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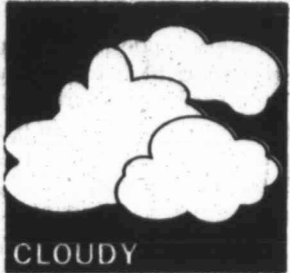
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## HELPING OTHERS...

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, Bealls 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

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## Christmas outlook dim for children, seniors on Angel Trees

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

With a week remaining, less than one-fourth of the more than 700 names placed on seven Salvation Army Angel Trees around the community have been adopted.

Through Thursday, only 179 of the 732 available angels had been adopted, or 24.5 percent. The trees are scheduled to come down on Friday, Dec. 11.

Over the past week, a total of 54 angels were added to the

trees while only 22 were adopted.

A special tree containing only the names of senior angels is located at the Herald while trees containing the names of children are located at Big Spring Mall, Al's and Son BBQ, Wal-Mart, Cosden Credit Union, Mel's Fried Fish and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Persons who shop at Wal-Mart may leave their purchases at the service desk and Salvation Army personnel will pick them up.

In addition, Bealls will give a

10 percent discount to persons making Angel Tree purchases.

"We need some miracles, and Big Spring is full of them," Salvation Army social services coordinator Danelle Castillo said Thursday afternoon.

Later, Castillo and fellow Salvation Army employee Patsy Heckler, along with Salvation Army cadet Glenn Queener, took a number of the Angel Tree information cards to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours" at Harris Lumber in hopes of getting some of them

adopted.

"Unless you give, these kids and seniors won't have a Christmas," Castillo told the crowd.

Castillo said the results of the Angel Tree campaign are discouraging at this point.

Overall, demands on the Salvation Army have increased tremendously over the past year.

"I don't know if it's a sign of the new welfare program or not, but the number of contacts we are making is way up," according to Maj. Roy Tolcher, head of

the local Salvation Army.

Castillo said she felt the combination of the poor economic conditions in both the agricultural sector and oil sector as well as the new welfare program were the reasons for the increased demand.

Persons wishing to adopt an angel may do so by visiting one of the locations.

Persons who wish to adopt an angel — or angels — but do not have the time to shop for them may contact Castillo at the Salvation Army at 267-8239 or go by the facility at 811 W. Fifth.

## Herald Christmas Parade thrills thousands

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

An estimated 15,000 persons lined Gregg, Sixth and Main streets Saturday as the 12th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade brought "oohs" and "aahs" from young and old alike as it moved toward the Courthouse Square.

Paced by the Big Spring Police Department Color Guard and 16 members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee, which served as parade grand marshals, the parade pulled onto Gregg Street at about 5:06 p.m. and stretched from Second Street all the way to the FM 700 north frontage road by the time Santa Claus turned on to the main route.

The parade included 77 entries — 58 of them lighted — and more than 2,000 participants. In addition, there were a total of 142 vehicles — motorized and horse drawn — in the parade, which took one hour and 15 minutes to pass by the judging stand.

Highlights of the parade included the combined Big Spring High School/Runnels Junior High/Goliad Middle School bands and the Forsan High School band.

"Both bands were tremendous," said Herald publisher Chuck Williams. "(BSHS band director) Rocky (Harris) and the Big Spring bands have always been great and I think the fact the Forsan band joined the parade this year added just that much more to the effort."

Both bands thrilled spectators with rousing renditions of a variety of Christmas songs, including "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells," among others.

Spectators came from all across West Texas — and from other areas as well.

"It was a great parade ... we really enjoyed it," exclaimed Tracey Driever of the Dallas suburb of Lewisville, who was in town with her husband, John, to visit friends. "We wanted to get out of town and they said come out here and see the parade and we're glad we did."

Williams said Herald employees were very pleased by the community support for the parade.

"It always makes you feel good when someone else

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Seventy-seven entries, including 58 that were lighted, greeted spectators who lined Gregg Street Saturday evening for the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade. Among the highlights were the combined bands from Big Spring, pictured above, and Forsan High School band.



Kayla Aaron and her mother Shawnda Aaron were among those who enjoyed the sights and sounds of the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas parade Saturday.

## Boy Scout Troop 25 takes third straight division win

HERALD Staff Report

Boy Scout Troop 25 of Sand Springs easily repeated as champions of the Civic Division in the 12th annual Herald Community Christmas Parade on Saturday.

In addition, Norwest Bank repeated for the second year in the lighted category.

"We were very pleased with both the quality and quantity of the entries," said Herald managing editor John H. Walker.

"I know that both the Boy Scouts and Norwest put a lot of work into defending their titles, as did everyone who entered the parade."

Other category winners included Western Container in the commercial/manufacturing category and Sacred Heart

Catholic Church in the church/school category.

It was the third straight win for the members of Troop 25, whose float was a backwoods, back home Christmas in compliance with the parade theme of "Home for the Holidays."

Norwest employees constructed a scene of a family at home during Christmas that caught the judges' collective eye, while Sacred Heart won with "Peace on earth starts at home" and Western won with a float that showed a home setting, including a family around a fireplace, tree and table, complete with presents.

The win was a return to the winner's circle for Western, which won two years ago.

The top three places in each

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## United Way closes chapter on another successful drive

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

With lots laughter and plenty of smiles, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County closed out the 1998 campaign Friday by announcing yet another successful drive.

Richard Steel, campaign chairman, thanked all of the volunteers for their hard work, then got to the point of the entire three-month effort.

"The real beneficiaries here are the 11 agencies this money goes to. They all do a wonderful service," he said.

With the self-proclaimed "Found on the Side of the Road Players" counting out the dollars Shakespearean style, those attending the Victory Luncheon

learned that \$223,164 had been received, exceeding the goal of \$217,500 by 3.5 percent.

"In light of the economic year...I think that is an outstanding achievement," said Steel, who pointed out that \$15,000 was received from first-time contributions. "We you have hard economic times, you have to have new money or those who have given in the past have to give more. This year, we had both."

Steel pointed out various outstanding employee fund drives, including the City of Big Spring with a 1,000 percent increase over a year ago. City personnel worker Betsy Gentry, who served as campaign manager

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The Trail of Lights at Comanche Trail Park was officially lit Friday, turning the area into a wonderland of colors and shapes.



OBITUARIES

Ellie Pearce

Graveside services for Ellie Pearce, 86, of Big Spring, will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, 1998, at Burkett Cemetery in Coleman County.

Mrs. Pearce died Friday, Dec. 4, 1998 at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness.

Mrs. Pearce was born on Oct. 5, 1912 in Holder, Brown County, Texas. She married Lee Boyd Pearce in Burkett, and he preceded her in death in 1958. She was a licensed vocational nurse, having graduated from nursing school in Brownwood, and worked at hospitals in Abilene and Coleman.

Mrs. Pearce is survived by two daughters, Bobbie Alexander and Bonita Lyght, both of Big Spring; one son, Harold W. Pearce of Dayton; two brothers, George Tabor of Fort Worth, and Leslie Tabor of Arkansas Pass; three sisters, Hattie Lou Woodard of Texas City, Beulah Ann Williamson of Louisiana, and Jean Rowden of Coleman; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

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

Enrique Rangel

Funeral services for Enrique Rangel, 78, of Lamesa, will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, 1998, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor, officiating.



RANGEL

Mr. Rangel died Friday, Dec. 4, 1998, in a Lubbock hospital.

He was born Feb. 29, 1920 in Seguin. He had been married to Mauricia Yberra, Guadalupe Vidales and Delia Aguilar, all of whom preceded him in death. Mr. Rangel had farmed in the Lenora and Coahoma areas and moved to Lamesa in 1975, where he farmed until retiring in 1982.

Survivors include two daughters, Rosa Roberts of Big Spring, and Julia Mata of Modesta, Calif.; six sons, Angel Rangel, Antonio Rangel, Vincente Rangel and Fabian Rangel, all of Midland, Freddie Rangel of Lamesa, and Natividad Guerra of Rosenberg; four step-sons; one step-daugh-

ter; 59 grandchildren; 81 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

Rosary for Mr. Rangel will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

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

Vivian Moore

Services for Vivian Moore, 86, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998 at a local nursing center.

Hunter Bryce Spears

Services for Hunter Bryce Spears, infant son of Terry and Amanda Spears, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Dec. 4, 1998, in an Odessa hospital.

Inmate found dead; autopsy is ordered

HERALD Staff Report

An inmate at the Satellite Camp of the Federal Correctional Institute, Thomas Michael Evans, was pronounced dead Friday morning.

"Mr. Evans was discovered unresponsive in his bed (Friday) morning at approximately 7 a.m. Mr. Evans' death appears to be natural causes associated with cardiac failure," said Alan Booth, public information officer with the institution.

Justice of the Peace Jack Buchanan pronounced death at 8:48 p.m. Cause of death appears to have been natural causes and an autopsy has been ordered.

Officials became aware of Evans condition at 7 a.m. Friday when he could not be roused from his bed, according to Booth.

Evans came to the Big Spring unit after being sentenced for making and subscribing a false tax return, wire fraud and aiding and abetting. He was sentenced by the Northern District of Texas court, and became incarcerated here October of 1997.

Evans was serving a 30-month sentence. He was due for release on April 4, 2000. His next of kin has been notified, according to Booth.

Green wins Home for Holidays prize

Bennie Green of Big Spring won the grand prize in the Home for the Holidays drawing, held Saturday following the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

Green receives 74 door prizes worth at least \$25 apiece from various merchants.

Paulette Turner and Robin Strain won second place and will receive \$100 in Chamber Bucks.

To enter the contest, shoppers had to visit at least 12 of the 74 participating merchants.

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Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, is collecting coats for state 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. Aylesford.

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 of these children.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting donated cans of food to be distributed to the area needy.

La Mirage Boutique & Salon Holiday Nails Specials New Set \$25.00 Offer Good Thru Dec. 24, 1998 267-9539 Open Mon.-Fri. 10-6

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.

WINNERS

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category included:

- CIVIC/SCHOOL
1. Boy Scout Troop 25
2. Big Spring Bass Club
3. Big Spring Humane Society

COMMERCIAL/MANUFACTURING

- 1. Western Container
2. Big Spring Rod and Custom
3. Parks Fuel and Convenience Stores

CHURCH/SCHOOL

- 1. Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2. Lake View Head Start
3. College Heights Christian Church

LIGHTED

- 1. Norwest Bank
2. AG Services
3. Fina

PARADE

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embraces a project like this and seems to enjoy it as much as you do," he said. "The clearly obvious factor is that without the community's support, it would be impossible for the parade to happen."

Williams said newspaper employees would take a brief break before holding a post-parade meeting to evaluate the parade and beginning planning for the 13th annual parade, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999.

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for that drive, received special recognition.

Steel also thanked executive director Carroll Jennings.

"He is a fantastic leader, a great organizer, and without him, none of this would have been possible," Steel said.

The amount raised was the most since 1991-92 when \$227,749 was collected, but the goal was missed. This time, though, it was the third straight year United Way of Big Spring and Howard County exceeded its goal.

Next year, campaign chairman will be Clara Savage.

Friday's luncheon, held at Big Spring Country Club, was anything but formal. In a humorous skit featuring "The Lad Bill of Redmond," played by Pam Stephens, "Dame Maude of Suffolk" played by China Long and "Sir Melvin of Kent," played by John Walker, those attending got a countdown on the various divisions.

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.

BRIEFS

A BENEFIT BARBECUE AND auction is planned Sunday by friends of Mel and Denise Dickerson. Lunch at noon will be by Robert Rowe of Odessa, \$10 a plate, and music by Wild Texans from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The auction preview begins at 10 a.m. It all takes

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place at the Harley Davidson Shop, 908 W. Third.

Some items to be auctioned include a night for two at the Midland Hilton, motorcycle accessories, a Bob Lilly autographed football and a diamond ring. Anyone is welcome at the event.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

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

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

SHANNON HEALTH SYSTEM IS accepting applications

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LOTTO: 4,23,34,40,42,46

for the Margaret Shannon academic scholarship to be awarded in December.

The scholarship program was initiated earlier this year. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded annually, one in the fall and another in the spring.

Students need to be enrolled for at least nine semester hours, maintain a 2.5 grade point average overall and a 3.0 in major courses, and be residents of Shannon's 19-county service area, which includes: Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Howard, Irion, McCulloch, Menard, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Val Verde counties.

Deadline for entry is Dec. 15. The scholarship winner will be named Dec. 30. For more information or an application, call Shannon Marketing at (915)657-5064.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

\*Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Pam Stephens, who played "The Lad Bill of Redmond;" John Walker as "Sir Melvin of Kent;" and China Long as "Dame Maude of Suffolk" announced that United Way of Big Spring and Howard County had exceeded its goal this year.

DUNLAPS Shop Locally! We've Got Your Perfect Christmas Gift 111 E. Marcy 267-8283 Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

share some holiday fun Give the Coca-Cola brand Cookie Jar Bouquet marketed by Teleflora This full-size cookie jar is crafted in ceramic and hand-painted. Perfect for holding holiday goodies, it's also a whimsical way to celebrate the season. To send this memorable gift anywhere in the U.S. or Canada, just call or visit our shop. \$45.00 Dakota's FLOWERS & GIFTS Teleflora 1110 11th Place 263-8323

POLICE

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

- LUANNA FRANCO, 35, was arrested on county warrants.
MARCIANO GARCIA, 38, was arrested for driving while license invalid.
JUAN RODRIGUEZ, 29, was arrested for driving while license invalid.
RUBEN ROJAS, 24, was arrested for evading arrest.
IRMA DAWSON, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.
DAVID MIRAMONTES, 43, was arrested for public intoxication.
JOE JUAREZ, 26, was arrested on county warrants.
KIRK FOWLER, 20, was arrested on local warrants.
ERNEST CLARK, 58, was arrested for public intoxication.
ASSAULT in the 600 block of State, the 600 block of Caylor, and the 2600 block of Gregg.
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 100 block of Johnson, the 1500 block of Wood, and the 2800 block of Swords.
THEFT in the 400 block of E. 4th, the 1600 block of E. Marcy, the corner of 3rd and Owens, and the 300 block of Owens.
CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING in the 2600 block of Gregg, and the 400 block of E. 4th.
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED at the corner of Birdwell and Kentucky.

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CONSUMER NOTICE: The holiday season is here and often, when we think of the holidays, we think of shopping. The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "Home for the Holidays", prizes and fun for shopping our local merchants first... West Texas Discount Flooring is part of this program and will provide even more incentive for shopping at home. Most citizens of Big Spring understand the importance of supporting our local businesses not only for local sales tax revenue but also to promote local jobs. However, out of habit, we often think that we must leave Big Spring for selection and prices. This year, break the habit, shop our local merchants first, and keep it "Home for the Holidays". It's an exciting time for West Texas Discount Flooring. We have moved from the corner location of 18th and Gregg right next door in the middle building. We are still in the process of flooring our new home (because we have been very busy flooring yours!) and have decided to rename our "Remodeling Sale", the "Keeping it Home for the Holidays Sale". Bring in ads from other stores and compare our prices. We do! You'll find our prices are lower on most items and our selection is overwhelming. Visit us 7 days a week at our new location at 1712 Gregg (but, pardon the remodeling) or call us at 263-5500 and Keep it Home for the Holidays! Visit Clint & Melanie Sheets, Ph.D., Marjorie Squires, Patsy Lopez.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Ellie Pearce, 86, died Friday. Graveside services are 11:30 AM Monday at Burkett Cemetery, Coleman County, Texas

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Enrique Rangel, 78, died Friday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM Sunday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Services will be 10:00 Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Vivian Moore 86, died Saturday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Hunter Bryce Spears, infant son of Terry and Amanda Spears, died Friday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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# State education chief wants to use tests to determine teacher bonuses

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's education chief wants to increase the testing of students and base teacher bonuses on exam results.

Under the plan by Education Commissioner Mike Moses, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills would be overhauled and given to 2.5 million students, about 600,000 more than now take the test.

Moses announced his plan at a news conference.

"Our goal is continuous improvement," Moses said. "We think Texas students and educators are ready for a new challenge."

Changes in the testing program can only be approved by the Legislature.

Moses proposed to add science and social studies questions to the TAAS

test at some lower grades, test ninth-graders and beef up the high school graduation test, which would be shifted from 10th to 11th grade.

Teachers at schools that improve their scores would receive \$750 bonuses, at a cost of \$55 million per year. Each year, about a quarter of all teachers would qualify for a bonus.

Currently, public school students

take the TAAS in grades three through eight and 10th grade. Students must pass the 10th-grade exam to graduate.

In addition to delaying the high-school test until 11th grade, Moses proposed to make it tougher and add questions on science and social studies to reading, math and writing sections.

"I think the public has become increasingly concerned about whether

the 10th-grade test adequately measures the knowledge of graduating high school students," he said.

Gov. George W. Bush said he supported the proposed changes.

"In Texas, we want the high school diploma to mean something, and these proposals will make sure students graduate with the knowledge they need to succeed in life," Bush said.

## After abundance and tragedy, woman donates \$1.1 mil

DALLAS (AP) — In July, Elaine Gabbert underwent brain surgery. In August, her mother and husband both died.

From sorrow, Mrs. Gabbert is seeking hope. She's decided to give \$1.1 million for an education center at Buckner Children and Family Services in East Dallas, a home for disadvantaged children.

"The fact that it was for children mattered to me," said Mrs. Gabbert, 62, who once was a teacher.

Mrs. Gabbert decided to make the donation after sitting down with her estate attorney following the death of her husband of 41 years, John, and realizing

she had more money than she could ever need.

The Gabberts had lived well. He was a lawyer who also was successful in business, making his first million dollars before he turned 30. The family business, now directed by Mrs. Gabbert and employing their two sons, includes car washes, a wholesale gasoline marketing company, convenience stores and real estate.

They lived in a middle-class neighborhood of North Dallas, traveled the world and entertained often.

Mrs. Gabbert and her husband always wanted to give a large sum to charity, maybe \$1

million. After her husband died of a heart attack, Mrs. Gabbert thought about fulfilling that desire.

But she had no idea where to direct the money. She began asking friends for advice.

Mrs. Gabbert considered donating to a private school or to Baylor University Medical Center or Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Then she thought about Buckner Children and Family Services.

Mrs. Gabbert hadn't visited the children's home in a long time, but she remembered it well.

"The buildings are crumbling and drab," she told The Dallas Morning News.

The education center will be named in the Gabberts' honor.

"I wanted his name to be on something other than a tombstone," Mrs. Gabbert said.

Mrs. Gabbert, whose oldest son died in a traffic accident in 1976, still wonders why so many bad things happened in her life all at once this summer. But she said she was blessed with success and happiness, too.

"I feel like I can't take any credit for it."

"I feel like the Lord led us, and this is the life he planned for us," she said.

## Secret Society asks: Are you happier than you will admit?

DALLAS (AP) — If you're happy and you know it — shhh! There's a spot for you in the Secret Society of Happy People.

"If you're happy but don't admit it because other people don't want to hear it, then we're the society for you," says founder Pam Johnson.

The society, founded in August in the Dallas suburb of Irving, promotes the idea that it's OK to be happy, despite the lack of positive response from others.

That's especially true at Christmas, Ms. Johnson says, challenging advice columnist Ann Landers on the subject of family news letters enclosed with holiday cards.

"Spare us the details of the Ivy League schools your children are attending and the honors and awards they have received during the year ... Just let us know in a handwritten note that your family is well and doing something useful," said a recent letter signed "Your Cousins in Illinois."

Ann Landers responded: "Dear Cousins: Thank you for expressing sentiments that are sure to be shared (and appreciated) by millions of readers. Including me."

In a letter to Ms. Landers, Ms. Johnson demanded an apology "to the millions of people you made feel bad for wanting to share their happy news."

Happiness is about recognizing the happy moments of your life, not about competing with others, Ms. Johnson wrote.

"Happy moments are good things that need to be shared more — not less," she said.

Ms. Landers' editor in Los Angeles, Katherine Searcy, said she would pass along Ms. Johnson's letter and request a reply from the columnist.

Ms. Johnson said Americans waste a lot of time discussing topics like: "My girlfriend/boyfriend is a jerk," "I don't like my job," "I need to lose 30 pounds," "If I only had more money," and "I need to buy something."

The society does not suggest that people should pretend they are content or ignore real problems, but urges people to stop grouching and answer the question: "Are you happier than you admit you are?"

"Most people think about it for a moment and they reply, 'You know, I am,'" Ms. Johnson said.

According to Ms. Johnson, the society has about 60-plus secretly happy members and recruits mainly through its Internet site: www.sohp.com.

## Astronauts to hoist first American-made station part

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Endeavour's astronauts faced their first hurdle Saturday in building the international space station: hoisting the 25,000-pound Unity chamber from the shuttle cargo bay, with only an inch of clearance on either side.

An even tougher job awaits them Sunday, when they pluck a much larger Russian station component from orbit and attach it to the U.S. piece without a direct line of sight.

The six shuttle astronauts have been chasing the component named Zarya (Russian for Sunrise) since they rocketed into orbit Friday. As of midday

Saturday, they trailed the giant cylinder by 7,000 miles.

Astronaut Nancy Currie flexed Endeavour's 50-foot robot arm in preparation for all the lifting; the arm has never wielded such massive objects before. She and her crewmates also checked the computerized vision system she'll use to line up the two station components; they're so big she won't be able to see where they meet by looking out the window.

"It's not so much a case of how difficult it is," Currie explained before the flight, "just how careful we have to be and how time-consuming it is."

Unity, the first American-

made piece of the space station, will serve as a connecting passageway once more modules arrive over the next few years. It's 36 feet long and 15 feet in diameter, and is composed of 50,000 mechanical parts, 216 fluid and gas lines, and 121 electrical cables containing a mind-boggling six miles of wiring.

It barely fit in Endeavour's cargo bay, widthwise; there was only an inch to spare on either side, making Currie's job especially difficult. The last thing she wanted to do was bump Unity against the shuttle while lifting it from its horizontal position and setting it upright in preparation for Sunday's coupling with Zarya.

The 41-foot, 44,000-pound Zarya, launched Nov. 20 from Kazakhstan, contains all the power and propulsion systems needed for the fledgling space station. Without Zarya, Unity would be a useless, empty can in orbit.

