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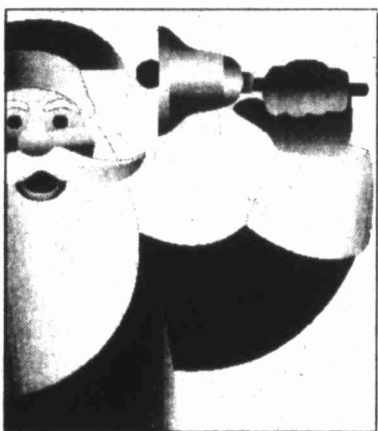


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HELPING OTHERS...

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

If your organization has an established program to help others and you would like to be included in this list, call Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 234.



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- Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- Rip Griffin's Gift Shop
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- Wal-Mart
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- Big Spring Post Office
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Longtime civic volunteer to be grand marshal of Christmas parade

LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Longtime community volunteer, Pat Simmons, will lead the 13th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas parade on Saturday as the



SIMMONS

grand marshal. "I feel very honored and excited about being asked to be this year's grand marshal," said Simmons. Simmons, a long time resident of Howard County, was named "Woman of the Year" by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce earlier this year. She is involved in throughout the community and organized the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights and the Yellow Rose Community Beautification

Program. Simmons volunteers at the Mountain View Nursing Home and also visits residents at the Carriage Inn. "We are very pleased to have Pat Simmons as our grand marshal," said Chuck Williams, Big Spring Herald publisher. "Her work with such projects as the Festival of Lights and the Yellow Rose program show how much she means to the community, and how much the community means to her." The parade will start at 5:15

p.m. on the corner of the north frontage road of FM 700 and Gregg and will head north up Gregg to Sixth Street. At that point, it will turn east to Main Street, then north to Second, where it will end. The Big Spring Police Department Color Guard will kick off the parade. More than three-fourths of the entries are expected to be lighted. Also, ZIT, the Texas Tech Drum Corps, Raider Red and the Texas Tech Masked Raider

are still confirmed to participate. After the parade, Simmons will next attend the illuminating of the lights at the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Simmons first organized the Festival of Lights three years ago and is currently the committee chairman. For more information on holiday activities, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

Spreading some Christmas Cheer

Salvation Army programs offer help to needy.

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

As the Christmas season officially begins, Salvation Army Christmas Cheer has several area programs in place that work toward providing a better Christmas for those less fortunate.

"This is our busiest time of year, and we have a big push at Christmas to provide the less fortunate children and the families within the Big Spring community with a happy holiday season," said Maj. Roy Tolcher, local commanding officer of the Corps.

Salvation Army Angel Trees is one program that lends itself as a project for any type of community organization. Thus far, 227 families representing more than 600 children and 160 elderly have been accepted into the Salvation Army Angel Tree program.

"We are no longer accepting applications for the Salvation Army angel tree program, except those with a referral from the Department of Human Services, which requires an emergency loss of employment," said Danelle Castillo, Salvation Army social services director.

She said acceptance to the program, which began the season with more families than were assisted the entire season of 1998, has strict guidelines that must be met.

"Our angels have not moved as we had hope they would, but the season is still early. Hopefully we will soon see more angels selected from the trees," she said.

She said the season began with 30 angels selected and



TOLCHER



CASTILLO



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Gloria Feduersen decides which Angel she wants to adopt this year. Angel Trees are located at the Herald, Big Spring Mall, Al's and Son B-B-Q, Wal-Mart, Cosden Credit Union, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Rip Griffin's Gift Shop and Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

adopted from the trees. However, adoptions slowed down after that, and only three senior angels have been adopted thus far, she said.

"Salvation Army Angel trees are a good Christmas project for a Sunday school class or a church project. We have several offices that adopt angels as part of their employee contribution. Civic groups and hospitals also adopt angels. And of course, any individual or family may adopt. Basically, anyone may adopt an angel," Castillo said.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree program works through the name of a child that appears on a card which has been placed on a Christmas tree.

Each card contains the child's first name, their age,

clothing and shoe sizes, as well as three items they have asked for, for Christmas. Christmas trees with the cards as ornaments are then placed in retail and public locations throughout the city.

Locations of the trees are Rip Griffin's Gift Shop, Gale's Sweet Shoppe, Big Spring Mall, Wal-Mart, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Cosden Credit Union and Al's Barbecue. A senior's angel tree has been placed at the Big Spring Herald.

For each angel adopted and gifts returned to the tree at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, patrons may receive a dozen free cookies.

"This is the first year we've done this, and I wanted to give

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School nurses waging war against pink eye, head lice, ringworm

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

With the advent of cooler weather, nurses with the Big Spring Independent School District have sent every child's parent a brochure explaining steps to prevent and treat such pests as pink eye, head lice or ringworm.

"We're in a battlefield out here, a war, and everybody working together is the only way we can get this under control and win," said BSISD nurse Glenda Low.

Cooler weather means children will be in closer proximity to each other, and that creates a breeding ground for such contagions, she said.

"Especially little girls, who tend to touch each other more, stroking hair and leaning their

heads together as they talk," said BSISD nurse Karen McCormick.

Low said incidents of head lice have remained about the same this year as in the past, and the nurses see different amounts of infestation at different schools.

McCormick, who is nurse for Goliad and Marcy elementaries, said she has seen a decrease of infestation on one of her campuses.

"Last year I had about 25 percent of my students infested, but this year it's down to about 8 percent. Of course, we have really pushed treatment, conducted home visits and stayed on top of it. Therefore, we are seeing less of it than a year ago," McCormick said.

McCormick said she conducts a head lice check in each of her classrooms every month, around the first of the month. Students must go home if live lice are discovered.

"We rely on the class room and P.E. teachers as well, to notice if someone is itching

their head like crazy. If we discover an infestation, we also check brothers and sisters, family members," McCormick said.

If a nurse finds lice eggs, or nits, the student is sent home with a note instructing parents to treat the child with a pediculi-

Lice can be controlled with proper methods

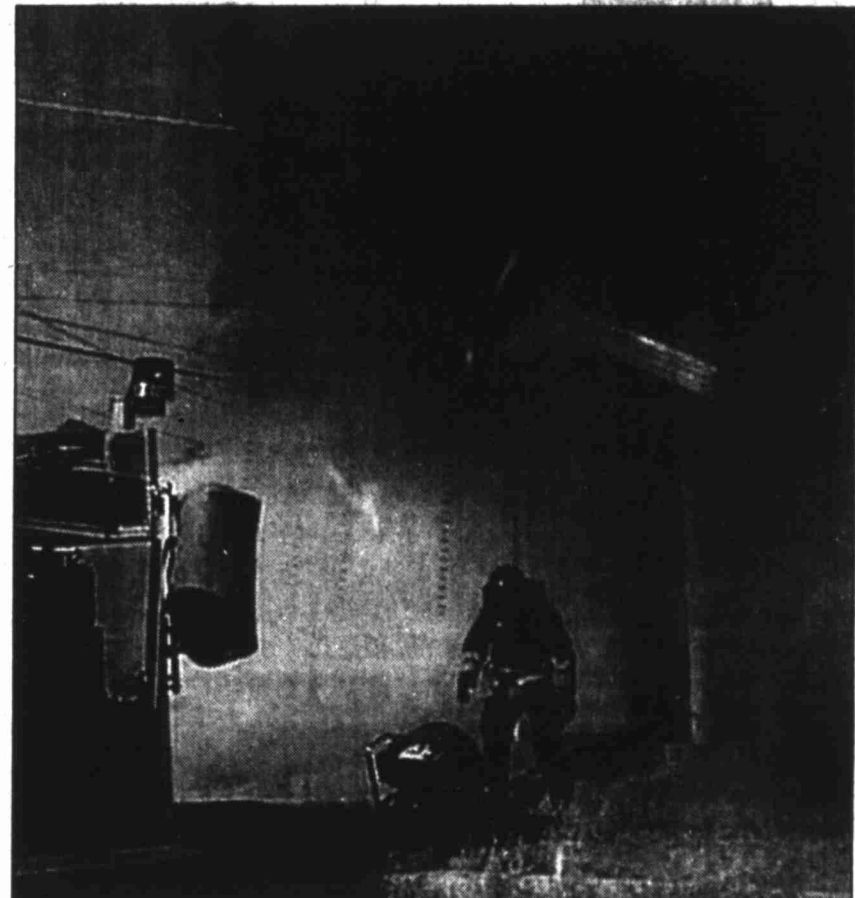
By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Treatment for head lice has become even harder, as reports indicate some of the small pests have developed an immunity to the pediculi-

"We have seen some that just would not die with the shampoo, and for those we have recommended an olive oil treatment that has



MCCORMICK



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Firefighters work to extinguish a fire at a Big Spring residence about noon Saturday. Officials said the structure was completely engulfed by flames at the time they got the call.

Fire

Saturday blaze destroys Big Spring residence; cause under investigation

LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A late morning fire destroyed a three-room Big Spring residence Saturday.

No one was injured in the blaze, which occurred about noon. Some 10 members of Big Spring Fire Department responded and had it under control within 10 minutes.

"We got a call at 11:49 a.m. that there was a structure fire that was engulfed in flames," said Deputy Chief Steve Hedges. He said three units responded to the fire, which was at 301 15th St.

Several residents, including Jose Ontiveros saw flames coming from the house and went to help.

"We saw the owner in backyard and we tried to help. He told us to 'get away, it is not

your house," Ontiveros said.

Authorities later detained the man but did not identify him as the owner, only as an occupant. The man was handcuffed while police questioned him, but the police department said no arrests were made.

Sammy and Erma Ortega were driving down the street when they saw the flames. They called to a young boy just exiting a nearby residence to call the fire department.

Sammy Ortega and some residents started knocking on the house to see if any one was there. Henry Orredondo Jr. said he attempted to kick down the door.

When the owner came out from the adjacent house, Ortega said he told everyone to get back and wait for the fire

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return to school, she said.

Other contagious diseases nurses encounter each year which require a parent pick up a child from school are ringworm and pink eye. Students

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the hair shafts, as well as riding the home of the insects.

Low and McCormick outlined methods of killing lice and removing their eggs. In the home environment, all rooms and furniture should be thoroughly vacuumed, and the disposable vacuum cleaner bags thrown away.

Stuffed animals and those items that cannot be laundered should be sealed in a plastic bag for at least two weeks. All bed clothing and linens, pillows, blankets and bedspreads should be laundered in hot water and dried on the hot cycle of clothes

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OBITUARIES

Harvey Coffman

Harvey Coffman, 67, of Cloudercroft, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, in a Midland hospital. Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 1999, at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. He will be assisted by Rev. Hugh Rogers, pastor of First Baptist Church in Cloudercroft, N.M. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



COFFMAN

Mr. Coffman was born on July 6, 1932, in Baileyboro, Texas, and married Jo Maxine Nall on July 22, 1951, in Enochs, Texas.

Mr. Coffman graduated from Muleshoe High School and farmed for a while then worked for T&P Railroad. He later worked for Chester Coffman Roofing before owning his own roofing company for a time. He retired from Petrofina after working for them for 26 years.

Mr. Coffman was a member of First Baptist Church in Cloudercroft, N.M., and also served as a deacon. He was a former member of Trinity Baptist Church. He had been ordained a deacon at the age of 22.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Coffman of Cloudercroft, N.M.; three daughters, Twilla Leverett of Gardendale, Evette Petit of Cloudercroft, N.M., and Keitha Van Ness of Dickinson; his mother, Clara Coffman of Muleshoe; two sisters, Maudie Mudford of New Home, Ark., and Jeannine Rundell of San Angelo; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Coffman was preceded in death by one daughter, Sherlyn Mainor.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Jason Leverett, Rich Leverett, Jeffery Compton, Jonathan Compton, Kale Van Ness and Jerry Mudford.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

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Memorial service for Laurence Habel will be 6:30 PM Tuesday at Wesley Drive United Methodist Church in Amarillo.

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Harvey Coffman, 67, died Saturday. Services will be 3:30 PM Monday at Trinity Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Sunday.

Mary L. Fortune, 78, died Friday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Monday. Mildred Baker, 80, died Saturday, November 27, 1999. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Lourdes Olivas

Funeral mass for Lourdes Olivas of Stanton has been set for Monday, Nov. 29, 1999, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Arturo Pestin officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Olivas died Nov. 25, 1999, at a Stanton hospital. Mrs. Olivas was a homemaker and had resided in Martin County since 1964. She was born May 20, 1956, in Sinton. She married Ernesto Olivas on 1974 in Stanton.

Survivors include her husband, Ernesto Olivas Sr., one son, Ernesto Olivas Jr., and one daughter, Ashley Olivas, all of Stanton; her mother, Guadalupe Sandoval Gutierrez of Lolita, Texas; one brother, Rey Alberto Gonzales of Lolita; two sisters, Linda De La Cruz and Irma Quesada both of San Angelo; and one granddaughter.

Adela Aguirre

Funeral mass for Adela Aguirre of Stanton has been set for Monday, Nov. 29, 1999, at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Arturo Pestin officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Mrs. Aguirre died on Nov. 26, 1999, at a Big Spring nursing home. Mrs. Aguirre was a homemaker and had resided in Martin County most of her life. She was born March 6, 1915, in Ft. Davis. She married Manuel Aguirre in Marfa.

Survivors include two daughters, Miceala Olivas and Corina Villa, both of Stanton; one sister, Ester Tarango of Stanton; two brothers, Beto Olivas of Big Spring and Juan Olivas of Hobbs, N.M.; and nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Randy Hamilton

Services for Randy Hamilton, 89, were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with Craig Martindale, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Odessa, officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Mr. Hamilton died on Thursday, Nov. 25, 1999, in a Stanton hospital.

Mr. Hamilton was born on Oct. 14, 1960, in Midland and married Rosie Flores on Dec. 12, 1987, in Stanton. He moved to Stanton in 1987 from Ft. Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie Hamilton; a daughter, Kami Hamilton of Gatesville; his parents, Bill & Nita Hamilton of Stanton; and a sister, Becky Moore of Odessa.

Mary Louise Fortune

Service for Mary Louise Fortune, 78, has been set for Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Rev. Darrel Martin officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Fortune died on Friday, Nov. 26, 1999, at Texas Hospital in Tyler.

Mrs. Fortune was born on Oct. 6, 1921, in Kennedale and was a longtime resident of Big Spring and a former resident of Midland. She retired after 26

THE FAMILY OF Elizabeth Hale would like to take this means of thanking each one of our many friends and neighbors for their prayers and cards during our recent loss. They meant a great deal to us. THANK YOU.

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We, especially want to thank Dr. Bruce Cox, Dr. Robert Bruha and the staff at Scenic Mountain Hospital, Myers & Smith Funeral Home, 14th & Main Street Church of Christ, Howard County Bridge & Road Dept., the Police Dept. Escort Service, Hwy. 80 Church of Christ Family and the singers.
We also want to thank our family and friends for all the cards, food, visits, phone calls, flowers and most of all, your fervent prayers. We thank God for allowing you to be that sunshine behind the dark cloud. We love and appreciate you.
Mrs. Charles Green, Debra, Johnny, Delbert, Carl, Timothy, Gary, Mrs. Sally Green and brothers and sisters of Johnnie Green

years as a charge attendant nurse at the Big Spring State Hospital. She had lived in Tyler since June of this year and attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church there.

Survivors include her son, Jimmy Fortune of Tyler; two daughters, Peggy Sproles of Midland and Billie Jean Johnson of Abilene; three brothers, Arthur Hendrix Jr. of Mabank, James Ray Hendrix of Dallas and Billy Robert Hendrix of Irving; three sisters, Evelyn Fort of Austin, Pearl Hancock of Dallas and Betty Mayhall of Irving; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fortune was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Douglas Fortune.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mildred H. Baker

Mildred H. Baker, 80, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at a local nursing center. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Laurence Daniel Habel

Laurence Daniel Habel, 24 of Amarillo, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1999. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999, at 6:30 P.M. at the Wesley Drive United Methodist Church in Amarillo with Rev. Jacklyn McNeil officiating.

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

Arrests of women for domestic violence increasing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — There was a time when police officers handled a domestic violence call by telling angry men to take a walk and cool off. They still do, but the walk is straight to jail. And increasingly, it's the woman who takes the hike.

Police in at least 24 states now receive training in how to decide who is the "primary aggressor," a term that doesn't necessarily mean the person who struck the first blow or even caused the most damage, according to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

"Primary" means "most significant." The definition requires officers on the scene to go down a long checklist of things to look for, including a history of violent or coercive behavior.

Backers of the "primary aggressor" law hoped it would reduce domestic violence and the number of women arrested for defending themselves.

In 1987, women were arrested in 5 percent of California's domestic violence cases; that rate had risen to 15 percent by the time the state passed its primary aggressor law in 1997.

Last year, as overall domestic violence arrests declined in California, the percentage of women arrested rose still further, to 16 percent: 9,373 arrests compared with 47,519 for men.

Just why more women are being arrested is unclear. Social scientists and police

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TEXAS LOTTERY

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

year's list criticized some of his company's toys, Todd McFarlane said parents, not censors, should decide what their children should be allowed to play with.

Another possible reason is that there are more female police officers, said Katharine Killeen, director of the California District Attorney Association's Violence Against Women Project.

"They don't just let a woman go the way some men cops might," she said. "Also, men are learning how to work the system better and bring charges."

Women's groups campaigned heavily for primary aggressor laws, which were designed to prevent battered women from also having to go through the trauma of being arrested for fighting back.

