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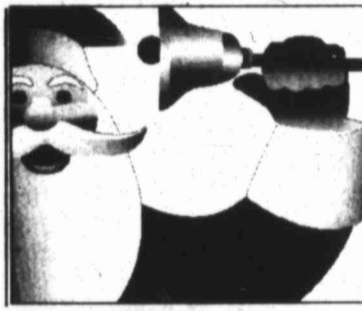


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HELPING OTHERS...

Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including Salvation Army Angel Trees, Salvation Army kettles.

If your organization has an established program to help others, and you would like to be included in this list, call Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 234.



Angel Tree locations:

- Big Spring Herald (seniors)
- Big Spring Mall
- Al's and Son B-B-Q
- Wal-Mart
- Cosden Credit Union
- Mel's Fried Fish
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- In addition, Beall's Department Store will give a 10 percent discount to all purchases of Angel Tree gifts.

Salvation Army Kettles:

- Big Spring Post Office
- Wal-Mart
- Big Spring Mall

Other efforts:

- H-E-B Food Stores Ring In A Miracle to benefit the Salvation Army. Tell your cashier what you want to give and either \$1 and \$2 added to your grocery total.
 - Canned food drives at all Howard County schools through Dec. 11.
 - TCA Cable of Big Spring will waive the cost installation for new customers who donate 10 cans of food for its food drive.
 - Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, is collecting coats for state
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Spring-like weather set to greet parade participants, spectators

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

Warm, almost spring-like weather, is forecast for Saturday when as many as 15,000 persons are expected to line the route of the 12th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade. Temperatures are expected to reach the mid-70s and, according to the National Weather Service in Midland, should be in the 65 to 70 degree range when the parade starts at 5 p.m. "It will cool off a bit when the sun goes down," a forecaster said, "but it shouldn't be any cooler than it has been the past few nights until about 10 p.m. or so.

"But while the parade is going, the temperatures should remain in the 60s." A total of 76 entries will participate in the parade, which will begin at the corner of the FM 700 north frontage road and Gregg Street and proceed north to Sixth Street. At that point, the parade will turn east for two blocks before heading north on Main Street until it disbands at Second Street. The 20-member Vietnam Memorial Committee (VMC) will serve as Grand Marshals of the parade, with 16 members of the committee scheduled to ride the Grand Marshal's entry.

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OFFICIAL PARADE ORDER OF ENTRY

- The official order of entry in the 12th annual Herald Community Christmas Parade, scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday:
- | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Big Spring Police Department Color Guard | 8. Howard College Night Hawk Band | 17. Troop 501, Boy Scouts |
| 2. Grand Marshals — Vietnam Memorial Committee | 9. Al's and Son BBQ | 18. College Heights Christian Church |
| 3. Big Spring/Rumrill/Gollard Band | 10. Sacred Heart Catholic Church | 19. Ray Valencia antique automobile |
| 4. Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce | 11. Frank Edwards 1929 antique automobile | 20. Fiesta Dodge |
| 5. City of Big Spring | 12. Lake View Head Start | 21. KBST |
| 6. Troop 194, Girl Scouts | 13. SRMC Transitional Care Unit | 22. American Business Women |
| 7. Fire | 14. KWES-TV | 23. Western Container |
| | 15. Disabled American Veterans | 24. Cub Scouts |
| | 16. Big Spring Fire Department | 25. Howard County Youth Horsemen |
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United Way over top with \$223,164

Campaign reaches goal for third straight year

HERALD Staff Report

For the third straight year, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County exceeded its goal.

With a troupe of "Shakespearean players" providing the numbers, campaign volunteers and member agency representatives were able to watch the total grow on a "computer" using color-coded stones, much like those used in Shakespeare's time.

By the time all was said and done, "The Lad Bill of Redmond," played by Pam Stephens, had taken the totals supplied by "Dame Maude of Suffolk," played by China Long, and "Sir Melvin of Kent," played by John Walker, and calculated the campaign had raised a total of \$223,164. The campaign goal was

1998 TOTALS

Division	Amount
Out of Town	\$5,150
Pacesetters	\$32,450
Commercial	\$19,865
Community	\$5,962
Combined Federal	\$24,955
Professional	\$7,570
Loaned Executive	\$121,838
State Employees	\$3,550
UW Agencies and Special events	\$1,824
Total	\$223,164

\$217,500. It was the most money raised by the organization since 1991-92 when \$227,749 was raised, but the goal was missed.

Campaign chairman, Richard Steel said he was pleased with the results of the campaign and the amount of support the campaign received from within the community.

The campaign got off to a rousing start on Sept. 8 when Texas First Lady Laura Bush keynoted the Kickoff Luncheon at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

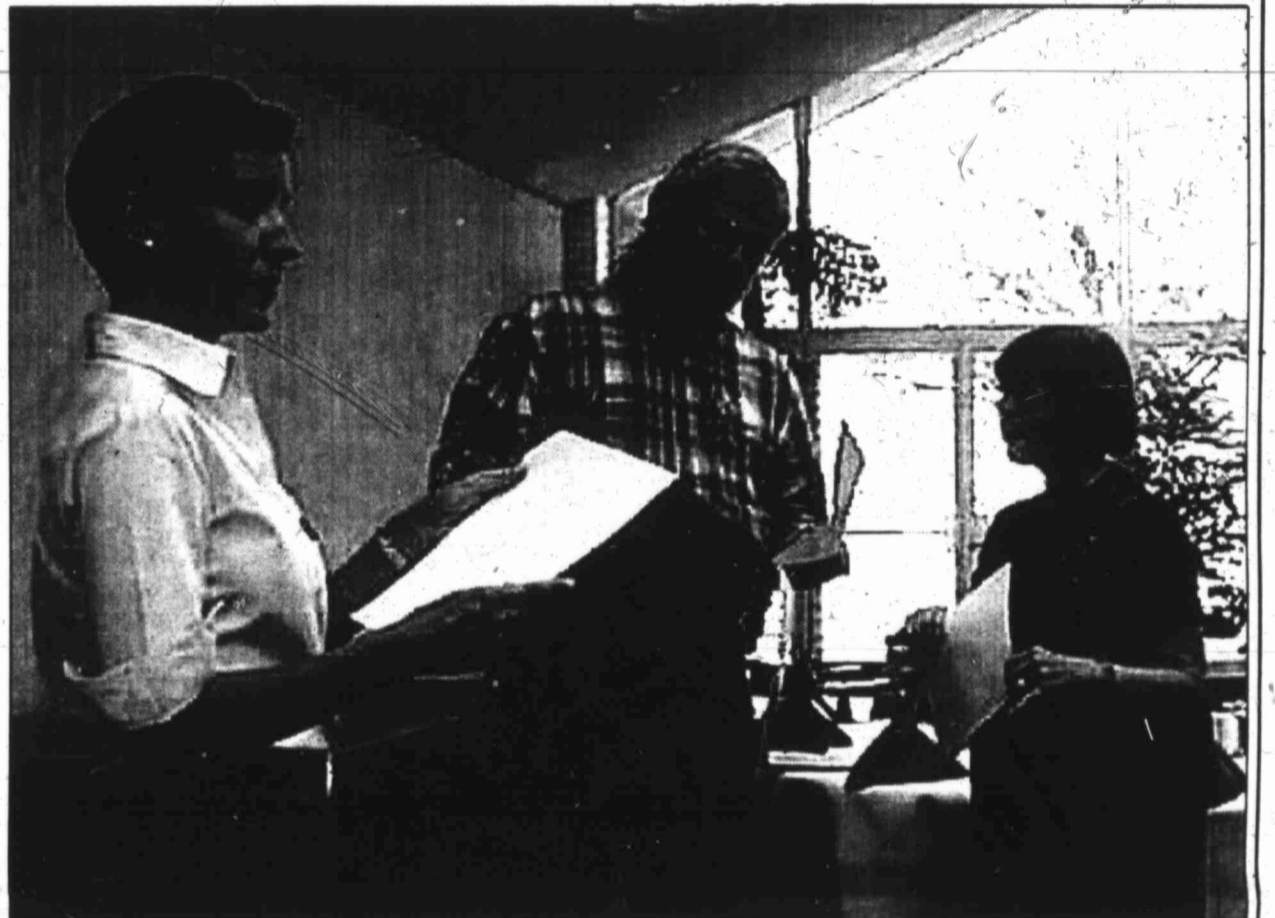
Mrs. Bush challenged the record crowd to reach their goal and to help others. While in Big Spring, she spent about 30 minutes at Westside Day Care, one of the member agencies of the United Way.



STEEL



JENNINGS



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
United Way executive director Carroll Jennings (out of the picture) coaches The Lad Bill of Redmond (Pam Stephens), Sir Melvin of York (John Walker) and Dame Maude of Suffolk (China Long) as they practiced their lines Thursday for today's Over the Top campaign luncheon at the Big Spring Country Club.

Highlights of the campaign included more than \$15,000 in first-time contributions and more than \$13,000 in increased contributions.

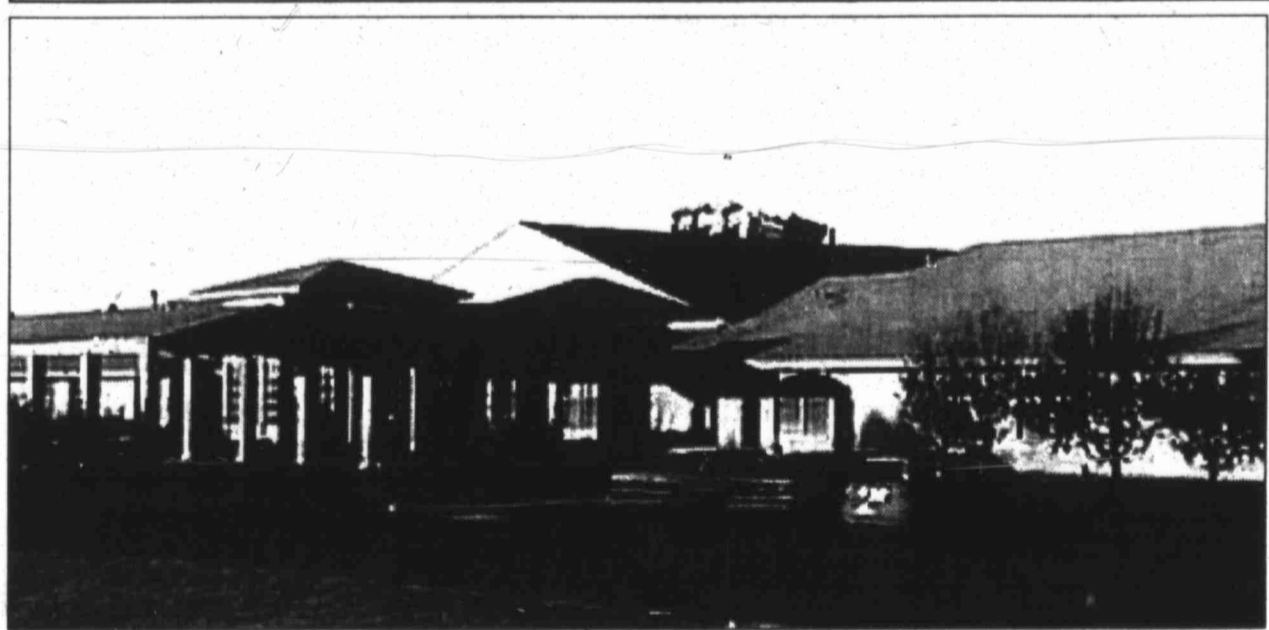
A number of outstanding employee fund drives were recognized, including the City of Big Spring with a 1,000 percent increase in giving over a year ago and the Social Security

Administration, where the average gift exceeded \$100 per employee.

Other outstanding employee fund drives included Malone & Hogan Clinic, Fina, State National Bank, Hirschfeld Steel, First Big Spring Banking Center, Conoco (Forsan), McMahon Concrete, HEB and Big Spring Federal Correctional

Institute. United Way executive director Carroll Jennings reported there were 25 corporate gifts from major companies, 61 corporate gifts from small businesses and 38 employee campaigns conducted in major firms, businesses and govern-

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HERALD photo/John H. Walker
Comanche Trail Nursing Home, 3200 Parkway, is the subject of a civil suit filed by the Texas Attorney General's office.

Attorney general's office sues Comanche Trail Nursing Home

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Owners of Comanche Trail Nursing Home may expect fines of up to \$10,000 per violation if found guilty in a recent civil law suit brought by the Texas attorney general.

"This civil suit is strictly seeking civil penalties and does not allege these are on-going violations of the law," said Wade Tisdale, spokesperson for the AG's office.

Tisdale said the suit stemmed from an investigation by the Texas Department of Human Services that was conducted from Dec. 11-16, 1997.

At that time, sufficient evidence was collected and later submitted to the AG's office to warrant the civil suit, Tisdale said.

"DHS does all the investigation and submits reports. There are two kinds of suits, an immediate suit where it is a priority that a trustee be appointed to take over the facility. Those types are a high priority.

"This type is one where there are not on-going threats, but there are violations that need to be addressed," Tisdale said.

Criminal suits must be filed by the local district attorney, Tisdale said.

"We have no authority to do

that," he said.

The civil suit alleges that three of nine residents of the nursing home during the specified time in December, developed pressure sores due to neglect, he said.

"These three residents entered the facility without pressure sores and developed them. Nursing homes are supposed to keep watch for those type of situations and they failed to prevent their developing, and then they did not adequately treat the pressure sores. That is a violation of the law," Tisdale said.

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Warm weather may set record for latest freeze ever in West Texas

By **T.E. JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Crossroads Area residents who have been looking forward to a cold, seasonal Christmas holiday can prepare to be sadly disappointed, as the National Weather Service has deemed the coming winter to be warmer and drier than normal.

"We are definitely expecting an unusually warm and dry winter this year," said National Weather Service Meteorologist Ray Fagen. "This year will definitely go into the record books."

Fagen said that the unseasonably warm weather can partly be blamed on the infamous El Nino and La Nina weather systems.

"Everyone has heard so much about El Nino, which was responsible for a lot of the weather problems in West Texas and around the world this year," said Fagen. "La Nina, which is exactly the opposite of the El Nino system's characteristics, is mostly to blame for the current string of warm weather, as well as the delayed first freeze of the season."

"Where as El Nino was brought about by above normal sea water temperatures, La Nina has brought below normal sea water temperatures, causing the warmer weather that we are currently experiencing, as well as the drier than normal

conditions that have many farmers so upset right now."

Fagen said reports from Washington D.C. confirm local meteorologists reports that this year's winter will be exceptionally mild.

"We've received the forecast for the winter from the Climatic Data Center in Washington D.C., and their reports are the same as ours," said Fagen. "We will have continually warm and dry patterns for the extent of the winter, all the way into early spring."

According to Fagen Big Spring, as well as the surrounding areas, are well behind the normal yearly schedule for the first freeze of the season.

"The first freeze of the season usually comes to Big Spring around Nov. 13," said Fagen. "We are well overdue, and it doesn't look like we can possibly expect freezing weather until Dec. 7. That's the first shot of cold weather we have in sight for right now, and even this is borderline with temperatures forecasted in the 30 to 32 degree range."

Fagen said that if Mother Nature waits until that date to cool West Texas down, we will have set yet another record for 1998.

"The latest the first freeze in West Texas has ever come was Dec. 6, 1954," said Fagen. "That

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OBITUARIES

Kenny Loy Court

Kenny Loy Court, 51, Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998, at his residence. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on May 23, 1947, in Hereford, and married Kay Wells on May 25, 1982, in Houston.

He had been a truck driver for 25 years.

