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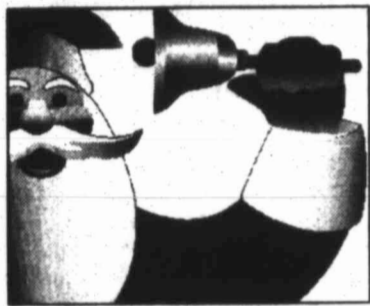
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- Sacred Heart Catholic Church collects baby gifts to be given to Birthright. Bring your new or hand made gift to the church, 508 N. Aylesford.
- Norwest Bank has a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments that represent 26 Howard County children who 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 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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Jackson, Trinidad prove to be too much for Borden in repeat bid

By STEVE REAGAN
Herald Correspondent

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GLEN ROSE — It's commonly accepted in six-man football that one great player can take your team all the way to a state championship.

The Borden County Coyotes learned the truth of that Saturday, although it was a lesson they would have gladly avoided.

The Coyotes, seeking their second straight state six-man

state title, instead ran into a buzzsaw named Damien Jackson, who accounted for more than 300 total yards of offense in leading his Trinidad Trojans to a 62-16 victory over Borden in the state title game Saturday in Tiger Stadium.

Jackson entered the game with more than 8,000 rushing

yards in his career, and the Coyotes knew their high-powered defense would have to at least slow Jackson down if they were going to be able to successfully defend their crown.

Instead, the game turned into a highlight film for Jackson, who ended the night with 265 yards and four touchdowns on 22 carries, while adding another score on a 72-yard kickoff return.

Borden might have had an overall advantage in team speed, but they didn't have

Jackson, and that may have been the biggest key to Saturday's outcome.

"He's the fastest back we've ever come up against in six-man football," Borden County coach Bobby Avery said. "I felt he was definitely the difference today."

The Coyotes raced out to a 10-0 lead early in the game, but Trinidad's defense eventually put the clamps on Borden's attack. Once that happened — and Jackson began his touchdown binge — the day rapidly turned sour for the defending

champions.

"We came in here knowing we had to stop their speed," Borden quarterback Colt McCook said. "We knew that the team with the best defense was going to win."

Unfortunately for the Coyotes, there was little they could do against Jackson.

"I guess they finally stepped it up a notch," said Fernando Baeza, the Coyotes' star running back-linebacker. "We got bogged

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Emergency personnel work against time and the elements to aid victims of a two-vehicle crash south of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87 Friday morning. One man was killed in the accident, which peace officers said was probably caused by snow and ice.

Friday snow turns deadly for Angeloan

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Winter weather swept across a large area of West Texas on Friday, covering Howard County with up to seven inches of snow that stayed around until mid-day Saturday.

The weather is also suspected of playing a role in the death of a 60-year-old San Angelo man, killed along U.S. Highway 87 when his vehicle slid into the oncoming lane of traffic.

Clyde McClinton was pronounced dead at the scene in Glasscock County after his car

was struck broadside. Department of Public Safety officials in Midland said that troopers believe snow and ice on the road were a factor in the accident.

The driver of the other vehicle, Marcial Rosales, 24, of Tulia, and four passengers with him, were taken to Scenic Mountain Hospital for treatment of various injuries. Hospital officials declined to release any information on the victims, all of whom were from Tulia.

The accident occurred about 10:20 a.m. Howard County sheriff's deputies assisted on five

accident calls Friday, including the fatal one. Big Spring Police Department reported only one minor accident during the period.

Snow fell across the Permian Basin but much of the rest of the state received only rain. Midland International Airport was closed for an hour and a half Friday, and Southwest Airlines was forced to cancel two morning flights. Several others were delayed as crews scrambled to de-ice planes.

TU Electric said about 2,400 Odessa area and 1,000 Monahans area customers suffered through outages, primarily

from snow-laden tree branches falling on power lines.

Chief Meteorologist Ray Fagen said Howard County averaged about 7 inches of snow. The storm charted a path down Interstate 20, leaving counties to the north virtually untouched, he said.

Youngsters, many of them picked up early from school by their parents, spent the afternoon having snowball fights and building snowmen.

By early afternoon, most of the snow had melted. Today's forecast calls for sun with a high in the mid-60s.

Reward

Vandals' acts prompt call to take action

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Recent attacks of vandalism around the city prompted Mayor Tim Blackshear to take action.

Blackshear is calling upon local residents and businesses to offer a reward for the capture of those responsible.

"This is something we need to do, because everybody is being effected by this," Blackshear said.

"My goal is to raise \$5,000 to \$10,000. A lot of people will turn in their best friend for that amount of money," Blackshear said.

The reward incentive will be patterned after the Crimestoppers program offered through the Big Spring Police Department.

Blackshear said offering monetary rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those responsible may prevent some of the vandalism.

"These are a bunch of punk kids who are unsupervised, which means there's a problem at home. They're not looking for anything else to do - and I'm not saying that there isn't anything else to do, just that they're not looking - other than to create problems for other people," Blackshear said.

Blackshear is referring to the rash of vandalism that has struck at the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park, the Kids' Zone playground and the Vietnam Memorial.

The destruction has moved the city to begin enforcing the 10 p.m. closing of the park.

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City to purchase two lots for water plant expansion

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

As the City of Big Spring prepares to bring the water treatment plant up to new government standards, city council members have given their go-ahead to purchase two lots next to the plant to facilitate the necessary changes.

"One of them was given to the city, and the other will be purchased for \$200," said City Manager Gary Fuqua. "The opportunity presented itself, and we already know we are going to have to expand the water filter building in the future to comply with regulations."

Fuqua said efforts to bring the facility up to state standards are under way, but use of the soon to be purchased land will not be necessary for some time. "The changes we are working on making right now don't

require us to move outside of the current property," said Fuqua. "This is just a way for us to plan for the future, and gain control of a piece of property that would have cost us a lot more in the future."

Big Spring Director of Public Works Todd Darden said plans are under way to prepare the water treatment facility for the first of the state-wide changes in regulations.

"Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission has made some new requirement for the chlorine cylinders we use to purify the water," he said.

"The new requirements say that we have to have scales under the cylinders to measure the capacity of the cylinders, and our current facilities aren't dimensionally capable of handling the new equipment."

Darden expects the project to take about six months to complete. "We expect to begin sending out bid packages for the project this month," said Darden.

He said new regulations from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency will have his offices preparing a risk management plan.



DARDEN

Last of 732 Angels get their wings

Harley owners provide \$3,600 and 70 turkeys

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

When the last of the 732 Salvation Army Angels were adopted, Danelle Castillo exhaled a brief sigh of relief.

However, her efforts quickly doubled as she and other Salvation Army officers and volunteers prepare for their busiest time of the year, Christmas.

"The Harley Owners Group decided they wanted to do something, and they called me and asked what they could do to help," said Danelle Castillo, social services director for the corps.

"They provided \$3,600 worth of presents," she said.

Along with adopting the angels, the H.O.G. group also bought and donated 70 turkeys for the Christmas food baskets the corps provides.

"And we still need 20 more turkeys. We make food baskets and group them according to



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Five-year-old Kaitlin Wright and her brother Caleb, 3, brought Deloris Albert, Salvation Army corps officer, their gifts for an angel they adopted from the Angel Tree program.

family size, and those families with nine or more persons receive turkeys. The others receive chickens, because we just can't afford to buy turkeys and toys," Castillo said.

All gifts for angels adopted from the Angel Trees must be turned into Castillo at the Salvation Army offices by 5 p.m. Monday, she said.

The corps officers and volunteers will begin preparing separate sacks of presents for each angel in the program.

"The Rotary Club will be here Friday to help us place packages for angel trees in the proper sacks. On Monday we'll know who needs toys," Castillo

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Rescue workers battled the snow and the cold Friday morning to help victims of a two-vehicle traffic accident which occurred south of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87. A San Angelo man was killed and five others were injured.

OBITUARIES

Roseland Joy Collins Smith

Roseland Joy Collins Smith was born to John and Connie Jackson in Vealmoor, Texas, on March 15, 1929. Joy grew up around Vealmoor and moved to Lamesa in 1944. She married R.L. "Skeeter" Collins in 1946. After several moves, they settled in Big Spring in 1955 and raised two children, Dennis and Wynelle. They were charter members of College Baptist Church from 1955 to 1992. Joy became a member of the Church of Christ in 1993. Skeeter was in the car business in Big Spring for many years. Joy was self-employed with Studio Girl and Nutra-Medics Cosmetics for 40 years and also worked for Hemphill-Wells Co. and for the telephone company in Big Spring. She was very dedicated to her work and achieved much success and won several awards and several wonderful trips as a result of her hard work.



SMITH

Joy loved her family deeply and always strived to be a dedicated daughter, wife, mother and grandmother to the family she so dearly loved. Skeeter passed away in 1988. Joy later met Walter Smith, Jr., and they were married in 1992 and they enjoyed a wonderful life together until her death. Survivors are her husband Walter Smith, Jr.; a son, Dennis Collins of Austin; a daughter, Wynelle Sartor of Houston; two sisters, Thelma Williams of Big Spring and June Nichols of Knott; a stepson, Mike Smith of Kilgore; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cumingham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, offi-

ciating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Refugio Luis Gallegos

Funeral service for Refugio Luis Gallegos are pending with Eden Funeral Home, Eden. He died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, at the VA Medical Center in Big Spring. Mr. Gallegos had been born July 4, 1911, in Sequin. He was a member of the Catholic Church, a ranch laborer and retired from the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include: his wife, Eulalia Gallegos, Big Spring; two sons, Antonio Gallegos, San Angelo and Refugio Gallegos, Jr., Maruna, Ariz.; three daughters, Mary Morales and Josefa Flores, both of Big Spring, and Delfina Zarate, Lamesa; 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Eden Funeral Home, Eden.

Christine Everett Fischer

Funeral service for Christine Everett Fischer, 75, of Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 1998, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. She died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998 at her home after a long illness. Mrs. Fischer was born June 15, 1923, in Olney. She grew up in Big Spring and lived most of her adult life in El Paso. She returned to Big Spring in 1980 and was a homemaker. Survivors include: her husband, Bernard Fischer, Sr., of Big Spring; a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Towers of San Diego, Calif.; a son, Bernard Fischer, Jr., of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Bertha Iona Stewart

Funeral service for Bertha Iona Stewart, 88, of Stanton, will be 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, in the First Baptist Church of Stanton, with Rev. David Harp officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. She died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, in Stanton. Mrs. Stewart was born Jan. 18, 1910, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Stanton. She married T.B. Stewart, Jr., on Dec. 22, 1928 in Stanton. He preceded her in death Oct. 26, 1997. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Stanton. Survivors include: three sisters, Oleta Reynolds, Stanton; Anna Lee Ledbetter of Buchanan Dam and Loreta Posey of Graham, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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down on offense and made some mistakes, but Trinidad's got a great football team. "Jackson is a great back," Baeza added. "He's got lot of speed ... He's pretty much what everybody said he was."

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The defeat, which denied the Coyotes back-to-back state crowns, left the team understandably subdued.

"We feel pretty lucky to have made it back here," Baeza said. "But I wish we could have played better."

Despite the disappointment, however, Avery said his team had every reason to be proud.

"We've got a championship trophy in the trophy case back home, and now, we've got a runner-up trophy to go beside it," Avery said. "We don't have any regrets."

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Gates will be locked and patrol officers will be informing patrons that the park is closed.

Also, several reports of vandalism have occurred at resident's homes. The BSPD has responded to several calls of theft and vandalism of Christmas lights and other outside decorations, according to reports.

Also, construction sites have been vandalized, as well as vehicles and businesses.

Sgt. Roger Sweat with the BSPD said the vandalism is widespread across the city, and patrol officers are pressed to the limits handling all the reports.

He said vandalism has accelerated within the past year, and the department expects thefts to increase as Christmas approaches, as well.

"We need something like this (reward). We need civic pride, people standing up and saying 'we've had enough of this stuff and this is our town,' and then doing their best to keep an eye on what's going on around town," Sweat said.

Carl Wyrick, chairperson of the Crimestoppers program, said the reward incentive program works.

And he believes the problems in the Big Spring community must be stopped.

"We've proven Crimestoppers works. We've had mothers who turn their own children in to Crimestoppers," Wyrick said.

State regulations prevent the reward from Crimestoppers exceeding \$1,000, but Blackshear and the police department are prepared to separate the two programs to stop the crimes.

The rewards raised by Blackshear's efforts will be separate from the Crimestoppers funds, which pays up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone committing crimes.

"If they offer \$5,000 reward, then Crimestoppers can offer up to \$1,000 more," Wyrick said.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the new reward system may contact Blackshear at 263-4095

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

or Charlie Lewis with the Vietnam Memorial Committee at 263-0276.

ANGELS

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said. Angel Tree packages will be distributed Dec. 22, she said.

As the Angel Tree program proceeded during the past weeks, a waiting list of others needing assistance was created by Castillo.

She said some families waited until the last two weeks before Christmas before asking for assistance.

So on Wednesday, Dec. 23, she will begin fielding calls for those who still need help with Christmas for their children.

"I didn't want to have them fill out an application, because I didn't want to give them false hope," she said.

As the holiday season continues, the Salvation Army and volunteers will continue working within the community to provide Christmas for the needy in the community.

"Helping others — that's what the Salvation Army is all about," she said.

TEXAS LOTTERY

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•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

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

MEETINGS

Forsan ISD trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Monday. Agenda items include making changes in textbook custodian, IPM coordinator and drug screen compliance officer; consider bus bids; superintendent's report; and personnel issues.

Coahoma ISD board of trustees will convene at 7 p.m. Monday. Items on the agenda include the annual audit report, approval of a textbook committee and a shared service contract for the special education cooperative, band instrument bids and personnel matters.

Glasscock County ISD trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Monday. Items for trustees' attention will include campus reports, appointment of a textbook committee, policy updates, and results of a community sports survey.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday:

•**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Johnson.

•**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in Comanche Trail Park.

