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



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 or \$2 will be added to your grocery total.
- TCA Cable of Big Spring will waive the cost installation for new customers who donate 10 cans of food for its food drive.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, is collecting coats for state 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. Bring two or more cans to the Ritz, the Star or Cinema Four movie theaters and you will receive a free tub of popcorn. Donating the cans also qualifies you for a chance to win a prize.

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Symphony Guild Tour of Homes promises lots of holiday spirit

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

A healthy dose of the holiday spirit is promised by Sunday's Big Spring Symphony Guild Tour of Homes.

The home tour takes visitors through some of the city's beautiful houses, beautifully decorated. This year's tour includes the residences of Glen and Cassandra Fillingim, 5 Highland Heather, Katie Lara, 714 Craigmont, and two other homes, 610 Highland, and 701 Caprock.

Tickets, \$10 each, are available in

advance at Blum's, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Dunlaps, First Bank of West Texas, Dakota's Flowers, Johansen's Nursery and Royal Draperies. During the tour, tickets can be purchased at any of the four homes.

Symphony Guild member Pam Brewer said the tour is great for inspiration, and not just for the holidays.

"You can get a lot of great ideas for interior design," she said. "It might be a color they've used in the living room that would work just right in your home, or it might be their furniture arrangements."

Last year, Brewer said she was having a home built about the time of the tour. "So I was getting lots of ideas I could use," she said. "I really enjoyed it."

The tour isn't for children, organizers said. But it's not just for women, either.

"It is mostly women," Brewer said, "but many of them bring their spouses and significant others, too."

Door prizes will add excitement to this year's tour, including gifts from Estee Lauder, Merle Norman, Mary Kay and Royal Draperies. The ticket includes a place to sign one's name, address and phone number for the drawing, and tick-

etholders are asked to leave them at the last house they visit.

For homeowners who donate use of their home and their time, the tour is plenty of hard work, Brewer said.

"We're very appreciative of the people who do this, who open their homes to us," she said. "Without them, of course it wouldn't be possible."

And it's all for a very good cause, Brewer added.

"The money raised goes for the symphony, and that's something we're very lucky to have," she said. "It needs our support."

Vandalism prompts officials to enforce closing of gates at Comanche Trail Park

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Don't try to take a late-night drive through Comanche Trail Park during the winter months. You'll find yourself locked out.

Park gates at each entrance, in place for years, have not been used recently. But an increase in vandalism at the park and other areas throughout town has prompted city officials to enforce an ordinance already on the books.

The park officially closes at 10 p.m., and at least for the next few months, the gates will be locked at that time. Only Big Spring Police vehicles will be allowed in after closing.

"We just thought with all the vandalism and everything, that we've got to take some type of action," said Becky Crane, director of Parks and Recreation. The locked gate policy will continue at least through January, but as spring arrives, the policy will change, she added.

"By then we'll need to find a way to at least let vehicles exit the park," Crane explained. "There is some organized recreation, the golf course and softball games, that goes on past 10 (p.m.)."

Big Spring Police will continue to patrol the park through the winter, informing late-night visitors that the facility is closed.

"We don't think closing the park at 10 will affect many people at this time of year," Crane said. "Most people leave the park by this time anyway."

Jack Birdwell, course superintendent at Comanche Trail Golf Course, said the locked



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

City officials have decided to enforce an ordinance that calls for locking the gates at Comanche Trail Park at 10 p.m.

gates are not likely to affect the course much during the winter.

"As far as our day to day operation, it won't really affect us," Birdwell said. "We try to get all our golf carts in by sundown, and it's generally an hour after sundown when we're closing up. So at this time of year, it shouldn't hurt us."

In fact, Birdwell said he supports the change if it will protect the park.

"If it would actually curb the vandalism, I'm all for it," he said. "Because we have a lot of it. Anything's worth a try."

The entrance to Dora Roberts Civic Center, on South

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School delayed

Construction of junior high not expected to be complete until March, contractor says

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Big Spring junior high students won't be getting a new school for Christmas.

Construction on the \$12 million junior high school is only 85 percent complete, but should be finished by March 1999, trustees learned Thursday night.

"I have been in touch with each and every subcontractor and the owners of those companies, and I believe a legitimate completion time will be sometime in early March," said Leonard Brozo, owner of Monterey Construction Co.

"I met with them personally, and this is the length of time they're saying it will take to complete the projects. I have issued letters to hold them to this," Brozo said.

Tommie Huckabee, architect of the school with Huckabee and Associates, said inspections of the building by city code enforcers, fire marshals and

other licensing agents may take a month following the construction completion.

"I believe it will be April 1 before the building can be turned over to the school," Huckabee said.

The contract calls for landscaping to be completed as well, Huckabee said.

"We know we shouldn't (grass) seed the area until April 1. The contractor is obligated to get the grass established," Huckabee said.

Huckabee also advised trustees to not seek construction of a retaining wall for the southwest side of the building. An eight-foot tall mound of earth forms the ground perimeter closest to the road. This area has been of some concern for the trustees as a safety factor.

"I believe the grade will be within the recommended slope, and with the rain we have here it should be maintainable," Huckabee said.

The construction project had a July 10, 1998 completion date, with 35 days included for delays and weather.

That brought the finished date to Aug. 14 of this year, and the March deadline far exceeds the original bid of 480 days.

The construction project has been plagued with problems. First a concrete stress problem delayed progress for several months.

Then, a shortage of skilled

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BROZO



HUCKABEE

Big Spring folks turn on their lights for the holiday season

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Big Spring beckons with twinkling, glowing lights on a darkened horizon, as the Christmas Decorating Contest proves home is the place to be for the holidays.

"We had 35 entries, and we have lots of beautiful lights. It took us three hours to judge the entries, and we have seen outstanding decorations and lots and lots of lights," said Terri Johansen, who, along with Terri Newton and Dianne Moses, judged the contest Tuesday.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Big Spring Herald, KBST Radio and Spade and Hoe Garden Club, the contest is an annual event that began as an idea of the late Edna Womack.

"Edna would think this is one of the prettiest years we've had," Johansen said.

However, she said Womack, who passed away earlier this year, would be disappointed in the number of commercial entries this year.

"We only had four businesses enter this year," she said.

In the commercial category, Red Mesa Grill, 2401 Gregg, received the Best of the Best Inside decorations. The Senior Citizen's Center received Honorable Mention for their efforts.

Best of the Best Outside recognition went to Joy's Hallmark, 1900 C Gregg. The Master's Touch and The Karat Patch, 995 East FM 700.

"Red Mesa is unique and beau-

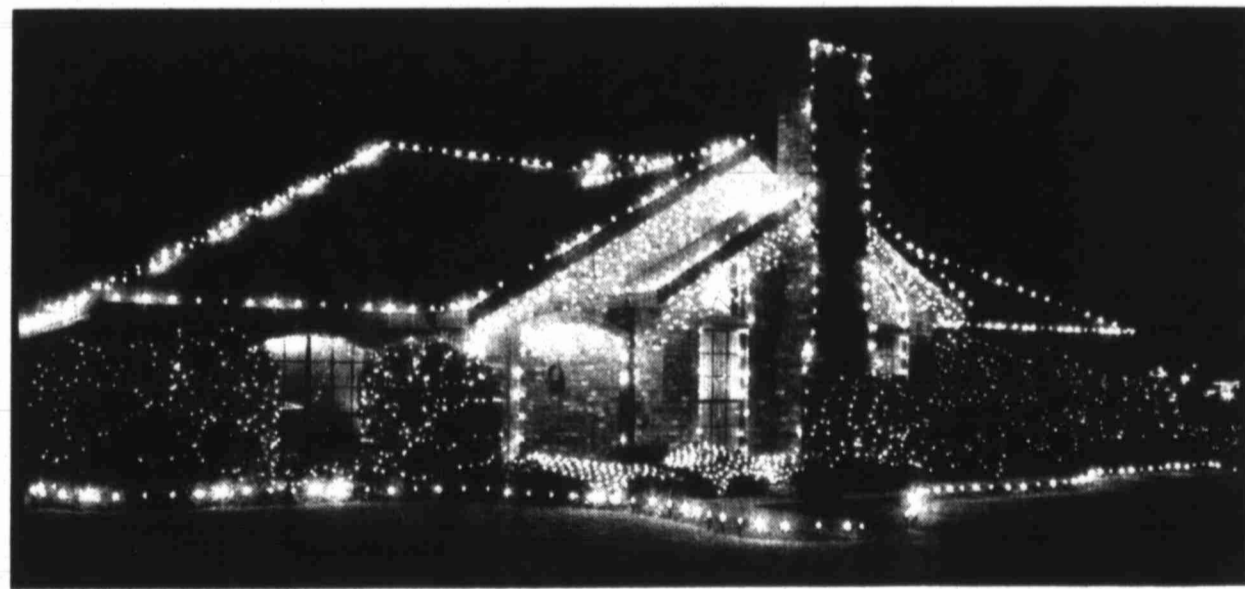
tiful, and Joy's Hallmark is class itself. The Senior Citizen's Center looks like a beautiful, gilded palace," Johansen said.

Other memorable winners Johansen recalled were a Santa Claus waving from a home on Wood Street, space ships and an old locomotive at a home on Midway Road, and a Santa Claus reclining on a porch on San Antonio Street.

"Harold Davis' house is beautiful and another home at 15th and Johnson is wonderful, and brings out the child in us all," Johansen said.

Each of the winners receive media recognition and a certificate of appreciation.

The chamber has city maps available for those folks taking the family around to see Christmas lights.



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Ronell and Sherry Brock's home, 2800 MacAuslan, is one of the Must See in the Christmas Decorating Contest.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Residential					
First Place Lights		Randy & Katy McKinney	1314 Monmouth	Tom & Julie Coates	908 Lancaster
Joe Martinez	618 Birdwell Lane	Jerry Sloan	6100 Walter Road	Kimberly Randel	1800 South Main
Paul & Rhonda Gibbs	2312 Driver Road	Arnold & Gwan Collins	806 San Antonio	Festival of Lights Comanche Trail Park	
John Alred	2605 Larry	Eddie Word	1806 Gollad	Elegant	
Marcus Carr	606 Holbert	First Place Theme		Del & Karen Brewer	1209 Dixie Avenue
Shane & Karen Ward	4208 Theo	Ray Rinard	718 Colgate	Bill & Theda Brooks	#4 Kiowa Circle
Tony Hernandez	629 State	Jerry & Sharon Gaylor	207 Circle	Non-Judged Entries	
Kelly Garrett	3705 Calvin	Sean Bouchereau	1500 Johnson	Ben Rubio	2106 Cecilia
Erlinda Flores	1213 West 6th	Postcard Award		Commercial	
David Clinkscales	1304 Runnels	Steve & Karen Fraser	905 Highland	Best of the Best-Inside	
Benny Rodriguez	601 East 17th	Best of the Best		Red Mesa Grill	2401 Gregg
Second Place Lights		Don & Cindy Longorin	700 Craigmont	Honorable Mention	
Eva Pike	#19 Valverde	Harold & Janelle Davis	701 Capn	Senior Citizens Center	
Dan & Kathy Lusk	705 Highland	George Sloan	6013 East Midway	Best of the Best-Outside	
First Place Original Homemade		Must See		Joy's Hallmark	
Robert Reagan	1107 Wood Street	Ronell & Sherry Brock		The Master's Touch &	
				The Karat Patch	
					995 East FM 700

OBITUARIES

Gladys Davis

Graveside service for Gladys Davis, 91, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rodney Tedford, minister of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Davis died Thursday, Dec. 10, in a San Angelo nursing home. She was born on June 27, 1907, in Lamar County, and married Albert Davis on April 10, 1930.

Floyd Curry

Floyd Curry, 80, Pecos, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa following a short illness.

He was born on March 26, 1918, in Corsicana. He had lived in Pecos for three years, moving from Big Spring. He lived most of his life in Big Spring and the Lamesa area.

Survivors include: four daughters, Lyn Franks, Lori West, Becky Ray, all of Lorena, and Kathy Overstreet of Houston; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died Thursday, Dec. 10, 1998, in a Lubbock hospital.

Service for Herbert D. Storen, 48, Dallas, will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 1998, at the First Baptist Church of De Soto with Rev. Oscar Smart officiating.

He had been a Dallas resident since 1981. Survivors include: his mother, Helen Storen of Dallas; two brothers, John Storen of Dallas, and Michael Storen of Big Spring; and a niece.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements under the direction of West/Hurt Funeral Home, De Soto.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

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

Gladys Davis, 91, died Thursday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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CONSTRUCTION

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masons delayed the extensive brick laying that forms the majority of the building's interior and exterior walls.