New York Gov. George Pataki made note of that in 1997 at the signing ceremony for his state's law. "Women who are the targets of domestic violence should not be victimized again by being arrested simply for defending themselves," Pataki said.

That is one reason the increase in the arrests of women under primary aggressor laws is surprising.

"This is geared to the prosecution of men," said Deputy Public Defender Lidia Stiglich, who handles arraignments in San Francisco's domestic violence court.

Whoever calls the police first wins, she said. And that is usually the woman. "If you are a man, you are toast," she said.

The guidelines police in California use to determine who is mainly responsible for domestic violence suggest she may have a point. It asks such questions as "Have you ever called a battered women's hot line?" and "Has he hit you before?"

The copy of the guide obtained by The Associated Press had the word "she" penciled in after the word "he" in one place as though it were an afterthought.

Minister's annual 'Warped Toy' warning list more gruesome

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The playthings topping a Hartford minister's annual "warped toy" list have gone from gross to gruesome.

When the Rev. Christopher Rose began compiling the list in 1986, most of the toys he targeted featured mucous or vomit. The themes have grown increasingly violent to include dolls with severed limbs and cut-off human faces.

"At first I thought this was going to be a better year," said Rose, the rector of Grace Episcopal Church. "I was wrong."

The toy topping Rose's list: Curse of Spawn action figure Ryan Hatchet, the bloody disemboweled corpse of a former high school student. It comes with an ax/spear weapon, a shovel, a bendable spine, a handful of bloody hearts and intestines and a small plastic face that can be hung on its belt.

Its maker, McFarlane Toys, did not return calls seeking comment Saturday. After last

department are stumped. But some possibilities are that women are being more aggressive, that women are beating other women, and that male victims are increasingly likely to come forward and be believed by officers.

Most of the toys he lists already carry labels saying they are appropriate only for children older than 5, but Rose wants stronger warnings.

He said he had hoped recent school violence would temper toy manufacturers depiction of blood and guts. Most of the toys he singled out he considers graphically violent, exploitive, stereotypical or age inappropriate.

Among the toys on Rose's 1999 list:

—The Ice Man Cryogenic Lab, which includes drip tray, fake syringe and other autopsy accessories and says on the box, "Chip, Carve and Melt your way down to the guts!"

—The action figure Tormentor, described on its package as "a savage brute with no soul" who "lives to inflict torment, pain and terror on others."

—World Wrestling Federation action figures Jacqueline, a large-breasted, scantily clad woman, and Al Snow, which comes with the severed head of a woman.

Last year, Rose's worst offender was the wrestler action figure "Macho Man Randy Savage" that taunts "Is that all you got?" or "Hey, you're basin in my gut!" when it is hit in the chest.

Police arrest 11-year-old after 100 mph chase

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (AP) — An 11-year-old boy was arrested Saturday after police chased him in a stolen car at speeds of more than 100 mph.

The boy, whose name was withheld because of his age, was charged with several traffic violations and forgery because he had a counterfeit \$100 bill, police said.

"We've never seen anything like this before with someone this young," police spokesman Chris Lagerbloom said.

It started when police tried to stop a reckless driver traveling south on Georgia 400, a major

freeway connecting Atlanta with its northern suburbs.

"When they attempted to stop him, he sped off," Lagerbloom said. "He topped out at about 110 miles an hour."

MEETINGS

BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL
5 p.m. Monday, City Council Room, 307 E. Fourth

Agenda items include:
• An emergency reading of a resolution authorizing and approving a loan agreement between the Moore Development Corporation and a bank in regards to StarTek and authorizing the execution and delivery of the loan agreement.

• City manager's report
• Vouchers
• Board and committee minutes.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY ISD BOARD

5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Garden City

Agenda items include:
• Planning meeting for superintendent search.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents from 8 a.m. Friday until noon today:

• JOSE GOMEZ, 39, was arrested on a charge of family violence.

• RITA MITCHELL, 24, was arrested for local warrants.

• DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, 22, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• MARIO MARTINEZ, 24, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• IAN HEATH, 23, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Owens.

• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported at the police department.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 3300 block of Drexel.

• DOG BITE was reported in the 100 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of North Lamesa.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2900 block of West Eighth.

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with ringworm, sent home until treated with a Band Aid in the area. However, students who are worm in the school visit is required.

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with ringworm, a fungus, are sent home until treated.

"Students may return back to school once the fungus has been treated with a topical cream, and a Band Aid® is placed over the area. However, for those students who contract ringworm in the scalp, a doctor's visit is required," McCormick said.

Pink eye also requires a visit to a physician, and students may return to school 24 hours after medication has been started, she said.

"Pink eye, or conjunctivitis, is highly contagious, and only requires touching an infected eye and then touching another to be passed," she said.

Low and McCormick also said a good rule of thumb when determining if a child is well enough to go to school is temperature.

"If a child has fever, don't send them to school. And if

they're vomiting or have diarrhea, don't send them to school either," said Low.

She said thus far this year, incidents of strep throat and stomach flu have prevailed, along with the seasonal pests.

"A lot of this might just be lack of education that's why we sent the brochures home," Low said.

But McCormick said parents might not be aware of the embarrassment their child experiences when contagious pests are discovered.

"The kids tell. We do everything we can to keep this quiet, but the kids always know. There's no way to avoid this type of emotional injury except stopping this. I see a lot of parents with apathy about the problem, and apathy is why this continues," McCormick said.

TREATMENT

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dryer for at least 20 minutes. All personal clothing such as

scarves, helmets, hats, caps, coats and clothes should be laundered in the same manner, they said. Combs and brushes should be disinfected by soaking in hot water, above 130 degrees, for five to 10 minutes.

The nurses recommend using a commercial pediculicide at the first outbreak of the insect. They urge parents to follow the directions, and to purchase a metal nit comb from a local pharmacy.

"The key to getting rid of the pests, and where most parents fall short, is in the combing. Those plastic combs don't work well, although they are better than nothing. But the key is to comb their hair every night with the special comb, and to reapply the pediculicide after seven days. The nits are not killed by the shampoo because they have no central nervous system," McCormick said.

Should a parent have difficulty ending the infestation, the nurses also recommend an olive oil treatment that involves more time for treatment, but has proven effective in a number of stubborn cases of infestation, they said.

With this treatment, the nurses recommend applying a pediculicide first, then saturating the hair with olive oil. Begin combing the hair over a sink with the metal comb, because the lice will begin to comb out.

Rub more oil into the hair and place a plastic shower cap over the hair and leave overnight. Divide the hair and comb again in the morning, then wash hair with regular shampoo. Repeat this treatment on day five, nine, 13, 17 and 21.

"These treatments have been carefully timed to coincide with the life cycle of lice. If you choose not to use a pediculicide, use the olive oil treatment on day one and day two in addition to all other days outline," they said.

CHEER

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something back to those who help in our community," said Gale Pittman, owner of the bakery.



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department.

"It was so scary," Erma

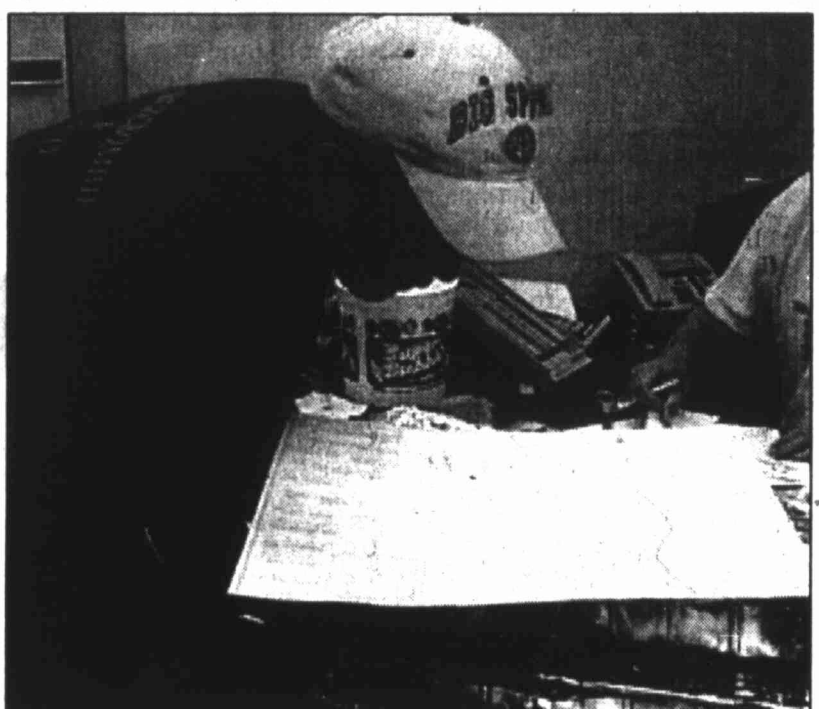
Ortega said. "I was glad no one was in there."

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Will Conley studies a map of the city that he will use to find houses for meal deliveries during the Salvation Army's annual Thanksgiving Day feed Thursday. Dozens of volunteers arrived early to begin delivering more than 250 meals to people all over the Big Spring area. Then they mobilized again to serve meals to those who came to the headquarters building around noon.

FIRE

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Castillo said preparations are provided through organizations to make sure all children served by the Salvation Army Angel Tree program receive Christmas.

"If there may be angels left out, guardian angels make sure all of our angels are adopted," she said.

The Marine Corps/Salvation Army Toys for Tots is also officially under way, and one location for donation of new toys for the program is Pollard Chevrolet. Cellular One is also accepting donations of new toys for the program.

HELPING

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• Pollard Chevrolet through Dec. 14.

Other efforts:

• H-E-B Food Stores "Ring In A Miracle" to benefit the Salvation Army. Tell your cashier what you want to give and either \$1 or \$2 will be added to your grocery total.

• Cox Cable of Big Spring is a collection point for the Salvation Army canned food drive.

• Church of the Nazarene will collect canned food for the Salvation Army during the drive-through nativity scene, Dec. 9-12.

• Pizza Inn, Goliad Elementary, St. Mary's Episcopal School, Forsan

ISD, Moss Elementary and Big Spring Junior High are all holding canned food drives through Dec. 8.

• Norwest Bank is sponsoring The Giving Tree, which aids foster children. Come by and select an ornament and bring a gift back to the bank by Dec. 17.

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OUR VIEWS

Because of you, United Way was successful again

You did it again, Howard County. One more time your generosity and "can do" spirit has come through. Despite some setbacks along the way, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County raised \$226,112 to surpass its goal of \$225,000.

Among the Divisions which deserve special recognition were the Pacesetters, which increased its goal by \$7,000 this year, and the Professional Division, which was up more than 75 percent. Also surpassing its goal was the Community Division.

Outstanding employee campaigns were held by many, including Fina, H-E-B, Wal-Mart, Malone and Hogan, Western Container, Big Spring schools and American State Bank.

That's what makes United Way so special — volunteers from all walks of life participating. In doing so, they have ensured that many activities for our youth will be met, the hungry will have a warm meal and the distressed will receive warm, kind reassurance and meaningful assistance.

We know that the directors and boards of the participating agencies: the American Red Cross, Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Northside Community Center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services, Salvation Army, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council and the YMCA also are appreciative of your efforts.

For some of those agencies, United Way contributions make up just a small, but important, portion of their budgets. For others, the funds received through United Way means they will be able to keep their doors open another year.

Thank you Howard Countians, and congratulations! You did it again.

OTHER VIEWS

In a daring challenge to its powerful drug lords, Colombia has extradited a kingpin to the United States to face prosecution on heroin smuggling charges. The last time the Bogota government allowed such extraditions the drug cartel bosses and their gangsters answered with mayhem across the country. But President Andres Pastrana has done the right and brave thing in turning over Jaime Orlando Lara, described by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency as the leader of Colombia's heroin cartel.

U.S. authorities now stand in debt to Pastrana as his government braces for an expected

bloody response. Two weeks ago a car bomb killed eight people in Bogota, a clear message to the government to spare Lara.

Colombia has asked the United States for economic and military assistance to fight drug dealers, leftist insurgents and right-wing paramilitaries, all at a time of serious economic crisis.

The Clinton administration, which claims to support Pastrana, has so far failed to deliver.

The Colombian president is taking high risks. Washington should reciprocate with aid. This is a bilateral crisis.

LOS ANGELES TIMES

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Grandma's pecan pie recipe, and other things

In 1948 my grandmother wrote a little essay and mailed it to one Walter Mason, a voice on her radio.

She called her two-page effort "Childhood Memories" and described a 20-mile survey ride to see relatives. She kept a copy.

As a post-script, she did what anyone would do who wants her words to have greater exposure. She flattered him:

"I listen to you every day (almost) and enjoy it. This is my first attempt and sure would like to hear it over the radio."

As far as I know, she never did.

As a writer, I know the feeling of putting a manuscript in the mailbox, having raised it right and then sending it out to make its own way in the world. For the first few days afterward, you can almost smell the new book binding, imagine the rave reviews in

Kirkus, the compliments of friends. For a few days, anyhow, you're as happy with anticipation as ever you would be with reality.

Knowing my grandmother, when nothing happened, she kept on with the mundane business of life and never mentioned her disappointment to anyone. (We found the copy after she died.)

That's why it pleases me no end that so many of you asked for her pecan pie recipe, the one I have framed and hanging in my kitchen. I mentioned it in a recent column and got dozens of requests.

If Annie Lois Houston knew that ambitious cooks all over were whipping up her own recipe, she'd be surprised, excited and would keep her fingers crossed that each and every pie turned out well. She'd tell you, as she did me, that "I use Flowing Gold syrup; Nina (her sister-in-law) uses Karo syrup."

Recipe requests, after all, are a lot like reporter bylines or hearing your words read over the radio. They mean you've done something right and others recognize it.

I've begun to believe that recipes can be at least as immortal as stories, or books,

that good food is more than sustenance, a kitchen more than a room. I cringe to think how long it took for me to realize that. All my childhood I was surrounded by good cooks, women who started not just from scratch but with the act of wringing the neck of the chicken they planned to fry. Now that's from scratch.

Someone sent me a story of a recent academic conference where scholars analyzed Martha Stewart, trying to decide "whether the doyenne of do-it-yourself is the 'Thomas Jefferson of our age' or a 'Betty Crocker from hell.'"

An architecture professor from the University of Oregon, Mary Anne Beecher, presented a paper entitled "Hand Made and Home Grown: The Phenomenology of Martha Stewart." Her paper, she told the conference, was "written on paper stained with purple or shouid I say 'Concord'—between batches of grape jelly." Even "the idea of making may be enough to satisfy some people's desire for ritual experience in everyday life," Ms. Beecher concluded.

Ritual experiences. The winding of the mantel clock. Going to the woods for the Christmas tree. Reading a story aloud at

bedtime. Checking your e-mail at noon.

Whatever your family rituals may be, they take on increased importance as you grow older. They are the binding thread in our ever-loosening lives.

Below is my grandmother's recipe. Don't skimp on ingredients when you bake it or portions when you serve it. She never did.

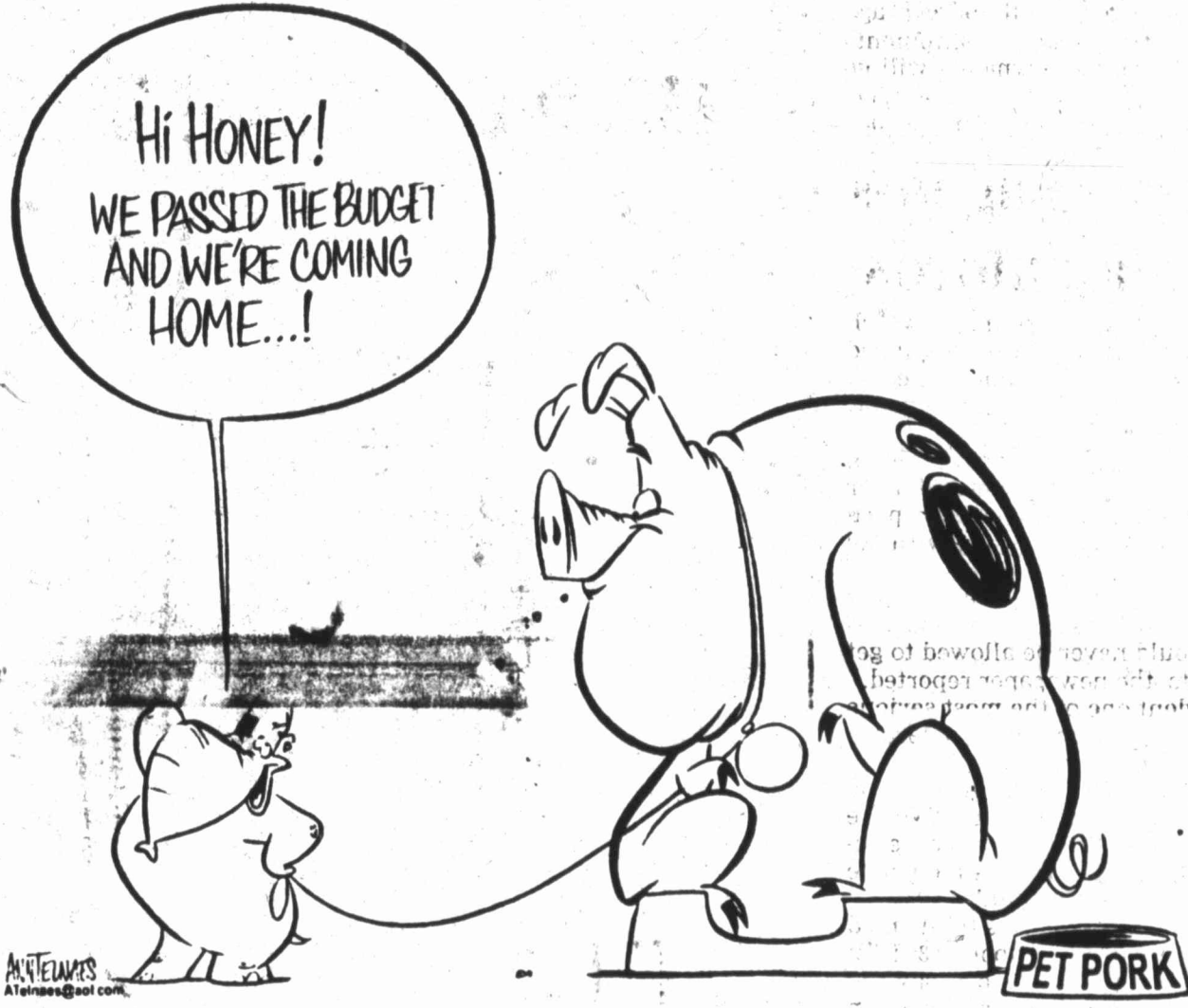
1 tablespoon of flour
1 cup sugar
1 cup syrup
About 1/4 stick margarine
3 medium-large eggs
1 cup chopped pecans
Flavoring of your choice
(Sometimes I use vanilla or nutmeg or a dash of cinnamon.)

