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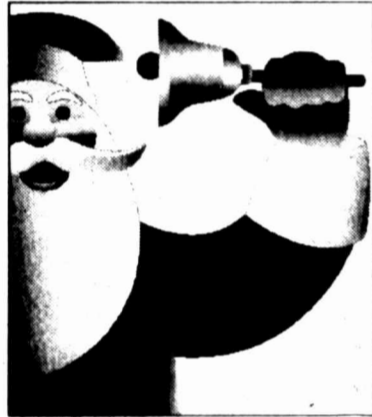
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## HELPING OTHERS...

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.



## Angel Tree locations:

- Big Spring Herald (seniors)
- Big Spring Mall
- Al's and Son B-B-Q
- Wal-Mart
- Cosden Credit Union
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- Rip Griffin's Gift Shop
- Gale's Sweet Shoppe

## Salvation Army Kettles:

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

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## Big Spring Relay for Life makes national Top 10 per capita list

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Big Spring's 1999 American Cancer Society Relay for Life made the top 10 list for the nation in per capita fundraising.

"We are very grateful to this community, that they have come around again," said Diane Wood, chairman of the 1999 Relay. "You start out thinking the economy is not good, and then the community comes

through for you anyway. It just puts the icing on the cake for us."

Relay for Life is a 24-hour community campout that encourages teams of participants to walk for donations. Locally, it takes place at Blankenship Field, including special competitions, musical performances and other fun activities throughout the day and night.

The local Relay was ranked eighth in the nation and second in Texas, raising a net amount

of \$94,402, or \$2.86 for every person in Howard and Glasscock counties.

The total raised by Relay in Big Spring was \$106,000. Erath County, which includes Stephenville, was ranked seventh in the nation and first in Texas.

Already, the organizing committee is meeting to plan Big Spring's Relay 2000. Wood will again chair the event, with co-chair Lucy Clinton, who will take over as chairman of the 2001 event.

"We have kicked it off," Wood said. "We thought we would give people a chance to start early on their fundraising, hoping to give them some help in that area."

Team captains have been given ideas on how to start fundraising during the holiday season.

"They are excited about those ideas to get them started," Wood said. "Then in the spring, they will hit it hard, like they always do."

ACS uses the money raised by

Relay for patient education and support services, including cancer prevention and help for those fighting the disease. Relay for Life includes a luminaria ceremony where those who are currently fighting, or have lost their battle with cancer are honored, and a Survivor's Walk for those who have had cancer.

Teams for the 2000 event are forming now. For information about starting a team, call Wanda Gamble at 263-7180, or Gloria McDonald at 263-4835.



Lakeview Head Start teacher Velma Flores' 5-year-olds Tashalla Young, Sarah Salazar and Alysha Garza joined with four other classmates and sang Christmas carols for the residents of Comanche Trail Nursing Home. Pam Richards' 3-year-olds class, and Belinda Marquez, Edna Gonzales and JoElda Garza's 5-year-old classes also participated.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

## Many names remain on children, senior's Angel Trees

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Today may be the last chance to adopt a child from the Salvation Army Angel Trees at Wal-Mart, and early Monday may be the last chance for the senior tree from the Big Spring Herald, or a child's tree at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

"We'll be picking up all the angel cards and the trees on Monday, because we've got to get these presents prepared and ready for pickup by Dec. 21," said Maj. Mary Nell Tolcher, commanding officer at the Salvation Army. "We still have quite a few angels left, but I feel sure they will be adopted," she said.

Tolcher urged anyone who might have decided to adopt an angel and selected a card but has not returned the gifts to take those gifts to the office, 811 W. Fifth.

"And then we usually have those who adopted an angel but then for whatever reason were unable to purchase the gifts," she said.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree program provides new toys and clothing for needy children in Howard County each Christmas.



TOLCHER

Families are qualified through income guidelines for the program, and must meet certain criteria to be eligible. At the start of the holiday season, more than 500 children and 175 elderly names had been placed on cards for adoption.

These cards, dubbed angels, are then placed on Christmas trees as ornaments. The trees are then placed in retail locations throughout Big Spring.

"We really don't know yet how many angels we will have who were not adopted. We will make a thorough count next week, and begin contacting those who have not brought their angels back," Tolcher said.

She said a large volume of gifts have been returned within the past several days, and she remains optimistic that all needs will be answered this Christmas.

"We'll just wait and see how we do next week," she said.

In other efforts, the Salvation Army Bell Ringers will continue to man their stations until Dec. 24.

And most canned food drives will close this week, as pickups of the canned goods are scheduled.

However, any donations of canned food or angel presents may still be made to the Salvation Army through the holiday season.

"We just need everyone to turn in everything as quickly as they can," Tolcher said.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Phyllis Graumann looks at the cards on the Salvation Army's senior Angel Tree before making an "adoption." All trees will be down by Monday afternoon.

## Murdered Georgia woman had family in Big Spring

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Editor

A 51-year-old Georgia woman who was murdered Tuesday had two step-daughters in Big Spring.

Dreama Hallman, 51, was found dead in her front yard by her landlord Tuesday. Lee Sweat, a special agent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, said there was also "some evidence of fire associated with the body and in the house."

Hallman's step-daughters, Lynn Hayes and Lori Thomason, live in Big Spring.



HALLMAN

She also had step-grandchildren in Big Spring.

Police suspect William Madison Howell, who goes by "Billy," killed Ms. Hallman. They have sworn out a warrant for his arrest.

"The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) told me she (Hallman) had run out of her trailer and had gotten into her car," Hayes said. "They said she had already been stabbed, because there were puddles of blood in her car."

"Then, she either got out of the car or he drug her out ... they (GBI) said he tried to stuff her under the car."

Hayes said persons in the community became suspicious when Hallman failed to open her used furniture and appliance store.

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Heather Hise, Chanz Reed and William Toomy, Forsan eighth graders, along with their class contemporaries from Big Spring, Stanton, Sterling City, Coahoma, Garden City, Ackerly and Grady attended Next Generation Day at Howard College. The students will have seminars on possible career choices such as agriculture, business and industry and medicine.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

## Solitaire

## Homes

Contract signed between firms, homes expected by mid-January

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Signal Homes is out and Solitaire Homes is in following the signing of a purchase contract Wednesday. The signing ensures the Duncan, Okla. firm will construct modular homes here.

Solitaire expects to be operational by mid-January.

"Everything was signed and sealed, and they are doing renovations now and expect to start by Jan. 10, give or take a few days," said Moore executive director Kent Sharp.

"This is a very solid company for Big Spring. We can expect \$4 million to \$5 million in wages for the community, plus they have 401K and profit sharing, major medical and life insurance," Sharp said.

Solitaire is a full-line manufactured housing company. Everything from the manufacturing plants, where the homes are built to the trucks that deliver merchandise to the retail outlets are owned by Solitaire.

"No one but a Solitaire employee touches Solitaire products until they get to the customer," Sharp said.

Initially the firm is expecting to have their first finished product by the end of January or first of February, Sharp said.

Once the manufacturing plant in Big Spring is running at full capacity, 150 to 200 new jobs will have been created, he said.

