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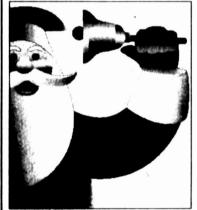
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Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including Salvation Army Angel Trees and Salvation Army kettles.

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- **Medical Center**
- Rip Griffin's Gift Shop Gale's Sweet'Shoppe

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- Wal-Mart
- Rip Griffin's
- Big Spring Post Office Bealls For Her
- Cinema IV

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· Cellular One in the College Park Shopping through Dec. 14.

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"Reflecting a proud community"

Wind, drought prompt county burn ban; Officials urge caution

LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Strong winds and an ongoing drought have prompted Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart to issue a burn ban for the county. Lockhart signed the order on

The ban prohibits the burning of any combustible material outside of an enclosure designed to contain all flames and/or sparks. The ban also includes campfires and could affect the sale of New Year's fireworks.

Because of the drought and warm temperatures all year, the county has been like a tinderbox except for about a fourweek period in the spring and a six-week period beginning in mid-June.

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan said it is important that persons observe the ban, including abstaining from any campfire or open burnings.

"The fire in Silver Heels last year was caused by an open campfire. The fire ran through 10 to 15 acres of land and cost around \$100,000 in damages" Sullivan said. The fire erupted during a burn ban.

"If you have to build a campfire, make sure to have good borders around the campfire," Sullivan said.

Before leaving the campfire, make sure the it is completely out.

"If you can put your hand on the campfire, it is not hot enough to ignite the fire ground." Sullivan said.

Cigarettes create another fire hazard. "Cigarettes have special chemicals that will keep them burning longer. Wind can bring the heat up enough in a lit cigarette to ignite the grass around it," he said.

He also recommends that persons who might have been considering burning brush to wait. Normally, he said he suggests persons burning brush call the fire department so they can set up and be prepared

"It is extremely dangerous right now to burn bush and I would not recom-

mend it," Sullivan said.

Along with low humidity, the lack of rain has caused high grass and bush to be extremely dry. High grass and bush. what firefighter terms flashy fuel, can ignite quickly and spread rapidly. Wind magnifies the situation.

"If wind is moving 10 to 15 miles per hour, the wildfire will be moving at the same rate," said Sullivan.

Hammetter Mahlon, Fire Prevention Specialist for the Texas Forest Service in Lufkin, said, "If some one plans to burn brush or trash and plans for wind, winds can switch directions and create a fire

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Grenon puts in full work week for RSVP efforts

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

West Texas native Nena Grenon, who was born in Lamesa 68 years ago, logs as many or more hours as a volunteer than she did when she was a part of the paid work force as a registered nurse.

"I put in more than 40 hours a week, because I like to have something to do and I like to keep busy. And I like giving to the public," said Grenon.

And her list of Retired Senior Volunteer Program stations nearly requires an appointment book to keep them all straight. "Most of the work I'm doing

now is at the Professional Building, where I do clerical work such as typing and filing notes on Medicare sheets, Grenon said.

But along with the the 40 hours or so she works at the Professional Building, she also lends her talents to other locations around Big Spring.

Grenon, a musician and former singer of the Hot Potato Band, plays piano in the geriatric unit and the medical unit of the Big Spring State Hospital two times each week. She also plays piano at the

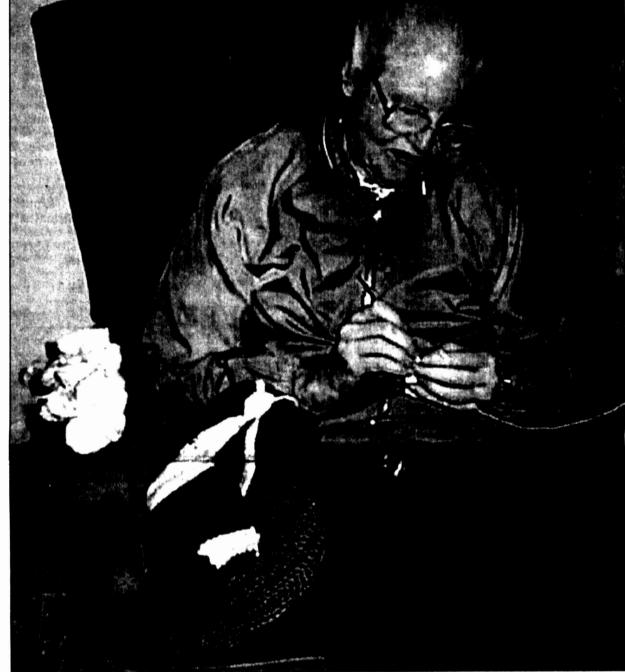
Corral, the Senior Citizen Center and even finds time to give her two grandchildren piano lessons. In the past Grenon also played organ for mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

"Every night I find quiet time with the Lord," she said.

In fact, her religious commitments include a daily meditation with a prayer book, and she raised her three children in the church. Today, her only son, Rev. Barry McLean, is a priest with five parishes in southwest Texas.

"I am really glad he became a priest, and I'm proud of the sacrifices he made. Of course, I'll have no grandchildren from him, but his calling has been such a joy and it is wonderful to see him so happy," Grenon

And McLean said he acquired his spirit of giving and generosity from his mother.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Nena Grenon crochets to help less-fortunate persons. So far this year, she has knitted 10 pairs of booties and 75 caps. The booties are given to Birth Right and the caps go to RSVP.

son with a big heart that just pours forth for anyone in need. she'll do," McLean said from his parish in Big Lake.

same gentle guidance to his experience," McLean said, who See GRENON, Page 2

"She has always been a per-friends if the need should arise. "When I was growing up she was the same, taking in my

Her philosophy has always friends if they should get into been that whatever she can do trouble. I'm really proud of her to brighten someone's day, and everything she does and the way she really helps people. She taught me to walk through McLean said he learned tragedy in life because on the much from his mother as he other side, there will be those grew, and she extended that who can use the strength of my

has been a priest for 10 years. Grenon's husband and McLean's father died when he was 9 years old, he said. That tragedy gave him experience that aids him today. Most of his work is with youth activities in the diocese and he is on the

board of the Search for

Christian Maturity, a youth

RSVP volunteers make a difference in community

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

With more than 45 volunteer stations, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program makes a difference in the Big Spring com-

"We could not run this place if it were not for our RSVP volunteers. I couldn't afford to hire the help we need to do the work they do," said Bobbie Leonard, director of the Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

Leonard said at least nine RSVP volunteers contribute to the daily operations of the center, performing such tasks as serving lunch to clearing tables after the noon meal, as well as manning the sign-in book at both doors.

"We even have one volunteer who comes here every morning and makes the rolls and then works in the kitchen," Leonard RSVP volunteers at the senior center

perform the tasks of hired employees, she

said, and their duties also include special occasion tasks. "I had never volunteered for anything in my life before I came to work here, and I didn't realize how important volunteers

are. Now, if I ever retire, I hope to be a volunteer," she said. Terri Newton, executive vice president for the Big Spring Area Chamber of See VOLUNTEERS, Page 2

Commerce, said RSVP volunteers are an

integral part of the chamber program. "They help us tremendously. They are an important part of our organization. They help with packets when we have a convention in town, and other duties they perform are necessary and timely," Newton

Big Spring State Hospital community relations director Billie Russworm said the RSVP volunteers make several projects possible for the patients.

"They operate our resale shop, which is a daily commitment. For our Christmas program, they supply the needs of the

SMMC

JCAHO rating of 92 places local hospital well above national norm

By MARSHA STURDIVANT :

Staff Writer

A recent visit by the Joint Commission of Accreditation for Health Care Organizations to Scenic Mountain Medical Center earned the hospital a 92 overall score and bestowed accreditation for the next three years. "We are very

happy that we are above the national and state averages. We scored 92 out of 100 possible points, and our home health scored a 95. The two scores will be



averaged, which will give us between a 93 and a 94 overall score," said Loren Chandler, administrator of SMMC.

Chandler said the state average for JCAHO reviews is 88 points, while the national average is 85. And out of 13 other hospitals owned by Community Health Systems in Brentwood. Tenn., SMMC is in the top 10 percent of those as well, he

"We are very pleased. We had no really significant problems, he said.