Scant 1/4 cup milk
Mix flour with sugar, then mix with syrup and put in a small boiler and bring to boiling point, stirring 2 or 3 times. Remove from heat. Add margarine. When the margarine melts, (slowly) pour this into the well-beaten eggs. Then add the pecans and flavoring and sweet milk and mix.

Pour this into unbaked pie crust and bake at about 350 degrees about half an hour or until it is firm in the middle (doesn't shake). I use a 10-inch Pyrex pie plate.



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U.S. should be happy about Pakistan leader

Americans, if they have any interest in Pakistan at all, should be glad that Gen. Pervez Musharraf has seized power.

At least that's the opinion of some Pakistanis who have communicated with me. And who better than Pakistanis know what's going on in Pakistan. Here's the way

Musharraf is described by Ardeshir Cowasjee, who writes for Dawn, an English-language Pakistan newspaper:

"The general is a good Muslim, as opposed to being a fundamentally inclined fanatic. He is a man of liberal thought, outward-looking, and in full command of what and who he commands. He is a man who opposes the belief that the

preservation or gaining of any territory is worth the nuclear destruction of even one city.

We and the world should now feel safer knowing the nuclear button is in his hands rather than in those of unpredictable, untrustworthy, unthinking politicians such as 'democrats' Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif."

Cowasjee describes the events leading up to the general's actions. Apparently, nearly every elected leader has immediately amended the constitution to become entrenched in power. They have all been, according to Cowasjee, corrupt.

Sharif, who had appointed Musharraf without realizing his mettle and integrity, tried to fire him while he was out of the country on official business. He ordered the airport tower not to let Musharraf's plane land, even though the pilot reported he had only a few minutes of fuel left and some 200 people were on that plane. In other words, Sharif, who was taking steps to install himself as a dictator, was willing to murder 200 people to get rid of a general who opposed

his schemes.

Fortunately, the army took control of the airport and ordered the tower to allow the plane to land, and that was the end of Sharif's attempt at becoming a dictator.

I think one of the most significant things Cowasjee says in his article is this:

"The international leaders and commentators who sit thousands of miles away from this blighted country and automatically, unthinkingly call for the restoration of democracy are blind to the fact that democracy was never there to be restored."

So there you have it. From the point of view of at least those Pakistanis, Musharraf is a good man, a patriot and a man of integrity. He is now proceeding to prosecute those who had looted the treasury and mutilated the constitution.

Now, I'm passing on to you simply the opinions of Pakistanis. I have no personal knowledge of Pakistan's internal affairs. More to the point, neither do other American journalists and so-called academic experts clamoring for a

return to democracy. I don't

why so many Americans seem to think that God appointed them to judge every nation and every people from afar. It's been my experience that most so-called, self-appointed American experts on foreign countries don't know dog biscuits about them or their people. They are library experts.

I've always believed it is a thousand times better to talk to people from the country than to fool with State Department people or academics. So far, I've always found that the people were right and the experts were wrong. Just go back and see how many American

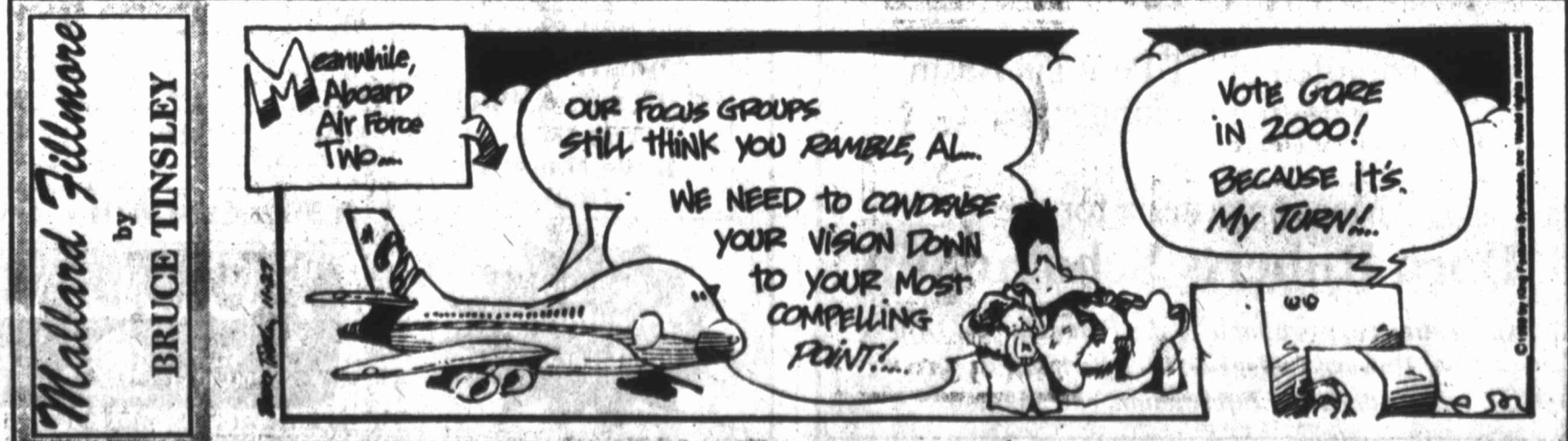
"Soviet experts" were caught with their pants around their knees by the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Furthermore, an election does not make a country a democracy.

Talk about simplistic thinking. What the United States ought to do is wish the Pakistani people well and otherwise butt out of their affairs, end any sanctions and deliver the equipment Pakistan has bought and paid for.



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Suburban Fort Worth family fights federal government for home

KELLER (AP) — A suburban Fort Worth family is fighting the federal government for their home, which prosecutors alleged was bought with drug money.

Misty Burton is scheduled to go to federal court in Fort Worth on Dec. 6 to try to prove that her husband, John Burton, did not buy their 5-acre farm near Keller with drug proceeds. But their final chance to respond to the federal seizure will be Monday.

It will be up to the family to

prove the farm, where the couple and their two children live, was bought with money obtained legitimately.

Family friend Rusty Stroud said it doesn't make sense to punish John Burton to the point of hurting his wife and children, who are ages 11 months and 2 years.

"They're going to put these people on the street. It's not like he's got the means to put them up somewhere else," the construction contractor told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

John Burton was convicted in 1988 of a state charge of manufacturing amphetamine. He spent three years in prison and was released on parole. In 1998, his parole was revoked after police, in a search later ruled to be illegal, found a bag of methamphetamine on the family property. Misty Burton also has been arrested and accused of drug possession.

But Mrs. Burton contends the land was purchased with money her husband earned legally at his body shop.

"It's like they marked him and they're never going to let him live a normal life," she told.

Since the late 1980s, the federal government has made a concerted effort to seize money, cars, land and houses from people accused of drug crimes.

However, critics say that people's rights often have been violated in the process.

"It's just horribly abusive. They're slanted, one-sided, almost completely lacking in due process as they exist," said

Jim Lavine, a Houston defense attorney who co-heads a committee on asset forfeiture for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Those concerns prompted the U.S. House of Representatives in June to approve revisions in the asset-seizure laws, 375-48. Two companion bills are pending in the Senate.

Although many government lawyers agree that legal reforms are needed, they note that forfeiture has been a part of the law for 200 years. They contend

that changing the law too drastically could allow criminals to profit from crime.

"A criminal does not have a right to support his family through criminal activity," said Brock Stevenson, a federal prosecutor in Dallas who handles seizure cases.

Any reforms are unlikely to come in time to help the Burtons. In their case, the government is on the verge of taking the family's land without having its evidence challenged in court.

Slump in cigarette sales may cost Texas \$200 million

AUSTIN (AP) — A nationwide decrease in cigarette sales this year could mean a \$200 million loss from the state's budget over the next two years, cutting into \$1.8 billion in health programs and payments to universities.

The possible shortfall is the result of a formula in the tobacco company settlements that allows tobacco companies to reduce their payments to states if sales slump.

Former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said Friday that was a key feature of the historic multibillion-dollar agreement reached between the companies and the states.

"One of my overall objectives was to see a reduction in the use of tobacco products, particularly among young people, and that is consistent with the formula used," said Morales, who was in office when the deal was reached. "As sales decrease, the percentage in overall dollars coming into the states will

decrease." Figures released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service show cigarette consumption has fallen 8.6 percent this year. Last year's sales were down about 3 percent.

The drop has been attributed to marketing restrictions and a 50-cent-per-pack price increase that the tobacco companies implemented to pay for the settlements.

According to The Dallas Morning News, lawyers in Connecticut, Florida, Minnesota and Texas — the states that led the battle against the tobacco industry — said Thursday they had been told that sales had dropped 7 to 10 percent since the price increases went into effect.

For every full percentage number the shipments decrease, the payments will go down 0.98 percent, said Laurie Loveland, a lawyer who helped

negotiate the tobacco settlement for the North Dakota attorney general's office.

In Texas, lawyers estimated the sales slump would mean \$200 million less than what the state had budgeted over the next two years, the newspaper reported. Any decrease in a payment to the state would take

effect starting Dec. 31.

The tobacco industry already has paid Texas more than \$1.5 billion and is expected to deliver a check for \$326 million on Dec. 31 and another for \$605 million Jan. 3.

Tobacco companies agreed to pay around \$206 billion over 25 years to settle lawsuits.



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Reports: 2 U.S. drug agents nearly killed in Matamoros

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A group of Mexican gunmen, which apparently included some Tamaulipas State Police, surrounded and almost killed a pair of U.S. federal agents in Matamoros earlier this month, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has revealed.

The New York Times reported that about 12 to 15 gunmen, including one armed with a gold-plated AK-47, surrounded a car containing a DEA agent and an FBI agent. The newspaper reported that the gunmen wanted to take an informant that was with the agents.

The federal agents finally talked their way out of the jam on a busy street in downtown Matamoros by identifying themselves and warning the gunmen that they would never be allowed to get away with murdering American agents, the newspaper reported.

The DEA has called the Nov. 9 incident one of the most serious since the torture-murder of agent Enrique Camarena in 1985 in Mexico.

"The DEA is concerned about the safety of our agents," the agency said in a statement to The Brownsville Herald. "We are working with the Mexican authorities to search for the perpetrators of this crime. As in the Camarena case, Mexican state police officials appear to have been involved in this incident."

The agents were driving around checking out places frequented by alleged drug trafficker Oziel Cardenas Guillen at about 2:30 p.m. when they noticed a vehicle following them, news reports say.

Cardenas is believed to be one of the largest drug traffickers on the Gulf Coast and could be the current head of the Gulf Cartel, The Times reported.

Police car hits pickup, killing man

FARMERS BRANCH (AP) — A police car slammed into a pickup truck at a suburban Dallas intersection Friday, killing the truck's 85-year-old driver and injuring the officer.

Retired minister and juvenile probation officer James Higginbotham was killed near his Farmers Branch home as he was returning from the bank, police said.

He was driving southbound and was turning east when Officer William Wilson's northbound police cruiser slammed into the passenger's side of his truck.

Wilson was treated at Parkland hospital in Dallas and released.

Farmers Branch police Lt. Robert Pascual said Wilson was en route to a traffic accident without his lights or sirens on. Witnesses said he was driving faster than the posted 35 mph speed limit, but investigators said they have not determined his speed.

"We don't have any knowledge of any wrongdoing," Pascual said.

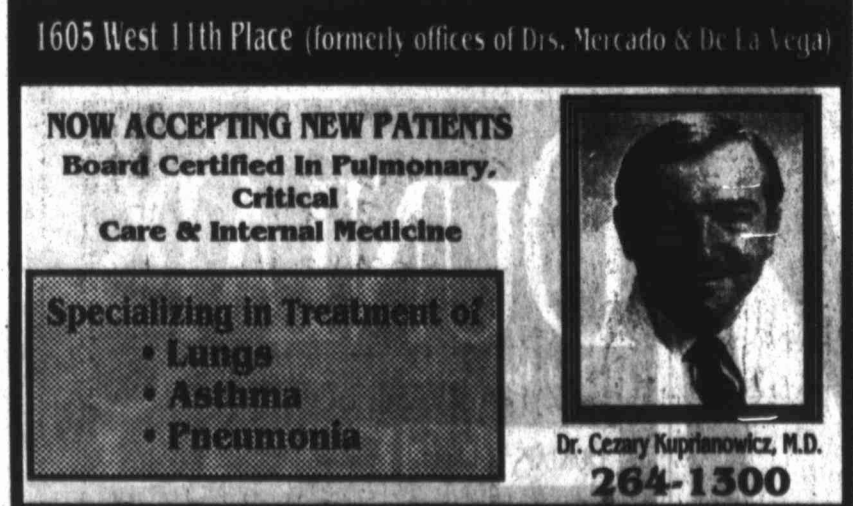
Wilson has been with the department for two or three years.



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FTC indicates to states it will approve \$81 billion oil merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission is indicating to states it intends to recommend approval of Exxon Corp.'s \$81 billion acquisition of Mobil Corp., government sources close to the deal said Saturday.

The merger would create one of the world's largest energy companies.

Some states, however, are not satisfied with a proposal worked out by the companies and the FTC that includes the sale of about 2,400 gas stations nationwide. It is unlikely those states could stop the deal, though officials could lobby

FTC commissioners in the days before the vote or could ask a court to block it.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, who opposes the deal, said states were concerned, for example, about unfair treatment of the owners of the divested gas stations after a deal was approved.

"The potential for a single state like Connecticut to block the merger is unlikely," Blumenthal said. "There may be a critical mass of states that could go to court, but I don't predict that will happen."

Two government officials close to the talks, speaking on

condition of anonymity, said Saturday that the FTC's five commissioners were expected to vote on the deal early next week.

The New York Times reported Saturday that New Hampshire also has notified federal regulators that it was leaning against the deal.

The newspaper said other states, including Texas and California, have agreed with the terms offered by Mobil and Exxon.

Nathan Barankin, spokesman for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, said Saturday, "It's been under review for a

long time and it's something that Lockyer has taken a particular interest in."

Ted Delisi, a spokesman for Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, said he would not discuss ongoing negotiations.

Calls to New Hampshire officials went unanswered Saturday.

"Based on our ongoing discussions with the FTC, we fully expect the FTC to complete their review soon," Tom Cirigliano, a spokesman for Irving, Texas-based Exxon, said Saturday.

Mobil, based in Fairfax, Va., has been closed since

Wednesday afternoon.

The centerpiece of the agreement between Exxon and Mobil — the nation's largest and second-largest oil producers, respectively — is the sale of about 2,400 gas stations, roughly 15 percent of the companies' retailers around the country.

Exxon also would sell a refinery in Benicia, Calif., and the companies would sell substantial interests in several pipelines throughout the United States.

The news comes as federal and some state officials have raised antitrust questions about another huge oil merger, BP

Amoco's proposed \$29 billion purchase of Atlantic Richfield Co.

In the BP Amoco-Arco deal, executives from the companies are expected to reach a final agreement allaying antitrust and other concerns raised by the state of Alaska, said Bob King, spokesman for Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles.

Alaska officials and lawyers involved in negotiating that deal said the arrangement did not sufficiently protect consumers in California and other states that have experienced higher-than-average prices at the pump this year.

Customs-trained dog sniffing for money leads officials to hidden cash

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — When Leika, a Customs-trained sniffer dog honed in on a whiff of green last month, she netted Uncle Sam more than \$350,000 in contraband.

But what the Belgian malinois with the keen nose found hidden in an automobile's fender well and panels under the doors wasn't marijuana. It was U.S. currency being smuggled into Mexico, most likely drug profits being sent back to traffickers, officials say.

Leika's Oct. 14 discovery accounted for nearly half of the almost \$780,000 she and her U.S.

Customs team at the Nogales port of entry have found in 13 such seizures during the first 2 months of the 2000 fiscal year. The team focuses on finding money, amounts of more than \$10,000, being taken out of the country without being reported.

Leika, a 4-year-old, has been stationed at Nogales for 2 years. Her team is one of 18 Customs has stationed at 14 ports nationwide, including those on the border at Hidalgo, Laredo, Brownsville and El Paso, Texas, and at San Diego.