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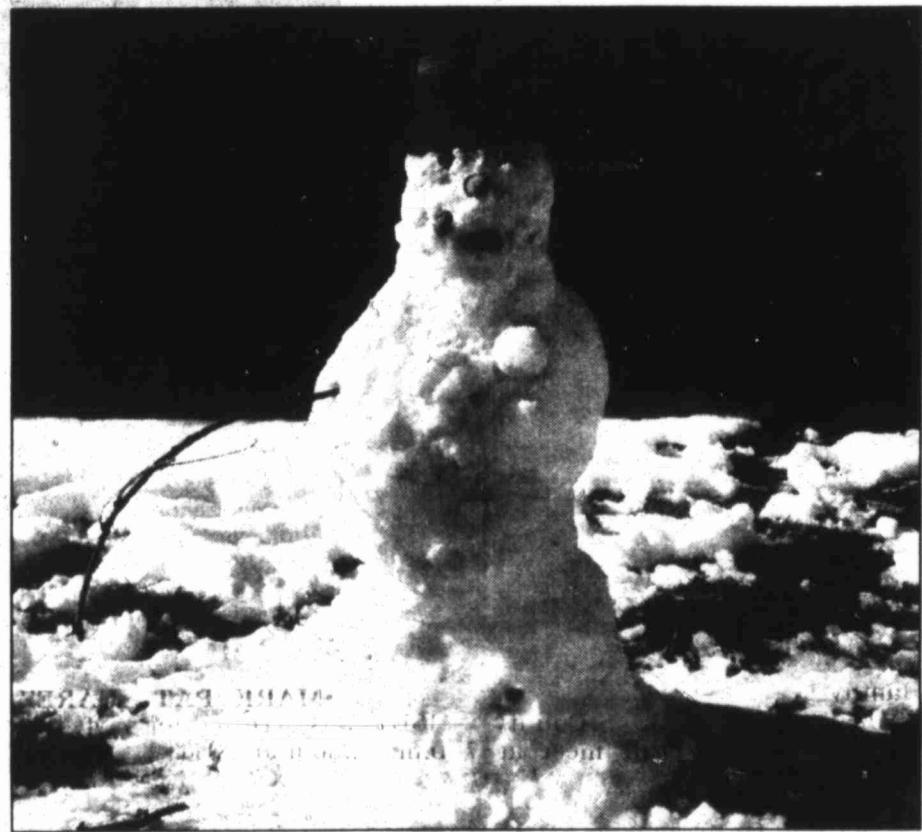
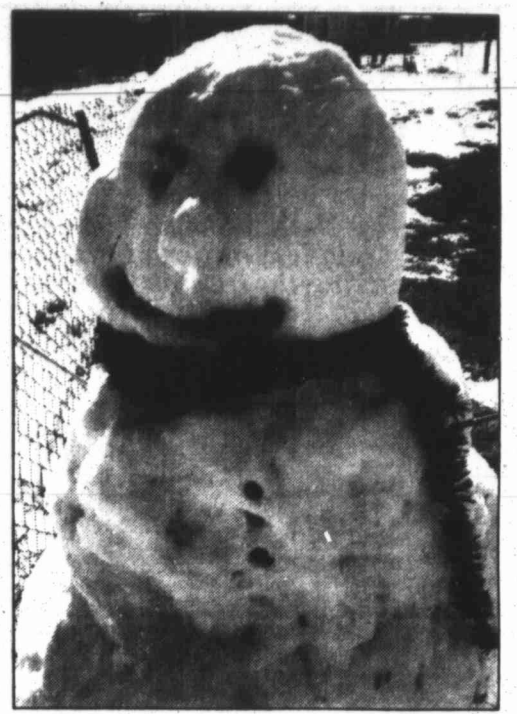
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Big Spring area yards were home to visitors in various sizes, shapes and styles after Friday's snowstorm. Local residents showed off their creativity, adding hats, scarves, and even a bikini to their frozen creations.

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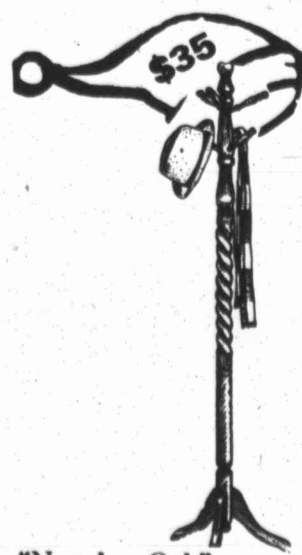
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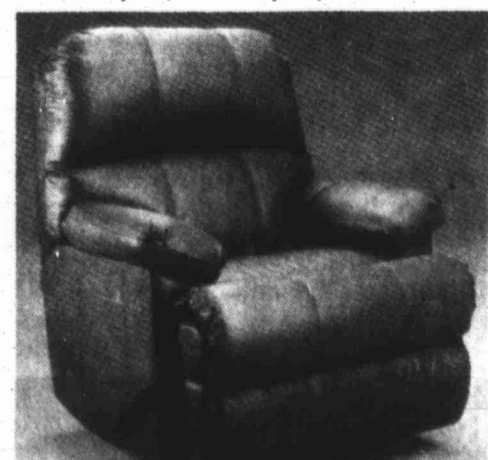
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OUR VIEWS

Time for citizens to take our city back from vandals

Enough is enough. That's the message Big Spring city officials delivered to vandals last week when they announced the gates to Comanche Trail Park will begin being locked at 10 each evening.

It's the same message each of us in the community needs to deliver to those mindless individuals who seem bent on destroying or defacing all that is good in our community.

To our way of thinking, the last straw came a few days ago when in less than a week's time, vandals destroyed hundreds of dollars worth of lighting installed at the historic spring at Comanche Trail Park, tore up Kids' Zone, and defaced the Big Spring Vietnam Veterans Memorial with spray paint.

Why anyone would want to destroy the hard work of volunteers whose simple aim was to provide citizens of this community an enjoyable attraction during the holiday season, is incomprehensible.

But intentionally damaging a memorial to the men and women who fought and died for their country during the Vietnam War is simply unforgivable.

Those who would do such things are the lowest of the low.

And we need no longer put up with and ignore these acts that can only be construed as insults to us all.

It's time for us as citizens to retake our community.

Simply put, that means keeping our eyes open and not being afraid to report vandals when we catch them in the act. Mayor Tim Blackshear is calling upon local residents and businesses to help by offering rewards for the arrest of those committing vandalism.

What's more, it's time our judicial system made those who commit such acts pay the highest penalty possible.

Perhaps there's no way to completely eradicate vandalism in our community, but there are methods available to us for keeping the damage to a minimum.

It is, however, a job it will take every one of us to accomplish. It's time we met the challenge.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

An open letter to the vandals of the Vietnam Memorial: Having never vandalized anything, I can only guess at what your purpose was, but if your purpose was to bring shame and dishonor to the men and women who are honored, you failed.

The shame and dishonor belong to you, and to you alone. I can not be a big enough person to feel pity for you, but I do feel pity for your parents.

I have two sons and I am very proud of all they have accomplished. Your parents must find it difficult when asked what you have accomplished to say, "They have or will graduate from juvenile delinquency and plan to spend most of their life in Huntsville."

CLARA JUSTICE COAHOMA

DEAR EDITOR:

This is an open letter to the vandals of Big Spring.

You are of the opinion that the deeds with the lights, the army tank, the helicopter, the children's playground, among other deeds, are macho and smart. You think no one knows who you are, and that you can continue your fun as you see fit.

Your identity is known by several. Sooner than later everyone will know who you are. You probably are unaware that some of these who know who you are go with you most of the time. You may hear something when you are sleeping. You may think it is only a dream, but it isn't. These may be the ghosts of Veterans of wars that gave their lives allowing you the freedoms you enjoy today. Or they may be the ghosts of your ancestors. Dream about them every night, my friend. They are your conscience.

When you are brought to justice, part of your punishment can hopefully be carrying a sign in certain places stating the deeds you have done. Then the people whom you now think of as your friends will laugh at you, make fun of you, ridicule you. And you will be brought to justice, doubt it not. You probably feel that the controversy in the White House gives you the right to do the things you think are macho. So it seems. But Justice is not blind, neither with you nor the Chief Justice of the United States of America. Justice will prevail in the end. You can count on it.

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Clinton's options dwindle as House vote nears

By RON FOURNIER
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that President Clinton has suggested "censure and rebuke" as a punishment, his few remaining escape routes are risky or grim. He may have unwittingly put himself one step closer to impeachment.

"I don't see any way out of this," Roger Davidson, University of Maryland political science professor, said Saturday as the House Judiciary Committee approved a fourth and final article of impeachment. "He's just watching the train speeding down the tracks toward him."

Clinton's advisers struggled to plot his next move, as the president began a four-day diplomatic mission to the Middle East.

One option is to offer more concessions to Republicans, particularly the two dozen or so moderates who hold Clinton's fate in their hands. Few wavering lawmakers were moved by the president's Rose Garden address Friday, in which he apologized for his conduct and said he would accept congressional censure.

To their dismay, Clinton stubbornly refused to give any

ground on charges that he lied under oath. The closest he came was a weak third-person reference: "It's hard to hear yourself called deceitful and manipulative," he said.

Many Republicans insist Clinton must come clean to avoid impeachment.

Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., one of two undecided Republicans touring the Middle East with Clinton, said aboard Air Force One that "it would be an important statement" if Clinton admitted to lying.

"He has had numerous opportunities to confront the reality of what he has done and missed those opportunities. It's not too late, but it's very late in the game," Lazio said.

Yet few members of the president's inner circle are willing to predict he will go so far. A confession would increase Clinton's exposure to criminal charges after leaving office, and would not stop GOP demands for more concessions, they say.

"The only thing he hasn't done is plead guilty to a crime. If he does that, they'll say he should be impeached because he pleaded guilty to a crime," said Lanny Davis, a former White House special counsel and informal adviser.

Davis said he wished Clinton

had canceled the Middle East trip "to wage this battle himself."

He suggests the president should attack House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, making the conservative nicknamed "The Hammer" a lightning rod for anti-impeachment sentiment. In past political battles, the party's target was outgoing House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"I hope the president starts to fight," Davis said. "The time for apologies are over."

The aggressive approach is an emerging Democratic tactic. White House lawyer Gregory Craig said Saturday a House vote for impeachment would "divide the country, gridlock the government and defy the will of the people."

After the White House was accused of applying political pressure to GOP moderates, Judiciary Committee member Barney Franks, D-Mass., fired back: "Any discussion of pressuring ... that leaves out the name of Tom DeLay is equivalent to debating impeachment without mentioning Monica Lewinsky."

Frank's sister, White House communications director Ann Lewis, said Clinton's team also will begin to sound alarms about what the House is poised to do.

The strategy is to rally the majority of Americans who tell pollsters they don't support impeachment. But it will be a chore.

Though six out of 10 say they oppose impeachment, the number who want Clinton ousted has grown slightly. In one recent poll, nearly 90 percent of people surveyed said Clinton lied under oath.

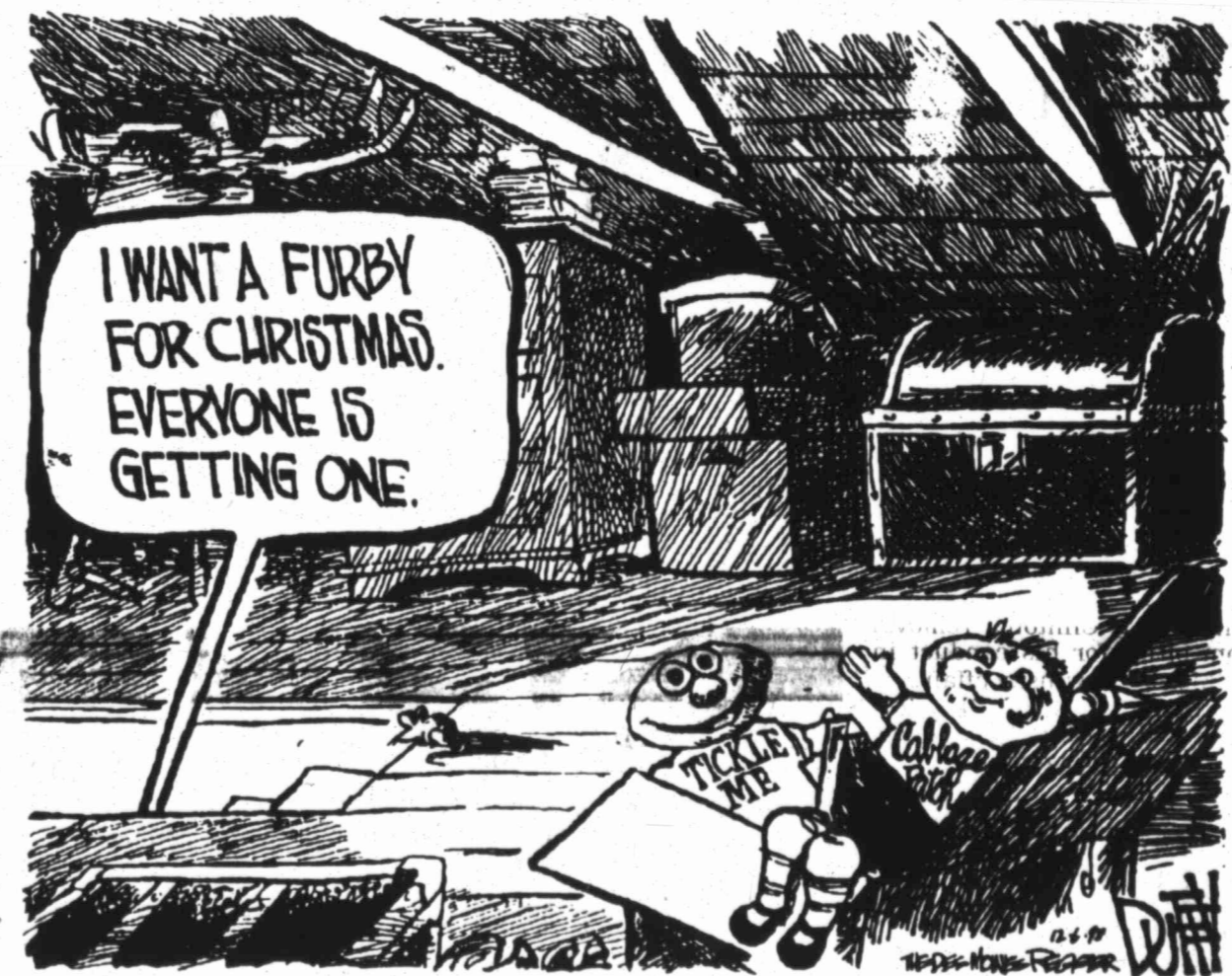
Clinton supporters fear there may be little passion behind the public's opposition to impeachment.

"The public has checked out on all of this since the election," said Democratic pollster Geoffrey Garin, though he said the Judiciary Committee votes might get their attention.

Phone banks and other pressure tactics are being organized this weekend by labor and minority groups allied with the Democratic National Committee.

Their activities are concentrated in the handful of districts served by undecided Republicans.

Yet Clinton's critics may be more energized than his supporters. "The Republican base has gotten a shot of adrenaline since the midterm elections," said GOP strategist Ralph Reed, former head of the Christian Coalition.



Russia is not sitting on the brink of disaster

To understand Russian foreign policy," Alexi Pushkov said, "we have to go back to 1991. At that time, our goal was to be integrated into the West, and we adopted a pro-Western foreign policy. This may never have been a realistic option. But realistic or not, the West decided it did not want us and made this clear when it expanded NATO to include three former Warsaw Pact countries."



CHARLEY REESE

Now think about that statement. Russia wanted to be integrated into the West and adopted pro-Western policies. The West rejected her. Pushkov is an international affairs columnist for Nezavissimaya Gazeta, an influential Russian daily. He made the statement to Alain Gresh, editor in chief of Le

Monde Diplomatique, who quoted him in an article in the Journal of Palestine Studies. Pushkov has very close ties to the Russian government.