The only area JCAHO questioned was the paperwork on between care contracts providers. Otherwise, the hospital received a good bill of health, he said.

"They were pleased with our nursing care redesign, and were well pleased with our delivery of care to our patients. They especially liked that we had integrated our care from the nurses through the therapists, and that all are working as a team," Chandler said.

He said this visit brought three individuals from JCAHO to Big Spring, who then spent three days at the hospital, meeting staff, observing procedures and reviewing records.

These JCAHO members also recommendeD the hospital be accredited for three years, with-

out reservation, he said. "And we believe our community needs to know our hospital is up to par, and is one thing they can be proud of. We did such a good job they will not be back for three years," he said.

CASA needs volunteers to serve local children

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

An agency committed to making the voices of children heard in the court system is seeking volunteers from the Big Spring

Special Court-Appointed Advocates (CASA), also known as Voices for Children, needs eight to 10 volunteers to serve as advocates for local children

involved in the court system due to abuse or neglect. The volunteers gather information about the case, talk with the child and family members, and make a recommendation that goes directly to the judge hearing the matter.

These people need to be moved to make a difference in a child's life." said CASA director Karen Campbell. She explained

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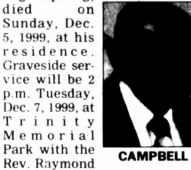
Dalton and Carol Lewis operated a booth at the Party After the Parade in the Settles **Building and completely sold** out of 15 pounds of chili. All proceeds earned by the booth, which was also sponsored by the Harley Owner's Group, was donated to the Friends of the Settles.

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Craig E. "Gene" Campbell

Craig E. "Gene" Campbell, 76, Big Spring, on Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, at his residence Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday,

Hospice, officiating.



Bugg, chaplain with Vista Care Family

Gene was born March 7, 1923, to Laura Hancock Campbell and Carl Earl Campbell in Nowata, Okla. He moved to Bartlesville, Okla., in 1926, then to Tulsa in 1928. Shell Oil transferred his father to St. Louis in 1931. He grew up there and graduated from Southwest High School in St. Louis on Jan. 23, 1942. While he was in high school, and his brothers were in college, they had a jazz ensemble with his father. They played at small clubs and for fraternity parties. Upon graduation, he immediately entered the Navy and was stationed in Bellingham, Wash., serving during World War II from 1943 to 1946. He received his bachelors degree in Chemical

of 1949 from Washington University in St. Louis. He moved from St. Louis to Big Spring in 1951, and has been owner/manager of Cactus Pain Manufacturing. Gene joined Boy Scouts in Tulsa, Okla., in 1932. On April 14, 1939, Gene and his twin brothers, Don and Carl, received the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award a Boy Scout can receive. This was the first time in the history of the St. Louis Council that three brothers had simultaneously

Industrial Engineering in May

received the Silver Beaver award from the Buffalo Trail Council on Jan. 14, 1966, again with his brothers, Don and Carl. He was a member of the Optimist Club. He enjoyed helping all children, especially the underprivileged. He did youth work with American Legion, PTA, YMCA Indian Guides, the 4-H Club, Band Boosters, and the Optimist youth motocross.

achieved this ranking. He

He married Pauline J. Brown on Sept. 13, 1946, in St. Louis, Mo. She preceded him in death on Aug. 10, 1996

Gene loved to fish and hunt.

Survivors include: two daughters, Elizabeth "Betsy" Campbell and husband Frank Ortega of El Paso, and Carolyn "Kitty" Kelly and husband John; four granddaughters, Melissa Garcia and husband Johnny Jr. of Big Spring, Sara Sanchez of El Paso, Angela Klaassen and husband Johann and Robin Kelly and husband Kevin Swab; and three greatgrandchildren, Ethan Garcia, Mari-Gretta Galisteo Klaassen

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Violet Johnson, 70, died Wednesday, Graveside services were 10:30 AM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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(915) 267-6331 Craig E. "Gene" Campbell,

76, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Tuesday, at Trinity Memorial Park.

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address to: Big Spring Herald, P.O. Bos 1431, Big Spring, Texas. 79720.

and Cameron Kelly Swab. He is also survived by a circle of close friends

His only son, Craig Robert Campbell preceded him in death in 1985. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Kersten and Margaret Jackson; and two brothers, Don Campbell and Carl Campbell.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Alexander, Gale Kilgore, Rusty Ille, Johnny Garcia Sr., Jim Wright and Haskell Holland. Honorary pallbearers will be J.R. McMurry, David Hodnett, R.L. Heath, Floyd Pringle, Ethan Garcia, Frank Ortega and Ramiro Sanchez.

The family suggests memorials to: Lone Star District, Boy Scouts of America; 610 Scurry; Big Spring, or to Vista Care Family Hospice; 3210 E. 11th Place; Big Spring.

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

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that suitable volunteers should be able to separate facts from

"They need to have a certain amount of maturity to be able to discern what is in the best interest of the child.

And they need to be willing to undergo more than 20 hours of training. Volunteers must attend six evening sessions of three hours each, and one allday Saturday session - most likely at the agency's office in Midland. During that training, they hear from attorneys, officials with Child Protective Services, law enforcement representatives and others in the

Volunteers must study a large amount of material and become familiar with laws that affect

"It is a big commitment," said Campbell. The next training session is scheduled to start in

"Our mission is to advocate strictly in the best interest of the child," she explained, adding that volunteers can be called to testify in court cases involving the children. Most volunteers, she said, work on only one case at a time, and become familiar with the family and especially the child.

"You get to follow it through," she said. "You know what your efforts have brought about. It is hard work, but it is so reward-

There are only two volunteers currently working in the Big Spring area. Campbell said 90 percent of the agency's volunteers do have another full-time

Yolunteers must take an oath of confidentiality, and not discuss their cases with anyone, even a spouse. They must be at least 21 years old, and are screened with an interview and

background check. After the training, volunteers for the Big Spring area will be sworn in by 118th District Judge Robert Moore.

"There's a certain kind of person out there," Campbell said. "We just need to find them. This is the kind of person who has an abiding faith that you can make a difference in someone else's life.

Call Voices for Children at 570-1084 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS

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patients with stockings and gifts and caps. The bulk of our volunteers are RSVP volunteers," Russworm said.

In fact, she said more volunteer duties exist than there are volunteers

"Daily we have requests for volunteers that we are not able to fill," Russworm said.

Younger volunteers are need ed within the RSVP organization. The generation who founded the organization 25 years ago is decreasing. Anyone older than 55 may join RSVP and select their own station or count volunteer work they

might already be doing. "And one of our biggest selling points is that we have med-

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ical insurance that covers an RSVP worker while they are on station, or traveling to and from their station. We also have coverage in the case of the death of a volunteer while on station,' said RSVP director Nancy

Jones said volunteers usually have an interest that causes them to choose a particular work station.

"For example, they or their spouse was a veteran, so they go to the VA, or they love children so they do "Read to Me" or the school reading program. Some of our best volunteers come from churches or other nonprofit organizations that are out in the community helping people," Jones said.

The mobile meals program is an organization where 85 elderly receive nutritious meals daily, delivered by RSVP volun-

"That helps the community because 85 individuals are able to retain their independence, live in their own homes and receive human interaction each day, which is a deterrent to loneliness and depression,' Jones şaid.

Other RSVP volunteer stations include Big Spring Care Center, Mountain View Lodge, Comanche Trail Nursing Home, House, Marcy Crisis/Victim Services, Big Spring State Park, Family Hospice, Isaiah 58, Methodist Malone & Hogan Clinic, Scenic

Mountain Medical Center. And some other stations are Howard County library, the city of Big Spring, Howard County Youth Horsemen Club, Road to Recovery/American Cancer Society, Seniors for Childhood Immunizations, Salvation Army and Spring City Stompers.

Jones said the variety of effort and duties available is as diverse as they volunteers themselves.

"We've got those volunteers who dance for the Spring City Stompers, and those who read for the library. We've those who cook for the senior center and those who drive for the mobile meals program. Our volunteers are wonderful people, so full of life and energy they keep me young," Jones said.

organization. Grenon was twice widowed Her first husband died after more than 18 year of marriage, and the second after just two

"I do enjoy my single life, although I am sorry I don't have them with me today," she said.