"Once they ramp up they should have that many jobs



SHARP

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# BSPD: Seasonal forgery increase expected over the next two weeks

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department expects an increase in forgery reports in the next two weeks.

"Forgeries tend to rise with holidays and unemployment periods," according to Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public information officer for the Big Spring Police.



SWEATT

Sweatt warns merchants that there are two types of check frauds. One is when someone else is cashing a stolen check. The other is when someone cashes their own check but later claims the check was stolen.

To combat check fraud, the Big Spring Police encourages local stores to participate in Thumb Print.

Sales clerks would require their customers who write checks to leave a thumb print on the check.

The ink dries almost immediately, and the customer can brush the ink off. Because the ink dries so quickly, the ink

will not stain clothes or fingers. Donna McIntosh, manager for 7-Eleven store No. 505 on Owens is in support of Thumb Print.

"We have had some customers refuse to be thumb printed," she said. "We then ask for their identification, but they refused to show us."

To help merchant protect their customers and themselves, Sweatt has some advice. Always request and check the identification of all customers writing a check.

"Compare the check information with identification of the person," he said. "If the identification does not match with the check, do not take the check."

The Big Spring Police Department recommends to sales clerks to look at the check for any inconsistencies, and refused to take temporary or altered checks.

Watch the check being written. See if the person signs the name without hesitation and correctly. Make sure the name matches.

Norwest has seen an increase in forgeries this year, according to Mark Barber, Norwest personal banker.

Barber has a few tips for individuals who would like to protect themselves against forgers. Leave the driver's license

number off the check. This will make the merchant ask for identification.

Do not give any account information over the phone.

"Norwest will never call our customers and ask for account information," he said. "We will only verify account information."

Only make purchases over the internet when you are convinced the site is secure.

"Much of the increase in forgeries is due to people giving their debit card numbers over internet," Barber said.

If making a purchase with a debit card or credit card, always keep receipt because the account number will usually be printed on receipt. Thieves can obtain the account number off the receipt.

Carefully check bank statements to make sure all the expenditures are yours.

Check the check registers to make sure all the checks are in order. According to Barber, thieves sometimes steal personal checks from the back of the register.

Offer to show the sales clerk your driver's license to verify the signature.

Big Spring loses an estimated \$100,000 a year because of forgeries according to Sweatt.



An Emergency Medical Technician with the Big Spring Fire Department attends to the driver of this automobile after it was involved in a two-car crash at the intersection of Gollad and 15th Saturday afternoon.

The other vehicle, also an automobile, crashed into a pole and concrete curb abutment on the northeast corner of the intersection.

Police Sgt. John Stowers (background) checks the intersection to make sure traffic has been rerouted from all directions. HERALD photo/John H. Walker

## MURDER

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"Her landlord went by to check on her and found her body," Hayes said.

While investigators have not given a motive for the slaying, Hayes said it was her understanding that her stepmother had withdrawn a large amount of money from the bank and that robbery was under consideration as a reason.

Howell, 42, was described as an acquaintance of Ms. Hallman's who had done odd jobs for her in the past.

Ms. Hallman's husband died in May and she was preparing to move out of her mobile home at the time she was killed, police said. She had owned a used furniture and appliances store in Darien, a coastal city 52 miles south of Savannah.

"She was planning to move to Louisiana to live with her daughter and granddaughter," Hayes said. "The last time I

talked with her, it was the first time she sounded happy since my dad died. From what I understand, she had hired this guy (Howell) to help her pack and move."

Hayes said her father died in May and that the couple had been married 14 years.

Funeral service is pending in West Virginia following completion of an autopsy.

## SOLITAIRE

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here. And one of the greatest things about this location for them is the close proximity to their retail outlets. They couldn't ask for a better location," Sharp said.

Solitaire Homes has retail locations in Odessa, Lubbock, San Angelo and Abilene, he said.

"Now, if one of their retail stores calls and says we need two of this model, they can

reach Highway 87 and head south or north, or reach I-20 and head east or west," he said.

The land acquisition north of the manufacturing plant on East 11th Place by Solitaire will be used as a \$7.5 million warehouse site.

As part of Solitaire's agreement to buy the land, manufacturer housing retailer Beacon Homes agreed to relocate to the west portion of the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, near I-20, which was also a strategic move for that firm as well.

"They wanted to be closer to I-20 for shipping and trucking purposes," Sharp said.

The move of Beacon Home should be accomplished after the turn of the year. Moqre Development agreed to assist the city of Big Spring with the cost of water and sewer line service in that new Beacon Homes location.

"Solitaire will not need that land immediately, and should have access to it by June or July," he said.

# Entertainment planned four nights for Comanche Trail Festival of Lights

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Local residents have another reason to visit or revisit the third annual Comanche Trail Festival of Lights.

Four nights of musical entertainment is planned for the festival of lights on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

"Please come and enjoy the holiday festivities," said publicity chairman Gloria McDonald.

The entertainment will be held at the pavilion at The Historic Spring Festival of Lights volunteers will be selling refreshments, such as hot drinks, cookies and cakes.

The entertainment schedule will be as follows:

- Big Spring High School Band, 7 pm., Monday
- Big Spring High School Choir, 7:30 pm., Tuesday
- Robert Pruitt, 7 pm., Wednesday
- St. Thomas Catholic Choir, 7 pm., Thursday

Comanche Trail is lit at 6:30 every night with a 250,000 light display.

Three new displays are featured this year -- an eight-foot nativity scene, a six-foot peace sign and lighted arches that run the length of the bridge.

"The first thing you notice is the look in everybody's eye that come to see the display," said volunteer Bobby McDonalds.

The lights at the park were illuminated on Saturday, Dec. 4 and will remain lit until Dec. 31.

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OUR VIEWS

# Next Generation offers opportunity for youngsters

On Friday, Howard College brought in upwards of 650 eighth-grade students from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Stanton, Garden City, Grady, Sands and Sterling City to participate in Next Generation Day. No in its fourth year, Next Generation Day is presented by the college, along with the help of the both Big Spring Rotary Clubs, and Moore Development for Big Spring, and offers the students a peek into their future — helping guide them through high school. "Eighth grade is the prime age to allow students an opportunity to stop and think about what they would do for a profession, because upon entering high school, students must decide on the educational tract that best prepares them for their future," said Rotarian Jan Foresyth. The students were grouped into seminars where they could receive information about various occupations, getting a diverse cross-section that included agriculture, industry, medicine, law enforcement and manufacturing and industry. While the students themselves might have been a captive audience, so-to-speak, the opportunities they were afforded served as eye-openers to many of them. As time passes, the necessity to get a grasp of what the future could hold for us becomes more and more important — which makes programs such as Next Generation Day even more vital to the future of its participants. Howard College, Moore Development and both the Big Spring Rotary Club and Greater Big Spring Rotary Club are to be commended for their efforts in laying an early foundation for our future and the future of those who will someday be our leaders.

OTHER VIEWS

They (EU leaders meeting in Helsinki this weekend) will make their vacuous pronouncements even as the horror rains down on Grozny, without a trace of a blush, and then go home. ... It is simply not true nothing can be done ... what is lacking is the political will.

