ezek Hopkins. In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

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THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Gift-tag word 5 Greek letter 9 Overly excited 14 Architect Saarninen 15 Israel's airline 16 Stage type 17 Secondhand 18 Puerto 19 Opened 20 Cooked perfectly 23 Boob tubes 24 Swaggers 25 Rights grp 27 Director Browning 28 Veteran of many conflicts 32 Goat-man 35 Ear part 36 Son of Judah 37 S. American nation abbr. 38 Prohibitive traffic sign 41 Actor Wallach 42 Alban or Molly 44 Demo ending? 45 Having paddles 47 "Kittie Players" painter 49 Valuable stone 50 Post Teasdale 51 Contributors 55 City 57 What deserves another? 60 John or Bonnie 62 Caustic remark 63 Lamb's pen name 64 God of Islam 65 Runny cheese 66 Shure patrol grp. 67 Lager and ale 68 Practice punches 69 Vocalized team spirit



By Harvey L. Chew Danvers, MA 12/22/97

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Saturday's Puzzle solved. A grid with words filled in: REPUTE, DROPSHOT, ELOPES, VACCATORS, HISSAT, AERACINTA, EAT, SOLID, ENDER, ASP, EPNYM, GALS, RHOS, SOCIAL, SONAR, INCAMERA, AWELESS, GENESEE, LESSENE, ALTAR, ERAT, BELIEF, ERA, LEGAL, RIVAL, MAL, SPACELAB, DOMINI, ALIENAGE, ORANGS, SYNTAXES, GADGET.

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In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln from Georgia, saying, "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift to the city of Savannah."

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.) In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with President Roosevelt.

In 1977, three dozen people were killed when a 250-foot high grain elevator at the Continental Grain Co. plant in Westwego, La., exploded.

In 1989, Romania's hard-line Communist ruler, Nicolae Ceausescu, was toppled in a popular uprising.

In 1990, Lech Walesa took the oath of office as Poland's first popularly elected president.

In 1991, the body of Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, an American hostage murdered by his captors, was found dumped along a highway in Lebanon.

Ten years ago: The Reagan administration criticized Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, particularly the military's use of live ammunition against civilians.

Five years ago: President-elect Clinton chose Warren Christopher to be his secretary of state and tapped Les Aspin to be defense secretary. A Libyan Boeing 727 jetliner crashed, killing 157 people.

One year ago: Peruvian guerrillas holding more than 360 hostages at the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima freed all but 140 of their captives. Eight workers were killed in an explosion at the Wyman Gordon Forgings metal-fabricating plant in northwest Houston. Today's Birthdays: Lady Bird Johnson is 85. Former House Speaker Jim Wright is 75. Actress Barbara Billingsley is 75. Actor Hector Elizondo is 61. Country singer Red Steagall is 60. Baseball hall-of-famer Steve Carlton is 53. ABC News correspondent Diane Sawyer is 52. Rock singer-musician Rick Nielsen (Cheap Trick) is 51. Retired baseball player Steve Garvey is 49. Singers Robin and Maurice Gibb are 48.