"I think Sunrise is very appropriate and I think Unity is very appropriate for the new station because it's a new beginning and we're all bound together," shuttle commander Robert Cabana said from orbit.

Unity cost \$300 million, Zarya \$240 million. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration paid for both.

plunging with Zarya.

The 41-foot, 44,000-pound Zarya, launched Nov. 20 from Kazakhstan, contains all the power and propulsion systems needed for the fledgling space station. Without Zarya, Unity would be a useless, empty can in orbit.

"I think Sunrise is very appropriate and I think Unity is very appropriate for the new station because it's a new beginning and we're all bound together," shuttle commander Robert Cabana said from orbit.

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## Ingleside magazine designed with deaf and hard-of-hearing in mind

INGLESIDE (AP) — Paula Bonillas is keeping hearing-impaired people on the cutting edge.

Ms. Bonillas publishes Hearing Health, a magazine that aims to keep deaf and hearing-impaired people up to date on the latest devices available to them. She lost her hearing in 1992, but today can hear with the help of a cochlear implant.

"It's pretty amazing," she said. "I can drive down the street talking on the cell phone

because of technology."

Ms. Bonillas, a wife and mother of two, also works as a captioning on television programs, a telephone adapter and flashing alerts, but says "I have a family, so if something rings, I'll know."

"There's a wealth of devices, but a lot of people will leave the (hearing) professional's office with new hearing aids knowing nothing about the support they can get from these other devices," she said.

The Stamford native has been hard of hearing her whole life. A condition that worsened with time, her hearing loss began interfering with her job 15 years ago when she was teaching junior high school math in Irving.

"The difficulties had escalated to the point where I needed a lot more than just hearing aids," Ms. Bonillas said.

She couldn't make phone calls to parents while she was in school because she needed an

amplifier for the phone. At the time, employers were not required to accommodate employees with disabilities, so Ms. Bonillas found herself going home to make phone calls.

Finally, someone told her about a portable amplifier she could use. It changed her life. She was surprised to learn about the number of devices that exist to help the hearing-impaired.

"I quit my job and started the magazine," Ms. Bonillas said. "I

decided it would be my mission to get the information out to others like myself who needed more than hearing aids."

Although she'd decided on a mission, she didn't realize what she'd gotten herself into and didn't know the first thing about running a magazine.

"I was very optimistic," she said.

At first, she wrote articles for the magazine herself, using her name in a variety of ways. She said although the magazine has

survived for 15 years through jumps and starts, she was fortunate to have the right people come along to help her.

At one point, she couldn't pay her printer and was going to close up shop, but an advertiser bailed her out.

The magazine, which comes out six times a year and sells for \$2.75 apiece and \$18 for a one-year subscription, prints 20,000 copies per issue. Reader surveys show, however, about 50,000 people read each issue.

## Judge weakens cities' lawsuit against Houston Lighting & Power

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has thrown out a big part of a \$523 million lawsuit 50 Texas cities filed against Houston Lighting & Power Co.

Plaintiffs claim the utility evades paying proper franchise fees.

Most Texas utilities face similar class-action suits, but state District Judge John Woodruff's decision could set a disturbing precedent for plaintiffs.

The issue boils down to a 1957 state law that allows cities to charge utility companies a "franchise fee" for the right to operate within city limits. The fee cap equals 2 percent of the utilities' nonresidential sales revenue within a city.

HL&P and other utilities, however, pay up to 4 percent because cities have put up bonds to boost infrastructure. HL&P pays \$90 million annually in franchise fees, including about \$65 million to Houston, company attorney Hank Roper told the Houston Chronicle.

That law failed to take into account state and local sales taxes, which didn't exist in 1957. Utilities never have counted sales taxes on businesses as part of their gross receipts, and thus never paid franchise fees on tax revenues.

Two years ago, Wharton, Pasadena and Galveston sued, claiming sales taxes should be included in gross receipts.

### Correction Notice

In our December 6<sup>th</sup> ad, we advertised a 6.4 GB Western Digital hard drive (model 6400RTL) for \$149.99 after a \$30 mail-in rebate.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Holiday kickoff spectacular, to say the least

**W**ow! What a weekend we've had so far to kick off the holiday season in Big Spring and Howard County and things are just getting started!

Beginning Friday night with the turning on of the lights at the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights and continuing through Saturday's Herald Christmas Parade and first performance of First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree.

And it's not over yet! The final performance of the Living Christmas Tree is tonight, while the Festival of Lights will continue all month. By week's end, the First Church of the Nazarene will have started its annual Drive-thru Nativity.

Where else could you find a community doing so much to kick off the holidays than in Small Town, America.

By the time the month is over, there'll be few — if any — who have not participated in one of the activities in some way or another.

The Christmas Parade had an estimated 2,000 participants, while another 15,000 persons were estimated to have lined the parade route.

By the time volunteers, participants and spectators for the Living Christmas Tree are added up, you'll have another 3,000 from the dress rehearsal and two performances.

Thousands will drive through the Drive-thru Nativity at First Nazarene and there's no telling how many will take the time to view the lights at the Historic Spring and in Comanche Trail Park. After all, more than 5,000 persons viewed them during "head count" hours in just a single week last year.

It's easy to guess that at least two times — and possibly more — our community's population will participate in the various holidays programs in and around the community ... which isn't bad for a little town at the crossroads of West Texas.

## OTHER VIEWS

Some say (Augusto) Pinochet's possible extradition to Madrid could jeopardize Chile's transition to a democracy. The question is: Is it at risk from Pinochet's arrest and possible trial or from his shameless impunity which makes any reconciliation theories impossible?

Others say extradition would be a dangerous precedent irresponsibly set by Spanish judge (Baltasar) Garzon and Britain's House of Lords. Though still unknown, the effects will surely be devastating and not univocal. The question is: Is this more

dangerous than Pinochet's consecrated immunity and impunity?

The Chilean Right, Left and Center have to settle costly and dangerous accounts with the past. Accounts which this decade's democratic transition left open and suspended. The right time and opportunity have come to close them...

Pinochet's extradition and trial might be a much-needed push to complete this (so far) imperfect transition.

**IL MANIFESTO, Rome**

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# It's time to step forward for Big Spring's angels

**T**here is a disturbing headline on top of Page One in today's Herald. It was stark, it was gloomy and it scared me.

It read "Christmas outlook dim for children, seniors on Angel Trees."

Since I first arrived in Big Spring on Dec. 1, 1991, I have always been impressed with the compassion within this community ... with the willingness of her people to dig deep and help others less fortunate.

Once again, it's time ... only now, there's little time left. Help me with this one, please.

Close your eyes and picture a child ... a child all excited about the holidays and the prospects of Christmas because all they have seen and heard and read for the past few weeks — at school, on the television, on the radio and in the newspaper — have dealt with Santa Claus and Christmas gifts and toys and special holiday meals and treats.

But the stark reality is that deep down — and sadly enough for some, maybe it's not so far deep down — that this particular child knows there won't be any such Christmas ... at least,

not for them. The home they live in is barren of decorations ... there is no tree, and there certainly aren't any presents or packages.

Their mom and dad, if they are lucky enough to have both a mom and dad at home, work hard for their money. They fight to pay the bills, to keep the old vehicle running and to try and do their very best to provide warm clothes, a warm home and nourishing food for their children.

Sadly enough, Christmas gifts, holiday meals and shiny decorations just don't have a place in a budget that is stretched to the limit every day.

The child knows their mom and dad love them ... they know they care ... but they wonder why it is that they can't have something special at Christmas like all of their little friends.

Again, picture that child for me ... now ... imagine that it is your child.

Now, back to reality. Because you are luckier than some, your child and your family won't go without this holiday season, will they?

You'll do everything within your power — everything the Good Lord will allow you to do — to make certain that little Susie and little Johnny have everything it is they've asked for over these past few weeks.

I know, because I promised myself when I became a grand-

father that if there was any way on God's green earth that I could do it, that I would for Miranda. Now that I have been even more blessed with Andrew and Stephanie, I feel that way even more strongly.

Miranda, Andrew and Stephanie will have a wonderful Christmas. No, they won't get everything they wanted, but they will get more than enough.

But there are Mirandas and Andrews and Stephanies and Johnnys and Susies who won't get anything unless you and I go to Wal-Mart, Big Spring Mall, Al's and Son, Cosden Credit Union, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Mel's Seafood or the Herald this week and take an Angel's name off one of those trees.

There won't be any Christmas morning excitement with paper being ripped away and packages opened.

There won't be any "ooohs" and "aaahs" as they discover what Santa brought them.

For those children, the stark reality that there may well be no such thing as Santa Claus will break through the holiday facade that they have been forced to live with.

Can you imagine your child getting up on Christmas morning and there being nothing for them? I can't imagine that of Miranda, Drew and Stephanie, and the mere thought of it brings tears to my eyes.

Christmas should be a wonderful time of the year for chil-

dren. A time of lights and parades and toys and candy canes and memories that will last a lifetime.

Won't you help give a child less fortunate than your own — or your grandchildren or even your great-grandchildren — the opportunity to experience a child's Christmas?

What gift could you give that could be as wonderful as one that would put a smile on the face of a child or bring that wonderful child's giggle that makes us all smile ... and what thought could be worse than knowing that unless you do something, that on Christmas morning a child someplace in Big Spring will get up, hoping against hope — but knowing all too well that there'll be no Christmas for them.

And on that day of all days, what could be worse than a child without Christmas.

Today, go to Wal-Mart or the Mall and adopt an Angel. If you can't do it today, don't wait past tomorrow, because we are dangerously close to being out of tomorrow.

Even if you've already adopted one, adopt another if you can afford it and help make a difference in the life of a child.

Give them that smile and that laugh — but more importantly, give them the gift of being able to be a child at Christmas.

Please ... time is slipping away and we are running out of tomorrow.



**JOHN H. WALKER**



# Sarah's in Clarksdale knows the blues

**CLARKSDALE, Miss.** — The \$100 blues slips from beneath the tent where those with the tickets sit, slips out into a foggy night along the Sunflower River and slides through the alleys and street corners and parking lots, past the Sassy Salon, where style and sophistication meet, onto Highway 61 and the store where they'll give you instant cash for your car title if you stay too long at the Lady Luck.

You cannot bottle the blues and sell it like French perfume. It'll spill. Sarah's Kitchen and Bar is located just a few blocks from the big weekend benefit concert they threw to help relocate the Delta Blues Museum. In the spring the museum will move from the town's Carnegie library to another local landmark, the old Illinois Central Railroad Freight Depot.

Meanwhile, a small crowd without tickets comes together at Sarah's. Sarah's isn't fancy, and it isn't very big. The sign by the door says "Cold Beer. Fried Chicken." Sarah sells tamales, too, \$4 a dozen.

This is one of those places where every patron knows how to make the juke box play without paying a cent. Somebody chooses "Casino Blues."

Sarah's has its own blues museum. One wall is like a giant bulletin board. Lonnie Pitchford's recent obituary is taped up there. Lonnie was local, known for his diddy-bo. He only made the one album, in 1994, but it took him all the way from Clarksdale to Carnegie Hall.

A story about a Sam Chatmon memorial is on the wall; he hailed from Hollandale, just down the road. And Aaron Henry's death notice is posted; he was the longtime head of Mississippi's NAACP chapter. He knew the blues.

There's a picture of Aretha Franklin, too.

If Franklin has live music, and it usually does, the cover charge is \$3. A sign says Little Jeno Tucker will be playing here soon, with Tolivar's Auto Salvage as sponsor.

Tonight Billy Smiley's Band wears red cummerbunds and looks like a million. Billy and the others fiddle with their instruments, waiting for a bigger audience. Once they start, once they commit that first note, you get the feeling there will be no breaks. (The electricity does go out at one point — killing guitars, Christmas lights, keyboards — but nobody seems surprised. Maybe it needs to happen, just to let the joint cool

down for a few minutes.)

Most of the blues singers were born and started to play within 100 miles of each other, B.B. King has said. If that's so, and it is, Clarksdale is the hub. People go to work here, and punch a clock, or sometimes each other, they marry and have children and pretty much carry on exactly like the rest of the human race.

But on Saturday nights in the Mississippi Delta, they make a kind of music that really can't be exported. You can send out an ambassador or two with samples, but to get the full dose you better come here.

"The biggest misconception about blues is that it's easy," bluesman Joe Louis Walker told blues photographer Jeff Dunas.

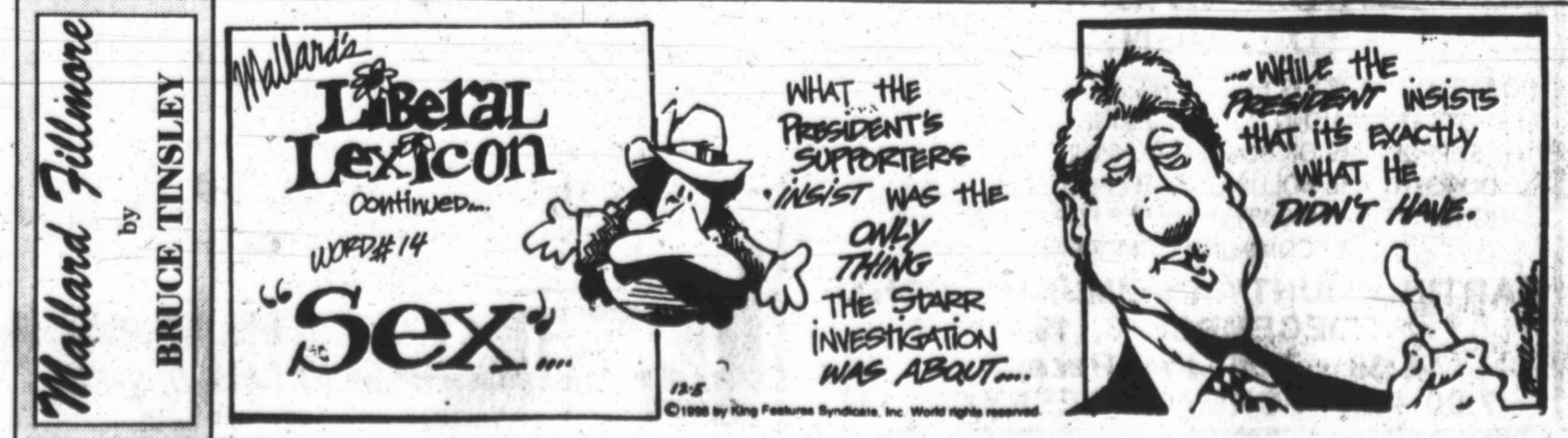
"It's the hardest music in the world to play because it's all feel. It's not notes. You can go to the guitar institute and learn how to play notes. You can play fusion, you can play jazz, you can read it off the books. You can play in an orchestra with Doc Severinsen. You can't do that with blues."

Billy Smiley hands the microphone to a woman sitting in a booth, and she grabs it like it's free money. She feels the song, and sings it, and the crowd on Sunflower Street smiles and claps and swells toward another dawn.

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# Judiciary Committee getting ready for week of high drama

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee, dominated by Republicans determined to punish President Clinton, is racing toward a likely recommendation to remove the president from office, as the nation's third presidential impeachment inquiry enters its final climactic stages.

Clinton's lawyers, demanding three or four days to call panels of witnesses, will attack the inquiry's fairness beginning Tuesday in the room where three articles of impeachment were approved against Richard Nixon.

Right after the Clinton team will come summations by two

veteran lawyer-investigators, certain to clash over perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power evidence submitted by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

David Schippers, a one-time prosecutor who made his reputation fighting organized crime in Chicago, is speaking for the Republican majority. Abbe Lowell, an ex-prosecutor who specializes in government ethics, represents the Democrats.

Committee Republicans, who have shunned polls and calls for censure, want a vote on impeachment articles Friday or Saturday. They are virtually

certain to recommend that Clinton's efforts to conceal his sexual affair in the White House with former intern Monica Lewinsky, a woman half his age, is misconduct serious enough for removal from office.

When the issue comes before the full House, the public could see a much different political dynamic. Lawmakers not on the committee "have to look at the polls, at the next election" and face constituents who ask, "What are you turkeys doing?" said retired Rep. William Clinger, a Republican who investigated Clinton as chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Nobody knows the outcome of an impeachment vote in the full House, but a liberal Judiciary Committee member, Rep. Charles Schumer of New York, said, "I am afraid it's a neck-and-neck vote. ... The simple arithmetic is this will be decided by one or two votes, and that's frightening to me."

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., retiring after 34 years in Congress, said, "The politicians on the Judiciary Committee have very visible hard-core backers, and contributors and activists in their campaigns want them to support or oppose impeachment. Politics is driving them very strongly as well

as conviction."

But once impeachment leaves the committee, Hamilton said, "Everybody recognizes the dynamics. The president will not be convicted in the Senate (where a two-thirds vote is needed).

It's not quite as rigid as it might appear from just sitting in on committee hearings. There are a lot of back-room, back-channel negotiations going forward with a variety of people, most of whom are trying to be constructive and find an exit strategy."

For many Democrats and White House officials, that strategy might be a censure that

could include a financial penalty for Clinton. But a censure would have to clear considerable parliamentary hurdles to even be considered in the full House the same day as impeachment.

In their appearance this week, Clinton's legal team of private attorney David Kendall and White House lawyers Charles Ruff and Gregory Craig will certainly try to make Starr the villain.

Their audience won't really be the 21 Republican conservatives and 16 liberal Democrats in the committee room but millions of Americans watching on television.

## Clinton wants new waiting period for handgun buyers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said he will ask Congress for a law to require a "cooling-off period" of several days before a prospective handgun sale, even though a new FBI system has made background checking quicker.

"We must do even more to support the people and the laws that protect our children and families," Clinton said Saturday in his weekly radio address.

A new FBI instant-check system, which took effect last Monday and governs the purchase of handguns, shotguns and rifles, replaced a five-day waiting period for handgun pur-

chases only. The waiting period was to allow local and state law enforcement authorities time to do background checks on buyers.

The new system uses a toll-free telephone number that gun dealers must call to relay information about prospective gun buyers to the FBI for computer records checks, often completed within minutes.

Clinton said during the first four days, 100,000 prospective gun sales were reviewed and 400 felons, fugitives, stalkers and other prohibited purchasers were stopped.

"That's more than 100 illegal

gun sales blocked each day. Who knows how many lives were saved?" Clinton said.

However, the president still wants handgun purchasers to face waiting periods of three to five days, partly so law enforcement officials can check additional, noncomputerized records.

"This cooling-off period will help prevent rash acts of violence and give authorities more time to stop illegal gun purchasers," Clinton said.

The president said he also will seek legislation next year for a lifetime gun-ownership ban juveniles convicted of violent

crimes. Currently, young people's criminal records are disregarded once they turn 21.

And Clinton said he has asked Attorney General Janet Reno and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin to find ways to close a loophole exempting people who buy guns at gun shows from background checks.

The president also scolded the National Rifle Association for filing a lawsuit against the new background-check system this week in federal court. The suit charges that the Justice Department is violating Americans' privacy by keeping records on gun buyers.

## Baby on board: Woman delivers baby on airliner just after landing

NEW YORK (AP) — When Janet Osita went through customs Saturday after her flight from Africa, all she had to declare was a brand new baby.

Mrs. Osita, 27, went into labor on the flight from Ghana and delivered a 6-pound girl in the airliner's coach section after landing at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

"A lot of women fly pregnant. But they usually make it to the hospital," said Lt. Daniel Carbonaro of the Port Authority police force, the department that handles metropolitan airports.

"She was laying across six seats in the middle section of the airplane," Carbonaro said.

The delivery came on board Ghana Air Flight 150 while other passengers filed off the Boeing 757. Baby Osita was welcomed into the world by cheers from the flight's cabin crew.

"There were people taking pictures ... and some slaps on the back. The mother was thanking everybody," said Carbonaro, who led a team of officers and airport medical personnel in response to a radio call from pilots on the flight.

## Activists stake out positions for Social Security discussions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Influential interest groups are bringing tough demands to talks with lawmakers and Clinton administration officials this week at a closed-door White House conference on the future of Social Security.

So far, President Clinton and Republican leaders have left the negotiations wide open. Neither has ruled out options for fixing the nation's retirement program.

But interest groups that lawmakers rely on for financial and grass-roots support are swiftly choosing up sides.

"It's clearly difficult when your major supporters are saying 'This is our line in the sand, and we don't budge from it,'" said John Rother, public policy director for the American Association of Retired Persons.

"If they listen to those messages too long, we're not going to have legislation. We're going to have a stalemate."

Allies of congressional Republicans, business and conservative groups from the National Association of Manufacturers to the Center for New Black Leadership, promise

to demand changes that would divert Social Security taxes into personal accounts Americans could invest in the stock market. Some government benefits would remain as a safety net.

"We think that educating employees as to the benefits of privatization is going to be one of the centerpieces of our campaign to see these reforms adopted," said NAM vice president Paul Huard.

On the other side, civil rights, women's and labor groups traditionally friendly to Democrats — including Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, the National Organization for Women and the AFL-CIO — promised to use their grass-roots power to fight privatization and attempts to raise the retirement age.

"Privatization is pro-market but anti-family," civil rights leader Jackson said. "It turns a program of shared security into one of individual risks."

Some of the competing advocates are open to compromise, but others say they'd rather see no changes to Social Security next year than accept ones they don't like.

## Tom Leedham concedes Teamsters race to Hoffa

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Teamsters have picked another Hoffa to lead their union.

Following in his father Jimmy's footsteps, James P. Hoffa reclaimed the Teamster mantle for the family after challenger Tom Leedham conceded defeat Saturday in the union's presidential election.

With 165,487 votes processed from the union's southern, eastern and western regions, Hoffa led with 88,851 votes, or 54 percent. Leedham had 65,439, or 40 percent. John Metz of St. Louis, who did not actively campaign, had 9,225 votes, or 6 percent. Some ballots were temporarily set aside because the voter's eligibility was uncertain.

Leedham issued a concession statement saying he found it difficult to compete against a candidate with more than four years of campaigning, superior financing and outstanding name recognition working in his favor. He also faulted his

late entry into the race.

"The returns have made it clear that our campaign for rank-and-file power ran out of time," Leedham said in his statement. "But in six short months, we came from nowhere to build a grass-roots campaign for rank-and-file power that made union reform the key issue in this election."