He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Kay Court of Big Spring; two sons, Pete Loy Court of Levelland, and Kenneth James Court of Big Spring; his mother Dora C. Morehouse of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Julie Court and Dana Court, both of Smyer; one uncle; two aunts; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Amanda Court, his father, Kenneth Court and his brother, Pete Court.

The family suggests memorials to: Crohn's Foundation; 386 Park Ave. South 17th Floor; New York City, N.Y.; 10016-8804; or the donor's favorite charity.

The family will receive visitors at 1406 Main Street.

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

Paid obituary

Elmer Jay Rainey

Service for Elmer Jay Rainey, 93, Monahans, formerly of Big Spring, will be 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Eldon Cook, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Rainey died Friday, Dec. 4, in a Monahans nursing home.

He was born on Feb. 12, 1905, in Athens, Texas. He was married to Connie Hollis, and she preceded him in death in 1969. He later married Stella Ellington, and she preceded him in death in 1994. He came to Big Spring in the early 1930's. He lived in Loraine for 17 years before moving to Monahans in 1996. He worked in the grocery business and retired from Piggly Wiggly. He was a member of Loraine Baptist Church. Mr. Rainey had served as a deacon of East Fourth Street Baptist Church for many years when he lived here.

Survivors include: one son, Weldon Rainey of Monahans; one sister, Stella Lee of Big

Spring; six grandsons; one granddaughter; two great-granddaughters; six great-grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Ellie Pearce

Service for Ellie Pearce, 86, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Friday, Dec. 4, 1998, at Comanche Trail Nursing Center following a long illness.

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hospital patients for Christmas. Also, a food drive is under way.

Call 267-4124 to donate

- Sacred Heart Catholic Church collects baby gifts to be given to Birthright. Bring your new or hand made gift to the church, 508 N. Ayleford.
- Norwest Bank has a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments that represent 26 Howard County children who are currently clients of the Children's Protective Services. Visit the bank to adopt one for these children.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting donated cans of food to be distributed to the area needy through various social service agencies at the holidays. Bring two or more cans to any local movie theater and you will receive a free tub of popcorn. Donating the cans also qualifies you for a chance to win a prize from a local merchant.

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is also the only year West Texas has ever made it through October and November without having the season's first freeze. This year, it looks like we will most likely surpass that record.

According to National Weather Service data, the coldest day on record so far this season has been 36 degrees, recorded on Nov. 26.

Fagen added that West Texans are destined for the 1998 history books yet again if more rainfall doesn't find its way here before the end of the year.

"Right now, we are sitting on the second driest year in this area's history," said Fagen. "In 1951, the area received only 4.24 inches of rain, earning it the title of the driest. We are currently at 4.56 at the midland International Airport, and there isn't any rainfall in the forecast between now and the end of the year."

"The second driest year on record is currently 1953, but we expect to beat that year, which received more than six inches of rainfall."

UNITED WAY

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ment organizations. Donations by physicians increased 150 percent while attorney and CPA participation was 100 percent.

"It was an outstanding campaign," Jennings said. "There were a number of people who worked extremely hard and put in many long hours to ensure the campaign was a success. That's why United Way works."

Allocations for the 1998-1999 campaign include \$29,500 for the Boys Club; \$20,100 to Westside Day Care; \$18,080 to the Salvation Army; \$14,900 to the Northside Community Center; \$11,150 to Dora Roberts Rehab Center; \$11,000 to the YMCA; \$10,400 to Rape Crisis/Victim Services; \$8,600 to Westside Community Center; \$7,200 to the American Red Cross; \$5,350 to the Boy Scouts and \$3,780 to the Girl Scouts.

SUIT

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In the suit, the AG's office claims a resident developed pressure sore on the right heel within two weeks after admission to the facility.

Another resident developed pressure sores on both heels. A third resident developed pressure sores on the right heel that were documented on Sept. 22, 1997. On Dec. 16, the sores were still present, the suit said.

Carla Cox, with the Austin firm of Small, Craig and Werkenthin, provided a response to the AG's press release that said the suit had yet to be served to Summit Care Texas L.P., the company that operates Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

The response, which was faxed to the Big Spring Herald, said, "Based on our past experience with similar law suits filed by the Attorney General, such law suits often contain false and exaggerated claims."

"Contrary to the Attorney General, we believe that the courthouse is the appropriate forum for disputed legal claims and do not intend to try out client's case in the media."

Summit Care Texas L.P. is also being sued for separate incidents that occurred in a nursing home in Fort Worth.

In that suit, the AG's office claims a resident of the facility died when the facility failed to follow doctor's orders. The resident's tracheal tube became clogged and was not cleared for several hours.

When discovered, the resident was unresponsive, not breathing and a pulse could not be located. Death occurred that same evening.

Also, another resident was over sedated, according to the AG's office. That resident was sent to a hospital emergency room because of the over sedation, according to the Attorney General.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Assistant attorney general Claire E. Langford is handling the Comanche Trail Nursing Center case. Assistant attorney general John J. Rivas will prosecute the Fort Worth case.

If found liable, Summit Care Texas L.P. faces a penalty of up to \$10,000 per violation per day the violation occurred. Any monies awarded will be paid into the Texas General Fund, Tisdale said.

Generally, nursing home civil suits are settled out of court, he said.

PARADE

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This will be the fourth year the parade has included a lighted category and, in fact, the majority of the entries in the parade will be lighted.

"We've seen an increase each year (in the number of lighted entries)," explained Herald publisher Chuck Williams. "The overall number of entries in the parade is down about 10 this year, but the number of lighted entries is up about the same amount."

Williams said one thing the parade committee was pleased about was the increased band participation.

"We've always been able to count on Big Spring High School, but the addition of Forsan High School's band will definitely add to the quality of the parade," he said.

Williams cited the efforts of Big Spring High School band director Rocky Harris in trying to get area bands to participate, as well as getting as many local musicians as possible.

"He contacted the area schools to encourage them to participate and he is also including the Rannels band as well as members of the Goliad band in with the Steer band," Williams said.

"Rocky's support has been great," he added.

Competition in each of the four divisions — lighted, commercial/manufacturing, church/school and civic — promises to be spirited.

All four division winners from 1997 will be back to defend their championships in this year's parade, which carries the theme, "Home for the Holidays."

Last year, Norwest Bank won the lighted category; A1's and Son Bar-B-Q won the commercial division; Church of the Harvest took the church/school category and Boy Scout Troop 25/Cub Scout Pack 501 repeated in the civic category.

"We're excited that all four defending champions will be back," Williams said, pointing out that Boy Scout Troop 25 will be going for its third straight championship.

The parade is just part of the community's Christmas season kickoff, which gets under way tonight at 6 with the turning on of the lights in the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights and continues Saturday and Sunday night with the 20th annual presentation of First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree.

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- 26. Texas Tech Ex-Students
- 27. H.O.G.
- 28. Howard County Volunteer Fire Department

The STAR Theatre
 at College Park Shopping Center
 *A Bug's Life (G)
 Daily: 2:00-4:15-7:00-9:30
 *Waterboy (PG-13)
 Daily: 2:15-4:30-7:15-9:45
 *Pass & Super Saver Restricted

RITZ
 401 S. Main
 263-7480
 Child 12+ Adult 18+
 RUGRATS (G)
 DIGITAL SOUND
 DAILY: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
 Sat. & Sun. Mat. 2:00-4:30
 MEET JOE BLACK (PG-13)
 DAILY: 1:30-5:00-8:30
 Sat. & Sun. Mat. 1:30-5:00
 VAMPIRES (R)
 DAILY: 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
 Sat. & Sun. Mat. 2:15-4:45
 *Pass & Saver Restricted

TEXAS LOTTERY PICK 3: 3,0,0 CASH 5:10,13,20,30,39

- 29. Alberto's
- 30. Goliad Middle School Cavaliers
- 31. Robert Sizenbach 1965 Mustang
- 32. Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- 33. Sam Froman Dirt Contractor
- 34. Norwest
- 35. SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf
- 36. Forsan High School Band
- 37. Rose's Cafe
- 38. Hispanic Women for Progress
- 39. Troop 25, Boy Scouts
- 40. Taco Bell
- 41. State National Bank
- 42. Big Spring Bass Club
- 43. Parks Fuel and Convenience Stores
- 44. Marvin Boyd 1957 Chevy
- 45. Rannels Junior High cheerleaders
- 46. Vision Makers
- 47. Lee Hooper family
- 48. Troop 176, Pack 7 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts
- 49. Templo Belen
- 50. Hall Bennett Clinic
- 51. Santa Fe Sandwiches
- 52. Big Spring Humane Society
- 53. Tranquility Professional Massage
- 54. B&M Roofing
- 55. Forsan Youth Football
- 56. Big Spring Rod & Custom
- 57. Coahoma cheerleaders
- 58. Comanche Flats
- 59. Bauer Magnet School
- 60. La Costa
- 61. Howard College Hawk mascot
- 62. Templo Centro DeAlbanza
- 63. Crossroads football
- 64. Pack 305, Cub Scouts
- 65. Rainbow Girls
- 66. Skateland
- 67. Big Spring High School JV cheerleaders
- 68. Elbow Elementary
- 69. Church of the Harvest
- 70. Big Spring VA Medical Center
- 71. Massage Connections
- 72. Suez Shrine Fire Brigade
- 73. AG Service Co.
- 74. Coca-Cola
- 75. Dance Gallery
- 76. Santa Claus

juana.

• **DARYLE COATES**, 45, was arrested for contempt of a child support order.

• **FRANCISCO LUERA**, 28, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/carrying a prohibited weapon, no valid drivers license, and violation of a promise to appear.

• **MELINDA RIOS**, 34, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/welfare fraud.

• **STEVEN LOYD BATEMAN**, 19, was arrested on revocation of probation/driving while intoxicated.

POLICE

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

• **ANTHONY VALENTINE**, 40, was arrested for assault.

• **YOLANDA VELA**, 46, was arrested on local warrants.

• **MARTHA MORALES**, 27, was arrested on county warrants.

• **REGINA FRANKS**, 23, was arrested for failure to identify.

• **CHRISTOPHER FUQUA**, 27, was arrested for assault/family violence.

• **LERRY MARTINEZ**, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **EDUARDO SAUCEDO**, 38, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **DAVID CLARK**, 40, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **RODNEY GAMBLE**, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.

FIRE/EMS

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

THURSDAY

2:46 a.m. — 10 miles North Highway 87, traffic accident, service refused.

4:28 p.m. — 1200 block E. 16th, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:13 p.m. — 1000 block North Main, public service call, gas leak.

SHERIFF

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

• **JACKIE EUGENE LANG**, 23, was arrested for contempt of a child support order.

• **THOMAS H. MENDEZ**, 29, was arrested on a revocation of probation/possession of mari-

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'PSYCHO' (R)
 FRI. 4:20-7:20-9:50
 SAT. & SUN. 1:50-4:20-7:20-9:50
 MON.-THURS. 4:20-7:20

I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R)
 FRI. & SAT. 7:10-9:30
 SUN.-THURS. 7:10

BABE Z (G)
 FRI. 4:30
 SAT. & SUN. 2:00-4:30
 MON.-THURS. 4:30

ENEMY OF THE STATE (R)
 FRI. 4:10-7:00-9:40
 SAT. 1:40-4:10-7:00-9:40
 SUN. 1:40-4:10-7:00
 MON.-THURS. 4:10-7:00

HOME FRIES (PG-13)
 FRI. 4:00-7:30-9:20
 SAT. 1:30-4:00-7:30-9:20
 SUN. 1:30-4:00-7:30
 MON.-THURS. 4:00-7:30

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
 24th & Johnson 267-8288
 Ellie Pearce, 86, died Friday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
 Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
 Fredricka Katherine Lindborn Johnson Grimes 93, died Wednesday. Services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Friday evening at the funeral home.
 Kenny Loy Court, 51, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.
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 Nancy Raney, left, and Tammy Schreckengost, of the Heritage Museum, adjust the Community Christmas Tree Forest entry from the Spade and Hoe Garden Club. Decorated trees from several clubs, organizations and groups will fill the downstairs exhibit area of the museum when the forest opens Saturday with a reception at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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Weeklong hunt for death row inmate ends with body discovered in river

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Texas prison officials insisted during the weeklong hunt for escaped killer Martin Gurule, that he had not slipped through an intense dragnet since his daring escape from death row.

They were right. Gurule's bloated body, wrapped in crude cardboard armor, was spotted just before dark Thursday, floating at the mouth of a creek that empties into the Trinity River. It was just about a mile east of the Texas Department of Justice Ellis Unit, home of death row.

He had been dead for some time, they said. The discovery, made by a couple of prison workers fishing on their day off, ended the first

escape from Texas death row since a member of the Bonnie and Clyde gang broke out in 1934.

"We never had any piece of evidence that took the inmate away from our perimeter or containment area," Wayne Scott, executive director of the prison system said. "We work on that rule of thumb and it paid off for us."

"We're the professionals. We've done this before. It's very unfortunate these things occur. But there's no prison that's escape-proof."

"I think we're relieved," added Gary Johnson, director of the prison system. "This was an issue of public safety. We knew as long as we had a death row

inmate outside our compound that there was a potential of public risk. We know now that public risk has ended."

Hundreds of officers on horseback, following dog teams and in mobile and aerial patrols scoured the snake- and mosquito-infested woods and swamps around the prison 15 miles northeast of Huntsville since late Thanksgiving night.

That's when Gurule, 29, condemned for a 1992 robbery in Corpus Christi in which two people were killed, oined six other convicted killer in trying to break out.

His six colleagues stopped at a pair of 10-foot-high chainlink fences topped with coils of razor wire when guards in towers 200

feet away spotted them and opened fire. Gurule kept going, using the homemade body armor to blunt the punctures of the razor wire, then raced across a road along the prison perimeter and dashed right by warden's house as he disappeared into the dark.

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Cantu narrowly avoids execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Relatives of three Abilene murder victims who were prepared to watch the killer put to death are vowing to return to the death chamber after the condemned inmate won a reprieve moments before he was set for lethal injection.

"I don't understand why they're putting off the inevitable," a sobbing Rita Becker said Thursday evening after learning that convicted killer Andrew Cantu had won a reprieve from the U.S. Supreme Court. "It doesn't make sense. We're angry. We're hurt."

Ms. Becker is the niece of Gene and Helen Summers, both 64, and Billy Mack Summers, 60, who were all fatally stabbed in their house, which then was

set on fire in an attempt to hide the murders.

"We will be back," said Bernice Lott, whose lost her two brothers in the June 11, 1990 carnage.

Cantu in court was challenging deadlines he missed for filing appeals. At the time, he was acting as his own attorney. A panel of a federal appeals court in New Orleans on Wednesday had voted 2-1 to reject his appeal, and the full 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday had agreed.

A dissenting opinion on the court, however, believed Cantu should have had legal help.

The Supreme Court felt the case deserved a look and stopped the execution about 15 minutes before the scheduled 6

p.m. injection time.

The reprieve means Cantu, who turns 31 on Saturday, will get at least 30 days before he can be put to death.

"Why give him 30 days," Ms. Becker said. "They didn't have have 30 days," she said, referring to her aunt and two uncles.

Authorities said the deaths were a murder-for-hire scheme involving the Summers' son and Cantu, who was contracted to carry out the killings. Gregory Summers also is on death row awaiting execution. Both he and Cantu have denied any roles in the murders.

Cantu's lethal injection would have been the 18th this year in Texas and the first of six executions scheduled in the state over 12 days.