In all, the dogs initiated 257 seizures of money in fiscal 1999

totaling \$12.5 million.

Without the dogs, "there's probably a very good chance that it might not have been found," said Barbara Weaver, canine instructor and course developer at the U.S. Customs canine training facility at Front Royal, Va.

All 18 animals are trained to detect the smell of money, its paper and ink. Some react to hitting the jackpot by biting and scratching the site, others sit passively.

"Everything has an odor," said Ron Friend, supervisor of canine crews for Customs in

Nogales. "While it may not be detectable to the human's olfactory senses, the dog's olfactory is many times greater than a human's."

It is not illegal to take more than \$10,000 in cash out of the United States, but it must be declared on a currency reporting form.

"But of course that form is sent to the IRS, and later on in your life, you may have to give

some explanation for the amount of money you have," said P.T. Wright, Customs' port director at Nogales. "And that tends to highlight the fact that you may not be able to show a legitimate source for the money."

When someone declares more than \$10,000 in cash, the amount is counted to verify. At other ports, crossers have been known to understate, Wright

said.

A Customs team has checked outbound vehicles and pedestrians for undeclared large cash sums at Nogales' three crossing sites for four years.

"Each year we've had just tremendous increases. Last (fiscal) year we seized just short of \$1.5 million," Wright said. "In fiscal year 1998, we were at a half-million dollars for the year."

Heroic Santa's Christmas wish: CPR for all

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — The children who crawl onto his red velvet lap at Cordova Mall whisper wishes of finding doll houses and video games under the tree. But at the top of mall Santa Howard Russell's Christmas wish list is a gift of life.

"I just want everyone — everyone — to learn CPR," Russell said.

Last Christmas, the white-bearded Santa proved the importance of knowing how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Moments after 3-month-old Quentin Orr had his picture taken with Russell on Dec. 1, 1998, the baby's mother, Sheridan Orr, noticed he was turning blue in his stroller. He had stopped breathing. She picked him up in a panic.

Russell saw the commotion and jumped from his chair.

He began giving mouth-to-

mouth resuscitation while a mall shopper, Navy Apprentice Seaman Travis Harmon, of Erie, Pa., massaged the baby, a technique Harmon had learned at the Pensacola Naval Hospital where he worked.

They saved Quentin's life. Doctors later told Mrs. Orr the baby probably became excited and choked on his own saliva, she said.

Today, she said, "He's unscathed and blissfully unaware."

She and her husband, Michael, have since moved to Daphne, Ala., about a 45-minute commute from his Pensacola, to be closer to her family.

But they have kept up with Russell, attending functions where he has received a gift for his heroism.

In the weeks just after his life-saving deed they appeared with him on three network television morning programs and an

American Red Cross holiday special hosted by Elizabeth Dole.

Quentin, now 15 months, and Russell, 47, were reunited Nov. 19 when Russell returned to his seasonal job at the mall.

"You could tell there was just a genuine affection," Mrs. Orr said.

"He's kind of going through a mommy-dependent phase where he does not like anyone else to particularly hold him, and he sat in Howard's lap for 40 minutes."

Russell said Quentin's brush with death made him realize how fragile life can be. He began teaching CPR again and said he has taught the technique to about 400 people in classes sponsored by the Red Cross and American Heart Association.

"To be able to help somebody ... that's what life is all about," he said.

Unique head-injury home is facing state funding snag, uncertain future

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — They are mostly young adults robbed of the lives they once knew by a car wreck caused by a drunken driver, a tumble from a balcony, or some other sudden tragedy.

Some need wheelchairs. Some need diapers. Some can barely speak. All have permanent head injuries.

As difficult as life has become for them, there's a place in San Antonio that has offered help to seven such people who lack the income for the personal care they need. For those seven, Rainbow House offers a sense of independence and community.

Its future, though, is uncertain.

State officials believe Rainbow House to be the only small personal care home for low-income brain-injured people in Texas.

Government regulations prevent it, however, from getting a higher funding rate the state pays nursing homes to care for such clients, an average of \$52.99 per day.

Rainbow House gets \$45.66 per person per day. It also receives less, if computed on an hourly basis, than the \$9.89 per hour the state would pay a home-health agency to provide personal care if the head-injury victim lived alone or in a relative's home.

"I don't understand it," said Debbie Kruciak, executive director of Rainbow House, who is frustrated with the state-funding quagmire.

The home's board of directors has had trouble raising large amounts of money in the private sector and in October nearly closed Rainbow House.

The Rainbow House operating

budget was \$254,000 for the year ending last June. But the home took in only \$150,000. It gets its money through state reimbursements, clients' monthly Social Security allotments for room and board, and private donations.

The Kronkosky Charitable Foundation in San Antonio came through with a \$150,000 grant in November, allowing the home to remain open for now.

"It's a total blessing," Ms. Kruciak said. "I had gotten to the point where I had to say, 'Lord, this is your baby.'"

Rainbow House, a licensed personal care home that does not provide invasive nursing care, opened in 1995 and participates in the Community Based Alternatives program of the Texas Department of Human Services.

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IN BRIEF

Rule rallies to outscore Grandfalls in wild thriller

Rule's Josh Smith threw four touchdown passes Friday night to lead the Bobcats to a 52-49 six-man quarterfinal playoff win over Grandfalls-Royalty's Cowboys at Coahoma's Bulldog Stadium.

After jumping out to a 21-point lead in the first quarter, the Bobcats saw Grandfalls come back in the third quarter to take a 41-36 lead behind the play of running back James Stocks and quarterback Stephen Phillips.

But the Bobcats retook control in the fourth quarter and moved into the semifinal round with an 11-1 record.

Grandfalls, which eliminated Sands a week earlier, got six touchdowns and 227 yards rushing from Stocks, while Phillips threw three touchdowns.

Quarterback Club sets meeting for Monday

The Big Spring Steers Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Members of the club are in the process of planning the annual Steers Football Banquet.

Basketball boosters slate Tuesday meeting

An organizational meeting of the Big Spring Steers Basketball Booster Club has been scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday in the commons area at Big Spring Junior High School.

Parents of all Steers freshman, junior varsity and varsity basketball players are urged to attend.

Youth basketball sign-ups will begin on Monday

Registration for youngsters interested in playing on a Big Spring Youth Basketball Association team will begin Monday and continue through Dec. 17.

Tryouts are slated for Dec. 18 and the participation fee will be \$20 per youngster.

The league is divided into three divisions for first-through sixth-grade players.

Registration will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall from through Dec. 11.

Youngsters may also register from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Sunday at All-Star Sports through Dec. 17.

For more information, call Charlie Hall at 263-0159.

YMCA registering players for its basketball program

The Big Spring YMCA is now registering girls and boys in kindergarten through the sixth grade for its youth basketball program.

YMCA full members may register for the program for \$15. Basic program members will pay \$25 and non-members will pay \$32.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

ON THE AIR

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Noon — New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills, CBS, Ch. 7.
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3 p.m. — Kansas City Chiefs at Oakland Raiders, CBS, Ch. 7.
7 p.m. — Atlanta Falcons at Carolina Panthers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF
12:30 p.m. — Gillette Tour Challenge Championship, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.
2:30 p.m. — PGA Skins Game, final day, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
6 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Atlanta Thrashers, FXS, Ch. 29.
TENNIS
2:30 p.m. — ATP World Championship, finals, ESPN, Ch. 30.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
1:30 p.m. — Conference USA championship, FXS, Ch. 29.

Coyotes' season ends with loss to Groom

By JEREMY COWEN
Herald Correspondent

FLOYDADA — In a game as offensive-minded as six-man football, defense can sometimes become a second thought.

After Saturday, however, defense is definitely at the top of Groom's thoughts.

Groom defeated Borden County 20-12 at Wester Field in a state quarterfinal game thanks to its defense. The Tigers stymied Borden County's offense for much of the contest, and even managed a score of its own with a 50-yard interception return by Clay Ritter.

"I think it was our defense that won it for us," Groom head coach Larry Reid said. "We forced two interceptions, a handful of fumbles and kept the pressure

on them."

The Coyotes couldn't seem to get anything going offensively. They managed just 45 yards before halftime and one score, but trailed just 8-6 thanks to their own solid defensive play.

But Groom's defense ended up coming out on top in the duel.

The Tigers faltered early in the second half when they gave up a 63-yard scoring run by Ed Rodriguez, allowing the Coyotes to take their only lead at 12-8 midway through the third quarter.

But not much else was given up by the Tigers, who held Borden County to 238 yards of total offense.

"I think this is the best defensive game we've ever played because we were so fired up to play them," Groom defensive standout Dusty Crump said. "Our

offense helped, but I think defense did it for us today."

Groom was able to regain the lead late in the third quarter when Wade Ritter scored on a two-yard dive after the Tiger defense had forced a fumble deep in Borden County's territory.

A few plays later, Groom's defense continued to dominate as Clay Ritter notched his interception return to give the Tigers what proved to be the final margin of victory.

"A lot of times we were just throwing the ball in spots where we couldn't see," Borden County head coach Bobby Avery said following the loss. "We were just hoping to get the ball to the receiver because of all the pressure on our quarterback."

Still, Borden County had hope late in

the game when its own defense came to life and halted a Groom drive one-yard short of the end zone with 2:33 remaining.

Needing a touchdown and a two-point conversion kick to tie, the Coyotes made their way down the field, eventually reaching the Groom 21-yard line.

But the Coyotes' season finally came to a close when it once again they ran into the Tigers' brick wall of a defense.

Rodriguez was stopped by Dusty Crump for just a three-yard gain on a fourth-and-10 play, allowing the Tigers to take possession and run out the clock.

"Groom's defense was good," Avery said in the final analysis. "They controlled the line of scrimmage because they're so big. They just had a good plan against us."

Hawks drop Classic finale

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

It was just too far to come ... period.

Howard College's Hawks dug themselves an early grave with poor shooting and lackluster defensive play during the final game of the Hawks Thanksgiving Classic at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Saturday.

As a result, Kilgore College's Rangers headed back home to East Texas with an 89-82 win over the Hawks, improving their record to 8-2 on the season.

With the loss, the Hawks saw their record dip back to the .500 mark at 4-4.

As had been the case the night before — when Howard was able to rebound for a last-second win over Garden City (Kan.) Community College — the Hawks got off to a somewhat stilted start.

In fact, the Hawks seemed on the verge of being run out of their own gym, as the Rangers jumped out to an 18-4 lead.

Howard managed just four points in the first 10 minutes of the game, but finally got things going when post Donald "Yogi" Ceasar hit a jumper from the top of the key, igniting a 19-5 run that trimmed Kilgore's lead to two, 27-25, with 3:13 left in the first half.

A final spurt in the closing minute allowed the Hawks to take a 34-31 lead, but the Rangers' Toby Frazier hit a pair of free throws and Jermaine Lewis added a jumper from the wing at the buzzer, allowing Kilgore to retake the lead at halftime, 35-34.

One might have expected the Hawks to go into Saturday's finale with somewhat of a boost from an improbable 79-78 win over Garden City Friday night when Steve Bonner connected on a three-point prayer at the final buzzer.

"We needed that one," Collins said following the buzzer-beater. "We needed the momentum that gave us, because we'd gotten down on ourselves a little after losing some games we shouldn't have lost."

In the other Friday night game, Kilgore's Rangers held off a determined charge by a young New Mexico Junior College team to take a 76-74 win over the Thunderbirds.

After Garden City opened the game with a 6-0 run, the Hawks rallied with a three-point shot from Vasilis Tsimpliaridis and Bonner to take a 10-8 lead.

And after the Broncbusters' Justin Pendleton scored from underneath to dead-lock the game, Howard immediately scored 10 unanswered points en route to a 16-2 run.

That 14-point lead didn't last long, however, as Garden City rallied to trim the edge to just two with 4:10 remaining.

The Hawks would again get hot, however, and streak to a 47-32 halftime advantage.

After extending that lead to 17 points on a pair of Darryl Martin free throws early in the second half, the Hawks saw their lead evaporate as they almost 10 minutes without scoring from the field.

Sophomore Derrick Franklin snapped the drought at the 10:31 mark with a three-point shot at retook the lead at 55-53 and the Hawks put on another short spurt to take a 65-60 edge with 7:50 remaining on the clock.

Garden City point guard Jerome Hubbard sparked an 11-0 run that put the Broncbusters back on top, only to see the Hawks climb back into contention behind



Howard College's Steve Bonner (30) goes up and scores a layup over the defensive effort of Garden City (Kan.) Community College's Matt Cox during the first half of the Hawks' 79-78 win over the Broncbusters on Friday. The Hawks saw their record even at 4-4 Saturday, however, with an 89-82 loss to Kilgore College's Rangers in the final game of the Hawks Thanksgiving Classic at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

the scoring of Bonner and Franklin.

Hubbard answered with a short baseline jumper and then nailed three of four free throws to give the Broncbusters a 78-73 lead.

Justin Rhodes gave the Hawks a chance with a three-pointer with 45 seconds left and Bonner added the game-winner after Garden City's Marcellus Wright missed a pair of free throws with 4.5 seconds remaining.

Bonner finished with a game-high 27 points, while Tsimpliaridis had 15 and

Donald "Yogi" Ceasar added 12.

Hubbard was the Broncbusters' leading scorer with 24 points, while Toraino Johnson had 21 and Chris Jackson provided another 10.

Kilgore 76, NMJC 74

Thomas Davis scored 15 of his team-topping 23 points in the second half, as the

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Showdown set for final of ATP event

HANOVER, Germany (AP) — Top-ranked Andre Agassi and his predecessor, Pete Sampras, set up an all-American final at the ATP Tour World Championship by winning their semifinal matches in straight sets Saturday.

In a showdown between the two top-ranked players in the world, Agassi beat No. 2 Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

"It's not good for me just to get to the final. I want to be the best," Agassi said.

Sampras defeated crowd favorite Nicolas Kiefer 6-3, 6-3.

Agassi was trailing 5-2 and was two points away from dropping the second set before rallying to even the score 5-5. The match ended with two straight Kafelnikov errors in the tiebreaker.

"I felt the chances of winning the second set had dropped considerably," Agassi said.

Agassi's 600th singles win put him into his second final at the season-ending tournament that brings together the top eight players in the world. He won the event in 1990, the first year it was held in Germany.

Agassi also can become the last winner in Germany. The event will be played in Lisbon, Portugal next year.

With the French Open and U.S. Open titles this year, Agassi already is assured of finishing the year at No. 1. Sampras had finished at No. 1 for a record six straight years.

Agassi's match against Kafelnikov, the Australian Open champion, failed to electrify the crowd.

"I didn't think the quality of the match was good in the first set," Agassi said. "I thought there was a lot of unforced errors on his part, then on my part too. It wasn't like we were having great points."

With girlfriend Steffi Graf watching from the players' box, Agassi broke Kafelnikov's serve in the opening game. He retained the advantage to win the first set.

The second set began the same way, but Agassi double-faulted in the fourth game, allowing Kafelnikov to even the score.

Another Agassi double-fault enabled Kafelnikov to take a 4-2 lead. At 5-2 in Kafelnikov's favor, Agassi came within two points of losing the set. But he recovered, broke Kafelnikov's serve when the Russian double-faulted in the ninth game and forced a tiebreaker.

With the score 5-5, Kafelnikov netted a simple drop shot, with Agassi far behind the baseline, only to see him make a return.

Steers' comeback bid against Merkel falls short, 64-57

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

MERKEL — Big Spring exploded in the second quarter, with 22 points Saturday against Merkel, but fell short in the end, 64-57.

Merkel improved to 4-0 on the season, while Big Spring fell to 0-4.

Big Spring's next match-up is Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. against Midland Greenwood in the Big Spring Junior High Gym.

The Steers led 10-4 early, but the Badgers got the hot hand and reeled off 16 points.

"The got hot that first quarter and had four three-pointers," Big Spring head coach Jimmy Avery said.

Big Spring faltered offensively and

Merkel ended the quarter ahead 20-10.

It was the Steers' turn in the second quarter, putting together their best offensive quarter since the beginning of the season. Big Spring outscored Merkel 22-16, to go into the locker room behind 36-32.

Clarence Wilkins hit three field goals while junior Ricky Smith knocked in a trey and a field goal. Point guard John Purcell connected on two baskets and hit a free throw.

"We were on the verge of getting blown out," Avery said. "They were ahead by 12 points, and we had a great second quarter."

Purcell hit a three-pointer in the third quarter, and senior leader Lance Brock began his offensive explosion, hitting two baskets and going 2-for-2 from the

charity stripe.

Merkel outscored Big Spring 16-13 in the quarter to increase the lead to 52-45.

Brock made four more buckets in the fourth quarter and went 2-for-2 again from the line to score 10 of Big Spring's 12 points in the final period.

"In the second half, we played it even," Avery said. "The closest we got was three points in the fourth quarter. They beat Sweetwater by 20-something points this week, so this shows you how good Merkel is."

"We had a chance all the way. We were in it the whole way. We're doing better. We've got a bunch that have to hone their skills before district."

The Big Spring Steers junior varsity improved to 3-1 on the season with a 53-39 thrashing of Merkel.

"Everybody played extremely well," JV coach Tim Tannehill said. Mike Smith led the way with 14 points, while Heath Gregory had 11. Zack Tuttle and Jason Watson chipped in eight each, as well.