As I have said before, the expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is a strategic blunder of catastrophic dimensions. While a public conditioned to be entertainment spectators focuses on Bill Clinton's sordid sex life and photo ops, Clinton's greatest damage to America is in foreign policy.

The consequences of turning his back on an opportunity to integrate Russia into Western society will be not immediate, but they will be painfully significant. There is a lot of potential for evil outcomes in that dumb decision to expand NATO.

Why it was made, I wish I could tell you, but I have yet to hear any halfway rational justification for it. All I can say is that despite the hype, parroted by a stupid press, Clinton is not a brilliant man. He's a clever cartoon artist, and his appointments have been of unusually low quality.

I think/some have gained the impression from the now-stan-

dard superficial news coverage of Russia that it has fallen apart and is in chaos. It is indeed having hard economic times, but remember, World War II started with all its participants in the depths of the Great Depression. Consumer economics does not equate to military power. Remember, too, that Russia has not fallen apart.

It still has its strategic nuclear missiles and despite its troubles not long ago completed the 15th successful test of a brand-new intercontinental ballistic missile. It just put the heaviest component of the new space station into orbit because we don't have a rocket powerful enough to lift it.

It would be wrong to think of Russia as if it were some Third World country that could be kicked around. It remains a major power.

Furthermore, it's only a matter of time before Russia gets her internal affairs in order, one way or another.

Thanks to Clinton, it is not likely to be in a Western-oriented way.

Adolf Hitler and World War II were created by the Treaty of Versailles, dictated mainly

by vain old politicians from Great Britain and France in 1918. Twenty-one years would pass before the consequences of that blunder began to unfold in a war that cost an estimated 55 million human lives.

History can be said to be the story of human errors and the consequences. As the power of governments to do evil has grown enormously so, too, have the consequences of human error.

The answer is easy. America needs to re-adopt the wise policy of George Washington — armed neutrality, entangling alliances with none, friendship and trade with all. That is easy to say but perhaps impossible to achieve, given the intertwining of government and international business interests, which began after the destruction of the Republic in 1865.

At best, Americans had better pressure Congress to override another of Clinton's great blunders, his veto of an anti-missile system to protect American lives.

Count on it, Clinton has not sown any seeds of peace.

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Committee calls for impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Torn by partisanship to the end, the House Judiciary Committee Saturday approved a fourth and final Republican-drafted article of impeachment against President Clinton. Democrats demanded a lesser punishment of censure in advance of next week's showdown on the House floor.

By a vote of 21-16, the committee accused the president of abuse of power in connection with answers he recently submitted to Congress in response to questions about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

The vote was along straight party lines, in keeping with Friday's approval of three other articles alleging perjury and obstruction of justice.

White House special counsel Gregory Craig said the result would "divide the country, gridlock the government and defy the will of the people." He added that "nothing about this process has been fair."

Democratic Rep. John Conyers of Michigan told committee members: "This does, sometimes to some people, begin to take on the appearance of a coup."

Republicans bristled at that.

Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., told of having trouble sleeping. He said he had jogged at 2:30 a.m. down Washington's darkened, historic mall, stopping along the way at some of the Capital's most hallowed sites as he pondered the historic proceedings unfolding in the committee. "Part of my conscience is driven by my military service," he said.

With no doubt about the outcome of the committee's deliberations, all sides were focusing on a vote expected Thursday in the House — the first presidential impeachment proceedings to get that far since Andrew Johnson sat in the White House in

1868. Clinton's defenders were cheered by comments from New York Republican Gov. George Pataki, who told the New York Times he favors censure. That alternative "is an attractive and appropriate step," he said in comments likely to give political leeway to a half-dozen so Republican lawmakers from his state who are undecided on whether to impeach the president.

Democrats were poised to ask the committee to substitute censure for impeachment, knowing they were doomed to defeat.

House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt sought to turn up the political stakes, urging incoming Speaker Bob Livingston in a letter to permit a censure vote when the issue reaches the floor. "Your decision ... will decide whether or not history will mark our actions as a purely political exercise or a high-minded debate on the impeachment of a president," Gephardt wrote.

At home in Louisiana, Livingston told reporters, "Frankly we haven't decided yet."

Clinton, who issued an unambiguous invitation for Congress to censure him on Friday, was on a journey to the Middle East.

Ironically, one of the lawmakers aboard Air Force One en route to the region was Rep. Rick Lazio, a New Yorker who is publicly uncommitted on impeachment. Lazio said it was up to Clinton to broach the subject in conversation, if he chose to.

Inside the committee room, Republican Rep. George Gekas persuaded fellow Republicans to narrow the scope of the article of impeachment alleging abuse of power.

On his initiative, the panel stripped out

language citing Clinton's decision to assert executive privilege in trying to limit testimony sought by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

"He was simply uttering a privilege that is accorded him," Gekas said. "We ought to give the benefit of the doubt to the president." Most committee Democrats agreed, even though they continued to oppose the remaining allegation of abuse of power.

As amended, the article's only abuse-of-power accusation faults Clinton for failing to fully and truthfully answer some of the 81 written questions posed by the committee about the Lewinsky affair.

All four impeachment articles arise from Clinton's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky and his long effort to cover it up, drawing from material that Starr submitted to Congress in September.

The first concerned Clinton's testimony before Starr's grand jury last August, and alleges he "provided perjurious, false and misleading testimony" about his relationship with the former White House intern and other matters.

The second alleges "perjurious, false and misleading testimony" as part of the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit against the president.

The third alleges Clinton obstructed justice in an effort to impede Starr's investigation. In particular, it cites alleged efforts by Clinton to encourage Ms. Lewinsky to testify falsely, to coach presidential secretary Betty Currie in her own testimony, to hide the truth about gifts the president received from Ms. Lewinsky and other matters.

The fourth article is limited to the responses the White House submitted a few weeks ago to the 81 questions.

ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT

The four articles of impeachment considered by the House Judiciary Committee:

ARTICLE I: Approved 21-16.

Alleges President Clinton "willfully provided perjurious, false and misleading testimony" before Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's grand jury on Aug. 17.

ARTICLE II: Approved 20-17.

Alleges Clinton "willfully provided perjurious, false and misleading testimony" in sworn, written answers on Dec. 23, 1997, and during his videotaped testimony on Jan. 17, 1998, in the sexual harassment lawsuit filed by Paula Jones.



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ARTICLE III: Approved, 21-16.

Alleges Clinton "prevented, obstructed and impeded the administration of justice and has to that end engaged personally, and through his subordinates and agents, in a course of conduct or scheme designed to delay, impede, cover up and conceal the existence of evidence and testimony" related to the Jones case. The article lists seven alleged acts of obstruction of justice.

ARTICLE IV: Approved, 21-16.

Alleges that Clinton abused his power, saying he had "given perjurious, false and misleading" answers to some of the 81 questions the panel recently asked about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Unanswered question: Would Clinton quit if he were impeached?

WASHINGTON (AP) — In silence, President Clinton turned his back and left the reporter's question hanging — Would he resign if impeached by the House? — in the twilight chill of the Rose Garden.

The door to the Oval Office held open for him, Clinton slipped back into his private sanctuary. His dog, Buddy, was there as the president waited to see if his latest apology could favorably alter his fate.

"I would give anything to go back and undo what I did," Clinton told reporters hastily summoned to the garden Friday. "I understand that accountability demands consequences and I'm prepared to accept them."

His 11th-hour appeal for a penalty less than impeachment was his most dramatic move yet in the White House campaign to see the president punished on his own terms by Congress and the nation.

"Should they determine that my errors of word and deed require their rebuke and censure, I am ready to accept that," Clinton said. "Meanwhile, I will continue to do all I can to reclaim the trust of the American people and to serve them well."

Having said his piece, the president turned his focus — outwardly, at least — to the delicate business of diplomacy and prepared for the weekend trip to the Middle East with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea.

"That is simply all I can do — the work of the American people," the president said.

His awkwardly timed four-day peace mission comes as advisers, Cabinet members and allies scramble to figure their next move.

A senior presidential adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the address did little good. Fence-straddling lawmakers, particularly moderate Republicans, still want him to concede that he lied under oath. Clinton was urged by some aides to do that Friday, "but he wouldn't do it," the

adviser said. "Not yet."

Aides would not rule out yet another personal appeal from Clinton. "You could call it opening the bidding," one senior adviser said after Friday's statement. It concluded just minutes before the first of three House Judiciary Committee votes recommending Clinton's removal from office for his conduct in the Monica Lewinsky affair.

Clinton mustered the full weight of presidential symbolism even as the pages of his speech shook in his hands and he faced television cameras without the phalanx of aides who would otherwise fill out the frame.

Before Clinton emerged alone from the Oval Office to deliver the rehearsed statement, two junior-level aides fussed with a pair of flags — the Stars and Stripes and the navy-blue banner emblazoned with the presidential seal — and posed at the lectern to make sure they perfectly framed the president's shoulders.

So fixed was Clinton's solemn, survey-the-scene gaze as he stepped toward the microphone that he bumped his right shoulder into one of the colonnade's thick white pillars.

Clinton's statement was intended to buy time by holding undecided House members in line before the full House votes.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., said he remains undecided on whether to vote for impeachment but was disappointed that the president did not admit he lied. "It's time for this president to tell the truth," Tauzin said.

Some outside the White House, including congressional Democrats, have suggested that Clinton accept a stiff fine in addition to censure. One close adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the president likely would be cool to the notion and almost certainly would not accept a penalty exceeding the \$300,000 penalty levied against House Speaker Newt Gingrich in his ethics case.

Mrs. Clinton is said to be balking at a tough fine.

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Clinton to propose major new child care spending early next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration will try again next year to get child care money that Congress so far has rejected. But Republicans are cool to the expected \$20 billion proposal to aid working poor and middle class families, along with renewed plans for the money to come from the tobacco industry.

"We're not going to just drop the subject," said Bruce Reed, Clinton's domestic policy adviser.

Last year, the president asked Congress for nearly \$22 billion for child care over five years. Much of the money was tied to revenue from a massive tobacco settlement bill, but neither proposal advanced far on Capitol Hill.

The administration is now preparing to propose another large-scale program, and the five-year request will again be in the \$20 billion range, according to two administration officials who spoke on condition of

anonymity. "The State of the Union will say something like, 'In the closing days of Congress we got a lot done, but there's more to do: tobacco, child care, the patients' bill of rights,'" said one of the officials.

The White House has yet to make final decisions on its budget request for 2000, but officials note child care is a top priority of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Still, there's no indication

that Congress is any more interested in substantial new child care spending this year than last. And there's no guarantee that child care will be Clinton's priority when the budget is ultimately negotiated. Other issues, like education, topped his list this year and were funded.

Like last year, the administration will propose beefing up grants to states, which use the money to subsidize child care bills for the working poor and for families coming off of wel-

fare. While Congress increased child care spending for welfare families in 1996, the administration and state officials complain there isn't enough to serve working poor families who were never on welfare.

The federal money also would expand tax breaks for working families, thus allowing more well-off parents to qualify for existing tax credits and offering bigger credits to those who now qualify.

The administration kicked off its drive a year ago with a White House conference highlighting the twin problems of child care costs and quality. A flurry of legislation followed.

But the only thing Congress ever debated was whether to add tax breaks for parents who sacrifice a second income by staying home with children.

And Republicans insisted that any money available be used for general tax cuts, allowing families to use it how they see fit.

President says \$2.4 billion in emergency aid headed to U.S. farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers still reeling from a year of floods and crop disease will soon get \$2.4 billion in emergency aid, President Clinton announced Saturday, saying America "can't afford" to let them fail.

Clinton used his weekly radio address to give details of how the aid, which was included in a \$7 billion farm aid package passed by Congress earlier, will be disbursed. Nearly \$3 billion in aid for farmers hurt by low grain prices has already been distributed.

About \$400 million of the package will be used to provide incentives for farmers to purchase higher levels of crop insurance, giving them a discount of up to 35 percent when they expand coverage.

"Far too many farmers don't have crop insurance at all, or only buy the bare minimum — not enough to withstand a really devastating year," Clinton said in his speech, taped Friday.

The remaining \$2 billion will go to farmers with losses from such causes as floods and crop disease.

"America's farmers are the backbone of our economy and the lifeblood of our land," the president said. "We can't afford to let them fail."

The aid package passed by Congress will help farmers survive "this year's one-two punch from Mother Nature and the marketplace," he said.

Signup for the money will begin in two months and no farmer will receive more than \$80,000 in aid or more than \$80,000 in crop insurance incentive.

Farmers are eligible for either

single-year losses for the 1998 year or multi-year losses for any three or more years between 1994 and 1998.

All crops, whether insured and uninsured, are eligible for the single-year payments. The multi-year provisions, however, cover only insured crops and non-insurable crops.

For farmers with losses in 1998 only, insured crops will be compensated at a rate of 65 percent of the crop insurance market price. Farmers with losses of uninsured crops will be compensated at a 60 percent rate

and must agree to buy crop insurance for the 1999 and 2000 crop years.

Farmers with losses of non-insurable crops will be compensated at 65 percent of the five-year average price computed by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Under the multi-year provisions, the Agriculture Department will compensate insured farmers with an extra payment of 25 percent of the insurance claim payments made during that period. Farmers with non-insurable

crops will also get an extra payment of 25 percent of what their Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program payments were or would have been.

By pushing the crop insurance issue, Clinton is getting a head start on an issue that the administration has said it plans to make a priority next year. Republicans and Democrats agree that the crop insurance program needs overhauling.

Republicans, however, envision crop insurance as a replacement for disaster assistance.

John Glenn heads home for first time since record-setting space shuttle trip

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — More than a month after his 3.7 million-mile space shuttle trip, John Glenn is logging a lot of miles.

After parades and tributes in New York and Washington, the retiring U.S. senator and the world's oldest astronaut is returning to his home state of Ohio for the first time since landing.

The agenda includes more parades, ceremonies and a special joint session of the Legislature in his honor.

"It's been a very busy time, an exciting time, but I know of all the trips he's been scheduled and what he's been doing the one he's really looking forward

to is going back to Ohio," spokesman Jack Sparks said.

It's the latest whirlwind of attention for the 77-year-old, who's had his share during years as an astronaut and politician.

In 1962, he was the first American to orbit the Earth. In 1984 he was a presidential candidate. This year, he became the world's oldest astronaut. In January, he retires after 24 years in the U.S. Senate.

Since his latest return to Earth, Glenn has been the guest of honor around the country. He's received honors from New York City, the Defense Department and Marine Corps.

On Wednesday, there's a

parade winding through Columbus to the Statehouse, where local, state and federal officials will honor him. Later, he addresses a special joint session of the Legislature.

Glenn will drop by a science museum and present space artifacts to Ohio State University, where he'll become a lecturer after retirement and which will store his papers and open an institute named after him.

On Thursday, after an appearance in Akron, he goes to Dayton to return fabric he brought on the shuttle from the world's first airplane, the 1903 Wright Flyer.

On Friday, he speaks in Cleveland.