Family has always been a large part of Grenon's life, and her talent in crocheting, another project she performs as an RSVP volunteer, was learned at her mother's knee.

"I learned to crochet and embroider from my mother and my grandmother. We would sit in the evenings and embroider, listening to the radio, which had a battery with just enough juice to last only one hour a

day," Grenon said. The three women embroidered scarves for table tops, and pillow cases. Grenon still owns two hand-embroidered necklaces made by her mother.

And in her spare time, Grenon continues to crochet caps that are given to RSVP stations, and baby booties donated to Birth Right. Each cap takes about five hours to make and each pair of booties about four hours, she said.

So far, Grenon has crocheted 10 pairs of booties and 75 caps for RSVP.

"They supply the yarn for me. I used to turn in 12 to 15 at a time, and then get more yarn. But now I spend more time at the Professional Building, because I enjoy, getting out of the house and seeing people,' she said.

Along with her volunteer work, Grenon said she enjoys bowling and spending time with her grandchildren, 8-year-old Chaneel Dykes and 2-year-old Charlie Dykes.

And her daughters Joanna Dykes and LaRhesa Gallion are important to her life. Gallion lives in Florida and carries on the sewing tradition of the women in the family.

"And I really enjoy living next door to my daughter Joanna, her husband and my grandchildren," Grenon said.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BURN BAN

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entrapment." In Sabine County, firefighters were working on the flank of a fire. They didn't notice the wind shifted, and suddenly the flank became the head of the fire. The firefighters narrowly escaped with only minor burns, according to Mahlon.

"Even experienced firefighters can be fire entrapped," he

Residents can protect their structures by creating good perimeters around their structures. Sullivan recommends landowners cut brush and grass down 150 feet around them.

'We have been lucky this year," said Mahlon. "We have not had as many fires as we might have, considering the dryness of the situation, but primary we have not had the wind."

Mahlon also warned residents not to let a little rain falsely lead them into thinking it is safe to burn.

"Sometimes no rain is less dangerous than some rain. When there is no rain, people know it is dry. With some rain, they think its safe to burn when its not," said Mahlon.

Sullivan said Howard County has had 120 fires since September. He estimated around 60 percent were caused by carelessness such as lit cigarettes and trash burning.

HELPING

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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

 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 Etementary 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.

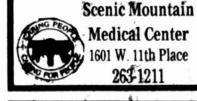
 Parks Convenience Center, 311 Gregg, is having a canned food drive for the Salvation Army. For four cans of food you get "The Works" car wash, a \$6 value, free through Dec. 10.

BRIEFS

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB will bring in the Christmas spirit this year by selling poinsettias. They have five colors available: red, white (looks like a pale yellow), pink, striped, and peppermint. The flowers are \$10 each, available from any Coahoma Lion.

For more information, call Bill R. at 394-4384, Jack at 394-4527, Quail at 394-4000, or any other member of the club.

THE WOMEN'S AGLOW MEETING will be Monday starting at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments and a 7 p.m meeting at the Howard College Cactus Room.



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er and there is a nursery provided. For more information call Debby Baskin at 264-8778, and the 2300 block of Gregg Rhonda Harding at 965-3420 or Brenda North at 267-3398.

CIRCLE SIX, SIX MILES north of Stanton on Hwy. 137, will have a Christmas light dis-

There will be hayrides to tour the camp and see the lights at 6 p.m. on Dec. 3-5, 10-12, and 17-After the hayride, there will

be hot coffee, hot chocolate and homemade cookies. There is no cost, however, there will be a donation box set

For more information call

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 47.80, down 35 points: Jan. crude 26.35, up 54 points; cash hogs at \$1 lower at 36; cash steers at 70 even; Dec. lean hog futures 52.50, down 20 points; Dec. live cattle futures 69.60, up 37 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents from 12 p.m. Saturday until 8:00 a.m. today: • INEZ PINA, 40, was arrest-

ed on a charge of public intoxi-• ROBERT PERRY, 31, was

arrested on a charge of public intoxication • ROBBIN KEMPER, 42, was

arrested on a charge of public intoxication. • LORENZO VABIENA, 49,

was arrested on a charge of assault family violence. • TOM COATES, 44, was arrested on a charge of crimi-

nal trespass of a habitation. • STEVEN LOPEZ, 22, was arrested on a charge of driving

while license is invalid. BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported in the

1000 block of North Main. ASSAULT was reported in

the 700 block of West Fourth. CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan, and the 800 block of Lorilla.

• THEFT was reported in the 100 block of North Nolan, the 3300 block of West Highway 80, 1100 block of Lamesa Drive, 1800 block of East Marcy, 2700 block of Old Highway 80, the 2900 block of McCauslan where

Becky Free will be the speak- one chrome Pacific Nemisis bike worth \$150 was reported stolen, 2300 block of Wasson, · CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

> was reported in the 1100 block of East 15. ASSAULTS BY THREATS was reported in the 1900 block

of East 25th. DRIVING WHILE INTOXI-CATED was reported at the

police station. DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the area of Rosemont and Wood, in the 900 block Aylesford, 1400 block of Princeton, and the 1500 block of West Third.

 DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87.

 JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 800 block of West Marcy and in the area of 23rd and Scurry

· SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1200 block of Scurry.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Department/EMS reports: FRIDAY

6:59 a.m. — Scenic Mountain Medical Center, transfer patient to University Medical Center, Lubbock. 8:23 a.m. -3700 block

Wright, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 8:49 a.m. - 2000 block Virginia, trauma call, patient

transported to SMMC.

5:34 p.m. — Mile marker 179 I-20, traffic accident, service refused.

7:53 p.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, rescue. 9:39 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient

transported to SMMC. 11:32 p.m. — SMMC, transfer patient to 3200 block Parkway. **SATURDAY**

7:20 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC 9:46 a.m. - SMMC, transfer

patient to 3200 block Parkway. 6:17 p.m. — SMMC, transfer patient to University Medical Center, Lubbock. 6:35 p.m. - 3100 block S.

McGregor, medical call, service refused. 8:01 p.m. - 300 block E. Fourth, trauma call, patient

transported to SMMC. 8:41 p.m. . — 1500 block Sycamore, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:28 p.m. - 500 block Circle,medical call, patient transported to SMMC

SUNDAY 1:06 a.m. — Mile marker 191 I-20, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC

3:12 a.m. - 18th and Gregg, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 9:50 a.m. - SMMC, transfer

5:34 p.m. — 1400 block Wood. trauma call, service refused. 5:56 p.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient

patient to Lubbock.

transported to SMMC. 8:34 p.m. — Walmart, trauma call, patient transported to

Records

Sunday's high 55 Sunday's low 28 Average high 61 Average low 32 Record high 79 in 1956 Record low 6 in 1950 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.00 Month's normal 0.15 Year to date 11.84 Normal for the year 17.79 Sunrise Tuesday 7:34 a.m. Sunset Tuesday 5:41 p.m. **Statistics not available

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But the discovery of the grave

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Graves southwest of Ciudad Juarez rekindle memories of 1998 kidnappings CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico Munoz Talavera - who was (AP) - The discovery of a mass battling other drug traffickers grave near the U.S. border has for control of the Juarez cocaine

> Jaime Hervella, director of the El Paso, Texas-based Association of Friends and Relatives of the Disappeared, said there could be a link between the grave site and the 1998 kidnappings.

"It could well be them. But we don't know enough about the methods, who was buried first, how they died, to say," said Hervella of El Paso.

All six bodies were found with silver adhesive tape covering their mouths and noses, while one man died from a gunshot wound to the head, according to government statement. Mexican investigators told the El Paso Times that the other victims may have been suffocated from having their mouths

and noses duct taped shut.

blindfolded, the statement said. It also said one of the men had had his legs bound with tape, with his hands tied behind his

Ranging from about 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall, the men were dressed in "masculine clothing," including three with cowboy boots, one with short boots, one with tennis shoes and another with mining shoes, according to the state-

At the time of death, two of the six men appeared to be about 35 years old, while the other four were older than 50, according to Mexico's Attorney General's office.

The body of one of the six men was found with three I.D.s, all with the same name. Officials would not release the name that appeared on them until the identity could be determined

Four of the victims were through other means. Another him up, but the police denied body was found with a white handkerchief stitched with the letter "P."

