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United Way to celebrate 1999 effort

The 12-week 1999 United Way Campaign concludes Tuesday with a celebration luncheon open to the public.

The final total for the year will be presented at the Big Spring Country Club at 11:30 a.m.

Entertainment will be provided by various divisional chairmen. The celebration will carry a Roman theme featuring such dignitaries as Romantica Volunteerus, Pacesettus, Loanus et Executus, Campaignus Goalus, TaxUs Collectus and more.

Tickets are \$10 and reservations may be made by calling 267-5201.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ 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 mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Salvation Army Thanksgiving Day community dinner, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., Salvation Army Citadel, 811 W. Fifth St.

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.

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'Completely different' Living Christmas Tree planned for Dec. 4-5

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

And now for something completely different.

This year's Living Christmas Tree, planned Dec. 4-5 at First United Methodist Church, will be a whole new experience for the audience. While it does include the usual array of holiday music and traditional hymns, there will be much more.

Sugarplum fairies, elves, mimes and a flag corps, to be exact.

"We try to do something every year that is a little bit different," said John

Ross, director of the Tree. He and his wife, Denise, are co-music directors for FUMC.

Ross said he usually gets an inspiration during the previous summer to begin planning the performance. This year, it was while watching the Boston Pops.

"It was a wonderful program," he explained. "There was lots of movement, lots going on. It was incredibly entertaining."

From there, Ross said he developed the idea to add movement to the show. Appearing along with the singers and musicians will be young dancers from the Dance Gallery, mime Lisa Wiggins,

and the members of Mariah II, the flag corps from Big Spring High School.

This year's theme is "Love Comes Down at Christmas."

Rehearsals, Ross said, are already in progress, but it is not too late for more musicians join the action.

"We would still welcome singers to join us," he said. "We want to include as many people as possible."

Last year's "tree," a giant wooden frame that holds singers, included about 70 people. This year, Ross said he hopes to add a few more. With an orchestra of about 40, and several dozen more backstage hands, the entire crew tops 200, he said.

"That's a lot of people to work with, and yet everything comes together," he said.

Ross said shows like the Tree are rare these days.

"There aren't very many; it's kind of a lost art," Ross said. "I feel very blessed to be in a community that does this."

The Living Christmas Tree, he said, is First Methodist's "gift to the community" for the holidays.

Free tickets for the show are available starting Monday, Nov. 29 at the church. Both shows begin at 8 p.m., and a 2 p.m. Saturday dress rehearsal is also open to the public, without requiring a ticket.

'Grandma' not yet ready to quit helping others

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Retired senior volunteer Felix Duran Gonzales doesn't mind working every day, in spite of her 83 years of experience, because she has worked all her life.

"I pray each day that I can keep working until I can't walk. I love volunteering. I like people and I feel like I am helping," said Gonzales.

She volunteers 28 hours each week for the Salvation Army Thrift Store. Her granddaughter Pat Mendoza is manager of the store, and Gonzales went to work as a volunteer more than three years ago.

"She is a big help for us here at the store, and she works just as hard as we do, in spite of the fact that she is a great-grandmother. I enjoy working with her and I like having my grandmother help me each day," said Mendoza.

Each day Gonzales begins her day at the Salvation Army Thrift Store sorting house, where she helps fold, hang and identify goods received in the corps donation boxes.

On Wednesday the goods are transported to the store, where they are placed on racks and shelves, preparing for the regular store hours.

Then on Friday and Saturday, Gonzales volunteers at the store from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., where she assists customers, sacks purchases and continues to sort through donations.

"She is such a big help here. Many of our customers do not speak English, and Grandma helps often with some of the



RSVP volunteer Felix Duran Gonzales, left, and Salvation Army Thrift Store assistant Linda Robertson assist customer Lupe Flores with her purchases while store manager Pat Mendoza adds the purchases.

older Spanish words that we do not know," Mendoza said.

Every customer at the store calls her Grandma, and she treats them all like family. With a youthful sense of humor, Gonzales is quick to tease a newlywed or congratulate a new mother and grandmother.

In fact, Gonzales' legacy to her family is the close knit relationship they all share. Gonzales raised her only child, Sarah Ochoa Rubio, alone after she was twice made a widow.

"I was raised in San Antonio in a family of seven, and my first husband died in a tractor accident after we were married five years. Sarah was 16 months old when her father Domingo Ochoa, died," Gonzales said.

Forced to quit school in the third grade to work in the fields, Gonzales taught herself English. She worked as a maid for several different hotels and motels and raised Sarah as a single parent, relying on her own mother to babysit, she

said. "I got lots of support from my family, but I did not remarry until Sarah was 16," she said.

That marriage ended after five years as well, when her second husband Jack Gonzales died of a heart attack. That was 38 years ago, and Gonzales has been single since.

"My family all sticks together. We all come together for the holidays, Christmas and Thanksgiving, and I live

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RSVP volunteers dedicated to serving community since 1972

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Retired Senior Volunteer Program began in Big Spring in 1972 with the Big Spring State Hospital as its first sponsor. That sponsorship was bestowed upon Howard College, which carried the load until 1976.

In 1978, RSVP reopened under the direction and sponsorship of the City of Big Spring. When the agency reopened, it had five volunteer stations and a handful of volunteers.

"Today we have 45 volunteer stations and about 325 volunteers," said Nancy Jones, executive director of RSVP.

Jones is the third director of the retired and senior organization has had since 1978, and her primary role is to coordinate the efforts of the volunteers, keep record of the hours each volunteer contributes, raise funds for the organiza-

tion and write grants for funding.

"Our volunteers are very dedicated and loyal to their volunteer station and to RSVP, usually in that order. Our volunteers do not quit. They volunteer at their station until something prohibits their activity so much that they can no longer assist," Jones said.

RSVP is a national organization in more than 900 locations throughout the United States, she said. More than 500,000 volunteers are expected to reach out into communities across the country next year.

"Statistics show that volunteers live longer. The median age for Big Spring RSVP volunteers is about 75-80 years of age. Our enrollment is down because we are losing the generation that started RSVP 25 years ago," Jones said.

Along with the community and social contribution an RSVP volunteer makes, the program also offers a benefit of supplemental insurance for the volunteer while at a station or while traveling to a station.

"Some of our best volunteers come from churches or other non-profit organizations

that are out in the community helping people," Jones said.

Jones is the only full time paid employee of RSVP. A part time person also receives a salary for various office duties.

In the past, the focus for RSVP volunteers was how better their lives were because of their active participation.

But Jones said today the focus is on what contributions the volunteers make to the community.

"There isn't enough money to pay these volunteers for the jobs they do, which are so needed to keep businesses and organizations flowing smoothly," she said.

But the number of volunteers is declining, as more seniors age and can no longer continue in the active role they have had for so many years.

"Younger volunteers are desperately needed. Who will replace this younger generation?" Jones said.

To be an RSVP volunteer, a person must be 65 years of age or older. All volunteer work must be unpaid. For more information contact the RSVP office at 264-2397.

Mock trial helps eighth graders learn about legal system

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

About 40 Big Spring Junior High School eighth graders sampled criminal and court room procedure with the first ever mock trial in 118th District Court.

"This was really interesting and I saw a lot of what goes into courts, and it is not like what I thought it would be like from the movies," said Kyle Flenniken, who served on the jury of the mock trial.

The trial, and the criminal procedures that led to the courtroom drama, were all part of Keep Justice Alive Week, coordinated by local attorney Robert Miller.

"It is our duty to educate our community and to give something back to our community. We are hoping to educate to instill respect for the legal system, and we hope if anyone has a question to call us," Miller said.

Students learned through first hand observation legal procedures for arrests, bail, grand

jury, arraignment, jury selection, adversarial attorneys, verdict and punishment.