Defense attorney will interview parents of burned boy

HOUSTON (AP) — The lawyer of a teen accused of burning an 8-year-old boy will be allowed to interview the boy's parents under oath, a judge has ruled.

Donald W. Collins, 13, is accused of dousing Robert Middleton with gasoline and setting him on fire on Robert's eighth birthday in June.

Robert was burned all over his body and remains in critical

condition in a Galveston hospital.

The date and place of defense attorney Bill Hall's interview with Bobby and Colleen Middleton have not been set.

"I don't want to do anything to make Mr. and Mrs. Middleton uncomfortable or to upset them in any way, because they've been through enough," Hall told the Houston

Chronicle.

"But my client has been locked up like an animal for months on end while the county attorney's office has stonewalled at every turn while I've tried to get information from them."

According to an affidavit, Robert told his mother and two nurses after the attack that "Don did it."

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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:
- UNITED WAY OF BIG SPRING AND HOWARD COUNTY**, on another successful drive — the third consecutive year to reach their goal.
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- BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, which received accreditation after a lot of hard work.
- THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU** of the chamber, for adding a nice touch to the downtown area with colorful holiday banners.
- VIETNAM MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**, which was named grand marshal of the Big Spring *Herald* Community Christmas Parade.
- THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY**, which ushered in the holiday season last Saturday with the Nutcracker ballet.
- THE CITY OF BIG SPRING**, for its continuing efforts to renovate and upgrade the City Auditorium.

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

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Pat Simmons deserves our thanks for her leadership in keeping our town looking its best. Wish we could clone her!

JANELL DAVIS
Big Spring

EDITOR'S NOTE: Let's not forget that she also was the catalyst behind the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights, which begins tonight and continues through the holiday season.

OTHER VIEWS

A new study that shows access to public records in Texas is becoming more difficult should prompt lawmakers to streamline and strengthen open-records laws.

The study, conducted by the public interest group Consumers Union, found that public records in Texas are becoming less public and more secret due to lax enforcement of the law, expanded exceptions to the law and the deliberate manipulation of the process by public officials.

One reason the public is

finding it more difficult to obtain public information is because public officials forget that they work for the public. Many complaints about access to public records would disappear if public officials kept in mind the stated intent of law: "The people, in delegating authority, do not give their servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know."

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Newt Gingrich's tie to AARP angered GOP

Key to the conservative disenchantment with departing House Speaker Newt Gingrich was his temporary marriage to the liberal American Association of Retired Persons. Two moments in particular stand out, according to GOP members and staff we've talked with.



JACK ANDERSON

In closed-door strategy sessions shortly after Republicans took over the House in 1995, Gingrich told his fellow Republicans he was going to co-opt the AARP, regarded by many as America's most powerful lobbying organization. He said he was tired of butting heads with the left-leaning AARP leadership, which had repeatedly thwarted past Republican efforts to reform costly entitlement programs.

But Gingrich went too far for the conservatives' taste on at least two occasions — making a deal with the AARP for last year's balanced budget bill, and nearly naming AARP Executive Director Horace Deets to a key reform panel instead of a fellow Republican congressman. At first, in 1995, Gingrich's fellow Republicans went along

with his courtship, and it seemed to pay off by taking the edge off AARP's anti-GOP lobbying.

For its part, the AARP was anxious to make the friendship work. Gingrich's friendship gave the association its most important Republican connection. Anytime the AARP was criticized for its liberal leanings, Deets could tout his hobnobbing with Gingrich as proof of nonpartisanship.

The association also began severing ties with some of its liberal allies. An internal memo from Deets to AARP's top lobbyist John Rother in June 1995 advised him that it was time to be "very careful in our decisions to collaborate with other groups.... We cannot allow ourselves to be defined by other groups or foster an implied endorsement of another organization's broader policy agenda" — i.e., the Democratic party.

The first evidence of this sea change came when the AARP passed on joining a coalition of congressional Democrats and the AFL-CIO in opposition to the 1995 Republican Medicare reform effort. While expressing "grave concerns" about the bill, which eventually failed, AARP did not overtly lobby against it.

Gingrich crowed behind the scenes that his silencing of the formidable AARP was already working. The mutual admiration society continued right into 1997, when Gingrich's

staffers were in daily negotiation with AARP and White House officials on the elements of Medicare reform in the balanced budget bill.

On the day the bill was signed, a rare event occurred — described here by AARP's top lobbyist Rother to our associate Dale Van Atta:

"At the end, Gingrich acknowledged that it wouldn't have been possible without our support. The most dramatic event was on the day of the final vote. He had us in with his leadership team around the big conference table off the leader's office, and they gave us a standing ovation."

This was "quite amazing," Rother acknowledged, "when you think what things were like just a few years earlier," when Rother had been unofficially banned from several GOP leaders' offices for his liberal views.

But the ink was barely dry on the budget deal when conservatives began complaining that the AARP had taken a lot more from Gingrich than it had given by managing to thwart serious, long-term reform of the ailing Medicare program.

Instead of reforming the program, the budget deal called for the formation of a bipartisan commission to study the problem and recommend changes. The final straw for conservatives came when they learned that Gingrich was planning to name Deets as one

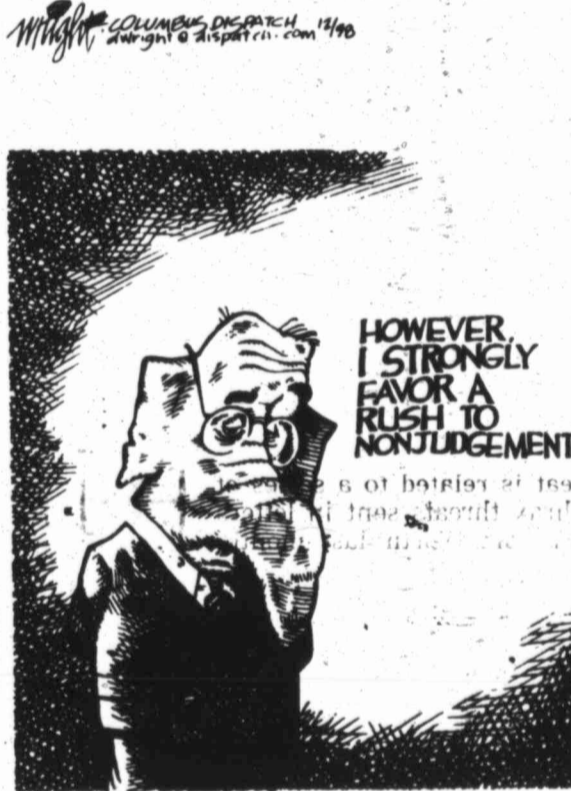
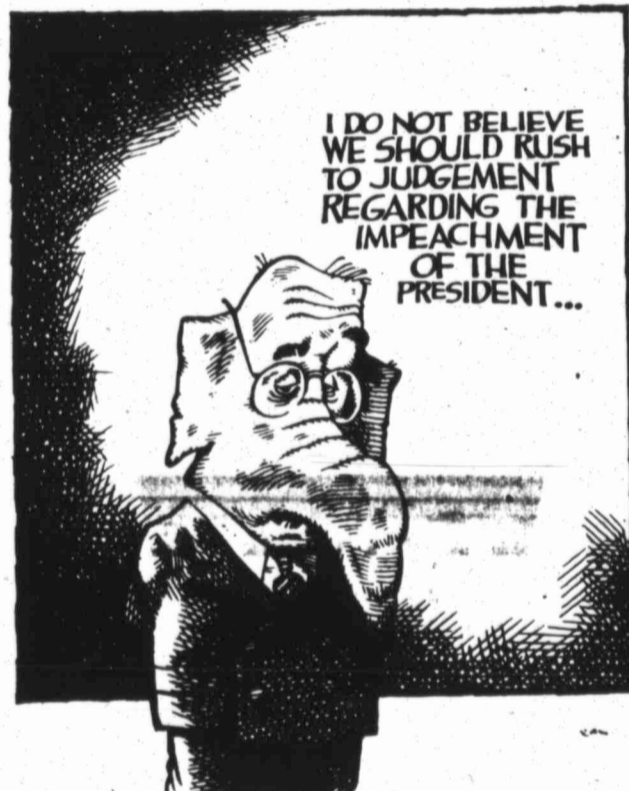
of his four picks for the commission. To find room for Deets, Gingrich was planning to displace one of his own loyalists, Rep. Michael Bilirakis, R-Fla. That embarrassment was averted when Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., surrendered his seat to Bilirakis.

But conservative Republican members were furious. "There was a semi-organized effort by them and their staffs to communicate to the House leadership that naming Deets would be a real bad idea," confided one staff conspirator. "So we put a knife in that one, and Deets was out."

Both Gingrich and Deets managed to save some face with a "pledge" maneuver. Gingrich asked his four initial appointees to pledge that they would not consider new taxes to reform Medicare. Deets couldn't make such a pledge, especially since the AARP has often supported higher taxation to buck up government benefits for the elderly.

But the damage to Gingrich within his party was already done. Several dozen House Republicans and staffers confirmed to us that these two episodes with the AARP were critical in taking the shine off Gingrich for Republicans. Coupled with the dismal 1998 election results, they helped spark the resignation of one of the most colorful and controversial speakers in history.

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Blind justice? Looks count in court

By **LAURIE ASSEO**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Justice isn't blind.

In court, just as in life, researchers say it helps to be good-looking. Sometimes it even helps to have a baby face.

Leslie A. Zebrowitz, a Brandeis University psychology professor, studied hundreds of small-claims court cases and found significant differences in outcome for baby-faced people vs. those with more mature looks.

"The more baby-faced the defendant, the less likely they are to be found at fault if they are accused of doing something intentional," Zebrowitz said. That's because baby-faced people are viewed as more naive and honest and less likely to do something wrong on purpose.

All this may buttress famed criminal defense lawyer Clarence Darrow's claim years ago that juries seldom convict a defendant they like, regardless of the facts.

Baby-faced people have bigger eyes and foreheads and more rounded features than people with angular, mature-looking faces.

An example: Louise Woodward, the round-cheeked British au pair convicted in Massachusetts last year of

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killing a baby in her care. The judge reduced the second-degree murder verdict to manslaughter, then set her free.

William Kennedy Smith, acquitted of rape in 1991, also fits the baby-face description, although it is unknown whether his or Woodward's looks played a role in the outcomes of their cases.

Research over the past several decades has shown that good-looking people are less likely to be convicted of crimes than those who look ordinary or downright unattractive. Attractive people who are convicted also tend to get shorter sentences.

There are exceptions. Attractive people can draw harsher punishments than other people if their crime is viewed as exploiting their looks, such as swindling others.

One study found that baby-faced people are more likely to lose in court when they are accused of being negligent, apparently because they look like the kind of person who might goof.

Jury consultant Jo-Ellan Dimitrius said looks can have a great impact in court.

Jurors will say defendants "don't look like someone who is guilty of spousal abuse, or who will embezzle checks," said Dimitrius, who served on O.J. Simpson's criminal defense team.

"When I'm going into jury selection in a case, I want to know what the players look like," she said.

Short of plastic surgery, people cannot change their facial features. But they can make the best of what they have.

Dimitrius might advise a client to trim a bushy mustache or hairstyle, to sit up straight in court, or to speak faster or slower.

Philip K. Anthony of DecisionQuest, a Los Angeles-based consulting firm, said trial witnesses who are harsh-looking can try to soften their communication style, while those who look more babyish might try to behave more assertively.

Anthony told of a patent case in which a jury ruled against a female inventor who had a round baby face and a passive speaking manner. "They literally said a person like this couldn't possibly invent something like this," Anthony said.

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Constitution rewrite would mean six-year terms

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers would get longer terms but be subject to term limits under a new Texas Constitution proposed by two lawmakers.

The proposal would also grant new powers to the governor, allowing him to appoint many officials who are now elected.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant, and Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, planned to unveil their proposal today.

Under their plan, the governor would appoint the land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, railroad commissioner, education board members and all district and appellate court judges.

"Other than personal persuasion, arm-twisting and the bully pulpit, the governor doesn't have the power to do anything right now," Ratliff said.

Under the proposal, the terms of state senators would go from four years to six — the longest in the nation — and House terms would be doubled, from two to four years. Only Alabama, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi and North Dakota have four-year House terms, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The proposal also calls for lawmakers, for the first time in Texas, to be subject to term limits. Senators could serve as long

as it took to complete nine regular legislative sessions, 18 years in most cases. House members could participate in eight regular sessions, generally 16 years.

Ratliff said Thursday that the goal is to let lawmakers spend more time doing their jobs and less time campaigning.

"Particularly for House members, when you run every other year you spend all your time running for office, it is very hard for them to do their job if they are constantly having to raise money and run for office," Ratliff said.

Ratliff said the current Constitution, adopted in 1876

and amended 377 times since, has long outlived its usefulness.

To pass, the proposed new Constitution must be approved by two-thirds of the House and Senate, then win approval from voters.

Observers of the Legislature said passing the proposal will be difficult.

Charles Elliott, a political scientist at Texas A&M University at Commerce, said the plan has a chance if Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov.-elect Rick Perry and state officials support it.

"But you also have to convince voters that there is some impending crisis that we can avert with this," Elliott said.

Another busy hurricane season forecast in 1999

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — The 1999 hurricane season will be another busy one, with four intense hurricanes predicted and greater chances the U.S. Atlantic Coast will be hit by a major storm, hurricane forecaster William Gray said Thursday.

Gray, a national expert on tropical storms, said evidence suggests "that we are embarking on a new era of enhanced major hurricane activity."

He and his team at Colorado State University foresee 14 named storms, nine hurricanes and four intense hurricanes forming in the Atlantic Basin during the June 1-Nov. 30 season.

A tropical storm with sustained winds of 39 mph to 72 mph gets its own name. A storm becomes a hurricane when winds reach 73 mph, and an intense hurricane has winds of 111 mph or higher.

The period 1995 to 1998 was the most active four consecutive years of hurricane activity on record, Gray said. There were 53 named storms, 33 hurricanes and 15 major hurricanes.

This year, there were 14 named storms, 10 hurricanes and three intense hurricanes. Gray and his team had forecast 10 storms, six hurricanes and two major hurricanes.

Higher-than-normal sea surface temperature was an unexpected factor that contributed to the intense hurricanes.

"To have a hurricane like Mitch form as late as in October as it did is just unprecedented," Gray said.

The level-5 hurricane, the most intense, killed thousands of people in Central America.

"We expect a season nearly as active as this year's," Gray said. "Of particular importance is our prediction that four intense hurricanes will form. Major hurricanes, on a statistical basis, cause the majority of hurricane-spawned destruction."

Forecasters believe the U.S. Atlantic Coast has about twice the historical chance of being hit by a major storm with winds of 111 mph or above. The Gulf Coast will have a 150 percent greater probability of a major hurricane moving inland, Gray said.

The season should also produce more low-latitude, major storms that will affect the Caribbean, according to the forecast.

Gray worries about the storms intensifying at a time when the population is increasing along the U.S. East Coast.

"If we have a pick up in these major storms, that's an ominous thing."

Corps of Engineers seeks comment on controversial river salt removal project

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wants to hear ideas and misgivings from Oklahomans and Texans affected by a massive project to divert salt from the Red River.

The corps' Tulsa office has scheduled public meetings Wednesday in Wichita Falls and Dec. 16 in Durant.

Corps officials say they already had spent \$85 million building dams, brine reservoirs, pipelines and pumps in West Texas when construction came to a halt in November 1997. A shutdown was ordered so that federal engineers could re-evaluate the complaints from environmentalists and business owners dependent upon tourism at Lake Texoma.