Huckabee said a Spring Break move for the Runnels Junior High School students is not feasible, as one week may not be enough time to relocate the entire contents of the school.

"It would be pretty tight. It is a big move, with the entire contents of the library and the stock in the kitchen.

"You'll want the whole project completed before you accept the building," Huckabee said.

Trustees have the option of penalizing the contractor with \$250 per calendar day past the deadline.

"But remember, this project came in at almost \$1 million under budget. This is a super building and we're expecting it to perform just as nice as it looks," he said.

William McQueary, superintendent, said, "Speaking for the board, this is a beautifully designed building and will really be a show place."

GATES

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Highway 87 and Whipkey, will be open, but visitors will be blocked further down the road, at the large stone gate that opens up to the spring area, Crane explained.

The entrance at Belvedere and Wasson, and the original gate to the park on South 87 past Comanche Lake will also be closed.

High school band sets holiday concert

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

More than 450 Big Spring band students Saturday will salute the holiday season through an annual concert at the city auditorium.

The concert begins with the sixth grade Beginners Band at 6 p.m., followed by the seventh graders at about 6:30 p.m., said Rocky Harris, high school band director.

"This is a community event, not just a school event, and we invite the entire community to this concert. We're having this at the auditorium so Big Spring people will feel the holiday spirit and this music will help set the mood for the season," Harris said.

The students have been practicing for weeks for this program. This is the fourth year Harris has been producing the program.

"The auditorium is a great place to have this concert. We were using it last year and it is a nice place to play in, and a nice place to attend a concert," Harris said.

He said the balcony seating adds to the experience for patrons, as it affords a person an opportunity to look down into the band.

Each group will perform at different times throughout the concert, he said.

Following the seventh graders, Runnels band will begin at about 7 p.m. The high school band should begin their performance about 7:30 p.m.

"These times are all approximate, as we have to have set up times for the chairs, which can slow us down," Harris said.

The Beginner Band of 156 sixth graders will offer "A Dash of Christmas" for the audience, as well as "First Christmas Overture."

Traditional Christmas music such as "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "A Holly Jolly Christmas" will be performed by the 85 Goliad Middle School Band seventh graders.

"This is book work for these students, which is a big deal. The "Clarinet Christmas" for the seventh graders is a big deal, because this highlights the clarinet players," Harris said.

The Runnels Junior High Band with 70 students will perform a variation of "We Three Kings of Orient Are," as well as three other songs including "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

The Big Spring High Steer Band of 166 students will offer five songs, with a special selection of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with narration by Bruce Schuler.

A marching show is scheduled as well.

The Band Boosters will be selling crafts and baked goods at the concert as a fundraiser for the band students' Florida trip to Disneyworld next summer, he said.

Frank Truex, band director at Goliad Middle School, said his students are excited about performing the concert.

"We tried to select music the students would be excited about," Truex said.

And Wendy Thomas, the third director for the band program in the Big Spring Independent School District, said she is currently teaching percussion.

"We won Best Drum Line in the Tall City Marching Contest," Thomas said.

The concert Saturday is free and open to the public.

Anti-drug pencil turns pro-drug when sharpened

TICONDEROGA, N.Y. (AP) — A company is trying to erase an embarrassing mistake it made on pencils bearing an anti-drug message.

The pencils carry the slogan: "Too Cool to Do Drugs."

A sharp-eyed fourth-grader in northern New York noticed when the pencils are sharpened, the message turns into "Cool to Do Drugs" then simply "Do Drugs."

As a result of the discovery by 10-year-old Kodi Mosier of Ticonderoga Elementary School, the company, called The Bureau For At-Risk Youth of Plainview, recalled the pencils.

"We're actually a little embarrassed that we didn't notice that sooner," spokeswoman Darlene Clair told today's Press-Republican of Plattsburgh.

A new batch of pencils will have the message written in the opposite direction, so when they are sharpened, they read "Too Cool To Do" and finally "Too Cool."

For pointing out the botched message, Mosier earned his class a letter of apology from the company and box full of T-shirts.

Why does Kodi think the

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

company didn't catch the mistake themselves? "I guess they didn't sharpen their pencils," he said.

Black man sues mall for Santa job

AUSTIN (AP) — A black man who says he was repeatedly frustrated in his attempts to get work as a mall Santa has filed a lawsuit claiming racial discrimination and breach of contract.

DeWayne Lofton, 32, said he applied for a \$7.50-an-hour job as Santa Claus in November with Santa Plus, a St. Peters, Mo.-based company that contracts with local shopping malls to fill Santa positions.

Lofton said he was told by Santa Plus managers they needed approval from Barton Creek Square Mall management to hire him and that the mall had a policy against hiring minorities to be Santas.

Lofton said he contacted mall officials and was assured the mall did not have such a policy, but his repeated attempts to start working were stalled and he eventually gave up.

He filed the lawsuit in state district court Tuesday against Santa Plus and Barton Creek Square Mall management company Simon Properties, Inc.

Lofton said when he first talked to Santa Plus in November, he was told they were desperate for Santa applicants.

But Lofton said that when he arrived to fill out the application, a Santa Plus manager told him, "When I spoke to you over the phone, I did not realize that you were black. I'll have to check with the mall to see if it would be O.K. to hire; you know."

Mall manager Nancy Hedrick said Thursday she did not speak with Lofton and that the mall does not have a policy against hiring minorities to play Santa.

The lawsuit said Lofton spoke with a man in the mall management offices but Hedrick said she didn't know who that would be. The lawsuit does not name who Lofton spoke with in mall management or at Santa Plus.

Lofton and his attorney, John W. Thomas, of Austin, declined to comment Thursday. A Santa Plus spokeswoman said she had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment.

"We don't have the authority or responsibility for employment in tenant spaces," Ms. Hedrick said. "We can't tell them who to hire or not hire. I'm sorry if this man believes we do, but we don't," Ms. Hedrick said.

BRIEFS

SUPPORT FOR GULF WAR veterans is available through Odessa Desert Shield, Desert Storm Association, Inc.

"We will be setting up some meetings, sharing information, things like that," said Rhonda Simon, a Colorado City resident who serves as area representative of the support group. "There have been some new bills past and we want to get veterans educated on those and get them going back to the Veterans Administration."

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the support group can call Simon at 915 728-2746 or email her at ezresort@bit-

TEXAS LOTTERY PICK 3: 6, 8, 8 CASH 5: 2, 5, 28, 33, 39

street.com or call group president Vic Sylvester at 915 368 4667.

The group also has a website at www.odssa.com

A BENEFIT DINNER AND dance is planned Saturday at La Vadera Club for Tim Salazar, cancer patient. Plates of turkey and dressing are \$4 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The dance begins at 8 p.m. with Grupo Sensacion.

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

•NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndromes support group meets the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at Healthsouth, Loop 250 and Hwy 191.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

MARKETS

March cotton 61.05 cents, down 149 points; Jan. crude 10.74, up

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JACK FROST (PG) FRI. 4:30-7:00-9:25 SAT. 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:25 SUN. 2:00-4:30-7:00 MON.-THURS. 4:30-7:00

ENEMY OF THE STATE (R) FRI. 4:10-7:10-9:45 SAT. 1:40-4:10-7:10-9:45 SUN. 1:40-4:10-7:10 MON.-THURS. 4:10-7:10

PSYCHO (R) FRI. 4:00-7:20-9:35 SAT. 1:30-4:00-7:20-9:35 SUN. 1:30-4:00-7:20 MON.-THURS. 4:00-7:20

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2 points; Cash hogs steady, at \$1 lower at 15; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 59 even; Dec. lean hog futures 21.05, down 92 points; Dec. live cattle futures 58.45, down 110 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

FIRE/EMS

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

9:15 a.m. — Scenic Mountain Medical Center, trauma call, patient transported to University Medical Center.

6:05 p.m. — 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

7:33 p.m. — 3800 block Piper, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

• WILLIAM WARNER, 22, was arrested for local warrants.

• MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ, 22, was arrested for a Potter County warrant.

• RICHARD HUCKABEE, 38, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

• TIMOTHY MAJOR, 24, was arrested for local warrants.

• FORGERY was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 300 block of Northwest 11th. A passenger window, valued at \$150 was damaged and four spoke wheels, valued at \$1,600, a compact disc player valued at \$700, compact discs valued at \$60, were reported stolen.

• CLASS C ASSAULT was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

• THEFT was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

• THEFT LESS THAN \$50 was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• CLASS C ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 41 Thursday's low 34 Average high 56 Average low 31 Record high 83 in 1933 Record low 14 in 1917 Precip. Thursday 0.10 Month to date 0.14 Month's normal 0.25 Year to date 12.78 Normal for the year 17.80

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

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.

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RITZ 401 S. Main 263-7480 Adult 5 Child 3 RUGRATS (G) DIGITAL SOUND DAILY: 7:10-9:10 Sat. & Sun. Mat. 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30 MEET JOE BLACK (PG-13) DAILY: 7:00 Sat. & Sun. Mat. 1:30-5:00-8:30 I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R) DAILY: 7:15-9:30 Sat. & Sun. Mat. 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 *Pass & Super Saver Restricted

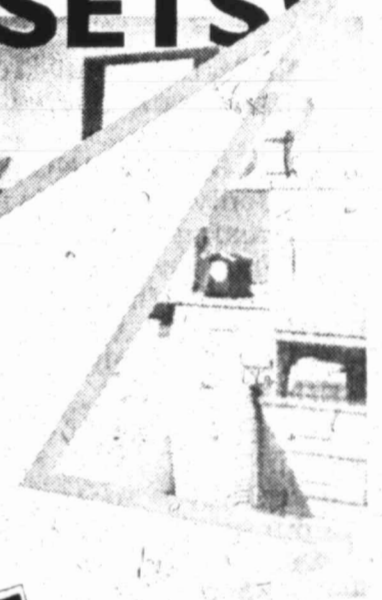
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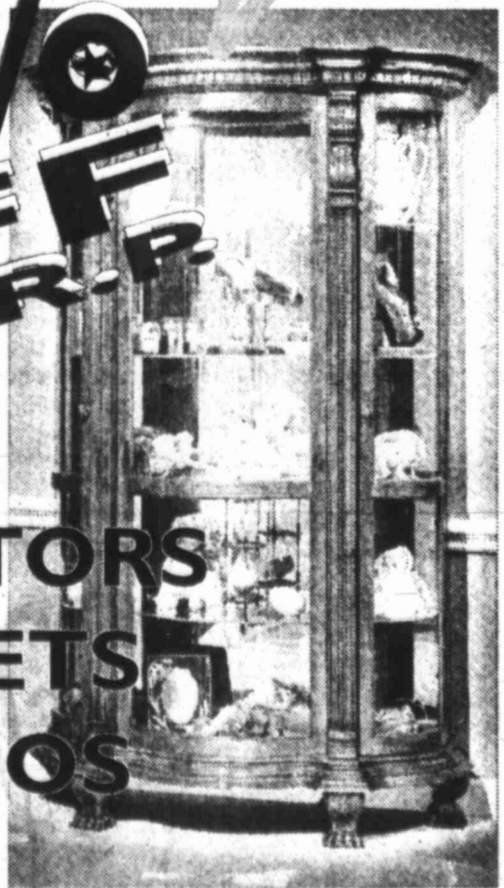


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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- **PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS** — all of Howard County and more, it seems — who turned out for the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.
- **PARADE WINNERS** Boy Scout Troop 25, Norwest Bank, Western Container and Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
- **UNITED WAY OF BIG SPRING AND HOWARD COUNTY**, which not only reached its goal of \$217,500, but surpassed it by raising \$223,164.
- **PAT SIMMONS** and everyone who helped with the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park.
- **VALERIE SULLIVAN**, who was chosen as Howard County Firefighter of the Year.
- **MARY FRANCES MALONE**, who took it on herself to get angels adopted for the Salvation Army Angel Tree program.
- **BOB DEAVENPORT**, who is retiring after 18 years as Martin County judge.
- **STUDENTS AT COLLEGE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**, who on Thursday performed "A Storybook Christmas."
- **BIG SPRING HIGH CHOIR STUDENTS**, for a wonderful holiday concert on Tuesday.

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

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to publicly express my thanks to some special people in our community and area. Our school system was devastated by the tragic death of Adam Andrews, who died in a car wreck on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Within hours we had volunteer help with counseling grief-stricken students. I would like to thank Big Spring counselors Don Cook, Rue Ann Cox, Keith Bagnall, and Denise Gandy.