The students also became familiar with such phrases as objection, motion to dismiss, motion for mistrial, presumed to be innocent and burden of proof.

"The most important function of your citizenship in Texas is getting on a jury. In Texas we have the right to a jury trial for everything, even a traffic ticket, and we are all presumed innocent. That is how much faith the state of Texas puts into a

jury," said court-appointed mock defense attorney Rick Hamby.

The students began their day in court in the third floor hall, where local attorney John Rheinscheld pretended to be a private detective.

Posing as "Sam Sleuth," Rheinscheld was stopped as he entered the third floor after passing through the metal detectors by chief deputy Kerry Fritz.

"Sir, stop right there," Fritz said to Sleuth, who had set off the buzzing of the detector

when he walked through. A quick search of his briefcase revealed a small caliber, semi-automatic "weapon." Fritz then asked Sleuth to produce the gun permit for the weapon, and promptly arrested him.

The students then followed Sleuth and Fritz to the second floor, where they watched as Justice of the Peace Bennie Green set bond for Sleuth, who was accused of unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of a firearm in a prohibited

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Propane safety

As cold weather moves into area, time to check tank, regulator

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The Texas Railroad Commission reminds Texans to have their propane tanks and heating appliances inspected before the cold weather finally hits Texas.

With the cold weather creeping upon us, area residents should have their propane systems checked now to make sure they will provide the maximum benefits before the cold weather arrives. Craig Dunning of Trio Fuels said your local propane serviceman should check the regulator. If the regulator is 12 years old or older, it needs to be replaced. The serviceman should also check the valves on the tanks and make sure there are no leaks.

The commission also suggests that connectors, vents, thermostats, pilot, burners and appliance controls should be checked by the servicemen to make sure they are all in good working condition. Homes with propane gas logs or fireplace systems should also be checked.

Dunning said one warning sign of a leak will be the smell of rotten eggs. Since propane gas is odorless, a rotten egg smell is added to help identify leaks. For underground leaks, Dunning suggests to "look for dead spots in the grass under the line running from the tank to the house. The dirt will usually turn black."

Other cautions:

- If you smell gas, leave the vicinity immediately;
- Do not use any electrical switches or appliances;
- Close the service valve under the protective dome of your tank by turning it to the right as far as it can go.

- Immediately call your

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OBITUARIES

Berty Cowley Tidwell

Service for Berty Cowley Tidwell, 88, Big Spring, was 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 22, 1999, at the Ralls Cemetery with Bill Lyle officiating.

Mrs. Tidwell died Saturday, Nov. 20, at her niece's residence in Lubbock.

She was born on July 2, 1911, in Rogers, Bell County. She married Ralph Tidwell on March 21, 1935, in Dallas. He preceded her in death on Dec. 2, 1993. Mrs. Tidwell was a 1929 graduate of Ralls High School. She moved to Ralls in 1919 with her family. She then moved to Ropesville where she and her husband farmed until 1979 when they retired and moved to Big Spring.

Survivors include: three nieces, Claudia Cowley of Ralls, Jan Davidson of Lubbock, and Simianne Hayden of Fort Worth.

Arrangements under the direction of Adams Funeral Home, Ralls.

Bertha Kirkpatrick

Service for Bertha Kirkpatrick, 90, Coleman, was 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, 1999, at the Walker Funeral Home Chapel, Coleman, with the Rev. Bill Roberts, pastor of North Coleman Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in the Talpa Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick died Saturday, Nov. 20 in the Coleman County Medical Center.

She was born on June 30, 1909, in Paris, Texas. She married Clifford Kirkpatrick on Dec. 25, 1926, in Childress. He preceded her in death in 1964. She was a housewife and a member of the North Coleman Baptist Church.

Survivors include: two daughters, Gearldine Tabor of Fort Worth, and Evelyn Berry of Gunnison, Colo.; five sons, Bobby Kirkpatrick of Dickerson, Billy Wayne Kirkpatrick of Roscoe, Danny Kirkpatrick of Big Spring, Charles Kirkpatrick of Coleman, and Leroy Kirkpatrick of Trinity; 28 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Walker Funeral Home, Coleman.

Len Doy Long

Service for Len Doy Long, 65, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Ray Johnston and Malcolm Pointon officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity



LONG

Memorial Park

Mr. Long died Saturday, Nov. 20, 1999, at his residence after a short illness.

He was born on Dec. 24, 1933, in Jones County. He married Nadine Current on Oct. 17, 1954, in Big Spring, having moved to Big Spring in 1953 from Abilene. He was a retired automobile body repairman, having managed the body shops at Pollard, Bob Brock and Don Crawford. He operated Long's Body Shop from 1980 until his illness. Mr. Long was a member of the Prospector's Club. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the 1st Armoured Division. He was Church of Christ.

He is survived by: his wife, Nadine Current Long of Big Spring; three sons, Loy and Kelly Long, both of Big Spring, and Lloyd Long of Stanton; two daughters, Andila Acuff of Charlotte, and Jarry Fulgham of Big Spring; two brothers, Kenneth Long of Albuquerque, N.M., and Ronnie Long of Avoca; four sisters, Robbie Crow of No Trees, Rosella Fisher of Abilene, Goldie Smith of Putman, and Joetta Holcomb of Cisco; 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

Willie Alma Pye

Willie Alma Pye, 88, Big Spring, died on Sunday, Nov. 21, 1999, in a local hospital. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. George Harrington, retired Church of God minister, and the Rev. Darrell Hendrickson, minister of the First Church of God, officiating.

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. She was born on April 24, 1911, in Medina, and married J.C. Pye in 1937, in Andrews. He preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1974.

Alma worked as a beauty operator for many years, and was a homemaker. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She was a member and a Past Worthy Matron of the Laura B. Hart Chapter No. 1019, Order of Eastern Star, and also was a member and Past Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge. She had been the only surviving member of the Friendship Breakfast Club.

Survivors include: a daughter, Dorothy Holland of Big Spring; one sister, LaVerne Moler of Midland; one daughter-in-law, Dorothy Pye of Hobbs, N.M.; three grandsons, Mark Pye of Los Angeles, Calif., Mel Pye of Alaska, and Matt Pye of Odessa; and seven great-grandchildren.

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

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WHAT'S UP

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□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic 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.

PROPANE

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propane supplier or the local fire department from a neighbor's phone.

To help consumers properly use propane-fueled appliances, the Railroad Commission of Texas offers a free safety brochure available in both English and Spanish. Copies may be obtained by contacting 1-800-642-5327.

GRANDMA

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independently with my daughter and her husband," she said.

And all of her children, four grand children and 10 great grandchildren seek advice from Grandma.

"I tell them all to take good care of their kids, and to be a good mother and father. My grandkids are real good, not involved in drugs or anything, and I believe in taking us all to church," Gonzales said.

In fact, her religious beliefs are so strong the entire family supports her requests. When her first grandchild was born, health complications worried the family, and Gonzales immediately went to church to pray.

"I promised God if He allowed my granddaughter to live and she got well we would make a pilgrimage to San Juan, to pray in the big church there," she said.

When the baby recovered and was a few weeks old, the entire family drove to San Juan, so that Gonzales could keep her

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promise.

Mendoza said she is thankful today for all the prayers her grandmother extended for her child.

"Working with Grandma is such a blessing, and I enjoy having her with me. She is such a good worker, and she works as hard as all of us, although for her it is all volunteer effort," Mendoza said.

LEGAL

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place. "I set your bond at \$100,000," Green said. Sleuth then asked for an attorney.

At this point, district attorney Hardy Wilkerson came to the students, who were seated in the county courtroom. He instructed them on grand jury duty and responsibilities, then selected 12 students to serve on the grand jury.