"We want to make sure that we put the best project out there that would satisfy and alleviate any of the concerns any of the agencies would have," said Richard Bilinski, project manager.

The Red River Chloride Control Project was authorized in 1957 to collect and dispose of brine in the West Texas tributaries that feed the river.

Opponents have complained for years that the project costs too much, threatens wildlife and tampers with ecology. Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating sides with the critics.

Supporters contend the project would make the water better fit for municipal, industrial and agricultural use in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. Eradication of tons of salt will help ensure a future water supply for the region, supporters say.

"I cannot envision any rational person suggesting it would do more harm than good," said George R. Bonnett, director of public works in Wichita Falls. "We think it makes absolute sense, because in a semiarid area, water controls growth, not oil."

One phase of the project — the Wichita River basin portion in Texas — will be the subject of the two public meetings this month.

Bilinski said construction was started but never completed on a pump house and low-float dam on ranchland northeast of Guthrie, Texas. The corps wants to know what river-area residents think about various alternatives, such as injecting the brine into wells, he said.

FBI is investigating anthrax scare at suburban post office

COPPELL (AP) — A vial with the handwritten words "You have just been contaminated by anthrax" was found at a U.S. Postal Service bulk mail center near Dallas Fort Worth International Airport early Friday morning.

A postal worker found the vial inside an empty piece of equipment around 12:45 a.m.

Members of a regional terrorism task force, wearing protective suits, removed the vial from the Coppell postal center and sent it to an FBI lab in Washington, D.C. Investigators were at the postal center about five hours.

Postal Service spokesman Cesta Ayres said workers who touched the vial were quarantined temporarily. No injuries were reported.

Ayres said he thinks the vial probably did not contain the deadly chemical because people who came in contact with it suffered no dramatic effects.

Anthrax spores can infect people who breathe them. The bacteria can be treated with antibiotics but can kill if left untreated.

Postal Inspector Linda Kirksey said simply making a terrorist hoax is a serious federal crime and will be investigated and prosecuted.

It's unknown whether this threat is related to a series of anthrax threats sent in letters from Fort Worth last month.

Abortion clinics, churches and other locations — most of them in the Midwest — received envelopes with letters stating they contained anthrax.

Investigation: Insurer accused of failing to pay health-care claims

DALLAS (AP) — Federal officials are conducting a criminal investigation of a health insurer accused of failing to pay about \$1.5 million in medical claims by residents of Texas and other states, according to a published report.

The claims went unpaid while the insurance company's executives used policyholders' money for gourmet dinners and luxury automobiles, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

Officials with the California-based insurer, The ERISA Advantage, also have failed to pay as much as \$7 million in claims against a defunct predecessor, Thorndyke Interna-

tional, a court-appointed financial officer said.

The officer, William J. Kropkof of Concord, Calif., said the company's unpaid medical claims total about \$1.2 million in Texas — including more than \$100,000 for a Montgomery County couple whose young son had surgery for brain cancer.

ERISA owner John B. Hyde of Stinson Beach, Calif., could not be reached for comment.

Officials with the federal Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration and attorneys for the U.S. Department of Labor confirmed that a criminal investigation is in progress, the newspaper reported.

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Space shuttle Endeavour blasts off into orbit: 'Let's go do this'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour and its crew of six blazed a brilliant trail into orbit today, taking off on the first construction flight of the international space station.

"Let's go do this," said commander Robert Cabana, who along with his crew waited a full year for this day.

"Amen," a launch controller replied.

The entire sky flashed when Endeavour's boosters ignited at 3:35 a.m. The shuttle shone like a bright star and was visible for

more than seven minutes as it sped out over the Atlantic and up the East Coast.

About one minute later, Endeavour was cruising in orbit, bound for a Sunday rendezvous with the first space station component launched by the Russians. The component had just passed over Cape Canaveral when the shuttle blasted off. The full moon gleamed as the chase began.

Endeavour is carrying Part 2, an American-built connecting passageway that the astronauts will attach to the piece that pre-

ceded them into orbit by two weeks.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was among the dignitaries from around the world who returned for Endeavour's second launch attempt. The first, on Thursday, was scrapped when the master alarm in the shuttle cockpit went off with just 4 minutes remaining in the countdown. This time, the alarm behaved.

Another alarm sounded, however, soon after Endeavour reached orbit. One of three hydraulic power units overheated, and the pilots switched to a backup controller to cool it before shutting down each unit as planned. Mission Control said engineers were looking into the problem but did not expect it to impact the 12-day flight.

Albright congratulated the launch team after witnessing her first shuttle launch.

"In foreign policy, we have our version of launches and we don't get it right the second time often, so all my admiration to you," she said. She also plugged the space station: "As

secretary of state, all day long I deal with disputes on the ground, countries that can't get along, and it's great to look at this space station endeavor."

Sixteen countries have teamed up to build the outpost in the sky, one year late in the making because of a cash crunch in Russia that has stalled work on a crucial control module.

Forty-three more U.S. and Russian launches will be needed over the next five years to haul up space station parts. And 162 spacewalks will be required

to put all the pieces together and keep them maintained; the first three are slated for Endeavour's flight.

Once the first two components are connected with the help of Endeavour's robot arm and thrusters — the hardest job of the mission, according to the crew — Jerry Ross and James Newman will go out to join all the electrical connections and cables by hand. They'll also attach handrails and other tools for future crews.

"The missions don't get any easier than ours," Cabana said

Unions have joined with steel companies to urge tough government action — including higher tariffs — that they say would save union jobs endangered by imports made cheap as foreign economies falter.

Sweeney noted that when Boeing Co. announced this week it would lay off 20,000 workers over the next two years, the aircraft maker attributed the cuts partly to shrinking markets overseas.

AFL-CIO will persist in protests against Wal-Mart, Sweeney announces

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even though recent attempts to unionize Wal-Mart Stores Inc. have failed, AFL-CIO President John Sweeney says he believes keeping pressure on the nation's largest retailer can help raise the profile of organized labor.

"This is really about human rights and dignity of people and what happens when you take the high road or the low road in terms of wages and conditions,"

Sweeney said.

It's not unusual for retail chain stores to be nonunion, but Wal-Mart's popularity with shoppers and its 700,000-strong nationwide workforce has made the company an attractive target for labor leaders. Attempts to organize workers at stores in Wisconsin and Alabama in 1997, however, failed.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Sweeney described a new labor

campaign aimed at the giant retailer — this time protesting grocery stores the company is testing in its home state of Arkansas for a possible new national chain.

"They're opening them up usually near a grocery store that's organized and that pays \$12, \$13 an hour, provides health insurance and pension benefits. And Wal-Mart's coming in and bringing in people at \$7 an hour, no health insurance,

and their right to organize," Sweeney said.

Sweeney joined members of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union this week on a picketing tour in Missouri and Arkansas that ended at Wal-Mart's headquarters.

He is urging AFL-CIO credit unions to stop distributing Wal-Mart discount cards.

"This is all part of a campaign to build a consciousness about what's happening to workers

Johnson & Johnson to eliminate 4,100 jobs

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Seeking more money for research and development, health care giant Johnson & Johnson plans to eliminate 4,100 jobs, or 4 percent of its work force.

The reduction will come over the next 18 months by closing 36 of the company's 158 manufacturing plants, the New Brunswick, N.J.-based Johnson & Johnson said Thursday.

About 2,500 of the job cuts by the maker of Tylenol will be in the United States, with the remaining 1,600 in 20 countries throughout the world. The cuts will mainly occur at manufacturing and operations facilities

whose work is being transferred to other existing facilities.

The most vexing problem facing Johnson & Johnson, the world's fifth-largest pharmaceutical manufacturer, is that it has no major new drugs to replace some recent failures, said one analyst.

"When a company like J&J resorts to drastic measures, it underscores the severity of the problems as well as the determination of the management to dig themselves out of the hole," said Viren Mehta, a partner with Mehta Partners, a New York pharmaceutical investment firm.

Johnson & Johnson has been

beaten in the allergy drug market by Schering-Plough, maker of Claritin. Johnson & Johnson's Hismanal allergy drug lost market share because it had more side effects than Claritin, Mehta said.

The company recorded \$3.3 billion in profits last year on \$22.63 billion in sales.

Johnson & Johnson will take a one-time after tax charge of \$800 million against fourth-quarter earnings to account for costs of its planned reconfiguration, as well as for writing off research and development projects associated with the recent acquisition of DePuy, Inc., a maker of orthopedics products.

Psychiatric patient guns down doctor

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A psychiatric patient with an automatic handgun shot and killed his doctor in a hospital ward.

Dr. Christina Gabriele Smith, 39, was shot twice in the chest Thursday near a nurses' station in the psychiatric ward at Parkway Regional Medical Center, authorities said.

She died less than an hour later at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

James Reed, who was leading a Narcotics Anonymous meeting down the hall, was shot in the upper leg. He was treated at Jackson and released.

The shooting suspect, whom police did not identify, was questioned at the hospital and expected to be taken to the Miami-Dade County Jail.

Dennis Halderman, who was leading the meeting with Reed, said they heard two shots and the patient screaming. "I told you ... that I'm a person. That I'm somebody."

"We ran out of the room," Halderman said. And the patient was "trying to shoot whoever he can," he said.

Halderman said he, Reed and

another man tried to stop the gunman, who fired two shots, one of which grazed Reed's leg. He said he and another man from the meeting overpowered the gunman.

The man was handcuffed by a policeman who was passing by

with another psychiatric patient, police spokesman Warren Hardison said.

One of Dr. Smith's colleagues, Dr. Lawrence Berger, said the hospital has no metal detectors. "This is a dangerous place," he said.

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Study finds more nurses tied to fewer surgical complications

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgical patients in hospitals with more nurses were less likely to get infections, pneumonia and other complications, a study finds.

The research, being published today, offers a rare statistical look at the emotional debate over how many nurses a hospital needs and how much can be done by other health care workers.

An extra hour of nursing attention per surgical patient each day cut the risk the patient would get a urinary tract infection by nearly 10 percent and the risk of pneumonia by 8 percent. The chances of developing other lung-related problems and blood clots also dropped with

extra nursing, although not as dramatically, the study showed.

The research, being published in the nursing journal *Image*, compared the number of hours worked by registered nurses at a hospital with the health of patients there, focusing on complications that are particularly sensitive to nursing care.

Hospitals' efforts to reduce costs by replacing RNs with less-skilled workers "have stimulated extensive debate but little evaluation," note the authors, who worked for the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, an arm of the Health and Human Services Department.

Registered nurses have complained loudly when hospitals

have replaced their positions with lesser-skilled workers, but there is no evidence that the number of RNs working at hospitals has dropped nationally.

Nurses represent about one-quarter of a typical hospital's workforce and are the single largest labor cost. A hospital typically would have to increase its nurse staffing levels by 17 percent to add one extra hour of care for each surgical patient.

Earlier research found a clear relationship between nurse staffing levels and patient deaths, but the authors wanted to focus on complications directly related to nursing care. Nurses are responsible for urinary catheter care, for instance, and sloppy or hurried work can

lead to urinary tract infections.

In addition, nurses can help prevent complications by getting patients out of bed and walking after surgery and monitoring them closely.

The study looked at 1993 data from 506 hospitals in 10 states, comparing the number of patients who developed certain complications with the number of nurses working in those hospitals. The staffing levels were taken from data compiled by the American Hospital Association.

The number of complications came from a government database, and researchers used every state with complete information: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey,

New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The authors controlled for several factors, including the hospital's size, ownership and region and whether it was a teaching institution.

Nursing levels could explain a considerable part of the difference in complication rates, but not all of it, the analysis found. Indeed, the quality of the surgery itself and the size of other staffs at the hospital could also affect the patient's health.

Carol Bradley, an RN who is incoming president of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, a branch of the American Hospital Association, said the study did not strongly link the avoidance

of complications to registered nurses.

"We have many different types of employees involved in patient care besides nurses. It's just an oversimplification of how complex the care delivery systems are," Bradley said.

But the American Nurses Association welcomed the research.

"The findings ... come as no surprise to the ANA or to nurses on the front lines who strive 24 hours a day to ensure that patients receive the safest, highest quality care they deserve," ANA President Beverly Malone said in a statement. "Cutting costs by cutting the number of nurses at the bedside is a false economy."

Conference ends with pledge on return of art

WASHINGTON (AP) — A World War II concentration camp survivor praised an international conference's pledge to encourage the return of Nazi-looted artworks to their prewar owners.

But Noach Flug, now representing the World Jewish Restitution Organization, told delegates from 44 countries, "It is important the goals of this conference will be transferred into reality."

If carried out, guidelines that 44 countries endorsed Thursday could shake up the art world, pressuring major private and public collections worldwide — from the Louvre in Paris to the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, Russia, to the Museum of

Modern Art in New York — to identify and return to prewar Jewish owners or their heirs works looted by Nazi Germany.

The U.S. Association of Art Museum Directors already has created guidelines that required a search of collections to ensure they contain no looted art. Members also agreed not to borrow pieces known to be stolen by the Nazis. But, until now, much of such information has been lost or hidden in dusty government and private archives closed to outsiders.

The conference suggested archives around the world be open for Holocaust research by Dec. 31, 1999, but many countries and the Vatican so far have refused.

Some European countries also appear reluctant to reach deep in their archives and reach out to Holocaust survivors and their heirs in attempts to find owners.

The principles approved by the conference leave wide room for interpretation.

France, for example, has been working two years to identify prewar owners or heirs of 2,058 pieces of art that has been in government custody and museums since the war, even putting the list on the Internet. But France insists only on direct restitution.

IRS aims for 80 percent electronic filing by 2007

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service, tired of shuffling mounds of paper, hopes to triple the number of taxpayers who file income taxes electronically by 2007.

"The majority of returns today are still filed on paper," IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti told an advisory panel on electronic tax filing Thursday. "Most of what we have to do lies ahead of us."

About 20 percent of taxpayers, or 24.6 million, filed electronically this year. That amounts to a 28.4 percent increase over last year, but IRS officials fear progress might slow without technological improvements and products that have broader public appeal.

The IRS, which hopes to reach 80 percent electronic filing by 2007, is pushing electronic filing because it reduces errors, speeds processing time and provides better security for private information. For the taxpayer, refunds can arrive in half the time compared with paper.

The agency is taking several

steps next year to increase electronic filing, including tax payment by credit cards.

It also is conducting two pilot projects enabling taxpayers to substitute personal identification numbers for signatures, eliminating the need to sign returns in ink. The signature requirement has forced many people who use computers to do their taxes to print them out and then mail them in. One interim IRS goal is to have all returns prepared this way filed electronically by 2001.

The agency plans to send 12 million PIN codes to taxpayers who prepared their returns with computer software last year. In addition, 8,100 paid tax preparers have been selected for a program allowing taxpayers to pick their own PIN code to "sign" their returns.

"No paper will come to us," said Bob Barr, assistant IRS commissioner for electronic taxes.

Also new for 1999 is the first-ever use of credit cards to pay taxes.

Mrs. Dole still being encouraged to seek presidency in year 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Dole has said she won't seek the presidency, but that hasn't quelled speculation about her political future.

Admirers of Mrs. Dole, president of the American Red Cross and wife of 1996 GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole, are putting in motion a strategy to encourage her to run in 2000.

Leading the "Draft Elizabeth Dole" effort is Republican activist Earl Cox, who also tried to draft Colin Powell for a White House run.

Cox has set up headquarters in a renovated railroad depot in Mrs. Dole's hometown, Salisbury, N.C., and plans to form similar operations this month in her husband's home state, Kansas, he said in letters sent recently to state Republican chairmen.