Thanks also to Coahoma counselors Cheryl Green, Leola McCrea, and Patsy Stokes. Others responding were Stanton counselor Janet Outlaw and Linda Jolly from Region 18 ESC.

Area youth workers and ministers who were at our school in a time of need were: Jeff Donnell, Tim Dunn, Virgil Feinsod, Bill Banks, Loren Sprowl, James Sanderson, Gary Phillips, and Robert Rachug.

Last, but not least, thanks to the parents, teachers, and administrators who responded with such compassion. It is great to live in a community of such caring individuals. God bless you all.

BOB EVANS
COUNSELOR
FORSAN ISD

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is directed to the sorry punks who recently vandalized the lights, Kids Zone at the park and now the Vietnam Memorial, again. I doubt they can read, but maybe some of their more illustrious "homies" can "do word up" for them.

I was in a gang for 10 1/2 years. It was a really big one, and I had six weeks of "initiation". Then, I moved to California. The "family" then sent me to England. (Can you find these places on a globe or map??)

I was barely in my twenties when I went to Turkey, (no-no what you guys are, the country), Belgium and Holland. My gang sent me to school and

kept promoting me. We did colours, light and dark blue. We wore those, but we flew the red, white and blue all the time. We were so cool. We were the Air Force.

Please consider joining my gang. You won't have time or the desperate urge to desecrate and destroy property — especially with symbols associated with the horrors of Nazism. You will learn history, pride, responsibility from the service-guess what? You'll really like it!

I'm in another gang now. We're at 2009 S. Main, First Church of God and we have a great youth program. You're all welcome, but lose the spray paint first, OK?

REBECCA DELATOUR
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you Big Spring Herald and your employees for sponsoring the Community Christmas Parade. It was indeed "Homespun Americana" at its best. We loved every minute of it.

The ideal weather was certainly a plus along with the beautiful West Texas sky. A great part of the fun was watching families with their children as they viewed the various entries. Seeing all the children who participated was very special.

As a country kid, I remember walking with a Girl Scout troop in a political parade for Pappy Leo O'Daniel who was running for governor in the 1930's. Perhaps this event will be special to these children.

I am glad I did not have to judge and have no quarrel with the decisions. I just wish I could have seen "Pa Kettle" fall out of his rocking chair. So thanks to the Herald and all the people who worked so hard to do this community proud.

OZELLA AND AL LONG
BIG SPRING
P.S. One person remarked, "After watching TV, this restores your faith in this country."

Same 'coon, just another ring around his tail

Fifty years ago a raw-boned countryman from Nelson County graced the Virginia General Assembly. A gifted orator, he regularly assailed a tax bill that kept coming back, in one form or another, year after year.

"Same old 'coon," he would warn the House. "Just another ring around his tail."

The Supreme Court welcomed an old raccoon in September. The high court agreed to hear California's appeal in a case involving an issue that has kept coming back since Colonial times. In an effort to avoid becoming a "welfare magnet," may a state treat residents and nonresidents differently?

In the welfare reform act of 1996, Congress authorized the states to set up a two-tiered structure of welfare benefits: one level for established residents, a presumptively lower level for aliens from out of state. Will the act stand up? I doubt it, but who knows? The facts are not in dispute.

Until early in 1997, Brenda Roe was a resident of Oklahoma. When her husband lost his job, the Roes decided to move to California to pursue employment there. Brenda was six months pregnant. Complications developed. Because she could not be left unattended, her husband could not look for a job. The couple applied for public welfare.

Bad news. The Roes ran into a law adopted by California in 1992. The law says that a family that has resided in the state for less than 12 months may receive welfare benefits "not to exceed the maximum aid payment that would have been received by the family from the state of prior residence."

The Roes brought suit under Section 1983 of the U.S. Code, charging that the two-tiered system violated their civil rights. Last January the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit agreed with their position. Now the Supreme Court has set the case for argument Jan. 13.

The American Colonies took the Elizabethan Poor Law of 1601 as a model. Newcomers to a town or county who might become public charges were "warned out" or "passed on" to the next jurisdiction. In contemporary times, many states

have sought to distinguish new residents from old-timers in all kinds of diverse ways.

Alaska, for example, attempted to allocate oil reserve dividends according to the length of each citizen's residence. New York limited its veterans' preference benefits to those who had enlisted from New York. An Arizona case involved a statute prohibiting residents of less than a 12-month duration from receiving publicly funded nonemergency medical care. The same old 'coon keeps coming back.

It's easy to understand the position of states that offer above-average welfare benefits. In the case at hand, Brenda Roe is joined by Anna Doe. Anna moved from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles in April of last year. As a single parent she qualified for \$330 a month in the District. She gets \$456 a month in L.A. Was the differential a magnet that drew her to L.A.?

Trial and appellate courts have struck down all such efforts to penalize outsiders for being outsiders. The leading precedent is known as the Shapiro case of 1969. It had to do with a woman who moved from Massachusetts to Connecticut in 1966 and immediately applied for welfare benefits. Connecticut's law denied any payments at all to persons who had not lived in the state

for at least a year.

Speaking through Justice William Brennan, the high court declared the Connecticut law unconstitutional. In the same sweeping opinion, the court struck down similar laws in Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. The Constitution, said Brennan, guarantees a fundamental right to travel "throughout the length and breadth of our land uninhibited by statutes, rules or regulations which unreasonably burden or restrict this movement."

Brennan never explained where this fundamental right was lodged in the Constitution. "We have no occasion to ascribe the source of this right to travel interstate to a particular constitutional provision." Other jurists have discovered a right to travel in the privileges-and-immunities clause of the 14th Amendment that may not be abridged. Then, too, there is the doctrine of equal protection of the laws.

In any event, to reverse the 9th Circuit in the case of Brenda Roe would require the high court to exile Shapiro and its progeny to an orphan's home of overruled cases. This seems unlikely. The Constitution hasn't changed in the 30 years since Shapiro. The right to uninhibited travel, if it existed then, is still in the Constitution now.



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These are essays on matters of consequence

Bob Sanders is the John Prine of essayists; not enough people have heard of him and not enough ever will. Sanders' writing is great, but it somehow missed the boat to widespread distribution.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Maybe that's because his main job has been running a radio station all these years. Early, early in the morning you can hear him over little WAUD in Auburn, Ala., his voice an official part of dawn. The birds wouldn't know to rise if they didn't hear Sanders.

His radio capers are another story, but Sanders is enduring proof that the AM dial doesn't have to be full of sophomoric, scatological noise. You can actually be funny, topical and interesting without being crude. And he knows more

about music, all kinds than that Peter Schickele fellow on National Public Radio.

A book came in the mail, its cover a sepia-colored family photograph from 1939. Sanders finally, finally, had put together some of the columns he wrote on a weekly basis over a period of 25 years for the newspapers in Auburn.

One of my first chores in newspapering was to "edit" Sanders' columns when he walked one in the door. All that meant was to sit and read and marvel and try to come up with a headline one-tenth as clever as the essay itself.

There was nothing to edit, and no misplaced or cheap words.

Sanders knew the language, and he knew restraint.

"Friends, Family and Frontier Country" is the book's name, "frontier country" being what Sanders calls Lamar County, Ala., where he grew up.

And these are all columns about childhood, which, in someone else's hands, might have meant cornball or boring writing. These are anything but. If E.B. White had married

Erma Bombeck and moved to the Deep South, their most gifted child might think like Sanders.

He writes of going to see "The Wizard of Oz" with his third-grade class. "The authorities of the grammar school decided in their all-knowing wisdom to bus us all to Sulligent to see it..."

As we headed up Graves' hill, out of town, we went by Alton Rector's house. His mama was out in the patch by the house, hoeing cotton, I think, and he pulled open the window and yelled, "Hey! Mama!" about the time the bus driver was leveling back into high gear after the climb. She turned around and straightened up and shoved back her sunbonnet to see who it was and waved back. Alton was a big hero for a little while.

And about the fire tower: "There was a full moon and a pleasant summer breeze, cool but not too cool, and the view was like the tale about the men stranded in the desert who had good news and bad news. There was nothing especially to see, but you could see a powerful lot of it..."

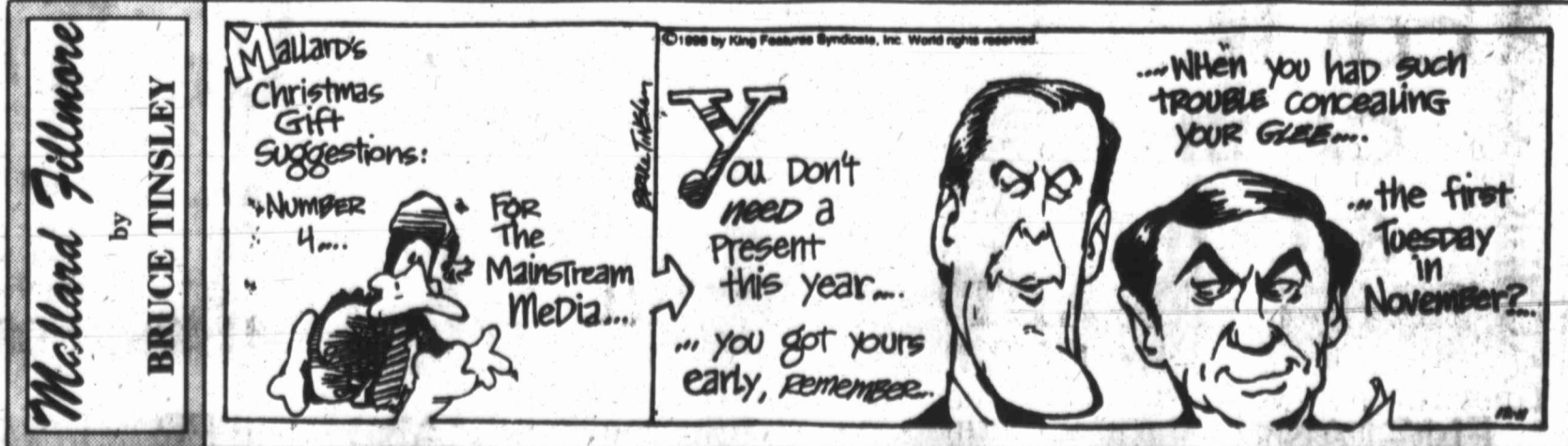
I've thought a lot about the publishing business lately, partly because not a day goes by that I don't get a review book in the mail. One company shoots out these insipid little self-help books faster than I can count.

For instance, one day I got a book called "Stupid Celebrities: Over 500 of the Most Idiotic Things Ever Said by Famous People" with quotes like this one from Cher: "I've been up and down so many times that I feel as if I'm in a revolving door." The very next day, from this same publishing house, came a book called "Workout on the Go"; it is sold with its own Latex workout band.

I am sick of celebrities, and of gimmicky books. Sanders writes of matters of consequence, of being homesick on a train to Dallas, of ordering his first shotgun, about Clyde, the hired man.

In the book are lines you will want to remember, and there's no Latex involved.

Sanders' book can be ordered for \$25.95 from the Gnu's Room, 414 S. Gay St., Auburn, AL 36890



New AG will investigate \$519 million fees in tobacco case

DALLAS (AP) — The lawyers involved in the Texas tobacco industry lawsuit settlement have been awarded nearly \$3.3 billion by a national arbitration panel, according to a published report.

The Dallas Morning News quoted attorneys involved in the case.

The decision, which is the newspaper said is the largest attorney fee award in U.S. history, means the state will not have to pay any money to the

five plaintiffs' lawyers for their work in the landmark tobacco case, people familiar with the proceedings told the newspaper.

The panel, appointed jointly by the cigarette makers and a group of trial lawyers, deliberated 15 hours Thursday in Washington, D.C., before agreeing to give the five Texas attorneys 19 percent of the \$17.3 billion settlement reached earlier this year, lawyers told the newspaper.

It was unknown early today

whether Houston lawyer Marc Murr, who had submitted a separate request for \$519 million, received any money from the panel.

The panel's award was nearly \$1 billion more than the original contract of 15 percent afforded them. But it is considerably less than the \$6 billion to \$25 billion that they requested last weekend.

The Texas lawyers should get their first \$200 million paycheck from the companies on Dec. 15,

tobacco industry lawyers said.

The Dallas newspaper report came just after the incoming attorney general vowed to look into a lucrative tobacco settlement deal involving a close friend of outgoing Attorney General Dan Morales.

Attorney General-elect John Cornyn said Thursday he has asked Morales not to get rid of any evidence in the case involving the \$519 million consulting fee sought by Murr, Morales' old friend and political

fundraiser.