"I am the bad guy, the guy who wears the black hat, because it is my job to try to send someone to prison," Wilkerson said.

He gave a slide presentation to the students, appointed one student foreman, and explained that at least nine of the 12 must vote to indict.

Wilkerson explained that a true bill is an indictment, and he asked the grand jury foreman to sign the indictment once an affirmative vote was reached.

The students then traveled to the third floor district court room, where they were all sworn in as a jury panel. From this panel, 12 students were selected to be jury members.

"Due to the circumstances, we waive the required age of 18 years of age to sit on this jury," said mock prosecuting attorney

Don Richard.

The students were asked to answer truthfully whether other conditions might exclude them from serving on the jury, such as an inability to judge another person due to religious beliefs, or if any of the students would be unable to render a sentence of more than two years or less than 10 years.

Once the jury was seated, the trial proceeded with Fritz, Sleuth and district clerk Glenda Brasel called to testify.

The student jury was then sequestered to render a verdict, and returned with a not guilty for the unlawfully carrying a weapon charge and a guilty verdict of possession of a firearm in a prohibited place.

The students were also provided information on probation requirements, which Sleuth received as punishment from 118 District Judge Robert Moore.

Following the conclusion of the trial and punishment phase, the students were allowed to tour a single, unoccupied cell in the Howard County jail.

"It was really hard to decide a verdict, because both sides gave such different view points, good points with different angles," said Ame Blacketer, a jury member.

And Mike Hernandez, who also served on the jury, said he earned a new respect for legal procedure.

"Juries do not have an easy job," he said.

FIRE/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

FRIDAY
1:46 a.m. — 100 block East Third, medical call, patient transported to VA Medical

Center

4:47 a.m. — 1200 block E. 18th, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:54 a.m. — 600 block Lancaster, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:28 a.m. — 1300 block E. Third, grass fire, extinguished.

11:39 a.m. — 300 block Rancier, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:50 a.m. — 3600 block Lajunta, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1 p.m. — SMMC, transfer, patient transported to El Paso.

3:01 p.m. — SMMC, transfer, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway.

7:24 p.m. — 1200 block Mobile, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:51 p.m. — 300 block Sgt. Paradez, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:56 p.m. — 4500 block Palm Road, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:31 p.m. — Memorial Stadium, public service, service refused.

SATURDAY
6:49 a.m. — 100 block E. 16th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:38 a.m. — SMMC, transfer, patient transported to 2000 block Virginia.

12:43 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:45 p.m. — 400 block E. 15th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SUNDAY
1:03 a.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:14 a.m. — SMMC, transfer, patient transported to 900 block Goliad.

5:49 a.m. — 1400 block Wright, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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Jimmy Long, 57, of Big Spring died Thursday. Services are pending.
Len Doy Long, 65, of Big Spring died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999

Data Control Codes	Governmental Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)		
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	96 August 31, 1999	97 August 31, 1998	
REVENUES:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$4,992,925	\$32,386	\$5,025,311	\$5,069,172
5800	State Program Revenues	225,677	87,360	313,037	221,629
5900	Federal Program Revenues	--	154,435	154,435	162,689
5020	Total Revenues	5,218,602	274,181	5,492,783	5,453,470
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction & Instructional Related Services	2,056,437	181,365	2,237,802	2,063,414
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	171,294	1,820	173,114	187,751
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	517,438	192,127	709,565	617,413
0040	Administrative Support Services	210,667	--	210,667	239,005
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	412,146	--	412,146	481,964
0080	Capital Outlay	54,654	--	54,654	486,296
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	2,047,895	--	2,047,895	1,736,296
6030	Total Expenditures	5,470,531	375,312	5,845,843	5,812,139
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES:					
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(251,929)	(101,131)	(353,060)	(358,669)
7020	Other Resources	10,575	101,131	111,706	100,154
8030	Other (Uses)	(101,132)	--	(101,132)	(88,950)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(342,486)	--	(342,486)	(347,465)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,250,778	--	2,250,778	2,598,244
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$1,908,292	--	\$1,908,292	\$2,250,778

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Both revelry and rivalry now have different tone at Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — This is when the collective focus of the Texas A&M campus is supposed to be on the revelry and rivalry surrounding a football game.

For generations of Aggies taught to hate the University of Texas, this week is about the traditions leading up to the regular-season finale against UT.

In the wake of the bonfire-building accident that killed 11 A&M students and a recent graduate, the tone has changed.

"Say what you will about bonfire and say what you will about the Aggie tradition, but the campus really pulled together this week," said Todd Wood, a student who attended a packed memorial service Sunday at Texas A&M United Methodist Church.

"We have been rivals for a long time," Wood said. "If we go at it with the same 'Beat the Hell out of TU' attitude, it will just be the same."

The game and many of the decades-old traditions surrounding it will go on this week, but much of the attention will be on healing and continuing the search for answers to why the tragedy happened.

"Right now, Aggies are more concerned for Aggies than they are for a rivalry," said A&M junior Rob Clarke. "That attention they would focus has been turned."

Local, state and federal officials planned to meet today to plan an investigation strategy. This year's bonfire, set for Thanksgiving night, has been cancelled and university leaders will decide the future of the tradition at a later time.

"I think that's in the heart of everybody that we want it to continue," said Texas A&M President Ray Bowen. "But I think at this point in time, not understanding exactly what happened, it would be best if we left out on the table the possi-

bility upon analysis that we would have to make a hard decision and that this would be the last bonfire.

"None of us want that happen. I wouldn't want to speculate about what is going to happen, but our hearts are with the students that made that observation" that the bonfire should continue, Bowen said.

The deaths profoundly affected a Texas student leader who attended a memorial service in College Station Thursday night, hours after the logs came crashing down.

"For all of us Longhorns who discount A&M in our never-ending rivalry, we needed to realize that AggieLand is a special place," Eric Opiela, the student body vice president at Texas, wrote on CNN's Web site.

"It is a family. It is a family that cares for its own, a family that reaches out, a family that is unified in the face of adversity, a family that moved this

Longhorn to tears." Texas A&M officials cancelled classes Wednesday to give students extra time with their families.

"Thanksgiving couldn't have come at a better time," said Amanda Arriaga, a student leader at the Memorial Student Center on campus. "Half of the students are going home with their families, the rest have family coming up for the most part."

"I know the next few days are going to be kind of strange, but the next few days are part of the healing."

Among the events to proceed as scheduled this week at A&M is Tuesday's Elephant Walk, a tradition that symbolizes graduating seniors turning their responsibilities of the school's storied 12th Man to the junior class.

At sunset Thursday, the day the bonfire was to be set, a vigil is planned at the accident site.

The annual yell practice will be held at the stadium afterward.

"Usually yell practice is a rowdy and fun event," Ms. Arriaga said. "It will be more of a modified yell practice and pretty solemn this year."

Among the modifications: no student-led renditions of the chant to "Beat the Hell out of TU."

"Because they've done so much for us this past week, we are not going to do that to them, that's our respect to them," Ms. Arriaga said.

Sunday was filled with tears, songs and prayers at memorial services and funerals across the state. Six injured students remained hospitalized, two of

them in critical condition.

"I'm here to help the Aggie family from what has been a tragic situation in the state of Texas," a somber Gov. George W. Bush said before an evening memorial service at Central Baptist Church in Bryan. "It is a time to pray and a time to hear the word."

The leaders of their congregations and others tried to comfort mourners and addressed the survivors of Thursday's tragedy.

"The reason you are here this morning is not luck," said Dwight Edwards, senior pastor of Grace Bible Church. "God is not through using you for his purpose."