Merkel 64, Big Spring 57
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Merkel 20 16 16 12 64
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NFL STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Includes American Conference (East, West) and National Conference (East, West) standings.

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NHL

Friday's Games Philadelphia 3, Toronto 2, OT Vancouver 2, Boston 2, tie Anaheim 4, Dallas 2 St. Louis 2, Buffalo 0 Washington 1, Nashville 0 Pittsburgh 5, Ottawa 0 Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 3, tie Florida 6, N.Y. Rangers 2 Detroit 4, Edmonton 2 Phoenix 7, Colorado 0

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Childress (124) vs. Crane (120) of Iowa Park (8-4), TBA. Region II Avarado (102) vs. Hooks (93) vs. Commerce (130), TBA

Cowboys' defense simply can't afford to take a rest

IRVING (AP) — The inconsistent Dallas Cowboys have one sure thing going for them: When their defense scores, they are 4-0. Only twice this season has Dallas (6-5) found a way to win without getting points from the guys whose main duty is to stop the other team from scoring.

season. That ties a 31-year-old club record and there are still five games left. Most important, four of the scores have given Dallas the lead or deflated an opponent's rally.

year." Campo said. "It's been a situation where for some reason, we've struggled a little offensively in the second half, and it's like playing Russian Roulette. When your secondary is banged up, you keep pulling the trigger."

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CLASS 3A

Quarterfinals Region I Gatesville (102) vs. Cleveland (111), late Saturday. Region II Liberty Elyon 23, Aledo 24 Region III Gatesville (102) vs. Cleveland (111), late Saturday. Region IV Liberty Elyon 23, Aledo 24

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Quarterfinals Region I Mart 49, Hughes Springs 0 Region II Comfort 55, Brookshire-Royal 0 Semifinals Region I Boyd (120) vs. Omaha Paul Hewitt (120), late Saturday. Region II Mart 49, Hughes Springs 0 Region III Comfort 55, Brookshire-Royal 0

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CLASSIC

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Rangers held off the Thunderbirds.

He got double-digit support from three teammates, as Jermaine Lewis scored 12 points, Marquis Shead scored 11 and Jai Pradia added another 11.

New Mexico, which trailed 39-31 at halftime, rallied behind the scoring of win Anthony Harley, who finished the night with a game-high 25 points — 19 of them coming in the second half.

Kemar Burrowes added 16 more for the Thunderbirds, while Tony Slater had 13 and James Felder contributed 11 more.

Garden City 75, NMJC 72

In Saturday's first game, Garden City rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit to post a 75-72 win over New Mexico behind the scoring lead of Johnson and Jackson

Both of the Broncbusters' stars finished the game with 19 points, while Darrell Adams added 13 more, as Garden City improved to 8-2 on the season. Harley again paced the Thunderbirds, scoring a game-high 24 points, while Ryan Chancler scored 13 and Don Fleming had 11. Felder also finished the night in doubles figures with 10 points.

The two losses suffered during the classic left NMJC with a 5-7 record.

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Emotional Aggies rally for 20-16 upset win over Longhorns

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The tears came easily for Texas A&M — even in victory, even after a week of heartache.

With flags at half-staff and "Amazing Grace" echoing at halftime, the Aggies beat their biggest rival Friday in a game played amid grief for the 12 people who died building the traditional bonfire before the Texas game.

"We had the thought and memory of those 12 in our hearts and minds every single play," said Aggie offensive lineman Chris Valletta, his eyes watery and red after No. 24 A&M rallied to beat the No. 7 Longhorns 20-16.

Before a crowd of 86,128 — the largest ever to see a game in Texas — Ja'Mar Toombs rushed for 126 yards and two touchdowns for A&M. Quarterback Randy McCown hit Matt Bumgardner from 14 yards out for the winning touchdown with 5:02 left.

Valletta had the names of the victims — 11 Texas A&M students and a recent graduate — written on the shirt he wore under his shoulder pads.

"I hope this win can ease the pain a little bit. I personally want to send this to all of them, from all of us."

The tragedy struck at the heart of one of A&M's most cherished traditions and drastically altered the buildup to the state's biggest rivalry.

Aggie players missed practice for two days last week. When the bonfire stack collapsed, A&M players helped rescuers move the logs in search of survivors.

Longhorns players and staff helped stage a blood drive for the victims. Texas officials also canceled their annual "hex rally" before the game and instead held a "unity rally" that included busloads of A&M students.

On Friday, Texas A&M players wore

commemorative patches with an image of a burning bonfire on their helmets. Four F-16 fighter jets from the Air Force Reserve flew over the stadium in the missing man formation, usually reserved for military aviators killed in the line of duty.

Twelve doves, one for each victim of the Nov. 18 accident, were released into the stadium before the game.

"I was afraid of a possibility of the stress wearing our team down. I was uneasy about that all week," said A&M coach R.C. Slocum.

"They were very ragged the first day but that changed as the game got closer," Slocum said.

"This week was very distracting for both teams," said Texas coach Mack Brown.

It looked as if the emotional week had taken its toll when the Aggies (8-3, 5-3 Big 12) fell behind 16-6 at halftime.

Texas freshman quarterback Chris Simms, who started in place of an ailing Major Applewhite, led Texas to two first half touchdowns on runs of 14 and 1 yards by Hodges Mitchell and Chris Robertson.

But Simms, who completed 8-of-16 for 116 yards in the first half, wilted in the second under a tough Aggie pass rush as momentum shifted and the crowd made it difficult to call plays.

"Right before we came in from warmups, they told me I was starting," Simms said. "I wasn't as nervous as I thought I'd be. I enjoyed getting hit more than I enjoyed the crowd. They were loud."

Toombs, who scored A&M's first touchdown on a 3-yard run in the first quarter, pulled the Aggies to within 16-13 with a 9-yard TD in the third.

"At the start it was kind of somber because we still had on our minds on

those people who lost their lives while helping us win the game," Toombs said.

"We knew if we wanted to show our gratitude there was not a better time than this game," he said.

Simms completed just two passes for 14 yards in the second half. Applewhite, who had developed a stomach virus Thursday, took over in the fourth quarter.

The Longhorns' offense gained just 71 yards in the final quarter and went three and out on Applewhite's first two series against an inspired A&M defense.

McCown, whose fumble on the Texas 25 earlier in the quarter stopped a potential scoring drive, drove A&M 48 yards for the winning touchdown. He hit Chris Cole for 24 yards to the Texas 13 before finding Bumgardner for the go-ahead TD two-plays later.

Texas, Nebraska quarterbacks tie for all-conference honors

DALLAS (AP) — Major Applewhite of Texas and Nebraska's Eric Crouch tied for quarterback on the fourth All-Big 12 Conference Coaches Football team.

Crouch paved the way for key Huskers' wins over Texas A&M and Kansas State with back-to-back individual career rushing days against the Aggies and Wildcats.

Despite missing much of the Longhorns' 20-16 loss Friday at Texas A&M, Applewhite ended the year with 28 passing and total offense records for a game, the season and his career.

Running backs on the first team offense included a pair of 1,000-yard gainers.

Iowa State standout Darren Davis, one of three rushers in the 1990s to have three consecutive 1,000-yard seasons, ended the campaign with 1,388 net yards on 287 carries with 14 touchdowns.

Texas' Hodges Mitchell completed his first 12 games of 1999 with a team-best 1,329 yards on 248 carries to spark the Longhorns to the Big 12 South Division crown.

Defensive standout LB Mark Simoneau of Kansas State is one of the nationally-renowned members of the first unit.

The All-America choice and finalist for the Butkus Award capped his career with 87 total tackles, seven sacks, 17 tackles for losses (-93 yards), and numerous game-breaking plays.

Here is the 1999 Big 12 Conference football team, as selected by the coaches:

All-Big 12 Team
First Team Offense

Quarterback: Mike Moschetti, Colorado, 6-0, 195, Sr., Gahanna, Ohio; Matt O'Neal, Oklahoma, 6-3, 282, Sr., San Marcos, Calif.; Josh Lind, Oklahoma State, 6-6, 280, Jr., St. Charles, Mo.; Bill Marsau, Iowa State, 6-5, 302, Sr., Hudson, Iowa

Wide Receiver: Javon Green, Colorado, 6-2, 195, Jr., Inglewood, Calif.; Jarrell Jackson, Oklahoma, 5-9, 193, Sr., Houston, Texas

Quarterback: Eric Crouch, Nebraska, 6-0, 195, Sr., La Mirada, Calif.; Running Back: Darrell Bush, Baylor, 5-8, 190, Jr., Jersey Village, Texas; Moran Norris, Kansas, 6-2, 245, Jr., Houston, Texas

Placekicker: Jeremy Aldrich, Colorado, 5-11, 170, Sr., Federal Heights, Colo.
Punt Returner: Terance Richardson, Oklahoma State, 5-9, 180, Sr., Dallas, Texas

Third Team Defense
End/Outside Linebacker: Fred Jones, Colorado, 6-3, 245, Sr., San Diego, Calif.; Corey Callens, Oklahoma, 6-1, 266, Jr., Jenks, Okla.

Interior Line: James Reed, Iowa State, 6-0, 277, Jr., Saginaw, Mich.; Steve Erickson, Missouri, 6-4, 280, Sr., Dallas, Texas; Ryan Fisher, Oklahoma, 6-1, 277, Jr., Arlington, Texas

Linebacker: Julius Jackson, Nebraska, 6-1, 240, Sr., Gainesville, Texas; Kenyatta Wright, Oklahoma State, 6-1, 230, Sr., Vian, Okla.

Defensive Back: Gary Baxter, Baylor, 6-1, 188, Jr., Tyler, Texas; Julian Jones, Missouri, 5-11, 198, Jr., Midwest City, Okla.; Rodney Rideau, Oklahoma, 6-1, 191, Sr., Midwest City, Okla.; Rashidi Barnes, Colorado, 6-0, 190, Sr., Berkeley, Calif.

Punter: Joey Pelfanio, Kansas, 6-1, 215, Jr., Sacramento, Calif.
Kick Returner: Jarrell Jackson, Oklahoma, 5-9, 193, Sr., Houston, Texas

Second Team Offense

Quarterback: Rob Rill, Missouri, 6-3, 289, Sr., Florissant, Mo.; Randall Cummins, Kansas State, 6-3, 285, Jr., Cedar Hill, Texas; Ryan Johanninger, Colorado, 6-7, 310, Sr., Louisville, Colo.; Dominic Ralola, Nebraska, 6-2, 295, So., Honolulu, Hawaii; Roger Roester, Texas, 6-5, 315, Sr., Round Rock, Texas

Wide Receiver: Quincy Morgan, Kansas State, 6-2, 215, Jr., Garland, Texas; Kwame Cavil, Texas, 6-2, 205, Jr., Waco, Texas

Quarterback: (By) Major Applewhite, Texas, 6-1, 205, So., Baton Rouge, La.; Eric Crouch, Nebraska, 6-1, 195, So., Omaha, Neb.

Running Back: Darren Davis, Iowa State, 5-8, 190, Sr., Miami, Fla.; Hodges Mitchell, Texas, 5-7, 190, Jr., Dallas, Texas

Placekicker: Jamie Rheem, Kansas State, 6-1, 190, Jr., Wichita, Kan.
Punt Returner: David Allen, Kansas State, 5-9, 195, Jr., Liberty, Mo.

Second Team Defense
End/Outside Linebacker: Darren Howard, Kansas State, 6-4, 275, Sr., St. Petersburg, Fla.; Justin Smith, Missouri, 6-5, 256, So., Holts Summit, Mo.

Interior Line: Steve Warren, Nebraska, 6-2, 315, Sr., Springfield, Mo.; Casey Hampton, Texas, 6-1, 305, Jr., Galveston, Texas; Shaun Rogers, Texas, 6-4, 305, Jr., LaPorte, Texas

Linebacker: Mark Simoneau, Kansas State, 6-0, 240, Sr., Smith Center, Kan.; Carlos Polk, Nebraska, 6-2, 250, Jr., Rockford, Ill.

Defensive Back: Carl Nesmith, Kansas, 6-3, 215, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.; Mike Brown, Nebraska, 5-10, 205, Sr., Scottsdale, Ariz.; Ralph Brown, Nebraska, 5-10, 180, Sr., Hacienda Heights, Calif.; Lamar Chapman, Kansas State, 6-0, 185, Sr., Liberal, Kan.

Punter: Shane Lechler, Texas A&M, 6-2, 220, Sr., East Bernard, Texas
Kick Returner: Ben Kelly, Colorado, 5-10, 185, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio

Friday's Top 25 games:

Win gives Hokies inside track to Sugar Bowl

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Virginia Tech's victory over Boston College didn't just cap off its first perfect regular season in 81 years. It might have given the No. 2 Hokies a berth in the national championship game.

With the 38-14 victory over the Eagles on Friday and No. 3 Nebraska's tight overtime win over Colorado, it appears Virginia Tech is the leading candidate to face top-ranked Florida State in the Sugar Bowl.

The Huskers still have to play Texas in the Big 12 championship game Dec. 4.

"You look at the ranked teams that we played this year, and we've taken all of them to the woodshed," an emotional Corey Moore said as he held on to a victory cigar. "I firmly believe and I'm confident that we'll be in New Orleans."

The Hokies (11-0, 7-0) got three long touchdown passes from sensational redshirt freshman Michael Vick and another big effort from its nationally ranked defense.

The victory gave the Hokies a 174-31 scoring advantage in games against Virginia, Syracuse, Miami and the Eagles, but still no guarantee that it will be good enough to get into the Sugar Bowl, this year's designated championship.

Most fans stayed in their seats after the game ended, watching the updates on the scoreboard, and groaned when the announcement came that the Buffaloes' last-play field goal was no good. Moments later, they roared at the news that Colorado had won, 30-27.

The correction later that Nebraska had won 33-30 was met with silence.

But the Hokies, coach Frank Beamer and even Boston College coach Tom O'Brien all seemed sure that the trip to New Orleans had all but been sealed at Lane Stadium.

"There's still no doubt in my mind," Moore said. "I heard Nebraska came back and won the game. I don't think any of that matters. We're 11-0."

"What more do you want us to do?"

In other Top 25 games Friday, it was No. 24 Texas A&M 20, No. 7 Texas 16; No. 12 Marshall 34, Ohio 3; LSU 35, No. 17 Arkansas 10; and USC 45, No. 25 Louisiana Tech 19.

No. 3 Nebraska 33, Colorado 30

Dan Alexander ran for a career-high 180 yards, and Eric Crouch scored on a 1-yard run in overtime as the Cornhuskers wasted a 24-point fourth-quarter lead before recovering for their eighth straight win over Colorado.

The Huskers (10-1, 7-1 Big 12) advanced to the Big 12 championship game Dec. 4 against seventh-ranked Texas — the only team to beat Nebraska this year.

No. 12 Marshall 34, Ohio 3

Chad Pennington threw for 378 yards and three touchdowns as Marshall (11-0, 8-0 Mid-American) finished the regular season undefeated in running its streak to 15 games.

Pennington's three TDs gave him 34 on the season, tops among major college quarterbacks. He completed 25 of 37 passes as Marshall scored 34 straight points after falling behind for just the third time all season.

LSU 35, No. 17 Arkansas 10

Rohan Davey, beaten out as LSU's starting quarterback in the third game of the season, threw three touchdown passes to help the Tigers break an eight-game losing streak.

It was the first victory since Sept. 11 for LSU (3-8, 1-7 Southeastern Conference), coming just over a week after coach Gerry DiNardo was fired.

USC 45, No. 25 Louisiana Tech 19

Chad Morton rushed for 84 yards and three touchdowns in his final game at Southern California as the Trojans won their third straight game.

USC (6-6) also snapped Louisiana Tech's eight-game winning streak.

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PHN POPPERS

WEEK 11 RESULTS-Rose Barber Shop over Bowl-A-Rama 6-2, L&M Properties over Guy's Restaurant 6-2, Kuykendall over Hair Designs by Randy 6-2, Perco Care Center over Dixie Chicks 6-2, Gas "N" Grub over Health Food Store 6-2; hi sc series Bernadine Sealy 538, Shawn McCutchan 487; hi sc game Shawn McCutchan 209, Bernadine Sealy 188; hi sc team series Rose Barber Shop 1834, Perco Care Center 1805; hi sc team game Perco Care Center 635, Rose Barber Shop 624; hi hdp series Shawn McCutchan 622, Bernadine Sealy 610; hi hdp game Shawn McCutchan 254, Marie Pate 225; hi hdp team series Perco Care Center 2315, L&M Properties 2305; hi hdp team game L&M Properties 814, Perco Care Center 805.

PHN POPPERS

WEEK 12 RESULTS-Perco Care Center over L&M Properties 8-0, Rose Barber Shop over Hair Designs by Randy 8-0, Guy's Restaurant over Gas "N" Grub 8-0, Health Food Stores over Bowl-A-Rama 6-2, Dixie Chicks over Kuykendall 6-2; hi sc series Bernadine Sealy 630, Velma Campbell 525; hi sc game Bernadine Sealy 234, Velma Campbell 216; hi sc team series Rose Barber Shop 1977, Hair Designs by Randy 1855; hi sc team game Rose Barber Shop 684, Perco Care Center 642; hi hdp series Bernadine Sealy 699, Charlene Cook 645; hi hdp game Bernadine Sealy 257, Velma Campbell 252; hi hdp team series Rose Barber Shop 2427, Perco Care Center 2305; hi hdp team game Rose Barber Shop 834, Perco Care Center 812.