**THE GUARDIAN, London**

Why, just days before the beginning of the third millennium, in a country that wants to be democratic — governed by laws and respectful of human rights — do military commanders act like Attila the Hun and Hitler? And are even applauded by their people, who seem to have suddenly forgotten the catastrophic consequences of Yeltsin's eight-year regime. The questions are agonizing. To build consensus around the indiscriminate massacre of civilians must fundamentally disturb every conscience. But maybe not. In fact, it doesn't seem to upset the Russians — not even the opposition or the intellectuals, if either even exist. Western leaders made somewhat of a scene at the November Istanbul summit, and then? Washington is raising its voice a little, but we wait for concrete action. In Grozny, uniformed assassins are carrying out a "final solution" to the Chechen problem, with justifications little more valid than those given by the Nazis for the Holocaust.

Our banks are more concerned with guaranteeing their loans than with the morality of the borrowers. Everyone is responsible. Even we, are tired and disinterested. Chechnya is too far away, the perpetrators too different from us to provoke our rage. We even risk falling behind Bill Clinton.

**IL MANIFESTO, Rome**

While European defense ministers agreed in Brussels that they wanted a pan-European rapid-response military force, U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen stated publicly for the first time that the Europeans, and especially the Germans, seriously lacked sufficient military capability. The subtext: There is a split in NATO, and the Germans cannot be depended on in military operations. The deployments in Bosnia and Kosovo were only made possible by a supreme effort. Old equipment isn't replaced. Soon the soldiers will be younger than the equipment that serves them. NATO must keep up with the revolution in military technology taking place in America, or it will no longer have any international say in things. A European corps of lesser quality is irresponsible.

**Die Welt, Berlin**

# Don't let Angels — young or old — go without

**T**here is a disturbing headline on Page One of today's Herald. It was stark, it was gloomy and it scared me.



**JOHN H. WALKER**

It read, "Many names remain on children, senior's Angel Trees." Since I first arrived in Big Spring on Dec. 1, 1991, I have always been impressed with the compassion within this community ... with the willingness of her people to dig deep and help others less fortunate. Once again, it's time ... only now, there's little time left. Help me with this one, please. Close your eyes and picture a child ... a child all excited about the holidays and the prospects of Christmas because all they have seen and heard and read for the past few weeks — at school, on television, on the radio and in the newspaper — have dealt with Santa Claus and Christmas and gifts and toys and special holiday meals and treats. But the stark reality is that deep down — and sadly enough for some, maybe it's not so far deep down — that this particular child knows there won't be any such Christmas ... at least, not for them. The home they live in is barren of decorations ... there is no tree, and there certainly aren't any presents or packages. Their mom and dad, if they are lucky enough to have both mom and dad at home, work hard for their money. They fight to pay the bills, to keep the old car running and to try and do their very best to provide warm clothes, a warm home and nourishing food for their children. Sadly enough, Christmas gifts, holiday meals and shiny decorations just don't have a place in a budget stretched to the limit every day. The child knows their mom and dad loves them ... they know they care ... but they wonder why it is that they can't have something special at Christmas like all of their little friends. Again, picture that child for me. Now ... imagine that it is your child or grandchild. ... Now, back to reality. Because you are luckier than some, your child and family won't go without this holiday season, will they? You'll do everything within your power — everything the Good Lord will allow you to do — to make certain little Susie and little Johnny have everything it is they've asked for these past few weeks. I know, because when I became a grandfather I promised myself that if there was any way on God's green Earth that I could do, that I would for Miranda. Now that I have been blessed with Andrew, I feel that way even more strongly. Miranda and Andrew will have a wonderful Christmas. No, they won't get everything they wanted, but they will get more than enough. But there are Mirandas and Susies who won't get anything unless you and I go to Wal-Mart today or Gale's Sweet Shoppe and the Herald on Monday and take an Angel's name off one of those trees. Unless we do that, there won't be any Christmas morning excitement with paper being ripped away and packages opened. There won't be any "ooohs" and "aaahs" as they discover what Santa brought them. For those children, the stark reality that there may well be no such thing as Santa Claus will break through the holiday facade that they have been forced to live with. Can you imagine your child getting up on Christmas morning and there being nothing for them? I can't imagine that of Miranda or Andrew, and the mere thought of it brings tears to my eyes. Christmas should be a wonderful time of the year for children. A time of lights and parades and toys and candy

canes and memories that will last a lifetime. Won't you help give a child less fortunate than your own — or your grandchildren or even your great-grandchildren — the opportunity to experience a child's Christmas? What gift could you give that could be as wonderful as one that would put a smile on the face of a child or bring that wonderful child's giggle that makes us all smile ... and what thought could be worse than knowing that unless you do something, that on Christmas morning a child some place in Big Spring will get up, hoping against hope — but knowing all too well that there'll be no Christmas for them. And on that day of all days, what could be worse than a child without Christmas. Today, go to Wal-Mart and adopt an Angel! Tomorrow, go by Gale's or the Herald ... but don't wait past tomorrow, because after Monday, there are no more tomorrows. Even if you've already adopted an Angel, adopt another if you can afford it and help make the difference in the life of a child. Give them that smile and that laugh — but more importantly, give them the gift of being able to be a child at Christmas. Please ... time is slipping away and after Monday, there are no tomorrows.

John Walker is editor of the Herald.



## The CIA's take on Mexican situation

A high-ranking intelligence source tells us the CIA is amazed at President Bill Clinton's inattention to Mexico. During seven years in office, our source notes, the president has only visited our southern neighbor once, this though the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has increased Mexico's importance as a trading partner; this though Mexico has become the primary conduit for the flow of illegal drugs; this though illegal immigrants continue to pour across the border.



**JACK ANDERSON**

Our source says the intelligence community is taken aback by the president's global trotting, when perhaps the nation's most significant foreign-affairs problem is ready to explode next door. Mexico has never been a democracy in the American sense. Power there has always been concentrated in the hands of the small wealthy elite that controls the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI). This party has run the country for 65 years, though in 1997 it lost its absolute majority in the Chamber of Deputies. Corruption is pervasive and the country's last president, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, now lives abroad because investigators uncovered substantial wrongdoing during his administration. Mexican corruption has now taken on a more ominous twist: drug money. Seventy percent of the marijuana coming into the United States comes from Mexico as do substantial amounts of cocaine and other illegal drugs, and Mexico has become the primary money-laundering point for illegal drugs wending their way from several other countries. Quite apart from the drug problem is the perpetual discontent of impoverished, powerless people that manifests itself through occasional outbursts of revolutionary activity, which today includes the activities of several dozen armed insurgency groups.

But these are not the days of Pancho Villa, when we could choose to ignore our neighbor or send Gen. Pershing's army across the border after him with impunity. Modern Mexico, with 95 million inhabitants and the world's fifth largest oil reserves, is one of the United States' major trading partners, which is why our government routinely certifies the nation for its cooperation in the Drug War, a prerequisite for continued free trade.

This certification, of course, ignores reality, and that reality is contained in intelligence briefs regularly delivered to the White House and Congress: The Drug War is being lost due to American consumption and Mexican corruption. Our intelligence source says we have three options: • legalize and regulate drugs; • employ the zero tolerance Singapore Solution that regularly enforces the death penalty; • fumble along the way we are going, allowing crime to run rampant in our inner cities and standing by while drug money and power corrupt, and even control, the government of Mexico.

