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**Play auditions set today and Monday**

Auditions for "A Christmas Carol" will be at 2 p.m. today for children and 7 p.m. Monday for adults at the Howard College Auditorium. The play, which includes several dozen parts for adults and children, is scheduled to be performed Dec. 2-3 in the Municipal Auditorium.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**MONDAY**  
Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

**TUESDAY**  
Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.  
Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.  
Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.  
Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.  
Citizens Center, 10 a.m., Citizens Center, 1000 E. Third.  
Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.  
Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**  
Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.  
Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.  
Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.  
Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

**FRIDAY**  
AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.  
Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

**SATURDAY**  
The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic

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## Big Spring schools to take part in Red Ribbon Week beginning Monday

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

October 25-30 is designated Red Ribbon Week, in conjunction with the Texans' War on Drugs. Now in its 13th year, each Big Spring campus will have its own celebration and activities for the week.

The slogan for the week at Big Spring High School is "The choice for me — a Drug Free Community," according to Sharion Richardson, student council sponsor.

Student Council students at

BSHS will tie ribbons around all campus trees on Monday. During the week, red ribbons will be worn by faculty and students to show their support and declaration to stay off drugs, according to Richardson.

Wednesday is wear red day, and all students and faculty are encouraged to wear red.

"We're hoping the community and business people will wear red Wednesday to show their support in the war on drugs," Richardson said.

Thursday, red ribbons will be tied on vehicles as a student council activity. Friday, a special announcement will be made to the student body, she said.

Students at Big Spring Junior High will all receive a red ribbon on Monday, to be worn throughout the week, and lockers will be decorated with a Red Ribbon Week theme.

Each day, student council members will make announcements to the student body concerning the campaign, and a 10-minute movie will be available for the students through the campus-wide media delivery system, according to student council sponsor Vickie Broadrick.

On Monday, junior high students are encouraged to wear flannel pants and shirts, to be "Comfortable without drugs." Tuesday is "Change your hairstyle, not your lifestyle," and all students are encouraged to wear crazy hair.

Wednesday is Hawaiian shirt day, with the theme "You can hula without drugs," and Thursday students may wear caps and hats and sunglasses to school to commemorate "Hats and shades off to drugs." Friday, students may wear contrasting styles, as Mismatch

Day. Goliad students will be given red ribbons on Monday for all students and faculty, according to guidance counselors Don Cook and Susan Palmer.

Counselor's forum will decorate trees, outside railings and the walkway of Goliad to promote a drug free school and show that Goliad students are choosing to be drug free, Cook said.

Tuesday is sock it to drugs day, and everyone may wear outlandish socks. Science class

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## Counts receives his stars as brigadier general

By **JOHN H. WALKER**  
Editor

An emotional David Counts, his epaulets fresh with the single star signifying his promotion just moments earlier to brevet brigadier general, told the more than 200 people attending the ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial how special his ties were to Big Spring and Howard County.

"You'll have to forgive me if I get emotional ... I'm trying not to, but this is such a special moment and I'm just overwhelmed that you all are here," said the state representative from Knox City, whose District 70 seat includes Howard and 11 other counties.

Counts told the audience he first joined the National Guard when he was still a senior at Rule High School.

"It was on Oct. 20, 1953," he recalled. "Since that time, I've had a number of assignments and one thing I can say is that I enjoyed each and every one of them."

Counts' wife, Mary, and his son, Maj. David Counts III, pinned his general's stars on him with the assistance of Brig. Gen. Daniel James III. In addition, Counts' daughter, Pattu, was on-hand as were grandchildren Seth, Jennifer, Sarah and Matthew.

Gen. James in the adjutant general of Texas and was on hand to lead the pinning ceremony.



State Rep. David Counts receives his general's stars from wife Mary and Brig. Gen. Daniel James III during ceremonies Saturday at the Vietnam Memorial. More than 200 people attended the emotional ceremony. Counts first joined the National Guard when he was a senior in high school.

James talked about Counts' service in the military, but his first reference to the representative was when he recalled his own promotion ceremony in May 1995.

James was explaining that up

until the rank of brigadier general, the pins are placed at the end of the epaulets.

"When you get that first star, it goes right in the middle," he said, reaching to his epaulet to demonstrate.

"As the governor was preparing to pin me, we saw he was just going to pin the star in the holes from the other pin.

"All of a sudden, there was

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## Interest in Texas draws 2nd grader to ceremony

By **JOHN H. WALKER**  
Editor

A little blonde-haired 7-year-old and her grandfather from San Antonio were perhaps the last persons anyone would have expected to attend Saturday's pinning ceremony of State Rep. David Counts.

After all, neither Annabelle Thaddeus or her grandfather, Charles Parish, knew anything about Big Spring — until she sent a letter to Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart.

A member of the gifted and talented program in the second grade at Cambridge Elementary School in the Alamo Heights District, Annabelle's class was trying to learn all they could about Texas.

As information came in from

around the state, her grandfather explained, she decided she wanted to visit every county in Texas.

"I've visited around 35 counties so far," she explained, telling the most important thing she has learned thus far.

"When I started, I really didn't know what a county was," she said with a smile that could only come from a 7-year-old.

"And I didn't realize there were so many," her grandfather admitted, referring to the Lone Star State's 254 counties.

Parish said he thought one thing that might come out of Annabelle's class project was a book.

"This might end up as a book for children on the Texas counties — by a child," he said.

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Seven-year-old Annabelle Thaddeus and her grandfather, Charles Parish, were among those who witnessed Saturday's pinning ceremony. The second grader from San Antonio is attempting to visit all 254 counties in Texas. Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart suggested this might be a good time to come to Big Spring.

## Hundreds turn out for Make A Difference Day Saturday

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Salvation Army burst at the seams Saturday as more than 300 people participated in Make A Difference Day.

"This went really well, and we've been very busy," said organizer and Retired Senior Volunteer Program coordinator Nancy Jones.

"Many people came to take advantage of the information and free health screenings offered at the health fair. If even one person learned something

today, for me, that is a success," she said.

Make A Difference Day, a national observance for volunteer to do something nice for someone else, began in Big Spring three years ago. And each year gets bigger and bigger, said Danelle Castillo, another organizer of the event and the social services director for the Salvation Army.

"We've increased participation every year and we've increased our booths every year. We've had a good turnout and a lot of people took advantage of the flu shots that were available. And some took a tetanus shot, some people who had not had one in five or 10 years," Castillo said.

Volunteers manning more

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Maria Rivera receives a flu shot from Texas Department of Public Health nurse Nancy Vassar Saturday during the Make A Difference Day Health Fair. Several hundred people turn out for the national observance, which encourages people to volunteer to do something nice for someone else.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

## Jobs

### Applications being taken for StarTek call center

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Applications are still being accepted for StarTek USA's newest call center, which is expected to open in Big Spring Dec. 1, and interviews are being arranged this week.

"Starting now and for the next couple of weeks we will be calling back those people who attended the information meetings. We're looking for those people who qualify and for those people who can work the peak schedule of the center," said Lydia Perez, area assistant manager of Texas Workforce Commission.

Individuals contacted will be scheduled for a typing test, and the operating schedule of the call center will be discussed, to determine who is able to work the necessary hours.

"Right now we are looking at full-time positions for the peak schedule, not part-time," Perez said.

Applicants should be able to type at least 20 words per minute, she said. And peak hours of the call center, which provides support services for computer hardware and software customers, is Friday through Tuesday, she said.

"An option available is Friday through Monday, 10-hour days, or Friday through Tuesday at eight hours per day. Both day and evening shifts are available now and we'll need both," she said.

Perez said workforce center consultants will be making these calls, and applicants should not be dismayed if they're not contacted by StarTek employees.

"We talk to StarTek nearly two to three times each day, and their information technology manager, Deb Groskoff, spent two days in Big Spring this past week," she said.

Thus far the workforce center has provided the employment services for StarTek, as both an applicant pool as well as inter-

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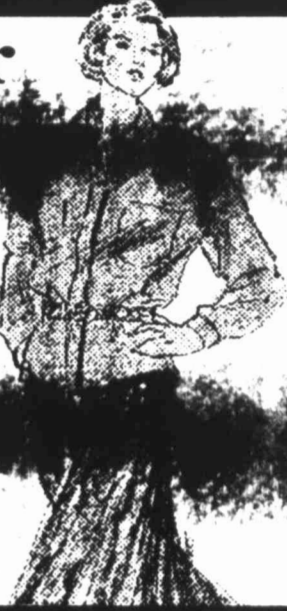
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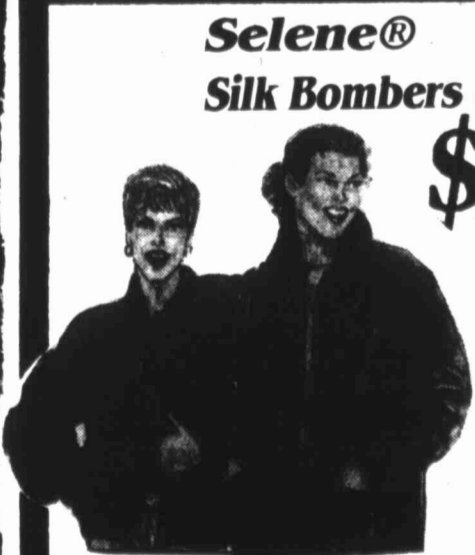
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## OUR VIEWS

# Haunted houses offer family fun, aid worthy causes

As parents think about where they might want to let their children trick or treat this Halloween, a suggestion to consider are two haunted houses in Howard County. In addition to providing a safe — but not scare-free environment — both will be using the proceeds for good causes.

The "Tower of Terror" at the Settles building opens Tuesday at 6 p.m. and continues Thursday through Saturday. All monies generated from tickets will be used to help fund restoration of the West Texas landmark. Tickets are \$3 for those 12 and under and \$5 for anyone 13 and older.

In addition to the Settles spook house, various clubs, church groups and other organizations will have booths in the building. The profits those organizations generate will be used for their own projects. Caramel apples, hot dogs, chili dogs, nachos, burritos, and hot and cold drinks will be just some of the items offered for hungry ghosts, pirates, cowboys and princesses.

Take time also to make your way to Coahoma for the "Ghouls Spook House," sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 25. The spook house opened its doors last Saturday and had a very successful night. Organizers will open again Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. Admission is \$3. Hot chocolate, coffee, soft drinks and other items are available.

All proceeds from the Ghouls Spook House benefit Troop 25. In addition, the scouts plan to donate a portion of the proceeds to a charitable cause.

Both haunted houses are designed to scare the wits out of just about anybody — volunteers have spent months designing them — so be prepared for a lot of excitement. And if you have small children, organizers will be happy to tone down the goblins and witches especially for them.

Good causes and good fun, under supervision, make the "Tower of Terror" and "Ghouls Spook House" great places to take the entire family this week. We think you'll have a frighteningly good time.

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

I'm a newcomer to your nice town and due to a tragic situation, I had to call 911. My sweetheart was eating lunch and got choked on some chicken on Oct. 15, and the response of the EMTs was fabulous.

Before I could get the phone on the hook and tell my sweetheart help is on the way, they were in my drive.

Only one I learned his name, as he knew my sweetheart for approximately 15 to 20 years, Robert Stapp, and his group of guys were so compassionate.

They calmed Don down, got him to emergency and now he's doing great.

You know Robert even visited him the next day in the hospital.

We both want to say thanks to each and everyone.

I know they don't get enough praise or consideration for their jobs.

We both know if it hadn't been such quick response, Don probably wouldn't be here today to say thanks at all!

**GENA BUTLER**  
BIG SPRING

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# Buchanan's problem is lack of a constituency

Lots of people who are fans of Pat Buchanan got upset when I wrote in a column that he ought to drop out of the race because all he will do is help elect Al Gore if he runs on a third-party ticket.



CHARLEY REESE

Well, there are two components of every election — the candidate and the voters. In Buchanan's case, there is nothing wrong with the candidate. I would gladly vote for Buchanan if he had a chance to win. I think that, without reservation, he is the most intelligent and moral man in American politics and would make a truly fine president.

The problem in this equation is the voters. A majority of Americans will not vote for Buchanan. They don't agree with him. You would think that, given the cumulative

results of all the elections in the past few years, conservatives would understand that they are in the minority.

The elected officials in office, most of them liberals or opportunists, are a fair reflection of the American people. Conservatives are not kept out of office by some conspiracy on the part of the establishment or the press. They lose elections because the voters don't agree with them.

In my reporting days, I spent many an hour in city council meetings, county commission meetings and school board meetings. In all those meetings, during all those years, do you know how many people ever appeared before those governing bodies and asked them to spend less money? A big, fat zero. How many asked them to spend more? Everybody who showed up.

There are in America a minority of true conservatives and a minority of true leftists. In the middle is a large group of largely content and/or apathetic people poorly educated about their country's history and its philosophy of government. This large middle group has come to accept the idea

that government is the solution to most problems. And most of those people have blind faith in that idea and in the idea of a benign government.

That's not to say these people are stupid or bad. They are good people, intelligent people, hard-working people. But another thing conservatives tend to forget is that most people are not obsessed with politics. Unless something alarms them, they rarely think about it. They don't read books about political philosophy, and they don't join debating clubs. They don't have the time or the interest.

And these people are not going to study the positions on issues of all the candidates, major and obscure. They're going to decide on the basis of which candidate strikes them as the more sensible one. To suppose that they will take the time and trouble to educate themselves to understand Buchanan's out-of-the-mainstream positions is to suppose what will never happen. Take it from a campaign professional: You don't have time to educate people during a political campaign.

Furthermore, not even all

conservatives agree with Buchanan. Many are stuck on the idea of free trade. Many libertarians, like Jesse Ventura, are all in favor of abortion, pornography, drugs, etc.

So where is Buchanan's constituency?

I don't see it. He has run twice. He has had long national exposure as a television talker and a syndicated columnist. Where are all these conservatives eager to put him in the White House?