VA COUPLES

WEEK 10 RESULTS-Bette's Bandits over Three 6-2, Lighthouse over Eight 6-2, Undecided over Misfits 8-0, Do's and Don'ts tied The Dreamers 4-4, Thirteen over Sex Pistols 7-1, BSI over Fifteen 6-2, Untouchable Dogs tied NFS 4-4, Hoot Ows over Fourteen 6-2, Seven over Winners 6-2; hi sc series men Jim Gaitner 575, Jerry Bacon 574, James Rawls 560; hi sc game men Jim Gaitner 238, James Rawls 212, Manuel Lozano 211; hi sc series men Jim Gaitner 238, James Rawls 212, Manuel Lozano 211; hi sc series women Laurie Green 578, Alice Ewing 535, Irene Jackson 494; hi sc game women Laurie Green 201, Alice Ewing 189, Brenda McGrift 189; hi hdp team series Bette's Bandits 2719, Untouchable Dogs 2661, Thirteen 2637; hi hdp team game Do's and Don'ts 958, Bette's Bandits 947, Untouchable Dogs

942; hi hdp series men Jim Gaitner 716, Gene Richard 687, Steve Elder 687; hi hdp game men Jim Gaitner 285, Manuel Lozano 287, Steve Elder 256; hi hdp series women Angie Foster 689, Cynld Jones 687, Denise/Ferrell 685; hi hdp game women Lucia Robertson 259, Carolyn Cooney 252, Denise Ferrell 251.

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MENS MAJOR

WEEK 10 RESULTS-Burgess Automotive tied Collums Restaurant 4-4, Parks Agency over O'Daniel Trucking 6-2, Bob Brock Ford over Mason's Collectables 8-0, BSI tied Trio Fuels 4-4; hi sc series Marcus Phillips 743, Jackie Lecroy 647, Fred Van Steenburg 640; hi sc game Marcus Phillips 279, Jackie Lecroy 279, Fred Van Steenburg 234; hi sc team series Parks Agency 2867, Bob Brock Ford 2829, O'Daniel Trucking 2758; hi sc team game Bob Brock Ford 1007, O'Daniel Trucking 963, Parks Agency 959; hi hdp series Marcus Phillips 788, Fred Van Steenburg 736, Jackie Lecroy 704; hi hdp game Marcus Phillips 294, Pat Carter 269, Fred Van Steenburg 266; hi hdp team series Bob Brock Ford 3408, Parks Agency 3293, O'Daniel Trucking 3238; hi hdp team game Bob Brock Ford 1200, O'Daniel Trucking 1123, BSI 1106.

MENS MAJOR

WEEK 11 RESULTS-BSI over Bob Brock Ford 6-2, Trio Fuels over Mason's Collectables 8-0, Parks Agency over Burgess Automotive 8-0, Collums Restaurant over O'Daniel Trucking 8-0; hi sc series Marcus Phillips 701, Gilbert Cisneros 665, Terry Davis 623; hi sc game Marcus Phillips 286, Joe McMurtrey 258, Doug Greer 237; hi sc team series Trio Fuels 3008, Parks Agency 2722, Collums Restaurant 2693; hi sc team game Trio Fuels 1039, Collums Restaurant 961, Parks Agency 943; hi hdp series Gilbert Cisneros 737, Marcus Phillips 731, Kerry Fryar 724; hi hdp game Marcus Phillips 296, Joe McMurtrey 289, Doug Greer 267; hi hdp team series Trio Fuels 3473, Parks Agency 3274, BSI 3249; hi hdp team game Trio Fuels 1194, Collums Restaurant 1141, Parks Agency 1127.

MENS MAJOR

WEEK 12 RESULTS-Collums Restaurant over Mason's Collectables 6-2, BSI tied Parks Agency 4-4, Trio Fuels over O'Daniel Trucking 6-2, Bob Brock Ford over Burgess Automotive 6-2; hi sc series Sam Gonzales 737, Jackie Lecroy 659, Wendel Payte 647; hi sc

game Joe McMurtrey 258, Sam Gonzales 258, Walter Little 246; hi sc team series Bob Brock Ford 2874, Collums Restaurant 2824, Trio Fuels 2767; hi sc team game Bob Brock Ford 984, Trio Fuels 976, Parks Agency 972; hi hdp series Sam Gonzales 827, Walter Little 749, Wendel Payte 743; hi hdp game Joe McMurtrey 288, Sam Gonzales 288, Walter Little 284; hi hdp team series Bob Brock Ford 3429, Collums Restaurant 3358, Mason's Collectables 3253; hi hdp team game Bob Brock Ford 1169, Parks Agency 1148, Burgess Automotive 1148.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

WEEK 9 RESULTS-Dust Devils over Ghggt 8-0, Spades over Looney Tunes 6-2, Metal Mart over Monistat 5 8-0, Allans Furniture over SWCID 6-2, Scattech over Eye Ball Records 4-4; hi sc series Jackie Lecroy 664, Tom Cruz 656, Jerald Burgess 646; hi sc game Tom Cruz 247, Jackie Lecroy 234, Jerald Burgess 233; hi sc team series Allans Furniture 2636, Metal Mart 2550, Scattech 2542; hi sc team game Scattech 927, Allans Furniture 904, Metal Mart 877; hi hdp series Chris R. Munoz 687, Jackie Lecroy 664, Tom Cruz 656; hi hdp game Chris R. Munoz 254, Tom Cruz 247, Robert A. Beaty 246; hi hdp team series Metal Mart 3064, Allans Furniture 2996, Spades 2855; hi hdp team game Metal Mart 1045, Allans Furniture 1024, Metal Mart 1017.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

WEEK 10 RESULTS-Scattech over Metal Mart 6-2, Monistat 5 over Ghost 8-0, Looney Tunes over SWCID 8-0, Spades over Eye Ball Records 8-0, Dust Devils over Allans Furniture 8-0; hi sc series Ray Gutierrez 654, Aaron Bogard 637, Joey Gutierrez 599; hi sc game Chris R. Munoz 246, Ray Gutierrez 244, Joey Gutierrez 234; hi sc team series Scattech 2689, Spades 2611, Allans Furniture 2391; hi sc team game Scattech 960, Spades 956, Scattech 944; hi hdp series Ray Gutierrez 714, Aaron Bogard 676, David Wittrein 649; hi hdp game Chris R. Munoz 274, David Wittrein 269, Ray Gutierrez 269; hi hdp team series Looney Tunes 3033, Spades 2998, Scattech 2968; hi hdp team game spades 1085, Looney Tunes 1064, Scattech 1053.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

WEEK 11 RESULTS-SWCID over Eye Ball Record 6-2, Metal Mart over Dust Devils 6-2, Allans Furniture over Scattech 6-2, Monistat 5 over Looney Tunes 6-2, spades over Ghost 8-0; hi sc series Tom Cruz 682, Jackie Lecroy 670, Ray Gutierrez 654; hi sc game Tom Cruz 258, Joey Gutierrez 258, Ray Gutierrez 233; hi sc team series Spades 2807, Scattech 2690, Dust Devils 2658; hi sc team game Spades 1023, Allans Furniture 939, Spades 913; hi hdp series Ray Gutierrez 699, Joey Gutierrez 694, Tom Cruz 682; hi hdp game Joey Gutierrez 273, Tom Cruz 258, Chad McMurtrey 248; hi hdp team series Spades 3179, Allans Furniture 3030, Scattech 2966; hi hdp team game Spades 1147, Allans Furniture 1064, Spades 1037.

GUYS & DOLLS

WEEK 12 RESULTS-Green House Photography over Hyden Auto Repair 8-0, Jim's Again over Dell's Cafe 6-2, Big Spring State Park over Hesters Mechanical 6-2; hi sc game man Robert Beaty 217, hi sc game woman Velma Campbell 180; hi sc series men Robert Beaty 110; hi sc series women Fern Lewis 453; hi hdp game men Robert Beaty 248; hi hdp game women Ernestine O'Dell 222; hi hdp series men Melvin Puzser 703; hi hdp series women Fern Lewis 603; hi sc team game Jim's Again 723; hi hdp team game Jim's Again 870; hi sc team series Jim's Again 1968; hi hdp team series Greenhouse Photography 2464.

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◆The prefix Mach, used to describe supersonic speed, was named for Ernst Mach, a Czech-born physicist.

◆The principal at Riverdale High, where comic book characters Archie, Jughead, Betty and Veronica were students, was Mr. Weatherbee.

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

Learning to help others ...



Members of the class sign in at the volunteer register. To help them out, manager Elizabeth Ann Wallace took it from the counter and stacked two milk crates together to use as a "desk."

want to sign in so people will know you've been here working," she said.



Teacher Patty Adams helps Celeste Hamilton while Willis Smith puts cans into a bag.

Each youngster had a specific job ... all the way to the No. 4's, who used their strength to lift the bulging bags and take them to another table, where the packing job was straightened up and the bags placed in a huge box, awaiting distribution.

West Texas Food Bank manager Elizabeth Ann Wallace and her crew of two employees and seven volunteers were ready and waiting ... they had a group of tables fashioned together like a horseshoe, covered with Cocoa Puffs, canned food and bagged rice. All they needed was their helpers.

"They'll be here soon," Wallace said.

"They" were the members of Patty Adams' first grade class at St. Mary's Episcopal School and about the time she said that, the first head peeked through the door and into the warehouse, nearly full of food.

"This is the second class from St. Mary's," Wallace explained. "Their second grade class was here on Monday and we'll have another couple of classes.

"I'm also talking to the Cub Scouts about coming and volunteering."

Wallace said that while the youngsters are excited about getting away from school, they also learn about helping others.

"There are a lot of people in this community who need help and I think it's really important that kids learn at an early age that they can make a difference," she said.

As the kids filed into the warehouse, Wallace told them to line up and asked them to sign in on the volunteer register.



Felicia Guzman (left) puts cans of food in the bag as Celisity Gonzales looks on. Celisity was No. 1 in her group while Felicia was No. 2.

"See, you

"Hey, we get to sign our names," one little tow-headed boy told his mate at the front of the line.

As they signed in, Wallace directed them around the horseshoe group of tables ... dividing them in groups of four ... all with a "real strong helper" as the fourth member.

While the No. 4 members of the various teams beamed about being called strong, Wallace instructed the youngsters on how to fill the bags. "Let's count off around the table," she said as the youngsters went through the drill of "one, two, three, four" several times.

"Ok ... all the No. 1's hold up your hands," she instructed, telling them they will get the bags and start the filling process.



St. Mary's first graders listen and watch intently as food bank manager Elizabeth Ann Wallace gives instructions on how the bags should be filled.

Big Spring State Hospital volunteers a busy, dedicated bunch

A long-awaited dream came true earlier this month at the unveiling of Big Spring State Hospital's Animal Assisted Therapy Building. Witnessing the center's opening should make the hospital's Volunteer Services Council extremely proud. These 250-plus volunteers have put many dedicated hours into this project hosting the "Denim and Diamonds" fund-raiser, organizing raffles, and securing donations and private contributions.

Several times, the volunteers thought they might have to give

up their dream, but because they persevered, we have a beautiful building that will be used and enjoyed for many years.

Two dogs, a hedgehog and a ferret are being used by therapists but with room to grow, more animals will be added. Animals are therapeutic in that they teach patients responsibility in caring for them, encouraging conversation, and giving unconditional love that many patients need to help them recover from mental illness.

The open house, held in conjunction with the "Christmas in

November Luncheon and Bazaar" Nov. 4 was beautiful and exciting. The only thing missing was "Buddy", our first pet, and Cory Marr, the hospital's former Therapist Technician. Marr, who is Buddy's caretaker has moved to



KATHY JOHNSON

Dallas.

The building was Marr's dream and we missed having him and Buddy during our big day. Thanks to the volunteers for daring to dream, and thanks to the community for helping us fulfill that dream.

Now it's onto 2000 and a new vision for our volunteers. New officers, who were installed at the luncheon, include:

Chair, Doris Huijbregtse
Vice-chair, Carol Scott
Secretary, Ruth Stephenson
Treasurer, Robin Hallman.
The Rosebud Garden Club has

adopted the hospital's front entrance and planted a beautiful display of purple and yellow pansies. In the spring, the tireless gardeners will put in another planting.

Other spots around our huge campus are available for adoption. If you're interested in caring for a garden, please call the Community Relations office at 268-7535.

The Friend of the Hospital Award is highly coveted award given annually to volunteers who are involved in a variety of hospital activities. This year's

recipients were Erma Steward and Lou Vincent.

Both of these women are members of the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council and have served the hospital in a variety of capacities for many years.

Both of these ladies deserve this award, and we are proud to have them as part of our team.

Volunteers are busily wrapping Christmas gifts for patients to open Dec. 25. Dec. 1 will be a volunteer workday to

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WEDDINGS

Richardson-Farris

Lee Ann Richardson of Bowie, and Brant Ford Farris of Mansfield, were united in marriage on Sept. 25, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church in Bowie.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Richardson of Bowie.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Farris of Mansfield, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Estes of Big Spring, and the great-grandson of Gladys Winters of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white silk organza in an off the shoulder design with a long basque waist. Her finger length veil of silk illusion was edged in satin.

Bridesmaids were Heather Farris, sister of the groom, Angela Jimenez, Jenni Zottola, Paula Pickett, and Alicia Richardson, sister-in-law of the bride.

Clint Richardson, brother of the bride, Danny Sherry, Thomas Hermann, Jeff Vanlandingham and Charlie Jackson served as groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Top O' the Hills Country Club in Bowie.



MRS. BRANT FORD FARRIS

The bride is a graduate of Bowie High School and attends A&M University where she will graduate in December 1999.

The groom is a graduate of Mansfield High School and attends Northwood University where he will graduate in May 2000.

Following a wedding trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., the couple have made their home in Arlington.

Doll-Robertson

Licia Doll and Richard Robertson were united in marriage on Oct. 2, 1999, at the First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Lynn Robertson officiating.

She is the daughter of John and Wilma Doll of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Helen Doll of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ricky Robertson and Rhonda Robertson, both of Big Spring, and the grandson of Morris and Jimmie Robertson and Jewell and Mary Edens, all of Big Spring.

Pianist was Vanessa Burchett, and vocalist was the bride.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white sleeveless gown with a rounded neck line. The bodice was fitted with a dropped waist and covered with lace and pearls. It was attached to a full skirt of layered tulle over satin and the bottom of the skirt was trimmed in satin. She wore a veil made by her mother, of layered tulle and trimmed with satin.

She carried a spray of pink roses with the stems laced with a satin bow.

Maid of honor was Kim Avant.

Teresa Coker and Jeanell Scott were the bridesmaids.

Alicia Doll, niece of the bride, was the flower girl, and Joseph Thompson, cousin of the groom, was the ringbearer.

T.J. Green served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Brian Doll and David Doll, both brothers of the bride.

Ushers were Jody Robertson, Cody Robertson, cousins of the groom, Keith Rich and Jason Edens, cousin of the groom.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD ROBERTSON

Corrie and Crystal Doll, sisters-in-law of the bride, were the candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride's cake was four round solid white cakes each on a separate floating crystal pillar.

Each cake was decorated with Cornelli lace.

The groom's cake was a round German chocolate cake covered with chocolate covered strawberries.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School. She is currently enrolled in the Howard College Nursing Program. She is employed by Professional Pharmacy.

The groom attended Coahoma High School. He is employed by Tire Time Rentals and is in the Texas National Guard.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple have made their home in Big Spring.

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finish Christmas wrapping, and work on "We Care Welcome Goodie Bags". If you are available to work, call the office. Patient shopping trips are scheduled Dec. 6-10, and unit Christmas parties will be Dec. 16.

The Carol of Lights will be Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. The community is invited to join us to sing Christmas carols and light the tree.

The Christmas fund is in need of donations to pay for patient gifts and to assist patients in their personal Christmas shopping. Donations can be sent to the Community Relations office; 1901 N. Highway 87; Big Spring, TX; 79720.

Volunteers Sara Woodruff and Nancy Kimble are hosting Bingo as callers the last Wednesday of the month.

The Community Relations office is in need of travel toiletry items, all-occasion cards, and baskets and flowers for patient flower arrangements. There is a small drop box in front of our office to deposit these gifts.

A bowling tournament Nov. 6 raised \$1,409.50 for the State Employee Charitable

Campaign. Thirty-three teams participated and winners were: high team with a score of 1808 (3 games), Gwen Smith, Dene Lambright, Brenda Spears, and Kathy Senter, Charley Campbell was high males with a score of 651 (3 games); and Gwen Smith was high female, bowling a 539 in three game. Low scoring male was Dane Richardson, 228, and low female Tina Neel, 203.

Organizers of this successful event were Martha Long, Dana Stewart, Shirley Davis, Delores Clinkscales and Pam White.

BSSH Director of Environmental Services George Oteiza, who also serves as the hospital's Y2K coordinator, has successfully completed the hospital's Y2K plan. No interruption in service is expected. The BSSH day care center, which opened Aug. 16, is operated by the YMCA on the hospital grounds. Enrollment is open to children of hospital employees, all state employees and grandchildren of BSSH employees.

Hours have been expanded from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Contact the YMCA or Ruth Leubner at 268-6542.