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# Judge scraps Hampton coach's civil rights lawsuit against Lubbock

LUBBOCK (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed a \$30 million civil rights lawsuit Hampton University women's basketball coach filed against the city of Lubbock.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummins ruled that the coach

Patricia Bibbs, her husband and an assistant failed to show racial bias led to their 1998 arrests near a Lubbock Wal-Mart store.

She and the others sued the city, several police officers and some University Medical Center

employees after they were arrested in November 1998. All three are black.

Four hours after the arrest, police released them. The city's mayor later apologized for the arrests.

Six months after the incident,

Bibbs and Kelso filed the lawsuit, accusing Lubbock police of racism and wrongful arrest.

Police had said Ms. Bibbs, her husband Ezell and assistant Vanetta Kelso appeared to fit the description of a group suspected of running a con opera-

tion. Cummings ruled Ms. Bibbs failed to show her arrest and that of her husband and assistant was racially motivated.

"The victim (of the alleged con) had identified two black women, so the police would not be looking for white women," Cummings wrote. "The victim positively identified plaintiff Vanetta Kelso, and stated that plaintiff Patricia Bibbs possibly fit the description of the other black woman."

"Further, (Ezell) Bibbs states in his affidavit that he and his wife, Patricia, had noticed that they were the 'only African-American patrons' in the Wal-Mart store," Cummings wrote.

The plaintiffs will appeal, said their attorney, Faye Hardy-Lucas.

"The plaintiffs are not surprised at all with Judge Cummings ruling," she said. "In fact, we had expected this."

The Virginia school's team was in Lubbock for a basketball game against Texas Tech, but the game was canceled because of the arrests. Hampton University joined in the lawsuit, alleging the city interfered with their contract to play the basketball game.

Hampton attorneys had earlier asked that Cummings remove himself from the case, saying he showed favoritism toward Lubbock in his courtroom. They noted that the city had never lost a case Cummings presided over.

"We had previously asked Judge Cummings to recuse himself because of his unfairness. \$0 we are not surprised he decided to grant summary judgment," Ms. Hardy-Lucas said.

Spokesman Tony Privett said the city of Lubbock will have no comment on the case until all appeals are exhausted.

## Authorities arrest, charge driver after tractor-trailer slams into school bus on I-35, near Cotulla

COTULLA (AP) — Authorities have arrested the driver of a tractor-trailer that slammed into the back of a school bus carrying special-needs students. Fourteen people were injured, at least three critically.

The accident happened at about 3:30 p.m. Friday on Interstate 35 about 10 miles south of Cotulla, in south Texas.

Thirteen passengers, almost all of them students from the Cotulla Independent School District, and the bus driver were injured, said Tom Vinger, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

It took rescue workers more than an hour to free bus driver Emma Gonzalez, 67, of Encinal,

from the wreckage.

Officials at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio said Ms. Gonzalez and two boys, ages 6 and 7, were in critical condition Saturday morning.

Rosa Flores, 29, a library aide; a 14-year-old boy and two girls whose ages were not disclosed were taken to University Hospital. All were listed in stable condition Friday night.

"This was a special-needs school bus. Some (students) needed wheelchair assistance," Vinger said.

The truck driver, Arturo Valdes, 34, of Laredo, was arrested and charged with reckless driving. He was taking a load of glass from San Antonio to Laredo.

Vinger said the sheriff's department had received several calls about a truck being operated recklessly, though alcohol was not considered to be a factor in the crash.

"He was just driving like a madman," he said.

The 18-wheeler slammed into the back of the bus, Vinger said. The bus rolled one way and the 18-wheeler rolled into the northbound lanes, closing I-35 in both directions.

"The bus ended up on its top. The kids were trapped, and DPS and other law enforcement officials had to extricate them from the bus," Vinger said.

Students were being bused at the end of the school day from campuses in Cotulla to their

homes in Encinal, 30 miles away. The children ranged from elementary school to high school students, school district spokeswoman Mary Sobrevilla said.

Officials have been concerned about the volume of truck traffic on I-35 since the North American Free Trade Agreement took effect in 1994. Truck traffic on the route has increased 272 percent in the past 3 1/2 years, according to U.S. Customs Service counts.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported the number of large trucks involved in fatal accidents in Texas rose to 422 in 1998 from 332 in 1994.

## Odessa jury metes out death sentence in connection with 1992 beating death of 5-year-old Earth girl

LUBBOCK (AP) — A laid-off farmhand was sentenced to death Friday for the 1992 murder of a 5-year-old West Texas girl.

Eddie Rowton was sentenced by an Ector County jury in Odessa for the beating death of Shawnlee Perry in the small South Plains town of Earth, about 55 miles northwest of Lubbock. The punishment came after about an hour's deliberation.

The trial was moved to Odessa because of the publicity surrounding the case in the South

Plains.

Shortly after the sentencing, the girl's mother, Becky Perry, told the court of how unfair it was that her other children would have to grow up without their sister.

"We should be a family of five, not four," Becky Perry told the gallery. "What did this little girl ever do to that man for him to murder her?"

Shawnlee's body was found in August 1992, three months after she disappeared, by a farmer in a grassy field northwest of Earth. Shawnlee suffered sever-

al broken bones and her clothes were turned inside out.

The jury could have opted for a life sentence for Rowton, who was convicted of capital murder Tuesday.

Rowton already is serving a 35-year sentence in Houston for the rape of a New Mexico woman. He has spent portions of the last 20 years of his life in and out of the criminal justice system for crimes such as rape, burglary and forgery. In 1978, Rowton escaped from a New Mexico prison during work detail.

During testimony, Daniel Garcia, who said he was a close friend of the girl's father, told jurors he saw Rowton beat Shawnlee to death. Garcia said he told Earth Police Chief Curtis Coffman that Rowton had killed the girl, but Coffman never followed up on the information.

At one time, Garcia was considered a suspect in the May 1992 disappearance. His statements have varied from witnessing the killing to having heard about it from Rowton.

## Oilfield service firms guilty of contempt

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has found two Houston oil-field service companies guilty of criminal contempt, ruling that they formed a joint venture in violation of a 1994 consent decree.

U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin in Washington, D.C., fined Smith International and Schlumberger \$750,000 each Thursday and imposed five years probation.

The companies will be allowed to continue operating the drilling fluids joint venture in exchange for payment of a \$13.1 million civil penalty, which they will share. The amount reflects profits earned by the joint venture while the companies were in contempt, the Justice Department said.

Smith issued a written statement saying the companies disagree with the ruling and are considering an appeal.

"This ruling sends a strong message that companies must comply with antitrust consent decrees," Joel Klein, the Justice Department's chief antitrust enforcer, told the Houston Chronicle. "Consent decrees are an essential tool in our efforts to enforce the antitrust laws and this ruling clearly demonstrates that companies subject to consent decrees must respect the rule of law."

The case was the first since 1983 in which a company had been accused of criminal contempt in violation of an antitrust decree.

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# Russian military backs away from plans for assault on Grozny

**STARYE ATAGI, Russia (AP)** — With Russia under intense international pressure to end its offensive in Chechnya, the military on Saturday backed away from plans for a massive assault on the breakaway province's capital, Grozny.