> This week, relatives of "disappeared" Mexican and U.S. citizens expect to be interviewed by the FBI as part of an investigation into scores of missing persons who may be found in mass graves in Juarez.

Family members of U.S. Navy veteran Saul Sanchez Jr. and Mexican army Lt. Victor Hugo Ontiveros — both of whom disappeared in Juarez — are among the first families with missing friends or family members that the FBI asked to meet with this week, according to Hervella.

Ontiveros, 33, was last seen training Mexican state police on the use of firearms, said his father, Ernesto Ontiveros.

"Witnesses said they saw men in federal police uniforms pick

any knowledge of him or (the) officers," Ontiveros told the newspaper.

The FBI is expected, according to the report, to bring the Enforcement Drug Administration and possibly the U.S. Marshals Office into

possible narcotics connections. Other mass kidnappings in Ciudad Juarez in 1994 and 1997 could also be related to the remains found at Rancho la Campana.

the investigation because of

FBI agents began asking relatives of the estimated 100 people missing since 1994 to supply information such as dental records in hopes of identifying the remains. No new bodies have been found in the past three days of digging at the

It may be hard to identify the bodies given the habits of

Amado Carrillo Fuentes, the drug lord suspected of ordering kidnappings and killings in Ciudad Juarez, before he himself died in 1997.

Carrillo Fuentes reportedly sought to dispose of the remains by having them buried with "a dose of milk": quick lime or other chemicals that would hasten decomposition.

Carrillo Fuentes, the "Lord of the Skies" who flew passenger jets stuffed with tons of cocaine across the U.S. border, had other bizarre habits, as did those who later used the ranch.

"They had ponies here," said 57-year-old farmer Anostacio . Espina, pointing down at the ranch from his shack overlooking the property. "They would bring children in on weekends for pony rides" in a corral just yards from the mass grave, he

Family, colleagues mourn as one firefighter's body is recovered

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) -One begged his dad to take him to fires when he was just a boy, listening to fire calls on his own scanner. Another followed a rich family tradition of 200 years of firefighting. And a third was the father of six young sons.

As searchers on Sunday recovered the first of six firefighters who perished in a vacant warehouse fire last week, families of the victims told their tales and shared their grief.

"I have three children ... who want everybody to know their father was not one who ever shied away from anything. Anything he did in his life he did with true dedication, with true spirit," said Kathy Spencer, the wife of Lt. Thomas E. Spencer, who died in the Dec.

The body of Timothy P. Jackson, a 27-year veteran, was removed from the still smoldering building Sunday morning. Firefighters stood and saluted as Jackson, 51, was carried down a ladder. Some made the sign of the cross. Others covered their hearts with their hel-

believed to be the nation's highest death toll involving firefighters since 1994, when 14 firefighters perished in a forest firein Colorado.

In the same spirit as the men who gave their lives trying to save others, firefighters refused to halt the search for their fallen comrades and for answers to

what sparked the blaze.

Fire Marshal Stephen Coan said that while the cause of the fire has not been determined, it has been deemed suspicious.

At the scene of the crumbling warehouse, firefighters said Jackson was one of four men who died trying to rescue two firefighters who became disoriented amid thick smoke in the Worcester Cold Storage and Warehouse Co. building while searching for homeless people they believed to be inside.

Still buried inside the rubble were Spencer, 42; James F. Lyons III, 34; Joseph T. McGuirk, 38; Paul A. Brotherton, 41; and Jeremiah M. Lucey, 38.

Lyons had been rushing to fires since the time, as a young boy, he got a scanner to monitor fire and police radio transmissions, his father, James F. Lyons Jr., said between sobs.

"He was a hero on the day he was born, but today he's a martyr," the elder Lyons said. "He went into this fire to save people, what he wanted to do.' McGuirk was a third generation firefighter whose family

has chalked up more than 200 years of service. A father of The loss of the six men were two. McGuirk was a carpenter until he became a firefighter three years ago. Lucey loved camping, riding

his Harley Davidson motorcycle and watching the stars with his sons, John Patrick, 8, and Jeremiah Michael, 11. "My husband used to love to

take them out on our patio and

look for the Big Dipper, laying

Michelle.

on a lawn chair, with one on

each arm," said Lucey's wife,

The family of Brotherton, a father to six boys under age 14, took solace in the words of a firemen's prayer hanging in his bedroom: "When I am called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save some life. And if according to your will I have to lose my life, please bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.

In sermons delivered at churches around the city, the six were remembered for their

"Lying at the base of their work is a dedication that all life is precious," the Rev. Rocco Piccolomini said at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. "They are heroes every day."

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Mars microprobes appear lost forever; Search for Polar Lander continuing

Two tiny probes that rode aboard Mars Polar Lander but separated before entry appear to be lost forever as efforts to contact the larger spacecraft also continued without success.

Mission controllers, looking increasingly gloomy and exhausted after failing for three days to detect signs of life from any of the craft, admitted late Sunday it is growing more likely contact may never be made.

"Clearly the team is getting more frustrated, certainly, and more tense about all of this," said Richard Cook, operations manager for the Polar Lander.

If no signals are heard, it would be total loss for the entire, \$330 million Mars '98 project, which consisted of Polar Lander, the Deep Space 2 microprobes and the Climate Orbiter, which burned up over the Red Planet in September.

The softball-sized microprobes were supposed to slam into the surface at 400 mph to test a new descent technique that did not use expensive parachutes or rockets to break the fall from space. If the flight had been successful, future micro- tree- light, also could have probe missions could be sent to frozen in temperatures reaching shortly before Friday's schedcost than current spacecraft.

The \$29.6 million probes were to have emitted their first signals on arrival Friday, like Polar Lander. Every two hours, the orbiting Mars Global Surveyor tried to detect any transmissions from the microprobes to no success.

The probes also had been programmed to transmit automati-

cally once every five minutes if they did not receive commands from Global Surveyor after 29 and 32 hours. No signals were picked up during those opportunities as well.

'If we haven't heard from them in the next 24 hours, we will have exhausted our opportunities to hear from them," said Sarah Gavit, the probes' project manager.

Aside from testing 10 new spaceflight technologies, each probe was equipped with a bullet-like penetrator that was to burrow up to 2 feet beneath the 12:50 p.m. CST and closed 10 surface and test for frozen water. A unit containing a small radio would remain.

The probes could have survived a wide range of soils ranging in consistency from coffee grinds to permafrost, Gavit

Estimates of their trajectory based on the last data from the lander indicated over the weekend that they might have fallen into a crater, near a region of sand dunes. Both scenarios are potentially fatal.

could barely power a Christmas signals from the lander cover a wider territory at less minus 185 degrees Fahrenheit.

Meanwhile, the Polar Lander cials with hope only that the controllers attempted to find a lander survived the touchdown signal for the third straight day and, on its own, was taking Sunday. Several windows of opportunity came and went over the weekend with no sign of life from the unmanned craft.

Mission managers worked on rain. eliminating simple failure scenarios one by one. But they conceded that if, after trying all the obvious remedies, contact still hard," said Cook. "It doesn't has not been established by take much to have problems."

the failure would become more complex and the prospects of success would greatly diminish.

'When you start stacking - if this thing has to fail and then this thing has to fail and then this thing has to fail to get into this circumstance you're definitely in extra time,' Cook said. "We're not there yet. I think we will be, come Tuesday morning.

Sunday's first communications window — designed to use a second antenna — opened at minutes later without any transmission from the surface. The lander, if working proper-

ly, was supposed to have switched radios to relay a signal through Global Surveyor, instead of transmitting directly to Earth. But the mapping spacecraft sent only its own data and none from the lander. Sunday's second communica-

tions opportunity, using the original antenna, opened at 9:40 p.m. CST. After the window was open for several minutes, scien-The probes' batteries, which tists still had not detected any

Lack of any signals since uled landing left mission offisteps to establish contact.

Mars Polar Lander could have gotten into trouble simply by setting down in difficult ter-

"Landing on Mars is very hard — and it's the part where you're landing that's really

Curious toddler explores her way into danger zone

that toddlers can get into everything, but while I was baby-sit- curious. Anything they shouldting my grandchildren, the little n't touch should be placed out of one did something I never reach or in a child-proof cabiwould have imagined.