Mexican gray wolves back into the wild

PHOENIX (AP) — Four Mexican gray wolves were sent into the eastern Arizona mountains and an uncertain future as federal officials work to reintroduce the species into the wild even as they try to protect the animals from humans.

"The news is we are continuing the wolf reintroduction program because wolves belong in the wild, not in zoos," Hans Stuart, spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said Friday.

Two pairs of wolves were released separately from their acclimation pens south of Alpine in the Apache National Forest near the Arizona-New Mexico line.

The wolves, also called lobos, were driven to near extinction in the 1970s after generations of

ranchers and frontiersmen killed the animals.

There are only 187 Mexican gray wolves left, and all but the four released Friday are in captivity.

Eleven wolves were released into the wild this spring, and five were shot to death, one is missing and presumed dead and three others had to be recaptured.

Four of the shooting deaths have still not been solved, and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has said he believes the shootings are acts of sabotage, designed to undermine the reintroduction program.

Barbara Marks, a rancher in the Alpine area, said area residents remain resistant to having the wolves near them. Even though there have been no con-

firmed cattle deaths tied to the wolves, ranchers fear they will put more pressure on other predators in the region as they compete for food, she said.

"We hope they come to their senses and that the American public will say enough is enough."

"Let's just stop the program," she said.

Stuart said federal officials have no intention of ending the program and have begun efforts to ensure the wolves are not shot, including increased patrols.

The wolves released Friday were sent out with fluorescent yellow or orange spots on their thighs and fluorescent collars to keep hunters from mistaking them for coyotes, which can be legally shot without a permit.

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Seven missing in fireworks factory explosion

OSSEO, Mich. (AP) — Seven employees at a fireworks factory are feared dead after an explosion demolished the building.

"It's just like a bomb was dropped," Hillsdale County Sheriff Stan Burchardt said of Friday's explosion at Independence Professional Fireworks in rural Osseo, 90 miles southwest of Detroit.

The blast sent debris flying several hundred yards and

could be heard at least 20 miles away. Six women and one man were in the building when it exploded.

"I suspect they are gone," said Burchardt. "There were body remains in the area." The sheriff said investigators would try to identify the remains.

Twelve people were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation and one was taken to a hospital. The cause of the explosion was not immediately known.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was to take over the investigation today, Burchardt said.

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board also was sending two investigators.

Authorities cordoned off the 160-acre site, worried about the potential for other blasts at the 26-year-old company.

"When it happened, it shook the post office window," said Gina Price, postmaster of the

Osseo Post Office, about 5 miles from the factory. "After the initial loudness, there was a rumbling through the ground. It looked like a mushroom cloud."

Glenna Clark, who lives two miles from the site, likened the noise to a furnace exploding.

"I could hear it and the whole house shook. A picture fell off the wall," Mrs. Clark said. "I peeked outside and my dog's tail was between her legs. She was scared."

Former Mouseketeer found guilty of fraud

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Darlene Gillespie, who charmed millions as one of TV's original Mouseketeers, faces 90 years in prison for buying thousands of dollars worth of stock with phony checks.

A federal jury convicted the former child star Friday of a dozen counts of conspiracy, securities fraud, mail fraud, obstruction of justice and perjury.

"I'm certainly disappointed," Ms. Gillespie, 57, said outside court. "Truthfully, I'm really surprised. It's just amazing sometimes to deal with a situation like this."

During the seven-day trial, prosecutors alleged that Ms. Gillespie helped her boyfriend, Jerry Frascilla, in a scheme to buy more than 194,000 shares of stock valued at \$827,000 in 1992 and 1993 by writing checks on closed and overdrawn accounts.

Frascilla, 61, pleaded guilty to 21 counts of fraud earlier this year and was sentenced to 18 months in prison and probation. He also was ordered to pay \$65,000 in restitution.

Defense lawyer Charles Rondeau had argued that Ms. Gillespie was duped by unscrupulous stockbrokers, Frascilla and his now-deceased bookkeeper. He said she plans to appeal.

A prosecutor commended the verdict.

"This sends a clear message that obstructing the SEC is a serious crime which will be prosecuted," Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Weiss said, referring to a charge that Ms. Gillespie lied to SEC investigators looking into the stock transactions.

Ms. Gillespie was one of the nine original Mouseketeers on the Mickey Mouse Club television show that aired from 1955-1959. She later went on to become a surgical nurse, although she made several failed attempts to continue her career in entertainment.

Ms. Gillespie is scheduled to be sentenced March 8.

Psychiatrists condemn treatment to convert gays

DENVER (AP) — In a decision applauded by homosexual activists, the American Psychiatric Association's board has rejected therapy aimed at "converting" gays, saying it could cause "depression, anxiety and self-destructive behavior" in patients.

"All the evidence would indicate this is the way people are born. We treat disease, not the way people are," Dr. Nada Stotland, head of the association's joint committee on public affairs, said Friday during the board's quarterly meeting.

The American Psychological Association made a similar decision last year.

Proponents of converting gays into heterosexuals said the decision could deny patients the treatment they want.

Some fundamentalist Christian groups attempt to persuade homosexuals to undergo treatment, sometimes called "reparative therapy," to convert to heterosexuality. Focus on the Family, the Family Research Council and the Christian Coalition began a national advertising campaign urging gays to convert.

John Paulk, a specialist on homosexuality for the Colorado Springs-based Focus on the Family, said there is no evidence that homosexuality is "biologically predetermined."

"This makes it more difficult for clients who want to be treated for unwanted homosexuality," Paulk said. "Furthermore no scientific study has given conclusive evidence that homosexuality cannot be successfully

treated."

Stotland, chair of psychiatry at Rush Medical College in Chicago, said there is no evidence that sexual orientation can be changed.

"The very existence of therapy that is supposed to change people's sexuality, even for people who don't take it, is harmful because it implies that they have a disease," Stotland said. "There is evidence that the belief itself can trigger depression and anxiety."

Stotland also said the belief in conversion therapy could make people "feel less inhibited about beating up gays, or not giving them jobs."

Some groups trying to convert gays came under fire after the beating death of Matthew Shepara. Police believe the 21-

year-old University of Wyoming student was attacked in part because he was gay.

David Smith, chief strategist for the Human Rights Campaign, which defends the rights of homosexuals, said conversion therapy was a form of psychological terrorism.

"We applaud ... the condemnation of this thoroughly discredited practice that causes great harm to people who are gay but not yet comfortable with their sexual orientation," he said.

Boy, 3, gets new heart, liver, lungs

PITTSBURGH (AP) — For the first time, doctors have transplanted a new heart, both lungs and a liver in a child in a groundbreaking operation.

While a handful of adults have undergone the 20-hour procedure, doctors Friday said 3-year-old Brendon Ednie was the first child to ever benefit from the operation.

"He's on the road to recovery," said Dr. Jorge Reyes, one of the transplant surgeons. "We're hopeful that he will gradually become independent of all support and live a normal

life."

The surgery was performed at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Aug. 21-22 but was not announced until Friday because doctors wanted to make sure that Brendon, of Daytona Beach, Fla., had a good chance for survival.

A photograph released by the hospital showed a small, chubby-cheeked boy with a slight smile on his lips and a Teletubbies doll in his hands. He was in good condition and was expected to move to a rehabilitation center within two

weeks, said Reyes.

Brendon, who had waited more than 10 months for the organs, was born with Alagille Syndrome — a rare genetic disorder that has only been diagnosed in about 100 people worldwide.

The syndrome is characterized by a less-than-normal number of small bile ducts in the liver and heart, as well as kidney and eye problems. Brendon was also born without a pulmonary artery, the blood vessel that connects the heart to the lungs.

Gas explosion kills four, injures 16

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (AP) — Gas leaking from a ruptured line exploded through three downtown buildings, killing four people and injuring another 16.

"It was like an earthquake," said witness Pat Kissner of Friday's blast. "There was a lot of dust in the air but it was mostly smoke and the smell of gas."

Construction workers apparently ruptured the line while laying fiber optic cable, and investigators were trying to determine how the gas ignited.

Two workers from Northern States Power Co. who had

worked on the line were killed, and another 16 were injured, including a 53-year-old man, Robert J. Jacobs, 46, of St. Cloud — were killed in the blast. A third victim was a 68-year-old tenant of an apartment above one of the buildings that collapsed. The fourth victim was a 50-year-old woman who was walking in the area.


Fire Chief Mike Holman said he was confident no other victims would be found amidst the rubble. But workers, under bright spotlights, continued to clear the debris and search for possible victims well into this morning.

The blast across from the

heart of downtown destroyed a building with a pizza restaurant and second-story apartments, a law office and a bar. The explosion also sent debris flying a block away, shattered windows and knocked out power in the area.

The Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety sent two inspectors to the scene to investigate the cause of the explosion, and an eight-person team from the National Transportation Safety Board arrived Friday night.

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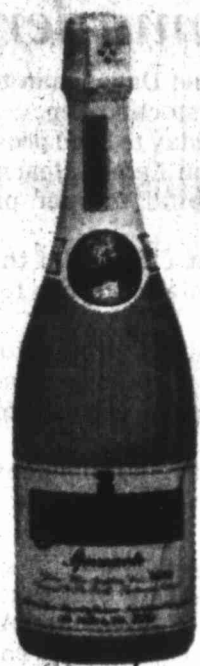
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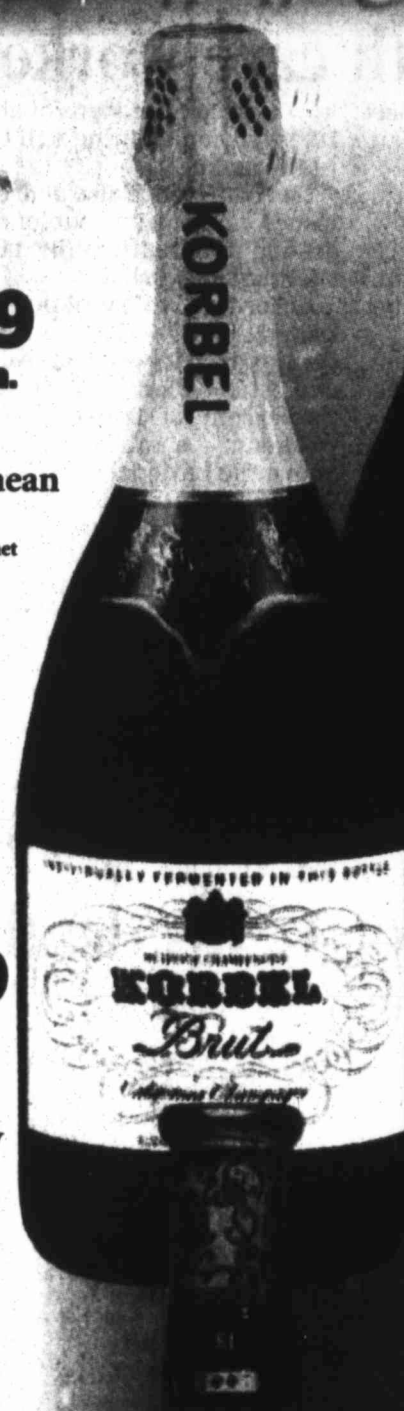
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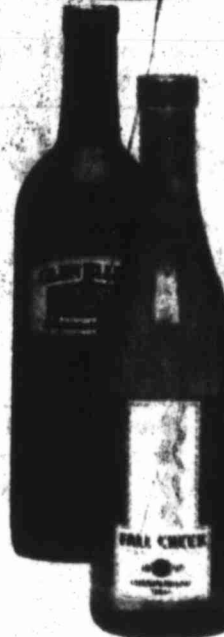
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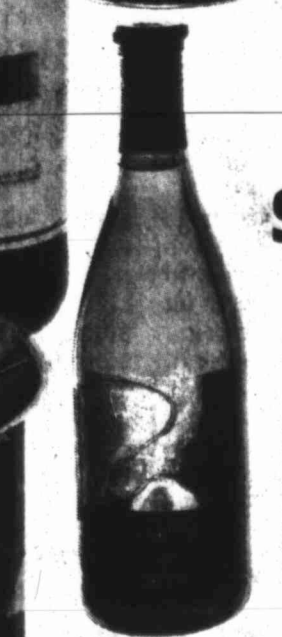
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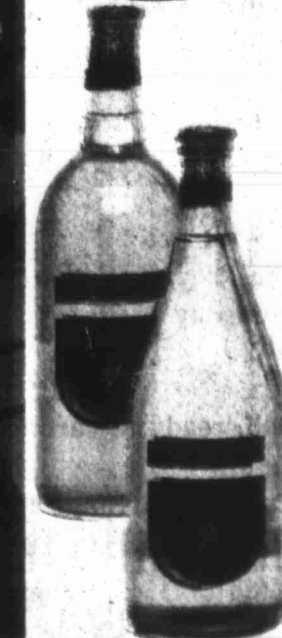
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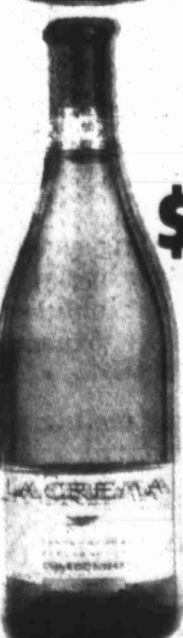
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Legislature to consider giving counties more power over development

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawmaker wants to stop the unregulated growth of subdivisions he calls "high-dollar colonias."

Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, said Friday that he plans to file a bill Monday that would plug a loophole allowing developers to subdivide land for residential and commercial purposes with virtually no county oversight.

He said such development is a growing problem in his district, including Bandera County, northwest of San Antonio.

"I call them high-dollar colonias," Turner told the Austin American-Statesman, referring to the term for substandard neighborhoods along the border with Mexico. "There's no regulation, no control."

Turner is vice chairman of the House Land and Resource Management Committee, which issued a report calling for legislation to correct the problem.

"Many subdivisions have been developed with lots that do not meet minimum requirements for the installation

of a permitted septic system," the committee's report said.

"This creates a health risk for the purchaser of the lot, as well as others in the area."

"Lots were sold with drainage problems and flood with relatively normal rainfall. The lack of access for emergency vehicles presents a threat to the safety and lives of those residents. Ultimately, county citizens are left to pick up the tab for irresponsible developers."

Turner said his bill would address a

1995 court decision involving Elgin Bank and Travis County.

Appeals judges ruled that the bank did not have to file subdivision blueprints and maps, known as plats, for a tract of land it was subdividing if it was not building streets or other public areas.

The ruling does not apply in areas subject to a city's jurisdiction.

Many developers, eager to avoid the legal and engineering fees associated with filing plats, have built without streets by carving tracts into odd-

shaped parcels with a long driveway leading to a public road.

Although recent Legislatures have failed to increase the power of counties to regulate developments, there is said to be a growing consensus that counties need expanded powers.

Betty Voights, executive director of the Capital Area Planning Council, said the needs include "the big four" — water, wastewater, streets and drainage. Public safety might well be added to the wish list, Ms. Voights said.