Hoffa supporters issued a statement saying they would await further election results "with interest and confidence."

On Friday night, supporters said they expected to win but held off declaring victory.

"We've waited this long. We can wait a little while longer," Hoffa's campaign manager, Tom Pazzi, said.

Leedham's concession came after he watched Hoffa's lead widen as federal elections progressed further in their region-by-region count of mailed ballots. A final vote count was expected Monday.

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# Jury finds DaimlerChrysler liable in child's death

NEW YORK (AP) — DaimlerChrysler AG denounced as "absurd" a verdict that calls for the automaker to pay \$750,000 to the family of a 5-year-old boy who was killed by an air bag as he rode without a seatbelt.

The federal jury decided Friday that DaimlerChrysler was 50 percent responsible for the death of 5-year-old Michael Crespo during a family vacation to Puerto Rico in 1995.

Ken Gluckman, associate counsel, said the jury's "message today is not just about one vehicle — it is that the air bags in virtually every manufacturer's vehicles are defective and that is absurd."

Germany's Daimler-Benz AG

merged with the Chrysler Corp. last month.

DaimlerChrysler alleged that Michael's father, Jose Liz, drove his rented 1995 Dodge Caravan minivan the wrong way down a dangerously steep and narrow private drive before striking another car head on near Jabucoa, Puerto Rico.

The father testified he had put the boy's seat belt on but that his son frequently unbuckled it. After the crash, he found the boy under the dashboard, his neck broken.

After the verdict, the father told U.S. District Court Judge Jed S. Rakoff, "Justice was done."

But Gluckman said it appeared the jury had "let their

emotions cloud their judgment."

"This was a tragic accident involving the senseless death of a young child, and the sad truth is that child would be alive today if his father made sure that he was wearing his seat belt," he said.

Gary Douglas, lawyer for the child's family, said DaimlerChrysler had known as early as 1970 that air bags would kill children who were not buckled in.

A senior safety specialist with DaimlerChrysler testified he knew children would die from air bags after tests on humans and baboons measured damage.

"I anticipated it," said Howard Willson, who has

worked for the company for nearly 33 years.

But James P. Feeney, a lawyer for DaimlerChrysler, told the jury that children would not die if they were sitting properly restrained by their seat belts.

"We are talking about somebody who is so far out of position that they are right on top of the air bag. That was a risk that was known to everybody with air bags. It was specifically brought to the attention of the federal government," he said.

"Chrysler spent years and years and years engaged in campaigns to get people to buckle up. They did everything within their power to create an air bag system that complied with the law and did its job."

# FAA looking into apparent computer mishap

BOSTON (AP) — Federal investigators are looking into an apparent computer mishap that nearly caused a Northwest Airlines jet to collide with an Air Ontario flight, The Boston Globe reported today.

Tuesday's close call occurred at about 22,500 feet, 30 miles southwest of Albany, N.Y., the Federal Aviation Administration said.

Only the intervention of an air traffic controller in Nashua, N.H., prevented the Northwest flight, bound from Detroit to

Connecticut's Bradley International Airport, from hitting the Air Ontario commuter plane, which was flying from Providence, R.I., to Toronto, FAA officials told the newspaper.

An onboard computer system known as TCAS, for Traffic Collision Avoidance System, appears to have put the planes on a collision course.

FAA officials said the two planes flew less than a mile apart horizontally and 300 feet vertically. Adequate separation

between planes in that airspace is 5 miles horizontally.

FAA spokesman Jim Peters said an investigation will include a review of the computer system, which is designed to prevent midair collisions.

The incident began when the TCAS on board Air Ontario Flight 1335, a de Havilland Dash 8-100 with 21 passengers and crew, warned of a US Airways jet taking off from Albany and heading for Pittsburgh.

Although the US Airways Boeing 737 posed no apparent

threat to the Air Ontario flight, the TCAS saw only a climbing plane and ordered the Air Ontario crew to climb.

At the same time, Northwest Airlines Flight 1186, an Airbus A-320 carrying about 60 people, was ordered by its TCAS to dive.

The planes then flew so close that the targets on radar scopes in Nashua merged into one, a controller told officials.

# Ban on extracurricular clubs, aimed at gays, hurting other students

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Three years after the school board axed extracurricular clubs to get rid of a gay students group, the target of the ban is thriving and East High School, where the Gay-Straight Alliance so unsettled assorted officials, is hurting. Dozens of clubs disbanded, including Students Against Drunk Driving, the Crazy E pep club, Young Republicans and Young Democrats, and several that promoted ethnic awareness, as well as groups that celebrated Bart Simpson, UFOs and the joys of eating beef.

School spirit has evaporated, students socialize less and class and racial rifts are deeper than before, say students and teachers.

"People don't care about school anymore," said cheerleader Chris Trindel.

"It's been a disaster," said Scott Nelson, a social studies and history teacher. "There's more to education than just the curriculum. ... There's a certain social element."

The turmoil began in 1995 with a student request for school sanction of a support group for homosexual teens, the Gay-Straight Alliance.

The conservative state Legislature quickly lined up in opposition and began a contentious period of hearings that culminated in spring 1996 with passage of a bill banning school clubs that encourage criminal or delinquent conduct, bigotry or sexual behavior.

The bill was eventually incorporated into State Board of Education rules approved the following winter.

But the Salt Lake School Board wasn't waiting for state guidance. Advised that federal law prohibits schools from discriminating against clubs on the basis of unpopular ideas they espouse, but unwilling to stomach the Gay-Straight Alliance, the board in February 1996 banished all clubs not linked to academic studies in the city's four high schools.

# Himmler's copy of Mein Kampf found

NEW YORK (AP) — Heinrich Himmler was just 27 when he studied a copy of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

The man who would eventually order construction of the Auschwitz concentration camp evidently liked what he read.

Himmler's copy of "Mein Kampf" has been donated to the Museum of Jewish Heritage, and historians say his annotations reveal the ideology that propelled him to the head of the Nazi police.

"It shows that the doctrine of anti-Semitism, nationalism and even how to get rid of the Jews was already being considered by Himmler as well as Hitler in the 1920s," Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, chairman of the museum's board, said Friday.

Himmler underlined a passage in which Hitler writes that the gassing of 12,000 to 15,000 Jews might have saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Germans in World War I, said Richard Breitman, a Himmler biographer and history professor at American University in Washington.

"He took the racial ideology lock, stock and barrel," Breitman said.

"It's another line of continuity in early Nazi ideology to the policies of the Nazi regime and eventually to the Holocaust," he added.

Himmler began reading the book, the second volume of Hitler's manifesto, in 1927, the same year he was named deputy leader of the secret police.

Where Hitler wrote that racial

intermingling was a threat to the "higher" race, Himmler added in the margin, "The possibility of de-miscegenation is at hand."

"De-miscegenation presumably involved eliminating the source of racial intermingling," Breitman wrote in an article to be published in the academic journal Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

The historian said scholars had been unaware of the book's existence.

Morgenthau said the donor, a New Yorker who wished to be anonymous, found the book in his father's possessions and offered it to the year-old museum in Battery Park.

"It'll be displayed," he added. "It's part of the story of the rise of Nazism."

# Autopsy shows death row inmate drowned

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A preliminary autopsy of Martin Gurule concludes the Texas death row inmate drowned shortly after he escaped.

Gurule suffered a gunshot wound to his back but the injury was considered superficial and not the cause of death, according to Harris County Medical Examiner Joy Carter.

Gurule was among seven death row prisoners who tried to escape Thanksgiving night. The other six were stopped by guards' gunfire before reaching a perimeter fence.

The autopsy estimated Gurule had been dead for seven days when his body was found floating in a creek by a pair of prison employees fishing on their day off.

Authorities speculate Gurule hid under a bridge over the rain-swollen creek, but was forced into the swift water when searchers neared.

The autopsy said Gurule was probably weighed down by paper, cardboard and other material he had fastened to his body, to protect himself from razor wire atop two 10-foot fences he had to scale.



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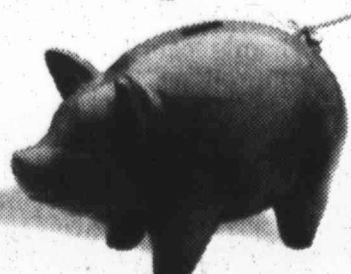
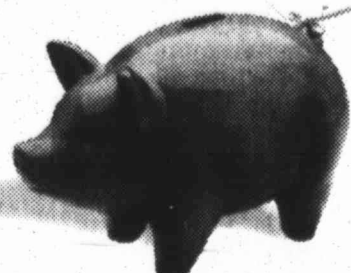
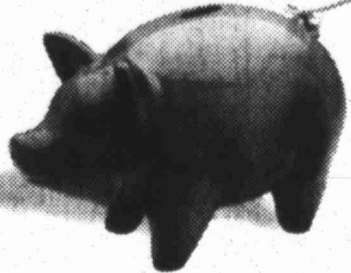
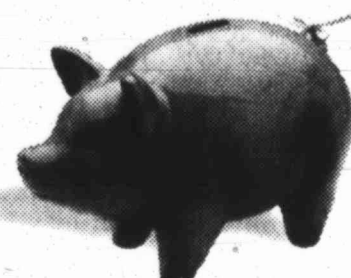
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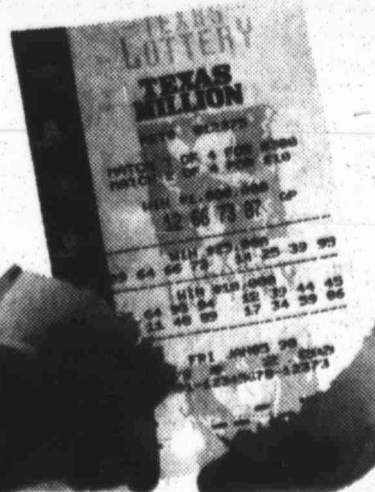
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## Replica of biblical Nazareth aims to bring Jesus' times alive

NAZARETH, Israel (AP) — Kneeling on a slope in Jesus' hometown, volunteers from an American church gently fitted rock on limestone rock and filled in cracks with a mortar of mud.

The result of a day's labor was a ragged, knee-high wall lining an agricultural terrace — a common sight in the Middle East, where farmers since biblical times have had to plant on rocky hills.

But this wall was special. It marked the start of a \$64 million project, largely financed by American donations, to build a replica of a biblical-era village and farm in the heart of Nazareth, where tradition says Christ spent much of his life.

In time for the millennium, visitors will be able to stroll along donkey paths into an ancient village of one-room stone houses and courtyards, and mingle with actors playing 1st-century housewives and farmers.

Or they can follow a "parable walk," accompanied by storytellers in period costume who will relay news of Jesus as a contemporary. For the devout, there will be a holy communion, a foot washing or a reading from the Bible.

Project organizers say they want to bring Jesus and his teachings to life in historical context, something a standard tour of the Holy Land often fails to deliver.

"You can see only so many archaeological sites before you don't know anymore what you are seeing and are not moved by it," said Joel Kauffmann, program director of Nazareth Village, a not-for-profit association of professionals and business people whose honorary chairman is former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

In modern Nazareth — a noisy, congested city of 60,000 whose main attraction is the 1950s Church of the Annunciation — that connection to the biblical past is especially difficult to make.

Jackhammers are tearing up the city center as \$80 million is being spent on widening streets and building 1,000 hotel rooms

in preparation for an expected 4 million tourists in 2000.

But the work is behind schedule and ambitious plans for a large stadium, a civic auditorium and an additional 1,500 hotel rooms have been dropped.

A new snag arose after November municipal elections. In the mainly Arab town that is 70 percent Muslim and 30 percent Christian, the Islamic movement for the first time won a majority on the city council. The Christian mayor, Ramez Jeraisi, was barely re-elected.

Topping the Islamists' agenda is the construction of a mosque right next to the Church of the Annunciation, on a spot where city planners had hoped to build

a Venetian-style plaza for tourists. The dispute is in court and the plaza is on hold.

The election outcome worries some Nazarenes, who fear a new emphasis on religious alignment is emerging in a town that has long prided itself on tolerance.

Mindful of the tensions, the planners of Nazareth Village decided to get the community involved from the start.

"We're not high-powered Westerners coming in and creating a theme park, a place whose sole purpose is to make money," said Michael Hostetler, the executive director of Nazareth Village and an employee of the Mennonite Board of Missions in Elkhart,

Ind. On a recent Saturday, 360 local volunteers launched the project by clearing thorny bushes covering the 12-acre plot that is part of the grounds of a hospital run by the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society of Scotland.

Muslim girls wearing traditional headscarves worked alongside Christian teenagers in jeans and T-shirts and a dozen volunteers from the United Methodist Church in Gulf Breeze, Fla. Local grocers donated food for a picnic lunch.

By the end of the day, the brush was cleared, laying bare the terraces of a 1st-century farm. Later will come orchards of olive, fig and plum trees.

## Annan in Libya for talks on Lockerbie suspects

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan spoke Saturday with Libya's foreign minister and was to meet with Moammar Gadhafi to try to secure the handover of two suspects in the 1988 Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Although Libya's official news agency, JANA, said Annan "may not be able to meet" Gadhafi on his one-day trip, a U.N. spokesman in New York said Annan was on his

way to the meeting with the Libyan leader.

The spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, could not confirm whether the meeting had begun.

The JANA report said that Annan met with the Libyan foreign minister, Omar al-Muntasser, in the northern coastal town of Sirte, but gave no specifics.

Annan was still in Libya about five hours after his scheduled departure to Tunisia, but

there was no report on whether his talks were making progress. Libyan television only repeated the JANA report that Annan may not see "the brother leader," meaning Gadhafi.

Earlier, Libyan media suggested Gadhafi had no authority to hand over the suspects — an indication he was giving himself room in case he decides against giving up the two men wanted by the United States and Britain for trial in the Netherlands.

JANA indicated a decision on handing over Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamun Khalifa Fhimah would have to be approved by some 500 grassroots national committees before being decided by the parliament.

Libyan radio reported that the parliament had been called to meet Tuesday in Sirte. But the report, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp., did not say whether the Lockerbie issue would be discussed.

## Last Khmer Rouge fighting force has surrendered

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — The last main fighting force of a steadily crumbling Khmer Rouge formally has surrendered to the government, laying down arms after three decades of civil war and a catastrophic stint in power that left nearly 2 million Cambodians dead.

Khem Nuon, chief of staff of the remaining band of radical Marxist guerrillas, negotiated the deal with representatives of the Phnom Penh government on Friday at Preah Vihear temple

near the border with Thailand.

"We ask for permission from the Royal Government of Cambodia to rejoin society and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces," Khem Nuon said in the surrender statement, broadcast Saturday on national television.

The surrender deal does not include the fighters' three top surviving leaders — Ta Mok, known as "The Butcher" for his revolutionary brutality, Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea. Although the three no longer command any troops, their for-

mer followers apparently did not want to give them up.

Still, the Khmer Rouge has been breaking up over the past two years and without the fighters reportedly involved in Friday's surrender deal, it is unlikely that any tiny bands that may still roam the jungle could revive the group. Disarming the fighters would end more than 30 years of civil war in Cambodia that began

with the Marxist guerrillas' insurgency against the government in Phnom Penh in the late 1960s.

The surrender comes less than a month after Cambodian strongman Hun Sen and Prince Norodom Ranariddh, whom he ousted as co-prime minister in a bloody 1997 coup, struck a deal to end the country's political deadlock.

## March to democracy starts with elections in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Shops closed and the government ordered all vehicles off the roads during Saturday's local elections, seen as a historic first step toward democracy for Africa's most populous nation.

Nigeria, a country filled with ethnic tension, crime and corruption, came to a joyous and temporary halt as people walked to polling stations. The silent streets were a stark contrast to the usual frenzied commerce and paralyzing traffic of the nation's cities.

It is the first vote since Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar outlined his plan earlier this year to give power to civilians in May after presidential elections Feb. 15. Abubakar took power after the unexpected June death of Gen. Sani Abacha, who detained, tortured and occasionally killed his opponents.

Nigeria has a history of armed coups and military meddling in politics. The country has been ruled by civilians for only 10 years since independence in 1960. Abubakar has promised that the military will not intervene in the transition to civilian rule.

In general, the mood was buoyant, though borders were closed and about 100,000 riot police patrolled the major cities and rural villages.

At least one violent incident reportedly marred the vote. Six people died when supporters of two rival parties at a polling station near the town of Warri, 125 miles southeast of Lagos, attacked each other with guns and machetes, witnesses told journalists there. The fighting reportedly occurred after an exchange of vote-rigging accusations and was broken up by police. There was no official confirmation of the incident.

## Supermodel Naomi Campbell charged with assault in Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — A former personal assistant who accuses supermodel Naomi Campbell of assault had been fired for poor performance and is merely seeking a profit, Campbell's spokeswoman said.

Campbell, 28, is accused of punching Georgina Galanis and hitting her with a telephone at a luxury hotel Sept. 9 while in Toronto to film a movie, police said. The model was charged at a detective bureau in Toronto.

Campbell denies the charge, said her lawyer, prominent Canadian attorney Brian Greenspan. He said Campbell, during the one-hour legal proceeding, "dealt with the matter with good humor, grace and charm."

She was released on her own recognizance and will not have to appear at the next scheduled hearing in the case, on Dec. 11, Greenspan said.

In Canada, it's rare for a first-time offender to receive jail time on an assault conviction.

"These charges are nothing more than an attempt by a disgruntled employee, who was terminated for unsatisfactory performance after just one week, to make money at Naomi's expense. Naomi will vigorously fight these charges," Campbell's spokeswoman, Marcia Horowitz, said.

Galanis, 39, also has filed suit against Campbell in New York that mentions the alleged assault in Toronto.



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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.

#### Runnels Yearling squads drop two to Sweetwater

Runnels Junior High School's Yearlings dropped a pair of eighth-grade basketball games to Sweetwater's young Mustangs on Thursday.

The Yearlings "Black" team dropped a 41-19 decision, while the "White" squad dropped a 19-18 heartbreaker.

Taylor Leatham paced the White team with five points in the close loss, while Eric Chavez and Eric Hendricks added four each.

For the Black team, Dustyn Beauchamp and Ronnie Johnson had six points apiece. Both teams host Snyder's young Tigers on Monday.

#### Mavericks post sweep over Sweetwater's 7th

Goliad Middle School's Mavericks swept a basketball doubleheader with Sweetwater's seventh-grade Mustangs on Thursday.

The Mavericks "White" team took a 28-23 win behind Alvin Russell's 11 points. Clayton Wigington added nine more markers in the victory.

The Goliad "Black" team got 11 points from Bryson Hall and 10 more from Wesley Smith in a 48-39 victory.

They also got seven points from Jared Phillips and six from Michael Ornales.

The Mavericks were scheduled to host Snyder on Monday, but those games have been cancelled.

#### Paul Decker records first ever hole-in-one

Paul Decker of Big Spring chalked up his first ever hole-in-one Wednesday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

He recorded the ace on No. 1 using a 5-iron. The shot was witnessed by Jerry Roach, Manny Sanchez, Byron Harris and Jimmy Leal.

### ON THE AIR

#### TODAY: COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Men**  
Noon — Maryland at Stanford, ABC, Ch. 2, Ch. 8.

**Women**  
3 p.m. — Elite Four, Duke vs. Tennessee, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
4 p.m. — Georgia at Stephen F. Austin, FXS, Ch. 29.

#### FOOTBALL

Noon — Dallas Cowboys at New Orleans Saints, FOX, Ch. 3.

3 p.m. — Baltimore Ravens at Tennessee Oilers, Kansas City Chiefs at Denver Broncos or Miami Dolphins at Oakland Raiders, CBS, Ch. 7.

7 p.m. — Chicago Bears at Minnesota Vikings, ESPN, Ch. 30.

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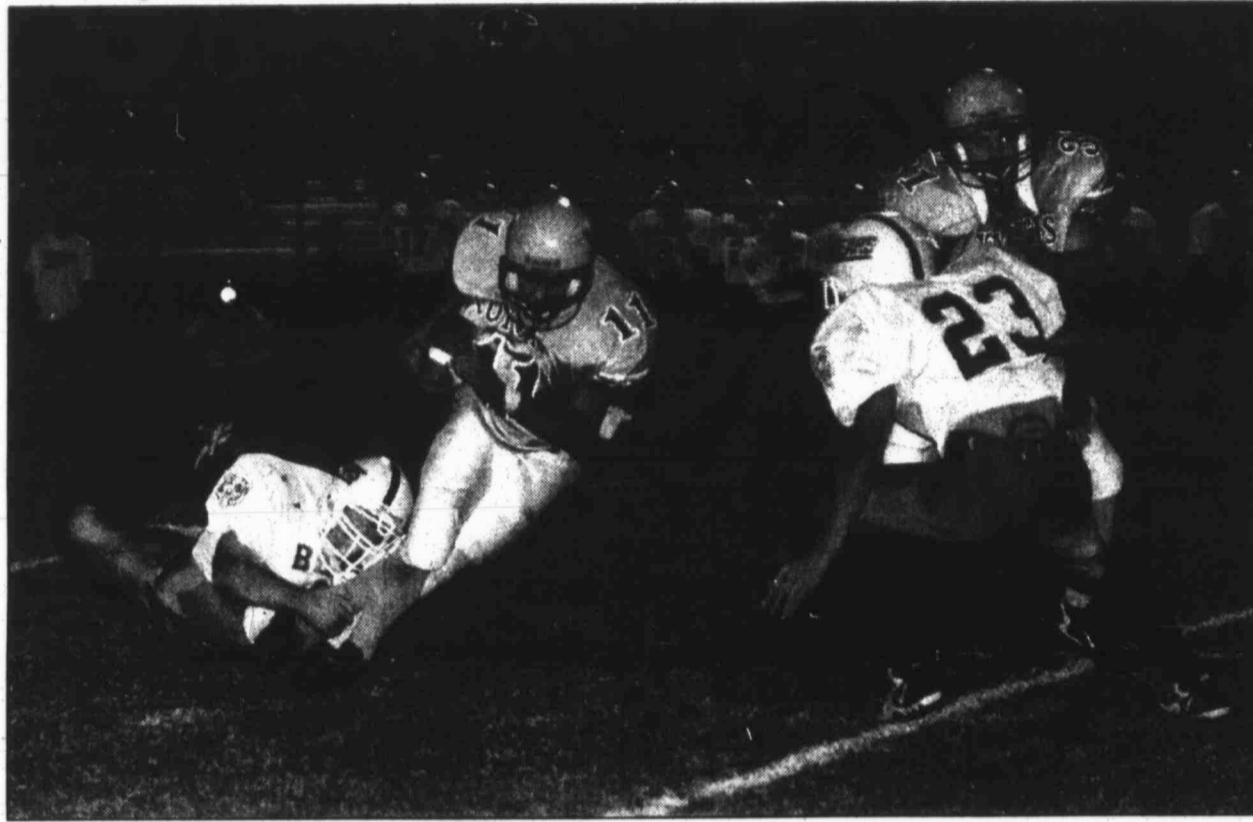
Noon — Million Dollar Classic, FXS, Ch. 29.