They don't exist. He will get 5 percent or 6 percent of the vote, and it will all come out of the hide of the Republican candidate.

Four years of Gore will mean a liberal and activist Supreme Court for the rest of our lives. It will mean the end of any hope of restoring constitutional government in this country. Gore and Bill Bradley are much further to the left than even Clinton, and worse, both are true believers.

Conservatives who waste their votes on a third-party candidate will regret it.

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# Fighting for the women's vote in 2000

Women are the crown jewel of the electorate. They vote in greater numbers than men, and most analysts agree that the victor in 2000 will be the man who wins the hearts and minds of suburban women voters. Here is where the leading candidates stand on issues of particular interest to women:



JACK ANDERSON

— Al Gore spruced up his campaign speech to celebrate his mother, Pauline, the first female graduate of Vanderbilt Law School, and he elevated a woman, Donna Brazile, to become his campaign manager, the first African-American woman in that role for a major presidential campaign.

Substantively, Gore wins high marks from women. He supports a woman's right to choose, favors universal kindergarten, would expand health-care coverage and strengthen gun-control laws.

— Bill Bradley talks about the year that his then-adolescent daughter chose to live with him in Washington, and how he rose to the occasion of fixing cereal in the morning and supervising homework at night. Bradley has women in prominent positions in his campaign, including communications director Anita Dunn. On issues, Bradley and Gore are hard to tell apart: Bradley supports abortion rights, a bigger federal commitment to education, and has proposed more sweeping gun control than Gore, plus a more expansive, \$65-billion health-care plan.

— George W. Bush charms women of all ages, but his support from them is falling. Polls show he is the most likable of the leading candidates. His wife Laura, a former librarian, is pro-choice. Bush maintains that he is pro-life but that, as

president, he would not support a constitutional amendment to ban abortion, or have a litmus test for potential Supreme Court nominees. Bush favors more federal support for charter schools and has increased funding for public education in Texas. He supports health-care reform but hasn't said how he would achieve it, and he opposes all but the most modest gun-control measures.

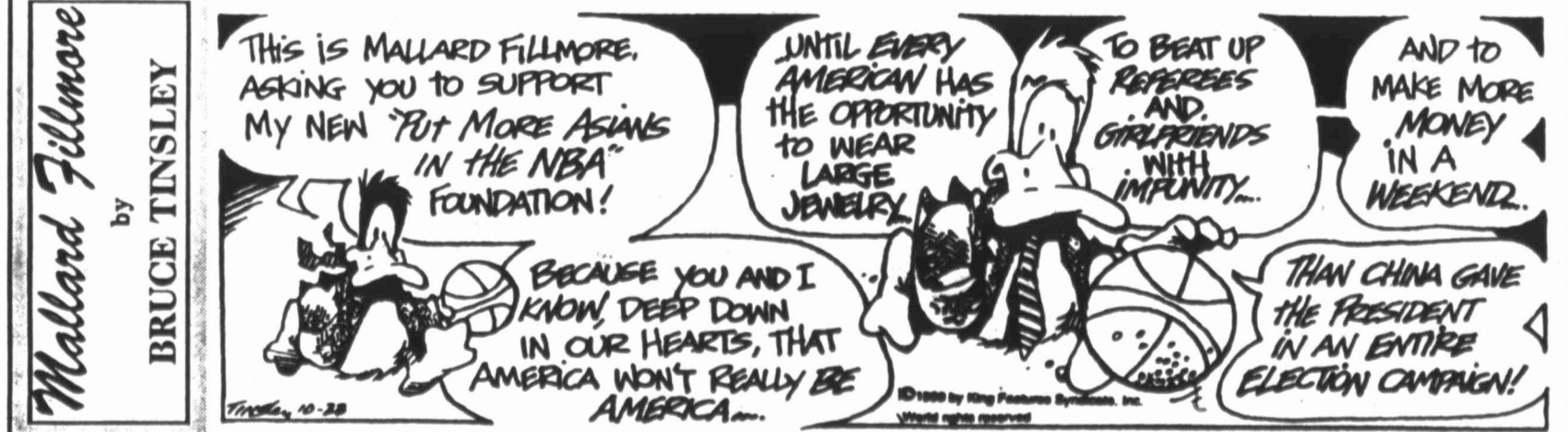
— John McCain: For women who admire a forthright man, McCain speaks candidly about the pain he caused in his first marriage, and how he fudged his age to appear younger when he married his second wife, Cindy. The couple has four children, including an adopted child from Africa. McCain stood by Cindy several years ago when she battled an addiction to prescription drugs. McCain is pro-life, and votes conservative on most issues, including opposing gun control and rejecting most social spending. He has taken a courageous and lonely stand in the GOP in favor of campaign

finance reform, and regulating tobacco, issues that resonate with women.

— Elizabeth Dole, now out of the presidential race, is being courted by both Bush and McCain. She never reached critical mass in her own campaign, but her support as a high-profile advocate could help stop Bush's slide among women, or boost McCain a notch or two to where he is a genuine alternative to Bush.

Rumors that Dole would withdraw dried up her fundraising, and accelerated her departure from the race. Dole aides blame McCain operatives for the rumors, and Dole may harbor some bitterness over McCain's hardball tactics. But animosity between the Doles and the Bush family goes back to the 1988 presidential race, when Bob Dole accused George Bush Sr. of lying about his record.

Elizabeth Dole will have to swallow her pride in either case, but she could be a real asset to either Bush or McCain — possibly as the vice presidential nominee.



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than 30 booths in the Health Fair numbered at least 135, she said. And participants reached well over 200.

"Our mammography unit was quite a success. This is obviously something we need in the community. We had 22 women receive the test. Every appointment was taken and most all of those appointments were kept," Castillo said.

Other health tests available included cholesterol screenings, glucose testing, glaucoma testing and eye exams.

Also blood pressure checks, pulse and oxygen level checks, chair massages and depression screenings were available.

Information booths staffed with volunteers were ready to answer questions about Women and Infants Nutrition program, Alzheimer's disease, vitamins and vitamin deficiency, dental hygiene, hospice services, and medical products.

Social services agencies such as Permian Basin Regional Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Texas Agricultural Extension Services, along with Texas Rehabilitation Commission, had booths staffed with volunteers who answered questions.

The Citizens Police Academy Alumni took identification videos and fingerprints of more than 60 children. These video tapes were sent home with the child as a keepsake for parents.

The Children's Reading Circle, staffed with three adult volunteers and seven children, read more than 50 books to children of all ages during the fair.

And the overall mood of the event was fun.

"We had a good time," Castillo said.

Jones agreed. "Anyone I saw today was someone I didn't know, and it was wonderful to make such good contacts and have so much fun doing that. This was a wonderful event, and I am so glad of all the good participation we had," she said.



Angel Moore, a dental hygiene student at Howard College, demonstrates proper teeth brushing to Emily Guerrero during the Make A Difference Day Health Fair at the Salvation Army Saturday. Below, Big Spring Police officer Terry Hudson Gray helps Tiffany Richards remove the ink from her fingers following her fingerprinting, part of the Citizens Police academy alumni booth.



### Lease agreement negotiations continuing with StarTek USA

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Negotiations continued this week concerning a lease agreement for the old TG&Y building in College Park Shopping Center, according to Kent Sharp, executive director for Moore Development for Big Spring.

StarTek USA is seeking to secure a lease from US Realty Co., which owns the building where StarTek wishes to locate a 350-person call center.

"They are still working out the details, but one of these companies is in New York and the other in Colorado, and they are extremely busy. I was hoping to have the lease agreement this week, but we will just have to wait for the attorneys to get everything signed," said Sharp.

When the lease agreement is signed, a promissory note between Moore Development and StarTek will be signed, and a security agreement. At that time Sharp said the details of the incentive agreement between the two entities will be revealed.

"We are proceeding down the path and presenting this like it is a go. We won't begin working out the details of the promissory note and security agreement until we get the lease agreement," Sharp said.

After successfully overcoming several hurdles, Moore Development and StarTek signed an incentive agreement last week that should bring the center to Big Spring, and with it an additional 350 to 500 jobs.

Remodeling construction has begun on the 30,000-square foot building, and interviews for management positions have been conducted and filled.

Now interviews to find people to fill the desks will be conducted.

StarTek officials have indicated the new center should be operational Dec. 1.

"They have gone to an awful lot of work, recruiting and hiring, getting the building ready and I anticipate the lease agreement will be generated very soon," Sharp said.

### Signal Homes building may not be vacant long

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

The multi-million dollar building that housed Signal Homes may not stand vacant very long, according to Kent Sharp, executive director for Moore Development.

"We are working with a company now and we're pretty close to working something out," Sharp said.

He declined to name the company, but did say it is a similar mobile home manufacturer that will be able to use the building in its present condition.

He pointed out that Signal Homes has provided \$750,000 worth of improvements to the plant within the past two years. The facility is owned by Moore Development and was leased to Signal Homes.

Signal Homes opened in Big Spring in 1997, and provided more than 100 jobs to Big Spring residents until it announced it was closing Oct. 12.

While operational, a grant was secured that allowed Signal Homes and Howard College to train employees for the plant.

Those same employees are now a viable workforce that Sharp is able to market, along with the property.

"One of the greatest attractions for this new company is our labor force," Sharp said.

We sincerely thank all the kind friends, neighbors, relatives, Randy Cotton, Ernest Welch and Welch Funeral Home for the many courtesies, expressions of sympathy, and beautiful floral tributes that were given at the passing of our loved one, Robert Smart.  
**The Family of Robert Smart**

### COUNTS

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this hand that appeared on the governor's arm and this voice that said, 'In the middle, governor...'

"I wish I had brought a picture I have of that, because all you can see in it is that single hand — it was his hand," he said, looking back to where Counts was sitting.

"Another thing," James said. "When the ceremony was over, he came up to me, extended his hand and told me if I needed

anything (from the House), to let him know ... that he would be there for us.

"And he has."

Counts recalled various duty stations — looking into the crowd and recalling times spent at Fort Sill, Okla. and Fort Hood with Big Spring resident Johnnie Hooper.

"We did a lot, didn't we, my friend?" he asked Hooper, who nodded in the affirmative.

The audience was made-up of a virtual cross-sampling of the community, including city and county officials. Howard

College and Big Spring Independent School District officials — all of whom have benefited from Counts' service in Austin and who work directly with him on a regular basis.

The entire ceremony was signed by the Highland Council for the Deaf and music was provided by Big Spring High School's "Rhapsody."

After the pinning ceremony, a private reception was hosted at the Heritage Museum by the Carriage Inn, Vietnam Memorial Committee and the museum.

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"There are lots of books on the counties by adults, but none by a kid and that might prove interesting."

Prior to the start of the ceremony, Annabelle was pinned with a special Texas Army National Guard pin by Brig. Gen. Daniel James III.

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home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

### CORRECTION NOTICE

On page 12 and 13 of the Sears insert appearing in our publication on October 24th, the pictures for the 79801 top freezer and the 59021 side by side refrigerators are reversed. The 59021 is the side by side model pictured on page 13 and the 79801 is the top freezer model on page 12. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

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## Branch Davidian trial date set for May 15

WACO (AP) — The sweeping civil lawsuit filed by Branch Davidians that accuses the federal government of using excessive force during the 1993 Waco siege will go to trial beginning in mid-May, a federal judge said in an order issued Friday.

In his three-page order, U.S. District Judge Walter Smith set jury selection to begin May 15 in the case against FBI sharpshooter Lon Horiuchi, who was in charge of the sniper post outside the Davidians' compound near Waco, Texas.

Horiuchi, who killed the wife of white separatist Randy Weaver during a 1992 standoff in Ruby Ridge, Idaho, has denied firing any shots during the Waco standoff.

But Smith refused earlier this year to drop him from the case, leaving him as the only individual defendant in the massive lawsuit.

Under the trial schedule set by Smith, the remaining claims against the government filed by Branch Davidian survivors and relatives of the dead will be heard in a non-jury trial at the conclusion of Horiuchi's case.

Smith initially had set the trial for Oct. 18, but postponed it last month to give the government more time to surrender to his court all evidence related to the deadly standoff.

Some 80 Branch Davidians died April 19, 1993 when their retreat erupted in flames after the FBI initiated a tear-gas assault designed to bring the 51-day siege to an end. The government has long denied that its actions were responsible for the fire or the Davidians' deaths.

The judge indicated willingness to re-examine the question of whether to reinstate some of the Davidian plaintiffs he had

earlier dismissed from the case, giving the lawyers 30 days to provide additional information.

Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who represents several Davidians dismissed from the civil case, could not be reached for comment Friday.

The judge also gave the lawyers until Feb. 1 to file additional motions seeking to reinstate defendants he had dropped from the lawsuit. In a July order, Smith had dismissed as defendants Attorney General Janet Reno, former Texas Gov. Ann Richards and top officials of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI, including then-Director William Sessions.

The plaintiffs' lead lawyer welcomed the judge's order.

"In light of the recent disclosures concerning the failure of the FBI to make certain evi-

dence available to Congress, to the criminal defendants and to us, I think Judge Smith is clearly willing to at least reconsider ... the dismissal of some individual defendants," said Houston attorney Michael Caddell, who represents most of the plaintiffs.

Caddell added: "This is a very fair schedule for both sides."

Houston lawyer James Brannon, who represents the estates of three Koresh children who died on the siege's final day, also welcomed Smith's willingness to review the question of reinstating plaintiffs or defendants.

"The court has indicated that it is more flexible in its approach to this case than we have perceived it to be in the past," Brannon said. "We are hopeful that he will be just as open in considering the evidence at trial."

## Anti-family violence stickers prompt judge to declare mistrial

DALLAS (AP) — A judge declared a mistrial in a misdemeanor family-violence assault case after two jurors commented about anti-family violence stickers placed in courthouse restrooms used by jurors.

District Judge David Finn took the action late Thursday after other judges expressed concern about whether the stickers, placed there by the new Family Violence Prevention Council of Dallas, might be unfairly influencing jurors.