"There's nothing I can do until I take office in January, but I plan to look at it," Cornyn said. "I have asked him (Morales) to preserve the documents involved so that I can pursue the matter after I take office."

"People should be cautious about jumping to conclusions, but questions need to be asked and the matter pursued wherever it leads," Cornyn said.

Murr is seeking three percent

of the state's \$17.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry, according to the newspaper. But he's unlikely to get more than 1.5 percent, or \$260 million.

If the national panel doesn't give Murr at least \$260 million, he could go to federal court to seek the difference from the industry's payments to the state.

The newspaper says a state arbitration panel — appointed by Murr and Morales — already has promised Murr the money.

High court stops execution of Canadian

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Joseph Stanley Faulder hadn't expected to be alive today.

"He believed he was going to die," his attorney, Sandra Babcock, said Thursday night after the U.S. Supreme Court delayed his scheduled execution so it could examine claims that his rights were violated under international law.

The stay came about 30 minutes before Faulder, 61, could have been strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney for lethal injection for killing a 75-year-old East Texas woman 23 years ago.

"I think that's cruel and unusual punishment and I wish he didn't have to go through that roller coaster," an annoyed Ms. Babcock said.

Faulder told of the reprieve by Texas Department of

Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald, was surprised at the news.

"Far out!" he told Fitzgerald. "That suits me."

He would have been the first Canadian executed since 1952 and the case had attracted much attention in Canada, where capital punishment was outlawed in 1976.

"He was a very happy man," Fitzgerald said. "Stan didn't have a lot of emotion. He wasn't dancing, but he obviously was very happy."

The Canadian government, joined by U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, had protested Faulder's scheduled punishment.

"The consular notification issues in this case are sufficiently troublesome..." Ms. Albright wrote two weeks ago in a letter to Texas Gov. George

W. Bush.

Bush's response was that people shouldn't commit murder in Texas, regardless of nationality.

Faulder's attorneys argued Canadian authorities should have been told of his murder arrest and detention under terms of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. Also under that treaty, Texas authorities should have informed Faulder, a native of Jasper, Alberta, of his right to contact the Canadian government for help.

Texas officials insisted while they knew Faulder previously had served prison time in Canada, he did not tell them he was a Canadian citizen. And it wasn't until 15 years later that his family, who believed he was long dead, and the Canadian government discovered him alive.

Judge to consider Mount Carmel claim

WACO (AP) — More than five years after David Koresh's Mount Carmel headquarters went up in smoke, the dispute over ownership of the 77 acres in Central Texas continues to smolder.

State District Judge Alan Mayfield said Thursday he would begin trial Tuesday on at least some of contested issues in lawsuits filed by two self-professed leaders of the Branch Davidian church.

Mayfield took under advisement a motion from 14 Koresh followers to dismiss counterclaims to the sect's property filed by Amo Bishop Roden and Douglas Mitchell.

Mrs. Roden was the wife of cult leader George Roden, who lost control of the group in a 1987 gunbattle with Koresh.

Roden was found dead this week on the grounds at Big Spring State Hospital, where he was sent in 1989 after being found not guilty by reason of insanity in the slaying of his roommate in Odessa.

Mrs. Roden asserted that a "spiritual message" directed her to assume leadership of the association and take possession of the land.

Mitchell said he lived at Mount Carmel from 1982 to 1984 while it was under the leadership of George Roden's mother, Lois Roden.

He also professes to head the association and claims ownership of the property.

Mitchell contends that Koresh, and now Koresh's followers led by Clive Doyle, violated church bylaws and changed the name of the true association, thereby legally relinquishing their claim to the property.

In addition to his claim to the land, Mitchell also is seeking to block Koresh's followers from using the name Branch Davidian

Adventist Association.

"I am still a member of the church. I just didn't follow Koresh," Mitchell said. "But we have never lost the land or the name because they had no right to ever claim it."

Doyle, who survived the April 19, 1993, fire at Mount Carmel

in which Koresh and about 80 of his followers died, did not attend Thursday's hearing.

He has said his group is eager to resolve the land dispute because they want to provide more affordable housing there for many of the elderly followers of Koresh.

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Committee Republicans ready to approve impeachment resolution

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a pivotal day reached only twice before in the nation's history, Republicans are primed to muscle through the House Judiciary Committee an impeachment resolution that advocates removal of President Clinton from office.

The committee where legal arguments are co-mingled with raw partisanship is to debate four articles of impeachment today and make its recommendations to the 435-member House.

The articles accuse the president of lying under oath to a grand jury, lying under oath in the Paula Jones civil lawsuit, obstruction of justice and abuse of power. All of Clinton's

actions were designed, they say, to conceal his extramarital affair with a former White House intern half his age, Monica Lewinsky.

Only twice before has the committee taken such a grave vote against a president, recommending impeachment of Richard M. Nixon in 1974 and Andrew Johnson in 1868. Nixon resigned before the House could act. Johnson was impeached by the House and acquitted by a single vote in a Senate trial.

Anticipating the lame-duck House would have to convene for a roll call on sending articles of impeachment to the Senate, retiring Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., has notified all 435 members to prepare to

return to the Capitol next week. Republican moderates will determine Clinton's fate on the House floor. Democrats fought for their support with an alternate proposal in committee to censure the president, a resolution the committee is virtually certain to reject in a vote, expected Saturday.

Although Democrats were said to be ready to stiffen their censure proposal with a call for a financial penalty from the president, it was unclear whether the full House would vote on any censure measure.

Congressional sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Rep. Bob Livingston, the Louisiana Republican in line to become speaker, had said in pri-

vate conversations he was unlikely to permit a vote on censure in the full House.

In alternating speeches Thursday night by Republicans who support impeachment and Democrats who oppose it, committee members set the stage and tried to prepare the nation for what was to come.

"The American people may wake up Sunday morning to find out that this committee has passed articles of impeachment on the president," said Rep. Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat and senator-elect who may get to vote three times: in committee, in the House and, if a trial is held, in the Senate.

"I think the American people are waiting for us to come to

our senses and end this political game of chicken."

Pro-impeachment Republicans spoke of the need to respect the rule of law, to teach children right from wrong and to punish those who lie under oath — even presidents who don't tell the truth about an extramarital affair.

"We can't escape it. Perjury and falsehood under oath still leaps out at us," said Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa.

Democrats, however, contended there are degrees of perjury, and that personal and official misconduct are not the same.

"All lies are not perjury," said Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the committee's senior Democrat. "Perjury may or may

not be impeachable."

But Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., R-Wis., countered, "Every parent tries to teach their children to know the difference between right and wrong, to always tell the truth, and when they make mistakes to take responsibility for them and to face the consequences of their actions."

"No amount of government education programs ... can reverse the damage done to our children's values by the leader of our country," he said.

Before the members spoke, the two chief investigative counsels — David Schippers for the Republicans and Abbe Lowell for the Democrats — offered lengthy summations.

Schools do show some progress, but won't meet decade-end goals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although states have made important strides in certain areas of education, the nation's schools will fall short of goals set for the end of the decade in reading, math, graduation rates and other measures, says a group monitoring their progress.

Increased drug use and disruption in the classroom particularly have hampered schools' improvement, said the report released Thursday by the National Education Goals panel. In 1990, President Bush and the nation's governors outlined their goals, which included classrooms free of drugs and violence.

The report also showed

declines in reading and lifelong learning goals. The percentage of 12th graders proficient in reading has fallen, while share of proficient fourth- and eighth-graders has remained the same. Fewer adults with a high school diploma or less education are participating in adult education, compared to those who already have post-secondary education.

"If we are going to reach these goals, we must strengthen accountability and raise standards for students, teachers and schools," President Clinton said in a statement.

Schools did edge closer to some of the other goals. According to the report, the percentages of students proficient

in math have increased in the fourth, eighth and 12th grades. The proportion of college degrees awarded in math and science also has increased, including such degrees earned by minority and female students.

The bipartisan panel was set up to track progress in meeting the Goals 2000 developed after Bush and the nation's governors met in an education summit in 1989. The panel includes Republican and Democratic governors, state lawmakers and members of Congress.

North Carolina, South Carolina, California, Colorado and Texas have shown the biggest improvements overall since 1990, the report found.

'60 Minutes' planning to apologize for material from faked documentary

NEW YORK (AP) — Once again this year, a prominent news outlet is saying it's sorry.

CBS's "60 Minutes" will deliver an unusual on-air apology Sunday for airing a story about heroin smuggling that a British panel has determined was a fake.

The report was based on "The Connection," a British documentary that said Colombia's Cali drug cartel had opened a new heroin smuggling route to London. It aired on "60 Minutes" on June 1, 1997.

After the film's authenticity was challenged, an independent panel of lawyers and TV producers investigated and determined that producers had faked locations and paid actors to portray drug couriers.

"We got snowed," said Don Hewitt, executive producer of "60 Minutes," on Thursday.

The incident adds to the media's rough year. In July, CNN apologized and retracted a story alleging the U.S. military used nerve gas on Vietnam War defectors. "60 Minutes" also learned that it and other media outlets were fooled by a convicted killer from Massachusetts who had won release from prison partly on false claims that he served in Vietnam.

Earlier this year, The Cincinnati Enquirer ran a front-page apology to Chiquita Brands International Inc. for a series of stories that were based on stolen voice mail. And two Boston Globe columnists lost their jobs when they were accused of fabricating facts.

Hewitt will read the apology Sunday, the first time he has appeared on the program he has produced since 1968.

"We, you and television view-

ers in 14 other countries were taken. To make amends, we felt obligated to lay it all out in detail and ask you to please accept our apology," Hewitt's statement reads.

The newsmagazine showed a film clip purporting to show a courier eluding authorities by swallowing fingers of a latex glove filled with heroin. But investigators found there was no evidence the person was carrying heroin "rather than sugar, flour or mints."

The "60 Minutes" report was narrated by Steve Kroft. Upon getting the documentary, "60 Minutes" interviewed documentary producer Marc de Beaufort and was satisfied he had a good reputation, Hewitt said. De Beaufort has blamed a researcher for the "alleged fakery" and said he didn't believe the panel's conclusions.

Astronauts set up shop inside new space station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — After opening doors to "a whole new era in space-flight," six astronauts working for the first time inside the orbiting international space station wired up antennas, replaced a faulty battery charger and tidied up for future guests.

The crew was to finish up today before closing the hatches and returning to the shuttle Endeavour for the final phase of their landmark assembly mission.

The outpost 250 miles above Earth received its first visitors Thursday when Endeavour's crew of five Americans and one Russian climbed inside.

"It's fantastic. I can't say how much this means to all of us," radioed shuttle commander Robert Cabana, who entered side by side with Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev.

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Study: Rate of abortions the lowest in two decades

NEW YORK (AP) — Effective contraceptive methods have contributed to the lowest nationwide abortion rate in more than two decades, according to a new study released this week.

But the United States still has a high abortion level compared with other developed Western countries. And poor women in rural America have the hardest time having their pregnancies ended.

The U.S. decline in abortions was accompanied by a drop in the number of providers, some of whom may have been frightened by anti-abortion violence, according to The Alan Guttmacher Institute, which published the study.

"When providers face harassment or violence from anti-abortion groups, and abortion is a very small part of their revenue, it may not be worth

doing it," said Stanley Henshaw, author of what experts consider the most accurate look at abortion in the United States.

Abortions between 1992 and 1996 among women ages 15-44 decreased from 1.5 million to 1.4 million, the lowest since 1975. That year, the abortion rate was 22 per 1,000, compared to 23 in 1996. About 1 million American women had abortions in 1996.

Still, the number of abortions in the United States was higher than in many other Western developed countries, the study said. In 1995 in Sweden, the rate was 18 per 1,000; 16 in Canada; 15 in England and Wales; and six in the Netherlands. Russia's rate was 68 per 1,000 and Romania's 87.

Henshaw said much of the drop in the U.S. figures reflects more effective contraceptive methods.

University professor fatally shot during class; suspect surrenders to Ann Arbor authorities

DETROIT (AP) — Andrzej Olbrot was collecting final exams from his engineering students when the gunman stepped into the classroom and opened fire with a rifle. The professor fell wounded to the floor, only to be shot again by the man who took the time to reload.

Olbrot, 52, died at a hospital shortly after Thursday night's attack at Wayne State University. The approximately 24 computer engineering graduate students in the classroom were not injured.

A suspect surrendered early today to police in Ann Arbor, 40 miles west of Detroit. Police described him as a 48-year-old man who lives not far from Wayne State.