The National Draft Elizabeth Dole 2000 campaign has filed federal candidate paperwork to begin raising funds and has set an official kickoff for Jan. 23 in Salisbury. Organizers plan to present Mrs. Dole with a petition next March urging her to run.

"Elizabeth Dole has an impeccable reputation for being a person of high moral character," Cox wrote. "Her government and corporate experience have earned her a reputation for being a strong and honest leader. Untainted by politics, Elizabeth Dole is well-qualified."

Another leader of the effort is Margaret Klutz, former mayor of Salisbury.

The group is seeking support from GOP members of Congress and county Republican chairmen in Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.


Mrs. Dole often is mentioned as a possible Republican nominee for president or vice president. A CNN-USA Today Gallup poll in May showed Texas Gov. George W. Bush as the leading Republican presidential candidate and placed her second, ahead of former Vice President Dan Quayle and former vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp.

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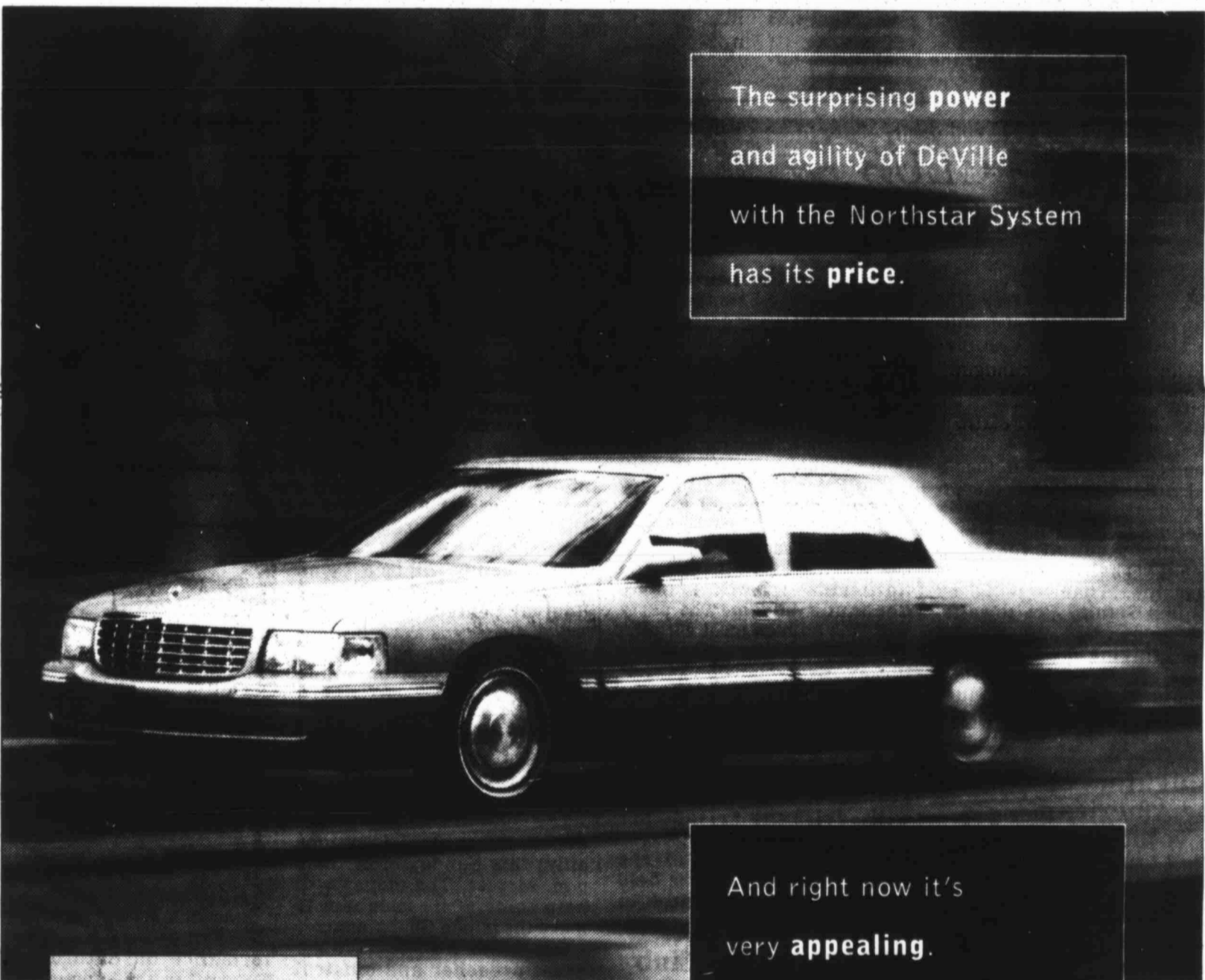
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Work in progress

Nazarene's annual live, drive-through nativity currently under construction

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

This year, workers on the First Church of the Nazarene's live, drive-through nativity said, "Let there be light."

Scenes in the nativity are lighted every year, but this year, all new light fixtures are hoped to add a new dimension. Two new scenes have also been added, bringing the total to 17 when the nativity opens Thursday.

"We were lighting them from outside, from the ground," said Bob Goodwin, an organizer. That seemed insufficient for the effect workers wanted, so new light fixtures will be hung inside all the scenes, with spotlights on the central characters, like Mary and Jesus. Giant, theater-type spotlights are also planned on the angels and Jesus in his final scene.

Two new scenes are also hoped to clarify the story for some visitors. A family will appear at the beginning, discussing the Christmas story with their children.

"What we've really tried to do this year is bring the message to a level that everyone can understand, whether you have a church background or not," said the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of the church.

The family will appear again near the end of the nativity, making a transition from the Christmas story to scenes about the crucifixion and resurrection.

"That's a huge transition to make, from Jesus' life to his death," Huff said. "That's 33 years of a lifespan."

Another change is that the final scene, for-

merly called, "The Return," will be called "The Ascension."

"There's the promise that He's coming back again," Huff said. He added that the Bible verses used in the nativity have been updated this year, to a modern translation.

With the changes, additions and new lighting, "I think the scenes will be the most dramatic they've ever been," Huff said.

The nativity is open each night, Thursday through Sunday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Most people arrive early, and Goodwin said those who want to avoid the large crowds should plan to come about 8:45 p.m.

More than 150 members of the church will work on this year's nativity, from cast and crew to kitchen staff, artists and traffic control.

Each year, necessity is truly the mother of invention for the Nazarenes, as they are forced to invent ways to make putting on the huge "show" easier. When it came time to move some of the scenes, which are really huge wooden buildings, they were forced to invent a moving device that would work for the task, welded together from parts of a trailer.

The new lights that are being hung this year, also, are the invention of Goodwin, who used PVC pipe painted black.

On Saturday, church workers will begin moving the buildings to their positions on the church parking lot. Monday, they will position the hundreds of luminarias that line the drive-through path. Wednesday, they will meet for prayer and positioning of the actors.

"Then, it's bring on the people," Goodwin said. "We'll be ready."



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
Bob Goodwin works with one of the new light fixtures that will be added to the First Church of the Nazarene's live, drive-through nativity, which opens Thursday.

Morality, values vital to nation's strength

By RUSSELL MULLINS
Guest Columnist

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people (Proverbs 14:34). By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down (Proverbs 11:11).

These are just two Biblical texts that uphold the general principle that for a nation of people to prosper there must be a moral base upon which the people stand. However, where people become indifferent about moral values and moral behavior, the stage is set for decline. History bears this out.

A nation of people rises or falls on the righteousness or unrighteousness of the people themselves. Ultimately, then, the people themselves are responsible for the moral climate in which their own children will grow up. Generally, speaking, each generation only rises to the level that a society expects of it. It is through laws (rules) that society communicates that expectation. So the moral climate of a nation or community is shaped by the expectations that are reflected in its laws.

Yet, the responsibility for moral leadership falls on those who serve the people in government since they write the laws that shape the moral climate. It is for that reason that a people must demand high moral values in those who serve them in government.

It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for a throne is established on righteousness (Proverbs 16:12).

It is often argued that we cannot legislate morality. That may be true in the sense that laws cannot change people's hearts. Legislation does not necessarily change moral thinking. However, we must legislate moral behavior for the good of society and each successive generation. In fact, every law or a rule established for the good of society is a legislating of morality. The controversy is often in deciding whose morality we legislate.

Rules or laws reflect the moral principles of a people. They make the principles workable. People may differ on how to write and enact the laws, but the fact remains that there are some very basic moral principles on which a society must stand. These basic principles include the sanctity of all human life, the essential role of the intact nuclear family, and respect for the property of others.

To this list could be added the insistence on honesty and integrity in order to guard justice, the importance of curbing the harmful effects of destructive exploitation and reckless behavior, and the need for God to be given an unrestricted place in people's lives.

These principles are the foundation for a good society, and they are common to people of every station and philosophy of life. Not incidentally, they have been taught in the Bible for thousands of years (Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-21).

This nation is not the king. See MULLINS, Page 9A.

CLUB NEWS

City FCE Club

Six members of the City FCE Club met in the home of Jewilli Etchison for the annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Dana Tarter and Emma Jenkins were guests.

Members gave answers to the question "What do I take for granted, for which I am thankful." Answers included family, good health, church, family relationships and friendships.

Nadine Hodnett read two poems taken from Ideals Magazine, "Thanksgiving" by William Stanley Braithwaite, and "The Old Fashioned Thanksgiving" by Edward A. Guest.

A Christmas part and luncheon will be on Dec. 18, in the home of Mildred Callihan.

Daughters of the American Revolution

Mrs. Charles Cummings was hostess at the monthly meeting of the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at noon on Nov. 14, at the Big Spring Country Club. Tables were decorated in colors of fall foliage.

The meeting was opened with traditional ritual, pledges to the American, Texas and DAR flags and prayer. Mrs. John Damron gave the President's General report, and Mrs. Altus Kelley the National Defense Report.

Special historical program was presented by Doyle Phillips, local writer and researcher.

Members present: Millie Cunningham, Martha Cummings, Carole Lawson, Lola Kelley, Sue Ann Damron, Sara Tipton, June Reid, and Charlene Ragan.

Friends of the Library

The monthly Friends of the Library (FOL) meeting was held on Thursday, Nov. 12, at noon. There were six members and two guests present.

About 40 people attended the dedication ceremony of the Katherine Bettie Lamb Community Room Oct. 22.

The Friends of the Library will join the Howard County Library staff for a Christmas luncheon to be held on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. in the Katherine Bettie Lamb Community Room. The party will be a potluck meal with the Friends providing the ham and turkey. Everyone who attends will bring a covered dish to share as well as a White Elephant gift for exchange.

Each Christmas, the Friends present a gift to the Library. Loraine Redman, Librarian, will advise the Friends her Christmas wish list.

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 10, at noon in the library.

1955 Hyperion Club

The Dora Roberts Community Center was decorated to set a festive mood for the 1955 Hyperion Clubs' annual Christmas luncheon. Jackie Henry, accompanied by Virginia Martin, presented a program of Christmas music to the club and guest, Amber Buske. Karen Forks was appointed chairman to buy gifts for the angel tree.

Hostesses were Charlie Morehead and Millie Cunningham. The next meeting will be Jan. 5, 1999, in the home of Diane Murphy.

Newcomer's Club

The Newcomer's Club held
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Women's Aglow

This month, Women's Aglow is pleased to announce our speaker Jana Gibbs of Big Spring. Jana is a native of Big Spring. She is the wife of L.C. Gibbs III, and the mother of Weldon, age 19, and Heather, age 16.

Jana has an incredible testimony of healing, and of the faithfulness of the Lord that she wants to share with the body of Christ.

The meeting will be a 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, at Miracle Revival Center, 600 East FM 700. A nursery is available. For more information call Brenda North at 267-3398 or Linda White at 263-5541.

Iglesia Bautista La Fe

Iglesia Bautista La Fe is working on a missionary project in Guanajuato, Mexico.

The church will have a tamale dinner (for donations only) this Sunday after the 6 p.m. service. The money will help some of its members to make the trip to Guanajuato.

We will be also having a guest preacher and musical group from Midland during the 6 p.m. service Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

First United Methodist Church

"A Man Of Courage Against A People of Fear" is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about a man who prepared the way for the coming of Jesus.

Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

The senior adult ministry will have a hot dog supper in Garrett hall tonight at 6.

The Divorce Support Group

CHURCH NEWS

will be Wednesday in the Garrett Hall at 7 p.m. and a nursery will be provided. The United Methodist Men will hold their monthly breakfast in Garrett Hall at 8 a.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Matthew 25:33-40 tells us serving those in need is the same as serving Jesus. A couple of weeks ago, the Committee on Missions of the First United Methodist Church asked the people of the church and others in the city of Big Spring to help flood victims of southern Texas.

The response was wonderful. There were stacks and stacks of clothing, bedding, and other supplies.

Cavan and Donna McMahon furnished a truck, trailer, and driver. Additionally, donations and memorials, amounting to \$600 to purchase cleaning supplies.

The Missions Committee appreciates the congregation's and the city's support and expressions of love.

Everyone is invited to attend the Living Christmas Tree performance on Saturday and Sunday, in the sanctuary at 8 p.m. Tickets are required; get your free tickets from the church office at 400 Scurry. Call the church office at 264-6394 for more information.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

The youth musical "Code Red" presented by the Hillcrest Youth Choir will be on Sunday at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome, so come and enjoy this exhilarating musical with us.

Abundant Grace Family Church

We would like to invite you to join us Sunday at the 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. services. We will be having special services

with guest speakers Jesse and Rose Zepeda from Austin. They have a testimony of how the Lord brought them from divorce court into a reconciliation of their marriage and into the ministry.

Come join us at Abundant Grace Family Church, 1005 East 11th Place.

First Baptist Church

Come and join us as we honor the Christ of Christmas with our songs of praise and hear Pastor Eddie Tubbs message, "There's Always Room For..." Luke 2:12-21 is his text. Our services begin at 10:50 a.m. and the broadcast begins on cable at 11 a.m.

Two new Sunday School classes will begin this Sunday morning. One will be for newly married couples and will be led by Connie Tubbs and Linda Battle.

The second class will be team taught by Don Brodie and Bill McQueary and will be couples who are 40 or older. Could one of these new classes be for you? Join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Our church would like to invite our entire community to come hear the sounds of Christmas on Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. The program will include all the children's choirs, handbell choirs, Senior Adult Choir and the Sanctuary Choir.

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

The Mt. Bethel Baptist Church Youth Department is making a difference in the community.

The youth department, along with Rebecca Mission Circle, donated more than 100 non-perishable items to the Salvation Army to aid needy families.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kay Smith of the Big Spring Art Association, painted a southwest mural in Carlos' Restaurant last month.

The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the West Texas Center for the Arts located on the Howard College Campus.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP Foundation is preparing to award \$250,000 in college scholarships.

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THE LAST WORD

If a man thinks about his physical or moral state, he usually discovers that he is ill.
Goethe

Nothing is more fatal to health than an overcare of it.
Benjamin Franklin

A person seldom falls sick but the bystanders are animated with a faint hope that he will die.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

MULLINS

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dom of God on earth. As a good friend wrote to me recently, "We American believers sometimes think and live as if God depends on the U.S. staying a 'Christian Nation.' God can advance His kingdom without a godly America. However, Jesus teaches His disciples to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

The apostle Paul taught that we should pray for all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity (1 Timothy 2:1-2). We have a mandate to exert our godly influence in the world through our deeds and our prayers.

Of course, that mandate excludes all meanness, but shall we not hold high moral expectations for the good of the next generation?

Russ Mullins is the minister of Coahoma Church of Christ.