Crews later removed all of the stickers that read: "Is someone you love hurting you?" and listed telephone numbers to call.

The wording on the stickers is benign and could not influence jurors, said advocates for family-violence victims.

Finn said two jurors, a man and a woman, told prosecutors they found it "odd" and "interesting" to hear a family-violence case and then see the stickers in the restrooms.

The judge said he particularly objected to the stickers' being placed in restrooms connected to the jury deliberation rooms. He noted that although the words "family violence" are not on the stickers, he believes the message can influence jurors.

Finn said he did not talk to the jurors who told prosecutors that the stickers did not influence their verdict.

"I think it warranted a mistrial very plainly. One could pose the question hypothetically, 'How do we know if a given juror was, in fact, biased or affected by the literature?'"

Jan Langbein, executive director of the Genesis Women's Shelter, said that although she doesn't understand how the stickers could influence jurors, she wants to make sure nothing jeopardizes any other cases.

Paige Flink, director of the Family Place Shelter, said such stickers won't sway jurors and should be posted in all public places.

"We're all adults," she said. "I think juries in Dallas are willing to look at the facts in a case and make a decision."

Thomas R. Cox III, the defense lawyer whose client was convicted before the case was declared a mistrial, likened placing the stickers in the courthouse to putting a candidate's campaign material in a polling booth on election day.

"This would be like, as a defense attorney, I put up a sticker that said, 'Have you been wrongfully accused of family violence? If so, call,'" Cox said.

The organization that placed the stickers in the courthouse obtained permission earlier in the week to do so.

## Jury gives man probation for killing wife

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man who found his wife with a lover and shot her six times was sentenced to four months in prison Friday, a day after jurors recommended a 10-year probated sentence for the murder.

The 120 days in prison was about the most punitive measure District Judge Robert Gill could take under the law, given the jury's findings, according to defense attorneys.

Jurors found Jimmy Watkins, 34, guilty Monday of murder.

According to testimony and a written confession, Watkins shot his wife, Nancy, and her lover before leaving the scene and returning to shoot the woman five more times while she talked to a 911 dispatcher.

Jurors took only one hour to convict Watkins of murder and then deliberated 21 hours over three days on punishment before determining that Watkins had acted with "sudden passion" when he found his wife and her lover, Keith Fontenot, at the Watkins' home near Eagle Mountain Lake last Dec. 22.

Jurors indicated that their recommendation for a probated sentence came because they didn't think Watkins could be rehabilitated in prison.

"We feel for the family, but Jimmy needs help. The prison system just won't give him help," juror Alex Davis told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Another juror, James Laurie, e-mailed the newspaper Thursday night, saying he hoped Watkins would take advantage of his second chance.

"I pray Jimmy will use the break that we gave him to turn his life back in the right direction," Laurie said. "He has a long way to go. I pray for all the family members that were affected."

Watkins was described by his attorneys as a hard-working, clean-cut, religious man.

"He was a good person who'd never been in trouble in his life and who had done everything to help people," defense attorney Lisa Mullen said Friday.

"The punishment that he is giving himself is harder than any punishment anybody could give him," Ms. Mullen said. She also pointed to psychiatric evidence presented at trial that because of Watkins' remorse, he is considered a suicide risk.

Mullen said she was concerned that Watkins might pass out as his 11-year-old son, who witnessed the crime, testified against him.

Prosecutors also noticed that Watkins seemed distressed throughout the trial but described it as a tactic to influence jurors.

"He sat there with his head between his hands and cried off and on during the whole trial," said prosecutor James Cook. "He wasn't going to testify. That's his way of testifying without having to be cross-examined."

Prosecutors said they would take Watkins to trial again for shooting Fontenot.

"If we had wanted him to have probation we would have offered probation," Cook said. "There were just some people in that jury who were not going to send him to prison. They wore down the people who thought this was a serious offense."

Cook seemed especially perplexed by the jury's apparent reluctance to consider stronger punishment.

On a questionnaire issued to each juror at the start of trial, nine out of twelve jurors said they believed punishment was the most important goal of the criminal justice system, ahead of rehabilitation and deterrence, Cook said.

"And then they get back in there and deliberate the case and punishment is not at all what they chose," Cook said.



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Last month, the board enraged Jewish leaders releasing a booklet about Jews during the Days. Earlier, it Muslims on Ramadan.

Parks compared the Muslims trying to Christians to Islam.

"It's important that caricature other religions said in an interview

# Bush-bashing biographer had a secret of his own; publisher recalls books

NEW YORK (AP) — J.H. Hatfield, unauthorized biographer of GOP presidential front-runner George W. Bush, was hoping for a best-seller. He may end up with a libel suit. He's already seen his publisher spike the book. James Howard Hatfield, who accused the Texas governor of burying a cocaine arrest, allegedly hid a secret of his own: a 1988 conviction for plotting to murder a co-worker, authorities confirmed Friday.

Hatfield had a second conviction in an embezzlement scheme. By Friday afternoon, publisher St. Martin's Press had recalled all 70,000 copies of his book from stores nationwide and attorneys for Bush were studying Hatfield's book for potential libel action. "We have enough information from our own investigation to make the decision that the book must be pulled," said Sally Richardson, president and pub-

lisher of St. Martin's Press trades division. "We strongly believe it would be irresponsible to continue to keep the book in the marketplace." Hatfield was still on parole from a 15-year prison term while writing his book on Bush, authorities said. The revelation, first reported in The Dallas Morning News, had the Bush campaign's legal staff reviewing Hatfield's work for possible libel implications.

"It's obvious (the book) was not checked," Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said Friday about "Fortunate Son: George W. Bush and the Making of an American President." Bush himself had previously ripped the book as "science fiction." Hatfield had alleged that Bush was arrested in 1972 for cocaine possession, but only did community service after his father, former President Bush, inter-

vened. The arrest record was later expunged at the request of the elder Bush, the book alleged. Hatfield attributed the story to three anonymous sources. Attempts to reach Hatfield through his Manhattan publisher, St. Martin's Press, were unsuccessful. The book, due out in January 2000, was released early after the manuscript arrived with the cocaine story. The flap over Hatfield's possi-

bly criminal past was not dissuading booksellers from peddling the product. The Barnes & Noble chain said it would keep selling the Bush book. On-line bookseller Amazon.com pulled it. Although Hatfield, 41, maintains it's a case of mistaken identity, Eddie Cobb, the Arkansas parole officer overseeing the convict's parole, said the writer and former prisoner are one and the same, according to published reports.

# President Clinton readies to push his Social Security savings plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton challenged Republicans on Saturday to improve upon their pledges that they would avoid using Social Security surpluses to pay for other budget needs. "I think we can do better," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, adding that he will submit legislation this week that would enact part of a Social Security rescue plan he outlined early this year. The proposal would earmark for baby boomers' retirement benefits any government savings from using Social Security surpluses to pay off the national debt. "This is the first big step toward truly saving Social Security. It will take the trust fund out beyond the life span of

the baby boom generation," Clinton said. Republicans previously have rejected the proposal — first mentioned in the president's State of the Union Address — and proclaimed any further discussion of it dead for the year. But John Feehrey, a spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said GOP leaders would have another look at Clinton's offer. For decades, both political parties have used Social Security's surpluses to cover spending without diminishing the system's benefits. In return, the program gets Treasury bonds to save for the future. Looking ahead to next year's elections, each party is eager to cast itself as a defender of the massive pension program for

the elderly and disabled. Both Democrats and Republicans have pledged that henceforth, they will only spend Social Security surpluses to reduce government debts. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., used the weekly Republican radio address to reiterate the GOP's position on Social Security. The "surplus must be off limits," he said. "This money must not be used to pay for other government spending." Sparring between Republican lawmakers and the White House over fiscal 2000 budget priorities, however, has sparked accusations from each side that the other is cheating on that promise. In recent television ads and news conferences, Republicans

have touted their support for a Social Security "lockbox" that would wall off the program's surpluses. At the same time, they accuse Democrats of supporting spending proposals that would eat up the money. "As it happens, neither claim is true," Clinton said Saturday. Clinton said that while the Republican lockbox designates Social Security surpluses for debt reduction, it does not specify what would happen next. "Their plan doesn't extend the solvency of Social Security by a single day," Clinton said. Paying down the debt presumably would allow the government to save billions it would otherwise have to pay in interest. Clinton said he wants use those savings — \$54 billion

that would accrue between 2011 and 2015 in the form of income tax surpluses, according to White House estimates — to help pay Social Security benefits after baby boomers retire. He said that would forestall the date, from 2034 to 2050, that the retirement program, burdened by that massive genera-

tion, is expected to run short of cash. Republicans, who want to see tax cuts in coming years, have objected to the fact that Clinton's plan would give Social Security, which has traditionally been financed with a separate payroll tax, a claim on other tax revenues.

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tial dangers they faced. "These people were unaware of the hazard," said Thomas McLaughlin, a specialist on nuclear chain reaction accidents who led the Los Alamos study and was one of the three U.S. experts sent to Japan to evaluate the latest accident. The three officials discussed their findings in Japan at a meeting with reporters Friday.

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Two major factors doomed the Steers Friday night — mistakes and trouble finding the end zone.

Andrews' two first-half touchdown drives were kept alive because of Big Spring penalties on punting downs. The first penalty — roughing the punter — resuscitated Andrews' first drive of the game, and the Mustangs cashed in the gift at the 7:00 mark when quarterback Scott Kello hit tailback Geremy Woods on a 28-yard catch-and-run for a 7-0 lead.

Big Spring inadvertently kept another Andrews scoring drive alive in the second quarter when the Steers were flagged for having too many players on the field during a Mustangs' punt. Again, Andrews converted Big Spring's charity into points, as Kello hit Chris Nunez on a 16-yard scoring toss to make the score 17-0.

On offense, the Steers consistently moved the ball between the 20-yard-lines, as evidenced by a game-end total of 278 total yards gained. But — with the exception of a 16-yard TD pass from Lance Brock to Blair Nutting late in the third quarter — Big Spring was not able to convert that output into points.

Oddly enough, for a game that featured two of the district's premier running backs — Woods and Big Spring's Colby Ford — all the points Friday night came via the air or the kicking game. Kello nicely balanced Woods' 148 rushing yards by connecting on 8 of 13 passes for 174 yards and four scores. Ford had less luck than his Andrews counterpart, being limited to 64 yards on 17 carries, while Brock earned 213 yards through the air on an 11-for-15 performance.

For Butler, however, there was no need for long, in-depth analysis. The cause for Friday night's outcome was all too clear.

"Andrews had everything to do with it," he said. "(Woods) ran over us and around us, and they threw on us, too. It was pretty complete."

But Butler also acknowledged that Big Spring mistakes played a part in the Steers' defeat. "Penalties, mistakes in the kicking game and fumbles will lose you the ball game," he said. "And for the past two weeks,

we've done (all three)."

The Steers return to action Friday night when they travel to San Angelo to take on the Lake View Chiefs. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring	Team stats	Andrews
15	First downs	17
65	rushing yds.	166
213	passing yds.	174
11/15/0	Comp/Att/Int	8/13/0
1-38	punts-avg	1-36
1-1	fum-lost	0-0
8-60	pen-yds.	7-55

Big Spring	0	0	6	0	-	6
Andrews	7	10	7	7	-	31

**Scoring summary:**  
**First Quarter**  
 A - Woods 28 pass from Kello (Little kick), 7:00.  
**Second Quarter**  
 A - Little 27 field goal, 11:14.  
 A - Nunez 16 pass from Kello (Little kick), 4:07.  
**Third Quarter**  
 A - Woods 11 pass from Kello (Little kick), 4:42.  
 BS - Nutting 16 pass from Brock (pass failed), 1:51.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
 A - McCain 7 pass from Kello (Little kick), 6:10.

**STANTON**

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defense to the one-yard line. Will Harris culminated the drive on a one-yard plunge and an 18-7 lead.

But the Bulldogs kept coming at Stanton. The Bulldogs used three and four receiver wideout sets throughout the game.

The strategy worked. It kept the Stanton defense honest and opened up the middle of the field for Ward who found an open Tony Tucker all game long.

Ward finished with 19 completions on 32 attempts.

On the Bulldogs second TD of the second quarter, Ward connected with his receivers and mixed in a little run that led to a 63-yard scoring drive. Then it was Bordelon who finished the scoring march with a one-yard run.

The Bulldogs executed a successful two-point conversion and trailed 18-15 at the half.

Coahoma made the Buffaloes look like an average team for the first 24 minutes, but then reality set in as the second half belonged to Stanton.

Stanton put on a clinic in the third and fourth quarters and it made the Bulldogs ill.

The Buffaloes led by Harris, Jeremy Hull and White sliced through the Coahoma defense. Harris found White for 52 yards and a 24-15 lead in the third

quarter. In the fourth period, Harris picked up his fifth score of the night on a seven-yard run. Harris ended the game with 51 yards rushing, and 144 yards passing. He now has 815 yards for the season with 13 TD's.

Jeremy Hull who had less than an incredible game, finished with a five-yard TD and 101 yards rushing for 1,050 yards on the year.

Stanton	Team stats	Coahoma
18	First downs	17
188	rushing yds.	13
144	passing yds.	81
8-12-2	Comp/Att/Int	20-32-0
3-29.0	punts-avg	4-37.0
0	fum-lost	2
8-45	pen-yds.	4-26

Stanton	12	6	6	14	-	38
Snyder	0	15	0	0	-	15

**Scoring summary:**  
**First Quarter**  
 S - Keith Cook 10 pass from Will Harris. Kick failed.  
 S - Blaine Smith 13 pass from Harris. Pass failed.  
**Second Quarter**  
 C - Lance Monteleone 17 pass from Chase Ward. Walt Bordelon kick.  
 S - Harris 1 run. Run failed.  
 C - Bordelon 1 run. Travis McMillan conversion pass from Ward.  
**Third Quarter**  
 S - Clay White 52 pass from Harris. Kick failed.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
 S - Harris 7 run. Chris Flores kick.  
 S - Jeremy Hull 5 run. Flores kick.