The man walked up to the front desk at Ann Arbor police headquarters, told an officer he had shot Olbrot and said he "wanted to make our job easy," Sgt. Jeff Connelly told Detroit radio station WWJ.

"He was very, very coherent and somewhat nonchalant," said Connelly, who added that the man described himself as a Wayne State graduate student.

Detroit Police Sgt. John Falk had not determined a motive and didn't know whether there was a relationship between the suspect and Olbrot.

"Clearly it did not appear to be a random act — it appeared to be one where the professor was a target of the shooting," Police Chief Benny Napoleon said. "Certainly there are all kinds of possibilities, but if he was a disgruntled student, they certainly would have recognized him as such."

Napoleon said the gunman walked into the classroom through one of its two entrances "and just fired" with a long rifle the chief described as commonly used in target shooting.

After the initial gunfire, the assailant reloaded and fired again at Olbrot as he lay on the

floor, then put the gun in a sack and walked from the classroom, Napoleon said. Witnesses said the gunman never spoke.

"You can't imagine what these people must have thought," Napoleon said. "A lot of these students are very shaken, very distraught."

Wayne State is the state's third-largest university with more than 30,000 students and a faculty of about 2,700.

The shooting happened as parents were arriving to pick up their young children from a ballet class in the building.

"The security is horrible," parent Pat Glass told the Detroit Free Press. "You've got a bunch of girls on the third floor there and security should have better precautions. To be honest, I don't want my daughter here."

The university has recently installed more lighting and began encouraging students in classes that begin after 5:30 p.m. to walk home in groups.

'Uncalled for' — 16-year-old Philadelphia law prohibits Christmas trees in some homes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Charles Adofa breaks the law every Christmas.

Each year he puts up a freshly cut tree and decorates it, he joins thousands of others in the nation's fifth-largest city in breaking a fire code and risking a \$300 fine.

"I had no idea it was illegal to put up a Christmas tree in my own home," Adofa said after buying a 6-foot tree. "This is uncalled for."

In many cities, live Christmas trees are forbidden only in public places, such as libraries, schools, hospitals and hotels. In places like New York, San Francisco, Baltimore, Minneapolis and Detroit, people can put up whatever decorations they like.

"We can't go into people's private home to check. That's off limits unless we have a warrant or emergency," said Lt. Ron Van Pool of the San Francisco Fire Department.

But in Philadelphia, people who live in high-rises or apartments in converted brownstone homes don't have that liberty.

Those residents must either put up fire-resistant artificial trees or trees with the roots wrapped in burlap to keep them from drying out. The law has been on the books for 16 years, intended to prevent tree-related fires from sweeping through multifamily complexes.

Not that the law is enforced — Philadelphia fire officials don't have the staff to do that. But officials who do spot trees in the wrong sorts of homes ask

residents to fix the problem. "We want people to have a happy safe holiday, but we know this is hard to enforce," said Fire Chief Henry Dolberry. "If nothing else, at least with the law on the books we can raise a few people's awareness of fire prevention."

Though no one has ever been fined — and no one in Philadelphia has died from a tree-related fire in the last 20 years — fire officials say there's enough reason to keep the ban.

"Nationally, about 10 deaths occur because of Christmas tree fires every year," Dolberry said. "And with it being so warm this year, trees are bound to dry out easily. It's like firewood all ready to go."

Christmas trees cause one home fire out of 1,000 across the country every year, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The Philadelphia law affects about 157,000 residences in a city of about 670,000 dwellings with three or more apartments, according to U.S. Census figures. The city code was last modified in 1997 to allow cut trees in single and twin homes, row houses and duplexes. It still bans cut trees in libraries, dormitories, nursing homes and other public buildings.

The Christmas Tree Association believes the law is unnecessary.

"We're not trying to pick a fight with anyone, but people should be able to enjoy their real Christmas trees," said Ellis Schmidt, chairman.



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CHURCH NEWS

Berea Baptist Church
The Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road, will present the Christmas cantata, "Color It Christmas" Sunday at 6 p.m. The cantata was created by Gregg and Gail Skipper, arranged by Gregg Skipper and Russell Mauldin, directed by Bonnie Wheat. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

College Park Church of God
The College Park Church of God, 603 Tulane, will have a chicken fried steak supper tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds to towards the youth department. Call 267-8593 or 263-1572 for more information or for free delivery.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
The Altar Guild Polishing Day is this Saturday at 10 a.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women will have their High Tea this Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All parish women and girls are cordially invited to come to this wonderful event. St. Mary's Episcopal School will present their Christmas Program on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliah.

First United Methodist Church
"A Woman Of Courage Who Took On a Tough Job" (Luke 1:26-35) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about a brave young woman who helped prepare the way for the coming of Jesus. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. On Sunday evenings, mid-high age young people meet in the Partee building at 5 p.m. and senior high young people meet at 7 p.m. Senior high Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday night. To learn more, call Mr. Feinsod at 267-6394. There is also the children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross and a single adults class on Sunday mornings. Dec. 20 is the March to the Manger. The Christmas Eve service including Communion, will begin at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary. Call the church office at 264-6394 for more information.

First Christian Church
First Christian Church has a very busy weekend ahead. During the 10:50 a.m. worship service Sunday, the Chancel Choir and the Children's Choir will present "Heaven's Child," a Christmas Cantata sharing the simple truth that God set us His Son! The Chancel Choir will be practicing on the cantata at 9 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday, and the children's choir will rehearse with the Chancel Choir at 10 a.m. Saturday. A Progressive Dinner, toy drive and caroling party are scheduled for the adult Sunday school classes and the choir members Saturday evening. All attending are reminded to bring two inexpensive toys, unwrapped, (one for a boy and

Toys, clothes ready for needy kids Tuesday

Spring Tabernacle gathers items donated throughout the year

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

At Spring Tabernacle, serving the needy is a daily devotion. Mona Lou and Arnold Tonn give free food, no questions asked, each Thursday at their church, 1209 Wright. On Tuesday, they will be giving out toys for kids at Christmas. "We just start saving the toys every year," said Mona Lou, adding that 80 families are already signed up to receive the gifts. "We get them from people who donate their garage sale leftovers, or just donate toys and clothes and things to us." The best of the donated items is saved for Christmas, she said. "If we wouldn't wear it, we throw it out," she said. Everything is cleaned, repaired and spruced up to be sure it meets a child's expectations. "We have so much nice stuff, you wouldn't believe it," Mona Lou said. The only requirement for parents to get the free gifts is need, and — like the food giveaway — no questions are asked. "We just ask that the mothers come for the toys, unless a child lives with his grandparents," Mona Lou said. Anyone in need is welcome to stop by the church Tuesday, 2 p.m., and the toys, clothes and shoes will be given out until they are all gone. "I don't want to have any left," she said. There are at least 100 bags of stocking stuffers waiting for some needy children, along with several nice sweaters and other items. The church serves 45-60 people each Thursday with food, including senior citizens. The rest of the week for the Tonns is spend picking up the donated food and organizing it for the distribution. Their next two dates in December will be Dec. 17 and 29, due to the holidays.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Ethel Pringle, a volunteer with Spring Tabernacle, sorts toys that will be given to needy kids Tuesday at the church, 1209 Wright St. The giveaway of previously-owned toys is part of the church's ministry.

The more you grow, His love will show

Maturity is defined as being full grown, perfected or complete, able to bear fruit and/or reproduce. The Bible has a lot to say about maturity in each of our three parts (body, soul and spirit), but mostly in the soul and spirit areas. 1 Corinthians 13:11 and 1 Corinthians 14:20 speak to the soul (mental/emotional) level of our life. "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults."

Heb. 6:1, 2 lays a bride from the soul to the spirit; encouraging us to go on from the foundations of our faith.

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

The fourth chapter of Ephesians explains God wants us to mature so much, that He placed various kinds of servants in the church to help us grow and become complete in Christ. "until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ."

Ephesians 4:13-15
I find it very interesting that in this scripture the word Christ is used twice when referring to Jesus Christ, because of the emphasis that is intended.

You see, Jesus means savior or deliverer and refers to the saving work and redemptive plan of God to save us from our sin; the foundation of our faith. Christ however, means 'anointed one,' and emphasizes the power and authority of God over our lives. We are told to become mature by growing into the 'full measure' of His power in our lives, so that He becomes the source of the flow of our lives, enriching every part and flowing out to others. This brings us to the fruit-bearing, or reproductive side of maturity. The more we grow in Christ, the more His love shows through to others and the more the power of His love compels us to make a difference.

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CLUB NEWS

Retired Teachers Association
Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Monday, Dec. 21. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The program will feature Christmas music by the Big Spring High School choral

department. Members are asked to turn in their total of volunteer hours for 1998 to Elfa Cantrell, chairman of community volunteer services. All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

1941 Study Club
The 1941 Study Club held their Christmas party at the home of Helen Shive on Dec. 7. After a brief business meeting, president Cheryl Green gave a short program. She told us about the origins of the luminarias that are so

popular today. The purpose of the lights is to light the way for the Christ child. The first fires were actually bonfires. After a gift exchange, refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Order of the Eastern Star
Order of the Eastern Star meeting will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. This is the rescheduled visit of Deputy Grand Matron Bonnie Ericson. A covered dish meal is planned at 6:30 at Masonic Temple.

Trinity Baptist welcomes gospel pianist

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Trinity Baptist Church will welcome award-winning gospel pianist Anthony Burger for a concert Sunday at 6 p.m.



BURGER

Burger prepared for his career as the youngest student to be accepted into the University of Tennessee's Cadek Conservatory of Music at age 5. At age 17, he was nominated as one of the top five pianists for Gospel Music's Favorite Musician Award. He performed at the White House for President Jimmy Carter in 1979.

Other honors and awards include "Singing News" Magazine's Favorite Musician Award in 1980-89. He received the award so many times, it was renamed the Anthony Burger Award. But the musician's life was not without tragedy. At only 8 months old, he suffered severe burns on his legs, face and hands. He was not expected to be able ever to move his hands again.

"But eventually the Lord healed my hands," Burger said in press materials. "I thank God every day that the doctors were wrong, and that I stayed with it and played for Him." Burger's international tours have included Canada, Ireland, Scotland and the Caribbean Islands. Burger now lives with his wife, Eva and two sons in Nashville to be close to the gospel music industry. For more information about Sunday's concert, call Trinity Baptist Church at 267-6344

Religious beliefs blamed in woman's death

POMONA, Calif. (AP) — Keith Cook had been drinking at a party before he got into his truck, drove down a hill and plowed into a car that hit a mother of five standing on the side of the road. Jadine Russell suffered broken bones and massive hemorrhaging. But because of her Jehovah's Witness beliefs, she adamantly refused a blood transfusion and died hours later. Now Cook, already on probation for a 1996 drunken-driving conviction, is on trial for murder. At the heart of the case is the legal standard of causation, meaning a person who starts a chain of events is responsible for its ultimate result. Cook's lawyer admits his client had been drinking and driving that night last March. But he is vigorously fighting the notion that his client is responsible for Mrs. Russell's death. "He knows he did wrong. He violated his probation," Charles Unger said of the 32-year-old auto mechanic. "(But) Mrs. Russell needed a blood transfusion. She told the doctors she would rather die than have a blood transfusion. She should be alive." Unger said his client offered to plead guilty to lesser charges

that would have put Cook behind bars for four to eight years. Cook faces 15 years to life in prison if convicted. To save Cook from possible life imprisonment, Unger must persuade the jury that the 55-year-old woman's refusal of blood was the sole cause of her death. Case precedent favors the prosecution, legal experts say. "Generally, once you start the ball rolling, you're responsible for the harm you cause," said Laurie Levenson, associate dean at Loyola Law School. "But if you have an extraordinary act that breaks the train of causation, that is the exception." Criminal trials such as Cook's are rare, experts said. But in October, a Louisiana appellate court reviewed a similar case. The court upheld three vehicular homicide convictions against a legally drunk driver. One of the victims, Velma Cubie, was a Jehovah's Witness and refused blood transfusions. She died two days later. "Based on the evidence presented at trial, regardless of whether a blood transfusion could have saved Cubie's life, the car accident was a proximate cause of her death," the appellate court wrote.