BEST SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

- "Timeline" by Michael Crichton (Knopf)
- "Saving Faith" by David Baldacci (Warner)
- "A Walk to Remember" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
- "Pop Goes the Weasel" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
- "Hunting Badger" by Tony Hillerman (HarperCollins)
- "Irresistible Forces" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
- "Personal Injuries" by Scott Turow (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
- "O Is for Outlaw" by Sue Grafton (Henry Holt)
- "Blue at the Mizzen" by Patrick O'Brian (Norton)
- "Hearts in Atlantis" by Stephen King (Scribner)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

- "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
- "Mankind: Have a Nice Day!" by Mick Foley (Regan Books)
- "Tis: A Memoir" by Frank McCourt (Scribner)
- "Guinness World Records 2000: Millennium Edition" (Guinness Publishing)
- "The New New Thing" by Michael Lewis (Norton)
- "Sugar Busters!" by Steward, Bethea, Andrews, Balart (Ballantine)
- "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw (Random House)
- "When Pride Still Mattered" by David Maraniss (Simon & Schuster)
- "The Educated Child" by William J. Bennett, Chester E. Finn Jr. and John T.E. Cribb Jr. (Free Press)
- "River Horse" by William Least-Heat-Moon (Houghton Mifflin)

Ivie-Gibson

Nicole Ivie and Ronny Gibson exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 19, 1999, at the Big Spring Country Club with Malcolm Pointon officiating.

She is the daughter of Nan Ivie and Perry Schulze, both of Big Spring and James and Kay Ivie of Corsicana, and the granddaughter of A.J. and Grace McClinton, James Ivie and Doris Ivie, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Vickie Gibson and Tom Ragsdale, Big Spring, and the grandson of Dorothy Borque of Athens.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin floor length gown with a double bowed, extended train.

She carried a bouquet of stargazer lilies with white carnations and red rose accents.

Maid of honor was Kris Moore, Big Spring.

Sydney Hernandez was the flower girl, and Justin Hernandez was the ringbearer.

Josh Gibson served as best man, and Butch Bailey was the groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held.

The bride's cake was a two tiered white cake with a wed-



MR. AND MRS. RONNY GIBSON

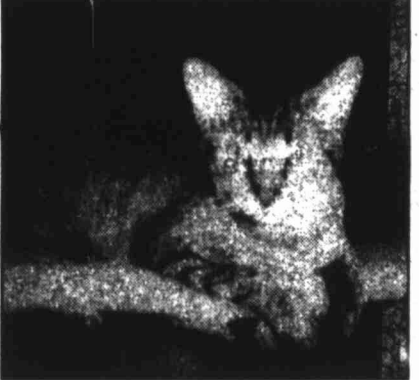
The groom's cake was a two layered chocolate cake decorated with strawberries.

The bride is a Big Spring High School graduate and is employed by KBST Radio.

The groom is a Big Spring High School graduate and is employed by American Limestone.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: Jonah - Brown/black male tabby, 4 months old.

All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

Rascal - Black/white DSH male, 4 months old.

Mist - Gray male DSH, 4

months old.

Nibbler - Gray male DSH, 3 months old and loves to chew.

Britin - Gray/brown male tabby, 5 months old.

Joey - DSH male tabby, 4 months old.

Sammy - DSH gray male tabby, 4 months old.

Tagget - DSH solid black male, 5 months old.

Elmer - DSH gray/white male, 6 months old.

Violin - Brown/white male tabby, 7 months old.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60 and cats are \$50. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

STORK CLUB

Matthew Ryan Hittle, boy, Oct. 31, 1999, 11:46 p.m., seven pounds 12 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Shauna and Chad Hittle of Amarillo.

Grandparents are Don and Sharon Richardson of Big Spring, and Jim and Connie Hittle of Hugoton, Kan.

Haley Layne Wright born at Harris Methodist Hospital in Stephenville, Nov. 8, 1999, 3:50 a.m., eight pounds 13 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Lara and Jeff Wright.

Grandparents are Milli and Jay Cunningham and Linda and Terry Wright, all of Big Spring.

Mason Gibb Moore, boy, Nov. 22, 1999, 2:51 a.m., nine pounds six ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Brian and Karen

Moore. Grandparents are George and Mona Moore and James and Billie Procter, all of Big Spring.

Johnnie Skylar Smith, girl, Nov. 20, 1999, 9:45 a.m., seven pounds 6 1/4 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are John and Shanna Smith.

Grandparents are John and Charlotte Smith of Big Spring, Jenetta Washburn of Carlsbad, N.M., and Larry White of Lovington, N.M.

Sidney Marae Evans, girl, Nov. 19, 1999, 2:28 a.m., six pounds 5 1/2 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Stacie Deleon and Robert Evans Jr. Grandparents are Bertina Deleon of Big Spring, and Cecelia Simmons of Austin.

Eric Herrera Jr., boy, Nov. 17, 1999, 1:15 p.m., seven pounds 14 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Eric L. Herrera Sr. and Maria

Gutierrez. Grandparents are Theresa Gonzalez of Big Spring, and Pamela Herrera of Coahoma.

Joe Ethen Alec Chavez, boy, Nov. 13, 1999, 4:18 p.m., eight pounds 3 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Melissa Juarez and Jose Chavez Jr.

Grandparents are Mark and Norma Juarez and Jose Chavez Sr. and Maria DeLourdes Chavez.

Sierra Dawn Darling, girl, Nov. 15, 1999, 7:29 p.m., six pounds 9 1/2 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Amy Darling and Robert Jackson. Grandparents are Margaret and Jim Darling of Big Spring, and Robert Lynn Jackson of San Angelo.

Rolando Ortiz Jr., boy, Nov. 19, 1999, 7:28 p.m., six pounds 12 1/2 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Rolando and

Venessia Ortiz. Grandparents are Raul and Eloisa Ortiz of Big Spring and Carmen Ferrer of Midland.

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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZEN MONDAY-Cheese, milk/rolls, fruit TUESDAY-Potatoes, green milk/rolls, cook

WEDNESDAY-Spinach, coleslaw, bread, pudding. THURSDAY-baked beans, le carrot/raisin sa cobbler.

FRIDAY-Ste potatoes, peas & milk/rolls, cake

ELBOW ELE MONDAY-Piz fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-C weiners, fru green beans, fr

WEDNESDA salad, cornbrea

THURSDAY fries, salad, pic

FRIDAY-Bui rice, salad, frui

GARDEN CI MONDAY-S cream potatoe fruit mix, hot r

TUESDAY-F fruit, brownie.

COAHOMA S MONDAY-Pi apples, milk.

TUESDAY-Chips, lettuce, les, blueberries

WEDNESDA tos), pinto bea late cake, milk.

THURSDA nuggets, gravy toes, green be milk.

FRIDAY-Che ets (corn dogs), milk.

BIG SPRING MONDAY-C mashed potatoe sliced peaches,

TUESDAY-G corn on cob, mixed fruit, co

WEDNESDA meat sauce, garden salad v

THURSDAY-mashed potato pineapple jello

FRIDAY-Ha french fries, cookie, milk.

FORSAN SC MONDAY-W corn, salad, c milk.

TUESDAY-C spanish rice beans, salad, fr

WEDNESDA chili, french fr and onions, co milk.

THURSDAY bread and cra graham cracke

FRIDAY-Ha whipped potat toes, green be milk.

STANTON S MONDAY-F potato, peas & salad, fruit c drink.

TUESDAY-S chicken nugga toes/gravy, b fruit cup, hot drink.

SANDS SCE MONDAY-F ranch style l ketchup, cake

TUESDAY-mashed potatoe jello, milk, ho

WEDNESDA enchiladas, p bread, salad, c

THURSDA steak, w/gr potatoes, bla

FRIDAY-FI salad, potat milk.

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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY-Chicken, macaroni /cheese, broccoli, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Pork chops, noodles, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

WEDNESDAY-Catfish, rice, spinach, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, pudding.

THURSDAY-Hamburgers, baked beans, lettuce/tomatoes, carrot/raisin salad, milk/buns, cobbler.

FRIDAY-Steak & onions, potatoes, peas & carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cake.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY
MONDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Cheese stuffed weiners, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Stew, corn, salad, cornbread, milk.

THURSDAY-Hamburger, fries, salad, pickle, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Burrito, spanish rice, salad, fruit, milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Steak fingers, cream potatoes, green peas, fruit mix, hot roll.

TUESDAY-Frito pie, corn, fruit, brownie.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pizza, fries, apples, milk.

TUESDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, blueberries, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tacos (burritos), pinto beans, salad, chocolate cake, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, jello, milk.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburger pockets (corn dogs), carrots, fries, milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chicken pattie, mashed potatoes, english peas, sliced peaches, hot roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Green enchiladas, corn on cob, border beans, mixed fruit, cornbread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti & meat sauce, glazed carrots, garden salad w/dressing, rosy applesauce, hot roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken ruggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple jello, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, pork & beans, cookie, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Western casserole, corn, salad, crackers, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken stir fry, spanish rice, ranch style beans, salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs and chili, french fries, salad, relish and onions, cookies and fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Stew, corn, cornbread and crackers, pudding, graham crackers, milk.

FRIDAY-Ham and gravy, whipped potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pizza or baked potato, peas & carrots, tossed salad, fruit cup, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli/cheese, fruit cup, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Hot dogs w/chili, ranch style bens, tator tots, ketchup, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello, milk, hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY-Country fried steak, w/gravy, whole new potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot tolls, fruit, milk.

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Martin Short's show celebrates show biz

NEW YORK (AP) — For someone so submerged in it, Martin Short has a pretty good perspective on show business.

He loves it dearly. Loves its people, its traditions. And with his character creations, he loves to poke fun at its excess and pretensions.

For instance, a new Short alter ego is Jiminy Glick, a bloated, over-the-hill entertainment reporter who, when interviewing the stars of "LA-LA-Wood," forgets a question in midsentence — and sometimes whom he's speaking to. It's an affectionate portrayal, as all of Short's are, and no jibe at old age: You get the feeling this Glick fellow was befuddled at 20.

Short has conquered films and Broadway. But for many of his fans, his brightest moments were on TV's "Saturday Night Live" and "SCTV," where he vanished into portrayals ranging from Katharine Hepburn and Tin Pan Alley tunesmith Irving Cohen, to Dustin Hoffman and Super Agent Neil Sussman.

This fall he brought his genius for sketch comedy and show-biz satire back to television on "The Martin Short Show," an ambitious weekday hour that also has celebrity talk, musical guests, and, when the mood strikes him, Short himself singing and dancing.

Short had wanted to return to TV. But the only available option in prime time, it seemed, was a sitcom, which struck him as painfully limiting.

He had offered his view of TV's regimentation in a splendid late-night special produced after the instant flameout of his 1994 prime-time series. His parody network promo began like this:

"Prime time is the place to be this week on NBC! On Monday night it's an all-new 'Wings,' followed by 'Seinfeld.' Then 'The Best of Wings.' Then another 'Seinfeld.' On Tuesday, it's a 'Seinfeld' doubleheader, followed by 'Wings' and an all-new 'Seinfeld'..."

There was one other advantage: For Short, daily TV variety was uncharted ground.

WHO'S WHO

Area students who are candidates for graduation Dec. 18 from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin are Silvia Ann Chapa, with a BA in humanities, and Rondal Wayne Phipps, BBA in finance, both of Stanton.

The University of North Texas announced its graduation ceremonies to be held on Dec. 18. Among those graduating is Sheila Faye Bowden, Big Spring, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Radio, Television and Film.

Stephanie Talbott, a junior biochemistry major from Big Spring, was elected to serve as student public relations secretary for the Student Government at West Texas A&M University.

Talbott, the daughter of David Talbott, is a member of Residence Hall Association, President's Ambassadors, Premed Club, Homecoming Committee and University Services Committee.

Students from the Automation Robotics Technology department at TSTC Sweetwater just captured top recognition at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Region 11 competition held in Dallas Nov. 13.

Members of the team included Roy Ortega of Big Spring. This competition is sponsored by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and is held each year for colleges from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Ralda Martin, daughter of Rosemary Guess of Mt. Holly, N.J., and Tom Guess of Big Spring, graduated from Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pa., with a degree in chemical engineering.

She has completed her internship and is now associated with Environmental Strategy Consultants, Inc. of Philadelphia as a Junior Environmental Consultant.

NEWCOMERS

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

Donald and Connie Booth, and sons Nathan and Zachary, Vicenza, Italy. He is in the US Air Force.

Sam Olivias and son Aaron, Colorado City. He works for the Big Spring State Hospital.

Robert and Ann Moreno, daughter Aiella and son Nichols, Stanton. He is employed by Cornell Corrections.

Darrell and Martha Rockwell, sons Keith and Nathan, and daughters Ariel and Jasmin, Colorado City. He is a mechanic for Pollard Chevrolet.

Jim and Crystal Sanders, Buda. He works for Southern Energy.

Jim and Hyedi Hogan, Buda. He works for Southern Energy.

John and Jo Koop, Oakhurst. He is retired from Waterwood Co.

IN THE MILITARY

Marine Pfc. Seth T. Ralston, son of Tommy L. and Kelly L. Ralston of Big Spring, is one of more than 170,000 active duty Marines celebrating the Marine Corps' 224th birthday this month. Ralston is currently on a six-month deployment to Okinawa with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, home based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School joined the Marine Corps in July 1998.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Stacy G. Munoz, son of Antonio M. and Elisa Silva of Big Spring, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, homeported in Norfolk, Va. The 1988 graduate of Forsan High School joined the Navy in June 1999.

GETTING ENGAGED



Carol A. Garcia and Richard F. Dyer will exchange wedding vows on Dec. 11, 1999, in Las Vegas, Nev.

She is the daughter of Armando and Carol Reyes of Sand Springs.

He is the son of Ricky and Diane Dyer and Deborah Lackey, all of Big Spring.

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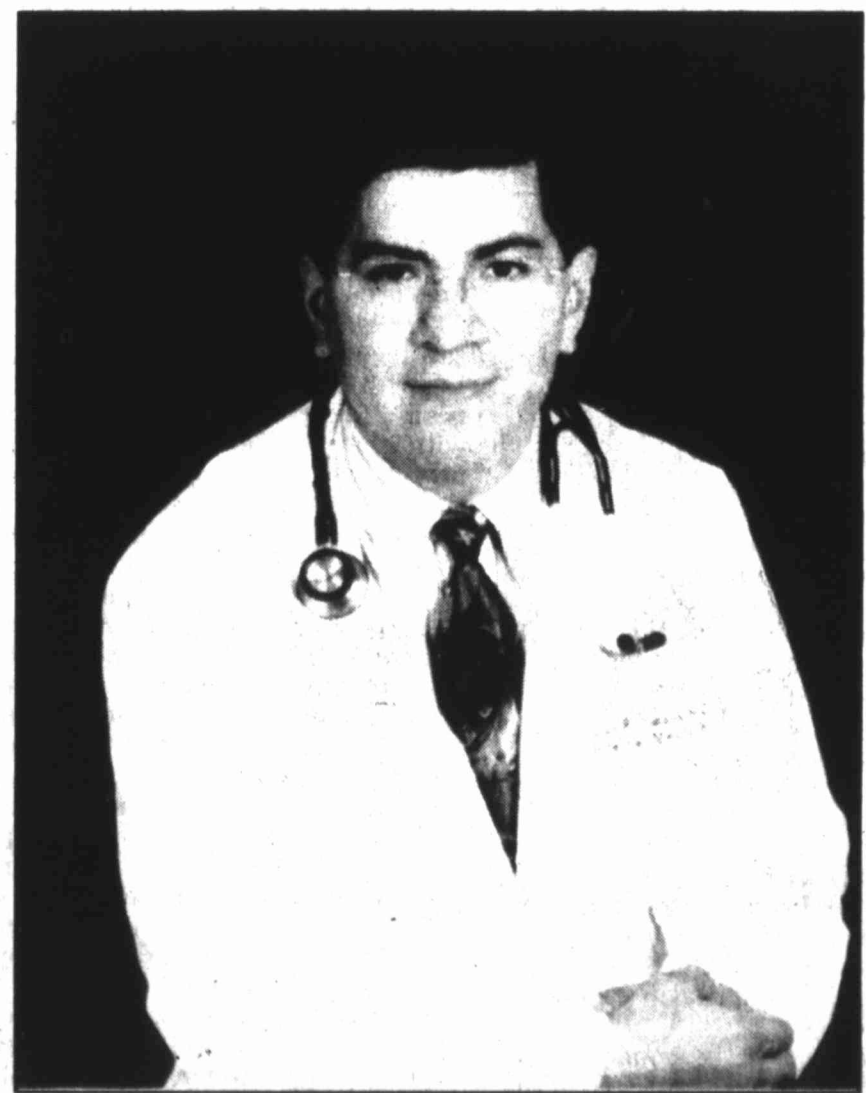
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Second NAFTA trucking deadline unlikely to be met, report reveals

HOUSTON (AP) — A Jan. 1 deadline for allowing trucks to cross the U.S.-Mexico border unrestricted is likely to pass without action, the Houston Chronicle reported Wednesday.

The date proposed by NAFTA framers was to have allowed Mexican trucks to deliver goods to destinations across the U.S., then return cargo to Mexico. But like a 1995 deadline that would have opened Mexico trucking to Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, the new date is likely to pass without action, the newspaper reported.

Mexican truck drivers and politicians believe the United States has reneged on its end of the bargain. Fed

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U.S. trucking to its border states and filed a complaint with a NAFTA dispute resolution panel two years ago. Those panelists have yet to meet.

"It's a blatant violation of NAFTA," Ken Hoffman, an Austin-based attorney representing transportation clients on both sides of the border, told the Chronicle.