3 p.m. — JCPenney Classic, final round, ABC, Ch. 2, Ch. 8.  
3 p.m. — Father/Son Challenge, NBC, Ch. 9.

#### HOCKEY

7 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Edmonton Oilers, FXS, Ch. 29.

## Coyotes too much for Balmorhea with 70-24 win



Borden County's Fernando Baeza (11) picks up 5 of the 196 yards he had rushing Friday as the Coyotes defeated Balmorhea 70-24 to advance to the six-man state championship game. Teammate Ryan Grant (31) moves in to make a block on Balmorhea's Chris Cook (23).

## Now face Trinidad in bid for a repeat championship

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

KERMIT — Give him time, and Borden County's Colt McCook will pick opposing teams apart.

Just ask Balmorhea, which has given up 10 touchdowns to the senior quarterback this season, including five here Friday as Borden County romped over the Bears 70-24 for a second straight trip to the six-man state championship.

"Most of the time, Balmorhea was just sending one person at us and that gave Colt plenty of time back there. I think they got to him just one time," said Borden County Coach Bobby Avery. "The line did a good job. We would have liked to have seen Colt run a little more when he had those 15-yard openings, but he is so unselfish he wants to give his teammates a chance to get the ball."

While McCook was throwing for 270 yards and five touchdowns, senior running back Fernando Baeza led the ground attack for the Coyotes. He carried 16 times for 196 yards and three tallies. He also was the receiver on a 36-yard scoring pass from his quarterback.

"That's been our forte for two years now, being balanced on offense," said Avery. "We can run as well as pass."

Borden County started out running. With Baeza carrying the ball on five of seven plays, the Coyotes took the opening kickoff and drove 40 yards. Baeza took it into the end zone from four yards out and McCook booted the conversion.

On its second drive, Borden County chose the air. McCook hit Colt Miller for 17 yards and hooked up with Baeza on a 23-yard play to the 2-yard line. One

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## Bufs headed to semifinal

### Herm, Jenkins provide heroics in 27-18 victory

By STEVE REAGAN  
Herald Correspondent

LUBBOCK — Heading into Friday's Region I-2A final, the Spearman Lynx decided they had to control the ball if they were going to beat the defending state champion Stanton Buffaloes.

They did, but they didn't. For the first time in two months, the Buffaloes were out-gained and, in many ways, out-played. But Stanton had too much big-play capability in general — and too much Kyle Herm in particular — as it took a 27-18 victory over the previously undefeated Lynx to move within two games of a second straight state title.

Except for a five-minute stretch in the second quarter, Spearman, behind running back Michael Lusby (130 yards on 27 carries), gave the Bufs more than they could handle. For the night, the Lynx ran 62 offensive plays to only 34 for Stanton, and out-gained the Bufs 287 yards to 196.

But those five minutes were, in the end, all that mattered. Stanton's lightning-round march to victory began when Herm hit wide receiver Austin



Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm (3) runs through the diving tackle attempt by Spearman's Landon Miller (82) as Lynx noseguard Clancy Vanderburg pursues on the play during Friday's Class 2A, Division II quarterfinal in Lubbock. The defending state champion Bufs took a 27-18 victory.

Kelly on a 24-yard touchdown pass to give the Bufs a 7-3 lead with 5:19 left in the half.

Spearman answered back with a quick scoring march of its own, culminated by a 28-

yard touchdown toss from Aaron Winegarner to Landon Miller, but the Bufs, it seemed, were only getting warmed up.

It took Stanton all of two plays to regain the lead. First,

Herm squirmed his way through the Spearman defense for a 53-yard gain down to the Lynx's 22-yard-line. Then,

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## Hawks top Frank Phillips, NMMI in WJCAC Shootout

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Howard College's Hawks made it two in a row at the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) Shootout at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, taking a 75-56 win over New Mexico Military Institute's Broncos on Saturday.

Sophomore Greg Lewis poured in a whopping 31 points, the Shootout's single best scoring performance, in leading the Hawks to the win.

However, Lewis was the Hawks only player in double figures, as freshman Derrick Franklin and guard Larry Allaway added nine points each.

The Broncos got 20 point from Marvin Reese in suffering their second loss of the Shootout.

In Saturday's other WJCAC Shootout games, South Plains bounced back from a Friday loss to Midland for a 75-71 win over Odessa, while Midland knocked off Frank Phillips 84-72.

Sophomore power forward Mike Cummings paced the Chaps in their win over the Plainsmen with 23 points, sharing game-high honors with Frank Phillips' Derossany Manuel.

The Chaps put five in double figures, however, as Alvin Brooks had 17 points and Eugene Costello, Ivan Gatto and Thyai Dunn scored 10 points apiece.

Dee Wilson chipped in 16 for the Plainsmen, while Adam Coulibaly had 12.

South Plains also had five players finish the night in double figures in their win over Odessa on Saturday. Terrance Watkins led the way with 19 points, while Lamarque Ward had 14, Steven Barber and Centellis Tucker scored 11 each and Reggie York had 10.

Odessa's Terry Odom had a game-high 20 points, but all the support the Wranglers could provide was Kevin Griffin's 15 points.

The Hawks opened the Shootout with a somewhat easy 84-60 win over Frank Phillips on Friday.

Although the Plainsmen jumped out on top

with a 3-point shot by Patrick Averil in the opening minute of the game, Howard's Lamont Roberts responded by driving the lane for two and adding a rainbow for a 3-pointer of his own to give the Hawks a lead they'd never relinquish.

Although two players — sophomore Fred Lewis and freshman Darryl Martin — were not suited out and freshman post Eric Shorts had been dismissed from the team, the Hawks didn't seem short of personnel, as Hawks coach Tommy Collins used his bench extensively throughout the game.

Allaway and Lewis led the way for the Hawks with 19 points each, while classmate Lamont Roberts came through with 12 more.

Sophomore post Myron Brown and freshman guard Justin Rhodes added eight points apiece in the win.

Manuel, a sophomore from Lubbock, paced the Plainsmen with 14 points, while Nick Orr, a freshman from Garland, chipped in 13 more.

In other first-round games, Midland took a 77-70 win over South Plains and Odessa was a 74-70 winner over New Mexico Military Institute.

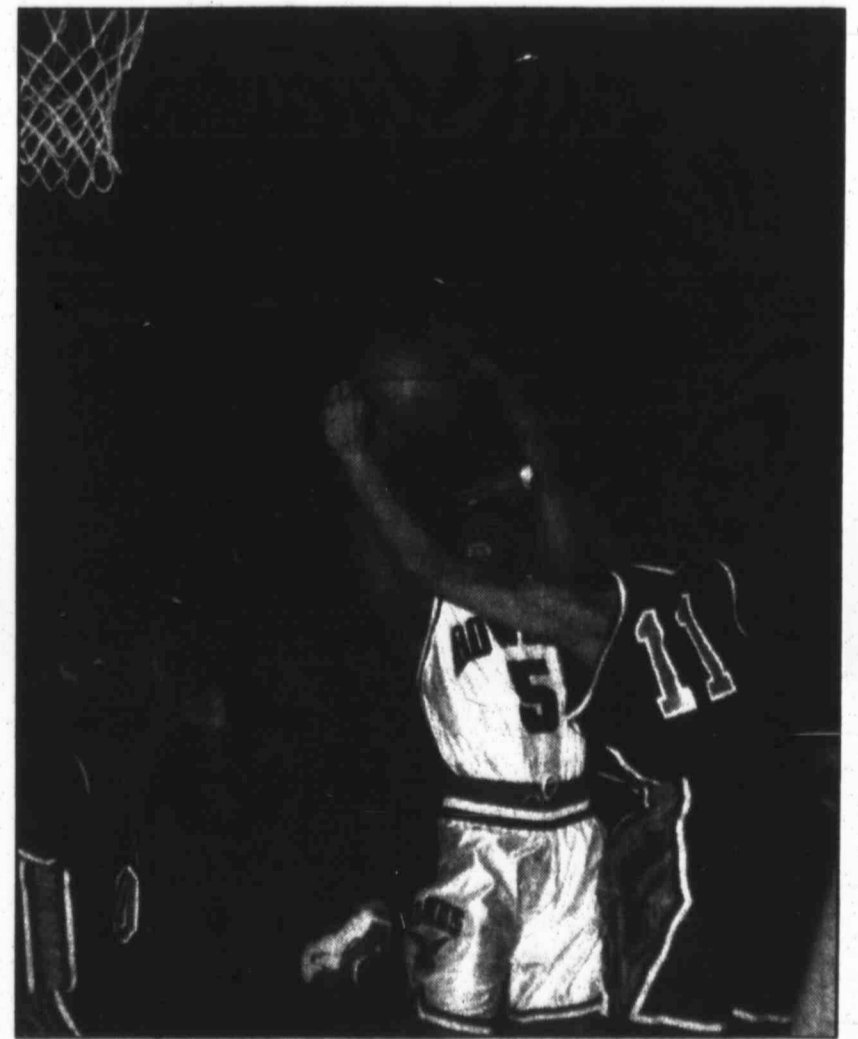
Gatto led Midland with 21 points, while Teohn Conner had 14 points for the Chaps and Cummings added 12 more.

The Texans got 15 points from Barber, while Tucker came up with 14 and Watkins chipped in 10 more.

Stan Blackmon paced the Wranglers in their win over NMMI, scoring 13 of his 16 points in the second half, allowing Odessa to outlast a determined comeback effort by the Broncos.

NMMI's Reese nailed six of his seven 3-pointers on the evening in the final 10 minutes of play in sparking the Broncos' rally. Unfortunately, the best support he could get came from the nine points scored by Larry Davis.

Blackmon was getting better support, as Mike Jacques scored 12 points for the Wranglers, half of them at crunch time, while Griffin chipped in 10 more on the night.



Howard College's Valerian Owens (5) drives to the hoop and draws a foul from Frank Phillips' Adam Coulabay (11) as Plainsmen post Samuel Kimani (00) prepares for a rebound during Friday's action in the WJCAC Shootout at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks took an 84-60 win.

Big Spring Sunday  
SPORTS  
The top 20 Junior College Division I men's basketball records through Dec. 5:  
1. Indian Hills  
2. Kigons, Tenn.  
3. Barton College  
4. Utah Valley  
5. Tallahassee  
6. SW Missouri  
7. Dixie, Utah  
8. Carl Albert  
9. Weatherford  
10. Pasco-Herndon  
11. Hutchinson  
12. Northland  
13. Spartanburg  
14. Vincennes  
15. John A. Logan  
16. Allegany, W. Va.  
17. Southeastern  
18. Paris, Tenn.  
19. Faulkner  
20. Chattanooga  
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The top 20 Junior College women's basketball records through Dec. 5:  
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2. Coahoma State  
3. Gulf Coast  
4. Howard College  
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7. Ricks College  
8. Grayson College  
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10. Central Florida  
11. Walters State  
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15. NE Okla. State  
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17. Vincennes  
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SPORTS EXTRA

JUCO-MEN

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:

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team (Record). Lists top 20 JUCO-MEN teams.

JUCO-WOMEN

The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll with records through Dec. 1:

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team (Record). Lists top 25 JUCO-WOMEN teams.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with 2B Delino DeShields and OF B.J. Surhoff on three-year contracts.

LOCAL BOWLING

DOUBLE TROUBLE WEEK 14 RESULTS—Santa Fe Sandwichee 6-2, Looney Toons 2-6, Professional Health 6-2, 4 for 1 2-6, Professional Health 6-2, Bob's Custom Woodworking 0-8, The Four of Us 8-0; hi sc team game Santa Fe Sandwichee 717, The Four of Us 716, 4 for 1 706; hi sc team series The Four of Us 2018, Santa Fe Sandwichee 1978, 4 for 1 1976; hi sc team game The Four of Us 840, Santa Fe Sandwichee 804, Strike Force 797; hi sc team series The Four of Us 2408, Professional Health Care 2290, 4 for 1 2240; hi sc game ABC ABC Philip Ringner 248, Jean Chevillat 214, Junior Barber 212; hi sc series ABC ABC Philip Ringner 642, Gerald Durlap 611, Don Ewing 598; hi sc game ABC ABC Philip Ringner 248, Gerald Durlap 232, Arthur Moffett 228; hi sc series ABC ABC Gerald Durlap 677, Philip Ringner 642, Arthur Moffett 627; hi sc game WBC Peggy Huckabee 210, Judy Robertson 203, Elaine Jackson 189; hi sc series WBC Elaine Reiland 522, Judy Robertson 512, Peggy Huckabee 481; hi sc game WBC Judy Robertson 250, Peggy Huckabee 238, Angie Jackson 232; hi sc series WBC Judy Robertson 653, Elaine Reiland 606, Monette Row 576; most over ave game ABC ABC Philip Ringner 46, Arthur Moffett 41, Gerald Durlap 38; most over ave series ABC ABC Philip Ringner 95, Arthur Moffett 66, Philip Ringner 36; most over ave game WBC Judy Robertson 62, Peggy Huckabee 45, Angie Jackson 43; most over ave series WBC Judy Robertson 89, Elaine Reiland 30, Monette Rowden 15.

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WEEK 12

NFL STANDINGS

Table with 4 columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Lists NFL Standings for American and National Conferences.

OTHERS

Chattanooga State CC, Tenn.; Cincinnati State CC, Ohio; East Central College, Mo.; Crowder College, Mo.; Three Rivers CC, Mo.

ABL

Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m. Darts at Calgary, 9 p.m.

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Results of the first round of the \$4.2 million National Finals Rodeo: Barrel racing—1, Larry Sandwick, Kaycee, Wyo., 87 points on Beutler and Gaylord Rodeo Company's Surefoot Sock, \$13,005, 2, (tie), Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas; Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas; and Denny McLanahan, Canadiana, Texas, \$7, \$2,228 each.

TOP 25-BASKETBALL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Nov. 28:

TOP 25-FOOTBALL

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Nov. 28:

Steelers, Patriots now connected following bad calls from officials

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New England Patriots were beneficiaries on one of the worst officiated weekends in NFL history. The Pittsburgh Steelers were victims. On Sunday, the two 7-5 teams meet in Pittsburgh, with the winner taking a major step toward a playoff berth and the loser falling into a deep hole.

It's nothing new for the Patriots, who have won survival games the past two weeks against Miami and Buffalo, both victories pulled off in the final seconds by Drew Bledsoe, playing with a broken finger. In the second, last week's 25-21 win over Buffalo, they got plenty of help from the officials.

"They're memorable games," coach Pete Carroll says. "But what we have to do in this last month is find a way to improve, because we haven't played great football."

The weekend began Thursday with Philadelphia beating St. Louis 17-14. In other games, Buffalo is at Cincinnati; Dallas at New Orleans; Detroit at Jacksonville; Indianapolis at Atlanta; San Diego at Washington; San Francisco at Carolina; Seattle at the New York Jets; the New York Giants at Arizona; Kansas City at Denver; Miami at Oakland; Baltimore at Tennessee; and Chicago at Minnesota.

Green Bay is at Tampa Bay on Monday night. Seattle at New York Jets Miami at Oakland Buffalo at Cincinnati Three games that could clarify the AFC playoff picture. Or muddle it. "Certain little things can become season-deciding events," says Bill Parcells. He could have been referring to the two last-minute calls that the Bills contend cost them their game with the Patriots last week.

The Seahawks and Bills can't afford to lose any more — well, maybe once — if they want to make the playoffs. The Jets probably can't lose this one if they want to win the AFC East and perhaps get a first-round bye. They're being reminded all week that they can't look beyond this to the three closing games: Miami, New England and Buffalo.

When was the last time a team was favored by almost two touchdowns in this rivalry? That's the position Denver is in as it heads for 16-0, something about which Mike Shanahan is no longer shy. Shanahan, whose team will clinch home-field advantage through the AFC playoffs with a win, wants to avoid what happened two seasons ago. They clinched home field a month early, let down and were upset in the first round.

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High School Playoffs

<b>CLASS 5A</b> <b>DIVISION I</b> <b>SEMIFINALS</b> Duncanville (11-3) beat Houston Jersey Village 31-7. Aldine Eisenhower (10-3) vs. Converse Judson (13-0), late Saturday, Astrodome, Houston	<b>DIVISION II</b> <b>Region I</b> Midland Lee (13-1) beat South Grand Prairie 20-7. Richardson Lake Highlands (10-5) beat Lufkin 17-14. <b>Region II</b> Katy (12-1) vs. Houston Clear Brook (12-1), late Saturday, Astrodome, Houston. <b>Region III</b> SA MacArthur (10-4) beat SA Madison 10-7.	<b>DIVISION III</b> <b>Region I</b> Childress (12-2) beat Crane 10-7. Daingerfield (13-0) beat Royce City 24-16. <b>Region II</b> Newton (12-1) beat Manor 19-2. <b>Region III</b> Sweeny (10-2) vs. Aransas Pass (11-2), late Saturday, Mercer Stadium, Sugarland.	<b>CLASS 4A</b> <b>DIVISION I</b> <b>SEMIFINALS</b> Grapevine (10-4) beat Plainview 23-19. Bay City (12-1) beat Alice 20-17.
<b>DIVISION IV</b> <b>Region I</b> Stephenville (13-1) beat WF Hirschi 42-21. <b>Region II</b> Southlake Carroll (12-1) vs. Highland Park (11-2), late Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving. <b>Region III</b> La Marque (12-0) beat Silsbee 21-12. <b>Region IV</b> Smithson Valley (10-2) vs. New Braunfels Canyon (10-3), late Saturday, Alamodome, San Antonio.	<b>DIVISION II</b> <b>Region I</b> Stanton (13-1) beat Spearman 27-18. <b>Region II</b> Celina (12-2) beat Italy 17-10. <b>Region III</b> Eysen Fields (10-3) vs. Troup (10-3), late p.m. Saturday, Homer Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches. <b>Region IV</b> Goldthwaite (12-2) beat Ganado 22-19.	<b>DIVISION III</b> <b>Region I</b> Wheeler (11-2) beat O'Donnell 36-21. <b>Region II</b> Aspermont (14-0) beat Menard 35-8. <b>Region III</b> Tehama (14-0) beat Detroit 41-22. <b>Region IV</b> Iola (13-0) beat Bartlett 26-13.	<b>CLASS 3A</b> <b>DIVISION I</b> <b>SEMIFINALS</b> Monahans (7-6) vs. Aledo (11-1), late Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford. Cuero (11-3) beat Giddings 13-10.
<b>SIX-MAN</b> <b>SEMIFINALS</b> Borden County (13-1) beat Balmorhea 70-24. Trinidad (14-0) beat Strawn 88-40.			

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play later, Ryan Grant caught a 1-yard toss in the end zone and with a successful McCook kick, the Coyotes led 16-0.

Balmorhea, which came into the game with a reputation as a big-play running team, broke on to the scoreboard as advertised. After a 12-yard run from Arturo Miranda, Josue Mendoza took a handoff, broke two tackles and sprinted 51 yards to score. The PAT was good.

The next big Balmorhea play — a 50-yard TD run by Roger Lopez — didn't come until Borden County had scored three more times, however.

"We knew they could come with the big plays," said Avery. "They strike the hole so hard. They just pinned their ears back and came after us. We stopped them enough, and that was the difference in the ball game."

That, and the fact that Borden County's offense was unstoppable itself.

In the second period, the Coyotes extended their lead to 40-6. Baeza scored on a 22-yard run, then he and McCook teamed on a 36-yard TD pass. With 1:25 to go in the half, McCook targeted Miller on a 54-yard scoring strike.

Balmorhea got back on the scoreboard with Lopez' 50-yard scamper just before halftime, leaving the Bears trailing 40-14.

The third quarter was a series of one-upmanships, clearly won by Borden County.

Balmorhea got the kickoff and scored on the third snap with Cris Cook racing in from 29 yards out.

Borden answered in two plays, with McCook finding Ryan Grant on a 50-yard scoring strike.

Back came Balmorhea with its own two-play march seconds later. Lopez ran in from 29 yards out again.

This time, Borden answered in just one play. Baeza took the pitch, broke to his left and went 61 yards.

That was it for Balmorhea. The Bears fumbled on their next series and Grant recovered for Borden County at the Coyote 26. In another one-play drive, McCook found Robert Stamper open for the touchdown. McCook's kick-after was blocked — the only one he missed of nine tries on the night — and the score was 62-24.

Balmorhea tried to keep the Coyotes from turning out the

lights when Travis Woodruff scampered around an found Miranda on a fourth-down pass play that went for 53 yards and a touchdown. The play was called back, however, because the Bears' quarterback had stepped across the line of scrimmage in his effort to elude the Borden County defense.

Borden took over on downs and began a 27-yard march that set up the game's end. With 28 seconds left in the period, Kevin Pinkerton crashed over from three yards out. McCook's kick-after was good, and sent the defending state champions back to the title game once again.

"I was not expecting it to be this high scoring," said the Coyotes quarterback afterward. "Our defense played well but they still had some good plays on us. We played them earlier in the year (and won 57-24) and they have really improved a lot."

"We've had great blocking and great defense all year, and it's easy to score a lot of points when that happens," McCook said. "We take a lot of pride in our defense. I think if we can step up like we have been, we have a good shot at it (a second straight title)."

Borden, now 13-1, faces 14-0 Trinidad for the title in Brownwood. A date and time are yet to be determined. Trinidad won a spot in the championship game with an 88-40 win over Strawn Friday.