The military had given Grozny residents an ultimatum to leave the city by Saturday or face annihilation. But senior generals said the army would wait two to three weeks before trying to take Grozny.

The first deputy chief of the Russian General Staff, Maj. Gen. Valery Manilov, said Russia had no immediate plans to pound Grozny with powerful air and artillery strikes, and authorities stepped up their efforts to get civilians out of the ravaged city.

Russian forces were concentrated around Grozny but there were no combat operations Saturday, although fighting continued in other parts of Chechnya. The military halted all airstrikes against Grozny until midnight on Sunday, the Interfax news agency reported.

International pressure has built on Russia in recent days to withdraw the ultimatum to Grozny's civilians.

In Helsinki, the leaders of the

European Union on Saturday condemned the Russian military campaign, particularly the ultimatum for Grozny residents, and said the organization would divert some funds aimed at supporting the Russian economy to purely humanitarian causes to protest the war.

In an attempt to deflect criticism, Russian Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu traveled to Alkhan-Yurt on the outskirts of Grozny on Saturday to arrange safe passage for the capital's civilians.

"As you can see, today is Dec. 11 but there is no ultimatum for civilians. The military operation has been suspended, the corridor is open," Shoigu said, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

The Russian military has repeatedly accused Chechen militants of barring civilians from leaving the city and using them as human shields. However, many of the remaining civilians appeared unable to leave because they are old or infirm or lack transport.

"The streets are deserted," said Alik Elmurzayev, a 46-year-old Grozny resident, who left the city late Friday and walked all night on a hidden wooded path. "Only the militants ride

around in cars, but there have been very few even of them in recent days."

Elmurzayev said rebel fighters told him about the pathway leading south. Russian troops control all roads leading in and out of Grozny.

A safe corridor that was opened Tuesday from Grozny to the village of Pervomaiskaya is 12 miles long, and fewer than a dozen civilians made the trip during the first two days.

"This is a distance that many old and sick people who remain in the city simply cannot

cover," the leader of the neighboring Russian region of Ingushetia, Ruslan Aushev, said Saturday.

He estimated that between 25,000 and 30,000 civilians still remained in Grozny — nearly three times the estimates by Russian military commanders — the Interfax news agency reported.

The Russian military said that a second safe corridor was opened Saturday through the suburb of Chernorechye and the village of Alkhan-Yurt, less than two miles southwest of

Grozny, Russian news reports said.

Officials on the Ingush border, about 40 miles west of Grozny, said that just five residents of the Chechen capital had arrived Saturday via the second route.

"We can fully guarantee safety and a decent reception," Manilov told the NTV television network.

But a Russian military commander in the Alkhan-Yurt district said guerrilla groups in the region were still active Saturday, and there could be no

security guarantees.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said the Russian forces "will try to have as few losses among the (Russian) military and (Chechen) civilians as possible."

However, he added, "if our proposals (to militants) to lay down their arms are not accepted, more decisive action will be taken."

Russian forces entered Chechnya in September, pursuing militants who had invaded the neighboring Russian region of Dagestan a month earlier.

## Masked men attack Mexican prison in Chiapas; One child killed, more than 40 prisoners escape

**SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP)** — Militant Indians trying to free imprisoned colleagues apparently assaulted a state prison with automatic weapons, killing one child and allowing more than 40 inmates to escape, officials said Friday.

Chiapas state Attorney General Eduardo Montoya said 44 of the prison's 239 inmates fled the facility, 10 miles east of San Cristobal de las Casas, on Thursday night. Two were recaptured.

A 5-month-old child, whose

mother was visiting her imprisoned husband, was killed. Two guards were injured.

Authorities increased security at all 12 prisons in the area, including the facility where the break took place, deploying hundreds of soldiers, as well as federal and state police.

Leftist rebels are active in the region, but Montoya said the assault on State Prison No. 5 apparently was a result of a religious conflict.

He said the attackers appar-

ently were Maya Indians from Chamula, just north of San Cristobal, who have been engaged in a long struggle with village authorities over the right to practice Evangelical Protestantism in a community where a mixture of Roman Catholicism and Indian beliefs has been virtually mandatory.

"The plan, in addition to freeing their comrades, was to again empty the prison of San Cristobal de las Casas," Montoya said.

The Zapatistas captured the

same prison on Jan. 1, 1994, and freed its 180 inmates as they swept out of the jungle to briefly occupy San Cristobal de las Casas and other cities in Chiapas, Mexico's southernmost state. A cease-fire took effect two weeks later and has largely held.

The prison was reopened in 1998, but in May this year 80 inmates fled when a bungled transfer of inmates led to a riot. Many of those escapees were never recaptured.

## Plane carrying 35 people crashes in Azores Islands

**TERCEIRA, Azores Islands (AP)** — A plane flying through thick fog slammed into a mountain Saturday in the Azores Islands. Officials held out no hope of finding any of the 35 people aboard alive.

Rescue teams reached the wreckage more than four hours after the ATP turboprop plane crashed on Sao Jorge island, scattering debris and bodies across a densely forested ravine.

The search was called off after dark and was to be resumed Sunday. An investigation team was sent to the isolated crash site from mainland Portugal.

"Our job now is to find the bodies and then we will examine the causes of the accident," Internal Affairs Minister Fernando Gomes said. "There's no more hope of finding survivors."

The airline said it would reveal the identities of the 31 passengers and four crew only after their families had been contacted.

Seven bodies were recovered as rescuers using ropes and carrying stretchers scrambled over the steep, rugged mountainside, combing the area before night fell.

Jose Joaquim, a rescue official, told TSF radio it was unlikely survivors would be found.

Thick mist shrouded the area, which was inaccessible to vehicles, TSF reported.

Portuguese Air Force helicopters were on standby to winch out any survivors.

The Azores, a nine-island group, lie about 900 miles west of mainland Portugal.

Sao Jorge is 35 miles long and five miles wide and is sparsely inhabited. The mountain range where the plane came down has

steep escarpments rising more than 3,300 feet. There are few paved roads in the crash area.

"It's a very difficult area to work in," Dionisio Silveira, head of the local Civil Protection Service, told state radio Antena 1.

The 64-seat aircraft was on a local inter-island flight when it crashed in thick fog.

The plane left Ponta Delgada on Sao Miguel island at 8:37 a.m. en route to Horta, on the island of Faial, about 190 miles to the west, Antena 1 reported.

At 9:13 a.m. the captain told air traffic controllers he was beginning his descent to Horta. The last contact was at 9:19 a.m., Antena 1 said.

No emergency call was received from the aircraft before it went down. The cause of the crash was not immediately known, though the pilot apparently had taken an alternative course to avoid bad weather on his planned route.

The pilot had more than 20 years' experience as a civil aviation pilot and his copilot was a former Portuguese Air Force officer, TSF radio said.

The aircraft, built by British Aerospace, had been in service between the islands for 15 years, according to Lusa.

All SATA flights were canceled after the crash. SATA is the only airline that flies between the islands.

Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Guterres, who was in Helsinki, Finland for a European Union summit, canceled a planned visit to Kosovo and headed straight for the Azores Islands.