The Jan. 1 date had been set after President Clinton refused to meet a 1995 deadline, citing safety concerns. Those concerns remain, as does pressure from the Teamsters and other unions who want to keep the border closed, the Chronicle reported.

Under current restrictions, American companies must deliver

cargo to a warehouse in a U.S. border community, where another truck hauls that cargo to a warehouse on the Mexican side of the border. Then, Mexican trucks haul those goods south.

Those trucks, called drayage trucks, typically return to the United States empty. In Laredo, 1.3 million trucks make that trek annually. The routine is the same for cargo moving north from Mexico.

"A whole industry has been built on interchanging loads at the border," said Bill Webb, president of the Texas Motor Transportation.

NAFTA framers hoped to alleviate this traffic logjam, speed up the move-

ment of cargo and save shippers millions of dollars a year in costs by loosening some of the trucking rules. Instead, the issue has pitted one government against another and U.S. unions against trucking associations on both sides of the border.

The U.S. Department of Transportation recently reported that more than 250 trucks were found illegally traveling throughout the United States. Other studies by the department found that a shortage of inspectors meant too few Mexican trucks were inspected and that more than one-third of trucks inspected at the border were taken out of service due to safety concerns.

Master Gardener program to begin in Howard County

The Howard County Extension Service will be sponsoring a new program, Master Gardener, beginning after January of 2000. The Master Gardener program is a volunteer educational program conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Master Gardeners can be anyone that has a love for horticulture and is willing to help others learn about horticulture.

Master Gardeners will be trained at a local level on the following topics: plant science; soils and fertility; plant diseases; entomology; vegetable and pecans; turf management; weed identification and control; home landscape and design; and specialty plants.

Spectators with Texas A&M University will provide the training over a three to four month period. Approximately 50 hours of training along with resource manuals will be provided. Once you have completed the course work you will be certified as a Master Gardener. After certification each Master Gardener will be asked to assist with some project related to horticulture for a minimum of 50 hours.

The cost of the program is \$50 per person to offset the cost of resource manuals and supplies needed for the course. For additional information regarding the Master Gardener program or to sign up for the program contact the County Extension Office at 264-2236 by Monday, Dec. 15, 1999. No applications will be accepted after that date.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent - Agriculture. His telephone number is 264-2236 and his office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.)



DAVID KIGHT

Shoppers flock to the stores

LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Stores were crowded early Friday as local shoppers eagerly join the ranks of those across the nation on the biggest shopping day of the year.

"Customers were waiting for us when we opened the door at 7 a.m.," said Bealls for Her manager Brenda White. "We have been steady with customers since we opened."

Wal-Mart manager Daryl Holley said all the computers, televisions and VCRs featured in the morning five-hour sale were sold. He was pleased with the outcome.

Jody Swinney, Sears manager, was excited about their 7-11 a.m. after-Thanksgiving sale. Swinney said that they did "very well" and expects to be up by in sales 65 percent more than last year.

On Cue manager Michelle Tubb reported sales were up from last year.

"We have had constant traffic in and out all day," she said.

Shoppers are buying a variety of gifts this year. White said Bealls For Her's biggest selling item is women's fragrance. Sweaters, candles, candle holders, and novelties such as women's slippers are just a few items that they sold well Friday, according to White.

"CD music has been our biggest seller today," said Tubb. She also said that movies and books were selling well.

Denise Walker, manager of Bealls for Him, said their top



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Looking over books, Betty Barr is shopping early in the morning this Christmas season.

selling items were shoes, name brand clothes, and kids clothes.

For those interested in a more unusual gift, Dunlap's manager Ellen Talbot said their biggest-seller was luggage.

According to Swinney, tool boxes were the most popular items sold at Sears.

Early indications show that Pokemon will be the biggest kids' toy of this season. Holley recommends to parents to buy Pokemon items now because they are selling them as fast as they receive them.

"Pokemon items are in limited supplies. When you see it you need to get it," he said.

When asked why he wanted Pokemon stuff for Christmas, young shopper Aaron Hughes, said "It's cool and something to do. My best friend and I both

really like it."

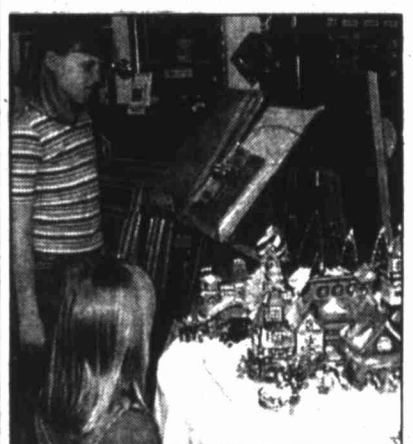
Not all shoppers are after Pokemon items this season. Sally Correa and her young daughter Bianca were shopping for the Teletubbies Christmas Movie.

Becky Winters said her kids, Sidney and Amy, are crazy about Amazing Ally, an interactive doll. Unfortunately she can not find anyone who carries the doll. She and her husband have even tried finding the doll on the Internet.

Heather Sheppard wants to add to her Beanie Babies collection. Last year she received three as Christmas gifts, and she hopes she will gain more this Christmas.

Many stores have hired seasonal employees to help with

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Chelsea Meyer and Heather Sheppard admire a Christmas display in Suggs Hallmark last Friday. Heather is wishing for more Beanie Babies.

Big Spring business woman named Permian Basin Realtor of the Year

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

After 23 years in the business, realtor Janelle Britton has seen a lot of changes.

"The paperwork has really increased. Our listings have gone from a looseleaf notebook to computer. There have been just so many changes in technology, marketing, paperwork, disclosure," said Britton, owner of Caldwell Banker-Sun Country Realtors.

Britton's experience in the business, her involvement and her enthusiasm for the profession have earned her recognition as Realtor of the Year with the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

"It's quite an honor. I was very surprised," she said of the honor.



BRITTON

Britton has been given credit for helping the Big Spring Board of Realtors become part of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

"We had an active board but saw the way things were changing with technology, we saw the need a few years ago to merge with the Midland board and now it is the Permian Basin board," said Britton.

That technology is leading to wider exposure.

"In the past few years you've seen people getting on the Internet and finding out about Big Spring and our housing market," she said. "We've got more exposure all over the country."

Yet, the act of selling a home is still much the same.

"You still have your basic process of listing homes, selling homes, having the contact with buyers and sellers," she said.

The realty business is an up and down one, but a rewarding profession, Britton said.

"It's an opportunity to meet people, to help them achieve their goal of owning a home or

selling their home, for whatever reason they may want to sell. So I am constantly meeting people, making new friends.

"It's more complicated every year. A lot of people think they can buy and sell a home on their own and a lot of them do, but a lot of times they find after they get into it that they need a realtor."

She's excited about Solitaire Home and StarTek bringing jobs to the area.

"Anytime you have new industry or new businesses, whether or not it brings people to the community, it means more people here will be employed.

"Maybe you'll have some first-time buyers or a family moving up to something bigger," Britton said. "Any time there is a boost to the economy there is a boost in the real estate market."

"It's been a good year and hopefully next year will be even better."

Britton was born and raised in Stanton and has lived in Big Spring since 1972.

Tortillas

Whether corn or flour, business growing fast in Texas, across nation

AUSTIN (AP) — Sixty years ago, Jose Guerra converted his garage into a tiny factory where he used family recipes to make tortillas and other Mexican foods to sell to his neighbors.

Today, Guerra's grandsons oversee Rudy's Tortillas' 25,000-square-foot factory in Dallas, where the business ships its products to 15 states, sells tortillas on a Web site and earns annual sales of more than \$5 million.

The Guerras are part of a growing industry sparked by an increasing Hispanic population and the surging popularity of Mexican food and culture nationwide.

The tortilla-making business will be a \$4 billion industry by 2000, up from \$1.5 billion in 1990, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"Corn and flour tortillas have gone from being a staple in the Mexican food diet to being a bread substitute in the American diet," said Louis Guerra, one of the grandsons now running Rudy's Tortillas.

Tortillas are flat, round cakes made of cornmeal or flour baked on a griddle or flat stone oven.

According to state Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander, Texas is taking a big bite out of the tortilla fortune.

"There are more tortilla plants in Texas than anywhere else in the nation, with 70 plants shipping \$176.4 million worth of products all over the world and employing 1,913 people," Rylander's office said in a report released this week.

California ranks second in the number of tortilla factories with 58 plants. Plants there ship \$440.2 million worth of products and employ 4,258 workers.

Colorado, Illinois, New Mexico and Georgia are also big tortilla producing states.

Two of the industry's heavyweights are headquartered in

Texas, which has about 5.8 million Hispanics in a state of 20 million, according to 1998 U.S. Census Bureau figures.

Fort Worth is the headquarters for Bimbo Bakeries, USA, the American subsidiary of Mexico-based Grupo Industrial Bimbo.

Mission Foods, the nation's leading tortilla producer, recently moved its headquarters from Los Angeles to Irving. Owned by Grupo Maseco's Gruma Corp. of Mexico, Mission Foods has about \$600 million in annual sales, spokeswoman Asima Syed said Wednesday.

"People crave something different," Ms. Syed said. "Just like pita bread caught on several years ago this is a new way to add to your food repertoire," Syed said.

Winf Steinberg, executive director of the Tortilla Industry Association in Dallas, says the industry is growing because the product is crossing cultural lines. He also credits low costs, versatility, healthy ingredients and the "wrap mania" that has swept fast-food and other restaurant chains.

Restaurants are forgoing sliced bread and using flavored-flour tortillas to make sandwiches.

"The wrap is really nothing more than a growth from Mexican burritos and the same type of sandwich that contains non-Mexican food and that has appealed to people outside of Texas or California," Steinberg said.

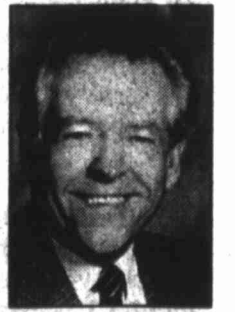
Competition has grown in the industry, with the Southwest and West dominated by "mom and pop" operations to multimillion dollar companies," Steinberg said.

Companies also are exploring open markets in the Midwest and Northeast, where 35 percent of consumers used tortillas in the past year.

IN THE NEWS

TUMBLEWEED SMITH, newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series, has received top honors from

The Communicator Awards, a national organization that recognizes outstanding work in the communications field.



LEWIS

Smith, also known as Bob Lewis, received two Crystal Awards of Excellence, the organization's highest honor.

One was for The Sound of Texas radio sample; the other for a compact disk he produced titled West Texas Musings.

He also received an award of distinction for a radio commercial he produced for the Big Spring Rodeo.

Nearly 1,200 producers entered this year's competition.

Entries were judged by industry professionals.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Painters Gary Underwood, Johnny Hernandez, James Isaacs and Jack Garrett paused for a break after a full night of painting the new walls in the StarTek USA call center. The painters, along with all the other construction crews remodeling the former TG&Y worked through the Thanksgiving holiday to have the call center ready for a Dec. 1 opening.

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SHOPPING

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the increase in business and to help cut down the long check-out lines. Wal-Mart hired 20 temporary sales associates this year, according to Holley. Both On Cue and Sears hired temporary help for this Christmas season.

White said they will still hire a few more sales support for the floor and gift wrappers as the season progresses.

Local store managers have these tips for Christmas shoppers:

- **Shop early and soon.** The later you wait to hop for Christmas the less likely you will find the items you want, leaving you less to choose from.
- **Shop early in the day.** Shopping during the morning cuts down on traffic and is a little calmer.
- **Shop Big Spring.** If you missed the after Thanksgiving sales, you will still have other chances. Many local shops will be having special sale days all during the Christmas Holidays.

Proposed workplace rules would impact many employees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers would have to correct injury-causing workplace conditions that require repetitive motion, overexertion or awkward posture under proposed regulations the Labor Department announced Wednesday.

"We are compelled to act. Employees are getting hurt. Workers are being sent home. People are suffering," said Charles N. Jeffress, assistant labor secretary for occupational safety and health.

The proposal would affect about 1.9 million work sites — one of every three — and more than 27 million workers. The department estimated the cost to employers at \$4.2 billion a year.

Each year, 1.8 million workers have musculoskeletal injuries related to ergonomic factors and 600,000 people miss some work because of them, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The injuries to muscles, nerves, ligaments and tendons include such problems as carpal tunnel syndrome, back pain and tendonitis.

The new rules would cover a broad range of workers from nurses aides who must lift heavy patients, to baggage handlers at airports and people who work at computers or on assembly lines.

Under the rules, a worker who has an ergonomic injury diagnosed by a doctor would be entitled to have the work environment fixed to relieve the cause — by changing the height of an assembly line or computer keyboard, for example.

A worker who must be assigned to lighter duty during recovery from ergonomic injury would be guaranteed normal pay and benefits. A worker who must leave the job altogether would be guaranteed 90 percent pay and full benefits during recovery.

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Try to take an overview more often this year. You will often have confusing feelings, but when you detach, you see life with a new perspective. Take frequent breaks from the here and now, be it a walk, drive or mini-vacation. Your instincts help you land. You have fiery, strong energy, which draws others. If you are single, your love life becomes more as you like it in the spring. Someone quite special could enter your life. If attached, you work well as a team. Spring and summer punctuate your relationship. LEO helps you see life differently.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***Good will helps you break through a misunderstanding. You are able to help others mobilize their energy. Because you are so direct, others think you're a lot of fun. Let your inner child out more. You could get frustrated when dealing with a friend, but there is always tomorrow. Tonight: Having a whopper of a good time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***Happiness lies close to the hearth. Invite others over for a late lunch or an early dinner. Do not forget an older relative who is very touchy, presently. Intuition helps you smooth over any hassles and know exactly which way to go. Tonight: Happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***You could be feeling out of sync. Reach out for others and make that additional effort. You might not be sure what to do for a friend or a child; just ask. Your caring comes through by just being you. Make calls; get together with friends. Tonight: How 'bout the movies?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***Be careful with spending. You do want others to know how much you care, but not all gifts and happenings need to be lavish displays. Take time for an older relative; you have a ball together. Have a long-overdue conversation with a part-

ner. Tonight: Don't get uptight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***Happiness abounds, as you seem to beam in whatever you want. Don't underestimate a child or loved one! Make plans together; encourage another to express his feelings. Someone you meet right now could be passive-aggressive. Tonight: Your charisma speaks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***Recent celebrations and meals might be taking their toll on you. Pull back and take some time for yourself. If you need to do something, make a list of what you must do before Christmas from your easy chair. Above all, don't play Superman or superwoman. Tonight: Early to bed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***Listen to others and gather feedback. Your smile helps break another's resistance to going along with a suggestion. Others mean well. You have more options around you than you realize. Humor marks a friendship. A child could be up to no good. Keep your eyes open. Tonight: With friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***Establish a better rapport with another; make that extra effort. A conversation between the two of you needs to be kept hush-hush. Understand that others might be uncomfortable. Be on alert with a domestic matter or a roommate. Not all is as it seems. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***Schedule a day trip or outing to a favorite spot away from home. You need a break. An emotional wish comes true if you allow others the space to creatively express themselves. You could be misplacing your frustrations or internalizing anger. Tonight: Relax to a favorite piece of music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***Be careful to put your best foot forward. Opportunity knocks close to home. Entertain and visit with others, but avoid spending more than you need to. Realize that another's point of view may not be on target, even if it is his area of expertise. To night: Go for

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quality time with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***Let others make the call; you'll enjoy what happens. At times, you feel like you know what is right for others. Opt for spontaneity, and fun will happen. You could be frustrated with another — be careful how you express yourself. Feelings pop out w here you least expect. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***Pace yourself and get errands done. Don't think about it — just get to the gym! You will feel better. A financial windfall or opportunity needs to be studied rather than leaped upon. Anger comes through despite an attempt to swallow

it. Tonight: Talk about your feelings.

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Parents' Christmas favoritism spreads bad-will year-round

DEAR ABBY: Last year, my sister called with a wonderful suggestion that we all pool our Christmas money given us by our parents and get them a wonderful gift. I was overjoyed.

fort, he or she is also an absolute necessity.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "TUNED OUT IN TULSA": To paraphrase Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and author who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986: More dangerous than anger and hatred is indifference. To be indifferent to suffering is what makes the human being inhuman. Indifference is not a beginning, it is an end — and it is always the friend to the enemy.

If I were you, I'd tune back in.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Mother on the Defensive," who resented her friends disciplining her children, really got my attention. You're going to get lots of mail on that one!

Haven't you seen people who have tunnel vision when it comes to their children's behavior? If you have, apparently you haven't been cooped up with them on vacation.

I never permitted any child to do things in my home that my own children were not allowed to do. If their parents ignored the misbehavior, then I spoke up and told their children to stop running, screaming or whatever. — VOICE OF REASON IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR VOICE: You're right; I received a barrage of letters from readers who thought I was too easy on the mother. Many of them related stories about visiting children who walked on white couches and porch railings, had tantrums if fragile knickknacks were placed out of their reach, and one who fell off a diving board and broke his arm after having been told to stay away from it. The common denominator in all of them was parents who tolerated the behavior while completely ignoring their function as responsible adults.

"Mother on the Defensive" stated that her children had been "humiliated" by her friends, and were "hesitant to do anything around them for fear of being disciplined." I interpreted that to mean the discipline was excessive, and advised the mother to make it plain to their friends that should the children need discipline, she and her husband would administer it.

However, if no one is supervising the children and stepping in when things get out of hand, someone should. And if the parents fail to assert themselves, another adult must.

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