Sierra Club: TNRCC too cozy with industry

FORT WORTH (AP) — Despite increasing scrutiny of the state's environmental condition, regulators collected less money from polluters during the last fiscal year than they have since 1992.

Only \$4 million was collected through Aug. 31, the end of fiscal 1999.

That's down from \$4.6 million in 1998, \$4.1 million in 1997 and \$6.9 million in 1996. A 10-year high of \$9.1 million was collected in 1993, a year after the state collected just \$3.5 million in penalties.

Critics say the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is too cozy with industries it regulates and Gov. George W. Bush's administration has gone easy on polluters.

"We're seeing some things that otherwise might have been caught by inspectors going unpenalized," Ken Kramer, director of the Texas branch of the Sierra Club, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Kramer said Bush's "whole approach to regulation has been primarily one of laissez faire, in which business and industry is allowed to call the shots. In that atmosphere, there's not going to be any tough enforcement."

Bush officials defended the governor's record.

"Enforcement of environmental protection has been strong during Governor Bush's tenure," said Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards.

She pointed to "record high" fines of \$27 million in 1998. That number includes mostly court-imposed fines generated by the actions of the AG's office.

Officials also said the TNRCC has instituted voluntary programs that catch violators early, without imposing fines.

One of the controversial pro-

grams fueling encourages voluntary compliance in the form of self-audits.

The confidential self-audits allow companies to receive immunity from penalties for violations they disclose.

Environmental groups criticize the practice because they say it keeps the public in the

dark about violations.

The groups also criticize a policy drafted in 1995 that governs surprise inspections.

As it stands, the commission announces inspections unless there is a complaint or a belief that giving notice would allow time for the violations to be covered up.

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OUR VIEWS

Cotton harvest ready to move into final stages

While many area cotton fields lie empty, with just with specks of cotton spread across the soil, there are a number of fields still awaiting the whirl of the cotton picker as it eats up the white gold.

The forecast for a killing freeze about mid-week means the harvest will move into its final stages and high gear at the same time.

A killing freeze also means a savings of money for those farmers who have gambled against Mother Nature, apparently playing a winning hand in the game of freeze before rain, saving the cost of applying defoliant to knock off the plant's leaves before sending the pickers into the field.

No, this year's crop is not one of those that you'd write home about — although we only have to remember back a year to a time when the gins didn't fire up at all and only a few thousand bales were processed.

Yes, this year's Crossroads Area crop, estimated by some to be between 50,000 and 75,000 bales, falls short of the 80,000 bales ginned in Howard County alone two years ago.

But the tough economic news about the crop is not the number of bales so much as it is a bottoming out of prices.

Problems in the Far East, particularly Hong Kong, reduced the demand for the product. Additionally, China's dumping of its cotton onto the market further drove prices into a downward spiral.

But cotton farmers — all farmers — are tough. They enjoy the good times and they survive the bad and they bounce back. Perhaps resilient is an even better word to describe those folks who till the soil and raise our livestock to feed and clothe the world.

While we take our producers for granted and chuckle when we see a car from "up North" stopped along the side of a road with its passengers out "picking" cotton or taking pictures of livestock, we shouldn't take the value of their crops and livestock to our economy for granted.

So when we drive down the road and we see a cotton picker moving down a row or a module hauler on the way to a gin or the smoke and lint rising from a gin, let's give thanks for our producers and the job they do.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The 1999 Big Spring football season has drawn to an end and all that is left are the wonderful memories from a very successful year.

It started in July with young men and women working hard to be the best that they could be ... each working to make sure each cheer was just right, each note was played on key, and every play was executed to perfection.

Each game had a different star and young men that continually reached new goals. The season started off with a bang, hit a dry spell, and ended with a game that will be talked about for years to come.

It was one of those games that both teams deserved to win, but as we all know, one team has to go home while the other continues on. We have to be proud of our kids for what they accomplished during this season. There were many times they could have given up and quit but instead they came back the next week and worked even harder trying to correct what they did wrong and improve what they did right. This team never quit. They never gave up and never once doubted themselves, their abilities, or their coaches and for that they will always be winners.

So to the athletes, cheerleaders, mascots, and band mem-

bers, we say "Thank you for a wonderful season."

But there are still some unsung heroes — the coaches — who have not been recognized.

These are men who take the brunt when we lose and are forgotten when we win. They work year round not only to make our kids better athletes but to better prepare them for the future. During the season, it's a seven day a week job, with families often neglected while they get the job done.

Coach Dwight Butler and his staff deserve a strong pat on the back for their hard work and dedication to the season and to our kids.

And not to be forgotten — there is still one other group that deserves some special recognition, the wives of the coaches. These ladies live the lives of the coaches, winning and losing while at time serving almost as a single parent while their husbands are dedicating their time to our kids.

The next time you see the coaches or their wives, think about their responsibilities and the things they do for our kids and for our community and then take time to thank them for a job well done!

To the Steer coaches and wives — thank you and God bless.

THE 1999 QUARTERBACK CLUB
(signed by 25 members)

Zero tolerance shouldn't mean zero common sense

The Rev. Jesse Jackson's arrest in a showdown over the expulsion of six students from a local high school in Decatur, Ill., was a made-for-television performance.

Even Jackson's supporters thought he had gone too far in turning a serious issue into a potentially dangerous situation. Yet Jackson's tactics, about which people of goodwill can differ, have forced the issue of zero tolerance discipline policies onto the front pages and into the nation's consciousness.

These policies have been around for some 20 years, but in the wake of the Columbine High School shooting and other incidents of school violence, they are being enforced with renewed vigor, and in some

cases, without common sense. Nobody who saw the videotape of the Decatur youths rampaging through the stands at a football game would argue they should go unpunished.

But the school board's original remedy, a two-year expulsion, was extreme for an incident in which no one was seriously hurt, no weapons were used, and there was no evidence of drugs or alcohol. The local sheriff told the Associated Press that it was a tougher sentence than anything the young men would have received in a court of law, "an academic death penalty," in the words of The Chicago Tribune.

The minute Jackson got involved, so did Republican Gov. George Ryan, who correctly sensed this was a situation that could get out of control. Ryan got the school board to back down and offer a compromise plan by which the students could attend an alternative school set up specifically for disruptive students. Feeling the heat of Jackson's unwanted publicity, the school board agreed to let them return to their regular classes next

September. Jackson could have claimed victory then, but instead chose to continue his civil protest. Again, even his supporters question his judgment in prolonging the confrontation. But he makes valid points when he questions why six students (a seventh dropped out of school altogether), are subjected to the same punishment when they have vastly different academic and behavioral records. At one end are students who have been truant and are repeating grades. At the other is a senior on the honor roll, the captain of the basketball team, who only needs a few more credit hours to graduate.

The public schools need an outlet to suspend or expel troublesome students so that others can learn, but attending an alternative school carries a stigma. Some probably do an excellent job in turning around young lives that have gone astray, but students assigned to them often feel just the opposite — that society has given up on them.

Jackson has taken on an unpopular issue in champi-

oning kids that society sees as young toughs. Polls show that school discipline is a top concern of parents. "Jesse is barking up a very tall tree, and this was true before all the shootings," says Ed Kilgore, political director of the Democratic Leadership Council. "The public has made up its mind on this one. They don't want disruptive kids in the classroom."