**Marfa 33, Garden City 12**

MARFA — Marfa's Shorthorns rolled up 385 yards total offense while limiting Garden City to 158 yards in a 33-12 win here Friday night.

The Shorthorns (7-0, 2-0) protected their No. 6 statewide ranking and had little trouble with the Bearkats (1-6, 0-2) despite falling behind quickly.

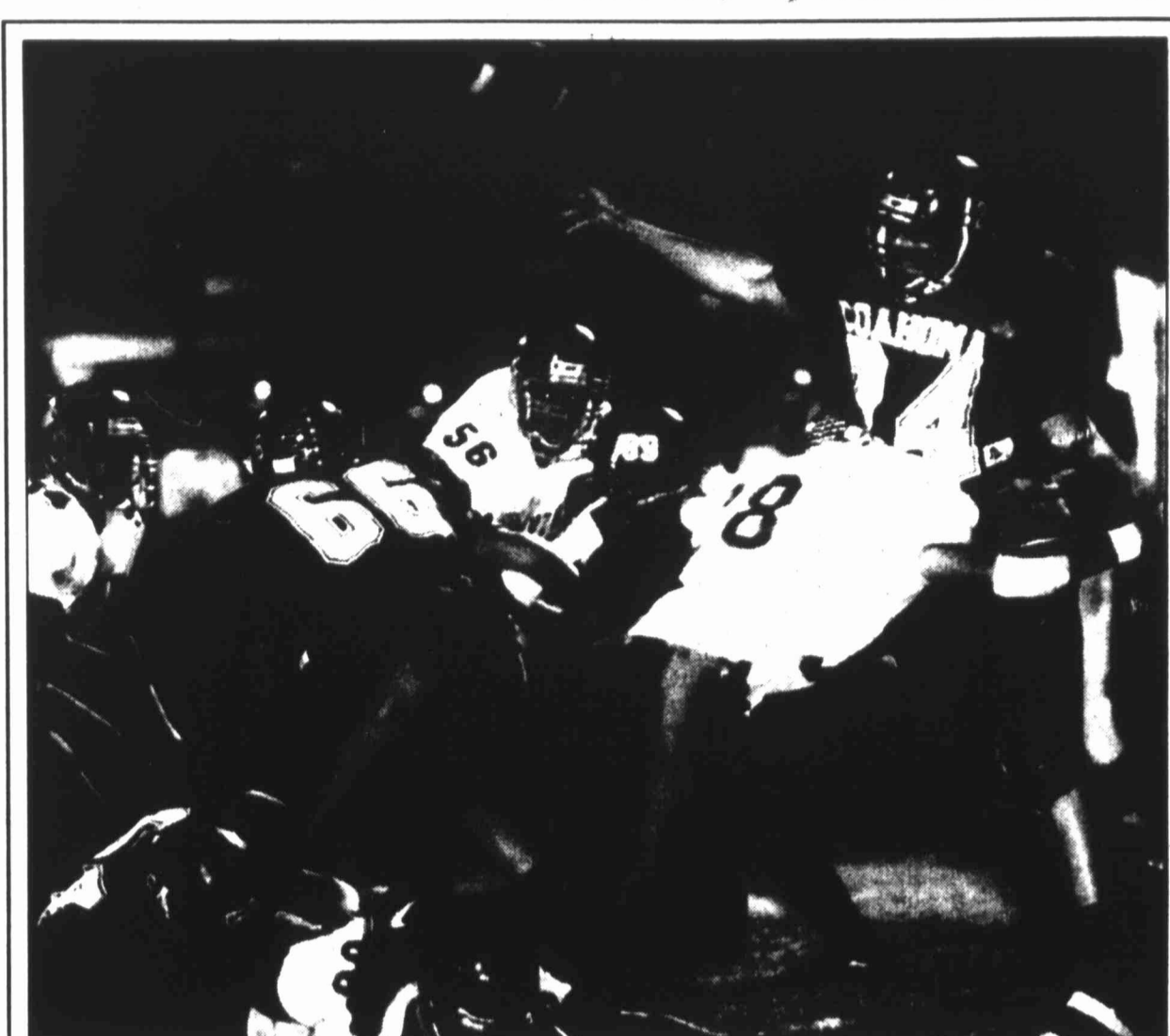
Garden City needed just 70 seconds to get on the scoreboard when Justin Hillger scored on a 1-yard run. The kick failed, leaving the 'Kats on top, 6-0.

After that, except for a fourth quarter score, it was all Marfa.

The Shorthorns scored twice within the final minute of the first half to take a 14-6 lead into the dressing room at intermission, then added two more scores in the third period to go up 27-6.

Garden City trimmed the lead to 27-12 with four minutes left in the game when Adam Frysak scored on an 18-yard run. The two-point conversion failed.

Garden City plays host to Fort Davis on Friday night. The Indians ran their district record to 2-0 with a 54-13 trouncing of Fort Hancock.



Stanton linebacker Clay White (38) is just a bit late in getting to Coahoma quarterback Chase Ward during the District 3-2A game on Friday. Stanton won 38-15, to stay unbeaten.

**Sands 54, Westbrook 6**

WESTBROOK — Sands Mustangs scored in rapid-fire succession here Friday night en route to a 54-6 District 6 Six-Man win over Westbrook in a game ended by the 45-point mercy rule.

Sands improved to 7-1 overall and 3-0 in district while Westbrook tumbled to 2-6 and 0-3.

The Mustangs are on the road Friday to face Hermleigh, while Westbrook plays at Grady. Hermleigh was beaten 62-12 by Ira, while Grady was beaten 48-36 by Borden County on Friday.

**Sonora 28, Forsan 0**

FORSAN — Sonora's Broncos improved to 8-0 overall and 3-0 in district play with a 28-0 shutout of Forsan's Buffaloes (2-6, 0-3) here Friday night. The Broncos rolled up 523

yards on offense — including 442 yards on 54 rushes — to average more than eight yards per offensive snap in the win. Defensively, Sonora held Forsan to 114 yards and just six first downs.

Tom Jacoby led the Broncos with 199 yards and three touchdowns on 24 carries — scoring on runs of 2, 28 and 5 yards. William Renfro added 189 yards on 14 carries for Sonora.

Forsan hits the road on Friday, traveling to Eldorado to take on the Eagles. Eldorado fell to 4-4 overall and 2-1 in District 2-2A play in a 26-0 loss to Ozona.

**Borden County 48, Grady 36**

GAIL — Borden County's Coyotes kept their playoff hopes alive here Friday, taking a 48-36 win over Grady's Wildcats in District 6 Six-Man play. The Coyotes broke a 36-36 tie inside the final 10 minutes of the game when Joseph Hardman scored on a 2-yard

plunge and Ed Rodriguez threw a 38-yard pass to Kevin Pinkerton. Rodriguez scored on runs of 13, 50 and 3 yards and a 22-yard pass from Pinkerton before connecting with Pinkerton for the game's final score.

The Coyotes also got a score when Nick Flanigan hauled in an 8-yard pass from Pinkerton. Borden County held a 28-16 lead at the half and stretched that to 36-24 before the Wildcats battled back to tie the game.

Cooper Tate got the first score on a 19-yard pass from quarterback Clint Schuelke, while Jed Hinojosa scored the tying TD on a 15-yard interception return.

Grady also got touchdowns from Frankie Garza on a 1-yard run, from Tate on a 41-yard interception return and from Hinojosa on a 24-yard pass from Schuelke.

Borden County plays at Ira, 62-13 winners over Hermleigh on Friday, while Grady plays host to Westbrook, 54-6 losers to Sands.

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Table of high school football scores for Friday, October 22, 1999. Includes Class 5A, 3A, 2A, and 1A results across various districts.

How the Top 10 Fared

Rankings of top 10 teams from previous weeks across different classes (5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A).

Charles Barkley says he'll tell plans quit at end of season

HOUSTON (AP) — Charles Barkley has threatened several times in recent years to retire. This time, the 36-year-old forward insists, he means it. Barkley said Friday he will announce his retirement, effective at season's end, at halftime of the Houston Rockets' exhibition game with the Detroit Pistons today.

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◆One survey says there are now almost 200 billionaires in America.

◆The federal budget for 1998 showed a surplus of \$70 billion, the first since 1969, and the largest ever.

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# For the love of Loraine

When he met his wife 55 years ago, Bill Sublett was sure he was seeing the face of an angel. The young Marine, just rescued from a Japanese prison camp, was hospitalized in California, but wasn't expected to live.

He gives credit for the rest of his life to his nurse, Loraine, whom he later married.

Now that she is suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, Bill won't leave his wife's side. Even if that means sharing her room at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, where she must have around-the-clock care.

Loraine speaks only occasionally, calling out with a loud, "Whoop!" now and then. Staff said she has good days, when she responds to conversation, and bad days, when the former Navy nurse seems always to be someplace faraway.

"If she doesn't make it, I don't make it," said Bill, 80. "I promised I'd never leave her, and I'd be a liar if I did. She saved my life. I want to do the best I can for her."

When he looks at his wife, Bill still sees her in the white uniform, tending to dozens of hospitalized vets. He was one of those in 1944, and when doctors told him to prepare to die, the beautiful nurse began praying at his bedside for his recovery.

Bill Sublett was rescued after three and a half years in the camp. He had spent his time there struggling to stay alive — eating insects or dogs, and burying the ones who didn't make it.

The young Marine helped to dig at least 60 graves for fellow prisoners. Countless others were shot, beheaded or maimed in front of him. Unsure of their fate, sick and bored, the prisoners took to drinking Japanese gasoline, which at the time was mixed heavily with alcohol.

When rescue arrived, a disoriented Bill caught the wrong plane home. Assigned to a hospital in Austin, the 82-pound survivor instead landed in that naval hospital in Long Beach, Calif.

There, with a fifth of whiskey under his pillow, suffering from beriberi, intestinal parasites and a fungus in his ears, Bill saw Loraine for the first time.

"She acted like an angel that just came out of heaven," he said. "She helped everyone she could. She brought food in for us. She kept an eye on me all the time. A couple of times I was ready to drink myself to death. Life didn't mean much. But she wouldn't hear any of that."

For more than two months Bill was treated at the hospital. His death sentence was lifted as his health began to improve, and the beautiful nurse encouraged him to take walks with her in the fresh air.

"One day we were leaving a cafe, and she told me, 'I'm going to marry you and keep you living,'" Bill recalled. "That was fine by me."

The couple traveled to Las Vegas where they were married by a preacher. They lived in North Long Beach while Bill spent the next two years trying to get his health, and his life, back.

Loraine took a job nursing children hospital-



'After what she did for me, do you think I could leave her? How could I leave her?'

alized with polio. They attended church together. In her free time, Loraine was often found doing community-service work — giving food to addicts or clothes to poor children.

They belonged to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, so Bill took a job preparing for and setting up revivals all over the country. The Subletts and their two children moved frequently.

"I remember asking my dad once, when I was about 16, how many times we had moved," said Fulton Sublett, the couple's son, an engineer in Cleburne. "He said 48 times. I did remember I had to start first grade three different times."

The whole family depended on Loraine, Fulton said. When she began to show signs of her illness about six years ago, they all noticed.



"What makes it so rough," Fulton said, "is my mother always had a stellar memory. When that started to go, it was obvious something was wrong."

Before she got sick, Loraine was planning to go to work on the Mexican border as a midwife.

As his wife's health declined quickly, Bill's spirit sagged. When she refused to eat, he lost his appetite.

"Not being able to help her is worse than any prison camp ever made," he said. "But I still ain't going to give up."

Family members suggested to Bill that he hospitalize Loraine, and stay with them, visiting her often. That wasn't good enough.

"After what she did for me, do you think I could leave her?" he asked. "How could I leave her?"

So for more than a year, they have shared a room on the top floor of the veteran's hospital, in the nursing home unit. Bill spend his days chatting with other patients and staff, tending his wife and resting in their room.

"This is worth it to me," he said. "I want to do the best I can for her. What else is left for a guy like me?"



In the photographs: Above, Loraine Sublett as she appeared in her U.S. Navy uniform. That is how her husband, Bill, remembers her. Above, left, Bill and Loraine in happier times, in this family photograph that is part of a calendar made for Bill by his son, Fulton. At left, Bill and Loraine now, at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, where she must have around-the-clock care for Alzheimer's Disease, and he will not leave her side.

Story by Debbie L. Jensen

'A couple of times I was ready to drink myself to death. Life didn't mean much. But she wouldn't hear any of that.'

## Friend's battle with a killer was inspiration, reminder

Plenty of jokes are made about it: Rosie O'Donnell even sings a song that goes something like, "Get squished."

We squirm and cringe thinking about it, and we laugh saying, "I would just rather not know."

But a mammogram, and the breast cancer it can detect, is no laughing matter. I found this out over the last year, when a friend fought a battle against that killer.

When I first heard my friend might have cancer, it was from my husband, who didn't believe the "rumor" but wanted to check it with me. I was incred-

ulous. No way, not her! But still, I wanted to know. So at church the following Sunday, I was vague, "I heard something about you and breast cancer?"

It was true. My eyes filled with tears. I don't know if I was thinking about what she would face in coming months, or if I was afraid we would lose her.

As it turned out, she fought cancer and won. In fact, she looks great and says she feels the same.

But it was a hard-fought battle: My friend spent month after month in chemotherapy

with all the side effects. She wore hats when she lost her hair. One Sunday this summer, a bunch of us got together and wore hats, too, to show our support and love for her.

I could hardly keep from crying during that whole service, looking around at the



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baseball caps, Panamas and straw hats scattered throughout the sanctuary. I know she was touched, too. I hope it gave her some idea what she means to all of us, her friends.

Only recently she got the news that the cancer is gone and she can move on with her life. It's hard to tell, though, because for the whole time she was being treated for a killer, my friend kept a smile on her face anyway.