My son-inlaw had taken my suitcase to mv up and room placed it on bed. the Shortly after that, I missed granddaughter and went looking for her. I found her in



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my room with all my pills strewn around her. She had unzipped the suitcase, unzipped the bag in which I keep my medicine and removed all of the caps! Fortunately, she hadn't message will be appreciated by put any of my pills in her

mouth. However, I would like to warn others about this and thought your column would be the best way to do it. — CONCERNED GRANDPARENT, WHARTON,

DEAR CONCERNED: I'm sure your helpful reminder will be appreciated by those who carry medications while traveling, or

DEAR ABBY: We all know in a handbag on a daily basis. Small children are naturally

> DEAR ABBY: This year my husband and I have sent the enclosed poem to all of our children and their numerous offspring — 28 at last count. We know it's difficult to select gifts for us, and frankly, we don't need anything. We want to simplify our lives by having less

> Perhaps our little verse will help other senior citizens who feel as we do. It is original, but feel free to use it if you think it's something your readers will find useful. - LONGTIME READERS IN MISSOURI

> **DEAR LONGTIME READERS:** Your delightful poem is well worth sharing, and I'm sure its countless people of all ages who feel as you do. Read on:

> So many of you asked us (since Yuletide's drawing near) "What do you want for Christmas? What can we give this year?"

If we say, "We want nothing!" you buy something anyway, So here's a list of what we'd like; believe now what we say:

Pajamas for a little child, food

Hrs. 12 pm-12 am Mon.-Fri.

to feed the poor.

Blankets for a shelter, and we ask but little more -Perform good deeds and let us

Or volunteer your time. These last are worth a for-

And they needn't cost a dime.

We have too many things now, vases, candles, tapes and clocks. We have our fill of garments,

ties, underwear and socks. Candy is too fattening, crossword books we've more than 20.

We don't need trays or plates or cups, And knickknacks we have plenty.

We've no walls to hang more pictures;

We have books we've not yet So please take what you'd spend on us

And help the poor instead! Just send a Christmas card to us and tell us what you've done: We'll open them on Christmas Eve, and read them one by one. It won't cost as much for postage as a package sent would

You'll need no wrapping paper, ribbons, ink or glue. And we'll thank God you listened to what we had to say.

So we could be the instru-

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about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL







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OUR VIEWS

You can help make the season brighter for less fortunate

emember when you were 5 or 6 years old, and you crept into the living room on Christmas morning and there was that really special gift? Perhaps it was a doll you had wanted, a bat and ball, or a "big kid's" bike. Whatever it was, it meant so much to you. Why, you might have rushed outside to show your friends.

Maybe by now, you've had children of your own maybe even grandchildren — and you have heard the laughter in their voices and the sparkle in their eyes, and remembered your own. It's a really special time, isn't it?

There are kids, though, who won't be smiling this Christmas, who won't rush outside to show their friends what Santa Claus brought. That's because Santa won't be bringing them anything this year. It has nothing to do with whether they were naughty or nice, of course. Maybe Dad lost his job. Maybe he left. Maybe Mom left. Maybe it's just been really tough and there isn't any money for gifts. It happens.

With your assistance though, the less fortunate children of Big Spring can have a better Christmas. How can you help? On the left side of the front page, in each issue of the *Herald* through Christmas Eve, we list ways you can make the holiday period artitle brighter - and not just for children, but for the elderly, who might otherwise be forgotten at this time of year, too.

There are the Salvation Army Angel Trees, which give you a chance to purchase a few gifts for a child, or an elderly person, for Christmas this year. Other ways you can help are through Toys for Tots, canned food drives or just adding a dollar or two to your grocery bill at HEB. The means and methods can be as personal as a warm hug to someone who needs it, or as impersonal as dropping a few dollars in a bucket.

But helping out this holiday season doesn't have to mean opening your wallet or your pantry. It only means opening your heart. You can volunteer time to any number of organizations.

This Christmas, we encourage you to reach out to those who are less fortunate. Whether you adopt an angel, help pick up cans, deliver a meal or donate that old coat you thought about throwing away, your help will be greatly appreciated. Somewhere, someone will have a brighter Christmas, because of you.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR: Much...too much...has been

ing out the Aggie bonfire! **Aggies** without the bonfire is like Thanksgiving without turkey...George Washington without the Spirit of '76...Texas without San Jacinto! Tradition is the spirit of "we're all part of it"...past, present and future...and let it not be said that any of us were part or parcel of that movement that would deny future generations, regardless of which University or side of the line of scrimmage they might choose to line up on, the great privilege of this inspirational experience.

written and said about throw-

And while the recent monumental tragedy has driven all of us to our knees in a futile attempt to assuage our universal grief, this catastrophe has spawned the most harmonious blend of pom poms and Senior boots, crew cuts and shaggy hair, frat boys and corps cadets and Maroon and Orange in the history of these two great institutions. And the never to be forgotten memories that this event recalls from the deepest recesses of our minds...how the Teasips in 1947 lit the Aggie bonfire two days early with gasoline bombs from an airplane. And how that incident, that was more than rectified

this year, two generations later,

when the grandson (Matt

Bumgardner) of a Co-captain of the 1947 Sugar Bowl Champion Texas Longhorns caught the winning touchdown to beat the Horns. And the only consolations that old Grandpa Teammate (Max Baumgardner) and I have at this late date is the Aggies never beat either one of us. The fact is that as we stood there before every Turkey Day kickoff and that magnificent Marching Aggie Band and the Corps stood at attention and sang Pinky Wilson's splendiferous "Aggie War Hymn", I always felt was more of an inspiration to me than my opponents although they ultimately got all my front teeth

What I think about I like a lot and I've thought a lot about the Aggies and their traditions this past week. Rest assured the Aggies know who they are! Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, "Every tradition grows more venerable...the reverence due it increases from generation to generation..(until) it finally becomes holy and inspires awe' You can bet your hip boots I'm one of those who's for keeping the traditional Aggie bonfire and preserving that grandiose spirit.

R. E. 'PEPPY' BLOUNT Longview

(Editor's Note: Peppy Blount is a Big Spring High School graduate and former state legislator.)

Religion has played a powerful role in history

isten to George Washington, the United States' first president:

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the

providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint commit-



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tee, re quested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God

That's from the text of the very first Thanksgiving proclamation given on Oct. 3, 1789.

Now a question: Would a Congress that wrote the First

Amendment call for a national day of prayer but forbid highschool students from praying at the graduation ceremonies or at their football games?

Not hardly.

The present hostility toward religion led by the federal judiciary is an aberration, and it is totally inconsistent with the Constitution and the founding of this country.

Even the 97th Congress passed a resolution requesting the president "to designate 1983 as a national Year of the Bible in recognition of both the formative influence the Bible has been for our Nation, and our national need to study and apply the teaching s of the Holy Scriptures.

The assault by federal judges against religious expression is a 20th-century phenomenon instigated by anti-Christian factions under the false banner that claims the First Amendment decrees a secular government. How indeed could that conclusion have arise n given the history of the country and the fact that Congress authorized chaplains for its

Hillary

The First Amendment says what it means and means simply what it says, that Congress shall not establish a religion or prohibit the free exercise thereof. At that time of the writing, the word "establish" meant making a state or national institution of a church. That's what the writers were forbidding. There was to be no Church of the United States as there was, and still is, a

Church of England But to construe the First Amendment to mean that all references to religion and all religious expressions should be banned from all public places is absolute and utter nonsense. I think it is a less a matter of a lack of intelligence on the part of the offending jurists as it is a lack of integrity.

To teach a secular history of the United States is to teach a false history of the United States. Religion has played a powerful role in America from its very beginning, and the historical record is perfectly clear.

Washington, himself a traditional Christian, recognized the importance of religion in his famous argument that a republican government could not stand without a virtuous public, and no public would be virtuous without religion.

Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure," Washington remarked, "reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles.

Abraham Lincoln voiced similar sentiments in proclaiming a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer: "It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.'

Tell your children it is their right to pray when and where they choose.