According to testimony during the trial here, a visibly angry and inebriated Cook left a party in nearby Azusa, despite efforts by others to stop him. "He was staggering, loud, belligerent," an acquaintance, Kimberly Vacelli, testified Tuesday. Cook was allegedly driving with a blood-alcohol level twice the legal limit. Cook slammed into Mrs. Russell's car, which hit the Russell women and the officers. All were seriously injured. Mrs. Russell was taken by helicopter to a hospital, where relatives say she refused transfusions so adamantly that she roused herself and tried to pull out an intravenous line. Family members at the hospital affirmed her decision. According to a medical examiner, Mrs. Russell's death was caused by cardiac arrest due to "injuries and the blood loss." Jehovah's Witnesses oppose transfusions because of Biblical passages ordering Noah and others to abstain from blood. Medical treatment is not forbidden. The Russell family resents their religious beliefs being used "as smoke and mirrors" in Cook's defense, daughter Jana, 32, said Tuesday.

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CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY

Compassionate Friends, a local support group for parents who have lost children, will observe a day of candlelighting Sunday that is taking place all over the world. The event honors children who have died. Known as National Children's Memorial Day, the event has been approved by the U.S. Senate and the President of the United States is expected to issue a proclamation in support of this memorial day. All those participating are asked to light a candle Sunday at 7 p.m. in their time zone.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A BENEFIT DINNER AND dance for Tim Salazar, cancer patient, is planned Saturday at La Vedera Club. Turkey and dressing plates are \$4 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and dance begins at 8 p.m. Musicians are grupo Sensacion.

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THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

THE LAST WORD

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CHURCH

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one for a girl), as your meal ticket for the evening. At 5:30 p.m., the party begins with salad at the Shelton's home, 704 Capric; on to the Cronenberg's, 4 Glenwick Cove at 6:30 p.m. for the entree; then at 7:30 p.m., "Caroling with the Mosses" is scheduled; dessert will be served at the Grove's home, 700 Avondale at 9 p.m. For those who have the energy, a tour of Isaiah 58 to deliver the gifts of toys is on the agenda.

An open house and children's Christmas party at the Groves' home, 700 Avondale, will be Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Also, all the children will gather at the Groves' at 4:30 p.m., during open house, as a "Visitor from the North" has promised to make a special visit! As a special treat the Children's Choir will perform. Afterwards, the kids will go caroling, delivering their baked and decorated Gingerbread Men cookies to our homebound loved ones!

The official board will meet Sunday at 5 p.m. in the church parlor.

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, the junior and senior high school Bible study will be at 3:30ish p.m. (right after school).

Our Christmas Even Candlelight Service will be 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

The Christmas Cantata "Best Gift of All" will be presented by the Hillcrest Baptist Church Choir on Sunday at 6 p.m. We invite you to come and enjoy this beautiful Christmas music with us.

First Church of the Nazarene

There will be a Christmas bake sale benefiting the Nazarene Youth for their "Great White North" Excursion.

We will satisfy your Christmas cravings with delicious homemade pies, cakes, cookies and candies and warm up with hot spiced cider and rich, creamy cocoa served at no cost on the side for those making purchases!

We will be at the Big Spring Mall Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until we run out of goodies. Our sales will benefit 10 courageous youth and two very brave adults who will be making the trek into Canada in July to congregate with 7-8,000 other Nazarene youth from all over North America to do service, evangelism and worship in the great, ethnically diverse city of Toronto. Each team provides their own support and the bake sale is one of the means of raising it. Come and see us in

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ence in the world around us. It becomes a natural "flow" of the life of God in and then through us as we mature.

Evangelism, then, is not a requirement for maturity, but a result of maturity and will happen more effectively as grow up into Him who is the Head. Every believer is called to some form of ministry and it will begin to happen as we yield to the loving power and authority of Christ Jesus in our daily lives.

Spend time with Him today. Be blessed! Merry Christmas. Craig Felty is minister at cornerstone Church.

Watch for announcements on deadline changes due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays for the life section.

the mall on Saturday. You will leave warm inside and out.

Baptist Temple Church

Baptist Temple Church will present "Christmas, Sing Noel!" on Sunday at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend. There will be a fellowship following the service.

Also, starting in January, Baptist Temple will start a class on learning to manage your money and how to get out of debt and stay out of debt. The class will run for eight consecutive weeks. The cost will be \$10 for the workbook. If you are interested in attending this class, please sign up by Jan. 10. You can call the church office to sign up and for more information at 267-8287.

First Assembly of God

The Choir of the First Assembly of God church will present "Call Him Jesus" this Sunday morning at 10:40.

In the evening service at 6, the children's choir will present their music and program surrounding the Christmas story.

Following the evening service there will be a Christmas party in the church fellowship hall.

The congregation of First Assembly invited the public to join them this Sunday for this great Christmas celebration of music.

Baker's Chapel AME

Baker's Chapel AME Church will be hosting the Northwest Texas Planning Meeting Dec. 11-12.

The meeting will be under the guidance of presiding elder W.L. Brown, newly appointed to the Northwest Texas Conference.

Rev. Brown is the former pastor of St. Luke AME Church, Garland.

There will be churches from Amarillo, El Paso, Abilene, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa, Slaton, Brownfield, Stamford, Eastland, Crowell, Vernon, Sweetwater and Snyder.

Friday at 3 p.m. there will be prayer and healing worship service.

Friday night, there will be a guest choir from St. Luke AME Church, Garland.

The community is invited to join us in the opening program on Friday at 7 p.m.

Pastor of Baker's Chapel is Rev. Floyd Green, Jr.

Evangel Temple Assembly of God

Evangel Temple Assembly of God, 2205 Goliad, is presenting their Christmas program entitled "A Christmas Stranger," on Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

One of six original copies of 'Alice in Wonderland' sells for \$1.54 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Lewis Carroll's personal copy of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," one of six original 1865 editions known to exist, fetched a record \$1.54 million at auction.

The book was among 38 Alice-related items offered Wednesday at a Christie's auction marking the 100th anniversary of the death of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, who wrote under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll.

The anonymous buyer's final price was a record for a children's book and a 19th century work of literature, said Francis Wahlgren, Chris The record had been \$1.2 million for a sale in London of William Blake's "Songs of Innocence and Experience."

Prayer pulled from pre-game football program

HOUSTON (AP) — Religious freedom in the Astrodome became an issue over the weekend when a Katy High School student was prevented from leading spectators at a high school quarterfinals game in prayer.

Minutes before the football quarterfinal game between Katy High School and Clear Brook High School began Saturday, a Katy student selected to lead a prayer, was told the prayer had been scrapped from the pre-game program, the Houston Chronicle reported Monday.

Apparently, Astrodome officials were unwittingly dragged into a dispute between a group of pro-prayer Katy High School students and the Katy Independent School District, which has barred prayer at games until the matter is resolved at the federal appeals court level. This is the first year school prayer has not been allowed at Katy High School sporting events.

This school year, a group of Katy students, represented by attorney Kelly Coghlan, have lobbied to have a referendum so prayer at sporting events can continue. Coghlan, who does not represent the school district, informed the Astrodome that a student would lead a prayer.

The Astrodome USA president Mike Puryear said that when high schools lease the arena for football games, the schools are responsible for the content of the football game's program.

"When I lease the space, it's their event," he said. "They can do it however they want to do it. If they choose to have a prayer before the football game, they can have one."

A call for comment from Coghlan was not immediately returned Monday to The Associated Press.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Pre-Holocaust encyclopedia planned

NEW YORK (AP) — New York University Press has signed a contract to produce a three-volume "Encyclopedia of Jewish Life Before the Holocaust."

It is to cover the history of Jewish communities before they were destroyed by Nazi Germany, according to NYU

Press director Niko Pfund.

The 1,800-page work, with 150 illustrations, is due in early 2001.

The project has been in the planning stages for 30 years. Financial terms were not disclosed, but university officials said the enormity and expense of the undertaking would require a one-year fund-raising campaign.

The encyclopedia will be published in collaboration with Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust museum, and The Jerusalem Publishing House. Editors are Shmuel Spector of Yad Vashem and Geoffrey Wigoder of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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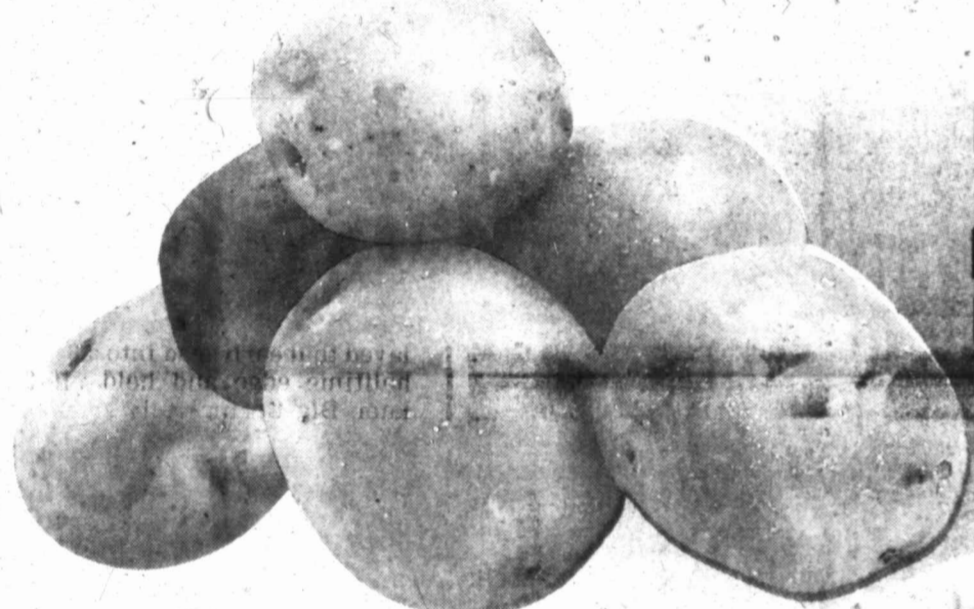
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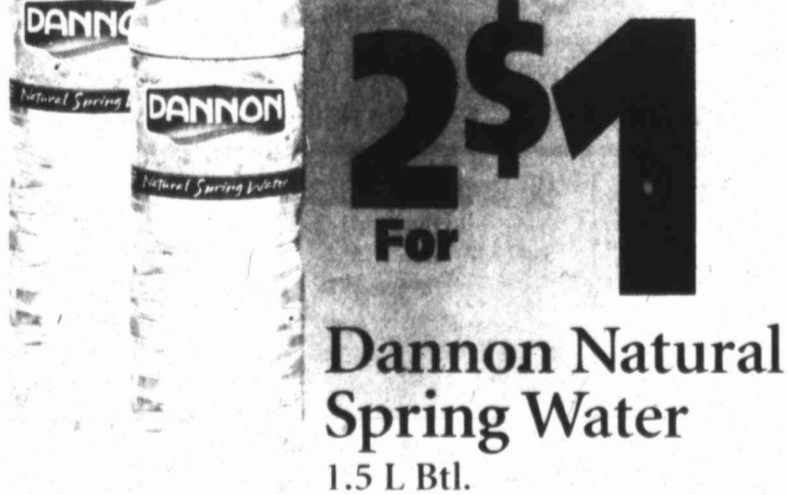


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IN BRIEF

Youth basketball league beginning registration

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association has scheduled registration beginning Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

The league is open to boys and girls in the first through sixth grades. All games will be played on Saturdays at Runnels Junior High School.

Registration at the mall will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, youngsters can register at Neal's Sporting Goods during business hours throughout the week.

A fee of \$20 is required for each participant in the league. The deadline for registering is Friday, Dec. 18.

For more information, call Charlie Hall at 263-0159, Duane Murphree at 394-4557 or Rick Watkins at 267-2358.

Steers JV falls to Clyde in tourney's second round

Big Spring's junior varsity Steers headed into today's third round of the Colorado City Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament with an opportunity to play for a third-place trophy following a split in first-day action.

The young Steers opened the tournament with a 51-28 win over Ballinger, Jason Woodruff leading the way with 10 points.

Doug Tipton and Michael Martinez were just off Woodruff's team-topping total with nine points each.

In the second round, however, Clyde dealt the Steers JV a 61-35 setback, an 11-point showing from Woodruff being the only highlight for Big Spring.

The Steers JV now faces the loser of today's Merkel-Coleman game at 4:30 p.m.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

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

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

Dennis Eckersley retires after 24 years in majors

BOSTON (AP) — Dennis Eckersley, who appeared in more major league games than any pitcher, didn't have the desire to stay in shape when the baseball season ended.

But what the 44-year-old pitcher didn't hear his body telling him became clear this week when the Red Sox refused to offer him arbitration: It was time to retire.

After 24 years of pitching in the major leagues, Eckersley said he's through.