This month, the American Cancer Society tries to focus on breast cancer, urging mammograms, self-breast exams and regular checkups. Did you

know that this year, 176,300 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed?

In Texas alone, 11,300 of us will find that telltale lump that turns out to be cancer.

Maybe you don't know anyone who has battled breast cancer. Maybe you have never thought about the fact that some day, it might be you, your sister, mother, or friend.

But please, take a minute to think about it.

And then do something about it. The American Cancer Society recommends self exams monthly after age 20, and a breast exam by a doctor or

nurse every three years ages 30-39, and annually after age 40.

Mammograms are recommended annually after age 40.

And as always, if you have any questions, problems or concerns, talk to your doctor as soon as you can. Remember that treatment usually works better when the cancer is caught at an early stage.

And share this information with your friends. As I found out during the last year, your friends can be a source of inspiration and awe. You sure don't want to lose them.

Debbie L. Jensen is features editor for the Herald.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A month after leaving prison, former Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss has filed for bankruptcy.

Ms. Fleiss listed debts of more than \$269,000, including \$115,000 owed to lawyers, in a court filing Wednesday. She also said she owed \$85,000 in back rent and inventory from her Santa Monica lingerie store, Heidi Wear Inc.

Ms. Fleiss, 33, was released from a federal prison in September after serving more than three years on charges related to her Hollywood call-girl operation.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — What's a seven-letter word for embarrassed political figure? M-A-N-D-E-L-A.

Nelson Mandela used a Scrabble metaphor Wednesday to wrap up a speech before the Palestinian Legislative Assembly that ran twice the expected time.

"Twenty-two points, plus a triple word score, plus 50 points for using up all my letters," he said, smiling at a bewildered assembly of politicians who are not familiar with the American game. "Game over. I'm out of here."

The former South Africa president spoke for half an hour in support of the peace process with Israel.

The Palestinians, who regard Mandela as a symbol of freedom and self-determination, frequently applauded. They also were puzzled, however, by his farewell.

Mandela gave the assembly a hearty "Shalom" — Hebrew for "peace" and "goodbye." The correct Arabic term would have been "Ma salameh," which means "go in peace."

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A coroner has classified the death of Bobby Sheehan, bassist for the Grammy-winning rock band Blues Traveler, as an accidental drug overdose.

Sheehan, 31, had heroin, cocaine and Valium in his system when he was found dead in his home two months ago, toxicology tests showed.

"It's very sad," Coroner Frank Minyard said Wednesday. "This guy had a bright future."

Sheehan and three high school friends formed Blues Traveler in New York in the mid-1980s, led by harmonica virtuoso John Popper.

NEWCOMERS

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

John and Cindy Clinton, Marian, Ill. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

Aramando and Christine Melendez and daughter Marisela, Van Horn. He is the manager for McDonald's Restaurant.

Eddie and Kathleen Rollins and son Zack, Snyder then Merkel. He works for Cynara Co.

Faye McKee, San Marcos, Calif. She is retired from the medical field.

Paul Anderson, Canby, Minn. He is employed by Burton Aerial Spraying as a pilot.

Ward and Debbie Mills, Westlock, Alberta, Canada. He is a pilot for Burton Aerial Spraying.

April Smith and son Deryn, Bellingham, Wash. She is employed by Best Western Motel.

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Festival chapel  
Church is haven amid activity  
at popular statewide gathering

PLANTERSVILLE (AP) — Using a tiny oil lamp in the half-light of early morning, Father William Kelly intones the familiar words:

"Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Son of the living God! Lord, have mercy. Christ Jesus, you died for us that we might live, Christ have mercy."

Dawn creeps through, softly lighting the vine-draped crucifix behind the priest's head. He raises his arms heavenward. His green-and-white vestments billow.

As the Mass continues, hummingbirds flutter 'round the dense, flowering foliage covering the open-frame chapel and its Celtic cross.

Soon, a lawn mower's steady hum competes with Kelly's booming voice. Dark gives way to light, and the faithful come forward for communion.

Crickets chirp. A goat bleats. Nearby, coffee is brewing, bacon frying. The Texas Renaissance Festival is rousing its colorful, bawdy self. But for a brief 45 minutes every Sunday morning during the festival's seven-week run, its outdoor chapel is an oasis of peace.

"It is unique to me to be outdoors and have a Mass," said Bo Imhoff, who helps run a festival food concession stand. "It's the quiet time of the festival. It starts at dark, and before it's over, it's daylight."

As the Mass ends, Joe Aronson mounts a golf cart to head for work at a food concession.

"It's real personal," Aronson said of the Mass. "I've been through a lot this year. This just starts my day off right."

The pre-dawn quiet also draws Debra Imhoff Meekins. Like her brother Bo, she is part of an extended Imhoff family that runs food concessions at the festival and lives in the Plantersville area.

They have lived in the area since long before festival founder George Coulam arrived more than a quarter-century ago.

"Being here for Mass in the early morning is kind of like the festival itself. You watch the day come to life. At 9 o'clock, the festival is going to come alive and it's like magic," she said.

Throughout the day, meditative types wander in to pray or reflect from a seat on one of the chapel's concrete benches. Others take refuge in the shady chapel to rest their feet or escape the hubbub of the festival, which began Oct. 2 and ends Nov. 14.

Romantic couples love to tie the knot under the vines of deep lavender and pink flowers that entwine, almost totally covering the chapel's wood frame. It will be the setting for at least 32 weddings during this year's festival. Couples often bring their own pastors to officiate. If they do not, John Jones — who portrays the Archbishop of York at the festival — is a licensed justice of the peace.

Renting the chapel and planning a simple garden wedding costs about \$800. More expensive fetes could cost as much as \$3,000 or \$4,000, depending on costs associated with decora-

tion, flowers and the reception.

Dawn and Perry Prather were married on Oct. 10 at last year's festival and celebrate their first anniversary with friends and family at the King's Feast, a daily Renaissance event.

"I wanted something uniquely different," said Dawn Prather, who works as a waitress, but was wed in a tiara. Her husband dressed as King Arthur. Her attendants came as ladies of the Camelot court. The groomsmen dressed as the Three Musketeers. Jones conducted the ceremony.

"It was just the (most) romantic thing," she said. "I would do it again. If anybody has doubts, I say, 'Ask.' The festival will work with you. There's not a lot of coordination to do. You can have a nice, beautiful wedding."

Her expenses ran about \$3,200 total, she said.

Weddings have been a regular event since the chapel was built about 10 years ago and can be scheduled every two hours starting at 10:30 a.m.

The Sunday morning Mass is usually presided over by the priest serving two nearby parishes, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stoneham and St. Mary Catholic Church in Plantersville. On the festival's first Sunday, however, the pastor had to be out of town and Kelly, a professor at the University of St. Thomas, filled in.

"This sets the tone," Kelly said. "People come here and focus on God, which is where we should be focused, and I'm sure (they) reflect that during the festival."

Joe Imhoff, a slow-talking Texan with a broad grin, is one of the regulars, worn blue jeans slung low on his hips and cowboy hat in hand.

"This here's our home," Imhoff, father to Bo and Debra, said of the area near where the Renaissance Festival is held. "We were born and raised here. Our family has been here back to my great-grandfather."

"When King George came from Minnesota 25 years ago — he came here as King George (a k a founder George Coulam) and he's still King George — he came here and he stopped at the Plantersville area. We didn't have anything but a little Sinclair filling station at the time.

"He stopped in there and everybody in the Plantersville area said, 'Where did this fruitcake come from?' He had a little accent coming from Minnesota. To make a long country story short, he was inquiring on trying to buy some property around here and the old man that ran the Sinclair station, he was kind of in the real estate business.

"He owned this piece of property here, it was kind of a gravel pit. And part of this used to be our deer lease."

And every Sunday, he attends the Mass.

"When you come to Mass in this vine church and the daylight rises on you, it's about as close as you can get to God, I figure."

Attendance at the early Sunday Mass grows as the festival gets going.

ODDS-N-ENDS

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A robber who attempted to make off with a drug store cash register made a hasty getaway. A bit too hasty, perhaps.

Police say when the man tried to take the cash register, he ripped off the top of it, leaving the money behind as he fled.

Police responding to a call Wednesday night didn't have any trouble spotting the man as he ran down the street with his arms full of machinery and dangling wires. The man fled into a tavern with police close behind and eventually gave himself up.

Brtangyn Sinclair, 33, has been charged with one count of felony vandalism.

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — The skeleton of Mambo, a 24,000-year-old woolly mammoth dug out of the Siberian permafrost three years ago, goes on the Internet auction block next month. Starting price: \$115,000.

Mambo is being auctioned by the online firm America's Auctions and Sales, broker Daniel Quint of Sparks, Nev., and Russia's Novosibirsk Museum of Natural History, where the mammoth bones are stored. The price includes shipping.

Quint said woolly mammoth finds are common in Russia and the museum needs to raise money. Remains of another mammoth was recently removed from the Siberian permafrost by an international team of paleontologists.

The weeklong bidding process begins Nov. 1. Mambo was expected to fetch up to \$200,000. If the auction fails, Mambo will remain on sale through November.

Quint said auctioneers expect a museum to end up with the skeleton, but they acknowledge it could wind up in the hands of an eccentric.

"To someone who wants to put it on their doorway in Beverly Hills, this could be all right," Quint said.

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Catholic guide urges 'looking at issues through God's eyes'

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The nation's Roman Catholic bishops want parishioners to know that voting is not just a civic responsibility, but a moral one.

To that end, they are issuing a guide for America's 60 million Catholics, encouraging them to ponder where their candidate stands on issues such as abortion, immigration and the rights of the poor.

The document is intended to help Catholics "look at issues through the lens that reflects our belief in God's revelation" but is not a voting guide, said Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles. "There are no lists of candidates," he said.

The guide, "Faithful Citizenship: Civic Responsibility for a New Millennium," is due next month in parishes throughout the country, and includes 10 questions to help Catholics assess candidates.

They include "How will we protect ... innocent, unborn children?" and "How will we address the 35,000 children dying every day of the consequences of hunger, debt and lack of development around the world?"

The U.S. bishops have issued

such guides during every presidential election year since the mid-1970s. The guides summarize Catholic teachings on public life and various moral issues.

The main topics include abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment. This guide is the first to focus on such contemporary issues as debt reduction, school violence and land mines.

Deal Hudson, editor of the conservative Catholic magazine Crisis, called the approach evenhanded, noting "a very conscious attempt on the bishops' part that this document should not be politicized in a partisan way."

Tom Roberts, editor of the liberal Catholic weekly, National Catholic Reporter, agreed: "It's an extremely valuable rundown on what American Catholics should be concerned about."


The bishops also address affordable health care, religious liberty, foreign aid, a more liberal immigration and refugee policy.

They call for ratification of the nuclear test ban treaty and for government aid to parents who cannot afford private and religious schools.

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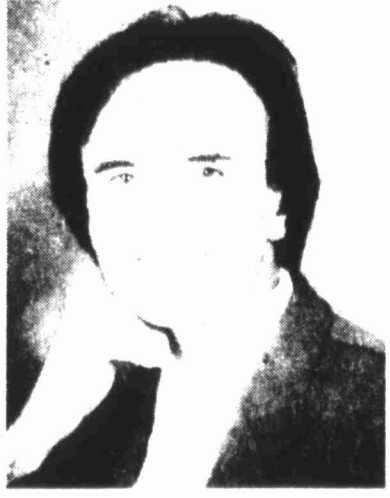
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**TUESDAY**-Stew, cauliflower/peas, salad, cornbread, milk, pudding.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken fried steak, potatoes, brussel sprouts, fruited gelatin, milk/rolls, cookies.  
**THURSDAY**-Chicken, rice, carrots, vegetable salad, milk/bread, cobbler.  
**FRIDAY**-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, peas & carrots, tossed salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, fruit, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Cheeseburger pocket (burritos), spicy fries, milk, fruit.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken tenders, gravy, creamed potatoes, rolls, carrots, milk, vanilla pudding.  
**THURSDAY**-Taco beef pie (burritos), pinto beans, salad, jello, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Pizza, tater tots, salad, milk, Halloween cake. (Teachers only salad or baked potato).

**BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY**  
**MONDAY**-Pizza, blackeye peas, garden salad, w/dressing, peaches, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Mexican jambalaya, salad, corn, orange wedges, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, english peas, red ribbon red jello, hot roll, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Chili mac, ranch style beans, banana, applesauce, hot roll, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Hamburger, salad, french fries, pork & beans, Halloween Treat, milk.

**ELBOW ELEMENTARY**  
**MONDAY**-Pizza, salad, corn, fruit, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Chicken nuggets, peas, mashed potatoes, hot roll, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Sloppy joes, chips, salad, fruit, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Steak Fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, hot roll, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Tuna salad sandwich, veggies, fruit, milk.

**STANTON SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-STAFF DEVELOPMENT  
**TUESDAY**-Pizza or baked potato, peas & carrots, tossed salad, fruit cup, milk, fruit drink.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Beef taco or enchiladas, pinto beans, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.  
**THURSDAY**-Meatloaf or chicken nuggets, whole potatoes, spinach, fruit cup, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.  
**FRIDAY**-Cheeseburger or hamburger, french fries, hamburger salad, fruit cup, cookie, milk, fruit drink.

**SANDS SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-NO SCHOOL  
**TUESDAY**-Chicken fajita burritos, salad, corn, fruit, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Frito pie, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Salisbury steak w/gravy, whole new potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-NO SCHOOL.

**FORSAN SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Steak fingers, gravy, english peas, hot rolls, pears, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Frito pie, ranch style beans, salad, and cheese, crackers, pudding, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Hamburgers, tater tots, salad, pickles and onion, ice cream, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Soup, sandwich, chips, cookies, fruit, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, jello and fruit, milk.

## East Texas churchgoers open hearts, homes to foster kids

SHELBYVILLE (AP) — They were born into homes of neglect or abuse and many of them were damned to childhoods of shuttling from one set of foster parents to another. Then, inexplicably, they began to find permanent homes and legal parents in the Piney Woods of Shelby County.