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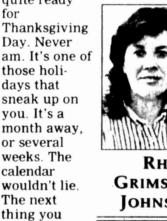
The Thanksgiving Philip Marlowe came to dinner

Raymond Chandler

Philip Marlowe came to Thanksgiving dinner. He didn't eat much. Not any more than your average fullback at a pregame meal.

I wasn't quite ready Thanksgiving Day. Never am. It's one of those holidays that sneak up on you. It's a month away. or several weeks. The calendar wouldn't lie.

know you're



GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

the cranberry sauce. I was taking the turkey out of the oven, hoping it wasn't as dry as an El Nina summer, when that famous gumshoe friend of mine sauntered into the kitchen, looking like the next-door neighbor come to

lighting the candles and dicing

borrow a cup of sugar. "Marlowe!" I said. "This is a holed up in that dingy office of yours, hoping a big case might walk through the door. Never known you to be a man of tradition, anyhow.'

"If that's a dinner invitation, I accept," he said, cracking

Something was up. I could feel it the way you feel a fly on your face when you're napping in the hammock. Marlowe didn't presume to crash family dinners unless there was murder involved.

"Business slow?" I asked. We go way back. Before doubleknit. I figured what might sound nosy coming from some people would pass for concern coming from me

Marlowe didn't get in a hurry answering my question. It hung there in the air with the smell of bay leaves and turkey. He pulled up a dinette chair that had come over on the Mayflower, turned it around backward and sat. He sat like people paid him to sit like he was the decoration on the top of a tall cake.

"Is business slow?" He repeated the question, making it sound like something dirty. "Business is slower than a moonshiner's still in a county

with no Baptists. When crime goes down, there is no business.

Now it was my turn to think. I last tried it in 1972. Marlowe wasn't the type to panic, not about silly things, like statistics. Not about anything. I assumed he'd heard the same news we all had. Crime down. Drug use down. Everyone agreed it was down. They just couldn't agree on a reason. Democrats said it was because of the extra cops on the street. Gun opponents said it was tied to new restrictions on handguns. Economists said it was because everyone had a job. Republicans said ... I forget what they said.

"But Marlowe," I began, uncertain as a squirrel in the road. "Surely there's something. Blackmail? Kidnapping? Jewel heists? Something to tide you over till the economy sours again?"

Marlowe pushed his fedora past his hairline and raised one bushy eyebrow. I could tell he thought I was an idiot. A friendly, village kind of idiot, but an idiot all the same. "You telling me my busi-

ness?" he asked. cat's tongue. I hoped he would-

His voice was as rough as a

n't lick me.

"Even drug use amongst the youngsters is down," he said. "They no longer think it's cool to use drugs. They all teach Sunday school and earn sheepshearing merit badges in their spare time. How's a body sup-

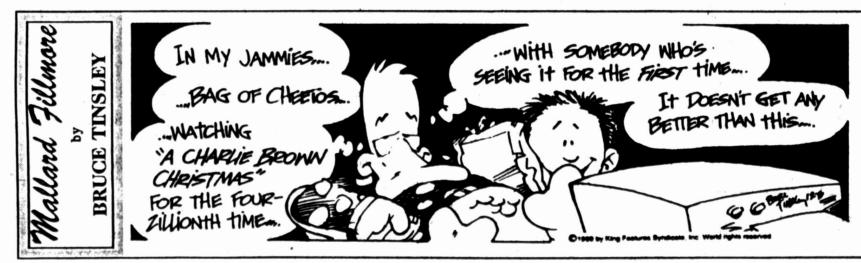
posed to prepare for that?' Marlowe wasn't in the mood to feel better. I could tell. Some days I'm perceptive like that. So I didn't waste any more of my energy telling him to watch the horizon for crime waves. A tough guy like Marlowe is going to survive, even if property crime and murder disappear altogether. You can't wipe out a legend with a few lousy statistics.

"Dark meat or white?" I said, determined to change the subject. After all, it was Thanksgiving — real plates, cloth napkins, all the signs. "Dark," he said. "Something

to match my mood. After dinner we sat and

looked at the moon. I've seen it bigger, but only in Montana. Marlowe rubbed his belly and lit an unfiltered Camel. He inhaled, but no deeper than a Jacques Cousteau dive.

He was somewhere else now, shy of the moon, but not by much.



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IN BRIEF

Steers football banquet set tonight at DRCC

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold its annual Steers Football Banquet at 6:30 tonight in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The banquet's meal will be catered by Al's and Son Barbecue.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at Athletic Supply, Al's and Son Barbecue and at the high school. They will also be available at the door.

Lady Bearkats suffer first loss of season

Garden City's Lady Bearkats suffered their first loss of the season Saturday night, as they dropped a 54-45 decision to Trent's Lady Gorillas in the championship game of the Highland Hilltop Classic.

Kyndra Batla paced Garden City with 22 points and five assists, while M'Lynn Niehues and Summer Eoff had nine points apiece.

Now 6-1 on the season, the Lady Bearkats will play host to San Angelo Cornerstone at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Hawks drop final game at Oklahoma Shoot-Out

Howard College's Hawks saw their record even to 5-5 Saturday with a 54-52 loss to Northeast Oklahoma during the final game of the Region II-Region V Shoot-Out in Tulsa, Okla.

"It was a tough, tough loss," Hawks head coach Tommy Collins admitted. "We dominated the game, but didn't dominate the score.'

Sophomore post Donald 'Yogi" Ceasar paced the Hawks with 17 points, while Vasilis Tsiuipliaridis had 13.

The Hawks next game is set for 8 p.m. Friday when they take on the host team in the Hagerstown (Md.) Classic.

Jackalopes players will meet fans Wednesday

Players from the Odessa Jackalopes hockey team will meet fans and autograph pic tures from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m Wednesday at the H.E.B. store in Big Spring.

The store will also hold a drawing for Jackalopes game tickets and other prizes.

Coahoma releases list of all-tournament picks

The list of all-tournament players from the Coahoma Invitational has been released Those named to the girls

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all-tournament team were Valerie Soto of San Elizario, Stephanie Washington of Stanton, Casey Watts of Anson, Nicole Nettles of Cooper, Sharon Ballenger of Sweetwater, Jayci Roberts and Kortney Kemper of Coahoma and the Borden County trio of Julie Mayes, Adrianna Baeza and Valerie Wootan.

The boys' team was Johnny Martinez of Anson, Brady Cook of Stanton, Justin Lawrence of Borden County, Derek Gasch of Midland Greenwood, Mitch Workman of Abilene Wylie, Brett Bennett of Coahoma, Brian Morris and Chris Adams of Monahans and Merkel's Justin Gates and Adam Stafford.

Boys basketball boosters slate meeting for Tuesday

The Big Spring Steers Basketball Booster Club has scheduled a meeting for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Sring Junior High School cafeteria.

All parents of boys' varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams, as well as all others interested in the Steers basketball program are urged to attend...

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SPRING HERALD Florida State No. 1 in AP's final poll of regular season

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

No. 1 Florida State is looking at AP

If the Seminoles beat No. 2 Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4, not only would they win the national title but they'd become the first team to be No. 1 wire-to-wire since the AP began a preseason poll in 1950.

Before the preseason poll, two teams -Army in 1945; Notre Dame in 1943 were No. 1 all season.

For the third time in the 1990s, Florida State finished first in The Associated Press' final regular-season Top 25 college

football poll.

The Seminoles finished the 1993 and '96 regular seasons No. 1, winning the '93 national title with a victory over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl and losing

the '96 title to Florida in the Sugar Bowl. Florida State (11-0) received 64 firstplace votes and 1,744 points Sunday from the 70 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel. Virginia Tech (11-0) had the other six first-place votes and 1,685

Nebraska (11-1), a 22-6 winner over Texas in the Big 12 title game, was No. 3, followed by No. 4 Wisconsin, No. 5 Alabama, No. 6 Tennessee, No. 7 Kansas

State and No. 10 Florida.

Alabama (10-2) won the Southeastern Conference title with a 34-7 win over Florida on Saturday and moved up two spots, while the Gators (9-3) slipped five

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, the top five were Florida State, Virginia Tech, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Tennessee. The top three in the final Bowl Championship Series standings, which determine the two teams who play in the national title game, were Florida State, Virginia and Nebraska.