Emigration from the Azores to the United States is common and SATA has offered to arrange flights back to the islands for far flung relatives of crash victims.

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TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with 18 Carlos Delgado on a three-year contract.  
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with C. Kwon Yoon-min on a minor league contract.  
CINCINNATI REDS—Released INF Juan Melo.  
FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Susan Juliani Budd director of public affairs and Nancy Oton executive director of the Florida Marlins Community Foundation.  
NEW YORK METS—Traded LHP Chuck McElroy to the Baltimore Orioles for LHP Jesse Orosco.  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with INF Dale Sveum on a minor league contract.

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N.Y. Jets 4 8 0 .333 201 228  
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Tennessee 10 3 0 .769 274 257  
Pittsburgh 8 5 0 .667 208 187  
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FOOTBALL  
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Claimed WR KR Charles Jordan off waivers from Seattle.  
HOUSTON—Named Laura Morris vice president of administration and broadcasting.  
NEW YORK JETS—Placed LB Brian Cox on injured reserve.  
HOCKEY  
National Hockey League  
EDMONTON OILERS—Reassigned D Brett Hauer to Manitoba of the IHL.  
NASHVILLE FREDATORS—Suspended D Dan Kezmer for refusing to report to Milwaukee of the IHL.  
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Recalled D Ray Giroux from Lowell of the AHL.  
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Placed RW Ziggy Palfy on the injured reserve list.  
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled RW Nils Eklund from Detroit of the IHL.  
OLYMPICS  
USA CANOE-KAYAK—Named Elaine Mjolis team support chair.  
COLLEGE  
BOWDOIN—Announced the resignation of Howard Vandessa, football coach.  
KENTUCKY STATE—Announced the reinstatement of the school's women's basketball team.  
MICHIGAN STATE—Named Clarence Underwood athletic director and Bobby Williams football coach.  
MOREHEAD STATE—Dismissed basketball coach F. Quentin Smith and C. Mouhammadou Wilane from the team for violating rules and policies.  
UCIJA—Suspended sophomore F Jeffrey Rush from the men's basketball team.

NBA

Friday's Games  
Milwaukee 107, Toronto 91  
Indiana 136, Cleveland 88  
Boston 100, Houston 96  
Charlotte 106, Denver 99  
Golden State 107, Atlanta 99  
New York 85, Philadelphia 78  
Detroit 107, L.A. Clippers 83  
Chicago 71, New Jersey 69  
Utah 101, Seattle 83  
Miami 107, Sacramento 97  
Saturday's Games  
L.A. Lakers 106, Vancouver 94  
L.A. Clippers at Indiana (n)  
Charlotte at Philadelphia (n)  
Atlanta at Cleveland (n)  
Chicago at Orlando (n)  
Houston at New Jersey (n)  
Golden State at Minnesota (n)  
Phoenix at Dallas (n)  
Denver at Milwaukee (n)  
Washington at San Antonio (n)  
Portland at Sacramento (n)  
Today's Games  
Utah at Toronto, Noon  
Boston at New York, 6 p.m.  
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

NHL

Friday's Games  
Buffalo 2, Chicago 1  
Detroit 3, Los Angeles 1  
Tampa Bay 3, Carolina 2  
St. Louis 4, Nashville 2  
Dallas 4, Florida 3  
Colorado 2, Anaheim 1  
San Jose 4, Atlanta 1  
Saturday's Games  
Edmonton 3, New Jersey 1  
N.Y. Islanders 1, Ottawa 1  
Detroit at Boston (n)  
Philadelphia at Toronto (n)  
Los Angeles at Montreal (n)  
Phoenix at Pittsburgh (n)  
Florida at Nashville (n)  
Dallas at St. Louis (n)  
Today's Games  
Atlanta at Anaheim, 7 p.m.  
Calgary at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
Colorado at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

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Friday's Games  
Fort Worth at Abilene, p.p.t.

TOURNAMENT

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The Matadors' 22-point win was paced by the 11-point showings by Carlton Phillips and Quincy Parks, as all but one of the 13 players on the Estacado rosters figured in the semifinal's scoring. Gerone Duvall, who had led the Matadors in scoring on Thursday's tournament opener over Tahoka, added nine more.

Merkel, which suffered its first loss of the season, turned in a balanced scoring effort led by Jordan's 12 points and Qualls' 11. Gohlke and Stafford added eight apiece in the setback.

The other championship semifinal saw Coronado chalk up its eighth win of the season behind swingman Michael Thorvilson's 12 points and 10 contributed by Gabriel Hall.

After taking a 38-26 lead in the first half, the Mustangs literally decimated Brownfield with a 23-4 onslaught that iced the game. Walker scored a game-high 16 points for the Cubs, but the best support his Brownfield teammates could muster was Sean Decker's seven markers.

The Big Spring reached the consolation title game with a 50-45 win over Clyde's Bulldogs on Friday night, while Tahoka got there with a 54-49 win over Amarillo Caprock.

Tahoka got double-digit scoring from three players, as Pepsworth led the way with 15, while Sedrick Williams and Larry Davis added 12 apiece.

Caprock's J. Fields had his second straight game-high performance of the tournament with 19 points, while Collins added 16 more, but the Longhorns got scoring from just two other players — Josh Cardell chipping eight points, while Correa added six.

While still plagued by nightmarish shooting — the Steers managed just 18-of-66 shooting (27 percent) — Big Spring got a big performance by Dille in its consolation semifinal win over Clyde.

Dille scored 16 points, including a pair of crucial three-pointers that sparked an early third-quarter run as the Steers increased their lead to as many as 12 points.

The Steers had taken a 31-26 edge into the intermission, primarily because of an impressive 19-point showing in the first quarter, Jason Woodruff leading the way with all nine of his points.

Big Spring saw that 12-point third quarter lead almost disappear, as they failed to score in the final three minutes of the period.

In fact, the Steers didn't score again until 4:52 remained in the fourth quarter and the Bulldogs had pulled to within two at 42-40.

Brock pulled down a rebound and hit a crucial putback at the 4:52 mark and Purcell added a baseline jumper a couple of minutes later that forced Clyde into the position of having to foul to get the ball back.

When the Steers missed the front end on a pair of one-and-one situations and Clyde's Drew Thompson hit a three-pointer, it looked as if Big Spring could be in trouble.

Purcell hit a pair of free throws on his next trip to the line, however, and Arthur Belvin did the same to ice the victory.

While Dille's 16 led the way for Big Spring, game-high honors went to T.J. Thompson, who finished the game with 18 points.

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 5A  
DIVISION I  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
Michigan 42, Aldine Eisenhower 21  
DIVISION II  
SEMIFINALS  
Grand Prairie (13-1) vs. Garland (13-1), late Saturday.  
Katy (13-1) vs. SA Holmes (13-1), late Saturday.

CLASS 4A  
DIVISION I  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
Liberty 34, Ennis 31  
Port Neches Groves vs. Schertz  
Clemens (14-0), late Saturday.  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
Stephenville (15-) vs. Port Neches Groves or Schertz Clemens, TBA.

CLASS 3A  
DIVISION I  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
Commerce 30, Crane 0  
Sealy 27, Robinson 14  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
Commerce (15-0) vs. Sealy (14-0), TBA.