<b>Balmorhea</b>	<b>Team stats</b>	<b>Borden</b>
8	First downs	17
354	rushing yds.	264
29	passing yds.	270
2/6/0	Comp/Att/Int	12/19/1
0	punts-avg.	0
2-2	fum.-lost	0-0
5-40	pen.-yds.	2-10
<b>Balmorhea</b>	<b>6 6 12 x - 24</b>	
<b>Borden Co.</b>	<b>6 24 30 x - 70</b>	
<b>Scoring plays</b>		
<b>First Quarter:</b>		
BC - Fernando Baeza 1 run (Colt McCook kick), 6:38.		
BC - McCook 1 pass to Ryan Grant (McCook kick), 2:06.		
BAL - Josue Mendoza 51 run (kick failed), 0:23.		
<b>Second Quarter:</b>		
BC - Baeza 22 run (McCook kick) 8:34.		
BC - McCook 36 pass to Baeza (McCook kick), 3:26.		
BC - McCook 54 pass to Colt Miller (McCook kick), 1:25.		
BAL - Roger Lopez 50 run (kick failed), 0:50.		
<b>Third Quarter:</b>		
BAL - Chris Cook 29 run (kick failed), 8:58.		
BC - McCook 50 pass to Ryan Grant (McCook kick), 7:51.		
BAL - Lopez 29 run (kick failed), 7:17.		
BC - Baeza 61 run (McCook kick), 6:54.		
BC - McCook 54 pass to Robert Stamper (kick failed), 6:06.		
BC - Kevin Pinkerton 3 run (McCook kick), 0:28.		

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Herm hooked up with Kelly for another touchdown and a 14-10 lead.

Herm had one more trick up his sleeve before the end of the half, though.

After the ensuing Spearman drive stalled, Herm took the punt at his own 35, cut toward the left sideline and followed a wall of blockers down the field for a touchdown and a 21-10 lead with 34 seconds left before halftime.

Stanton head coach Mark Cotton said his quarterback's fireworks came as no surprise to him.

"The only thing I'm used to is Kyle Herm performing miracles," Cotton said. "It's still unbelievable how many colleges are not looking at him as a quarterback. Boy, are they missing the boat."

"Kyle is a great leader," said Kelly. "When things are going tough, like they were tonight ... he gets everybody back together. He's just incredible. He's the heart of this team."

Herm, as has been his practice through the postseason, returned the compliments, saying that Kelly and fellow receiver Maurice Martinez give the Buffs a potent 1-2 punch at the wideouts.

"I can't say enough about

<b>Stanton</b>	<b>Team stats</b>	<b>Spearman</b>
10	First downs	16
121	rushing yds.	215
75	passing yds.	72
4/6/0	Comp/Att/Int	8/16/1
6-31	punts-avg.	4-31
1-0	fum.-lost	1-0
6-45	pen.-yds.	9-76
<b>Stanton</b>	<b>0 21 0 6 - 27</b>	
<b>Spearman</b>	<b>3 7 8 0 - 18</b>	
<b>Scoring plays</b>		
<b>First Quarter:</b>		
SP - Aaron Witten 24 field goal, 4:26.		
<b>Second Quarter:</b>		
ST - Kyle Herm 24 pass to Austin Kelly (Will Harris kick), 5:19.		
SP - Aaron Winegarner 28 pass to Landon Miller (Witten kick), 2:36.		
ST - Herm 22 pass to Kelly (Harris kick), 1:45.		
ST - Herm 65 punt return (Harris kick), 34.		
<b>Third Quarter:</b>		
SP - Winegarner 1 run (Michael Lusby run), 5:10.		
<b>Fourth Quarter:</b>		
ST - Herm 2 run (kick failed), 11:32.		

them," he said. "Teams can't bunch up on just one receiver. If they do, the other one will burn them."

On Herm's punt return — his sixth for a touchdown this year — he and fellow returner Jeremy Hull used a bit of sleight-of-hand to fool Spearman's coverage team.

"They punted away from me the first two times, but me and Jeremy switched places at the last minute," Herm said. "I guess they didn't see it, and I punted it right to me. When I saw that wall, I knew I could

take it back." Despite the fireworks, the game was far from over. Unfortunately for Spearman, Herm's night wasn't done just yet, either.

On their first drive of the second half, the Lynx put together a 13-play, 63-yard march that ended when Winegarner scored from a yard out. A two-point conversion run by Lusby cut Stanton's lead to a paper-thin 21-18.

Re-enter Herm and the Buffs. Stanton responded to the march with one of its own, zipping 59 yards in 6 plays. Herm put the cap on the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run to give the Buffs a 27-18 lead with 11:32 left in the game.

"The key for us was not to make mistakes and give them an easy (score)," Cotton said. "Although we tried to give them one there at the end."

The play Cotton referred to was a Hull fumble that Spearman defender Clayton Vanderburg recovered at the Stanton 22 with about five minutes remaining. A Spearman score at this point could have drastically changed the complexion of the game.

It was time for more heroics, this time from a different hero.

The Lynx marched down to the Stanton 9, where they faced a third-and-goal. Spearman

attempted a pass out in the left flat, but Stanton cornerback James Jenkins stepped in front of the toss and returned it to the 12, effectively icing the game.

"That was big," Herm said of Jenkins' interception. "I can't tell you how big. James may have saved us right there."

"I just read the quarterback's eyes and went into the flat," Jenkins said. "I just put my hands up and the ball went right into them."

The Buffs (13-1) advance the semifinal round of the state playoffs, where they'll face Celina (a 17-10 victor over Italy) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stephenville.

Kelly said the team knows winning a second straight title won't be easy.

"It's more tough this year, because we're the team everybody is shooting for," Kelly said. "They want to take out the state champ. Last year, we were kind of the underdog, and it was like we came out of nowhere. This year, everybody is shooting for us."

But if being the defending champion is a bit of a curse, it is also a bit of a blessing, Cotton said.

"I've always believed that the defending state champion is hard to take down, and tonight was a case of that."

LADY HAWKS

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with a 45-25 edge.

With leading scorer Karlita Washington sidelined for much of the first half with foul problems, fellow sophomore Latasha Moore stepped up big, scoring 16 of her game-high 26 points during the first 20 minutes of play.

Washington would come back in the second half and finish the

night with 17 points, while freshman post Caryn Ross also nudged her way into the double-digits category with 10 points, eight of them coming in the final 10 minutes of the game.

Washington was not the only Lady Hawks players handicapped with foul problems, starting backcourt mate Ricka McKee also spent more time on the sidelines than normal, as well.

As a result, head coach Matt

Corkery had plenty of praise for both Moore and freshman guards Shaketha Ashley and Ashanti Nix.

While neither Ashley, nor Nix figured heavily in the scoring total, Corkery noted that both provided solid play in quarter-backing the Lady Hawk offense.

But it was Moore who drew the highest praise.

"Latasha was just a load in the first half," Corkery noted. "That helped keep our momentum

going. She handles the ball so well that she can create her own opportunities. She was able to do that several times tonight."

**Lady Hawks 86, Odessa 54**

**ODESSA (54)** — Sparnon 1 0 0 0 2, Tucker 2 0 4 6  
8, Evans 2 0 1 3 5, Taylor 0 0 0 2 0, Marshall 1 0 2 6  
4, Campbell 3 4 0 0 18, Vaughns 5 0 5 6 15.  
Barkhead 0 0 2 2 2, Totals 14 4 14 25 54.

**HOWARD (86)** — McKee 2 0 1 2 5, Ashley 1 0 1 1  
3, Nix 1 0 0 0 2, Washington 5 2 1 2 17, Moore 11 0  
4 4 26, Robertson 0 0 0 0 0, Charles 1 0 2 4 4, Lowe  
3 0 1 1 7, Grant 3 0 1 1 7, Gardner 1 0 0 0 2, Ross 3  
0 4 6 10, Beaudon 1 0 1 2 3, Totals 32 2 16 23 86.

**Halftime score: Howard 45, Odessa 25.**

**Three-point goals:** Odessa 4 (Campbell 4), Howard  
2 (Washington 2). **Total Fouls:** Odessa 20, Howard 23.  
**Fouled Out:** Tucker, Campbell. **Technical Fouls:** None.  
**Records:** Odessa 8-2, Howard 11-1.



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# Lady Coyotes take third straight title from Bulldogettes

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

For a third straight year, Borden County's Lady Coyotes are the girls' champions of the Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament.

And for a third straight year, Coahoma's host Bulldogettes find themselves in the role of bridesmaid following a 45-39 loss to the Lady Coyotes in the tournament's finals.

"It was just a great defensive battle," Bulldogettes coach Matt Garrett said after watching his team suffer only its second loss of the season. "You couldn't leave anyone open on the perimeter without them knocking down a three and couldn't leave anything open inside without giving up a bucket. Of course, neither one of us left much of anything open."

"My hat's off to Borden County because they played a great game ... had to, because our kids played a great game, too."

The defensive play of both teams showed in the low scoring total, as each team put just one player in double figures. Jayci Roberts paced the Bulldogettes with 10 points, but game-high honors went to Lady Coyotes wing Julie Mayes, who finished with 11.

The Bulldogettes earned their shot in the finals with a 48-29 win over Big Spring's Lady Steers Friday evening, as Cassie Tindol scored a game-high 18 points and Roberts came up with a dozen more.

The Lady Steers, who'd opened the tournament with a 56-43 win over Crosbyton's Chieftettes, could muster no better than sophomore guard Amy Jackson's eight points.

Coahoma jumped on top early and owned a 12-6 lead after the first quarter, only to see the Lady Steers keep pace during the next eight minutes as the first half ended with the Bulldogettes owning a 24-18 edge.

The Bulldogettes' defense made all the difference in the second half, however, as Big Spring was limited to just 11 second-half points, while Coahoma managed 24, including 12 from Tindol in the

fourth quarter.

Big Spring's opening-round win over Crosbyton was a different matter, as sophomore forward Melissa Forth scored 14 points and junior post Alexis Casillas chipped in 12 more, while Jackson had nine.

Crosbyton's Robin Cash was the only Chieftette in double figures with 10.

Friday night's shocker, however, was Ira's 57-50 win over the previously unbeaten Bulldogs, as junior post Jerek Brown scored 24 points in leading the visitors to the upset.

Coahoma, as usual, got heavy scoring from Blake Nichols and Ryan Peckham — Nichols leading the way with 26 and Peckham adding 20 — but the rest of the Bulldogs could offer just four points in support.

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#### GIRLS' GAMES

**Coahoma 48, Big Spring 29**  
BIG SPRING — Wigington 1 0 0 1 2, McLellan 0 1 0 0 3, Jackson 3 0 2 2 8, McBee 0 0 0 0 0, Gibbs 1 0 3 4 5, Forth 2 0 1 2 5, Casillas 1 0 0 2, McKinnon 1 0 0 0 2, Johnson 0 0 0 0 0, Martinez 0 0 0 0 0, Fenniken 1 0 0 0 2, Totals 10 1 6 9 29.  
COAHOMA — Baker 0 0 0 0 0, Atkinson 0 1 4 4 7, K.K. Buchanan 1 0 0 0 2, Marshall 0 0 0 0 0, Hart 1 0 0 0 2, Kemper 1 0 1 2 3, Tindol 6 1 3 5 18, K. Buchanan 0 0 0 0 0, Barr 0 0 0 0 0, Roberts 6 0 1 1 12, Wood 0 0 1 4, Totals 17 2 8 13 48.

**Score by Quarters:**  
Big Spring 6 12 5 6-29  
Coahoma 12 12 8 18-48  
Three-point goals: Big Spring 1 (McLellan), Coahoma 2 (Atkinson, Tindol). Total Fouls: Big Spring 14, Coahoma 12. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

**Big Spring 56, Crosbyton 43**  
BIG SPRING — Wigington 2 0 2 6 6, McLellan 1 0 0 0 2, Jackson 3 0 3 7 9, McBee 0 0 0 0 0, Adams 0 0 0 0 0, Gibbs 1 0 0 0 2, Forth 6 0 2 11 14, Casillas 6 0 0 1 12, McKinnon 0 0 2 2 2, Johnson 2 0 0 0 4, Fenniken 1 0 3 4 5, Totals 22 0 12 31 56.

**CROSBYTON** — Williams 2 0 3 10 7, Mize 2 1 1 2 8, Rodriguez 0 0 0 0 0, Carr 0 0 0 0 2, Justus 0 0 0 1 0, Thomas 0 0 1 2 1, Cash 2 0 6 12 10, Gutierrez 2 0 2 5 6, Davis 1 0 6 11 8, Carr 0 0 1 2 1, Gillispie 1 0 0 0 2, Totals 10 1 20 47 43.

**Score by Quarters:**  
Big Spring 15 13 10 18-56  
Crosbyton 10 11 8 14-43  
Three-point goals: Crosbyton 1 (Mize). Total Fouls: Big Spring 32, Crosbyton 24. Fouled Out: McLellan, McBee, Gibbs, Mize, Gutierrez. Technical Fouls: None.

#### BOYS' GAMES

**Ira 57, Coahoma 50**  
IRA — Smith 2 0 3 1 5, Brown 10 0 4 5 24, R. Wilkins 1 1 2 2 7, Juarez 1 1 0 0 5, Wall 1 0 0 3, B. Wilkins 0 2 0 0 6, Jamison 1 0 1 2 3, Daves 3 0 0 0 6, Totals 18 5 8 10 57.  
COAHOMA — Garcia 0 0 0 0 0, Green 1 0 0 2, Nichols 7 3 3 5 26, Hancock 0 0 0 0 0, Bennett 0 0 0 0 0, White 1 0 0 1 2, Peckham 9 0 2 2 20, Kinard 0 0 0 0 0, Teeler 0 0 0 0 0, Totals 17 3 5 8 50.

**Score by Quarters:**  
Ira 10 20 6 21-57  
Coahoma 12 13 15 10-50  
Three-point goals: Ira 5 (R. Wilkins, Juarez, Wall, B. Wilkins 2), Coahoma 3 (Nichols 3). Total Fouls: Ira 9, Coahoma 17. Fouled out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

# Aggies upset K-State, UCLA falls to Miami

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

Given a clear path to the national championship game, Kansas State blew it.

Texas A&M spoiled the second-ranked Wildcats' bid for a perfect season and a sure invitation to the Fiesta Bowl, winning 36-33 in double overtime Saturday in the Big 12 title game.

Sirr Parker caught a 32-yard touchdown pass as the No. 10 Aggies, who trailed by 15 points entering the fourth quarter, rallied for the upset.

Kansas State began the day in third place in the Bowl Championship Series standings, and needed either Tennessee or UCLA to lose. The Wildcats got what they wanted earlier in the afternoon when UCLA lost 49-45 to Miami, but failed to capitalize.

The win by the Aggies guaranteed them a spot in either the Orange or Sugar bowl. Kansas State must wait until Sunday to find out its fate.

Texas A&M (11-2) tied it with 1:05 left in the fourth quarter when Parker caught a 9-yard scoring pass from Brannon Stewart and then grabbed a 2-point conversion pass.

Kansas State (11-1) almost won on the final play of regulation when Michael Bishop completed a 55-yard Hail Mary pass to Everett Burnett at the 2.

After the teams traded field goals on the opening possession of overtime, Kansas State had to settle for a 25-yard field goal by Martin Gramatica.

Texas A&M was backed up, nearly out of field goal range, when Parker caught a slant pass, slipped a tackle and then dragged Lamar Chapman into the corner of the end zone.

It was the second upset in the three-year history of the Big 12 championship game. In 1996, Texas stunned Nebraska 37-27.

For most of the game, it appeared that the biggest play came off the field. At the precise moment Kansas State was celebrating a 66-yard scoring reception by Darnell McDonald to take a 17-3 second-quarter lead, UCLA was losing to Miami.

Bishop passed for two touchdowns and ran for a third. But he handed the Aggies their opportunity to force overtime when he fumbled at the Kansas State 35 with 2:26 to go, only a minute after the Wildcats had taken over on downs.

The game was worlds away from the usual blowout for Kansas State, which outscored its first 11 opponents by an average of 49-11 and entered the game with a 19-game winning streak. Kansas State hurt itself with 13 penalties for 110 yards.

Texas A&M enjoyed surprising success running the ball behind 113 yards from Dante Hall. Ja'mar Toombs' 1-yard run in the third quarter was only the third touchdown Kansas State, which held Ricky Williams to only 43 yards, has allowed on the ground all season.

The running game also produced two chip-shot field goals by Russell Bynum in the first half after drives stalled inside the Kansas State 5.

The Aggies then turned to the pass against a Kansas State secondary that showed signs of weakness in a 31-25 victory over Missouri two weeks ago.

## Miami 49, UCLA 45

MIAMI — Edgerrin James scored from one yard out with 50 seconds left on

Saturday, giving Miami a wild 49-45 upset over the third-ranked Bruins and ending UCLA's bid for a national championship.

The Bruins (10-1), who staged several comebacks this season to keep their perfect season going, ran out of miracles in the Orange Bowl.

After James, who had a record-setting day with 39 carries for 299 yards and three touchdowns, gave the Hurricanes (8-3) the lead, Cade McNown has one last chance to pull out the win.

The left-hander came close, moving UCLA to the Miami 29 with four seconds left. McNown, who threw for five touchdowns and a school-record 515 yards, lofted a pass into the end zone, but it fell incomplete in a group of receivers and defenders.

And just like that, the Bruins' national title hopes were over and so was their 20-game winning streak.

## NW Missouri St. 49, Texas A&M-Kingsville 34

MARYVILLE, Mo. — Chris Greisen threw for 313 yards and five touchdowns to lead Northwest Missouri State to a 49-34 win over Texas A&M-Kingsville in an NCAA Division II semifinal game Saturday.

Northwest Missouri (14-0) took a 14-10 lead in the second quarter on a 65-yard pass from Greisen to Willie Cohen, then added touchdowns on a blocked punt and a 74-yard pass from Greisen to Tony Miles.

Texas A&M-Kingsville (11-3) got within eight points at 35-27 on a 30-yard TD catch by Fred Hackney and a 26-yard field goal by Gregg Johnson, but could get no closer.

Miles finished with three touchdowns and 136 yards receiving.

Hackney had three catches for 79 yards and two TDs for Texas A&M-Kingsville.

# Clark signs with Baltimore

BALTIMORE (AP) — Five years later, Will Clark finally joined the Baltimore Orioles — and only because Rafael Palmeiro is back with the Texas Rangers.

Clark replaced the man he once displaced in Texas, agreeing Saturday to an \$11 million, two-year contract with Baltimore.

"Five years ago, if you'd have written a script it would have had Rafael going to Texas and I'd have gone to Baltimore," Clark said. "But the roles got reversed and five years later

we're back to the same roles."

Clark, who hit .305 with 23 home runs and 102 RBIs for Texas last season, became expendable when the Rangers agreed Tuesday to a \$45 million, five-year contract with Palmeiro, the Orioles' first baseman for the past five seasons.

When the Orioles sought a first baseman after the 1993 season, they looked at Clark, but he signed with Texas, causing Palmeiro, also a free agent, to leave the Rangers and sign with Baltimore.