What began as a trickle of children into Deep East Texas quickly turned into a cascade sufficient to cause a blip on the census screen of this sparsely populated landscape. In the past 14 months, 39 children, mostly from Houston, have relocated here and middle-aged couples, many with empty nests after years of child-rearing, still wait in line to assemble new families — and to reunite siblings scattered into separate foster homes.

"It is phenomenal," says Judy Bowman, a supervisor with the Child Protective Services division of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. "We have never come across any single group that would adopt this many kids."

That "single group" is the congregation of the Bennett Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, a small, stark white chapel that juts out of a clearing on the fringe of the Sabine National Forest, out beyond Shelbyville, half a mile past the "end of pavement" sign in a settlement known to prior generations as Possum Trot.

It is now called New Harmony and it was here, amid towering pine thickets so dense that sun rays cannot enter, that the Rev. W.C. Martin and his wife, Donna, heard the cry. "It was a yearning and a hunger within to put some life into somebody else," he says, surrounded by more than a dozen of the adopted children and their parents who have gathered at the church for a birthday party. "For me, this is a movement of God. We're just the tools that God is using."

He watches the children helping themselves to cake and soft drinks and says, "You see some of these kids and it blows your mind. It's like they were designed to be placed with those families. They even look like their adoptive parents."

It began with the Martins and Mrs. Martin's sister, Dianne Sparks, and spread through the congregation with such fervor that the CPS virtually opened a branch office in the fellowship hall of his church. "We've been getting calls from other (CPS) regions in the state asking us how we did it so they can replicate it," says Bowman. "We have to tell them we didn't do it. There's no way we could go out and sell something like this."

Martin, 50, has been pastor of Bennett Chapel for nearly 16 years and for the first 10 he commuted from Houston, where he lived and worked for an oilfield tool supply company. "Someone at work one day told me about a program called 'one church, one child,'" he says. "I think it started in California and the idea was to get someone in every church to adopt a child. I guess that's when we started thinking about it."

Six years ago, Martin and his family, which included a son and daughter, then 11 and 6 years old, moved to Center and he became a full-time pastor. The idea of adopting a child lingered on their minds, he says, but they didn't take action until two years ago. "I had a void in my life after my mother died (in 1996)," says Donna Martin. "I came from a big family — 17 kids — and I liked that. My mother was always at home, taking care of us. I was thinking about that a lot and I heard a voice that said

**'We're looking for people who really want a challenge.'**  
 Susan Ramsey caseworker

"foster parents." She contacted the CPS office in Nacogdoches and learned that a class for potential foster or adoptive parents was starting in Lufkin. Because the children who are wards of the CPS come from troubled environments, classes are required so the new parents will know the difficulties they may be facing and the assistance they can expect from the state until the child turns 18. Some may have special education or counseling needs, or various health problems, for which the state will pay the parents up to \$475 a month. A caseworker also is available when needed, Bowman says.

Martin was determined to sign up, and encouraged her sister, Dianne Sparks, to come along.

"She came to me and said, 'Dianne, you need another child,'" Sparks laughs. She was divorced and had a 19-year-old daughter. "I thought, yeah, I do."

Together they made the 50-mile round trip to Lufkin once a week for 10 weeks. "We're looking for people who really want a challenge," says Susan Ramsey, the caseworker who has assisted nearly all of the Shelby County adoptive families.

Knowing the problems they might encounter did not deter the two sisters. Not long after they completed the classes, Sparks adopted a 6-year-old boy.

A few months later, the Martins received a 5-year-old girl and her 2-year-old brother, whom they promptly adopted. They have since taken in two other children, a brother and sister, and plan to adopt them also. They're considering enlarging their four-bedroom house.

"I encouraged our church to get involved in this," Martin says. "I told them it could really make a turn in society the church needs to get involved in lives, not just souls."

Martin was surprised by the response and he discussed it with CPS officials, who were skeptical.

"We told him, 'You get us some families — at least 10 — and we will send someone to your church to teach the classes,'" says Judy Bowman. "Twenty-three families showed up for that first meeting. We were shocked."

Out of that group, 18 families completed adoptions. Just as surprising, she says, is that when a second series of classes began, another 20 were present. Two more series are being planned. "This is a big step for a church to take, a humongous step," Martin says. "We've got all these kids coming in and we've got to figure out what to do with them."

Although they were warned that the backgrounds of the children affect their behavior for months or years to come, most of the adoptive parents interviewed say the children, ranging in age from 2 months to 10 years, have adjusted well so far and show few signs of the emotional scars they sometimes carry.

"Those kids came in the door hollering, 'Mama,'" says Theresa Latham. She and her husband, Glen, a supervisor in a hardwood floor factory, doubled the size of their family by adopting five sisters, ages 4 through 9. They already were rearing one biological son, an adopted son and a nephew.

"We always wanted a lot of kids," she said.

## IN THE MILITARY

Aleutian Island veterans will reunite in Fredericksburg on Dec. 1-3. Send a self addressed, stamped envelope to Al King; P.O. Box 130327; Sunrise, Fla.; 33313 for registration information no later than Nov. 10.

Air Force Airman 1st Class James D. Wheeler Jr. has arrived for duty at Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan. Wheeler is a firefighter with the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron.

He is the son of James D. and Frances L. Wheeler of Colorado City; and a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Air Force Airman David W. Buckner Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Buckner is the son of David Buckner of Big Spring.



BUCKNER

Air Force Airman Regina D. Richards had graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Richards is the daughter of Pamela A. Richards of Big Spring, and a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School.



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Air Force Airman Tamesha R. Cobb has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Cobb is the granddaughter of Elnora McCalister of Stanton and a 1998 graduate of Stanton High School.



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**Billboard Hot 100:**  
 (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

- "Smooth," Santana (feat. Rob Thomas). Arista. (Gold)
- "Satisfy You," Puff Daddy (feat. R. Kelly). Bad Boy.
- "Heartbreaker," Mariah Carey (feat. Jay-Z). Columbia.
- "Mambo No. 5 (A Little Bit of Mumbo)," Lou Bega. RCA.
- "Unpretty," TLC. LaFace. (Gold)
- "Music Of My Heart," N Sync & Gloria Estefan. Miramax.
- "I Need To Know," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
- "My Love Is Your Love," Whitney Houston. Arista. (Gold)
- "We Can't Be Friends," Deborah Cox (w/R.L.). Arista.
- "Scar Tissue," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.

### The Billboard 200 Top Albums:

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
- "Supernatural," Santana. Arista. (Platinum)
  - "Human Clay," Creed. Wind-up.
  - "Millennium," Backstreet Boys. Jive. (Platinum)
  - "A Little Bit of Mambo," Lou Bega. RCA. (Platinum)
  - "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive. (Platinum)
  - "Christina Aguilera," Christina Aguilera. RCA. (Platinum)
  - "Devil Without A Cause," Kid Rock. Lava. (Platinum)
  - "Significant Other," Limp Bizkit. Flip. (Platinum)

- "Soundsystem," 311. Capricorn.
- "Blackout!," Method Man/Redman. Def Jam.

### Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

- "You'll Be In My Heart," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.
- "I Want It That Way," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
- "Music Of My Heart," N Sync & Gloria Estefan. Miramax.
- "She's All I Ever Had," Ricky Martin. C2.
- "I Could Not Ask For More," Edwin McCain. Lava.
- "Blue Eyes Blue," Eric Clapton. Columbia.
- "The Hardest Thing," 98 Degrees. Universal.
- "I Will Remember You (Live)," Sarah McLachlan. Arista.
- "I Do (Cherish You)," 98 Degrees. Universal.
- "Lost In You," Garth Brooks as Chris Gaines. Capitol.

### Mainstream Rock Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
- "Higher," Creed. Wind-up.
  - "The Dolphin's Cry," Live. Radioactive.
  - "Enemy," Days Of The New. Outpost.
  - "Learn To Fly," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
  - "The Chemicals Between Us," Bush. Trauma.
  - "Down," Stone Temple Pilots. Atlantic.
  - "Can't Change Me," Chris Cornell. A&M.
  - "In 2 Deep," Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band. Giant.
  - "Scar Tissue," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
  - "Keep Away," Godsmack. Republic.

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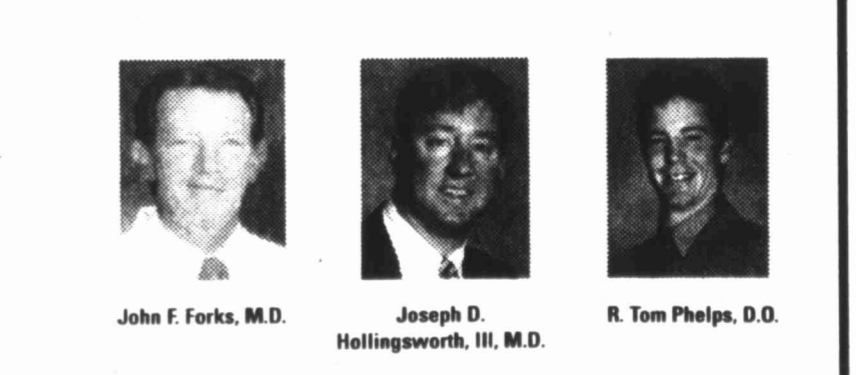
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### Blockbuster Inc. planning to offer video rentals over the Internet

DALLAS (AP) — Blockbuster Inc. is preparing itself for the day when customers rent videos over the Internet instead of driving to a store.

The Dallas-based company, the world's largest home-video chain, plans to sell movies and other merchandise at a Web site beginning next month, chairman John Antioco said in an interview Thursday.

Next spring, customers will be able to reserve movies over the Internet, but they'll still have to pick them up at the store — unless Blockbuster starts a delivery service, which Antioco said is under consideration.

The actual delivery of movies over

the Internet "is probably four or five years out," Antioco said.

Some analysts believe Blockbuster is moving in the nick of time — that technology someday could threaten the very existence of video stores.

"We're big believers in video-on-demand. It's going to take at least half the market share away from the bricks-and-mortar stores," said Jessica Reif Cohen, an entertainment analyst for Merrill Lynch. "Blockbuster has no choice but to explore video-on-demand."

"Blockbuster has done a nice job of consolidating a declining industry," said Tom Wolzien, a media analyst

with Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. in New York. "They're signing up customers, they're opening stores, they're doing everything right. The question is, are they seeing the future right?"

Wolzien predicts that within four to seven years, consumers will have set-top boxes from cable-television operators that can receive signals for the Internet and video.

Even if Blockbuster captures some of that video-on-demand business, Wolzien said, it would be less profitable than video stores, which benefit from late fees and the habit of some consumers to rent more tapes than they watch.

Antioco said the technology of providing true, unlimited video-on-demand — as opposed to glorified pay-per-view, in which viewers select from a limited menu of movies and times — is still far from ready. Issues of technology, bandwidth and copyright issues must be resolved.

Antioco said video stores have survived the advent of pay-per-view and will survive video-on-demand. Some analysts agree.

"We think the plain-vanilla video store will be around for quite some time," said Frederick Moran, an analyst with Jefferies & Co. Inc.

Either way, Blockbuster aims to

remember the Web site that people remember when they think of movies, Antioco said. In addition to 6,860 stores, he said the chain has the brand name, customer list (65 million people in its data base), distribution and marketing muscle to make an attractive e-company.

"We should be the clear favorite to deliver movies to people over the Internet," Antioco said.

Analysts say concern about competition from cable operators in new means of renting movies is hurting Blockbuster's stock price.

Blockbuster is 82 percent owned by Viacom Inc.

### Take caution with livestock grazing after weather swings

With the average freeze date for Howard County coming up, it is time for everyone who has livestock of any kind to be aware of the toxicity problems associated with sorghum/sudan type material. These may have been planted or they may have come up voluntarily. Some examples of these are millet, all types of hay-grazer, Johnson grass, sudan and grain sorghum.