CLUB

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it's November meeting at the Big Spring Country Club. Sixteen members were present for lunch and everyone had a great time. The club's monthly luncheons will be at the Big Spring Country Club on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. For information call Pat Mireles at 267-8741 or Pam Brewer at 267-7683.

There will not be a December lunch at the Country Club. Instead, a coffee and cookie exchange will be on Thursday, Dec. 10, in the home of Pam Brewer. For details call Pam at 267-7683. Last year's cookie exchange was a big success and members are looking forward to this year's event.

The Walking and Bridge groups will be meeting as usual this month. The Bunko group will not meet in December, but will resume its regular schedule in January. For details on Bunko, call Susan Gillstrom at 268-9644.

The craft group has been meeting monthly. This month's meeting is scheduled for Dec. 17, and will be doing holiday crafts, including a "Light Bulb Santa." For details call Irene Medlin at 264-0046.

Coahoma Lions Club

Coahoma City Park has two new evergreen trees. The City of Coahoma in conjunction with the Coahoma Lions Club planted the new trees on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29. One of the aims of the Coahoma Lions is to aid in the beautification of the City Park. The planting of the trees is just one of the ideas that has been accomplished.

The new trees will be the center of the second annual "Christmas if the Park" to take place on Saturday, Dec. 12. Everyone in the community is invited to bring decorations to trim the trees from 2:30 to 7 p.m. on that day.

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At 7 p.m., the trees will be lit. There will be caroling and refreshments. Community members are encouraged to come share the spirit of Christmas with one another. The Lions hope this will become an annual event, and it will become something the citizens will enjoy each Christmas season.

Green Thumb Garden Club
Green Thumb Garden Club met on Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the home of Joan LaFond. Linda Hawthorne was co-hostess. Eleven members were present. Helen Wise was welcomed as a guest.

Linda Burkett of Shae's Gifts presented a very interesting program explaining the interest in collecting Beanie Babies. Ty Warner created this popular toy that has captured the interest of kids and adults alike. Bears are the most sought after.

Next meeting will be on Feb. 2, 1999, in home of Terri Johansen.

HOWARD COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Are You Trying Too Hard?



In little league baseball, when a young player is at bat, the coach may tell him, "Don't try to kill the ball; just meet it." When you swing as hard as you can, you lose control and you may just strike out. Sometimes in our daily lives we may be trying too hard as well, and we may strike out. Perhaps we're trying too hard to please someone, or to succeed at something.

In many instances trusting in God, and being yourself, may be all that is needed to be respected and successful. God doesn't want us to be lazy, and He does expect us to do our best; but accepting our potential, and not jeopardizing our moral standards are important.

In life, everyone occasionally strikes out, but learning from our mistakes and not dwelling on them, makes one a better person.

Remember the Lord in everything you do, and He will show you the right way.

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Good News Bible Proverbs 3:6

But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none.

I Corinthians 7:29

And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure

Isalah 33:6

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Psalm 120: 2, 3

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Proverbs 20:7

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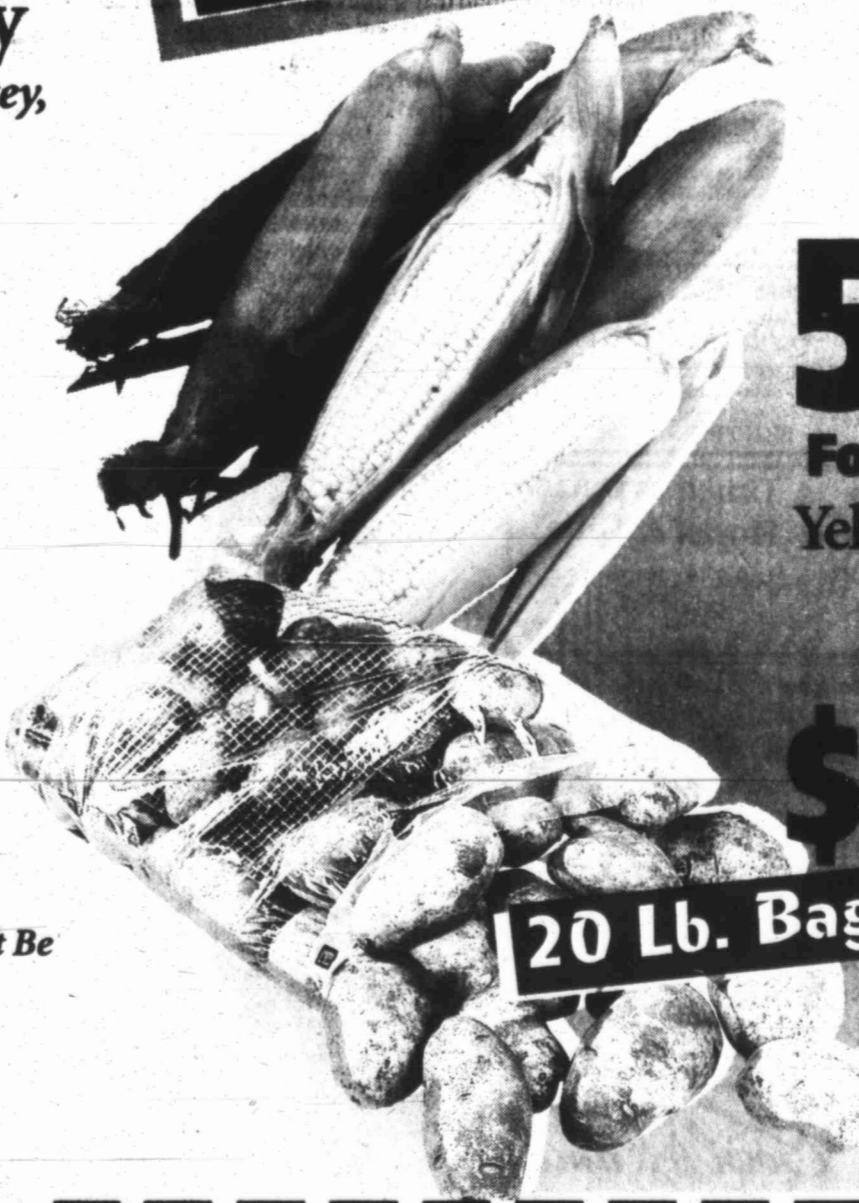
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IN BRIEF

BSHS football banquet scheduled for Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club's 1998 Football Banquet has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Jerry Larned from the Texas High School Coaches Hall of Fame will be guest speaker for the event.

Tickets for the banquet, priced at \$10 each, are available from members of the booster club.

Steer Baseball Boosters schedule first meeting

The 1999 Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Complex.

Anyone interested in supporting Big Spring High School baseball teams is encouraged to attend.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

YMCA youth basketball program being revamped

Registration for YMCA youth basketball is currently under way with Program Director Cindy Kincaid saying those who took part in last year's program will see wholesale changes.

The program is being expanded to include seventh- and eighth-graders.

Youngsters whose families are not YMCA members will have to purchase basic program memberships for \$15 to participate, but Kincaid said the program will continue to scholarship children from low income families.

The YMCA has also scheduled a basketball camp for boys and girls on the first three Saturdays in December.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

YMCA swim team adding a beginners program

The Big Spring YMCA is currently adding beginning swimmers to its swim team.

Practice sessions will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

To participate, youngsters 6 years of age and older must be able to swim a length of the pool independently in both the crawl and backstroke.

Regular team practice will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

TONIGHT

JUCO BASKETBALL

6 p.m.

• Odessa Lady Wranglers at Howard College Lady Hawks.

8 p.m.

• Frank Phillips Plainsmen at Howard College Hawks.

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4:30 p.m.

• Crosbyton-Greenwood winner vs. Monahans (boys)

• Crosbyton-Greenwood loser vs. Seminole JV (boys)

6 p.m.

• Big Spring-Crosbyton winner vs. Coahoma (girls)

7:30 p.m.

• Ira vs. Coahoma (boys)

PLAYOFFS

TONIGHT:

7:30 p.m. — Stanton (12-1) vs. Spearman (13-0), Lowrey Field, Lubbock.

7:30 p.m. — Borden County (12-1) vs. Balmorhea (8-3), at Kermit.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

AUTO RACING

8 p.m. — NASCAR Winston Cup Awards Banquet, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Lady Hawks take 91-11 laughter over Hardin-Simmons JV

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

What do Howard College Lady Hawks Nacol Beaudion, Aiesha Love and Shaketha Ashley all have in common?

Well, Thursday night it was the fact that each of the three individually scored more points than Hardin-Simmons University's junior varsity basketball team.

The trio led a parade of 11 players scoring in Howard's 91-11 laughter over the Abilene school.

Still, Howard coach Matt Corkery would have liked to have seen more intensity from his team.

"I know it seems tough, but you have to play hard for 40 minutes," he said. "At the half, we talked about coming out and playing hard ... about executing the things we wanted to do."

There were few things about the game that were ever in question, and none of them pertained to which team would win.

Howard stroled to a 16-0 lead when Karlita Washington hit a three-pointer with 11:43 left in the first half, and it would take almost a full minute before HSU would get on the scoreboard via the free throw line.

Howard led 35-4 when the Cowgirls got their first field goal of the game — after 15 minutes and 49 seconds had run off the game clock. HSU connected on a second field goal just 39 seconds later, but any thoughts the Abilenians might have had of any sort of rally were quickly quashed.

Howard finished the first half on a 15-0 run before starting the second half on 36-0 run against the outclassed Cowgirls. "It's hard to maintain your intensity,"

Corkery said of the rout, "but you have to have the mentality to go out there and do what we have to do."

"We have to keep working on the little things because we've got to be preparing for the future. The good teams will keep up with you."

While Corkery was frustrated with his team's poor shooting, both from the floor as well as the free throw line, things were even worse on the other side of the scorer's table.

Hardin-Simmons managed just those two field goals in that 39 second span and shot a dismal seven of 24 — 26.9 percent — from the free throw line.

The Lady Hawks managed 34 two-point field goals and four treys, but shot just 11 of 24 from the charity stripe.

"We didn't shoot very well from the line," Corkery said, referring to the 45.8 percent effort. "That's a concern for us

because you can't shoot below 50 percent and play with a good team."

Howard, which held HSU scoreless for periods of 9:11, 18:28 and 4:13 during the game, held a 71-27 rebounding advantage and forced 49 Cowgirl turnovers while committing just 15 of their own.

Now 10-1 and ranked No. 5 in the nation, the Lady Hawks face a much-improved Odessa College team tonight at 6 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Howard 91, Hardin-Simmons JV 11
Hardin-Simmons — McWilliams 0 0 1 6 1, Todd 0 0 0 0 0, Ray 0 0 2 6 2, Hensley 0 0 0 0 0, Coleman 0 0 1 3 1, Martin 2 0 3 8 7, Walker 0 0 0 0 0, Taber 0 0 0 1 0. Totals 2 0 7 26 11.

Howard — McKee 0 0 1 2 1, Ashley 6 0 0 2 12, Nix 0 0 0 0 0, Washington 1 2 0 0 8, Moore 3 1 0 0 9, Robertson 2 1 0 0 7, Charles 3 0 2 2 8, Love 5 0 4 4 14, Grant 4 0 1 6 9, Gardner 1 0 0 0 2, Ross 3 0 1 3 7, Beaudion 6 0 2 6 14. Totals 34 4 11 24 91.

Halftime score: Howard 41, Hardin-Simmons 8.
Three-point goals: Howard 4 (Washington) 2, Moore, Robertson. Total Fouls: Hardin-Simmons 18, Howard 25.
Fouled out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

Coahoma wins tourney openers

Borden County girls roll past Stanton, 49-28

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

COAHOME — There was little doubt Coahoma's host Bulldogs and Bulldogettes would advance into the winner's bracket in Thursday's first round of the Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament and neither disappointed fans with big wins.

In the evening's two spotlighted games, the Bulldogettes literally ran roughshod over Grape Creek's Lady Eagles 73-14, while the Bulldogs remained unbeaten on the season with a 67-46 win over Snyder's junior varsity.

Although Bulldogettes coach Matt Garrett was somewhat disappointed in his team's play in the first half of their rout, he couldn't complain about its second-quarter showing.

Reserve post Brandie Hart scored 10 of her team-high 14 points in leading the Bulldogettes on a 30-7 blitz in the second period, turning a 14-6 lead into a 44-13 blowout at halftime.

Hart was one of four Coahoma players to finish the game in double figures, as post Jayci Roberts added 13 points to the Bulldogette total. Cassie Tindol chipped in 12 and Meridith Barr contributed 10 more.

In fact, the Bulldogettes were so dominant offensively that all but one of the players on the Coahoma roster contributed to the point total.

"We played better defense in the second half and did a better job of taking care of the ball offensively," Garrett said following the win that improved the Bulldogettes record to 5-1 going into tonight's second-round game against the winner of today's Big Spring-Crosbyton game.

The Bulldogettes kept the Lady Eagles scoreless in the third quarter and allowed just one point in the fourth quarter, as Garrett made considerable use of his reserves and a trapping defense that forced one Grape Creek turnover after another.

"It was good to get a chance to really give our bench that kind of time on the floor," Garrett said. "I'll guarantee you we're going to run into a situation later this season when we're going to need some of the kids on our bench to come in and be able to play that kind of pressure."

The evening's nightcap proved to be a much better contest, even though the Bulldogs never seemed to be in any trouble of suffering their first loss of the season.

Kim Nichols' Bulldogs jumped out to a 15-10 lead in the first quarter and made sure they owned a comfortable margin at halftime by outscoring the young Tigers 19-8 in the second period.

Senior swingman Blake Nichols led the way in the first half for Coahoma, scoring 21 of his game-high 23 points.

Nichols' production was particularly important, since teammate Ryan Peckham — who so far has teamed with Nichols to produce most of the Bulldogs points this



Coahoma forward Blake Nichols (15) goes up and scores two of his game-high 23 points during second-quarter action of the Bulldogs' 67-46 win over Snyder's junior varsity in the opening round of the Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament. Defending on the play for Snyder were Phil Broadwater (50) and Heath Pinkerton (24). The unbeaten Bulldogs will now Ira tonight at 7:30 in the tournament's semifinals.

season — spent much of the first half seated on the sidelines in foul trouble.

In the second half, however, Peckham avoided the referees' whistles and scored 18 points to finish the night with 21.

"It was pretty much a typical night for us," the elder Nichols said after watching Peckham catch fire in the second half.

"Blake and Ryan have been doing most of the scoring for us so far, but we've had several other kids that score six, seven or eight points that fill in the gaps."

In the first-round win, that support primarily came from David White, Kris Harding and Brandon Hancock. White finished the game with eight points, while Harding and Hancock each chipped in five.

The 'Dogs, now 6-0 on the season, move into tonight's 7:30 second-round game with Ira, a 51-44 winner over Grape Creek.

Other first-round games Thursday saw Midland Greenwood take a 53-48 win over

Abilene Wylie and Monahans survive an 86-72 challenge from Seminole's junior varsity.

Greenwood was scheduled to take on Crosbyton's Chiefs at noon today, the winner advancing to face Monahans in a 4:30 p.m. game. The loser will face Seminole's JV at 4:30 in the high school gymnasium, the winner of that game advancing to the consolation bracket semifinals against Wylie.

The other boys' consolation semifinal, pitting Grape Creek and Snyder's JV, was slated to start at 1:30 today.

In other girls' division games, Borden County's Lady Coyotes took a 49-28 win over Stanton's Lady Buffs behind Lindsey Smith's 15 points and Valerie Wooten's 11 markers and Brownfield's Lady Cubs took a 61-51 win over Ira's Lady Bulldogs.