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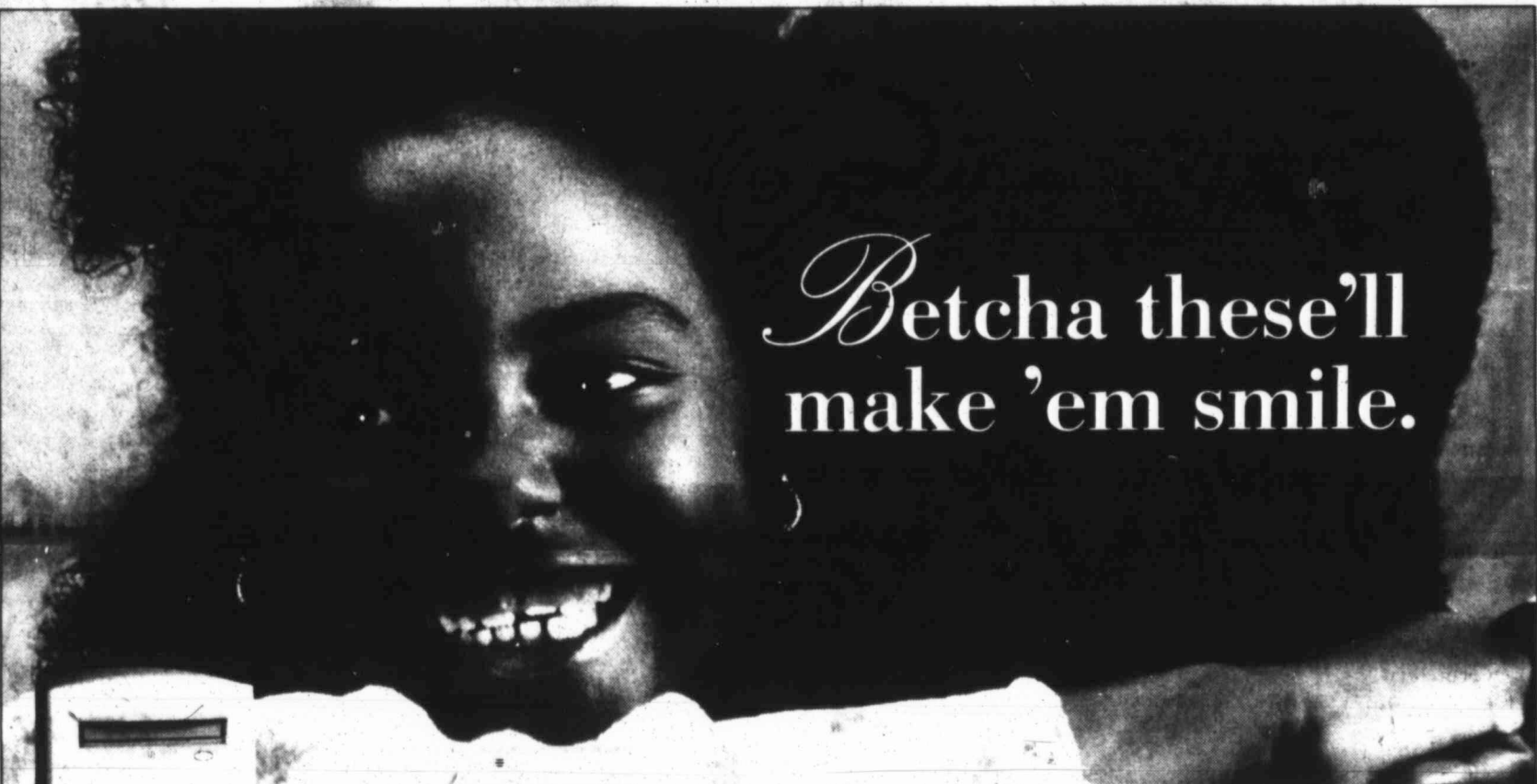
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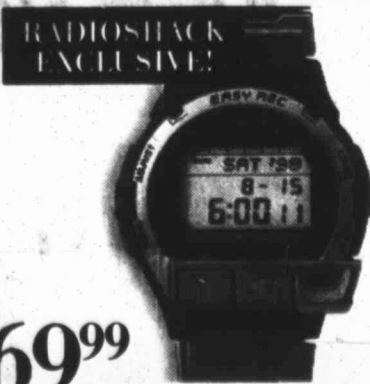
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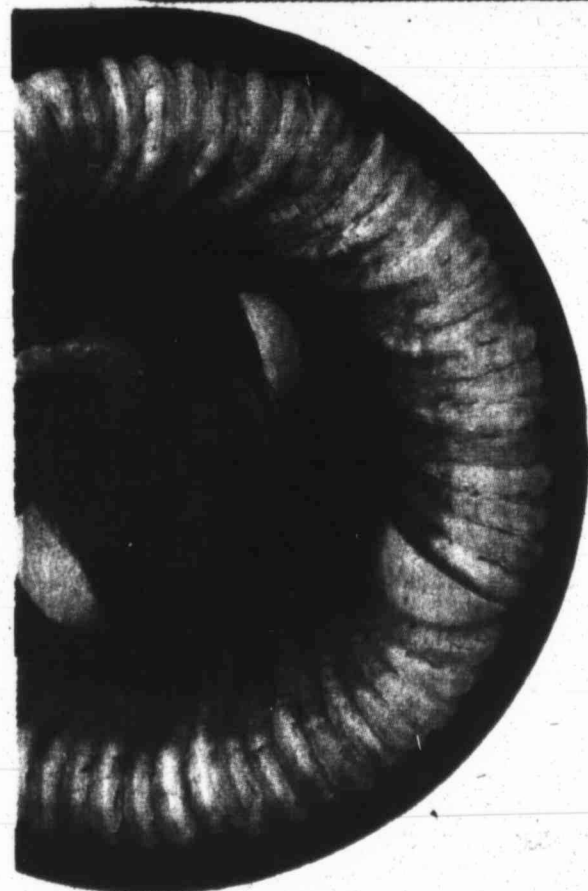
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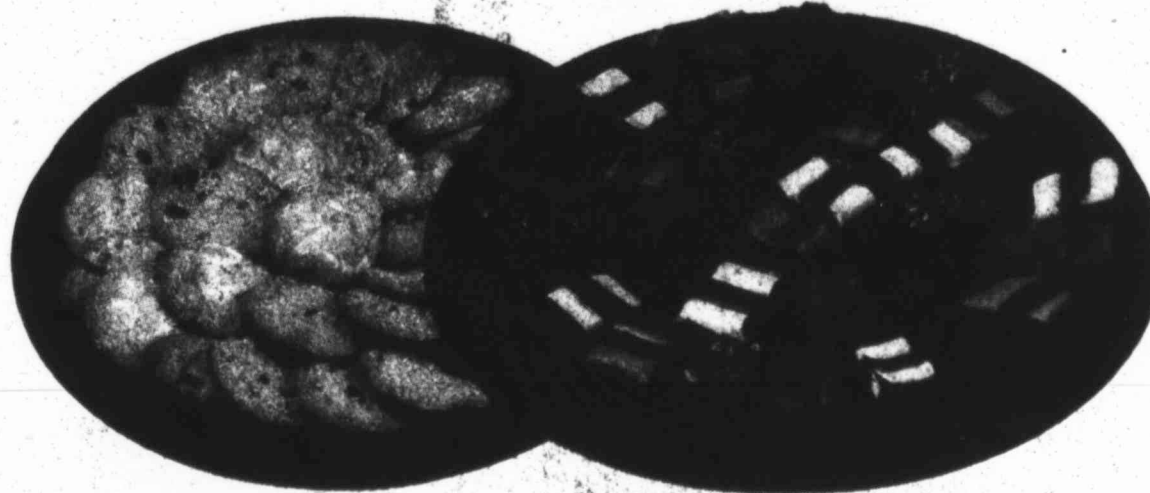
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# Oh, you beautiful doll!



**I**n the hands of Liz Young, dolls come to life in ribbons and lace. For the last 10 years, the seamstress, has devoted most of her time at the sewing machine to making dolls, dressed bears, rabbits and other characters. Most of her creations are dressed in yards of gathered, printed fabric, trimmed in coordinating colors. Their faces are made up with bright colors, and not a hair is out of place.

"The first thing I made was cows," said Young, who, with her husband, Les, is part of "Sew and Saw." The team travels to arts and crafts shows all over the southwest selling her creations and his handmade furniture.

"My husband just came home one day and said we were going to start doing arts and crafts shows," explained Young. The couple have been longtime friends of Mel Prather, who organizes the shows they attend.

For the road, the Youngs fill a trailer with their wares and travel almost every weekend in the fall and early spring.

They operate separate booths at the shows, adjacent to each other. When they get back home, it's back to work making more pieces for the next show.

"It can get to be a lot of work," Young said. "But I still enjoy it."

Her favorite part, Young explained, is taking a doll "kit" that consists of only a head, arms and legs, and bringing it to life with material, makeup and glue.

"I enjoy dressing them, and seeing what they're going to look like."

A self-described "material nut," Young also loves to shop for pieces that will become part of future dolls. She also enjoys creating her own patterns, as she did with a group of shiny angels for Christmas.

"If I see a piece of material that I want to use, that's how I start my design," she said. Young also gets plenty of special orders that are to be made in a certain pattern. Sometimes the customer will ask that the doll be made from a piece of fabric from her wedding dress, or to match a set of curtains.

She works like an assembly line, cutting out several dresses at once. Then she sews all of those, and then stuffs them all, attaching the head, arms and legs.

It takes a day and a half, on the average, to make one of the cute stuffed rabbits that are all the rage at the craft shows. Most of her creations sell for about \$40.

Just for the holiday season, Young created a family of snow people dressed in festive blue, complete with tiny carrot noses. She has also made dressed pigs and horses as special requests.

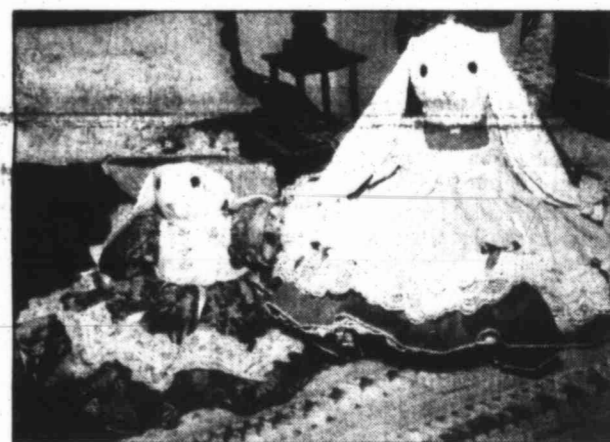
Some of the best sellers, however, are the all-cloth dolls with yarn hair. This year, Young said she's starting to work with vinyl dolls, which she expects to be very popular.

"You just make whatever people are coming up and asking for," she said. "This year, it hasn't been just any one thing, but a variety."

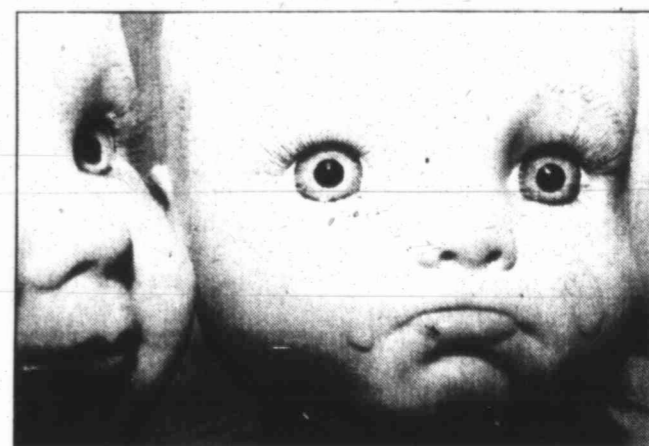
Those "pouting babies" that stand in the corner were extremely popular at shows last year. The cloth rabbits with long ears and colorful dresses have been requested over and over again for several years, Young said.

Whatever doesn't sell usually ends up in Young's daughter's house, or with the grandchildren.

What her husband doesn't sell often ends up in Young's own house, and she proudly shows a visitor her custom-made china closet, telephone table and coffee table. He works mostly in hardwoods such as mahogany, but also makes cedar chests in various sizes.



Photographs by Linda Choate  
Story by Debbie L. Jensen



In the photos, clockwise from top, a vinyl doll in the style Liz Young will be making this year; two dressed rabbits; these vinyl faces are part of the doll "kits" Young uses; angels created by Young for the holidays; Liz Young developed her craft over a decade.

Despite the long days at shows, and the many weekends out of town, Young said she and her husband enjoy their "hobby." They are often out of town so much they have to send their children an itinerary so they can keep up with their parents.

And although her husband has retired and since returned to work several days a week, they don't plan to give up the shows anytime soon.

"We just enjoy it so much," Young said. "It really keeps us going."

## A bit of scandal might be just what this novel needs

"That Scandalous Evening," Christina Dodd, Avon Books, Inc., New York, New York, September, 1998. 360 pages. \$6.50

Miss Jane Higgenbotham is in desperate need of work and a home. After her sister dies, she accepts the offer of her brother-in-law to be her niece's chaperone. While living in his home, he treats her with contempt, allowing her little freedom and giving her bare sustenance.

Miss Jane has talents as an artist, and always enjoyed

using her skills for her own pleasure.

One unfortunate incident occurred when a sculpture of hers was unveiled unexpectedly, causing embarrassment to a gentleman she had admired, but with whom she had not been acquainted. This one incident has caused her years of shame and social isolation.

When her niece, Adorna, is to make her debut to society, Miss Jane's duties require her to travel to London and mingle among the people who have

ostracized her.

The only person who can intervene in these situations is Lord Blackburn, a Quincymancy, the man whose sculpture she had created.

Miss Jane's attraction to him escalated



PAT WILLIAMS

to the state of hero worship, but she is sure he feels nothing but disdain in return. The arrogant Blackburn surprises everyone including himself when he asks Miss Jane to be his wife.

One complicating factor in the story is Blackburn's political involvement in trying to ferret out an English traitor in London's society, someone working for Napoleon Bonaparte, and one who threatens the uneasy peace that exists in Britain.

Christina Dodd's story is set during the early 1800s, and most of the action takes place in London. The settings and portrayals of the characters are fairly accurate with other historical writings of the same era.

"That Scandalous Evening" is filled with French phrases that rarely are interpreted.

The use of foreign language seems superfluous and confusing, as well as interfering with the story line. On the positive side, Dodd uses many archaic

victorian terms — calumny, pelisse, perdition, toffs, ton — which gives an authentic flavor to the piece.

If you enjoy historical romance, and you aren't too particular about there being much history, and not too much romance, you might enjoy this book. Of course, you might skip it altogether and be just as well off.

RATING:(\*\*) two out of four—Choose a magazine instead of this one!



ANNIVERSARIES

Pittman



MR. AND MRS. DEARL PITTMAN



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Dearl and Nadine Pittman, of DeLeon and formerly of Big Spring, will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe hosted by their sons and daughters-in-law.

He was born in DeLeon, and she was born as Nadine Maxwell in Stephenville. They met while both working at Higginbotham in DeLeon. They were married on Dec. 15, 1953, in the home of the preacher in DeLeon. Mr. and Mrs. Pittman have three sons, Randy and Cindy Pittman of Midland, Gale and Maurine Pittman and Dale and Kay Pittman, all of

Big Spring. Mr. and Mrs. Pittman have lived in Midland, Big Spring and DeLeon during their marriage. He is retired from Energas, and she worked for Maxwell Green CPA, Sidney Clark and Choate Company. There were affiliated with Berea Baptist in Big Spring.

Dearl was "Man of the Year" in 1976, was involved with the United Way, ABC Club, was president of the YMCA in 1978 and is involved in little league baseball. Nadine is involved with Dearl in little league baseball. They both take care of elderly women and their family members.

Longing for one of those blue plate specials

Adrian and I lived in Amarillo when we were first married. I had a job with General Electric in the warehouse district, and discovered a cafe or restaurant that closed about two in the afternoon.

Of course, they opened very early in the morning and usually specialized in big breakfasts, and sometimes plate lunches. Because they are sometimes in manufacturing or warehouse areas, their lunches got to be called "Blue Plate Specials."

I didn't grow up eating breakfast; Dad was allergic to eggs so it was, "grab a piece of toast on the way to school." Adrian on the other hand, grew up on big breakfasts, and it's still his favorite meal.

Amarillo's cafes introduced me to grits and eggs, and I still eat grits at every opportunity. Of course, some of the cafe's best customers arrived on their train, parking it outside.

Albuquerque's cafes were all right on breakfast, but they really excelled in greasy hamburgers. One place was only 15 feet wide; you had to stand

sideways, but their hamburgers were to die for. Tasty, greasy, something to savor, and hope the "food police" wouldn't find you.

I grew up on "greasy spoon" cafes. My father drove his truck to refineries so there were meals on the road. There was a Greek cafe in **B R I S T O W , O k l a .**; Dad liked their coffee; we both loved their hamburgers and fries.

When you travel, there is that old adage, "Be sure to eat where the truck drivers eat; they know all the best places." I suppose that is still true, but in Plains, there was only one cafe entirely surrounded by trucks and pickups. It was all right.

You did feel you were fighting for your food.

I discovered Jack and Mattie by accident. I had been in the field with a pipeliner and offered to buy lunch, his choice. He didn't say word, just smiled and road off to J&M's.

I used to think they specialized in lunches with fluffy rolls then I discovered chicken fried steak and finally breakfasts.

Every time I went, I saw someone I knew, and a lot of them were eating liver and onions — not me, not ever!

Once, after a particularly invasive medical test, we went by J&M's. Places that close at 2 p.m. stop making breakfast at 11. I hadn't eaten for a couple of days, and it was well after 11, but Adrian asked Jack anyway.

He said he would fix me breakfast, but shaking his spatula he said, "Don't make a habit of it." For me it was ambrosia.

Jack and Mattie's isn't open anymore; they are taking a well-earned rest, but they are still the best in my book!

I'll bet you have your favorite of the "open and close early" cafes.

When you go outside, there is

a wonderful smell, and your taste buds start to quiver in anticipation. You sit at a plastic-topped table and almost before you sit down, the waitress welcomes you by name, bringing a cup of steaming coffee just the way you like it.

Most of the time you could just come in and the waitress would bring you exactly what you want just the way you want it.

I savor every bite. This food is not low cal, but I'll gladly skip eating the rest of the day for this feast.

If you are lucky enough to frequent one of the early closers, you know all of the things I'm talking about.

Why write of this during the holiday season with all of the special dishes, cakes and cookies? Because, although we are at the Christmas table, I'll bet the next day we will head for our favorite place where everybody knows your name.

A personal note: thanks to all who called and sent cards after my hip operation; I'm recovering at home.



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Lois' story

Girl survives ordeal of starvation, torture to find new life

By PEGGY O'HARE

**The Facts**  
ANGLETON — On the day child welfare investigators got inside Frances and Alex Jackson's apartment in Angleton, they found a little girl who was 5 years old. She weighed 19 pounds.

Her name is Lois Maria Smith. For most of her life, she had been starved to skin and bones, beaten with belts and sticks until she bled, tortured with scalding water and rubbing alcohol, and forced to sit in one place for hours at a time without moving or speaking.

By the time her rescuers arrived, Lois had shriveled to the size of a 1- to 2-year-old, weighing only 13 pounds more than she had at birth. Her little body was covered with scars.

That was nearly three years ago. Today, Lois is a healthy 8 year old, weighing in at a robust 53 pounds and living with extended family members in South Texas.

To look at Lois today, you'd never suspect she used to drink out of the toilet, sneak dog food, and once ate an entire can of Crisco to survive.

Relatives are convinced Lois would have died had she not been removed from her mother's care.

For years, members of Lois' family had reported their concerns to Children's Protective Services to no avail. Lois always seemed to slip through the cracks, as her mother and stepfather moved on to one town after another.

By the time she was 5 years old, Lois was still in her mother's custody, having seizures, and regurgitating what little food she was given so that she could eat it twice.

Frustrated by the lack of action, one of Lois' aunts did not mince words when a CPS caseworker came to her house looking for the family.

"I told this lady, 'If she dies, it's on your hands. We've done everything we could do. That's all we've been doing is reporting — nobody does anything,'" recalls Irene Barrera, Lois' aunt and Frances Jackson's older sister.

Almost immediately, CPS took custody of Lois on April 26, 1996, when caseworkers found her in an apartment on Buchta Road in Angleton.

Upon visiting with the 5-year-old girl in a bedroom out of her mother's presence, investiga-

tors saw the child's horribly emaciated body, a large bump on her head, a bruise on her face and scars covering her back. They promptly took her to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Her physical condition was shocking. Photos of Lois taken in the hospital that day show a child who was almost skeletal, bones jutting sharply beneath her skin, her belly swollen from malnutrition. Her buttocks hung in wrinkled, drooping folds.

In contrast, her personality was so endearing that the nurses were soon attached to her. She craved attention and constantly asked for food.

Later, under CPS questioning, Lois' mother denied withholding food and claimed the child had a history of health problems.

But state investigators say what they eventually learned about the first five years of Lois' life is one of the worst abuse-neglect cases ever encountered.

Records show by the time Lois was finally removed from her mother's care, Texas CPS had received 10 referrals or complaints on the family in little more than two years.

"I've never seen such an intentional, methodical, consis-

tently cruel act toward a child for so long," said former assistant district attorney Jeri Yenne, who handled child abuse cases in the Brazoria County District Attorney's office.

Yenne, a seasoned prosecutor who ~~handled more than her share of gruesome assault and murder cases~~, said she couldn't get through Lois' case file in one sitting.

"It bothered me so much, I had to read it in pieces," Yenne said.

Last month, Lois' mother, Frances Cuevas Jackson, 29, was sentenced to seven years in prison by state District Judge Ogden Bass. A pre-sentence report concluded there was "no punishment severe enough for the abuse this child has suffered."

Frances and her husband, Alex B. Jackson, were indicted by a Brazoria County grand jury June 5, 1996 on multiple child abuse charges.

Frances avoided a jury trial by pleading no contest to reduced charges of "recklessly" causing her daughter's injuries.

Originally, both Frances and Alex faced first-degree felony charges of "intentionally and knowingly by omission" causing the child's injuries and could have faced up to 99 years

in prison.

Alex Jackson, Lois' stepfather, a nutritionist, has not been tried. His attorney, David Sharp, declined comment.

The Jacksons did not respond to requests for interviews for this story; and Frances Jackson's attorney, Mary Cudd, declined comment as well.

But the massive case files documenting the first five years of Lois' life speak volumes.

In October, Lois' family in South Texas threw a pool party to celebrate her eighth birthday. It was the first party she'd ever had in Texas, complete with a big cake, lots of presents and well-wishers.

Her mother and stepfather were not there.

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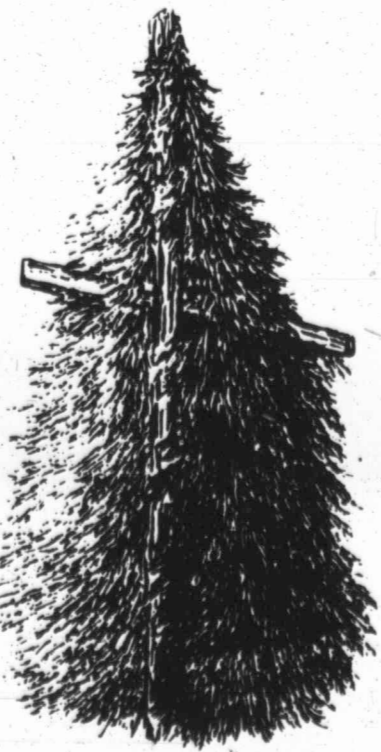


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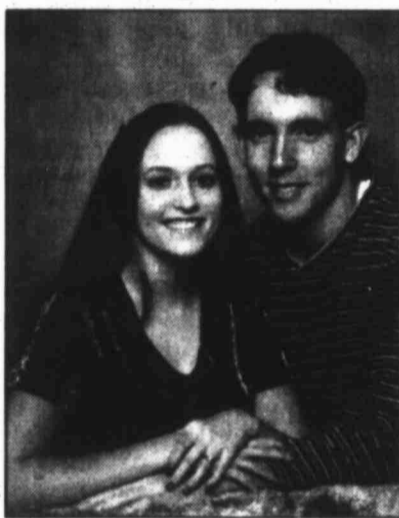
## GETTING ENGAGED



Brena Smith, Midland, and David Carpenter, Pueblo, Colo., will exchange wedding vows on Feb. 13, 1999, in the First Church of the Nazarene, Big Spring, with John Doll and Rev. Gary Smith, father of the bride, officiating.

She is the daughter of Rev. Gary and Susan Smith of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

He is the son of Dr. James and Gail Carpenter of Big Spring.



Crystal Marie Epperson and Joshua Clay Nalley will be united in marriage on Jan. 1, 1999, at Calvary Baptist Church with Herbert McPherson, of Calvary Baptist, officiating.

She is the daughter of Tom and Julie Coates of Big Spring.

He is the son of Belva and Robert Barlow of Big Spring, and John Nalley and Lynda Brown of Napa, Calif., and the grandson of Herbert and Mary Sue McPherson.



Deborah Dianne Gross and Dutch Weston Barr will unite in marriage on Jan. 9, 1999, in the First Baptist Church of Knox City.

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Christina Nicole Rawls, girl, Nov. 18, 1998, 12:16, seven pounds 12 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are James and Tina Rawls.