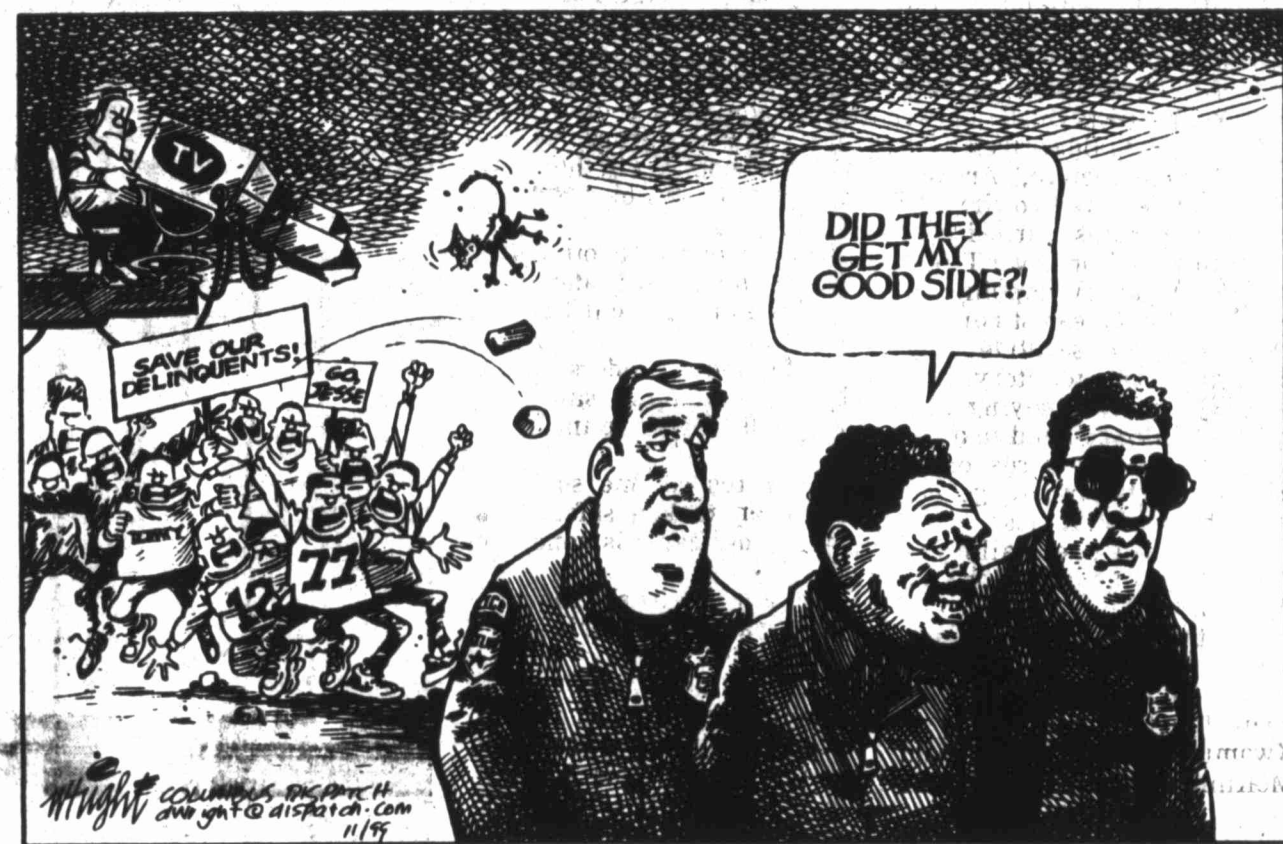
Many troublemakers in school systems everywhere, maybe a majority, are what we call "special ed" kids who suffer from learning disabilities we didn't even know existed a generation ago. Putting them in alternative schools that stress discipline without offering the academic help they need isn't much better than warehousing them until they're old enough to drop out.

Without knowing the special circumstances of the six youths in Decatur, it is foolhardy to prescribe a single punishment. Jackson's grandstanding may make television viewers wince, but he's made his point.

Zero tolerance in the schools shouldn't mean zero common sense.



JACK ANDERSON



Contradicting establishment thought

I've read a couple of scholarly articles that speculate it is becoming increasingly possible that the United States will break up. The general theme is that the United States has been held together by a consensus on major issues, and that this consensus is breaking down.

I agree. While two sides can always compromise if the basic premise of both sides is the same, two sides can never compromise when their respective basic premises are mutually exclusive.

In many areas of public policy, Americans are finding themselves without any grounds for compromise with their opponents. As a rule, in matters of truth and morality, no compromise is possible.

Now what is often called the Establishment is built around a consensus. I think it is fair to describe the Establishment consensus on issues as this:

- 1. It is secular.
- 2. It approves of abortion and

ethanasia.

3. It wants an internationalist foreign policy and is generally opposed to the nation-state.

4. It wants a central bank with a debt-based monetary system and usury.

5. It wants people to think of homosexuality as merely a normal and alternative lifestyle.

6. It is egalitarian, at least in its propaganda, though in fact the Establishment is elitist to the core.

7. It seeks to constantly remind black Americans that white Americans are racist and the cause of all their problems.

8. It favors a global economy controlled by multinational corporations.

9. It favors an open borders policy in order to drive down the cost of labor and to break unions.

10. It favors a centralized government with no restraints on its powers.

To me, the traditional American consensus was for the most part a contradiction of the Establishment positions. The traditional American consensus was:

- 1. Christian, with an expectation that its government would reflect Christian morality.
- 2. It disapproves strongly of abortion and euthanasia.
- 3. While it was willing to engage in trade and commerce, its policy was to remain aloof

from the rest of the world's quarrels and wars. It sought to avoid entangling alliances.

4. It favored a hard money system and opposed legal tender laws (laws that compel people to accept government-issued currency).

5. It views homosexuality as an aberration and, from the biblical point of view, a sin.

6. It favors an aristocracy of merit while insisting that government must be neutral and neither reward nor punish any group of citizens based on politics, race, gender or ethnic origins.

7. It seeks racial harmony while conceding that total elimination of racial prejudice, on both sides, is probably impossible.

8. It favors an "America first" approach to trade and foreign relations and believes that raising the American standard of living should be the goal of all trade policies.

9. It sees the nation-state as the best form of government possible and jealously guards the nation's independence.

10. It wishes for a tightly controlled immigration policy, admitting only those who can make a positive contribution to America.

11. It favors dispersing the powers of government to provide checks and balances and to limit those powers severely.



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Cancer Society

Texas Golf Pass
The Howard County American Cancer Society is encouraging golfers to take advantage of the Texas Golf Pass.

The pass, which golfers with multiple rounds of golf courses, is now a \$35 donation.

Both the Country Club and Spring Country Club are participating in the Stanton County Golf Course.

Those wanting to pass can do so by calling ACS-2345 or www.acs-tx.org. Also available at golf courses.

Bowl-A-Rama

Frances Glenn
A reception for Frances (McKenzie) Glenn will be held tonight at the Bowl-A-Rama.

Glenn is being honored for her bowling career which spanned more than 50 years. She has been a member of the Women's Bowling Congress since 1946.

Coyotes to face Saturday in Ft.

Borden County will play their season final playoff game Saturday in Floyd County.

The 10-2 Coyotes won their 22nd game Friday, while the Bulldogs advanced with a 9-1 victory over Rochester.

Another six-man playoff game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Coahoma.

Garden City girls junior high tournament

Garden City's girls basketball team romped to a 41-1 record in Irion County Saturday, winning the championship.

Jessica Hochstetler was named MVP of the tournament. The Lady Beasts finished behind Alison Janssen's team, which stole the game from the Bulldogs.

AP TOP

- The Top Twenty Final Associated Press poll with first-place votes in records through Nov. 22.
- 1. Florida St. (66)
- 2. Virginia Tech (4)
- 3. Nebraska
- 4. Wisconsin
- 5. Florida
- 6. Tennessee
- 7. Texas
- 8. Alabama
- 9. Kansas St.
- 10. Michigan
- 11. Michigan St.
- 12. Marshall
- 13. Minnesota
- 14. Southern Miss.
- 15. Penn St.
- 16. Georgia
- 17. Arkansas
- 18. Mississippi St.
- 19. Purdue
- 20. Georgia Tech
- 21. East Carolina
- 22. Boston College
- 23. Mississippi
- 24. Texas A&M
- 25. Louisiana Tech

ON THE

Radio NATIONAL FOOTBALL
7:45 p.m. — On at Denver Broncos 1490.