"To be honest with you, somebody had to make the decision for me because I wouldn't have done it," Eckersley said. "I would much rather have left like I've done today than to leave in the middle of the season or getting booed out of the ballpark. I didn't want to taint my career."

PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY:

7:30 p.m.
• Stanton (13-1) vs. Celina (12-2), Tarleton Memorial Stadium, Stephenville.

SATURDAY

3 p.m.
• Borden County (13-1) vs. Trinidad (14-0), in Glen Rose.

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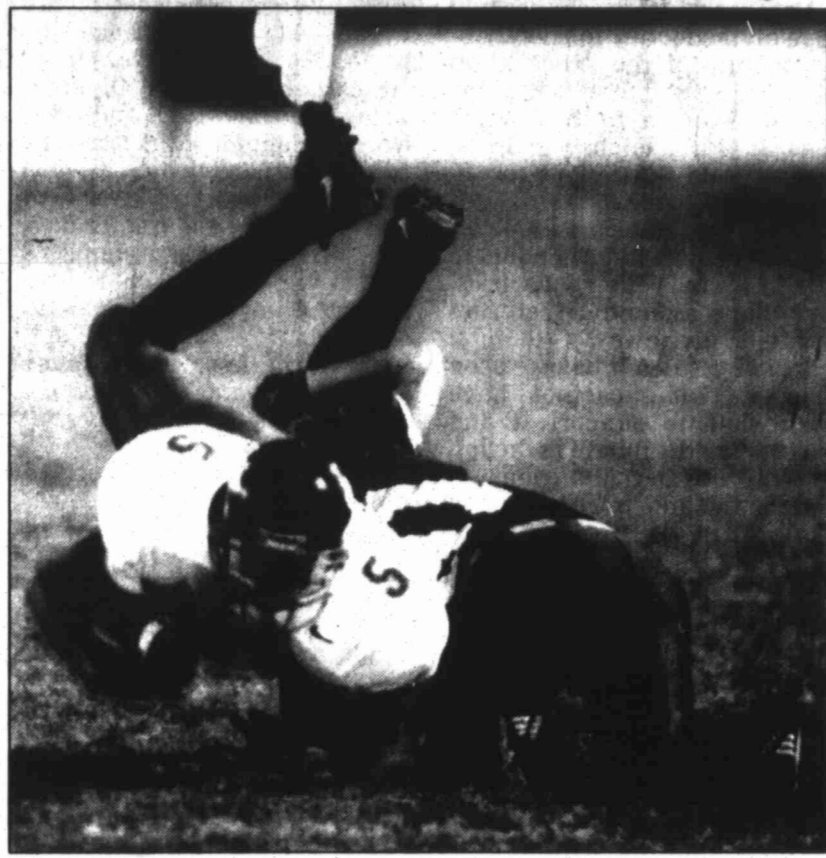
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Louder ankle injury only health question for Stanton



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Stanton's Jeremy Hull (5) dives for every inch of yardage, finishing off a big gain in the Buffs' regional playoff win over Albany. Stanton faces Celina's Bobcats tonight at 7:30 in a Class 2A, Division II state semifinal game at Tarleton Memorial Stadium in Stephenville.

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Injuries don't figure to be a problem for Stanton's Buffaloes tonight when they take on Celina's Bobcats in their Class 2A, Division II state semifinals showdown at Tarleton Memorial Stadium in Stephenville.

Stanton fans entered the week concerned about the availability of senior fullback/linebacker Jody Louder after he went to the sidelines in last week's 27-18 win over Spearman with an ankle injury.

But Stanton coach Mark Cotton, while assessing Louder's injury as a "day-to-day thing," says he believes the Buffs will be at full strength going into tonight's game.

"Jody's been going through therapy all week and we've held him out of workouts," Cotton explained Thursday afternoon. "But knowing him, he'll be ready to play tomorrow night. Other than Jody's ankle, we're in pretty good physical shape."

The Buffs will need to be at full strength, too. After several days of reading scouting reports and watching tapes of the Bobcats' games, Cotton is convinced Celina will pose a bigger challenge to Stanton's hopes for a repeat state championship than Spearman's Lynx were a week ago.

"I'd have to say Celina is a more talented football team than Spearman," he explained.

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"Spearman had a bunch of hard-nosed, hard-working kids ... there's no question they were solid, but Celina has a lot of weapons."

The 12-2 Bobcats also have plenty of playoff experience, having reached the quarterfinals a year ago before suffering a loss to Italy, one they avenged last week in advancing to the semifinals.

Foremost among Cotton's concerns is the Bobcats' massive offensive front.

"They're absolutely huge," Cotton noted. "They average 6-foot-2 and 246 pounds on the offensive line, a big tight end that's just tremendous and an excellent tailback to run behind them."

In addition, the Bobcats are mentored by East Texas small-school coaching legend G.A. Moore Jr., who turned Pilot Point into a Class 2A juggernaut during the 1970s and early 1980s.

Moore's teams traditionally feature complex offenses that throw numerous formations at an opponent and defenses that crowd the line of scrimmage and dare the opposition to throw the football.

Cotton says that's exactly what he's seen in watching tapes of the Bobcats.

"They run a lot of things ... multiple formations — the Wishbone, the I-formation, the wing-T, some one-back ... just about anything you can imagine," Cotton explained. "Defensively they put a lot of people up on the line of scrimmage and come from everywhere ... a lot like Spearman did. They want you to try and throw the football because they figure they're going to get to the quarterback before he can get rid of the ball."

That defensive approach worked pretty well for

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Same threat, new challenger

Trinidad runner is biggest hurdle to Coyote repeat

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

One more test stands between Borden County's Coyotes and a repeat six-man state football championship.

But, oh, what a test! The 13-1 Coyotes will face No. 1-ranked and unbeaten Trinidad's Trojans in Saturday's six-man title game at 3 p.m. in Glen Rose.

And once again, the Coyotes will be facing a team that has plowed through the opposition behind a seemingly unstoppable running attack.

To date, Borden County's defense has made mincemeat of vaunted running offenses fielded by Wellman, Grandfalls-Royalty, Groom and Balmorhea.

The Coyotes have not, however, seen a running threat anything like that presented by Trinidad's stellar Damien Jackson.

A 5-foot-9, 165-pound senior with 4.4-second speed in the 40, Jackson has piled up rushing statistics that are nothing short of mind-boggling.

As a junior, Jackson piled up 3,133 yards and scored 60 touchdowns as the Trojans reached the state semifinals in 1997.

Without question impressive, those statistics pale in comparison to what Jackson has accomplished this season in leading the Trojans to 11 wins in which they've ended games with the 45-point mercy rule.



HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

Borden County head coach Bobby Avery and his players, among them Preston Sharp (15) and Dale Gentry (30) hoist their trophy following last week's six-man state semifinals win over Balmorhea. The Coyotes make their bid for a repeat state championship at 3 p.m. Saturday, taking on No. 1-ranked Trinidad's Trojans.

Despite less time to pile up big yardage than he had a year ago, Jackson enters Saturday's game with 2,874 yards and 52 touchdowns on 154 carries — staggering averages of one touchdown every 2.9 carries and 18.7 yards every time his number is called.

Jackson has been so impressive this season, that some consider him among the state's best running backs regardless of classification.

In fact, one need look no farther than Borden County head coach Bobby Avery to find one of Jackson's biggest believers.

"He's probably the second best running back in the state, regardless of the classification," Avery said of Jackson, putting

only Andrews' Shaud Williams ahead of the Trinidad star. "As a matter of fact, I'd like to put those two (Jackson and Williams) up head-to-head. I don't think there'd be much difference."

As a result, there's not much question in Avery's mind that the Trojans will try to feed the Coyotes a steady dose of Jackson's impressive speed and broken field running ability.

"They're not a one-man team, though," Avery reminded. "They can throw the football, but with Damien in the backfield, why would they want to?"

"Trinidad has plenty of weapons and they do other things, but when they need the big play, they give it to

Damien," he added. "But last week when they beat Strawn, it was almost like they planned to win one without Damien. Their fullback (Demond Smith) got a lot of carries and they threw it more than they usually do."

In addition to Jackson's considerable talents, the Trojans can not only give the ball to the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Smith, but can spell Jackson with Roderick Polk, a 6-foot-1, 175-pounder with 4.5 speed.

As a result, Avery says the key to the Coyotes repeating as the state's champion will be putting together one more strong defensive performance.

"We've got to play well defen-

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Steers drop tournament opener 57-39

HERALD Staff Reports

SAN ANGELO — A slow start that resulted in El Paso Bowie jumping out to a 19-4 lead after the first quarter was too much for Big Spring's Steers to overcome Thursday as they suffered a 57-39 loss in the opening round of the Concho River Classic.

Bowie, which got 21 points from Eleazar Venzar and 12 more from Fernie Carrera, parlayed that early lead into a 34-16 halftime edge and held off a later Big Spring rally to take the win.

The Steers, who fell to 4-6 on the season with the loss, were paced by Lance Brock and Chauncey Ford, both finishing with 10 points.

Coahoma boys 59, Colorado City 46

GREENWOOD — Coahoma's Bulldogs got back on track Thursday in the opening round of the Greenwood Invitational basketball tournament with a 59-46 win over Colorado City's Wolves.

The Bulldogs got 25 points from senior forward Blake Nichols and 18 more from guard Ryan Peckham in taking the win.

After opening the game in a see-saw manner that continued through three periods, the Bulldogs finally came alive in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Wolves 19-10 in the final eight minutes of play.

Garden City girls 46, Greenwood 39

GREENWOOD — Garden City's Lady Bearcats knocked off Midland Greenwood's host Lady Rangers in their opening-round game at the Greenwood Invitational basketball tournament on Thursday.

M'Lynn Niehues paced the Lady Bearcats with 12 points.

Williams biggest winner in college football awards show

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Ricky Williams, the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy, picked up two other college football awards Thursday night.

The Texas standout won the Maxwell Award as the best all-around player, beating out Michael Bishop of Kansas State and Cade McNown of UCLA in voting by the Football Writers Association.

Williams also won the Doak Walker Award as the outstanding running back for the second straight year. Michael Cloud of Boston College and Ron Dayne of Wisconsin were the other finalists.

Winning the award was emotional for Williams, who first met Walker at last year's awards show. The two had dinner and Walker made a prophetic statement to Williams: win the award twice.

"From that point on, I made it my job to go out there and win this award again," Williams said. "I was sitting there and I was thinking about last year. It was kind of weird because last year it

was just me and Doak and the people he brought with him to dinner and we were all just sitting there talking. Nobody knew who I was because our team wasn't that good. This year, I was getting all the attention and Doak isn't with us anymore. It's weird how things change so much in a year."

Walker died earlier this year from complications arising from a skiing accident in Colorado.

Williams became major college football's career rushing leader with 6,279 yards, breaking Tony Dorsett's mark by 197. He ran for 2,124 yards and 27 touchdowns this season.

Earlier this week, he won The Associated Press' first College Player of the Year Award.

In other awards, Texas A&M lineman Dat Nguyen, the Aggies' career leading tackler with 517, won the Chuck Bednarik Trophy as the defensive player of the year, beating out Andy

Katzenmoyer of Ohio State and Jevon Kearse of Florida.

Bishop, who led Kansas State to an 11-1 mark, won the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award over Tim Couch of Kentucky and McNown. Bishop ran for 748 yards and 14 touchdowns, and passed for 2,844 yards and 23 TDs.

Bishop was proud to serve as an example to all players who make it to Division I from the junior college ranks.

"It's hard going from high school to juco," Bishop said. "You dream about going straight to Division I. Hard work pays off. Don't go the juco route and have a blowoff year. Go there and work hard and go all out in the classroom and you'll succeed."

Other winners included UCLA lineman Kris Farris, Outland Trophy; Louisiana Tech receiver Troy Edwards, Biletnikoff Award; Northwestern's Matt Hartl, Sports Spirit Award; Georgia's Matt Stinchcomb, Princeton's Alex

Sierk, Mesa State's Josh Penry, and Western Maryland's Tom Lapato, scholar athletes of the year; Florida State kicker Sebastian Janikowski, Groza Award; and Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer, Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year.

Edwards earned a spot in the college record book with 405 receiving yards against Nebraska early in the season.

"It started out with the Nebraska game and people around the world having a chance to see me," Edwards said. "It was a real good achievement when I broke Randy Moss' touchdown record because as you know, Randy Moss was one of the best receivers to ever play football."

Edwards said it's as simple as believing in hard work. "In the summertime, all I do is run routes and I watch a lot of film," Edwards said. "Plus, when you have one of the best quarterbacks (Tim Rattay) in the nation throwing to you, it makes your job kind of easy."