Grandparents are John and Dorothy Porter of White Sands, N.M., and Barbara and Johnnie Rawls of Big Spring.

Great-grandparents are June and Clem Lebach Wise, Joyce Hartman Wise, and Minnie Pearl (Bill) Rawls, Big Spring.

*Paid announcement*

Savanna Hope Scott, girl, Nov. 22, 1998, 11:23 a.m., five pounds 15 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are David and Charla Scott.

Grandparents are Charles and Kathy Mase of Big Spring.

## LOIS

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In fact, Frances Jackson voluntarily terminated her custodial rights to Lois and is not allowed to come near the house where the child lives.

So, Lois celebrated her birthday with extended family members, including the aunt and uncle planning to adopt her. She lives with them, along with her two brothers and four cousins.

Here, "Miss Lucy," as she is nicknamed, is enjoying the most normal life she has ever known. She is in the second grade and says her favorite subjects are science and math. She is on an unrestricted diet and loves to eat. Her favorite foods are vegetables.

Lois is in a safe environment, and is receiving counseling.

Looking at this child and her almost-constant smile or watching her lean contentedly on her grandmother's arm, you would never guess she has endured more trauma than most people will ever see in a lifetime.

"This is the most lovable girl you could be around," says her Aunt Irene. "She loves to hug, she loves to laugh, she's always smiling. She is not afraid to say, 'I love you.' She does not have one piece of hate in her body."

But Lois went through hell to reach this safe haven. A place where she can laugh, hug, eat, play outside and celebrate birthdays.

During the first five years of her life, as she starved and suffered despicable abuse, Lois' relatives, doctors and social workers pleaded to child welfare investigators for help.

Her mother always claimed Lois had digestive difficulties which required a restrictive diet, so the starvation seemed

Noah Michael Perez, boy, Nov. 22, 1998, 7:43 a.m., six pounds 13 1/2 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Michael and Amy Perez.

Grandparents are Anastacio and Lucy Perez of Big Spring, and Carlos and Belinda Garcia of San Angelo.

Gabriel Omar Leija, boy, Nov. 10, 1998, 5:05 p.m., six pounds two ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Luis and Raquel Leija.

Grandparents are Santiago and Maria Bugarin of Sweetwater, and Nicolas and Lupe Leija of Loraine.

Armando Joe Delgado, boy, Nov. 13, 1998, 11:32 a.m., eight pounds eight ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Fernando and Irma Delgado.

Grandparents are Armando and Josefina Delgado and Alejandro and Florence Franco, all of Big Spring.

to escape CPS' attention for years.

Case files show investigators often focused on Lois' "food obsession" and "digestive" problems — and the "stress" Frances faced in coping with a "chronically ill" child.

Lois would be placed in the hospital and start gaining weight, only to be sent home, where her "eating disorder" would resurface. Over the years, this cycle would repeat itself numerous times.

Frances' claims about her daughter's medical ailments were eventually proven false. Shortly after Lois was taken away from her mother in April 1996, Dr. Lee Hawkins, who treated her at Texas Children's Hospital concluded the child had no medical problems — she was simply starving.

Within her first three weeks in CPS custody, Lois gained 14 pounds and was continuing to improve. She was released from the hospital and placed in a foster home in Brazoria.

Her mother, under questioning by CPS, continued to proclaim her innocence, insisting she had followed doctors' orders by restricting Lois' diet.

At a meeting with CPS officials on May 14, 1996, to determine Lois' custody, Frances said she loved her daughter and had done nothing to hurt her. She even thanked the foster parents for taking care of Lois.

But as photographs of Lois' bony, saggy body were passed around the table, Frances turned them face-down and passed them along without looking at them.

There seem to be no concrete answers why Lois was singled out for such abuse. CPS investi-

Tiffany Nicole Martinez, girl, Nov. 14, 1998, 7:10 a.m., five pounds 7 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; mother is Josie Martinez.

Grandparents are Isabel Martinez and the late Pedro Martinez, Big Spring.

Jeremiah Marquell Rushin, boy, Nov. 5, 1998, 10:30 a.m., eight pounds 1 1/2 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Jerry Rushin and Schrhonda Drone.

Grandparents are Charlene Rushin of Big Spring and Chauncey and Barbara Hunter of Lamesa.

Chelsey Lynn Ouzts, girl, Nov. 4, 1998, 2:40 p.m., six pounds nine ounces and 18 1/2 inches long; mother is Devin Ouzts.

Grandparents are JoAnn and Everett Ouzts.

Rene Villa, Jr., Nov. 24, 1998, 12:56 a.m., eight pounds five ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Rene and Laura Villa.

Grandparents are Tony and Janie Fierro and Manuel and Lupe Villa.

Mariah Daniell Cervantez, girl, Dec. 2, 1998, 6:35 p.m., six pounds 14 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Gino and Melinda Cervantez.

Grandparents are Maria and Amado Valle, Jr., and Terry Cervantez, all of Big Spring.

Nathon Joseph Cantu, boy, Nov. 28, 1998, 1:03 a.m., eight pounds 4 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Deanna Hill and Joseph Cantu.

Grandparents are Rick and Jackie Hill, Fidencio Alva and Alice Cantu, all of Big Spring.

Samantha Juanita Rodriguez, girl, Nov. 28, 1998, 4:15 a.m., six

pounds nine ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Gene and Sandra Rodriguez.

Grandparents are Nina Herrera, Luis Flores, Sr., Juan and Maria Rodriguez, all of Big Spring.

Cameron Heath Jackson, boy, Nov. 25, 1998, 8:31 p.m., nine pounds six ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Rachelle and Lee Jackson of Knott.

Grandparents are Ethel Jackson of Levelland, and Vickie and Donnie Thompson of Stanton.

Dakota Nathan Barney, Nov. 22, 1998, 5:30 p.m., six pounds 6 1/2 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Jenifer and Dean Barney.

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WEDNESDAY-Fish, baked potatoes, carrots, fruit salad, milk/roll, pudding.

THURSDAY- Beef liver, rice, mixed vegetables, gelatin salad, milk/rolls, cake.

FRIDAY- Pork chops, potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.

STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Sloppy joe or cheeseburger, french fries, hamburger salad, orange, cookie, milk, fruit juice.

TUESDAY-Beef spaghetti or steak fingers, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Frito pie or hot tamales, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, apple wedges, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Pizza or baked potato/bread, broccoli/cheese, veggie sticks, peach cup, milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY-Hot dog/chili or burritos/chili, buttered corn, fresh fruit, cookie, milk, fruit drink.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Homemade burritos (corn dogs), fries fresh fruit, milk.

TUESDAY- Frito pie/crackers, ranch beans, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY- Spaghetti w/meat (chili dogs), corn, rolls, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY- BBQ beef on bun (burritos), potato salad, baked beans, jello/fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza fries, fresh fruit, milk. Teachers only salad or baked potato.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Chicken fried steak (BBQ on bun), mashed potato, glazed carrots, pear halves, hot roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Meatball sandwich (chili cheese fries), potato rounds, spiced apples, vegetable sticks, milk.

WEDNESDAY- Chicken fajitas (chef salad), tortilla, border beans, corn, orange wedges, milk.

THURSDAY- Roast Beef (deli sandwich), mashed potato, green beans, jello w/fruit, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY- Cheeseburger (salmon pattie), salad, french fries, western style beans, cookie, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY- Steak and gravy, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, biscuits, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY- Corn dogs, pinto beans, spinach, corn bread, fruit and cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken sandwich, french fries, salad, ice cream, milk.

THURSDAY-Frito pie, ranch style beans, salad, cheese and crackers, pudding and vanilla wafers, milk.

FRIDAY- Turkey and dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, english peas, hot rolls, fruit salad, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Fish w/tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, ranch style beans, fruit, batter bread, milk.

TUESDAY- Nuggets w/gravy, mashed potatoes, blackeye peas, hot rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tamales, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY- Roast beef w/gravy, sliced potatoes, green beans, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, corn, fruit, cookies, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOLS

MONDAY- Pizza, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY- German sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, hot roll, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Chef's salad, cheese stix, apple, whole wheat crackers, milk.

FRIDAY- Hamburger, french fries, salad, pickle, fruit, milk.

Miss Piggy launches her own fragrance

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Look out, Kermit. Miss Piggy has launched her own fragrance line, saying it has "a certain je ne sais moi" that makes her irresistible to the singing frog.

Her limited edition perfume, "Moi," may be just a dab on the wrist of the \$6 billion U.S. fragrance industry. But for the famed star of The Muppet Show, it's serious business — and not strictly for material reasons.

"When I'm wearing 'Moi,' Kermit finds me more attractive, more alluring than ever," Miss Piggy said Thursday. "He just can't keep his little flippers off me."

Perfumers behind "Moi," which hit Bloomingdale's shelves last month for the holiday season, say it smells like "a bouquet of seductive flowers warmed with 'come-hither' notes of warm blonde woods."

But won't women be turned off by a perfume associated with a pig?

"One might think that, but I think that Miss Piggy herself is so lovable that she brings with it not the normal feeling about pig scents," said Nancy Lueck, a Bloomingdale's spokeswoman.

Topper Schroeder, who as president of Gendarme Fragrances of West Hollywood helped the Muppet develop her scent, agreed.

"Miss Piggy is the Elizabeth Taylor of that world," he said. "This is not your ordinary pig. It had to be elegant, better than anything else I can find on the market."

Bloomingdale's would not say FRAGRANCE, Page 5B

WHO'S WHO

The 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" includes the names of 80 students from Texas A&M University-Kingsville, including a student from Big Spring.

Heidi McIntyre, an animal science major, was among those nominated by representatives of the faculty, administration and student body. The chosen students were selected based on scholarship, participation and leadership in their academic college or in the university and potential for future achievement.

Louisiana Tech has announced the names of students on its fall quarter President's and Dean's honor lists.

Among those listed was Adam Clifford Markwell of Big Spring.

Emily Morgan Edwards, daughter of Michael and Raemi Edwards of Lubbock, and granddaughter of Claud and Patsy Fryar of Big Spring, was recently crowned the title of Little Miss Baby Lubbock on Nov. 21. She competed in the 12-23 month age group and was judged on appearance, personality and photogenic ability. On Nov. 14, she also participated in the Little Miss Baby Brownfield pageant. She was awarded the titles of Most Photogenic, Most Beautiful and Overall Little Miss Baby Brownfield in the 0-12 month age division.

IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Airman Christ E. Poitevint has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.



POITEVINT

Poitevint is the son of Steve R. and Cheryl D. Poitevint of Big Spring.

He is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School. Estella L. Virella, daughter of Maria Virella Perez of Coahoma, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on Nov. 25.

Virella graduated from Coahoma High School in May 1998 and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on April 1, 1999.

Regina D. Richards, daughter of Pamela Richards of Big Spring, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on July 29.

Regina will graduate from Big Spring High School in 1999, and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on June 3, 1999.

Tony Bennett to sing a live TV concert of requests

NEW YORK (AP) — Often, at the end of a Tony Bennett concert, people yell out requests for encores.

So, the singer thought, why not a concert entirely of requests? He did that, twice, on radio stations, with listeners calling in. Then his son and manager, Danny, took the idea

to A&E. The "Live by Request" concert in 1996, with viewers calling in on an 800 number, was so successful that the network made a series out of it, presenting Gloria Estefan, Phil Collins, Johnny Mathis, James Taylor, Kenny Loggins and Barry Manilow.

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Rockport. He is retired from the U.S. Army.

H.B. and Pam Bush and son Cacey, Odessa.

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Mikel Friedland, Irvine, Calif. She works for Crossroads Communications.



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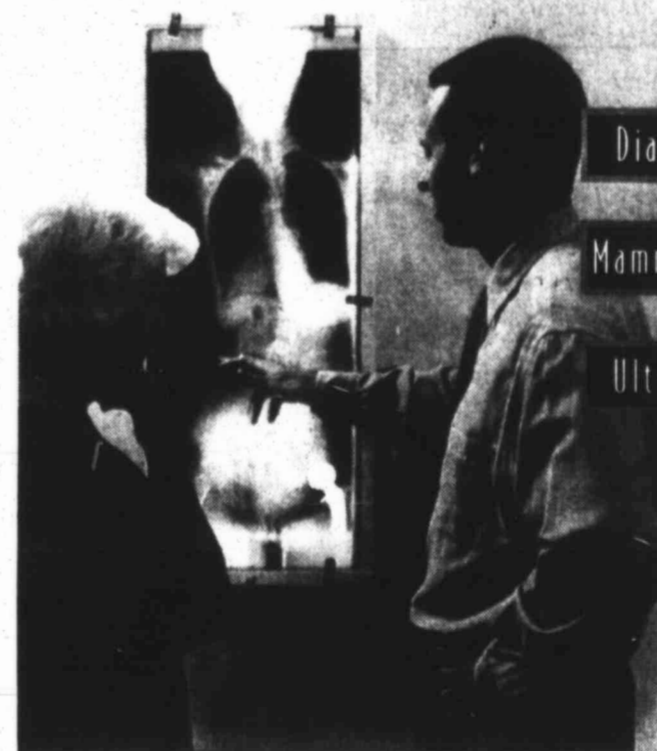
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would follow him around, leave notes for him and on one occasion broke out his windows. At one point, Frances moved next door to him, and apparently vandalized his car. Eventually, David's relationship with the other woman ended.

But after Lois was born, Frances and David separated for good. He would later tell CPS investigators that Frances appeared jealous of his affection for their baby girl. Frances claimed that David would drink and sometimes beat her.

As a baby, Lois was sent to live with her paternal grandmother in Memphis, Tenn.

Few details are known about why this occurred, but David told CPS investigators Frances realized they were not going to reconcile and baby Lois was too much for her to handle. Other family members said Frances was consumed with her young son's bout with testicular cancer.

Lois remained in Memphis until she was 10 months old, and her grandparents recall her as a happy, healthy baby. Her mother reportedly never came to see her during this time.

But Frances would later claim David's family refused to return Lois to her. She also repeatedly accused the grandmother of feeding Lois nothing but butter-milk during her infancy. David denied such accounts, saying there was no way Frances would know what the baby was eating.

When Lois was 10 months old, Frances reclaimed her.

"The day she started walking is the day her mama picked her up," the grandmother said sadly.

That's when the terror began. Lois' suffering followed a path from Ohio to several small Texas towns and finally to Angleton.

Under her mother's care, it seemed that Lois was never allowed to eat.

Her maternal grandmother first realized something was wrong during a family gathering at her house, when she helped 1-year-old Lois to the bathroom.

"I took her pants down and saw this saggy little bottom. There was no meat, there was just flesh hanging," said Maria M. Olivarez. "I told my hus-

band, 'That child is starving to death.'"

Wanting to investigate her suspicions, Maria later made a month-long visit to her daughter's home in Ohio in May 1992. She recalls that Lois was always lying down and that the child was never fed. Maria wasn't allowed to touch her grandchild.

"I'd tell Frances, 'I didn't see the baby eat today,'" Maria said. "She'd always find a way to tell me she'd fed her — 'Oh, I fed her when you were taking a shower ... I fed her when you went to the bathroom.'"

"I just didn't like what I saw," Maria said. "There was no food in the house."

Tensions mounted and the visit ended in a screaming fight when Maria slapped Frances in the face and caught a bus back to Texas.

When she returned to her South Texas hometown of Dilley with her two children in 1993, Frances had a new boyfriend, Alexander Jackson, and a third baby on the way.

Jackson, a nutritionist, was hired by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a food service employee at the Cotulla Detention Center. Frances proudly told her family he had previously enjoyed a successful career as a chef.

Shortly after moving to Texas, Frances gave birth to their son, Devon. The couple married on June 4, 1994, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dilley.

Jackson is described in Lois' case file and by family members as a passive man unable to control Frances' fury.

Shortly after the Jacksons moved to Texas, relatives started noticing how harsh life was for Lois.

They say the little girl constantly had marks on her face, black eyes, split lips and bruises. Her aunts remember family gatherings, where Frances forced Lois to sit for hours on the floor, with her legs crossed and her eyes straight ahead. She was not allowed to play with the other children, and relatives were not allowed to touch her.

"She was like this little robot that was told what to do, when to do it, and that was it," Frances' sister, Irene Barrera said.

CONCERT

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On Monday 9 p.m. EST, Bennett will do his third A&E "Live by Request," with the Ralph Sharon Quartet, which knows as many songs as he does. This time, as well as viewers calling a toll-free number or sending an Internet message, tributes and song requests will come from fellow stars, on tape and in the studio audience.

Bennett isn't being told who the stars are, though he has learned that Madonna, using a little-girl voice, says she used to listen to her mother's Tony Bennett records.

Bennett says he isn't thrown when somebody calls in with a song he doesn't know, or on which copyright hasn't been

cleared. "I just say, 'I can't do that one, but how about this one?'" and launches into a song in a similar mood.

He also doesn't mind when he forgets the lyrics on a live show. "Instead of searching for perfection, I like it when there are mistakes. Nobody is perfect."

November saw the publication of his autobiography, "The Good Life," named after one of his song hits, and the release of his first children's record, "The Playground."

He says young parents have told him their toddlers are dancing to "Steppin' Out," his 1993 CD tribute to Fred Astaire.

FRAGRANCE

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release sales figures for "Moi," but Lueck claimed that even at \$24 a bottle, it is proving to be a hot item at the company's 23 stores around the country.

Some analysts were skeptical. "What do you think of when you think of Miss Piggy smell? It's not good," said Laura Ries, president of Ries & Ries, a marketing strategy group in Atlanta. "She's a Muppet. Who wants to smell like a Muppet?" Miss Piggy begs to differ.

"Moi am a pig — but, moi am MORE than a pig," she said while on location for her next film, "Muppets From Space."

"Moi have written best-selling books. Moi have appeared in hit motion pictures and television shows. Moi have appeared on the cover of People, Life and TV Guide. So, don't look down on me, buster — look UP to me. And if you're not careful, look OUT for me!"

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### Hollinger International selling 45 papers to Birmingham, Ala.-based corporation

CHICAGO (AP) — Hollinger International is selling 45 newspapers to Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. for \$475 million in cash and one newspaper, opting to focus on its larger publications, including the Chicago Sun-Times.

The newspapers being sold include 28 dailies and 17 weeklies, Hollinger said Friday. They are scattered among 14 states, but are primarily clustered in Alabama, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Texas, said Todd

Vogt, the Chicago-based company's executive vice president.

The names of all the newspapers were not immediately released. Mike Reed, CFO of Birmingham, Ala.-based Community Newspaper, said some matters were still being negotiated.

A Hollinger entity, American Publishing Community Group, owns newspapers in Big Spring, Corsicana, Del Rio, Greenville, Huntsville, Mexia, Orange, Port Arthur and other Texas towns.

Hollinger also will acquire the Effingham Daily News of Illinois as part of the deal.

Vogt said he felt Hollinger was getting a good price, "but it's not without some mixed emotion."

"These newspapers are really what made the foundation of Hollinger in the U.S.," Vogt said, adding that the deal will enable the company to focus on its larger U.S. newspapers.

The purchase would make Community Newspaper the

nation's largest newspaper group in terms of number owned, with 175. Community Newspaper will use cash borrowed from Alabama's state pension fund to make the purchase, which is expected to be completed by early 1999.

Hollinger owns more than 100 daily publications around the world. In addition to the Sun-Times, the company's major newspapers include The Daily Telegraph in London, the Ottawa Citizen in Canada and

The Jerusalem Post in Israel.

Hollinger earlier this year completed a \$310 million sale of 56 daily and 34 weekly newspapers, as well as 77 free-circulation publications to a Los Angeles private merchant banking firm.

Reed said the purchase will give his company 96 daily newspapers, more than any other group in the United States. Figures kept by the Newspaper Association of America show Gannett Co. Inc. is now the

leader with 87 daily papers.

Most of Community Newspaper's daily newspapers are small-circulation, community-oriented papers.

Separately, Hollinger's Canadian operations are seeking to purchase 29 percent of Southam Inc., a Canadian newspaper group, for \$22 a share in cash. Hollinger already owns 71 percent of Southam's shares. Vogt said the Southam offer was not related to the current newspaper sales.

**A**gricultural income for Howard County for 1998 has declined 64 percent as compared to 1997 gross agricultural income for all farm commodities.

The largest area of decline on income comes in cotton. In 1997, cotton generated \$37,800 of agricultural income for Howard County. Cotton will generate approximately \$2,692,000 of agricultural income, a decline of over \$35 million in cotton alone. The only sectors of agricultural income that is greater than last year are pecans and hay. Income from hay increased due to some replanting of hay grazed on failed out cotton and grain sorghum acreage. Goats and horses were the only classes of livestock that showed slight increases in income. Hunting income showed a slight increase as well.

Agriculture as we know it today is rapidly changing. Some of the changes are coming about due to economic necessity. Some are being driven by narrow profit margins. One thing for sure, none of these changes are good for the economy of Howard County.

I predict there will be more idle acres that will not be farmed in the future. Tenants and landlords will need to be more flexible in these leasing arrangements. Farming operations will be larger with fewer producers. Those few agricultural producers will have a greater choice of what land they want to farm.

What are some options for agriculture to survive? Each operation is different but there are some general similarities. Debt needs to be reduced to the fact that net profit margins are narrow. When possible, alternative cash flow crops of livestock must be included in the operation. Rain would be another nice change for many producers but rainfall alone is not the answer. Producers can't make a profit on 60 cent cotton at today's cost of production. The boll weevil problem must be addressed at some point so that when we have a normal production year, such as 1997, maximum yields can be achieved. Utilization of new technological advances when feasible must be employed.

I don't have to tell anyone involved with agriculture that these are extremely difficult times, and people not directly involved with agriculture must come to realize how much agriculture drives our local economy.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture.)



DAVID KIGHT

### Expansion name of game for West Texas Discount Flooring

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Expansion is the name of the game for West Texas Discount Flooring, as the company has moved to 1714 Gregg and now boasts a 2,500-square-foot show room.

"We've moved to a larger building, and I believe we are the biggest flooring company in town," said business manager Melanie Sheets.

Floor covering for all types of decor, such as carpet, tiles, ceramic, vinyl, wood, and a new brand of laminated floor covering, Pergo, are available through West Texas Discount Flooring.