CLASS 2A  
DIVISION I  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
Boyd (14-0) vs. Mart (14-0), 2 p.m. Saturday.  
DIVISION II  
SEMIFINALS  
Stratford (12-2) vs. Ceina (14-0), late Saturday.  
Elysian Fields (13-1) vs. Refugio (13-1), late Saturday.

CLASS 1A  
SEMIFINALS  
Aspermont (14-1) vs. Detroit or Bartlett, TBA

SIX-MAN  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
Groom (13-1) vs. Gordon (13-1), late Saturday.

NCAA FOOTBALL  
SOUTH  
Georgia Southern 28, Illinois St. 17  
Mississippi 74, Memphis 64  
Youngstown St. 27, Florida A&M 24

NCAA BASKETBALL  
EAST  
American U. 61, Jacksonville 55  
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Villanova 73, Penn St. 61  
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Florida 93, Bethune-Cookman 77  
Furman 65, Radcliff-Macon 56  
Georgia 68, Wake Forest 67  
Liberty 62, Virginia Tech 61  
Miami 97, Hartford 61  
Mississippi 74, Memphis 64  
Morehead St. 96, Asbury 73  
Ratford 69, James Madison 67  
S. Carolina St. 71, Clemson 68  
Santford 81, Belmont 65  
Seton Hall 79, Florida St. 56  
Stanford 64, Georgia Tech 61, OT  
W. Kentucky 75, va. Commonwealth 58

ROUNDUP

Chris Smith paced the Rangers with 11 points in the win, but it was Coahoma's Stephen Henry who edged him for game-high honors, finishing the game with 12.

Bulldogettes drop title game at Wylie tourney  
ABILENE — Coahoma's Bulldogettes came up just a bit short Saturday in the girls' championship game of the Abilene Wylie Catclaw Tournament, dropping a 47-41 decision to the host Lady Bulldogs.

Jayci Roberts paced the Bulldogettes with 11 points, while Kortney Kemper added 10 more. Crystal Atkinson and Brandi Hart added nine apiece.

But the host Wylie squad got 12 points from Hannah Jones and 10 more from Holly Pruitt. The Bulldogettes reached Saturday's title game with a 42-38 win over Haskell, as Roberts blistered the nets for 26 gait-high points.

Lady Bearcats take title at Miles tourney  
MILES — Garden City's Lady Bearcats took the Miles Invitational basketball tournament championship Saturday night with a 41-24 win over Bronte's Lady Longhorns.

The Lady Bearcats, now 10-1 on the season, jumped out to an early lead and owned a 23-10 halftime advantage.

Senior M'Lynn Niehues paced Garden City with 17 points, earning a spot on the all-tournament team along with Lady Bearcats teammates Jill Hoelscher and Kyndra Batla.

Batla was named the tournament's most valuable player.

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Dayne takes Heisman Trophy

NEW YORK (AP) — Ron Dayne turned family troubles into family triumph with a record-setting season at Wisconsin, and then secured his place in college football history Saturday night by winning the Heisman Trophy.

Dayne, who moved in with relatives when he was 15 after divorce and drugs ravaged his family, led the Badgers to the Big Ten Conference title and a second straight Rose Bowl.

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Liberty-Eylau takes 3A, Division I title

HOUSTON (AP) — LaMarcus Franklin ran for two touchdowns and passed for a third as Liberty-Eylau routed Mathis 49-6 to win the Class 3A Division I championship Saturday at the Astrodome.

Liberty-Eylau's Keith McFadden had a game-high 141 rushing yards and a touchdown on 25 carries. Franklin rushed for 88 yards on six carries.

down, Mathis drove to the Leopard 35 before the drive stalled. After a punt Liberty-Eylau took over at the 20. After a five-yard penalty, Franklin faked a handoff, cut down the right side and turned upfield and raced untouched to the end zone to give the Leopards the lead for good.

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the Rebels recovered at the Eisenhower 31 on the game's second play. Midland Lee scored seven plays later on a 1-yard run by Allen Griffith.

The Rebels drove 62 yards on the first possession of the second half for a 21-0 burst on Benson's 36-yard TD lead off tackle.

down run pulled the Eagles within two touchdowns and appeared to shift momentum their way. Benson then deflated the rally when he caught a screen pass at his ankles, broke two tackles and outran the Eagles defense 78 yards to the endzone.

Griffith appeared to fumble the ball away on his TD run but the officials ruled he had already crossed the goal line.

Midland Lee recovered the ensuing kickoff when kicker Michael Wynn drilled a line drive off of Eisenhower's Vernon Hudson, who had turned his back to the kick.

"We have to tackle him," Carson said. "He's a great back, but we play great backs every week."

Eisenhower then lost two good scoring chances in the second quarter. The Eagles had the ball at the Midland Lee 32 after a Benson fumble. But Henderson's pass into the endzone was intercepted by T.J. Glover.

Eisenhower needed only three plays to cut the deficit to 28-14. After Smith went 69 yards up the middle for a touchdown, Eisenhower recovered the ensuing kickoff on the Midland Lee 13 when Rebels players just watched a pooch kick bounce around instead of covering it.

Eisenhower pulled to within 35-21 when Henderson found Ruben Burrell streaking behind the Midland Lee defense for a 51-yard scoring pass with 7:46 left.

Eisenhower defensive end Eddie Brown set up another good scoring opportunity when he intercepted a screen pass and returned it to the Midland Lee 8. But the Rebels' defense threw Henderson for consecutive losses before Kody Matthews returned an interception 55 yards to the Eisenhower 42.

Henderson's 3-yard touchdown run pulled the Eagles within two touchdowns and appeared to shift momentum their way.

It proved too little, too late. Midland Lee drove 60 yards for its final touchdown on Benson's 5-yard scoring run with 2:18 to play.

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2527. Rainbow Brite 2524; hi sc game Michael Hill 236, Kathryn Senier 225, Mary Ellis 221; hi sc series Kathryn Senier 602, Joyce Davis 544, Michael Hill 535; hi hdp game Mary Ellis 282, Kathryn Senier 277, Michael Hill 271; hi hdp series Kathryn Senier 758, Maureen Mitchell 698, Krysha Beardon 697.

RESULTS-Burgess Auto tied A&B Poleline 4-4, Tough As Nails over Glickman Armory 8-0, Santa Fe Sandwiches over Allan's Furniture 8-0, Bowi-A-Rama over WGA's 8-0, Partee Drilling over Four Way Gin 8-0; hi sc game Dale Pittman 259; hi sc series Dale Pittman 690; hi hdp game David Hobbs 205; hi hdp series David Hobbs 743; hi sc team game Burgess Auto 845; hi hdp team game A&B Poleline 896; hi sc team series Burgess Auto 2462; hi hdp team series Santa Fe Sandwiches 2502.

STANDINGS-Santa Fe Sandwiches 72-32, Burgess Auto 71-33, Allan's Furniture 64-40, Partee Drilling 63-43, Bowi-A-Rama 58-46, Glickman Armory 55-49, A&B Poleline 48-56, Four Way Gin 42-62, Tough As Nails 39-65, WGA's 10-94.