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. 7.

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 5A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP Duncenville (11-3) vs. Converse Judson (14-0). Noon, Saturday, Astrodome, Houston.

NFL STANDINGS

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COYOTES

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Trying to sell the public on the idea of NBA players sharing the proceeds of an exhibition game with charitable organizations proved harder than guarding Michael Jordan.

Proceeds of players' game go to charity

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Trying to sell the public on the idea of NBA players sharing the proceeds of an exhibition game with charitable organizations proved harder than guarding Michael Jordan.

— could spell trouble. The game, featuring former Dream Team players Patrick Ewing, Karl Malone, Penny Hardaway and Reggie Miller, will be televised by Showtime.

scoreboard and lighting, according to Assistant General Manager Gregg Caren. As of Thursday, Ticketmaster ticket agency operators were still telling callers no information was available about the event.

COYOTES

Continued from page 1B sively ... that's going to be the key Saturday," Avery said. "We've got to be able to keep him (Jackson) in check and stop the rest of their kids at the same time."

have plenty of weapons with which to counter the Trojans' offense. "I think it's going to be a tremendous game," Avery noted. "I think it's come down to

what it should have ... the two best teams in the state playing for the championship. We'll just have to see who's the best on Saturday."

Avery said he expects the game to be much like the Class 4A, Division II bi-district game between Stephenville and Andrews — a game he believes was for all intents and purposes that division's state championship game.

"I hope it (Saturday's game) will be a lot like that Stephenville-Andrews game," the Coyotes boss added. "Andrews had the best running back on the field, but Stephenville had just enough from everybody to beat them."

While Jackson gives the Trojans the state's best rushing attack, Avery says he believes quarterback Colt McCook gives his Coyotes the state's best passing offense to go along with the formidable rushing talents provided by senior Fernando Baeza and junior Ed Rodriguez.

McCook, who figures to be the only competition for Jackson in the running for the Texas Football Magazine/Fox Sports Southwest six-man player of the year award this season, heads into Saturday's title game having completed 102 of 177 pass attempts for 1,970 yards and 33 touchdowns. He's been intercepted nine times.

In addition, McCook has rushed 51 times for 483 yards and three touchdowns. Baeza, despite sitting out all but two plays in the Coyotes' 35-34 loss to Sands in the seventh week of the season, has rushed for 1,525 yards on 158 carries and scored 32 rushing touchdowns. He's also caught 36 passes for 586 yards and 10 scores.

And when one considers Rodriguez's 82 carries for 835 yards and 13 touchdowns, 10 catches for 236 yards and six more touchdowns and his considerable talents as a kick return specialist, the Coyotes

CLASS 5A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP

Duncenville (11-3) vs. Converse Judson (14-0). Noon, Saturday, Astrodome, Houston.

CLASS 4A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP

Stephenville (13-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (13-1). 5 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.

CLASS 3A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP

Aledo (12-1) vs. Cuero (11-3). Saturday, 5 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome.

CLASS 2A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP

Omaha Paul Hewitt (11-3) vs. Brookshire-Royal (12-1). 7 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford.

BOWL SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 19 Las Vegas Bowl At Las Vegas San Diego State (7-4) vs. North Carolina (6-5). 5 p.m. (ESPN)

TRANSACTIONS

At Nashville, Tenn. Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3). 4 p.m. (ESPN)

BASEBALL

American League BOSTON RED SOX—Announced the retirement of free-agent RHP Dennis Eckersley. Purchased RHP Marino Santana from the Detroit Tigers.

NHL

Thursday's Games Boston 3, Carolina 2 New Jersey 5, Philadelphia 4, OT Nashville 2, San Jose 1

JUCO-WOMEN

The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll with records through Dec. 7.

WPHL

Thursday's Games Arkansas 6, Lake Charles 4 Abilene 5, San Angelo 1 Amarillo 6, New Mexico 4 El Paso 5, Odessa 2 Corpus Christi 5, Central Texas 4 Fort Worth 3, Shreveport 2 Waco 8, Austin 6

BUFFS

Continued from page 1B Spearman a week ago, limiting the Buffs to one of their smallest offensive outputs of the season.

more than 70 yards. I think that was probably their plan, to keep the ball out of our hands and I'm sure that's what Celina wants to do.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 12:

You are focused, you know what you want and you follow through. Energy is high. You can transform dreams into reality. Imagination and ingenuity merge. For you, there are no problems, only solutions. You could become involved in an idealistic cause or pet project. Through it, you meet people, expand your horizons and infuse daily life with excitement. If you are single, romance tugs at your heartstrings. A special loved one enters your life. If attached, your relationship enters a warmer, more caring phase. LIBRA loves hanging out with you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make calls, reach out for others and go with the unexpected. Friends come up with unusual yet entertaining ideas. Excitement surrounds those at a distance. Go out of your way to make someone comfortable. Being gregarious seems natural and rewarding. Tonight: Say "yes" to life.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Pace yourself. You get a lot more done than you thought possible. An unexpected break allows you to wrap up some errands or leftover work. Remember a partner in discussions. Making plans together can enhance the holiday fun. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your imagination knows no limits. Discuss creative gift options. Others appreciate your thoughtfulness. Return calls, brainstorm and open up the possibility of a trip or special travel gift. Someone delights in your idea. Tonight: Spice up your life.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Happiness lies close to home. Invite friends over to help you decorate your tree or just to laugh. You might opt to totally reorganize your schedule. Allow more pleasure in your life, and toss away some of those tiresome obligations. Tonight: Order in.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have a lot of ground to cover. A partner changes his mind out of the blue. Allow your personality and happy spirit free rein. Strange things occur when you least expect it. The kid in you comes out, and others join in the fun. Tonight: You don't have to go far.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Become a full-fledged elf and cross off as many people as possible on your holiday gift list. You are particularly great at spending money and come up with some delightful gifts. You might buy an item or two for yourself, you can't help it. Tonight: Shop until late.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are self-motivated with a personal itinerary. A child or loved one surprises you with his plans. Your strength and diplomacy draw others. You might visit quite a few people as you run errands. Make time for an important person in your life. Tonight: It is your call.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take a deep breath, and consider important decisions involving family and friends. Intuition helps you choose a gift. Take time to visit people you haven't seen for a while. Let others know your deeper thoughts and feelings. Tonight: Plan on a relaxing night.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Join friends. You enjoy being in groups. Work with a change of plans or a sudden phone call, but don't lose perspective. You have changed a lot; it comes out not only in relationships but also in the words you choose and in how you say them. Tonight: The party is where you are.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Let your intuition tell you how to deal with a boss or a parent. You draw the financial wild card. Work with someone, and tap into his energy. You don't always agree, but together you're a strong force. Make a must appearance while you are energized. Tonight: Out with friends.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Opt to shop or visit. Make an important call, reach out for someone and be more flexibility about plans. Your willingness to adjust allows others to become closer to you. You get what you want, though not exactly the way you thought. Tonight: Try something new.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Close relating and getting to the bottom of problems mark interactions. Unexpected resolutions open doors. Take responsibility, and allow someone in charge to give you feedback. You can count on others to pitch in. Accept a party invitation or two. Tonight: A night for two.****

BORN TODAY
Tennis player Tracy Austin (1962), singer-musician Sheila E. (1959), former gymnast Cathy Rigby (1952)

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Shopping mall security is a matter of perspective

DEAR ABBY: With the holiday season approaching, I'd like to share with you and your readers a story that was told to me by a lady in the waiting room of a hospital here in Atlanta when my wife was hospitalized. I hope you enjoy it. WILLIAM A. PARKER JR., ATLANTA



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Let me put it this way: Once I started reading it, I couldn't put it down. With a slight twist of fate, the comedy would have turned into a tragedy. Read on:

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"In December 1966, a lady from northeast Georgia called her sister in Atlanta to ask if it would be safe to come to Atlanta to shop at a major shopping mall. Her sister assured her she would be entirely safe.

"The shopper came to the city, but just in case," she brought her 6-inch .38-caliber revolver with her in her handbag. She arrived safely and shopped all day. Around dusk, she walked into the parking lot, carrying her bags and packages. As she approached her car, she noticed two men sitting in it. She carefully put her bags on the ground, pointed a finger and shouted, "You men get out of my car! Nothing happened.

"She again pointed her finger and shouted, 'You men get out of my car! Nothing happened. She then pointed her finger and shouted, 'You men get out of my car! Nothing happened. She then pointed her finger and shouted, 'You men get out of my car! Nothing happened.

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"The lady put her pistol in her purse, retrieved her packages, placed them in the back seat of the car, and got behind the wheel. She locked the doors and put her key in the ignition. It would not turn. Suddenly, she realized that she was not in her car.
"She looked around to see if anyone was watching, carefully opened the door and walked to her car, which was parked about four spaces away. Again, she loaded her packages, locked the door and began to leave the parking lot.
"As she was leaving, she noticed several security guards and honked and waved to get their attention. She called out to them, 'I need to tell you nice men about something that happened to me.'
"One of the guards replied, 'Lady, we don't have time to chat. There's a little old lady with a pistol out in the parking lot hijacking cars.'
"She rolled up her window and drove home. Once safely at home, she called her sister and reported what had happened. She ended by saying, '... and I don't want you to worry, I won't shop there ever again!'"
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Garage Sale: 2613 Cindy

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Garage Sale: 504 Dallas

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Today is Friday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 1998. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in order to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

On this date: In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Convicted, he was executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1872, America's first black governor took office as Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback became acting governor of Louisiana.

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1937, Italy withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1961, a U.S. aircraft carrier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon — the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas.

In 1981, the U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

Ten years ago: A Soviet military transport plane crashed, killing nearly 80 people involved in Armenian earthquake relief efforts. Sixty-two people were killed when tons of illegal fireworks exploded in a Mexico City marketplace.

Five years ago: President Clinton, in his weekly radio address, said the nation must fight "violence with values" and praised radio stations that refused to play songs advocating violent crime or showing contempt for women.

One year ago: More than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases. Henry Cisneros, President Clinton's first housing secretary, was indicted for conspiracy, obstructing justice and making false statements about payments to former mistress. Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams became the first political ally of the IRA to meet a British leader in 76 years as he conferred with Prime Minister Tony Blair in London.

Today's Birthdays: Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn is 80. Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 68. Actress Rita Moreno is 67. Actor Ron Carey is 63. California state senator Tom Hayden is 59. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 58. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 57. Actress Donna Mills is 55. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., is 55. Singer Brenda Lee is 54. Actress Lynda Day George is 52.

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ACROSS

- Ring of bread.
- Slangy affirmative
- Swan lady
- Residence
- Montreal player
- Writer Hunter
- Comic Anderson
- Mummified
- "Pretty Woman" co-star
- Epithet for Count Basie
- 24 Rub out
- Charlie Brown's exclamation
- Extreme prefix
- 27 Hibernation chamber
- Matta Hari, e.g.
- Promissory note
- 31 "A Delicate Balance" playwright
- 35 Stretch (out)
- 36 Aroma
- 37 Getz/Gilberto hit (with "The")
- Gardner and others
- 42 Onassis to pals
- 43 "Steppenwolf" author
- 44 Actress Ryan
- 45 Cell substance letters
- 46 New World nat.
- 48 Debate
- 50 Vocal inflection
- 52 Tangy
- 56 Jimmy Stewart western (with "The")
- 59 Standard
- 60 New York canal
- 61 Corpulent
- 62 Comic Johnson
- 63 Watches kids
- 64 V.P. Barkley
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- 66 Filing
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- 3 Cheese like Edam
- 4 Enlighten
- 5 Lascivious look
- 6 Sycophant
- 7 Bring to bear
- 8 Post-slalom?
- 9 Did gardening
- 10 Within the rules
- 11 Twilights, poetically
- 12 Photographers' chambers
- 13 Organic suffix
- 21 Raw mineral
- 22 Purchase
- 26 Invisible emanations
- 27 Dict. entry
- 29 Get-up-and-go
- 31 Old World lizard
- 32 Lawrence — National Laboratory
- 33 Boosters
- 34 Goller Ernie
- 35 Radio static, in brief
- 36 Undivided
- 38 Sought office
- 39 Sacred story set to music
- 40 Now I get it!
- 45 Ring off.
- 46 Except that
- 47 Black or Red
- 49 Not fulfilled
- 51 Leaves out
- 52 Dining place
- 53 One-called organism
- 54 Up and about
- 55 Adolescents
- 57 Part of R&R
- 58 Highway or byway
- 59 Country: abbr.

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