Marshall (12-0) remained No. 11 in the

State, No. 8 Michigan, No. 9 Michigan AP poll after its 34-30 win over Western Michigan in the Mid-American Conference title game. The Thundering Herd, who joined Florida State and Virginia Tech as the only unbeaten major college teams, will play BYU in the Motor City Bowl.

Minnesota was No. 12, followed by No. 13 Penn State, No. 14 Texas, No. 15 Mississippi State, No. 16 Southern Mississippi, No. 17 Georgia Tech, No. 18 Texas A&M, No. 19 Purdue and No. 20 East Carolina.

Georgia was No. 21, followed by No. 22; Stanford, No. 23 Miami, No. 24 Arkansas and No. 25 Boston College.

Pats leave Dallas 1-6 on road

New England Patriots gave their fans something to look forward to. Now they would like the fans to return the favor.

With a 13-6 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday night, the Patriots snapped a three-game losing streak and revived their playoff hopes. But a bigger test looms tonight, when the Town of Foxboro votes on whether to approve an access road the team says is a make-or-break part of its new stadium deal.

"It's great to have the emotion of this win going in," Patriots stadium point man Andy Wasynczuk said. "But this isn't just a decision of the heart for the town. It's a decision that affects their future in a lot of ways, and I think that's how they're going to approach

New England (7-5) moved one game behind second-place Miami and Buffalo (8-4) in the AFC East, but the Patriots have a worse division record — the first playoff tiebreaker — than both teams. New England plays at first-place Indianapolis (10-2) next week.

14 of 25 passes for 176 yards but - a ruptured right biceps tenalso threw two interceptions.

Adam Vinatieri kicked two field goals and the Patriots defense — getting a boost from Ted Johnson's return from two arm injuries — held Dallas to season-lows of 203 yards and 12 first downs.

"It's been a long time since we've had a win, and it feels good," wide receiver Vincent Brisby said. "Now we need to use this as a stepping stone and keep going."

The Cowboys (6-6) failed to score a touchdown for the first time this season, getting only Richie Cunningham's field goals of 20 yards in the first quarter and 34 in the fourth.

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The Emmitt Smith was the sole Dallas highlight, gaining 75 yards on 19 carries to give him

1,053 on the season. It's Smith's ninth consecutive 1,000-yard season, matching Barry Sanders' record.

"No way I'll be satisfied with that after losing," Smith said. "This is not a game that's played individually.... It's not golf, it's football.'

The Cowboys played for the first time in 10 days after a 20-0 Thanksgiving Day victory over Miami. They remained tied for second in the NFC East, one game behind Washington,

which also lost on Sunday. "We're not a good football team right now, but as bad as we played tonight and as bad as we feel, we're still only one game behind," said coach Chan Gailey, whose team is 5-0 at home and 1-6 on the road. "We still have a chance.'

Bledsoe, who threw nine interceptions in his previous three games, threw two in the first half. But he led a critical 65-yard drive that ended with Terry Allen's 3-yard touchdown and a 13-3 lead with 6:39 left in the game.

And Johnson, who missed the "It looks like we need to win the rest of them" to refer the playoffs, said the terback day short of the one-year Drew Bledsoe, who completed anniversary of another injury don that ended his 1998 season.

overwhelming for Johnson said. "Being there at the end of the game and seeing the score the way it was, was very satisfying to me because it's been a long time since we've had a win.

The game's only touchdown drive began with 12 minutes left with a 10-yard pass from Bledsoe to Terry Glenn that gave New England a first down at its own 46. Completions of 19 yards to Kevin Faulk and 11 yards to Troy Brown produced another first down at the 17. Then the Cowboys, who lead

the NFL in penalty yards, were



Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, pictured here during a 1994 game, gained 75 yards on 19 carries in the Cowboys' 13-6 loss to the New England Patriots on Sunday. That gives him 1,053 yards on the season, the ninth consecutive year in which he's exceeded the 1,000-yard plateau.

called for offsides on third-and- Allen was stopped for 1 yard 1 from the 8. That gave the before scoring the touchdown Patriots a first down at the 4. from 3 yards out.

Carter backs up words in Raptors win over Spurs

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Before the season, Vince Carter guaranteed a playoff spot for the young Toronto Raptors. So far, he's done everything he can to back up his words.

Carter scored a career-high 39 points as the Raptors beat the San Antonio Spurs 98-92 on

'We defeated the NBA champions and got a chance to see where we stand," said Carter, whose team has also beaten the Lakers, Miami, Charlotte and Utah. "We have a goal that we are trying to reach and these are the kind of games we need."

year last season, was 15-for-25 from the field, grabbed seven rebounds and made all eight of his free throws. Tim Duncan had 27 points

and 13 rebounds to lead the Spurs, who lost consecutive games for the first time since Feb. 26-28 last season. "Toronto is a really tough

team," Duncan said. "They're an exciting team with a good mixture of young and old, and Carter is really working on his stuff. His jumper makes him extend the floor.

In other NBA games, it was Charlotte 103, Seattle 81; Milwaukee 103, Dallas 97; Dallas at home.

Carter, the NBA rookie of the Denver 80, New York 78; Portland 92, Phoenix 90; L.A. Lakers 117, Orlando 100.

> Hornets 103, SuperSonics 81 Derrick Coleman scored 26 points as Charlotte beat Seattle.

> Eddie Robinson had a seasonhigh 18 points for the Hornets, who improved to 3-6 on the road and concluded their four-game trip with a 2-2 record. Gary Payton led the Sonics

with 17 points. Bucks 103, Mavericks 97

Sam Cassell had 16 points and

a career-high 18 assists as Milwaukee held off scrappy

Cassell, who had 23 points and 15 assists at Chicago on Saturday, emphatically put his early season offensive troubles behind him with a marvelous weekend of play.

Nuggets 80, Knicks 78

Bryant Stith blocked Latrell Sprewell's jumper with 6 seconds left and Denver, after trailing for almost the entire night, won their first road game of the

Nick Van Exel scored 20 points, including 14 in the third quarter, and Antonio McDyess added 16. Allan Houston led New York

UConn's No. 1; Mississippi State gets first ranking The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut remained an overwhelming choice today as the No. 1 team in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which for the first included Mississippi State.

Mississippi State, 6-0 with a victory over Louisiana Tech, broke into the poll at No. 25 and was the only newcomer after a week in which 10 ranked teams lost a total of 12 times. All but three of those losses were to other teams in the Top 25.

Connecticut (6-0) received 41 of the 44 first-place votes from a national media panel after solid victories over two ranked teams, Illinois and Penn State. The Huskies, averaging 99.3 points the last four games, have led the poll all season.

No one else in the list remained in the position it held last week. The No. 2 spot changed hands for the third time this season, with Tennessee moving in after coach Pat Summitt collected her 700th victory in Sunday's 85-62 win at Wisconsin.

Tennessee (5-1)Purdue's 36-game winning streak earlier in the week and received two first-place votes. Louisiana Tech (5-1) moved up one spot to third and received one first-place vote.

Connecticut had 1,097 points, Tennessee 1,045, Louisiana Tech 1,005 and No. 4 North Carolina State 908. North Carolina State (7-0) moved up two places to its highest ranking since the week of Jan. 21, 1991, when the Wolfpack were

Georgia won three times during the past week but lost to LSU and slipped three places to fifth. Auburn climbed two places to sixth, Notre Dame jumped four spots to seventh and UCLA fell three places to, eighth after losing to Louisiana

Iowa State and Oregon com-, pleted the Top 10. Both moved up three places.

North Carolina was 11th and Texas Tech 12th. Then it was Rutgers, Kansas, LSU and Penn State, followed by Illinois, . Purdue, Arizona and Duke. Old Dominion, Stanford, UC. Santa Barbara, Virginia Tech

and Mississippi State held the

final five spots. Mississippi State beat then-No. 2 Louisiana Tech 74-72 only a week after Tech won at Tennessee. Coming off a 17-11 season and its first NCAA tournament appearance, Mississippi State is getting outstanding play from freshman LaToya Thomas, the first Mississippi high school player

of the year signed by the Lady

After topping Panthers, Rams earn first playoff berth since 1989 fumble 11 yards for a touchdown. "The the inside track for the AFC East title. The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The St. Louis Rams, Detroit Lions and Cincinnati Bengals ended long streaks of

Kurt Warner passed for 351 yards and three touchdowns as the Rams beat Carolina 34-21 Sunday to win the first NFC West title since 1985 an linch

their first playoff berth since 1989. "I came here thinking we could get it done," said Dick Vermeil, hired by the Rams in 1997 after a 14-year coaching

hiatus. The Lions snapped an 18-game losing streak against Washington with a 38-17 victory at the Silverdome.

punt return. Howard was needed because Terry Fair was unable to play. "That's amazing," said Detroit defensive tackle Luther Elliss, who returned a

Desmond Howard scored on a 68-yard

guy gets off the plane, comes in here and does what he does.