"We have the most experienced Pergo installer in West Texas, according to our representative. And we have the best installers Big Spring has to offer," Sheets said.

A family-owned business, Sheets and her husband Clint operate the store in Big Spring. Clint is the installation manager.

A unique attraction to West Texas Discount Flooring is the floor of the show room. Different types of floor covering create the show room floor, providing a customer with an idea of how their own selections will appear and wear in their home.

"We have the lowest prices for flooring. We beat Home Depot and we beat Lowe's. There is no reason for anyone to leave Big Spring for their flooring needs," Sheets said.

The move to 1712 Gregg more than doubled the business's space, and along with a large show room, the business now has room for storage.

Marjorie Squires, office manager, said applying the finishing touches to the show room are nearly completed.

"We have more on the floor than we did," Squires said.

The walls of the show room are covered in flooring samples. All types of tile are on display, as well as large assortments of laminated flooring, like Pergo.

Carpet in all colors, textures and patterns are available for viewing in large sample books



Marjorie Squires, office manager of West Texas Discount Flooring, shows a selection of Pergo laminate floor covering on the new show room floor.

that are positioned around the show room. Indoor-outdoor carpet, as well as carpet that resembles tapestry are available for selection.

Squires, along with sales associate Patsy Lopez, are available for floor covering consultations and suggestions.

The company has been open for nearly two years, and is

open extended hours.

"We're always here," Sheets said.

The store is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 p.m. until 4 p.m.

"Sunday's we're open after church until 4," Sheets said.

The telephone number is 263-5500.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

### Consumers tickled, oil producers pinched

NEW YORK (AP) — The deep decline in oil prices is providing an early holiday gift for many U.S. consumers — and a lump of coal for drillers and refiners.

The retail price of regular unleaded gasoline fell to 97.4 cents a gallon this week, its lowest level in eight years. Last year, prices averaged \$1.15 a gallon. Home heating bills, helped by mild temperatures, are also low.

"It does help at the end of the month," Dallas salesman Jeff

Nelson said as he filled up his gas-guzzling sports utility vehicle.

Low oil prices are also keeping U.S. manufacturing costs down, contributing to cheaper electricity and dampening any trend toward inflation.

Still, with the United States the world's second largest oil producer after Saudi Arabia, companies along the petroleum industry food chain are laying off workers and slashing capital expenditures.

The slump helped lead to the

marriage of oil behemoths Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp., who say they expect \$2.8 billion in cost savings by merging. The world's biggest company will be based in Irving, Texas.

"Those of us in the oil patch have seen much better days," lamented Tim Colwell, spokesman for Parker Drilling, a Tulsa, Okla.-based contract company suffering amid the drop in oil prices to about \$11 a barrel — the lowest U.S. level in

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### Cotton

#### While crop is down, harvest exceeding most expectations

By T.E. JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Reports from cotton gins in and around Howard County seem to have exceeded the expectations of most, but local producers and processors say it is still a far cry from being profitable.

"We've produced about 3,500 bales so far this season," said Marilyn Staggs, office manager of the Ackerly Co-Op gin.

"That's a lot better than we thought we would do this season. It's coming in pretty slowly now, and I think we are on the downside of the season."

Staggs said the quality of the dryland cotton has been better than expected as well.

"Most of the cotton we gin is of the dryland variety," said Staggs. "We were expecting to see some below quality cotton this year, but most of what we've ginned has been pretty good. It has definitely been a pleasant surprise for both us and the farmers."

"The cotton just isn't there this season," said Howard County Assistant Extension Agent Brandon McGinty.

"Right now the producers are just trying to do what they can to break even. Some of them are even looking at diversifying their production to bring in more dollars."

Glasscock County Co-Op Gin Manager B.J. Havlak said their gin has only seen cotton from producers who irrigate this season, a definite break from the norm.

"We usually see about 40 percent dryland producers and 60 percent irrigated," said Havlak. "This year it has been 100 percent irrigated farmers. The dryland growers just haven't had enough moisture to bring the seeds up this season, and we've only recorded a little over four inches of rainfall over the last 14 months."

"We've bailed right at 34,600 bales of cotton this season, and we're pretty much finished. There are still a few stragglers left, but we don't expect much more to come in."

According to Linda Cline, bookkeeper for the Farmers Co-Op Gin in Snyder, production hasn't been exceptional, but would certainly fall in the range of "normal."

"The majority of the cotton we've received this year has been from irrigated producers," said Cline. "We've produced 985 bales so far this season, and considering the quality of the cotton, are doing much better

than expected.

"The farmers aren't quite as lucky, however. Most of the irrigated producers have told me they'll be lucky to break even this year once they pay for the water and pesticides used to cope with the boll weevil problem."

Flower Grove Co-Op Gin in Ackerly reported a total 5,640 bales produced this season, and attributes the numbers to their irrigated producers.

Officials from Mustang Farmers Gin, Inc., in Lomax say they are having a better season than they had expected, with more than a third of their cotton coming from dryland farmers.

"Quite honestly, this season has been terrible, but we have to remind ourselves that it could have been much worse," said Cheryl Cook, office manager of the Lomax outfit. "We've processed more than 4,350 bales so far this season, and the quality is looking a lot better than we had expected. We are estimating the cotton at around .53 to .54 cents on the pound according to the estimated government loan rate."

"It's been much better than we had anticipated, but we really feel for the farmers. They are definitely in a different boat from us."

Paymaster Gin in Ackerly didn't quite have the numbers the management would like this season, but say they will tough the "hard times."

"We've baled 336 bales since we started on Oct. 9," said Rene Beall, bookkeeper — for Paymaster Gin. "This is extremely low compared to what we are used to. We don't have any irrigated farmers at all here, so all of what we have seen has been dryland cotton."

"The drought has really taken its toll on the area. We might get a few more farmers before its over with, but we expect that this is it."

The Big Spring Co-Op gin waited until Monday to begin processing in an attempt to cut costs in an already down season.

"We let it stack up to help conserve energy," said Cadet Bryant, assistant manager of the gin. "We actually began ginning Monday morning, and have about 70 bales processed so far."

"We have about 100 modules sitting outside waiting, and we are expecting a little more before we start. We've only had

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### Some local cotton producers looking at poultry as way to diversify business

By T.E. JENKINS  
Staff Writer

From cotton to chickens?

According to Howard County Assistant Extension Agent Brandon McGinty, many local cotton producers are looking at poultry production as a way of diversifying their part of the agricultural industry, as well as battle the ongoing drought.

"It just doesn't look very good for area cotton growers," said McGinty. "The price of cotton on the market is really making the whole thing a gamble for farmers, and they are looking at ways to diversify their operations to compensate for the loss."

According to McGinty, Howard County Extension Office began sending out surveys to area cotton growers to see if they would be interested in devoting a portion of their operations to poultry production.

"Right now there is a definite demand for poultry production outfits in this area," said McGinty. "A lot of the poultry outfits are looking to expand their operations out to the west, including Texas, Arizona, and as far as California."

"As of right now, the furthest west the industry has gone is College Station, so they really don't have any easy way to distribute their poultry products without spending large amounts of money."

McGinty said the poultry business is literally nothing to cluck at, especially with many of West

Texas' banks offering very attractive loans to those who want to get in on the expansion.

"A lot of the banks are offering loans to build the facilities necessary to house the chickens," said McGinty. "With many operations bringing more than \$22,000 per chicken house each year, it would be easy for producers to have their costs covered in the first five years, and be able to really start reaping the benefits after that."

"By diversifying their operations, cotton producers, who are the absolute mainstay of Howard County's growers, would be better able to weather tough seasons, such as this one."

McGinty said that most interested producers find the long-term contracts offered by the larger poultry corporations enticing, offering the farmers a certain amount of surety.

"It's really guaranteed money, which in the agricultural market these days is hard to find," said McGinty. "It would give the producers something else to lean on."

McGinty said poultry production also offers cotton growers a certain amount of protection from West Texas' current drought.

"The drought has very little effect on the poultry industry," said McGinty. "It doesn't take a lot of water to raise chickens, and no way near as much water as it takes to have a profitable cotton crop during a drought. In the end, the drought has no real negative effect on the poultry industry."

"Right now we are just looking to see how many of the area's growers are interested in opportunity.

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DEEDS:  
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Grantor: V  
Grantee: I  
and Patricia  
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property: I  
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filed: Nov  
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filed: Nov  
grantor: J  
grantee: E  
property: I  
filed: Nov  
grantor: A  
grantee: E  
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property: I  
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Lopez, Michael, 602 N. Flint, Lamesa

Mitchell, Audrey Crosby, 506 N. San Antonio, Big Spring

Nock, Toby Lynn, 1607 Sycamore, Big Spring

Pavlovsky, Ronald, 5412 8th Place, Lubbock

Pearce, Deborah, Box 182, Garden City

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Randall, Sharon, 1108 E. McArthur, Rotan

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Trevino, Julie, 118 Dallas, Big Spring

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Winchester, Kenneth, 500 W. Tennessee No. 1, Midland

Winn, James Nicholas, 1405 Lincoln, Big Spring

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Antonio Arredondo, 29, and Connie Felon, 30

Joshua Edward Hyden, 22, and Cecelia Galon Hilario, 28

DEEDS:  
Warranty deeds:

Grantor: Velma L. Lindsey  
Grantee: Lloyd Lindsey, Robert Lindsey and Patricia Childers  
Property: section no. 5, blk. 31  
Filed: Aug. 11, 1998

grantor: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.  
grantee: HUD  
property: the east 1/2 of lot 3, blk. 2, Lockhart Addition  
filed: Nov. 23, 1998

grantor: Winona Welch  
grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum  
property: the east 1/2 of lot 3, blk. 1, Reynolds Addition, Coahoma  
filed: Nov. 23, 1998

grantor: Bryan Shields York and Diana L. York  
grantee: lot 34, blk. 6, Highland South No. 6  
property: lot 8, blk. 5, Mittel Acres  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

grantor: Darrel Laine Smith and Jamie Long Smith  
grantee: Grant T. and Rhonda Kim Hickman  
property: lot 16, blk. 5, Muir Heights Addition  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

grantor: Key Homes Inc.  
grantee: Andy and Lynne Chalker  
property: lot 14, blk. 11, Fifth Filing, Coronado Hills Addition  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

grantor: Janice Pitts  
grantee: Debbie Collins and Una Evans  
property: lot 4, blk. 7, Avion Village  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

grantor: Andrew M. Cuomo  
grantee: Edward Eugene Jones and Dorothy R. Deer Jones  
property: all of lot 22, blk. 4, Highland Park Addition  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

grantor: Andrew M. Cuomo  
grantee: Michael H. and Barbara F. Hall  
property: the north 60' of lot 3 and the south 20' of lot 1, Indian Hills Addition  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

grantor: E.W. Greer  
grantee: Robert and June Nichols  
property: 1 - the southeast 1/4 and the south 1/2 and southwest 1/4 of section

17, blk. 34; 2 - an undivided 16.25/240 interest in the oil, gas and other minerals in, under and that may be produced from the southeast 1/4 and the south 1/2 and southwest 1/2 of section 17, blk. 34  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

Warranty deeds with vendor's lien:  
grantor: Larry Joe Reagan and Amy Louise Reagan  
grantee: William A. Davey and Carolyn E. Davey  
property: a tract of land out of section 5, blk. 32  
filed: Nov. 23, 1998

grantor: CT Closing Services Corp.  
grantee: Ralph and Janet Payne  
property: lot 34, blk. 6, Highland South No. 6  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

grantor: Lenita Everton f/k/a Lenita Everton Roberts  
grantee: Tasha S. Campbell and Lillie M. Pollock  
property: a 30 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the east 1/2 of section 43, blk. 31  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

grantor: Kenneth James Walker  
grantee: Joseph William Lesueur  
property: lots 9-12, blk. 20, Amended Boydston Addition  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

grantor: Fred C. Cox and Linda L. Cox  
grantee: Robert K. Fowler  
property: a 14.73 acre tract of the west 1/2 of section 31, blk. 32  
filed: Nov. 25, 1998

Quit claim deed:  
grantor: William P. Sanderson  
grantee: Sanderson Revocable Living Trust  
property: the west 1/2 of the south 100' of blk 18, College Heights Addition, also known as lot C, blk. 18, College Heights Addition  
filed: Nov. 23, 1998

grantor: Harold Hall  
grantee: Andrew Hancock  
property: surface estate only of tracts 401-402, section 18, blk. 34  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

grantor: Rayford Gillihan and Gary Gillihan  
grantee: Shern and David Adkins  
property: the south 1/2 of lots 7 and 8, blk. 23, Boydston Addition  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

deed without warranty:  
grantor: Milas R. and Pauline A. Wood as trustees of the Wood Family Trust  
grantee: Pauline A. Wood  
property: lot 13, blk. 5, Western Hills Addition  
filed: Nov. 24, 1998

grantor: Southern Cotton Oil Co.  
grantee: Mari D. Mitchell  
property: all of lots 2, inclusive of lot 12, blk. 113, Original Town of Big Spring; two tracts comprising the eastern 100' of lot 2, blk. 117, Original Town of Big Spring; 23 acres of land being out of and part of the northwest 1/4 of section 32, blk. 33  
filed: Nov. 30, 1998

118th DISTRICT COURT:  
FILINGS:  
FAMILY:  
Beebe Fern Permenter vs. Jimmy Carly Young  
Maria Elen Villa vs. Fabricano Rojas

DIVORCE:  
Paul Gonzales vs. Lupita Gonzales  
Jeffrey Alan Harwood vs. Donna Lynn Harwood  
Doris Denise Qualls vs. Erik Paul Wayne Qualls  
Tonya A. Ramirez vs. Ramon Ramirez - Kate Porter DeArkos vs. Pablo H. DeArkos, III

Nancy Ann Black vs. Toby Dale Black  
Sylvia Trevino Ontiveros vs. Jose Louis Ontiveros  
Richard Alan LeClair vs. Windy Day LeClair  
Amy Stella Lopez vs. Adolph Lopez

OTHER:  
Ex Parte Milton Wayne Walker  
Ex Parte Dennis Dunn  
Texas, State of vs. Antonio Armijo Sid and Iva Jo Hanslik vs. Coahoma ISD

ACCOUNTS, NOTES & CONTRACTS:  
Halco Associates vs. Commercial Union Insurance Co.  
Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Julianna S. Prince  
Lynn Gage Mims vs. Rodney Gene Folsom  
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Annette Deanda  
Rhonda Leal vs. Tommy Jon Tompkins, Inc., dba Tomco  
Big Spring Bhakta Motel, Inc. vs. Plaquemine Contracting Company, Inc.  
Texas, State of vs. Summit Care Texas, L.P. dba Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Summit Care Management Texas, Inc. and Summit Care Corp.

INJURIES AND DAMAGES:  
Joe Barnes vs. Kent Distributors Inc., Avis Lube, Kent Lubrications Centers, a Texas General Partnership, William B. Kent and Robb Energy Corp.

OIL

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12 years.

Oil prices aren't expected to shoot up any time soon, even if the unseasonably warm fall turns wintry, analysts said. There are simply too many difficulties weighing on the market.

Chiefly, Asia's rippling economic problems have cut demand for oil, and the divisive Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has been unable to curb the glut. OPEC, which controls 40 percent of the world's daily production, increased output last winter, then made a 2.6 million barrel-a-day production cut in June that did little to boost prices.

Still, historically oil-dependent states such as Alaska and Texas aren't likely to be hit as

hard as they were by the glut of 1986.

Retailers and service industries are booming in Alaska; The Gap opened a first store in the state this fall. In Texas, mining jobs — mostly in oil and gas drilling — dropped from 5 percent of the state's jobs in 1982 to 1.9 percent in 1998, according to DRI of Lexington, Mass.

For now, U.S. oil producers are trying to limit the fallout from the collapsing oil and gas markets.

Parker Drilling has laid off 90 employees out of a global work force of 4,500. Colwell said drilling rigs are being idled in Asia and the Far East.

Burlington Resources, a Houston-based oil and natural gas producer, is canceling the rental of many drilling rigs for a major project off the Gulf of Mexico. Overall, the company will cut capital expenditures 75 percent, or up to \$150 million,

on that project alone.

"If oil prices stay down next year, not only our company but other companies will slow down projects, if not cut them out completely," spokesman John Carrara said.

COTTON

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six cotton producers in the area actually have anything to gin, and about 80 percent of those are dryland farmers.

"The quality of the dryland cotton isn't looking too bad. We are expecting to get about half of a bale per acre this season, which isn't quite as bad as we had expected."

According to Southwest Crop Insurance owner Benny Blissard, this year's drought has a lot of farmers looking to get more insurance for next sea-

son.

"This season has really brought a big work load for me and my staff," said Blissard. "The cotton crop hasn't been very good this year, and many of the farmers are just trying to keep their heads above the water. Everyone in the cotton industry is coming up short this season."

"A lot of the farmers we cover are looking at additional insurance for next season. They just have to have more coverage than they needed in the past to keep going. They have to protect their investments."

Staggs said the recent increase in rain has had a positive effect on local cotton growers' spirits, as well as their views on next season.

"I think the recent rains have definitely had a positive effect on the grower's spirits," said Staggs. "It's certainly done more good than harm."

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For rent: Nice location: 807 W. 18th. 2 1/2 bdr. 1 bh. \$475/mn. \$200/dep. Call 264-9334 or 263-5875.

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Small 3bd. Mobile Home. C/H/A, w/d, stove & ref. \$350./mo., \$150/dep. HUD Midway area. Call 393-5585 anytime or after 2pm 267-3114.

Spacious 1 bdr. duplex. Close to schools, w/carport. \$190/mo. + dep. Call 267-4071 or 1-800-245-8837.

Two bedroom, separate dining. Good neighborhood. \$350. mo. \$150. deposit. 267-5646.

Very Clean One bedroom. Ref. air, carport. No pets! References. \$250./mo, \$100/dep. Call 263-2382 or 263-4697.

Very nice, recently remodeled 3 bdr. brick. Large room, sep. dining, large utility room, fenced yard, carport, ref. air, heat - \$525.00 references required. Call owner/agent 263-6892.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, DEC. 7:

Expect to be busy with unexpected communications, changes in plans and quick reversals. In this environment, you will flourish and grow. You'll be challenged to keep the big picture in mind, gain understanding and learn more about yourself. The more flexible you are, the happier you will be.

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) Flow with life's unpredictability; certain advantages immediately appear. Direct your fire toward creativity. Zero in on what you want. You always present a different point of view. Others trust your insights and respond, sometimes strongly. Tonight: Continue weekend friskiness.\*\*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You get upset when work goes haywire. There have been a lot of problems lately. Instead of being at the mercy of circumstances, take charge and move toward greater independence. Not everyone has to agree with you, yet a partner offers powerful feedback. Tonight: Happy at home.\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Discuss a child or loved one's creative ideas. Inspiration remains high. News from a distance provokes thought and emotional reactions. Others help you see the other side of an issue, as they present opinions that differ from yours. Reach into your imagination. Tonight: Breeze through errands.\*\*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Handle finances with care and precision. The unexpected occurs with others. Recognize the need to be more independent. Evaluate choices carefully. Work demands organization if you are going to complete what lies ahead. Family supports a project. Tonight: Play Santa.\*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Allow your spirit to emerge. High energy and creativity mark your work, decisions and interactions. You flourish, despite someone else's unpredictability. A relationship could be heating up. A phone call reveals yet another perspective. Tonight: Be your sunny self.\*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll sense that there is

much activity behind the scenes. Your nerves are frayed as a result. Take a brisk walk or exercise break at lunch. You will gain another view once you relax, especially about someone whom you put on a pedestal. Tonight: Take a night just for yourself!\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might be resistant to making changes in your mode of operation. The unexpected serves you in that you loosen up and handle situations in a more creative way. Success lies in thinking differently and breaking old patterns. Tonight: Be where your friends are.\*\*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take charge while you are in the limelight. Others turn to you for answers and ideas. Your sense of responsibility and dynamic approach bring you applause and respect. Consider what you need to do about a parent or respected family member. Tonight: Out and about.\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take an overview. Refuse to let someone push your buttons. Gossip runs rampant; you hear unexpected tidbits. Be cool; listen, but don't pass on any rumors. A friend pushes you in a certain direction. You know what you need to do. Tonight: Do something uplifting.\*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A partner shares important information. Please note that his opinion liberally colors it! You don't need to disagree, but do stay in charge. No one can manage his finances better than you. Intuition serves you when dealing with a special person. Tonight: Stay away from crowds.\*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Realize that others have the right to react, even if you don't want them to. The unexpected marks your actions. You might wonder which way is best for you. Push past barriers, and stay on top of new ideas. Commit to questioning and growing. Tonight: Join a friend.\*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Work demands your complete attention. Be direct in your dealings. Refuse to worry about something you can't change. Concentrate on one item at a time; you center yourself and feel better as a result. Your ability to adapt helps your career. Tonight: Work as late as need be.\*\*\*\*

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Restrictions of cell phones bring letters pro and con

DEAR ABBY: This is a response to your answer to Carol Rushing of Omaha, in which you said there should be a law restricting the use of cell phones while driving.

Your knee-jerk reaction harms all of our freedoms. Perhaps you will next suggest we pass laws that state:

- No tuning the radio while driving.

- No looking at your passenger during conversation while driving.

- No adjusting the temperature while driving.

- No driving without eight hours of sleep.

I could go on and on. We'll always have tragic accidents no matter how many laws you try to pass. This potential loss of freedom is much more tragic.

The marketplace can address these issues without requiring more laws. For example, the radio and heat controls could be located on the steering wheel for ease of use while driving. And there's no reason the

cell phone can't be integrated into the car to allow hands-free use. Remember the CB radio? Truck drivers have used them for more than 20 years while driving. You just have to give people the time to adjust to new technology, not attach restrictive laws with each new development. - TOM LYNCH, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

DEAR TOM: As someone who has seen drivers holding cell phones in one hand and gesturing with the other while driving, I must disagree. A study in 1997 by the University of Toronto researchers Donald Redelmeier and Robert Tibshirani concluded that drivers talking on cell phones are four times as likely to have an accident as those who do not use cell phones while behind the wheel. The communications director of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety was recently quoted as saying, "There's no question-they (cell phones) contribute to crashes."

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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