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Chiefs vow no repeat of ugliness

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the NFL's best rivalries deteriorated in its most recent renewal when several Kansas City Chiefs lost control. Don't expect it to happen again on Sunday in Denver.

Three weeks ago, in a 30-7 loss to the Broncos, a flurry of late-game personal fouls against the Chiefs led to the suspension of linebacker Derrick Thomas and the firing of linebacker Wayne Simmons. Chiefs management expressed its embarrassment with the conduct.

Coach Marty Schottenheimer promised there would be no repeat of the facemask-pulling and late hits, and even spoke with Denver coach Mike Shanahan about the string of incidents.

"You go back to some of the things that happened, we both agreed that we'd rather not see them happen," Schottenheimer said. "We don't think anybody's out to get anybody. But it has become a very competitive thing, because of the quality of play."

Broncos tight end Shannon Sharpe, who admitted his chattering helped ignite the late-game ugliness, was more contrite this week. In fact, he seemed repentant before turning silent.

Sharpe said the incidents in Kansas City were "really childish ... on both of our parts" and that "maybe I shouldn't have said some of the things I said (to Thomas)."

"I would hate to let one incident ruin eight years of friendship," he added.

The Broncos have other things on their mind, anyway, such as an unbeaten season. They can become only the third 13-0 team in NFL history with a win, and they just don't lose at home: the Broncos have won 22 straight at Mile High Stadium.

A Denver victory secures home-field advantage for the AFC playoffs.

Schottenheimer understands what kind of challenge his Chiefs (5-7) are facing.

"The game is going to be played and it will be a physical, hard-fought contest," he said. "That isn't going to change. It doesn't matter what the point differential is or anything else. For us to have an opportunity to beat Denver, we have to play at our very best. That means no fouls, no personal fouls."

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Jeffers makes big impression in chance with Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Patrick Jeffers ran a post route over the middle, caught a bullet pass from Troy Aikman, and outran a defender to complete a 67-yard touchdown against the Minnesota Vikings.

Many Dallas Cowboys fans were wondering: "Who is that guy?"

The 6-foot-3, 218-pound Jeffers had been languishing on the Cowboys scout team, where he had been making a favorable impression after being obtained from Denver on Aug. 30. He had played in 10 games in two years for the Broncos and caught three passes.

A season-ending injury to Ernie Mills gave Jeffers his chance in the Seattle and Minnesota games, and he showed the Cowboys good hands and surprising speed.

"He's done a great job of learning our

Billups survives his first really big test

IRVING (AP) — Terry Billups spent so much time on the practice squad it came as something of a shock when he finally got to play in a real NFL game.

Injuries to the Dallas Cowboys secondary meant Billups, a rookie free agent from cornerback, was needed on Thanksgiving Day against the Minnesota Vikings.

Dejon Sanders was already out and the Cowboys' other starting cornerback, Kevin Smith, suffered an injury on a second-quarter punt return.

All of a sudden not only was Billups,

offense," said Dallas coach Chan Gailey. "Some people think being on the scout

player. He made catch after catch."

Gailey said Jeffers was faster than the Dallas coaches thought.

"He outran (defensive back) Jimmy Hitchcock easily," Gailey said. "Some guys run at different speeds when they are being chased."

Jeffers already has the tag of looking like former Denver teammate Ed McCaffrey.

"All tall white guys get thrown in that same category," Jeffers joked. "I have some size and I'm a little faster than most people probably think. As long as defenders think I'm slow, maybe I can run by a few of them."

He added he was no speed burner.

"I kept thinking he (Hitchcock) was going to catch me," said Jeffers, who was timed at 4.53 seconds in the 40-

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The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 1:

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Rows include Dallas, Oakland, Seattle, Kansas City, San Diego, Denver, Tampa Bay, Chicago, New York Jets, New York Giants, New Orleans, St. Louis, Carolina.

COLLEGE SCORES

Men's Games EAST: Bucknell 71, St. Francis, Pa. 57; Penn 73, Lehigh 56; Pittsburgh 78, Prairie View 64...

Women's Games EAST: Fairleigh Dickinson 83, Cent. Conn. 80; Iowa 62, Colgate 55; Long Island U. 54, Robert Morris 53...

Transactions: American League: Minnesota Twins—Announced the retirement of 1B Paul Molitor; National League: Atlanta Braves—Agreed to terms with RHP Rubeen Barrios...

Rescheduled UCLA-Miami clash looms in championship picture

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

With championships being decided in the SEC, Big 12, WAC and MAC this weekend, the most important game in college football on Saturday might be the rescheduled regular season meeting between UCLA and Miami.

No. 17 Air Force faces BYU in the Western Athletic Conference. Toledo meets Marshall in the Mid-American title game, which is being played tonight.

Mississippi State might play without the SEC's top rusher, James Johnson. He is questionable because of groin and shoulder injuries.

If the Hurricanes upset the No. 3 Bruins, it would have repercussions all across the college landscape. "We just got our season spoiled," Miami cornerback Leonard Myers said...

The Tennessee Vols (11-0), meanwhile, can take the final step toward a spot in the Fiesta Bowl and a chance to play for the national championship when they meet Mississippi State (8-3) in Atlanta.

The injury means that Brandon Stewart, who lost the starting job earlier this season, will take the reins of the struggling A&M offense against the Wildcats (11-0).

NHL Thursday's Games: Ottawa 3, Los Angeles 1; Chicago 4, Anaheim 1; Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 1.

Saturday's Games: Pittsburgh at Boston, 6 p.m.; Toronto at Montreal, 6 p.m.; New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Florida Marlins—Acquired C/1B Guillermo Garcia from the Cincinnati Reds for RHP Manuel Barrios.

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Probation petition could land Tyson back behind Indiana prison's bars. INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Tyson's scrape with two motorists in Maryland could land him back in an Indiana prison and force cancellation of his fight in Nevada.

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TOURNAMENT

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Rainnie Hull paced Stanton with 14 points in its loss to Borden County, the only Lady Buffs player to finish the game in double figures.

Borden County now faces Brownfield in a semifinal game at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, while Stanton takes on Ira in a consolation semifinal at 9 a.m. Saturday.

GIRLS GAMES

Brownfield 81, Ira 51
BROWNFIELD — Andrews 2 0 2 4 6, Yowell 0 2 3 4 9, B. Garza 0 0 0 0 0, Carlton 0 0 2 2 2, Burnett 1 0 1 2 3, Isaacs 3 0 2 4 8, T. Garza 1 0 0 0 2, Tyler 0 0 2 2 2, Richards 2 0 0 2 4, Caswell 3 0 3 4 9, Gonzales 6 0 4 7 16. Totals 18 2 19 31 61.
IRA — Wilkes 1 0 2 4 4, Calley 1 0 2 4 4, Hoo 0 0 0 0 0, Allen 0 0 1 6 1, Olier 0 0 0 0 0, Clements 9 0 10 13 28, Robinson 3 0 3 4 9, Goolsby 2 0 1 2 5. Totals 16 0 19 35 51.
Score by Quarters:
Brownfield 13 16 18 16 - 63
Ira 14 11 11 15 - 51
Three-point goals: Brownfield 2 (Yowell) 21, Ira 0. Total Fouls: Brownfield 27, Ira 22. Fouled Out: Wilkes, Robinson. Technical Fouls: Ira coach 2-ejection.

Borden County 49, Stanton 28
BORDEN COUNTY — Dye 0 0 0 0 0, O'Brien 1 0 0 2 2, Isaacs 0 0 0 0 0, Hensley 0 0 0 0 0, Kemp 0 0 0 0 0, Mays 0 2 2 2 8, Smith 1 3 4 8 15, Baeza 1 0 2 2 4, Wats 3 0 0 0 6, Wooten 5 0 1 2 11, Merritt 1 0 1 2 3. Totals 12 5 10 16 49.
STANTON — Allred 0 0 0 0 0, Madison 1 0 4 4 6, Phillips 0 0 2 2 2, Hull 3 2 2 14, Telhman 0 0 0 0 0, Adams 1 0 0 0 2, Washington 0 0 0 0 0, DeLeon 0 0 0 1 0, Moore 2 0 0 4. Totals 7 2 8 9 28.
Score by Quarters:
Borden County 9 14 11 15 - 49
Stanton 6 5 6 11 - 28
Three-point goals: Borden County 5 (Mays) 2, Smith 3, Stanton 2 (Hull) 2. Total Fouls: Borden County 17, Stanton 15. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

Coahoma 72, Grape Creek 14
COAHOMA — Baker 1 0 0 0 2, Atkinson 2 0 1 3 5, K.K. Buchanan 0 0 0 0 0, Marshall 1 0 0 2 4, Hart 5 0 4 8 14, Kemper 2 1 0 0 7, Tindol 3 1 3 4 12, K. Buchanan 1 0 0 0 2, Barr 5 0 0 2 10, Roberts 5 0 3 3 13, Wood 2 0 2 3 6. Totals 27 2 13 23 73.
GRAPE CREEK — Smallwood 0 0 1 2 1, L. Cauley 0 0 0 0 0, A. Cauley 0 0 0 0 0, Hight 0 0 1 0, Balderas 2 0 0 4, Ripley 0 0 0 0 0, Steen 1 0 1 1 3, Pybum 0 0 0 0 0, Stubblefield 0 0 0 2 0, McFadden 0 0 0 0 0, Stephens 1 0 2 3 4, Bunnell 1 0 0 0 2. Totals 5 0 4 9 14.
Score by Quarters:
Coahoma 14 30 15 14 - 73
Grape Creek 6 7 0 1 - 14
Three-point goals: Coahoma 2 (Kemper, Tindol), Grape Creek 0. Total Fouls: Coahoma 16, Grape Creek 19. Fouled Out: Bunnell. Technical Fouls: None.

Coahoma 67, Snyder JV 46
COAHOMA — Garcia 0 0 0 2 0, Green 1 0 0 2, Marshall 0 0 0 0, Harding 0 1 2 3 5, Nichols 6 1 8 12 23, Hancock 1 0 3 5 5, Bennett 0 0 0 0 0, White 3 0 2 2 8, Fishman 9 0 3 4 21, Kinard 1 0 1 4 3, Teeter 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 21 2 19 32 67.
SNYDER JV — Tovarres 0 0 0 0 0, Scott 1 0 3 2, Wofford 1 2 0 0 8, Haines 0 1 0 1 3, Pinkerton 5 1 0 2 13, Kerr 1 0 0 0 2, Loper 0 0 0 0, McCraw 0 0 1 2 1, Thornhill 4 0 2 4 10, Broadwater 1 0 5 10 7. Totals 13 4 9 22 46.
Score by Quarters:
Coahoma 15 19 16 17 - 67
Snyder JV 10 8 16 12 - 46
Three-point goals: Coahoma 2 (Harding, Nichols), Snyder 4 (Wofford, 2, Haines, Pinkerton). Total Fouls: Coahoma 21, Snyder 24. Fouled Out: Thornhill. Technical Fouls: None.

BOYS GAMES

Greenwood 85, Adkins Wylie 48
GREENWOOD — Gilliam 2 1 1 4 8, Pellanaz 5 0 4 6 14, Moore 3 0 2 4 8, Odum 2 0 0 4, Synatah 1 0 6 12 8, Himbury 0 0 0 0 0, Ay 0 0 0 0 0, Stringer 3 0 1 3 7, Gasch 2 0 0 4 4. Totals 18 1 14 29 53.
WYLIE — White 0 0 0 0 0, Holt 1 0 1 2 3, Bule 2 1 2 2 9, Anders 3 0 0 0 6, Self 0 1 2 1, Barbee 0 0 1 4 1, Powell 0 0 0 0 0, Beasley 9 0 2 4 20, Kelley 0 0 0 0 0, Presner 0 0 0 0 0, Hodge 4 0 0 0 8. Totals 19 1 7 14 48.
Score by Quarters:
Greenwood 13 13 12 18 - 53
Wylie 10 17 11 18 - 48
Three-point goals: Greenwood 1 (Gilliam), Wylie 1 (Bule). Total Fouls: Greenwood 9, Wylie 24. Fouled Out: Anders. Technical Fouls: Anders.

Monahans 86, Seminole JV 72
MONAHANS — Speed 1 0 0 0 2, R. Porras 3 0 0 6, Gaddis 1 0 0 2, Welh 2 1 5 6 12, Williams 8 0 3 7 19, Morris 6 2 2 5 20, O. Porras 1 0 2 3 4, Merrick 3 0 1 2 7, Johnson 1 0 1 2 3, Arroyo 2 0 2 2 6, Sutton 2 0 1 1 5. Totals 30 3 17 28 86.
SEMINOLE JV — Adams 0 0 0 0 0, Peel 2 1 0 2 7, Cavazos 0 0 2 2 2, Guerra 1 0 0 3, Espinoza 1 0 3 4 5, Raleh 0 0 0 0 0, Nichols 1 0 0 9, lay 6 1 5 7 20, Ogden 4 1 2 12, Berry 1 0 0 2 2, Jones 6 0 0 1 12. Totals 23 5 11 20 72.
Score by Quarters:
Monahans 22 19 18 27 - 86
Seminole JV 16 11 22 23 - 72
Three-point goals: Monahans 3 (Welch, Morris 2), Seminole 5 (Peel, Guerra, Nichols, Clay, Ogden). Total Fouls: Monahans 18, Seminole 24. Fouled Out: Merrick. Technical Fouls: None.

Ira 81, Grape Creek 46
IRA — Smith 1 0 2 2 4, Brown 4 0 1 2 9, R. Williams 1 0 0 2, Gainer 0 0 0 0 0, Juarez 2 0 1 4, Wall 0 0 2 2 2, B. Wilkins 1 0 0 2, Jamison 0 0 0 0 0, Daves 10 2 2 5 28, Sterling 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 19 2 7 12 51.
GRAPE CREEK — Timms 1 0 2 2 4, Wendt 0 2 0 6, Esquivel 2 1 2 2 9, Hernandez 3 0 2 3 8, Kollwitz 2 0 4 8 8, Childress 0 0 1 2 1, Tackett 0 0 1 2 1, Phummes 3 0 3 5 9. Totals 11 3 15 24 46.
Score by Quarters:
Ira 9 14 10 18 - 51
Grape Creek 2 12 15 19 - 46
Three-point goals: Ira 2 (Daves) 2, Grape Creek 3 (Wendt 2, Esquivel). Total Fouls: Ira 23, Grape Creek 15. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

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COAHOMA — Garcia 0 0 0 2 0, Green 1 0 0 2, Marshall 0 0 0 0, Harding 0 1 2 3 5, Nichols 6 1 8 12 23, Hancock 1 0 3 5 5, Bennett 0 0 0 0 0, White 3 0 2 2 8, Fishman 9 0 3 4 21, Kinard 1 0 1 4 3, Teeter 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 21 2 19 32 67.
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NFL

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Among the teams on the verge of clinching playoff berths this weekend are Dallas, which is at New Orleans; Green Bay, which plays at Tampa Bay on Monday night; and San Francisco, which is at Carolina.

Also on the schedule is Buffalo at Cincinnati; Detroit at Jacksonville; Indianapolis at Atlanta; New England at Pittsburgh; San Diego at Washington; Seattle at the New York Jets; the New York Giants at Arizona; Miami at Oakland; Baltimore at Tennessee; and Chicago at Minnesota.