Jeff Blake tied his career high with four TD passes as the Bengals ended an 11-game home losing streak with a 44-30 win over San Francisco.

The Bengals have won two in a row for the first time since 1997.

In ther NFL games, it was Indianapolis 37, Miami 34; Green Bay 35, Chicago 19; Atlanta 35, New Orleans 12; New York Giants 41, New York Jets 28; Baltimore 41, Tennessee 14; Oakland 30, Seattle 21; Arizona 21, Philadelphia 17: San Diego 23, Cleveland 10; Kansas City 16, Denver 10; and New England 13.

Dallas 6. Minnesota plays at Tampa Bay tonight

Colts 37, Dolphins 34

Mike Vanderjagt kicked a 53-yard field

Dan Marino threw three TD passes for Miami. But Peyton Manning hit Marvin Harrison with completions of 16 and 18 yards in the final 30 seconds to set up the Colts' winning field goal.

Rams 34, Panthers 21

The Rams improved to 10-2 for the first time since 1978 and Carolina (5-7) missed a chance to reach the .500 mark for the first time in two years.

Bengals 44, 49ers 30

Cincinnati (3-10) snapped a nine-game losing streak to the 49ers (3-8), who lost their eighth in a row and clinched their first losing season since 1982.

Lions 33, Redskins 17

Washington castoff Gus Frerotte passed for 280 yards and one touchdown goal as time ran out to give Indianapolis 'against his old team as the Lions (8-4)

beat the Redskins (7-5) for the first time since 1965

Packers 35, Bears 19

Rookie De'Mond Parker ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns and Keith McKenzie returned a fumble on a botched punt 45 yards for another score as Green Bay won its third straight at

cold, rainy Soldier Field. Parker gained 113 yards on 19 carries to help the Packers (7-5) overcome the absence of leading receiver and rusher Dorsey Levens, out with cracked ribs.

Falcons 35, Saints 12

Chris Chandler threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as the Falcons snapped a three-game losing streak by routing even-more-hapless New Orleans.

The Falcons (3-9) posted their highest point total of the season.

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Ingenuity and intelligence merge to your benefit this year. You are spontaneous, and you keep everyone on their toes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ****Keep your distance from a hot situation. Unexpected developments force you to examine whether partnerships are bringing you what you expect. New beginnings are possible, but you will have to stay detached. Luck comes out of the haze. Tonight: Watch a

favorite TV show. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *****Strengthen foundations with a partner. Think through where you need to change. Don't hesitate to ask for what you want. Surprises surround your work; you need support. New financial beginnings are possible. Tonight: Make amends with a loved one

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *****Defer to others, especially if they are difficult and controlling. Still, think about what will happen if they have their way. Surprises abound; you gain insights. New beginnings now become possible in an important relationship. Tonight: Go where t he crowds

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***Pace yourself; you have a lot of ground to cover. Stop and think. Cancel the unnecessary and reorganize. A "no" answer might be necessary. A partner tries to divert your attention, and he does a great job! You might not see him realistically. however . Tonight: Take care of errands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *****Go back to the drawing board if you need to. Listen to another's ideas — you could be surprised by what he comes up with. Others get flaky on you, but that shouldn't surprise you in the least. New beginnings are possible. Tonight: Let your wildnes s speak! VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***You might need to change a decision. Today's events give you an opportunity to rethink domestic matters or to head in another direction. Don't become rigid. Let new techniques filter through your work. Tonight: Spend a little and enjoy the good life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *****Communication forces you to take a fresh look at a problem. You make improvements on an idea. Greater creativity is possible. Be more forthright and clear about what you want. New beginnings allow you to communicate better and achieve desired goals

Tonight: Get into Santa chores. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **Remain sure of what you're aiming at. Finances are a hot topic. Start working on your Christmas list. The unexpected occurs concerning home and personal matters. Confirm your bank balance. You might be overreacting to another. Emotions run high. Take a step back. Tonight: Shop.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec ****You are a force that is hard to stop. Because of your penchant for spontaneity, you could be breaking new ground. Talk about a dream you want to make real. Don't take others' attitudes personally. You naturally come out on top. Tonight: Treat yours elf!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan *** Listen to your inner

voice. If you can't play devil's advocate for yourself, find someone who can. Avoid making a money decision while the ramifications may be a bit odd. You might tend to go to extremes to please another. Tonight: Do only what you m ust: relax if you can AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*****You could inadvertently throw plans into chaos with your spontaneity and wild actions. You think you are logical; however, you may be the only one who thinks this. Others could find you nebulous at best. New beginnings are possible with a friend. T onight: Try to take an overview.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***Take time to fully understand a work-related plan. Information you share might be pertinent to others and to the success of this project. Be willing to revise your own thinking and admit you are wrong when you feel you are. Tonight: In the limelight.

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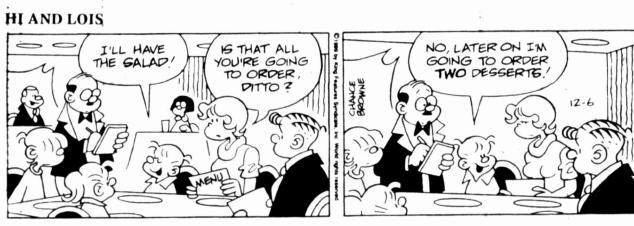
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Today is Monday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 1999. There are 25 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 6, 1889, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New

On this date:

In 1790, Congress moved from New York to Philadelphia.

was broadcast on radio for the Orleans. first time as President Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.

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In 1939, the Cole Porter musical comedy "Du Barry Was a THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams Lady" opened on Broadway.

In 1884, Army engineers completed construction of the

In 1923, a presidential address

In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Truman.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit blew up on the launch pad at Cape Canaveral,

In 1957, AFL-ClO members voted to expel the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The Teamsters were readmitted in

In 1969, a concert by The Rolling Stones at the Altamont Speedway in Livermore, Calif., was marred by the deaths of four people, including one who was stabbed by a Hell's Angel.

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

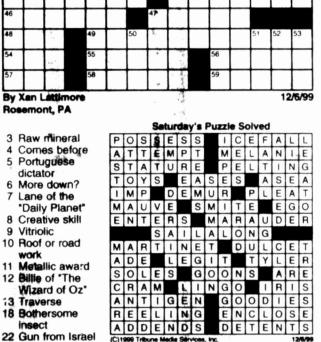
In 1988, rock-and-roll pioneer Roy Orbison died near Nashville, Tenn., at age 52.

Ten years ago: Fourteen women were shot to death at at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life. Egon Krenz resigned as leader of East Germany.

Five years ago: Former Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell pleaded guilty to defrauding his former law partners and clients of nearly \$400,000. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen announced his resignation. Orange County, Calif., filed for bankruptcy protection due to investment losses of about \$2 billion.

One year ago: In Venezuela, former Lieutenant Colonel Hugo Chavez, who staged a bloody coup attempt against the government six years earlier. was elected president. Endeavour's astronauts connected the first two building blocks of the international space station in the shuttle cargo bay.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Dave Brubeck is 79. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 58. Singer Len Barry is 57. Senator Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 51. Actress JoBeth Williams is 46. Actor Tom Hulce is 46. Actor Kin Shriner is 46. Talk show host Wil Shriner is 46. Actor Miles Chapin is 45. Rock musician Rick Buckler (The Jam) is 44. Comedian Steven Wright is 44. Country singer Bill Lloyd (Foster and Lloyd) is 44. Singer Tish Hinojosa is 44. Rock musician Peter Buck (R.E.M.) is 43.



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