Domestic violence solution: Recruit health care workers

AUSTIN (AP) — It is a familiar statistic: More and more families nationwide are torn apart by domestic violence with each succeeding year. In Texas alone, families were marred by violence a reported 181,773 times in 1997 — up 300 incidents from 1996.

"You would think that with all of the changes in law over the past 20 years, we would see a decrease in domestic violence, but we haven't," said Pam Willhoite, program director of the Texas Council on Family Violence.

"With all of our new shelter services, the demand has gone up," she said.

And according to Ms. Willhoite and other participants at this weekend's Ninth International Nursing Conference on Ending Violence Against Women, it will stay that way until domestic violence is fully recognized as a

health issue by health care providers.

"Every woman who comes in for a health care assessment should be asked about her cholesterol and her blood pressure, and then how things are going on at home," said Susan Hadley, founder of WomanKind, an intervention program in Minneapolis, Minn.

"If a health care provider diagnosed me as having diabetes or high cholesterol, they wouldn't fix it, they would just refer me to somewhere else. Why can't they do that with domestic violence?" she asked.

Conference speaker Rachel Rodriguez said nurses started probing issues of domestic violence as early as the 1970s, but they met with a resistance that still lingers.

"Health care providers were resistant... because they didn't think they could do anything about it," said Ms. Rodriguez,

director of the Family Violence Research Network in San Antonio.

But over the past few years, protocol has changed and now more emergency rooms are screening patients for domestic violence, she said. And the screening works.

"Just by simply asking a question, you can break the silence," said Nancy Himes, a family violence nurse liaison for Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

She said her hospital identifies about 500 victims a year through routine screenings and refers them to services for help.

Programs are cropping up nationwide to teach health care workers to view domestic violence as a health issue.

Earlier this year, Texas was one of 10 states chosen to participate in the National Health Initiative on Domestic Violence to teach health care providers

how to recognize signs of abuse. Intervention training will begin in the spring.

The conference also addressed issues of domestic violence in groups not traditionally targeted: migrant workers.

According to statistics published by the Migrant Clinicians Network of Austin, domestic violence affects some 20 percent of female migrant workers — a rate significantly above the national average. Ms. Rodriguez attributed the high rate to the migrants' lack of resources.

"If they have migrated north, they may not know the language or the geography, or they are too far away from shelters," Ms. Rodriguez said. "Culture also has an influence. Leaving the relationship is simply not an option for migrant women, and if they do get a divorce, they are viewed as easy because they are alone."

20-year-old man sentenced to death for broker's murder

DALLAS (AP) — Jurors sentenced a 20-year-old Dallas man to death for the carjacking and killing of a young stockbroker.

The Dallas County jury took about an hour Friday to heed prosecution pleas for the death penalty for Yokamon Laneal Hearn. The same jury had found him guilty of capital murder on Thursday.

Witnesses testified Hearn waved a newspaper clipping of the murder of Frank Meziere, pleased to have made headlines for killing the 23-year-old Plano man in March.

"This case proved that criminals read the paper," prosecutor Jason January said. "Hopefully, the next group of would-be criminals will read this paper about Yokamon Hearn getting the death penalty and it will be a deterrent."

Matt Fry and Wayne Huff, Hearn's lawyers, gave no comment. But in court, Huff argued spending life in prison would be a tougher sentence for his client.

A life sentence was the jury's only alternative to death.

Meziere's body turned up March 26 in an east Oak Cliff field. He had been shot 10 times in the head. His black 1994 Mustang convertible, equipped with a high-performance engine, was found about an hour later in south Dallas.

Prosecutors told jurors Hearn previously had been accused of burglary, aggravated robbery, rape and attempted murder.

Satisfaction difficult to find in all aspects of Texas death penalty experiences last week

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — On each of the four days there were tears.

Tears of joy. Tears of despair. Tears of grief. Tears of frustration.

And after the events of last week and given the history of this place, it's likely some of the same people will be shedding tears again, regardless of whether they return to Huntsville's so-called Walls Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, where Texas carries out executions.

Over the course of the last week, two convicted killers were executed and the courts spared two others.

In the aftermath, words you hear repeated by people whose lives forever will be affected by events that culminate in Huntsville are "ugly," "hellish" or "inhumane."

"Ugly" was the nature of the crimes that brought Daniel Corwin, Jeff Emery, Danny Barber and Stanley Faulder to Texas death row.

The "hellish," as Faulder defense attorney Sandra Babcock put it, was the intense roller-coaster ride she her client rode as his on-again and off-again punishment finally was

"For the system to put us through this, and then keep on and on, it's just inhumane."

—Debbie Caperton, daughter of a murder victim

put off by the U.S. Supreme Court. The court acted Thursday night less than 30 minutes before he was to have been put to death for killing 75-year-old Inez Phillips 23 years ago in Gladewater.

Relatives of Barber's crimes used the word "inhumane" to describe the pain of waiting to see him die for his crimes, only to learn 15 minutes before the scheduled execution that he would live to see the new year. The courts granted a stay Wednesday.

"For the system to put us through this, and then keep on and on, it's just inhumane," cried Debbie Caperton, the daughter of one of Barber's victims.

Barber was condemned for the Oct. 8, 1979, attack on Janice Louise Ingram at her home in Balch Springs, a suburb southeast of Dallas.

He described it as a burglary that went wrong.

"I guess we'll wait again,"

said Ruth Clowers, 92, her family huddled around her for comfort. Ms. Clowers was the one who found the naked, beaten and dead body of her daughter, Ms. Ingram.

"The least she wants to do is see this man dead before she's gone," said Ruth Rae Clowers, Ms. Ingram's niece, to arrive in Texas.

Only a handful can follow Canadian-born Faulder and cite violation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations — a

slowly evaporated from the glass.

Unknown to Ms. Majenburg, Dee Muhlinghaus was only inches away on the other side of a wall in a room for family members of Emery's victims. Emery killed her sister, LaShan.

"Unfortunately, we had to come in contact with Mr. Emery in an ugly way," Ms. Muhlinghaus said.

She and her relatives won't be back, but others will take their place. There are more than 450 men and women on death row in Texas.

Only a handful can follow Canadian-born Faulder and cite violation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations — a

treaty protecting foreigners — as grounds for appeal. The case has attracted international attention because he says his nationality improperly was ignored when he was arrested.

Others can take the Barber appeal route and challenge the closed-door decisions on commutation by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

That question will be addressed in the federal courts, which sent mixed signals last week.

One panel of a federal appeals court blocked Barber's punishment, but another three-judge panel of the same 15-member 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, considering the same set of arguments, voted to allow

Faulder's execution.

When asked what is likely to happen as a result of the Faulder and Barber decisions, Harris County assistant district attorney Roe Wilson was blunt: "Beats me. I don't know."

At some point, though, at least some of those who made the trek to Huntsville last week may return.

Gregg County District Attorney Bill Jennings says he's disappointed that Faulder's execution was blocked. He says he'll pursue another death date for Faulder as soon as possible.

Another execution of a Harris County case — is set for Tuesday. Seven already are on the schedule for next year, four of them in January.

Second police officer on leave in investigation

DALLAS (AP) — A second Dallas police officer is under investigation regarding thefts of thousands of dollars from drug dealers and undocumented Mexican immigrants, according to a published report.

Officer Quentis R. Roper has been placed on paid leave pending the outcome of a criminal investigation, a Police Department source told The Dallas Morning News.

Roper, 32, a former local football standout, has not been

arrested or charged with a crime. The source, who asked not to be identified, declined to say why Roper is a suspect.

Officer Daniel E. Maples Jr. is also on paid administrative leave after he surrendered to police because he feared drug dealers he's accused of shaking down would kill his girlfriend, the report said.

Detective John Brimmer, a Grand Prairie police spokesman, said Dallas investigators did not arrest Maples but

did take away his badge and gun while in the suburban police station.

Roper's attorney, Bob Baskett, said his client has done nothing wrong.

"It is a drug dealer who claims he has taken some money," said Baskett. "He's not a credible witness. He's a drug dealer."

Maples, 26, was placed on paid administrative leave after turning himself in, said the newspaper in citing a police source.

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Postal worker convicted for e-mail discussing plans to "go postal"

LAREDO (AP) — A U.S. Postal worker is facing up to five years in prison for sending a short e-mail to a co-worker in which he said he was going to "go postal," triggering a "shootout at the O.K. Corral."

A federal jury convicted John Murillo on Friday of transporting a threat across state lines. Prosecutors said the Internet message, even though it was sent to a friend who lived across town in Laredo, actually passed through Tennessee, Georgia and New Jersey before reaching its destination.

"They are trying everything

File access: Accident victim to see documents on investigation

DENTON (AP) — The victim of a hit-and-run boat collision that disfigured her will now get to review criminal investigation files in her case.

A state district judge ruled late last week in Dallas that the Denton County sheriff's department must turn over their records to Stephanie Booker of Carrollton.

Investigators must relinquish all of the case file except that which could damage efforts to identify and find the boaters responsible for the collision, her attorney, Larry Rolle of Dallas told the Denton Record-Chronicle.

Judge Bill Stephens, visiting judge in the 44th District Court in Dallas, gave the sheriff's department until the end of January to make the file available to Ms. Booker, said Rolle of the law firm Rolle, Breeland, Ryan and Landau.

Although sheriff's officers contend the investigation into the 1995 collision is not over, they concede it is probably too late to file criminal charges in the case.

The statute of limitations expired in June for leveling criminal charges at whoever caused the June 18, 1995, collision on Lewisville Lake, 20 miles northwest of Dallas.

Ms. Booker, 35, was permanently scarred by the other boat's propeller.

Rolle said a sheriff's department representative will have to justify to the court any deletions from the file supplied to Ms. Booker.

In September, the Denton Record-Chronicle asked for access to the entire investigative file under the state's Public Information Act.

The request was forwarded by Denton County to the Attorney General's Office. It has not yet issued an opinion.

A high-performance speedboat became airborne and struck the 19-foot craft in which Ms. Booker was riding, with its propeller slamming into her face.

She was 31 at the time of her injuries.

The years-long investigation by the sheriff's department, although not successful in locating the boater who fled the scene with a passenger, is rumored to have produced physical evidence and a large volume of documents.

Rolle told the newspaper he is seeking access to the file to lessen the cost of his own investigation into the mishap, avoiding the need to repeat work of the sheriff's department.

The victim has undergone more than a dozen operations to repair her lips, teeth, skin and receive a new nose.

"Her life really has changed dramatically," said Rolle.

Hundreds of people, including Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman, have been questioned by law officers about the crash, which occurred shortly after midnight in a no-wake zone near Charlie's Pier 121 Marina.

About 1,500 people were in the area at the time of the crash, including Rodman, whose boat resembled the one that struck Ms. Booker.

The basketball star was cleared, said Mike Ramon, a Denton County deputy sheriff who has worked full-time on the case.

Bob Schell, a Denton County civil attorney working on the case, said Stephens — senior justice on the 5th Court of Appeals — is expected to issue a written ruling early in the week.

to make me go postal," the message reads in part. "This Mexican can only take so much. You kick a dog so much and sooner or later that chain will snap. I have been very patient with them but I am tired and making plans. ... judgment day will come. It will be a shootout

at the O.K. Corral."

During the five-day trial, prosecutor Mary Lou Castillo portrayed Murillo, 48, as an enraged, alcoholic loner who is dangerously close to a psychological collapse, the Laredo Morning Times reported.

"We don't have to wait until

the chain snaps to charge him," Castillo told the jury during closing arguments Friday.

The trial included testimony by Murillo's friends and former co-workers, including William Espinoza, who was the recipient of the message. Espinoza turned the message over to postal

inspectors.

Espinoza testified that he was "shocked" when he received the message at about 3 a.m. on April 18. Under cross-examination, he admitted that he laughed when he read the e-mail.

Public defender Juan R.

Flores told jurors that the case was about freedom of speech. Murillo agreed and said he never planned to take any action against the postal service or its employees. Still, he conceded that his message could have angered postal service officials.

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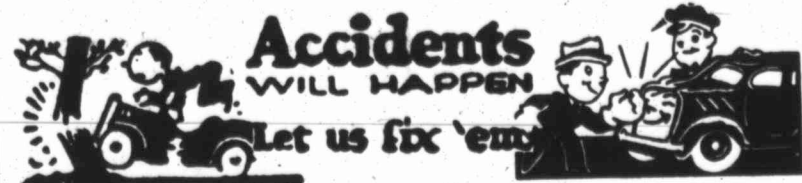
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TOP 25 FOOTBALL
The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final regular-season college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 5.

HEISMAN

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"I was exhausted," said Williams, who ended up with 259 yards in the 26-24 upset of the Aggies.

COYOTES

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Miller interception in the end zone, Borden's early advantage was clearly evaporating.

the NFL, though, he changed his mind, saying he was coming back to win games.

cutting Borden's lead to 10-8. The Coyotes struck back with a McCook-to-Kevin Pinkerton touchdown pass, but Jackson tied the game at 16-16 when he returned the ensuing kickoff 72 yards for a touchdown, and the Trojans were off and rushing.

"Every coordinator in the country had circled Ricky's name and there's absolutely no way a guy can get 1,800 or so yards," Brown said.

ception — and the rushing game, centered around Baeza, proved to be no match for Jackson.

NHL

Friday's Games
Calgary 2, Tampa Bay 1
Buffalo 2, N.Y. Rangers 0

Orange Bowl

At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

TOP 25 BASKETBALL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 6.

Trinidad Team stats Sweetwater
12 First downs 6
297 rushing yds. 123

TOP 25 WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 6.

BUFFS

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"It took a good football team, some horrible conditions and seven hours on a bus to put us down," Cotton said.

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Friday's Games
Nashville 76, New England 68
Portland 76, Seattle 63

JUCO-WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll with records through Dec. 8.

TOP 25 MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 6.

BOWLING SCHEDULE

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

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. 8.

STEERS

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added 11. In Saturday's loss to Bowie, Hall paced the Steers with 14 points, while Ford added 13 and Blair Nutting scored 10.