On Thursday night, Philadelphia spoiled the return to Veterans Stadium of former Eagles coach Dick Vermeil by

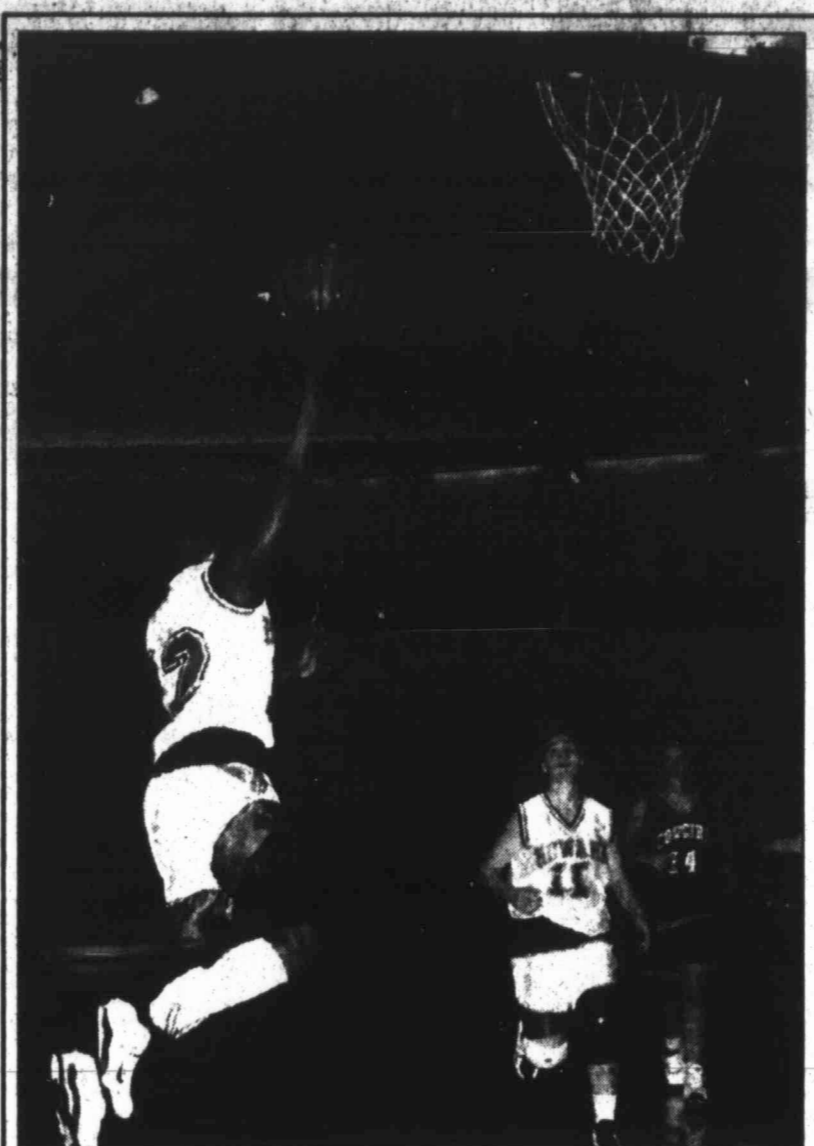
beating his St. Louis Rams 17-14. Vermeil — who came out of retirement last year — took the Eagles to the Super Bowl after the 1980 season, then quit after 1982.

If the Cowboys beat the Saints, they earn a playoff spot. If the Cardinals lose to the Giants and Dallas wins, the NFC East crown goes to the Cowboys.

Both Green Bay and San Francisco get in with a victory or a loss by Detroit.

Minnesota can take the NFC Central title by winning, or if Green Bay loses. If both Dallas and Green Bay fall, a Vikings victory gives them a first-round bye.

Also already clinching a playoff spot with Denver and Minnesota is Atlanta.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Howard College guard Shaketha Ashley (12) files in for a layup, as teammate Ricka McKee (11) follows the play during the Lady Hawks' 91-11 win over the Hardin-Simmons junior varsity Thursday night.

Molitor finally calling it quits after 21 seasons

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Forget about all those hits and all those seasons. Remember the way he played, and remember his heart.

That's how Paul Molitor wants people to look back on his 21 years in the major leagues, a sparkling career that spanned half his life and sent him into retirement Thursday as one of the greatest hitters in baseball history.

"I don't know how to write an epitaph in terms of your playing days," Molitor said. "I hope that regardless of what they saw on the field that they saw a respect for the game and a passion for the game, and someone who was a good teammate. Some of those things that hopefully talk more about character than performance."

Molitor's wife, Linda, and his agent, Ron Simon tried to convince him in recent weeks that he should play one more season. But Molitor decided to take his 3,319 hits — eighth on the career list — and find out what else the game has to offer, even

though he had a hard time calling it quits.

He stubbornly refused to use any form of the word retirement during Thursday's news conference. Only after most people had left and the idea had started to sink in did the word finally cross his lips.

"When you stop playing is one thing," he said. "When you emotionally let go of the game usually is another time removed."

One of three St. Paul natives to star in the majors at the same time — Dave Winfield and Jack Morris were the others — Molitor is now weighing front-office offers.

He spent his first 15 seasons in Milwaukee and, after three in Toronto, his final three in Minnesota. Whatever job he takes for 1999, Molitor wants to try a little bit of everything.

"That just makes a lot of sense to me," he said, "to be in a situation where you can have somebody teach you the ropes, so to speak, and then climb if you desire."

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The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jackie Olson, County Auditor 2119 November 27 & December 4, 1998</p>
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 5:
Dealing with others becomes a major preoccupation. Relating becomes your forte in business and personal affairs. You demonstrate a strong sense of direction. Use your ideas wisely. A friend plays a key role; you trust his honesty, even if you don't always agree. Success is yours because of your creativity. If you are single, romance spices up your life in 1999. If attached, expect a new child, grandchild, a special vacation or attainment of a long-cherished goal. The two of you spend many warm times together. CANCER adores you but is possessive.

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)
Shop for those you might not see over the holidays. Then, relax at home. Others love hearing from you; make long-distance calls from your favorite chair. A heartfelt conversation with a loved one clears the air. Make time for someone dear. Tonight: Happy at the hearth.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Talk up a storm, run errands, touch base with others. There's a lot to do. A partner or dear friend joins you, making shopping more fun; stop at a favorite restaurant. Socializing is spontaneous, as you cheer up someone. Tonight: Wherever your friends are.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You know how to spend money and decide you must. Others influence you with their expressiveness. Take up a new hobby with a friend. You could have endless fun. A must-show proves most rewarding later. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You wake up full of energy. Get what you can do from home. Once you charge out of the door, it will be hard to stop. Others seek you out; popularity is high. Visit friends, but make special plans to go to a concert or movie later. You need to escape.*** Tonight: Play away.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Refrain from discussing your plans with everyone. Make calls to loved ones early on. Later, you will want a playmate or partner. Do something you absolutely love. Your significant other could be excessive about his feelings, and you love it. Tonight: Stay mum.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Many of you will spend money yet never leave the house! Work on holiday gifts and greetings. Consider throwing a Christmas tree-trimming party. Others will love to participate and be part of your holiday celebrations. Tonight: The more friends, the merrier.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You'll speak your mind, no matter where or with whom. Communications are active. You might have a lot of ground to cover quickly. Drop in on an older relative. Make an extra effort to complete some work or fulfill a boss's request. Tonight: Out and about.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
If taking off appeals to you, why not go? A gnawing feeling might bother you. Given some distance and time for reflection, you can become grounded. Use caution; you could spend money in order to avoid dealing with an issue. Tonight: Do something totally different.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Take action, don't just think about it. Someone appreciates your efforts and chips in to help. Brainstorm with a pal to get some new ideas and build on others. A partner needs time; make plans accordingly. Allow spontaneity to be more a part of your holiday. Tonight: Include candlelight.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Listen to others; they have a lot of strong feelings. Your instincts are right about a parent or someone in charge. Don't let this person push you into doing anything but what feels right to you. Visit others in between seasonal errands. Tonight: Sharing the holiday cheer.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Pace yourself carefully. You might have some work to do before you can relax. Then, celebrate! A friend wants to see the lights or hear holiday music. Use this desire as motivation. Curb spending; you will crack your budget otherwise. Tonight: In early.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Express the deep sense of caring within you. Children and friends are highly responsive. A partner assists you with errands for a parent, boss or older relative. You bring the holiday spirit with you. Let others express their feelings. Tonight: Could be steamy!****

BORN TODAY
Comedian Margaret Cho (1968), singer Jim Messina (1947), former football player Art Monk (1957)

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- 1103 Blackmon Ave. Fri.-Sat. 8-5. Some antique glassware items, cast iron skillets. Lots of misc.
- 2-FAMILY: 4003 Connaly. 8 am Friday & Saturday. TV, Recliner, dishes, clothes, much more.
- 2702 LYNN: Saturday, 8:00am-7. Christmas ornaments, lots of stuff, stuff, stuff.
- 3 FAMILIES: Friday & Saturday, 8-5pm. 704 NW 10th. Christmas decor, clothes, lots of misc.
- 3710 N. Hwy 87, 2 miles N. of Rip Griffin's. Thurs-Fri-Sat, 7-31am. Furn. , cheapest Christmas lights in Howard County.
- Backyard Sale: 1602 Sunset Ave. Starts Fri. at 1:00 pm. all day Sat. Exercise equip., fum., gas dryer, clothes.
- ESTATE SALE: 3608 Boulder Dr. Sunday, Dec. 6. Noon to 5:00pm. Furniture, appliances, etc. No checks please!
- EVERYTHING MUST GO!! 4210 Theo. Fri. 8-7. Sat. 8-12pm. New items, low, low prices!
- GARAGE / MOVING SALE: 110 S. Salem Rd - Sand Springs. Thurs-Fri-Sat-Sun. 9-7. Some furniture, dishes & Mary Kay Products.
- Garage Sale: 1800 Wason Fri. Sat. & Sun. Christmas decorations, clothes, bedding, glassware, pots & pans, jewelry, mens/womens kids clothes, lots of new things for Christmas gifts. Too much to list.
- Garage Sale: 2513 Fairchild. Sat. 8am. Baby & boys clothes, large womens, & big mens clothes, bunk & child beds, books, lot's of misc.
- GARAGE SALE: Sat. 9:00-1:30. 2900 Lawrence. West on Thorpe, left on Clanton, right on Roemer, left on Lawrence. Christmas decor., Aloe plants, toys, misc.
- GARAGE SALE @ The 1st Assembly of God, 400 & Lancaster. Fri. 8:30-4:00 & Sat., 8:00-1:00pm. Look for signs.
- HUGE GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday. South Service Road between Moss Lake & Salem Road, Miller B Road. Everything Marked To Go!
- SALE: 2210 Main. Fri. & Sat. X-Mas tree, decorations, gifts, straw angel, crafts, full & queen size bed, punch bowl, kitchen ware, lot's of misc.
- YARD SALE: 1102 N. Nolan. Fri. & Sat. 9-1pm. New & used items plus floral arrang., religious items, ceramics. Lots misc.
- INSIDE SALE, 4219 Calvin. Sat. only, 8-1. Typewriter, computer/printer, lots of X-mas items, toys, clothes, dishes.
- Garage Sale: 2525 Chanute Sat. 8-7 Little bit of everything.
- Garage Sale: 2613 Carol. Fri. & Sat. 8-2 pm. Bedroom suite, golf cart, Southwest items, shoes, clothes & lot's of misc.
- GARAGE SALE: 3 Families: Sat & Sun. 8-7 1013 Sycamore. Clothes, furniture. Lots of misc. items.
- GARAGE SALE: 3908 Hamilton. Sat. Only! 8-2. Household items & much, much more.
- Garage Sale: 500 Todd Rd. Sat. 9-7 Appliances, furn., mens/womens & kids clothes, many misc. items. No Early Sales.

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Accurate medical history can help save your life

DEAR ABBY: I work in a hospital emergency department in a suburb of Cleveland. Because your column is printed in newspapers across the country and beyond, I thought it would be the best way to get an important message out to the public. Many patients come to the ER because they're in pain, confused, unresponsive, or have been subject to serious injury. Sometimes patients come to the ER because of what they feel is a minor problem. Then, after testing and examination, we find a more complicated problem that requires hospitalization. Many times finding the cause of the patient's situation can be difficult because of inadequate information. The three most common areas of misinformation are medications and dosages the patient takes, medication allergies and past medical history. Occasionally no identification can cause a problem. Taking medications like Coumadin, Lanoxin, Dilantin, Depakote, digoxin, theophylline, phenobarbital and others requires blood samples to check the amount of the drug in the bloodstream. These medications, among others, can be responsible for anything from severe bleeding to seizures, severe lethargy, weakness, fatigue, abnormal heart rhythm and blurred vision. Unfortunately, these can also be symptoms of problems like gastrointestinal bleeding, epilepsy, meningitis, strokes and lethal arrhythmias. Patients will say, "You have my records here." However, hospital records are not a reliable source of the patient's current medications, because the medications and/or dosages often change. The bottom line is: Know your past medical history (i.e., appendix removed, heart attack, high blood pressure, diabetes, etc.). Know what medicines you are allergic to. Know what medications you take and the dosages. Think of it as "H.A.M.D." - History, Allergies, Medications, Dosages. And last, but not least, write your name, medical history, drug allergies, medications and dosages on two pieces of paper. Put one in your wallet or purse, and one on your refrigerator, kitchen counter or bathroom medicine cabinet. This way, you will have them with you - or someone who can find them - in the worst situation. It's for your benefit. - RICK GEISHEIMER, R.N., MENTOR, OHIO

DEAR RICK: Thank you for the potentially lifesaving reminder. For most of us, making such a list will take only a few minutes. Readers, do it now - don't procrastinate!
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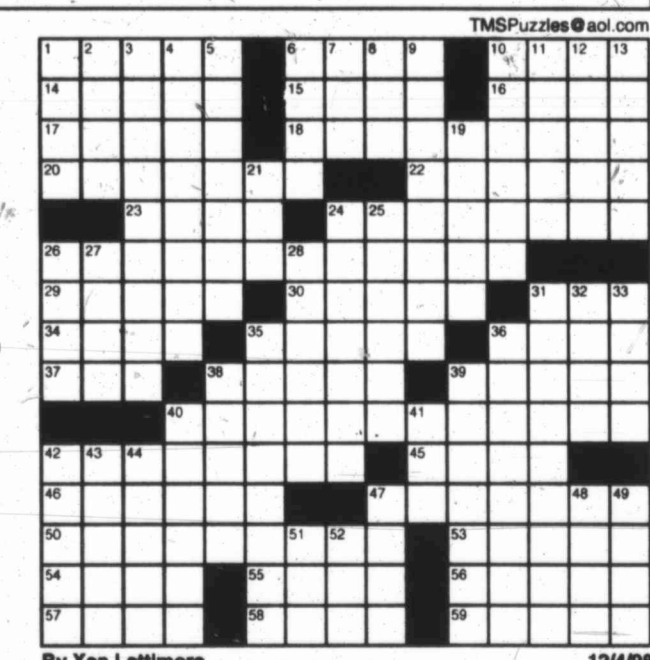
days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York. On this date: In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth

president of the United States. In 1918, President Wilson set sail for France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference. In 1942, President Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression. In 1942, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II. In 1945, the Senate approved U.S. participation in the United Nations. In 1965, the United States launched Gemini Seven with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard. In 1978, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein was named to replace the assassinated George Moscone. In 1980, the bodies of four American churchwomen slain in El Salvador two days earlier were unearthed. Five national guardsmen were later convicted of murdering nuns Ita Ford, Maura Clarke and Dorothy Kazel, and lay worker Jean Donovan. In 1996, the Mars Pathfinder lifted off from Cape Canaveral and began speeding toward Mars on a 310 million-mile odyssey to explore the Red Planet's surface.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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