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL
8 p.m. — North Carolina, ESPN, Ch. 3
NATIONAL FOOTBALL
8 p.m. — Oakland Denver Broncos, A Ch. 8.
NATIONAL HOCKEY
7 p.m. — Colorado at Dallas Stars, F

IN BRIEF

Cancer Society offering Texas Golf Pass again

The Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society is encouraging golfers to take advantage of the society's 2000 Texas Golf Pass.

The pass, which provides golfers with more than 450 rounds of golf at 273 Texas courses, is now available for a \$35 donation.

Both the Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club are participating in the program, as is the Stanton Country Club.

Those wanting to order the pass can do so by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at www.acs-tx.org. Details are also available at all three local courses.

Bowl-A-Rama fete honors Frances Glenn tonight

A reception honoring Frances (McKenzie) Glenn has been scheduled for 6 to 8 tonight at the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama.

Glenn is being honored for her bowling career that has spanned more than 50 years. She has been competing in Women's International Bowling Congress events since 1946.

Coyotes to face Groom Saturday in Floydada

Borden County's Coyotes will play their six-man quarterfinal playoff game against Groom's Tigers at 6 p.m. Saturday in Floydada.

The 10-2 Coyotes advanced to the quarterfinals with a 48-22 win over Sanderson on Friday, while the Tigers (11-1) advanced with a 48-20 win over Rochester.

Another six-man quarterfinal, this one pitting 10-1 Rule and 9-1 Grandfalls-Royalty, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Coahoma.

Garden City girls take junior high toumey title

Garden City's Lady Bearkats romped to a 41-13 win over Irion County Saturday to take the championship of the Sterling City junior high invitational basketball tournament.

Jessica Hoch paced the Garden City attack with 16 points, including 8-of-10 shooting from the free throw line. Morgan Kight dominated the boards with eight rebounds, while Meghan Niehues and Brecklyn Hughes added scoring support.

The Lady Bearkats reached the final with a 29-7 win over Bronte behind the play of Alison Jansa's eight points, Hoch's four points and four steals and Kight's four points.

AP TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Nov. 20:

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team (Record). 1. Florida St. (66) 11-0, 2. Virginia Tech (4) 10-0, 3. Nebraska 9-1, 4. Wisconsin 9-2, 5. Florida 9-2, 6. Tennessee 8-2, 7. Texas 8-2, 8. Alabama 8-2, 9. Kansas St. 10-1, 10. Michigan 9-2, 11. Michigan St. 9-2, 12. Marshall 10-0, 13. Minnesota 8-3, 14. Southern Miss. 8-3, 15. Penn St. 9-3, 16. Georgia 7-3, 17. Arkansas 7-3, 18. Mississippi St. 8-2, 19. Purdue 7-4, 20. Georgia Tech 7-3, 21. East Carolina 8-2, 22. Boston College 9-2, 23. Mississippi 7-3, 24. Texas A&M 7-3, 25. Louisiana Tech 8-2

ON THE AIR

RADIO NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 7:45 p.m. — Oakland Raiders at Denver Broncos, KBST-AM 1490.

TELEVISION COLLEGE BASKETBALL 8 p.m. — North Carolina at USC, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 8 p.m. — Oakland Raiders at Denver Broncos, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE 7 p.m. — Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

Big Spring swimmers hampered at meet by injuries to key personnel

By HERALD Staff Report

MONAHANS — Already short on depth, Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers swimmers were further hampered by injuries Saturday during the Monahans Invitational swimming and diving meet.

With top swimmers Melissa Sheedy and Doug Willberg ailing, Big Spring's teams were well off the pace set by Monahans' host girls squad and Pecos' boys.

The Lady Lobos piled up 258 points to finish 57 points ahead of Carlsbad (N.M.) for the girls' title, while the Eagles' 322 points gave them a comfortable 116-point margin over runner-up Andrews.

The Lady Steers finished 10th in the girls' field with 54 points, while the Steers managed 40 points to finish 11th in the 12-team field.

Despite his teams' worst finishes of the season, Big Spring coach Harlan Smith said he was satisfied with the Steers' and Lady Steers' showing.

"We're still swimming good times and competing," Smith explained. "We've got some key kids hurting, but everyone's working hard... giving their best. That's what matters most."

Big Spring's lack of depth forced Smith to scratch entries in both the girls' and boys' 200 medley relays.

That left the Lady Steers with 10th-place points in both the 200 and 400

freestyle relays, while the Steers were ninth in both relays.

Vanessa Yanez, Danielle Bartlett, Tz Marsch and Michelle Stokes posted a 2:10.02 in the 200 freestyle relay and then teamed for a 4:45.8 clocking in the 400 relay.

Cody Clark, Patric Beltran, Josh Pike and Michael Carrasco turned in a 1:64.9 in the 200 freestyle relay and combined for a 4:13.73 in the 400 relay.

Big Spring's best individual finish came from Marsch, who in addition to swimming on the two relay teams, finished second in both the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle.

The Lady Steers also got eighth-place finishes in those two events from Yanez.

Stokes added a 10th-place finish in the 100 freestyle and was 11th in the 50 freestyle, while Amanda Chapman rounded out the Lady Steers' point production with a 12th-place finish in the 200 individual medley.

The Steers' best individual showing came from Clark, who added to his relay points by finishing sixth in the 100 butterfly and adding a ninth-place clocking in the 100 breaststroke.

Pike added to the Big Spring boys' total by finishing seventh in the 200 individual medley and 10th in the 100 backstroke.

Carrasco closed out the Steers' point production by finishing 10th in the 200 freestyle.

Cardinals stump Cowboys, 13-9

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Defense has brought the Arizona Cardinals back to life in the weak NFC East.

Arizona made repeated big stops in the final minutes of its 13-9 victory over the Dallas Cowboys Sunday. At 4-6, after consecutive victories over Detroit and Dallas, the Cardinals are just two games behind first-place Washington and one behind Dallas and the New York Giants.

"We see a light from the depths we've been in," Arizona quarterback Dave Brown said.

The Cardinals earned just their third victory over Dallas in 19 meetings by stopping one of the game's greatest running backs three consecutive times deep in Arizona territory.

Emmitt Smith, playing with his broken right hand in a soft cast, gained 127 yards on 29 carries. But he couldn't get one when he needed it most.

Late in the game, trailing 13-7 with second-and-2 on the Arizona 10, Dallas gave the ball to Smith three straight times, and the NFL's No. 3 career rusher gained just 1 yard.

On fourth-and-1 at the 9, Kwame Lassiter and Ronald McKinnon stopped Smith for no gain with 3:22 to play.

"We talked in the huddle that somebody's got to step up and make the play," Lassiter said. "Either it's coming out, or we're going to punish him for carrying it."

Arizona defensive coordinator Dave McGinnis called Lassiter's play "one of the better face-up tackles by a free safety that I've seen in a lot of years."

Smith, who broke his hand two weeks ago against Minnesota, ran into the back of one of his teammates as he hit the line.

"I just lost my momentum, and before I knew it, everyone was on top of me," he said.

In other NFL games Sunday, it was Washington 23, the New York Giants 13; Tampa Bay 19, Atlanta 10; New York Jets 17, Buffalo 7; Carolina 31, Cleveland 17; Green Bay 26, Detroit 17; Miami 27, New England 17; Tennessee 16, Pittsburgh 10; Seattle 31,

Kansas City 19; Baltimore 34, Cincinnati 31; Chicago 23, San Diego 20 in overtime; St. Louis 23, San Francisco 7; and Jacksonville 41, New Orleans 23.