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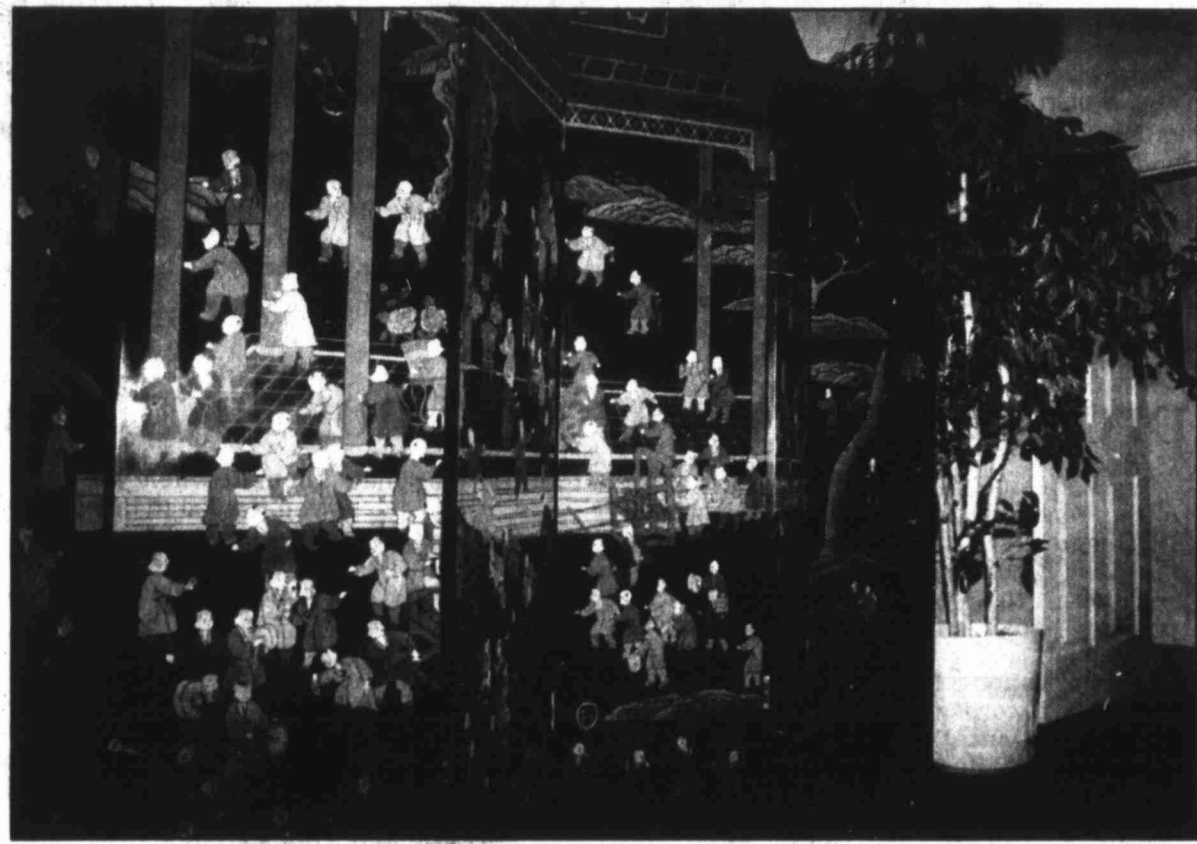
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At the home of Cassandra and Glen Fillingim, the view's the thing.

Their home at 5 Highland Heather has a panoramic canyon view that, from their daughter's upstairs window, stretches all the way to Comanche Lake.

The Fillingim's home will be among those on display today from 2-4 p.m. as part of the Symphony Guild Tour of Homes. Others are: 610 Highland Drive, 701 Caprock, and 714 Craigmont.

Tickets, \$10 each, are available at any of the homes.

At the Fillingim's two-story home, the kitchen is its heart. That's where the large windows are placed to maximize the beautiful West Texas view.

"Our kids do their homework here. At parties, people always seem to end up here," said Cassandra, who designed the kitchen area to be just what she always wanted.

In fact the entire house fit Cassandra's dreams. She and Glen, both certified public accountants, designed the house together.

It's enough to have many couples at each other's throats.

"We didn't fight," Cassandra explained. "We had a great time."

Upstairs, the kids have their own space. Each of the three little Fillingims has a bedroom, and all three share a play area at the top of the stairs. There, they can watch TV, drag out toys and just generally "be kids."

The Fillingims had lived at #4 Highland Heather before deciding to build their own home in 1994. Cassandra said she drew upon their former home when designing the new one. With a few alterations, the next door home was "nearly perfect."

Their home was also built in part for their furniture, which includes some pieces that have been in the family for generations.

"Usually, everything in my house has some kind of memory attached to it," Cassandra said.

At Katie Lara's three-year-old home, memories play an important role as well — in both decorating and furnishing.

The chief nurse at the VA Medical Center, Lara wanted her house to fit her busy lifestyle — elegant, but low-maintenance.

That's why most of the flooring is white



Far left, Katie Lara's large Oriental screen is part of her collection of unique items furnishing and decorating her three-year-old home. Near left, an angel graces Lara's Christmas tree, which she decorated herself.

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marble tile.

"I like a house that looks dark on the outside, but light on the inside," Lara said. "This tile is also, in the long run, very economical."

Her furnishings show her love of unique items, many of them collected from her years living in San Francisco.

"The older I've gotten, I like things more unusual," Lara said. Oriental items placed throughout many rooms of her house include a large Japanese screen, fans, dolls and lamps.

She also admits being influenced by "Architectural Digest" magazine.

Original oil paintings that hang on her walls are mostly the work of a family friend, Jack Erlich. Lara said she especially enjoys his paintings of wild birds and water.

In her kitchen, her hobby of working in cut

glass is displayed. And in her back yard, Lara's handiwork is on display again — this time in the form of a playhouse built by Lara and her late husband, Guy.

The small-scale house is furnished and decorated inside. Lara said her grandchildren have enjoyed playing in it over the years.

On a small well house hangs an antique bell that has been in Lara's family for four generations. An ancestor was a trustee at the college in Missouri where the bell was originally used.

Lara's house and yards — front and back — are decorated for Christmas, as they are every year. A wooden goose, "Ruby" has been dressed in a Santa Claus suit, and "Spice Boy," a live rabbit, is wearing his Christmas bow.



Photography by Linda Choate. Story by Debbie L. Jensen



Above, left, the Fillingim living room opens to the kitchen, sharing the beautiful view of a West Texas canyon behind the house. Above, right, the family's Christmas village is on display in the formal dining room for the holiday season.

My Christmas newsletter might be just a card

This is the time of year when I look forward to Christmas cards and letters from friends and family. Some of these folks I hear from only at Christmastime.

How I long to be able to write a really impressive newsletter to send to them. You know — one with little tidbits like "For our family trip, we went around the world this year;" or "I took this course and learned to speak French in one week;" or "The committee for the Nobel Prize for Literature is giving me serious consideration."

I'm afraid any newsletter I could write just wouldn't come

up to those standards.

Take the matter of travel. I finally got up to Palo Duro Canyon State Park to see the acclaimed production, "Texas." It was great! However, apparently I was the only person in Big Spring who had not already seen it.

And I did get to California this past summer! My sisters and I visited my niece, Gretchen, and her husband.

We stayed overnight at Catalina Island, toured the Queen Mary, and joined at least a million tourists at Universal Studios.

I was appalled by the traffic, and impressed with the flowers,

and had a wonderful time. However, when I add that this

was my first trip to the Golden State, it makes me appear less than the seasoned, sophisticated traveler I would like to be.

I haven't learned to speak French, but I have learned to play 42.

Some kind friends have been teaching me, so that when the

time comes for me to live in a retirement center, I won't be a social outcast. I even read a book by George McAlister on the subject.

Then some remarked, "How could anyone who has lived in Texas for 40 years not know how to play dominoes?" Makes one sound less than enterprising.

To date, I have not been tapped to receive the Nobel Prize. On the other hand, I have not been required to do any hours of community service. But I did receive a warning from a sheriff's deputy.

Last May I was out in the back yard, innocently burning

trash, when he stopped and gave me a serious lecture. Honestly, I had been out of town and I did not know that burning trash had been banned because of the dry conditions. I promised to mend my ways, so he let me off with a warning.

I could write about the newest addition to the family — London Taylor Moore. My granddaughter is such a sweet baby, with the cutest little dimples.

But at 7 months, her vocabulary is not extensive, so she wouldn't be good for more than a paragraph.

I did spend some fascinating time with the plumber, as he

worked on the kitchen drains. Have you ever looked inside a clogged pipe? It looks just like those TV ads before Drano.

Really, it was very interesting. But for a Christmas letter? I guess not.

There's always the weather, but with every part of the country having record breaking weather of some sort, it's difficult to compete with other people's stories.

I've come to the conclusion that my life is just not the stuff of which impressive newsletters are made. I'll have to settle for a card that says something simple, like "Happy Yule to you!"



JEAN WARREN

WEDDINGS

Adkins-McNeill

Jennifer Dawn Adkins and Rolland Micheal McNeill, both of Canyon, were united in marriage on July 11, 1998, at the Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon with Bob Shepard, minister of the Church of Christ, officiating.

She is the daughter of Bob and Deborah Adkins of Lomax, and the late Donna Nichols Adkins, and the granddaughter of Ms. Gene Harrell of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Adkins of Lomax, and Mr. and Mrs. Green Holloway, Tarzan.

He is the son of Dave and Terasa McNeill of Jacksboro.

Maid of honor was Kelly Harrell, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sunny Jo Boaz, sister of the groom, Juliana Nichols, and Emily Jones. Honorary bridesmaid was Julie McNeill, sister-in-law of the groom.

Courtney Colwell, cousin of the bride, and Kelsie McNeill, cousin of the groom, were the flower girls.

Brian Hoffman served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Stan Boaz, brother-in-law of the groom, Bob Adkins, father of the bride and Jeff Gleason.

Jacob Nichols, cousin of the bride, and Blake McNeill, cousin of the groom, were the ringbearers.

Mark McNeill, brother of the groom, and Mark Leech served as ushers.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Stanton High School and attended West Texas A&M. She is currently continuing college education through the Guided Study Program.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Bryson High School and attended Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. He is employed by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.

Following a wedding trip to Angelfire, N.M., the couple have made their home in Ft. Sumner, N.M.

Studies will focus on Gulf War Syndrome

The Department of Veterans Affairs is leading a \$20 million effort with the Department of Defense (DoD) to conduct large-scale randomized, controlled trials of treatments for the symptoms of undiagnosed illnesses of Gulf War veterans.

Since the Gulf War, thousands of veterans have suffered from a variety of symptomatic complaints including fatigue, muscle and joint pain, and problems with memory and thinking.

Because neither the cause nor a single underlying disease process has been identified, doctors have treated veterans for their individual symptoms.

The EBT trial, focusing on exercise and behavior therapy, will enroll more than 1,000 veterans who experience at least two of the three otherwise unexplained symptoms of fatigue, muscle and joint pain, and memory and thinking problems.

The trial will be conducted at multiple VA medical centers to test whether two different therapeutic interventions, alone or in combination, improve physi-

cal function. Researches will randomly assign study volunteers to different groups receiving aerobic exercise training, cognitive behavior therapy, both together, or usual and customary medical center as a control group.

Aerobic exercise has been shown to be effective in managing symptoms of some chronic illnesses. Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) has also been shown to be effective in small clinical studies. CBT is a highly structured treatment strategy that teaches patients various techniques for diminishing the severity of their symptoms.

The second trial focuses on Mycoplasma fermentans, a hypothesized infectious cause of the variety of symptoms being experienced by Gulf War veterans.

Although there is no established, definitive link between infection with this organism and Gulf War veterans' illnesses, undetermined numbers of ill veterans are taking the antibiotic doxycycline for up to 12 months in hopes of improving their health.

In this trial, hundreds of qualified ill veterans at several VA sites will be randomly assigned to either a placebo control group or a treatment group.



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whose members will receive doxycycline orally for 12 months; a qualified volunteer will be required to have evidence of infection with Mycoplasma demonstrated by detection of the organism's DNA using the modern molecular technique known as polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

The study will assess improvement of physical functioning and elimination of Mycoplasma.

The EBT and ABT trials are research studies and not part of standard clinical care for Gulf War veterans. Recruitment for these studies will begin after

Jan. 1, 1999, and information about participation will be disseminated at the time. Veterans who are in need of medical care now or who wish to take advantage of the special examination program available to all Gulf War veterans under the Gulf War Health Registry, may receive information from their local VA medical center or the VA's Gulf War Helpline at 1-800-PGW-VETS (1-800-749-8387).

A hearty welcome is extended to the following: John Bright, financial manager, and Colleen Fowler, RN.

A fond farewell is sent to the following: Win Naign, Physician; Alan Kimbrow, Pharmacist; Beverly Rice, Medical Records Administration Specialist; Derrick Whitmore, Pipefitter; Susan Langley, RN; Joyce Johnson, LVN; Cindy Mitchell, LVN; Diane Livengood, Recreation Assistant; and Salena Dornieden, Pharmacy Tech.

Fred Cox is the Community Relations Coordinator at the VAMC.

Two artists explore 'other times and other experiences' in W. Texas

SAN ANGELO (AP) — They didn't have much money, but they had an old Mercury and a road map.

They wandered with an artist's sense of wonder and with a "curiosity for other times and other experiences."

Two artists — one from California, the other from the East — lived in San Angelo, Texas, in 1982. Living far from oceans or urbanity, landlocked in an endless sea of small towns, big pastures and endless roads, they began to explore farm towns in the surrounding area.

They described the beginning this way:

"It was during this time that our love affair with rural, small-town Texas began. The excursions became adventures and then turned into a bit of an obsession, which is still with us today.

"We were new to the area and the landscape. For two people who had spent most of their lives in far more urban environments, these small towns, some nearly extinguished, were fascinating and wonderful."

They started in Eden, wandering the town's streets and alleys, and "loved it."

They roamed farther, searching the state for weathered buildings, overgrown barns, places painted with a certain "patina of time."

They took photographs, pictures of a skinny little tumbleweed skittering across Sterling City's main street, an abandoned storefront in Melvin, a garden growing in a vacant lot between two buildings in Miles.

Even after they moved from San Angelo, from Texas, they kept returning to the little West Texas towns.

Sometimes, they found change: a new post office building where a decayed shed once stood, or a crumbling building that had been remodeled into a senior center.

Sometimes they found a scene as frozen in time as the images in their photographs.

"We stopped and pho-

tographed once in the town of Miles.

"One of the pictures was of two wire coat hangers dangling from a coat rack along the wall of a deserted building. Five years later we returned to Miles. We walked around the same few streets, taking a new batch of photographs. Among these was a shot of the same coat rack nailed into the same wall, with the two wire hangers still dangling from the same hook."

Those, the artists concluded, "are indeed quiet places."

Artists Karen Zimmerly and John Mattson returned to San Angelo last month for an exhibition of their photographs at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.

Their exhibit, "Sojourn: Musings on Time and Place in Texas," will be on display at the museum through Jan. 17, along with another exhibit, "War-time Sketches of Peter Hurd."

The two artists, who plan to move back to San Angelo, recently conducted an informal tour of their exhibit.

Their tour took museum visitors past pictures of a roofless building in Bronte, a domino parlor in Menard, a single Christmas decoration hanging from a lamp post in McCamey.

Some pictures — like a sign in Bronte declaring "keep out/baby rabbits," were humorous.

Some, like a brush-filled building in Talpa, seemed sad.

All had a sense of profound loneliness. Too much space. Too little time.

"We are confronted," the artists wrote in their exhibition notes, "with the overwhelming reality of lives passed on forever."

Amen. None of the small towns the artists visited are deserted ghost towns.

"Some places appear to be prospering and doing just fine," the artists wrote, "while others are mere clusters of deserted buildings."

How do you pronounce the favorite holiday flower

NEW YORK (AP) — Life at the intersection of botany and linguistics can get a little hectic when Christmas comes around. For instance, how, exactly, does one say poinsettia?