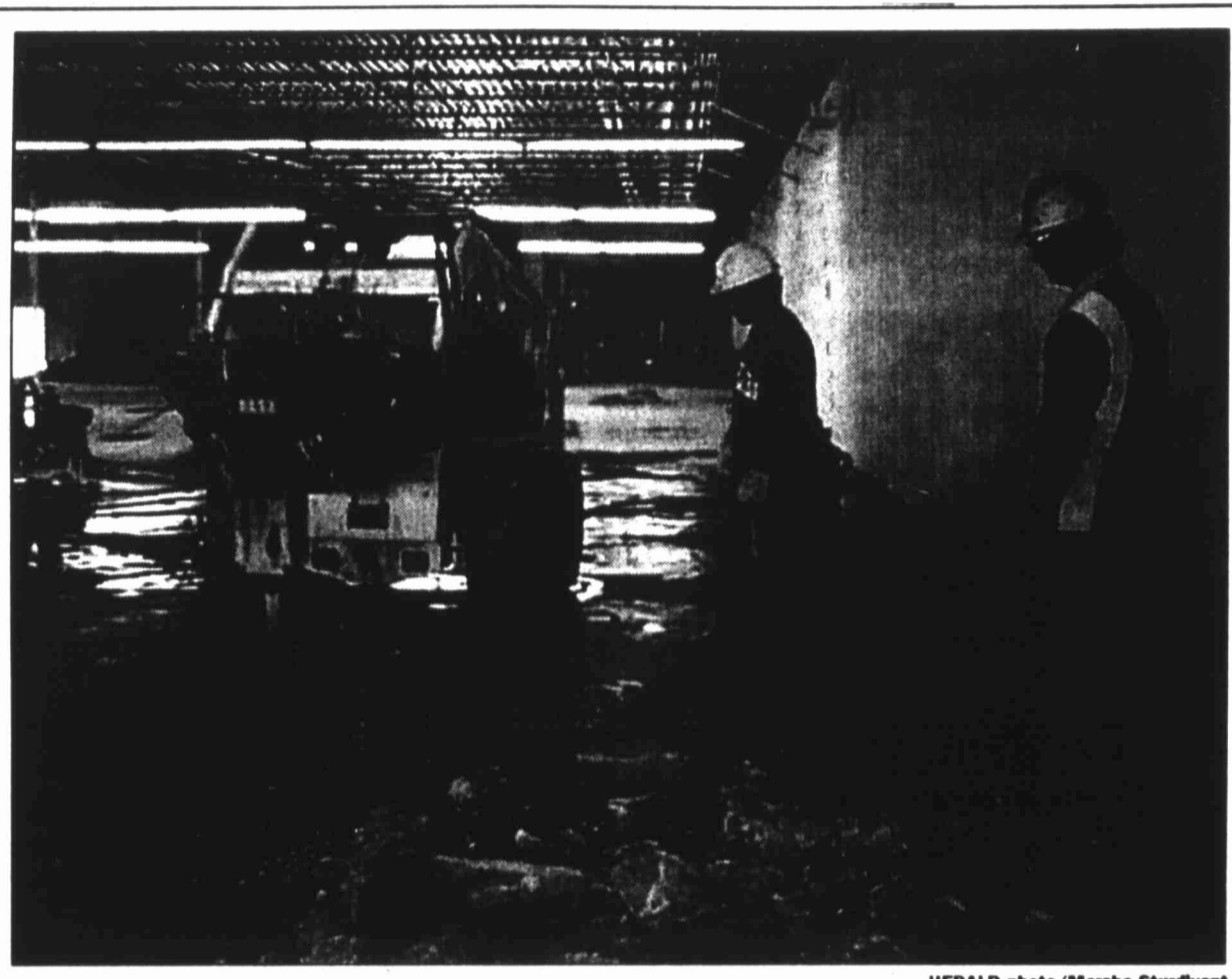


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Toxicity of the plant to the animal varies due to the condition of the plant as well as species of livestock. All domestic animals are susceptible to hydrocyanic acid poisoning (Prussic Acid Poisoning), but cattle are the most susceptible. Horses are most tolerant to Prussic Acid Poisoning. The potential this year may be even greater due to dry conditions during most of the growing season. When sorghum/sudan materials have been exposed to drought, they have a tendency to build up a higher level of Prussic Acid. The worst time tends to be after a freeze or periods of cool and cloudy weather. Soils with high nitrogen content and low phosphorous levels are more susceptible to problems. The best prevention for this problem is to not graze sorghum/sudan for seven days after a frost, 10 to 14 days if cloudy. Remember that cattle are most susceptible to this type of poisoning and that drought stressed sorghum/sudan can be a problem before a freeze in extremely dry conditions.

Symptoms of Prussic Acid Poisoning in livestock include labored breathing, excessive salivation, lack of coordination, muscle tremors, convulsions and death. poisoning of

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Arnold Gander of Lee George Construction operates a Bobcat and bores through the concrete in the floor of the old TG&Y building, preparing to install plumbing. Robert Waldie and Terry Osborn stand ready to remove the debris created by the Bobcat. StarTek USA is expected to locate a 350-employee call center in the 30,000-square-foot building by Dec. 1.

### East Texas tribe approves gambling; state vows to fight any casino plans

LIVINGSTON (AP) — A second American Indian tribe has voted to bring gambling to its Texas reservation.

The decision by the 900-member Alabama-Coushatta tribe, which rejected a casino proposal four years ago, means they will join the Tigua tribe in trying to bring gambling into the state.

"We had a tribal meeting of all the people, and they voted in favor of gambling. It passed," said Chief Clayton Sylestine, the ceremonial leader of the 900-member tribe.

The vote was taken within the past two weeks. Sylestine told the Houston Chronicle for Saturday's editions. He did not have the vote totals. Sylestine said he does not favor gambling.

A spokesman for the Texas Attorney General's Office warned that the tribe, which has a 4,600-acre reservation near Livingston, about 70 miles northeast of Houston, faces a

battle with the state if it proceeds with its plan.

"The Alabama-Coushattas are included in the bottom of the Tigua Restoration Act," said Ted Delisi.

"If they attempt to have casino-style gambling on their premises, they can expect the state will take action against them."

The Tigua Restoration Act is a 1987 law under which Congress agreed to recognize that tribe and, in return, the Tiguas agreed to prohibit gambling in all forms and obey Texas laws.

Sylestine declined to elaborate on the Alabama-Coushatta gambling proposal, except to question whether it will ever become reality.

A proposal, which included a high-stakes bingo hall and the eventual goal of a Vegas-style casino, was defeated in 1995.

Faced with 17 percent unemployment within the tribe, proponents had argued that gam-

bling would bring hundreds of new jobs and millions of dollars each year to the Southeast Texas economy, quickly making the tribe the largest employer in Polk County and reducing its dependence on federal aid.

Opponents warned that it would increase crime.

The Tigua tribe has been embroiled in a legal dispute with the state since opening its Speaking Rock Casino in 1993 near El Paso.

About three weeks ago, the Attorney General's Office went to court to seek a permanent injunction against the Tiguas to stop gambling on tribal property.

The Tiguas had earlier lost a lawsuit they filed to force the state to negotiate a casino compact with the tribe under the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

At least 68 casinos and 170 high-stakes bingo games are in operation on Indian reservations in 24 other states.

### Concert

### FCC gives OK to joint venture between AT&T and British Telecom PLC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators gave final clearance Friday to a global joint venture between AT&T and British Telecommunications PLC, a deal that would combine the two companies' international operations.

The combine would deal mostly with voice and data service, mainly for large commercial users.

The venture originally was valued at \$10 billion.

The Federal Communications Commission found the application for the alliance to be in the public interest but imposed some limited conditions on the deal.

FCC approval is the final step in the regulatory process. The companies expect to launch the global venture, called Concert, in about a month.

"We are pleased the regulatory agencies both in Europe and the U.S. agree that our global joint venture will benefit customers as well as the competitive telecommunications marketplace," said David Dorman, the venture's chief executive officer.

The FCC conditioned its approval on the companies compliance with an agreement reached among them, the Defense Department, the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The accord had to do with potential national security and law enforcement problems, officials said.

The agreement requires that domestic telecommunications facilities owned by the companies will be controlled by their subsidiaries and located within the United States.

Doing so will ensure that U.S. law enforcement authorities have both the jurisdiction and the technical ability to be able to conduct electronic surveillance.

The companies agreed to take reasonable measures to prevent

improper use of domestic telecommunications facilities and to adopt and maintain policies to ensure electronic surveillance orders and other legal authorizations are kept confidential.

Also, the companies will require security clearances for people with access to sensitive network facilities and to keep access from unauthorized people.

Under the FCC's other conditions, AT&T and their subsidiaries would be prohibited from getting exclusive operating agreements with British Telecom because of the joint venture.

The commission also required that BT comply with British regulations that the company must give its competitors access to local customers for long-distance and international calls at the same level of access that BT has.

The companies will use their combined international networks to become a "carrier's carrier" for long-distance services offered by telephone companies operating in numerous markets.

The companies, in announcing the deal in July 1998, said the venture would operate in three main areas:

—A worldwide voice and data business offering telephone networks to multinational corporations and other big institutions.

—A global sales and service business that initially will target corporate clients in the financial, oil and information technology businesses.

—An international carrier services business that will develop low-cost communications links around the world for both individual and business customers.

Combined, AT&T and BT carry about half the calling traffic between the United States and Britain but own less than 20 percent of the network capacity.

### IN THE NEWS

Big Spring State Hospital Team Nurse MING TAYLOR, MSN, RNC, earned her master's in nursing from the University of Texas-El Paso. She is a member of one of nine treatment teams of nurses, social workers, rehabilitation therapists, physicians, patient rights advocates and nutritionists who care for each patient in the 202-bed hospital for patients with mental illness. Taylor started work at the state hospital 15 years ago.



TAYLOR

KIM BYRD, GN, nurse with Big Spring State Hospital, recently earned her registered nursing credentials at Howard College. She has been employed at the state hospital



BYRD

for 4-1/2 years. DEBRA JACKSON, RN, and MIKE GROVES, GN, recently completed coursework to become registered nurses. Jackson graduated from Angelo State University and Groves graduated from Howard College. Both participated in Big Spring State Hospital's nursing stipend program. The state hospital assists employees interested in pursuing a nursing career with financial assist.



JACKSON



GROVES

DR. SHANTHI THANGAM, Big Spring State Hospital psychiatrist, recently was presented with a certification in psychiatry from the American Board of Psychiatry and

Neurology, Inc. Dr. Thangam earned the certification after completing her board exam in Boston, Mass. She has been employed at the state hospital for the past year.

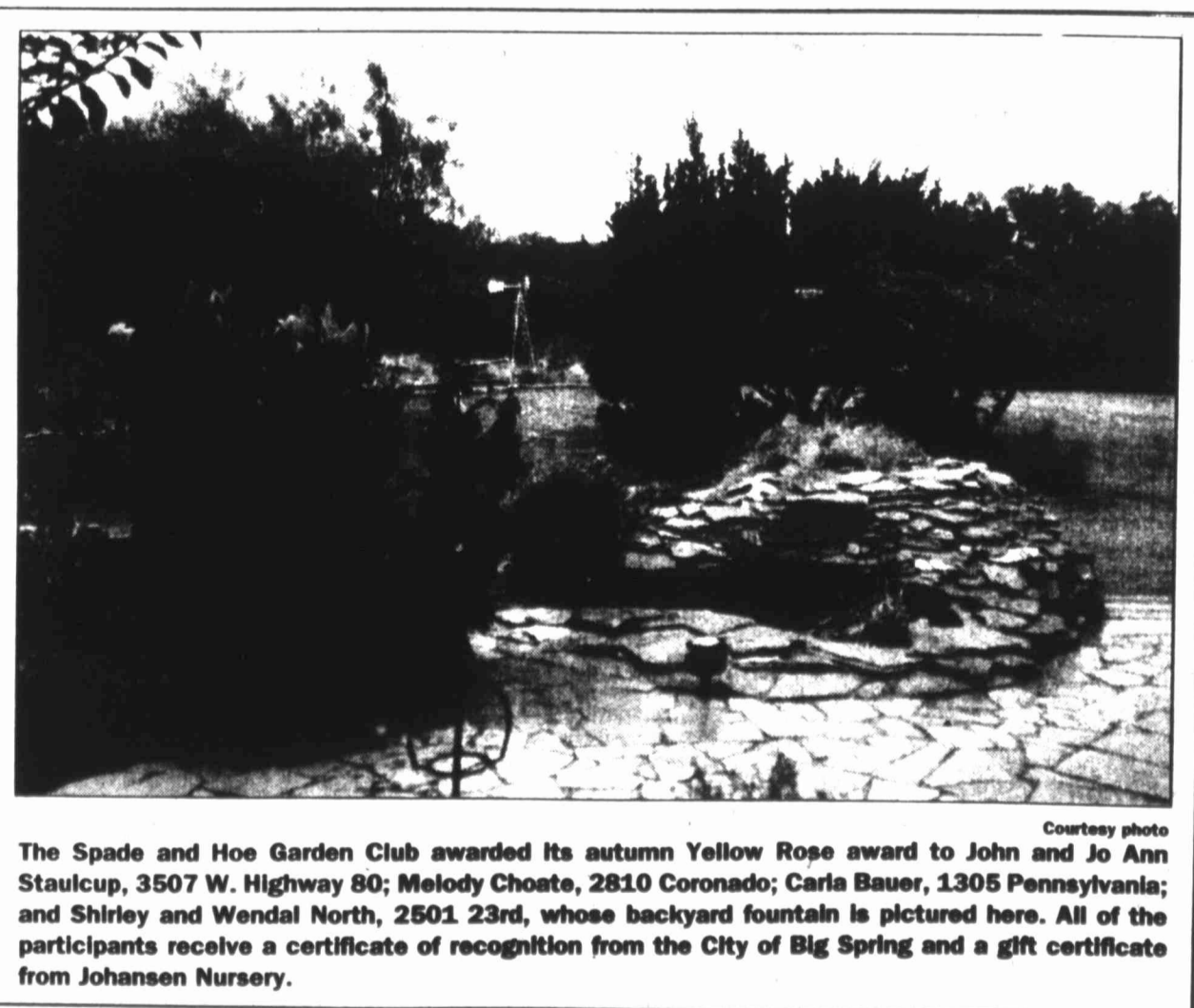


THANGAM

The American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians, Inc. has announced the recent certification of E.W. STOKES, MD. The board also announced Dr. Stokes' risk management sub speciality certification. Dr. Stokes took the certification examination in Bal Harbour, Fla.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has announced that the deadline for accepting applications for the 1999 Family Land Heritage Program has been

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The Spade and Hoe Garden Club awarded its autumn Yellow Rose award to John and Jo Ann Staulcup, 3507 W. Highway 80; Melody Choate, 2810 Coronado; Carla Bauer, 1305 Pennsylvania; and Shirley and Wendal North, 2501 23rd, whose backyard fountain is pictured here. All of the participants receive a certificate of recognition from the City of Big Spring and a gift certificate from Johansen Nursery.