Tonight's matchup is Oakland at Denver.

Dallas has led in the second half of all five of its losses. Deion Sanders said maybe the Cowboys should avoid the locker room at intermission.

"I really wish we could huddle in the corner of the end zone like Pop Warner, because whatever happens in the locker room is unbelievable," Sanders said.

Arizona punter Scott Player took an intentional safety with 1:49 remaining to cut the lead to 13-9.

Never one to underestimate his ability, Sanders said the Cardinals feared punting to him.

"They respect me so much they even took a safety, and you say my game is gone," he said.

Sanders returned the free kick 31 yards to the Arizona 43.

Dallas (5-5) drove to the 22, but on fourth-and-3, Jason Garrett threw a short pass to Rocket Ismail, who was stopped by Aeneas Williams and J.J. McCleskey at the 21 with 12 seconds remaining.

Garrett fell to 6-3 as a starter in relief of Troy Aikman, who could be back for the Cowboys' Thanksgiving Day game against Miami.

Brown threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Rob Moore on a flea-flicker play, and Chris Jacke kicked field goals of 21 and 38 yards as the Cardinals scored 13 consecutive points after falling behind 7-0.

On the first series of the second half, the Cardinals scored on a 69-yard, four-play drive, 14 more yards than they gained in the entire first half.

"Our players have been in the position we were in so many times in the last four years I don't think they panicked at halftime," Arizona coach Vince Tobin said. "They realized that here was a football team that was very beatable today."

The Cowboys dominated the first half statistically yet led



Although Dallas' Emmitt Smith, pictured here in a 1993 game, played with a heavily padded hand, he was unable to come up with key plays in the Cowboys' 13-9 loss to Arizona Sunday.

only 7-3.

In the first two quarters, Dallas had advantages of 180-55 in net yards, 12-4 in first downs and 21:30-8:30 in time of possession.

But the Cowboys had a field goal erased by a holding penalty, missed a 48-yard field goal and failed to convert on fourth-and-8 at the Arizona 32. An apparent 26-yard touchdown

pass from Garrett to Ernie Mills was negated because of a delay of game penalty, a call that Gailey felt was wrong.

Dallas went 81 yards in nine plays to score its lone touchdown of the first half.

Garrett threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to tight end David LaFleur for the score with 58 seconds left in the first quarter.

Steers suffer losses to Merkel, Seminole in first games of season

By VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

Merkel took advantage of Big Spring's poor shooting in the second quarter Friday by popping a pair of three-pointers in less than 45 seconds and outscoring the home team 21-14 en route to a 68-61 win.

The Steers' season-opener in their new house — the recently constructed junior high gymnasium — drew a huge crowd and was not a disappointment for the Big Spring coaching staff.

Second-year head coach Jimmy Avery was impressed with the way his team started to click the longer it played.

But Saturday's second game of the season against state semifinalist Seminole was a disappointment.

The Steers couldn't find their rhythm as they fell 76-44 to the perennial Class 3A powerhouse.

Big Spring traded basket for basket with the Indians in the first quarter, trailing 17-15, but the Steers went through a severe scoring drought in the second period — the only field goals scored were a pair by senior Blair Nutting and one by guard John Purcell.

"The next time I turned around, we were behind 38-21," Avery said, lamenting the Indians' run.

The Steers were paced by Purcell's six-point production in the third quarter and Jason Woodruff connected on three baskets in the fourth quarter.

"We just didn't have a good game," Avery said. "We're still struggling to find the right combination. I knew Seminole would be tough, but I thought we would play better."

Seminole made it a three-game sweep, as they downed the Steers junior varsity 71-63 in overtime and the Indians frosh knocked off the Steers freshman team 59-43.

Big Spring jumped to an early 10-4 lead as both teams struggled around the basket. But Merkel's Justin Gates dropped his only three-pointer of the evening, igniting the staggering Badger squad.

Lettermen Lance Brock and Woodruff made four points apiece in the first quarter, but Merkel was just finding its groove.

"We both were having trouble hitting our shots, but then Merkel made a few and got it going," Avery said.

"The kind of game we're playing — running and pressing — is not going to look real pretty this early in the season," he added. "What made me happy is that by the fourth quarter we were really humming."

"We outscored them 22-16 in the final quarter... we finally found our rhythm," Avery continued. "There's a lot of basketball ahead of us, and when we play Merkel next week, I think we're going to get even better."

The Steers would fight back from a 10-15 deficit to knot the score at 15-15, 17-17 and 19-19, but Merkel's Keith Darby hit two three-pointers en route to a team-

high 18 points and the Steers never took the lead again, trailing 34-24 at the half.

Merkel extended its lead to 49-31 in the third period.

Then Big Spring started to gel when Purcell fed reserve Gary Harris near the bucket to trail 51-37 before entering the final eight minutes on the short end of a 52-39 score.

But the Steers came to play in their season opener and made a game of it down the stretch.

Senior letterman Jason Walker came alive in the fourth quarter, drawing two fouls and going 4-for-4 from the line to bring Big Spring within 10 at 59-49.

Purcell again fed junior Jason Choate with 2:30 remaining, as the Steers trimmed the score to 60-51.

At that point, Merkel head coach Jeff Faubion called a time out and went into a stall, forcing Big Spring to foul.

Sophomore Clarence Wilkins found the crease and cut the lead to 63-55 and Walker grabbed a defensive board and took it coast-to-coast to pull within seven, 64-57.

Fouls and free throws ended the game as Big Spring dropped to 0-1 on the season and Merkel improved to 2-0.

"I'm really proud of the team's effort," Avery said following the loss. "I'm having fun coaching these kids. They are really good people."

"They are going to improve each day because good things happen for good people," he added. "I'm very excited about where we may flipsh the season."

We've got a lot of new faces in the lineup, and for their first varsity game, I thought they did very well.

"I'm going to need all 12 of these players if we are to continue playing at this pace," he concluded. "But the way we're playing is going to make it a wfully exciting for our fans."

In Friday's junior varsity action, Big Spring took a 59-46 win behind Brandon Greathouse's 12 points. Austin Nutting added nine more for the young Steers. Merkel took the freshman contest, 48-46, in overtime.

The Steers will travel to Lamesa for an 8 p.m. tip against the Golden Tors on Tuesday.

SEMINOLE — E. Cannon 1 0-0 2, J. Gray 3 0-2 8, R. Gannon 1 0-0 2, S. Nichols 3 0-0 6, A. Nichols 2 0-0 4, E. Smith 2 0-0 2, T. O'Connell 1 4-5 18, C. Epperson 4 0-3 8, A. Martin 5 0-0 10, Totals 33 17-31 76.

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Score by Quarters: 1st 22-14, 2nd 22-25, 3rd 22-25, 4th 22-25.

Three-point goals: Merkel 4 (Darby 2, Qualls, Carter), Totals 12. Steers 0. Free throws: Merkel 20, Big Spring 25. Technical fouls: None. Fouled out: Carter, Williams, Woodruff. Rebounds: Merkel 2-0, Big Spring, 0-1.

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HOROSCOPE

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Watch for fantastic sales all over town to kick off the Christmas shopping season.