"Poin-sett-uh," says a colleague. "Poin-sett-ee-uh," another declares. And so it goes in the quest for the correct pronunciation of the festive plant that sells by the millions each December.

First stop — the dictionary. Developed from Mexican flame leaf. Part of the spurge family. Named after Joel R. Poinsett, 1779-1851, U.S. ambassador to Mexico. Pronunciation: "poin-sett-ee-uh," but "widely" pronounced as "poin-sett-uh."

Maybe it started in Mexico, says my mother, a specialist in Hispanic linguistics. "If it was Spanish to begin with, 'poin-sett-ee-uh' would fit Spanish pronunciation," she theorizes. "Besides, there aren't too many English words that end in 'ett-ee-uh'."

"It's not a linguistic question," grouses my father, a linguist quick to pass the botanical buck. "It's a plant question."

Next up is my plant biologist sister.

"Plant people tend to say 'poin-sett-uh' and non-plant people say 'poin-sett-ee-uh,'" she says. "I would never go in and ask for a 'poin-sett-ee-uh.' But I don't like the thing much, anyway."

At 1-800-FLOWERS, customer service representative Diane asks if she can help. She pauses after the question.

"Poin-sett-uh," she announces. "I have heard people say poin-sett-ee-uh, but it's poin-sett-uh."

Makes sense. English, after all, has words like "operetta" and "vendetta." Robert Blake did play "Baretta," and Americans are sprinkling salads with feta. Not many "et-ee-uh" words, though.

Terry Mustoe, floral director of the Portland Flower Market in Oregon, staunchly backs "just the regular poinsett-uh." But there's this: "A lot of people say — oh, just those red things."

Maybe Eugene Ehrlich can help. He's a wordsmith who has a new book out, "What's in a Name: How Proper Names Become Everyday Words." Surely he'd know.

Ehrlich grew up on the East Side of Manhattan, where men were men and pronunciation was fast and loose. "I was a Toid Avenue kid — at Toidy-Toid streef," he says, effecting the accent of his youth. "I would have said 'poin-sett-uh' — if I didn't just call it a Christmas plant."

"Americans don't like that double vowel. So we lose it," he

says. "It's not an unusual phenomenon."

When it comes to poinsettias, "I think we should keep that little 'i' in there."

But he's not quite done, either.

"A lot of people say 'poinsett-ee-uh,'" he says, emphasizing a first, incorrect "t." "So I

thought when you called that you wanted to know how the 't' got in there."

"That," he declares, "is a whole other story."

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Wilkinson

Marc and Dana Wilkinson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a party hosted by their daughters.

He was born in Siloam Springs, Ark., and she was born in Ranger as Dana Boyles. They met at a local dance in the summer of 1948 in Vivian, La. They were married on Dec. 14, 1948 in the home of the pastor in Vivian, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson have two daughters, Marcia Hamby of The Woodlands and Danalea Wilkinson of Hendersonville, Tenn., one son, Marc, Wilkinson III of Big Spring; and one grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson have lived in Oil City, La., Shreveport, La., Vivian, La., Scottsville, Ky., Coahoma and Big Spring during their 50 years of marriage.

He is retired. Previously, he worked for City Sales - Continental Supply Co. in Shreveport, La., was an Oil Producer in Scottsville, Ky., and retired from Trico Ind. in Big Spring.

They are affiliated with the



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14th & Main Church of Christ. Marc is a mason and enjoys golf, fishing and hunting, and Dana is a member of the Art Association and the Ladies Golf Association.

This was their comment about their 50 years of marriage, "It takes a lot of work and a lot of love to make it last so we must have done something right to reach the Golden Years together."

IN THE MILITARY

Marine Pvt. Christopher L. Reitzer, son of Leonard H. and Cathy R. Reitzer, Big Spring, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

He is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring.

Navy Airman Eric B. Smith, son of Harlan V. and Debbie K. Smith, Big Spring, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis, homeported in San Diego.

The 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School joined the Navy in June 1996.

Marine Pfc. Gary R. French, son of Tommie F. French, Big Spring, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

He is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Marine Pvt. Robert Rios, son of Robert Rios, Sr., and Cathy E. Guzman, Big Spring, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

He is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Marine Pvt. Seth T. Ralston, son of Tommy L. and Kelly L. Ralston, Big Spring, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

He is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul Talamantez, a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson.

Army Pvt. Joseph L. Lynch has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky. to complete basic combat training. Lynch is the son of Minnie D. Nicholson of Stanton, and Bobby L. Lynch of Chama, N.M.

Marine Pfc. Jose D. Alvizo, son of Angie Alvizo of Stanton, recently graduated from the Unit Diary Clerk's Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 1997 graduate of Stanton High School joined the Marine Corps in March 1998.

NEWCOMERS

New residents welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Jeffrey S. and Susie Donnell, Seguin. He is the youth minister of First Baptist Church.

Andrea Doctor and daughter Cree, Odessa. She is employed by Furr's Family Dining.

Ronnie Huse, Dublin. He owns and operates West Texas Spine and Pain Clinic.

Mellisa J. Carter, San Antonio. She is employed by Cornell Corrections.

Joe and Tammy Lujan, daughter Illiana and son Alex, Stockton, Calif. They are both employed by the VA Medical Center.

John and Molley Bright and daughter Becky, Phoenix, Ariz. He is employed by the VA Medical Center.

James and Dawn Turner, son Tristan and daughter Theresa, Michigan City, Ind. She is employed by Cornell Corrections.

Eboni Wakefield, Atlanta, GA. He is employed by the Big Spring State Hospital.

Robert and Kelly Evans, Houston. He works for Fina Oil & Chemical.

Chris Evans, Houston. Johnny and Lena Hinojose, sons Andrew and Frankie and daughter Mercedes, Austin. He works for Feagin's Implement.

Homer and Olivia Vasquez and son Daniel, Portales, N.M. He works for the New Mexico State Highway Department, and she is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Maria Martinez, daughters Yvette and Lisa and son Joshua, San Angelo.

Samuel Bull, daughter Crystal and son Caylor, Abilene. He is employed by Cornell Corrections.

Gary Morgan, Pueblos, Colo. He works for Cornell Corrections.

'Babe' bombed, but toy is tops

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When that cute little pig got roasted at the box office, there were immediate concerns that toy stores would feel the heat.

So far, plush toys based on the porker from "Babe: Pig in the City" are selling nicely in what is shaping up to be a better overall holiday season for movie toys than 1997.

But what kids are really going buggy for are toys from that OTHER holiday movie.

"It's going to be 'A Bug's Life' Christmas. It's not going to be a 'Babe' Christmas," said Jeffrey Thomison, an analyst for Hilliard Lyons.

Movie merchandising, like movie making, is a high-stakes business that doesn't always follow conventional wisdom and relies heavily on the whims of young — and often fickle — consumers.

"A Bug's Life," Disney's animated ant adventure, opened to huge business at the box office during the Thanksgiving week-end, energizing sales of everything from "Bug's Life" books to talking grasshopper statuettes.

At the other end of the spectrum is "Babe: Pig in the City," the expensive sequel to 1995's Oscar-nominated hit, "Babe."

It opened the same weekend as the Disney film and flopped. Though it received generally favorable reviews, some critics found the G-rated movie too scary for children. The company with the merchandise license for "Babe" saw its stock tumble 12 percent the Monday after the opening.

Still, one of the most popular items in recent weeks has been Real Live Babe, a talking stuffed animal.

"The sell-through for 'Babe' has been OK, considering the movie bombed," said Brett Hendrickson, an analyst for B. Riley & Co. "Are the stores going to be stuck with 'Babe' inventory at the end of year? We don't know. I don't think the managers know yet."

For much of this year, analysts said, movie merchandise was in a rut, contributing to what many described as a generally flat market for toys going into the critical holiday season. "Godzilla" toy sales weren't

necessarily bad, but fell short of the lofty expectations, as did the movie.

"Small Soldiers" merchandise did reasonably well, but was hardly "Power Rangers" material. "Mulan" items were mostly a bust.

Still, two weeks into the holiday shopping season, retailers are expecting stronger movie toy sales this year, powered by the success of "A Bug's Life" and the surprising resiliency of other toys.

"Godzilla" wasn't that great but the action figures are doing well for us," said Kmart spokeswoman Laura Mahle. The chain isn't aggressively stocking "Babe" toys or "Small Soldiers" merchandise.

"Rugrats" toys, which have been on the market for years because of the cable show, are benefiting from the success of the recent "The Rugrats Movie," Ms. Mahle said. And "Star Wars" merchandise continues to be appealing, decades after the original movie.

A new installment is scheduled to hit movie theaters next year.

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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER MONDAY- Chicken, rice, green beans, salad milk/rolls, fruit. TUESDAY- Beef stew, tossed salad, cauliflower/peas, cornbread, milk, fruit. WEDNESDAY- Enchiladas, spanish rice, beans, salad, milk/rolls, cobbler. THURSDAY- Meatloaf, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cookies. FRIDAY- Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, milk/roll, fruit.

STANTON SCHOOLS MONDAY- Grill cheese or tuna salad sandwich, french fries, vegetable soup, mixed fruit, milk, fruit juice. TUESDAY- Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, blackeye peas, fruit cobbler, hot roll, milk, fruit juice. WEDNESDAY- Nacho grande or hot tamales, refried beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, milk, fruit juice. THURSDAY- Pizza or burrito, buttered corn, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk, fruit juice. FRIDAY- Choice of sandwiches, potato chips, pickle spears, apple cookie, milk, fruit juice.

MONDAY- Chili and beans, corn, salad, chocolate cake, applesauce, milk. TUESDAY- Salad plate, fritos, bread and crackers, milk. WEDNESDAY- Bar-B-Que on a bun, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, pudding, milk. THURSDAY- Pizza, sliced potatoes, salad, fruit, milk. FRIDAY- Sandwiches, chips, salad, rice crispie bars, fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS MONDAY- Steak fingers (corn-dog), mashed potatoes, english peas, pear halves, hot roll, milk. TUESDAY- Chicken nuggets (ham & cheese sandwich), macaroni & cheese, black eye peas,

peaches, hot roll, milk. WEDNESDAY- Burrito (chef salad), corn, potato wedges, apple, milk. THURSDAY- Turkey & dressing (managers choice), mashed potatoes, fruit salad, green beans, hot roll, cherry cobbler, milk. FRIDAY- Hamburger (managers choice), salad, french fries, pinto beans, merry Christmas cup, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS MONDAY- Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit, milk. TUESDAY- Shake & bake chicken, (corn dogs), sweetened rice, green beans, bread, jello w/fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY- Taco beef pie (burritos), salad, pinto beans, milk, cobbler. THURSDAY- Pizza, fries, milk, ice cream. No salad or baked potato SNACK BAR CLOSED. FRIDAY- STUDENT HOLIDAY.

SANDS SCHOOLS MONDAY- Corn dogs w/mustard, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, cake or fruit, milk. TUESDAY- Country fried steak, sliced potatoes, june peas & carrots, hot rolls, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY- Beef & cheese tacos, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, cobbler, milk. THURSDAY- Chicken strips, mashed potatoes w/gravy,

green beans, hot rolls, apple sauce, milk. FRIDAY- Pizza, salad, corn, fruit, milk.

Note to Mom: Check the menus every Sunday in the Big Spring Herald PLEASE!

Santa will be visiting Big Spring State Hospital after all!

Big Spring State Hospital is still on Santa's list, and thanks to a great community response to help us get him here, he is coming on Tuesday. Christmas parties will be at 7 p.m. and all those participating are asked to bring food donations to the community relations office that day, or be at the hospital by 6:45 p.m. Letters have been sent out the groups with directions and information. Call Community Relations 268-7535 for more information.

have a happy Christmas. I would like to thank the entire community for always responding to our plea for assistance, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. Thank you from our patients, staff, and especially from those of us who are always asking for help. The state does many things for patients, but the caring and giving that come with the Christmas spirit is beyond what state dollars can provide. "It is only in giving that you receive," and I hope that because you all have reached out the help those less fortunate, it will come back to you, and your Christmas will be filled with love and joy.



KATHY HIGGINS

gram will be December 22 at 10 a.m. and Chaplain Rick Foster would like to have a staff choir to perform. Any BSSH employee interested in singing in the choir is asked to contact Rick at extension 7262.

One of the highlights of the season was the tree trimming and judging. ATD classes designed and decorated their own trees, using the class theme. Winners were 1st place- Life Skills and Music with a Victorian tree, 2nd place, Community Living Skills with a cooking utensil tree, 3rd place NWPS with a snowman tree. The trees were creative and were made entirely by patients. They will be adorning the ATD atrium throughout the holiday season.

If you missed the Volunteer Appreciation Reception at Jeanie Knocke's, you missed a real treat. Approximately 150 guests attended and enjoyed the open house and the reception, catered by Don Newsom. Flynn Long entertained at the entrance, and Superintendent Ed Moughon and Volunteer Board member Jo Ann Forrest greeted guests. BSSH employee, Katrina Robinson, won the hand-made quilt from the Ackerly Baptist Church. All-in-all, it was one of those fun happenings.

Big Spring is so supportive of our hospital needs and once again, you all are making Christmas happen for our patients. The volunteers have received \$4,500 of the \$5000 goal, thus far. That money will be used for purchasing Christmas gifts.

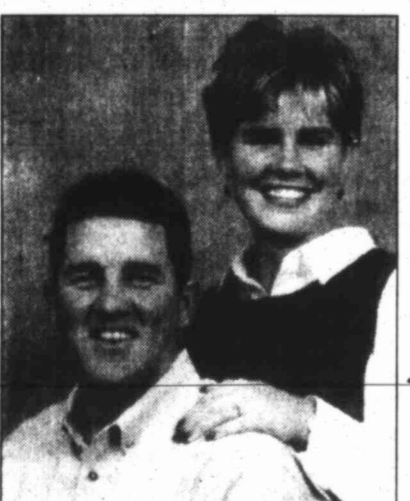
Volunteers will spend another \$1,500 so that patients with no resources can have shopping money.

There are many patients with no money for their shopping, and the Volunteer Council wants them to at least have some spending money when they go shopping.