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# Gins up and running, but forecast elusive

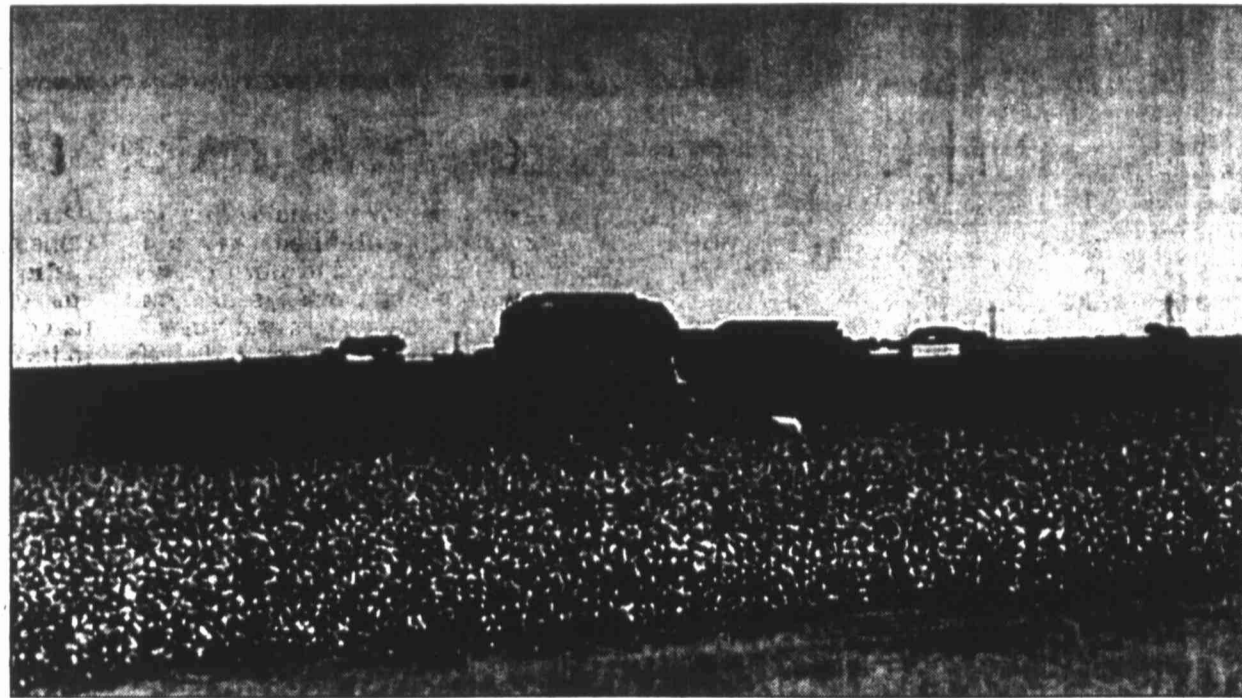
**BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Cotton gin managers in the Crossroads Area are cranking up, but ask them how many bales they expect to process this year, and most of them are stalling.

"It's just hard to tell right now," said Cadet Bryant, assistant manager with the Co-op in Big Spring. "It's kinda slow."

That's because a number of ginners are still weighing options with their insurance companies. Lack of timely rain took its toll on what at one time looked like a good crop this year. And in low prices, and producers may find it isn't worth the trouble to harvest.

"We're not sure how much our insurance companies are willing and letting them plow," said Bryant, who had shipped 638 bales at lunchtime today.



**This cotton north of Big Spring was being stripped Saturday morning. Area gin managers aren't sure how much cotton will be processed because some farmers are still checking with their insurance companies and learning their options.**

HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

"We're really just getting started up here. I expect it will soon be picking up by Wednesday."

He is hopeful the co-op will be between 8,000 to 10,000 bales. On the average, the gin processes about 15,000 bales.

At Farmer's Co-op Association of Stanton, some 100 bales had been ginned as of Thursday.

"Earlier in the year they thought maybe 15,000 bales. Probably it is going to be closer to 10,000 or 12,000. That's a guess," said Rebecca Riley, assistant secretary to the board.

D.V. Cook, manager at Mustang Farmer's Gin at Lomax, said he's ginned 2,100 bales so far, but it's difficult to project how many bales will be

ginned for the season.

"I'm not sure. It's not very good though. I hope we haven't ginned over 20 percent. We're looking at 10,000 to 12,000 bales, hopefully," he said.

"We've ginned 1,930 bales right now. Of course that change change in an hour," said Becky Williams, a secretary at Tarzan Gin.

She said the gin isn't making

any predictions as to how much cotton it will process this year.

"We're not projecting anything right now. We just don't know. Some dryland farmers are still checking with their insurance companies," Williams said.

Big Spring Gin had ginned 488 bales as of Thursday afternoon, according to a report from manager Brad Mikeska.

# Accord on overhaul bill opens prospect of blossoming financial companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — A political struggle may be coming to an end over legislation that would make it easier for banks, stock brokerages and insurance companies to combine and sell each other's products.

Republican lawmakers reached agreement Friday with Democrats and administration officials on provisions in the bill dealing with community lending rules for banks. The accord lifted the specter of a presidential veto of the bill,

which is designed to overhaul Depression-era financial services laws.

The legislation "will bring lower costs, more choices and better protections for consumers," President Clinton said in a statement. "At the same time, it will promote continued investment in America's communities and new opportunities for our financial institutions to compete in the global marketplace."

Wall Street, which has been pushing for the legislation for

years, was exultant at the prospect of a blossoming of financial "supermarkets" selling checking accounts, mutual funds, life insurance and more. Buoyed by news of the bipartisan accord, financial stocks led a sharp market advance. Among the winners were securities firm Lehman Brothers, which rose \$6.75 to \$67.93, insurer American General, which gained \$5.37 to \$74.75, and Chase Manhattan Bank, which rose \$3.00 to \$80.62 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The legislation "will allow and encourage greater competition, which will greatly benefit consumers, the industry and the economy," said Marc Lackritz, president of the Securities Industry Association. "The bill will also strengthen the ability of U.S. firms to compete in the global marketplace."

However, consumer advocates denounced the legislation, warning it would further concentrate financial power in a few big corporations, raising prices for consumers and jeop-

ardizing their privacy as affiliated companies shared their customers' financial data with each other.

Ralph Nader called on Clinton to veto the package, terming it "a threat to the safety and soundness of the nation's financial system and a reckless assault on basic protections for consumers and communities."

And some community groups, believing the administration had abandoned them by agreeing to a compromise on the community lending rules for

banks, were furious.

Those rules now require banks to make loans in low-income and minority areas in which they operate, but they have been often criticized by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, the administration's chief opponent on the bill.

Under the compromise, banks wishing to expand into other areas of financial activity must have a satisfactory rating from federal examiners on their community lending and also to maintain the rating.

## PUBLIC RECORDS

**Justice of the Peace Donnie Green**  
Property Tax Place 1-2418-2316  
**Bad Checks/Warrants issued:**  
The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list are not to be paid. If you know who this list please call 1-2418-2316.  
May Ellen, P.O. Box 1735, Big Spring  
Madison Barbara, 1101 N Ave G, Big Spring  
Mary Sandy, Box 783 or 317 W. 11th St., Big Spring  
Andrea, 1916 Rummels, Big Spring  
1979 Tison, Big Spring  
Jennifer L., 5013 Wasson Blvd, Big Spring  
P.O. Box 518 Westover #246, Big Spring  
Johanna, 1306 Dixie, Big Spring  
Jr., 841 Carver St., Big Spring  
N. Eighth, Big Spring  
Troy, P.O. Box 2322, Big Spring  
Michael Jr., 538 Westover, Big Spring  
H. Bart, 1605 Brunson, Big Spring  
T. 904 B E 12th, Big Spring  
Jr., 3605 Dixon, Big Spring  
Marie, 2208 S. 10th, Big Spring  
V. Ma, 114 Sleepy Mountain, Big Spring  
Jr., P.O. Box 296, Marlin, Texas, Big Spring  
1092 N Main Apt. 13, Big Spring  
1115 Rossvelt, Midland  
1806 Robin or 1806 Robin, Big Spring  
1111 Dixon, Big Spring  
Alene, 800 W Marcy, Apt. 1, Big Spring  
11, Donald, 1407 Westover, Big Spring  
P., 1002 Wood, Big Spring  
Victoria Josephine, 1509 Westover, Big Spring  
Rt. 3, Box 128 a, Big Spring  
Indiana St. Great  
Ann Davis, 803 Lorilla, Big Spring  
106 W Colorado, Big Spring  
Philip L., 1313 E Sixth, Big Spring  
Reeda Castillo, 2735 E Eighth, Big Spring  
Sammy Jr., 208 N Nolan, Big Spring  
Robert E., 4203 Wasson, Big Spring  
Apt., 1501 W FM 818, Big Spring  
Harry C. Jr., 840 Western, Big Spring  
Barold, 1517 Sycamore, Big Spring  
Wanda, 1905 Sycamore, Big Spring  
Christopher, 1608 Tucson or 1009 Wright, Big Spring  
Trinidad, 605 San Antonio, Big Spring  
Michael David, P.O. Box 154, 19th St. Snyder  
Ernesto, Rt. 3 Box 146, Big Spring

Reynolds, Elton R., P.O. Box 1142, Colorado City  
Bella M., P.O. Box 1292, Snyder  
Ross, Willie A., 1801 Settles, Big Spring  
Shubert Billy G., 538 Westover No. 119, Big Spring  
Thornton, Jeanette, 120 Airbase Road No. 155, Big Spring  
Trevino, Cynthia, Rt. 5, Box 1664, Kilgore  
Vek, Eugene, 1007 Wood, Big Spring  
Villa, Manuel L., 1218 W Third, Stanton  
Wagner, Cynthia, 1406 Anson Ave., Abilene  
Williams, Joe, 2409 S. Ong, Amarillo

**Howard County Clerk's Office: Marriage License:**  
Eric Don Juarez, 18, and Kristin Renea Hawkins, 17  
Raymond Franklin Lee, 51, and Jean Frances Cisar, 48  
Ricky Lynn Wattenhaugh, 22, and Mindy Nicole Robertson, 20  
Michael Shawn Bagwell, 24, and Katherine Lynn Ogburn, 25

**Court Records:**  
Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Richard Arenibaz, Regina Franks  
Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500 Mary Louise Mitchell \$500 fine and 180 days in jail  
Probated judgment DWLI Isidro Valle \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Michael L. Gamble \$250 fine and 180 days in jail

**Judgment & sentence evading arrest/detention:** Adam Herrera \$100 fine, \$199.25 court cost, Richard Diaz Lopez Jr. \$100 fine, \$299.25 court cost and 60 days in jail  
Judgment & sentence fail to identify: Richard Diaz Lopez Jr. \$500 fine, \$299.25 court cost and 60 days in jail  
Probated judgment indecent exposure Lloyd Alan Cobb \$500 fine and 180 days in jail  
Judgment & sentence criminal trespass: Johnny Brent Cook \$200 fine, \$260.25 court cost and 10 days in jail, Edward Aris Sheldon \$200 fine, \$260.25 court cost and 10 days in jail  
Judgment & sentence violate protective order: Evaristo Trevino Jr. \$500 fine, \$249.25 court cost and 90 days in jail  
Probated judgment DWI Theodore Christian \$1,000 fine and 180 days in jail, Jamie C. Leon \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, Billy Yanez \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, Julian Bernal \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, David Warren \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, Randy Ray Etheridge \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail  
Order of dismissal: Becky Lynda Martinez, Daniel Guzman, Louis Ray Burcham, Johnny Trevino, Michel Wayne Cogburn  
Probated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Angel Larez \$300 fine and 180 days in jail  
Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Evaristo Trevino, John Williford, James T. Nelson, Jimmy Juarez  
Probated judgment DWLS Priscella

Rodriguez \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, Eugenio M. Arellano \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Oscar Canales \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, David Chavarria \$300 fine and 180 days in jail

**Deeds:**  
Warranty deed with vendor's lien: grantor John and Jaymie Branham grantee Bradley D. and Tabitha Madry property lots 1-2, blk. 25, Original Town of Big Spring filed Oct. 11, 1999  
grantor Lila Kathryn Winters Estes grantee Anthony D. and Tina K. Frazier property lot 2, blk. 18, College Park Estates filed Oct. 14, 1999  
grantor The Mary Louise Traczyk Revocable Trust grantee Mario and Patricia Flores property lot 20, blk. 6, Suburban Heights Addition filed Oct. 14, 1999  
grantor Charles and Martha Peugh grantee Mary Ann Schaefer property lots 1-2 and the south 10' of the Alleyway, Sub D, blk. 10, Fairview Heights Addition filed Oct. 15, 1999  
grantor Jose Louise Cervantes grantee Corinne J. Cervantes property all of lots 3-4, blk. 1, Wright

**Airport Annex Addition:** filed Oct. 15, 1999  
Warranty Deed: grantor Ollendene Neighbors grantee Lorenda Kenley property lot 12, blk. 22, College Park Estates filed Oct. 11, 1999  
grantor Bobby C. Davis and Tonya Davis grantee Cleo Carlile property all of lot 1, blk. 4, West Cliff Addition filed 12, 1999  
grantor Rachel Kubicki dba Kubicki Enterprises grantee Gerald Kubicki property lot 9, blk. 48, Government Heights to Bauer Addition filed Oct. 12, 1999  
grantor Midfirst Bank grantee HUD property all of lot 12 and the east 9' of lot 11, blk. 4, Central Park Addition filed Oct. 12, 1999  
grantor GMAC Mortgage Corp grantee HUD property lot 9, blk. 10, Kentwood Addition (Unit No. 1) filed Oct. 13, 1999  
grantor Lesley M. and Cora Sybil Duffer grantee Lesley M. and Cora Sybil

**Duffer Revocable Living Trust:** property: a 928 acre tract of land out of a part of the southeast 1/4 of section 14, blk. 33 filed Oct. 13, 1999  
grantor Temple-Inland Mortgage Corp grantee HUD property lot 9, blk. 1, Amended East Park Addition filed Oct. 13, 1999  
grantor Andrew M. Cuomo grantee Micinroe Trust B. Connie R. Kennedy, Beneficiary property lot 8, blk. 1, Kentwood (Unit N. 1) filed Oct. 13, 1999  
grantor Burl Dennis grantee Cinton L. Martin property the surface estate only of a tract of land out of and part of the northeast 1/4 of section 23, blk. 33 filed Oct. 14, 1999  
grantor Stanley Garland Smith grantee Charles A. and Martha Peugh property lot 2, blk. 85, Original Town of Big Spring filed Oct. 15, 1999  
grantor Eldon H. Cook grantee Linda K. Davidson property lot 37, blk. 3, College Park Estates filed Oct. 15, 1999

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