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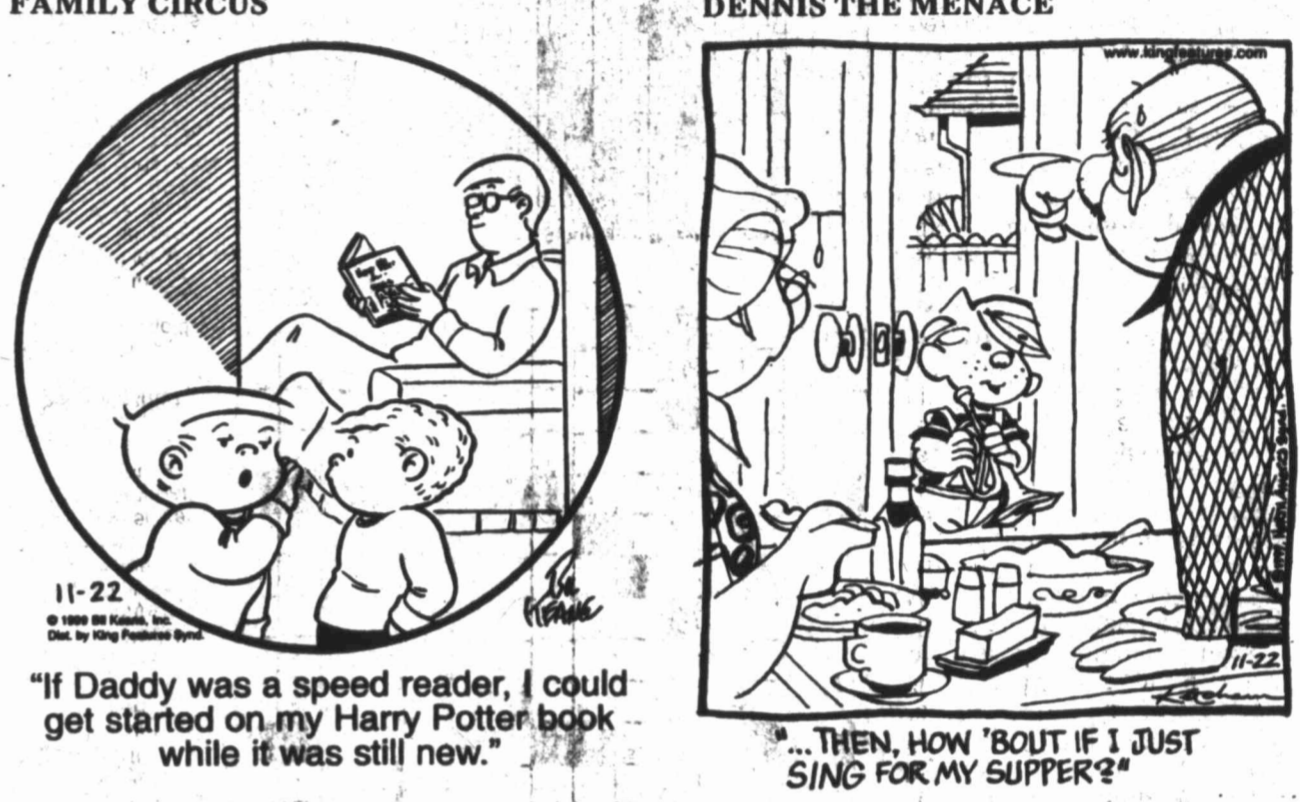
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 22, 1963, President Kennedy was shot to death while riding in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas. Gov. John B. Connally, in the same limousine as Kennedy, was seriously wounded. Lee Harvey Oswald, suspected of assassinating the president, was arrested.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1. Some time hence, 5. Cloth connections, 10. "and the Detectives", 14. Bindlestuff, 15. Pond scum, 16. Childhood taboo, 17. Fervent, 18. Mazda model, 19. Gear teeth, 20. Night flier, 21. Newspaper element, 23. German sinker, 25. Machinery part, 26. King Arthur's paradise, 28. Calgary, 33. Bridge expert, 34. Halts, 35. Diplomat, 36. rain, 37. River to the Gulf of Lions, 38. Quote an example, 39. Ginnie, 40. Hollywood, 41. Kathy of "Misery", 42. Ludicrously, 43. Gunshot, 44. Singer Peeples, 45. Apple beverage, 47. Newspaper element, 52. League, 55. from Muskogee, 56. Tex-Mex order, 57. Disfigure, 58. Globes, 59. Fish to wad, 60. Actor Guinness, 61. Final, 62. Pockmarks, 63. Greek peak, DOWN: 1. Queequeg's captain, 2. Stellar blast, 3. Newspaper element, 4. Head dip, 5. Asian skiff, 6. Founder of "The Criterion", 7. Culture base, 8. Actor Damon, 9. Ocean view, 10. Bayouac, 11. Synthesizer maker, 12. "Bus Stop" formatist, 21. Any day now, 22. Dawber and Title, 24. Used leeches, 26. Long-tailed lizard, 27. Words of a lang., 28. Narrative, 29. Theater award, 30. Newspaper element, 31. Librarian's stamp, 32. Excrete, 34. Cartoonist Silverstein, 37. Edited, 38. Cod, e.g., 40. Runny cheese, 41. Four-poster, 43. Civil disturbance, 44. Removes lather, 46. Assimilate, 47. Unenthusiastic, 48. Gumbo-vegie, 49. Chest bones, 50. Legend, 51. Religious image, 53. Contents, 54. Athletic org., 57. Chinese chairman.

Saturday's Puzzle Solved. A 10x10 grid with words filled in. Words include: ANNEIST, PUFFADDER, ANNIE, ANTINOISE, STINT, NIGITITATE, TETE, CCC, LENAS, IRIS, ANEMS, ABE, NIA, PROFITED, ENT, ELS, ARMADAS, STOLLE, AEDILE, SORBETS, GDR, SAM, JEOPARDY, PBA, REM, NATAL, ELAN, ELOPE, TSE, LEST, SERENADES, AMATI, IMPROVISE, COSEC, NIHTLISTS, USERS.

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On this date: In 1718, English pirate Edward Teach, better known as "Blackbeard," was killed during a battle off the Virginia coast. In 1890, French president Charles de Gaulle was born in Lille, France. In 1906, the "SOS" distress signal was adopted at the International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin. In 1928, "Bolero" by Maurice Ravel made its debut in Paris. In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek met in Cairo to discuss measures for defeating Japan. In 1943, lyricist Lorenz Hart died in New York at age 48. In 1965, the musical "Man of La Mancha" opened in New York. In 1975, Juan Carlos was proclaimed King of Spain. In 1977, regular passenger service between New York and Europe on the supersonic Concorde began on a trial basis. In 1980, actress Mae West died in Hollywood at age 87. Ten years ago: President Rene Moawad of Lebanon was assassinated less than three weeks after taking office. The space shuttle Discovery blasted off at night. Five years ago: A gunman opened fire inside the District of Columbia's police headquarters; the ensuir gunbattle left two FBI agents, a city detective and the gunman dead. Serb fighters in northwest Bosnia set villages ablaze in response to a retaliatory airstrike by NATO. One year ago: The CBS News program "60 Minutes" showed videotape of Dr. Jack Kevorkian giving lethal drugs to Thomas Youk, a terminally ill patient. Kevorkian, an advocate of assisted suicide, challenged prosecutors to arrest him and later was sentenced to up to 25 years in prison for second-degree murder. Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., is 81. Comedian Rodney Dangerfield is 78. Movie director Arthur Hiller is 77. Actor Robert Vaughn is 67. Actor Michael Callan is 64. Actor Allen Garfield is 60. Animator and movie director Terry Gilliam is 59. Actor Tom Conti is 58. Astronaut Guion S. Bluford is 57. Tennis player Billie Jean King is 56. Rock musician Tina Weymouth (The Heads; Talking Heads; The Tom Tom Club) is 49. Baseball player Greg Luzinski is 49. Actor Richard Kind is 43. Actress Jamie Lee Curtis is 41.