Patients will be given \$10 each for their shopping trips December 7-11 at the Family Dollar Store. Our town is small, but it has a big heart and it gives big so that BSSH will

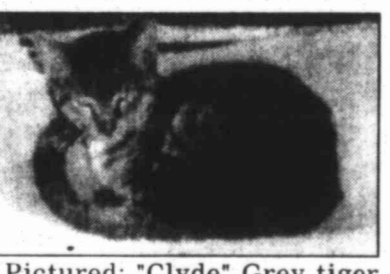
Activities are planned throughout December: December 15-All hospital parties-10 a.m. and 7 p.m., December 17-"Saints Alive", First Baptist Church, 10 a.m. Chapel, December 17-Senior Line Dancers 3-4:30 p.m., ATD Atrium. The annual Christmas pro-

GETTING ENGAGED



Shannon Suzette Riddle and Gregory Todd Winder, Big Spring, will unite in marriage on Dec. 27, 1998, in The Rio Wedding Chapel, Las Vegas, Nev. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Riddle, Jr. of Kerrville. He is the son of Dick Winder and the late Ann Winder of Lubbock.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Clyde" Grey tiger striped tabby neutered male, 8 months old, short haired. Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies. "Terry" Large orange tabby neutered male, 1-2 years old, medium hair. "Jill" Large tortoise shell calico spayed female, 2 years, medium hair. "Trudy" Grey tabby, pretty green eyes, spayed female, 2 years old, short haired. "Simone" Large tortoise shell female spayed, 2 years old, short haired. "O.J." Large black male neutered 2-3 years old, short

hair. "Whiskers" Tiger striped male, neutered, 8 months to 1 year, long hair. "Bojangles" Large orange tabby, sweet male, neutered, short hair, 2-3 years old. "Callista" Calico, sweet girl, spayed, 2-3 years. Free barn cats. These are wild! These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$50 and cats are \$40. Includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings, rabies shots and feline leukemia tests for cats.

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Searching for answers

Care center conducts research with its Alzheimer's patients

FORT WORTH (AP) — Adela Bookout has spent most of her life in hospitals, helping others.

Now the former registered nurse needs help herself, finding her way down newly decorated halls to a hospital room that she must call home.

Ms. Bookout, 76, is one of the first patients at Heritage St. Joseph Gardens, a care center for people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

The 176-bed center is located in the former St. Joseph Hospital near downtown Fort Worth. It is one of four in Texas operated by Heritage Geriatric Housing Development Corp., a nonprofit California-based housing company.

Ms. Bookout is not just a resident in an assisted living unit. She's also a test subject for researchers who want to learn more about the disease that is slowing stealing her mind.

St. Joseph Gardens is an unusual facility, administrators say, because the residents are asked to participate, without compensation, in ongoing research that may change the way doctors diagnose and treat Alzheimer's.

Ms. Bookout's daughter, Barbara Harris, said she did not hesitate to sign release forms authorizing the studies conducted by the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

"That was very important to me," said the Mansfield woman. "I knew that if she knew what was going on it would be important to her."

Ms. Harris said it was a difficult but necessary decision to move her mother from a house next door to the 750,000-square-foot hospital building.

"She couldn't prepare meals or remember the order of a task," she said. "I was staying with her every night and calling multiple times during the day."

"She told me she was afraid to stay at home. She slept all day. She was afraid if she was awake that she didn't know what she would do."

Alzheimer's robs patients of their reasoning ability as the degenerative disorder leads to the loss of brain cells, sometimes over 10 or more years. Motor skills also deteriorate until the patient eventually becomes bedridden and dependent, said Dr. Robert Gracy, professor and dean of research and biotechnology at UNT Health Science Center.

Gracy is researching the role of antioxidants in slowing or preventing the progression of Alzheimer's. Antioxidants, like Vitamin E, are believed to prevent the kind of cell damage that can lead to memory loss.

"This project will see if there are proteins oxidated early on that we can predict," Gracy said. "If we knew early on who is susceptible to this kind of damage, we could take pre-emptive strategies like large doses of antioxidants."

Q and A on Alzheimer's Disease

Questions and answers about Alzheimer's disease:

Q. What is it?

A. Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative disease that usually begins gradually, causing a person to forget recent events or familiar tasks. How rapidly it advances varies, but the brain disease eventually causes confusion, personality and behavior changes and impaired judgment. Eventually, most people with Alzheimer's become unable to care for themselves.

Q. What are the warning signs?

A. Memory loss that affects job skills; difficulty performing familiar tasks; problems with language, forgetting words or substituting inappropriate ones; disorientation to time and place; misplacing things; problems with abstract thinking; changes in mood, behavior or personality.

Q. How is it diagnosed?

A. There is no single, comprehensive diagnostic test for Alzheimer's. Instead, physicians or other specialists rule out other conditions through a process of elimination. Physical, psychological and neurological exams are usually conducted and a thorough medical history taken.

A diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's disease can be

obtained through evaluation with approximately 90 percent accuracy. The only way to confirm a diagnosis is through autopsy.

Q. How does it progress?

A. Alzheimer's causes the formation of abnormal structures in the brain called plaques and tangles. As they accumulate in affected individuals, nerve cells' connections are reduced. Areas of the brain that influence short-term memory tend to be affected first.

Later, the disease works its way into sections that control other intellectual and physical functions. Some experts classify the disease by stage (early, middle and late). But specific behaviors and how long they last vary greatly, even within each stage of the disease.

Q. What treatment is available?

A. There is no medical treatment currently available to cure or stop the progression. Two FDA-approved drugs — donepezil and tacrine — may temporarily relieve some symptoms. Medication and non-drug therapies are also available to reduce some of the behavioral symptoms, such as depression, sleeplessness and agitation.

—The Associated Press

Gracy hopes to conduct blood tests on several hundred patients at the Heritage centers.

"This gives us a very large number of patients at all stages of Alzheimer's disease so you can do research that is statistically valid," he said.

In other research, patients may participate in testing of new drugs or in the development of new care techniques.

"The project at St. Joseph Gardens is definitely one of the most unique settings in the country," said David Schless, executive director of the American Senior Housing Association.

"It's a study of significant magnitude with very talented and prestigious geriatric procedures involved," he said. "The scope is quite noteworthy."

The work is especially important, Gracy said, because the number of Alzheimer's patients is expected to surge as baby boomers start turning 65. Alzheimer's is the fourth-leading cause of death in adults, after heart disease, cancer and stroke, according to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association Inc.

An estimated 40,000 adults are affected by the disease in Dallas and Tarrant counties, according to the Alzheimer's Association of Tarrant County.

At St. Joseph's Gardens, services are offered for patients at varying stages of the disease. The project includes 146 beds in

Medicaid-certified nursing units, 30 assisted living beds, partial hospitalization, an adult day care center, outpatient clinic, outpatient rehabilitation and mental health center.

The building's interior, decorated in soft pastel colors, is

divided into comfortably furnished units with separate entrances for each level of service.

Family members are encouraged to help with patient care.

Ms. Bookout's daughter visits almost every day. But it's not always easy.

"Her memory progressively deteriorates backwards," Ms. Harris said. "Some days she's in 1958 instead of 1998. It's very frustrating for her."

St. Joseph Gardens will open another 123 inpatient beds in the next phase of construction. Cost for both phases is estimated at \$30 million.

The red-brick building was Tarrant County's first hospital, opened in 1885 by a group of nuns.

In September 1995, the hospital closed its doors after it was acquired by Columbia Health Care Corp. Columbia sold the building to Heritage, which acquired \$13.4 million in tax-exempt bond financing from the Tarrant County Health Facilities Corp.

The center is considered a nonprofit facility because it meets the government definition of "serving the public good," said Heritage President Jerry Goldstein. A fund was established to help residents who can't afford the customary fees.

Heritage centers also have opened in Texas City, Houston and Austin. Heritage plans 10 to 15 Alzheimer's care centers across Texas, totaling about 2,000 patients.

HOLIDAY READERS
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WHO'S WHO

Marilyn Corwin Rogers, a 1997 graduate of Capital University Law School in Columbus, has joined Hite and Heath Attorneys in Utica, Ohio, as an associate attorney. She plans to engage in the general practice of law, including litigation.

Rogers graduated summa cum laude from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, in 1994. She also graduated summa cum laude from Capital Law School, where she was managing editor

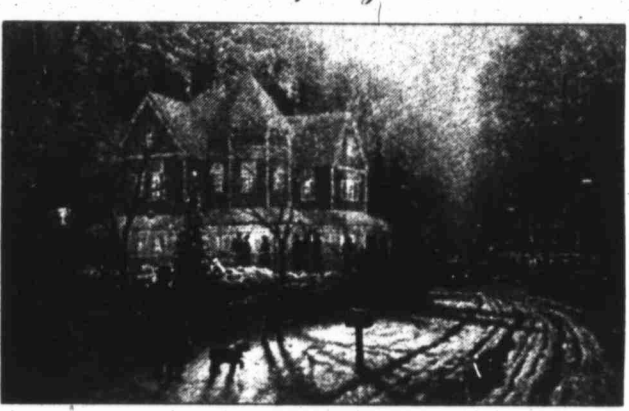
of the Capital University Law Review. While at Capital, she was a member of the American Bar Association, Law Student Division, Women's Law Association and Christian legal Society, and participated in the law school's legal clinic.

Rogers, a native of Big Spring, is admitted to the practice of law in Ohio and Texas, and was formerly affiliated with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office, Lubbock, where she worked on felony trial preparation and appellate matters.

She is the daughter of Thomas and Jobeth Corwin of Big Spring.

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- Klaus, Jeremy Daniel, P.O. Box 2061 or 538 Westover, Big Spring
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Howard County Clerk's Office:

Marriage Licenses:

- Deeds:
- Warranty deeds:
- Grantor: Eric Lanspery
- Grantee: East Fourth Street Baptist Church
- Property: lots 10-12, blk.

17. Original Town of Big Spring
Filed: Nov. 30, 1998

grantor: Vada B. Witkowski
grantee: B.A. Helsley
property: all of lot 21, blk. 2A, Foster Subdivision
filed: Dec. 2, 1998

grantor: Lucia Zapata Gomez
grantee: James Allen Prescott and Eddie Jo Prescott
property: the wet 31' of lot 24 and the east 19' of lot 25, bk. 1, Hayden Addition.
filed: Dec. 2, 1998

grantor: Gerald Gene King
grantee: Jackie Sue King
property: the east 100' of lot 2, blk. 1, East Coahoma Addition
filed: Dec. 3, 1998

grantor: Clifford and Barbara Cunningham
grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
property: all of lot 1, blk. 3, Amended Piner Heights
filed: Dec. 3, 1998

grantor: Holly Lynn Fletcher Meeks
grantee: Gloria and Ignacio Perez
property: lots 1-2, blk. 6, Subdivision "A", Fairview Heights Addition
filed: Dec. 4, 1998

Warranty deeds with vendor's lien:
grantor: Pamela Jane Campbell
grantee: Shelia K. Barber

property: lot 15, blk. 2, Muir Heights Addition
filed: Dec. 1, 1998

grantor: Western United Life Assurance Co.
grantee: Henry and Lisa Franco
property: the west 50' of the east 160' of lot 3, blk. 4, Lockhart addition
filed: Dec. 1, 1998

grantor: Richard C. and Pam Steel
grantee: Ty Hunter Smith
property: all of lot 4, blk. 3, Parkhill Addition
filed: Dec. 2, 1998

grantor: Harold Hall
grantee: Ross Alan Neighbors and Doris Jean Neighbors
property: the west 1/2 of lot 4, all of lot 5, and the east 14' of lot 6, blk., 20, Edwards Heights Addition
filed: Dec. 3, 1998

grantor: J. Robert McKenzie
grantee: W. Bruce Griffith and Lucy G. Griffith
property: a .27 acre tract out of the southeast 1/4 of section 4, blk., 32
filed: Dec. 3, 1998

grantor: Daymon C. and Mary M. Boren
grantee: John and Molly Bright
property: a 6.86 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 32, blk. 32
filed: Dec. 3, 1998

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum

grantee: Raymon dand Christina Ruiz
property: the east 1/2 of lot 3, blk. 1, Reynolds Addition, Coahoma
filed: Dec. 4, 1998

deed without warranty:
grantor: Southern Cotton Oil Co.
grantee: M&D Farms
property: beginning at the northwest corner of a 2 acre tract of and owned by Sweetwater Cotton Oil Co. out of the northeast 1/4 of section 18, blk. 34
filed: Nov. 30, 1998

grantor: Christy J'Lynn Morrow
grantee: James Richard Morrow
property: four tracts of land out of blk. A, Boydston Addition
filed: Dec. 3, 1998

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grantee: James Richard Morrow
property: 72.88 acres of land, more or less, and being more fully described as follows: the southwest 1/4, southeast 1/4, southeast 1/4 northwest 1/4 southeast 1/4, northeast 1/4 southeast 1/4, southwest 1/4, southwest 1/4 northwest 1/4 southeast 1/4 and northeast 1/4 northwest 1/4 southeast 1/4 of section 30, blk. 32
filed: Dec. 3, 1998

grantor: Christy J'Lynn Morrow
grantee: James Richard

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property: the southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of section 30, blk. 32
filed: Dec. 3, 1998

grantor: James Richard Morrow
grantee: Christy J'Lynn Morrow
property: all of lot 23-24, blk. 15, Washington Place Addition
filed: Dec. 4, 1998

gift deed:
grantor: Merle Haney
grantee: Stanley Haney and Regena Franke
property: the southwest 1/4 of section 23, blk., 31
filed: Dec. 3, 1998

trustee's deed:
grantor: Martin K. and Sandra K. Norwood
beneficiary: A.E. Kelley
property: lot 11, blk. 3, Ridgelea Terrace Addition
filed: Dec. 3, 1998

Quit claim deed:
grantor: Freda O'Brien
grantee: Eric Lanspery
property: lots 10-12, blk. 17, Origina Town of Big Spring
filed: Nov. 30, 1998

grantor: Deena D. Hill f/k/a Deena D. Rider
grantee: James D. Rider
property: a .161 acre tract of land out of the south part of lot 5, blk. 7, Washington Place Addition
filed: Dec. 3, 1998

BOOKSTORE

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artists, rock and roll groups, instrumental, and country and western.

The music corner has several ear phones hooked up to the Music Cues sound system. A customer locates a particular title and can select and hear that work through the ear phones.

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Veggie Tales are characters available in a variety of video gift series, she said.

"Kids love them, and older kids are using them in their Bible studies. They appeal to all age groups, from preschoolers to adults. I have adults buying the ties and t-shirts," Vassar said.

The book selection in the

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Also, men's and women's devotional books are available, as are books on the subjects of evangelism, prayer, Christian living and counseling.

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And a wide selection of Bibles are available, including the New King James and the New Living Bible versions.

"Any Bible bought here may be imprinted with a name free, and we'll do other Bibles for a small charge," she said.

The Master's Touch is a family business, with Vassar's husband, father and siblings ready to help out. Also, Vassar's three children have been involved with the opening and stocking of the store.

GOURMET

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point," said Vieregge. "We have a lot of plans for the future, but those things are still a good ways down the road."

With such items as cactus jelly, chocolate covered coffee beans, and premium football shaped sausages to offer, it's no wonder the holiday season keeps the Grey Wolf's doors swinging.

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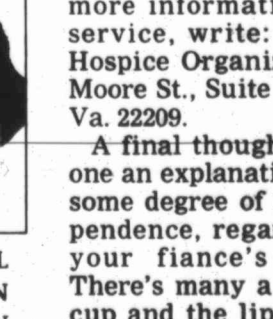
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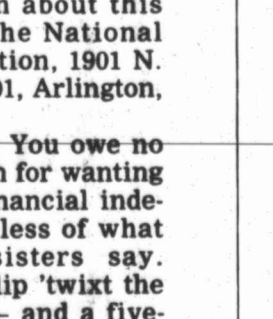
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