RESULTS-Glickman Armory over Partee Drilling 6-2, A&B Poleline over Santa Fe Sandwiches 6-2, WGA's over Tough As Nails 6-2, Four Way Gin over Burgess Auto 6-2, Bowi-A-Rama over Allan's Furniture 8-0; hi sc game Jim Nutt 249; hi sc series Chris Spivey 693; hi hdp game Chris Spivey 264; hi hdp series Chris Spivey 741; hi sc team game Burgess Auto 839; hi hdp team game Partee Drilling 878; hi sc team series Partee Drilling 2342; hi hdp team series Glickman Armory 2518.

STANDINGS-Santa Fe Sandwiches 74-38, Burgess Auto 73-39, Bowi-A-Rama 66-46, Allan's Furniture 64-48, Partee Drilling 63-49, Glickman Armory 61-51, A&B Poleline 54-58, Four Way Gin 48-64, Tough As Nails 41-71, WGA's 16-96.

RESULTS-The Four S's over A Timeless Design 8-0, Carlos Restaurant over Double R Cattle Co. 6-2, Tonn Cleaners over Cowboy's 6-2, Ups & Downs over White Motor Co. Stanton 6-2, Nix Dirt Dusters over Handson Appliance Service 6-2, Parks Agency, Inc. tied Rosie's Gun Shop Loraine 4-4; hi sc game man Junior Barber 237; hi sc game women Joyce Davis 210; hi sc series man Junior Barber 635; hi sc series women Joyce Davis 552; hi hdp game man Vance McCreight 258; hi hdp game women Jenyn Wilkerson 261; hi hdp series man Vance McCreight 706; hi hdp series women Larlett Witt 655; hi sc game Double R Cattle Co. 724; hi hdp game Nix Dirt Dusters 916; hi sc team series Double R Cattle Co. 2035; hi hdp team series Nix Dirt Dusters 2557.

STANDINGS-White Motor Co. Stanton 79-41, Parks Agency, Inc. 74-46, Ups & Downs 66-54, A Timeless Design 66-54, Double R Cattle Co. 64-56, The Four S's 64-56, Carlos Restaurant 60-60, Nix Dirt Dusters 66-66, Handson Appliance Service 51-61, Cowboy's 50-70, Rosie's Gun Shop Loraine 44-76, Tonn Cleaners 40-72.

RESULTS-Eye Ball Records over Looney Tunes 6-2, Monistat 5 over Spades 6-2, Allans Furniture over Ghost 8-0, Dust Devils over Scattech 6-2, SWICD over Metal Mart 6-2; hi sc series Tom Cruz 687, Jackie Lecroy 653, Rafael Frausto 652; hi sc game Jimmie R. Wood 251, Tony Saldana 246, Scotty Patterson 243; hi sc team series Scattech 2853, Spades 2710, Dust Devils 2707; hi sc team game Scattech 992, Spades 962, Scattech 946; hi hdp series Rafael Frausto 748, Heath Carlie 693, Tom Cruz 687; hi hdp game Scotty Patterson 265, Rafael Frausto 263, Jimmie R. Wood 262; hi hdp team series Scattech 3135, Spades 3070, Eye Ball Records 3036; hi hdp team game Eye Ball Records 1174, Scattech 1086, Spades 1092.

STANDINGS-Spades 76-28, Dust Devils 74-30, Scattech 60-44, Metal Mart 58-46, Allans Furniture 56-48, Looney Tunes 56-48, Monistat 5 56-48, Eye Ball Records 42-72, SWICD 38-66, Ghost 0-104.

RESULTS-Fourteen over Eight 5-3, Winners over Mistfs 8-0, Untouchable Dogs over Bette's Bandits 6-2, NFS over NFS 6-2, The Dreamers over Hoot Owls 8-0, Seven over Sex Pistols 8-0, Do's and Don'ts over Undecided 8-0, Thirteen over Three 6-2, Lighthouse over Fifteen 8-0; hi sc series Seven 699, Eight 692; hi sc series men Joe Krug 623, Randy Robertson 620, Richard Robertson 602; hi sc game men Jim Gaither 256, Abe Yanez 242, Joe Krug 234; hi sc series women Irene Jackson 554, Jan Graham 523, Lavonne Brunley 513; hi sc game women Irene Jackson 197, Lavonne Brunley 196; hi hdp series Seven 2757, Fourteen 2699, Winners 2676; hi hdp team game Seven 972, Bette's Bandits 963, Fourteen 941; hi hdp series men Richard Robertson 785, Joe Krug 776, Roy Escobar 746; hi hdp game men Jim Gaither 300, Joe Krug 285, Abe Yanez 278; hi hdp series women Kim Parrish 785, Irene Yanez 718, Irene Jackson 716; hi hdp game women Kim Parrish 284, Carol Smith 274, Sam Horton 265.

STANDINGS-Eight 65-39, NFS 64-40, Lighthouse 62-42, Winners 59-45, The Dreamers 58-46, Untouchable Dogs 58-46, Hoot Owls 56-48, Bette's Bandits 56-48, NFS 54-50, Do's and Don'ts 52-52, Fourteen 52-52, Three 52-52, Seven 50-54, Undecided 44-60, Thirteen 43-61, Sex Pistols 41-63, Mistfs 40-64, Fifteen 32-72.

RESULTS-Rocky's 8-0, Green House Photography 0-8, Cline Construction 2-6, Dream Team 6-2, Wicked Witches of the West 2-6, Big Spring Music 6-2, Monkey See Monkey Do 2-6, A&B Farms 6-2, Rainbow Brite 4-4, Pack-Sender 4-4, Casa Blanca 0-8, Best Western 8-0, Day & Day Builders 2-6, Roll-N-Hope 6-2, Campbell Cement Construction 2-6, Barber Glass & Mirror 6-2, Neighbors Auto Sales 6-2, Bowi-A-Rama 2-6; hi sc team game Big Spring Music 716, Barber Glass & Mirror 677, Campbell Cement Construction 645; hi sc team series Big Spring Music 2050, Dream Team 1857, Barber Glass & Mirror 1846; hi hdp team game Barber Glass & Mirror 907, Campbell Cement Construction 879, Roll-N-Hope 877; hi hdp team series Barber Glass & Mirror 2536, Campbell Cement Construction 2513, Roll-N-Hope 2511; hi sc game Barbara Stanley 224, Nena Cruz 220, Joyce Davis 212; hi sc series Joyce Davis 620, Nena Cruz 545, Irene Jackson 544; hi hdp game Nena Cruz 279, Barbara Stanley 270, Kathy A Willis 260; hi hdp series Nena Cruz 722, Kathy A Willis 682, Irene Jackson 682.

RESULTS-Cline Construction 6-2, Big Spring Music 2-6, Wicked Witches of the West 4-4, Rocky's 4-4, Green House Photography 4-4, Dream Team 4-4, Rainbow Brite 2-6, Best Western 6-2, Casa Blanca 2-6, A&B Farms 6-2, Monkey See Monkey Do 2-6, Pack-Sender 6-2, Campbell Cement Construction 2-6, Neighbors Auto Sales 6-2, Bowi-A-Rama 6-2, Roll-N-Hope 2-6, Barber Glass & Mirror 0-8, Day & Day Builders 8-0; hi sc team game Pack-Sender 722, Best Western 680, Big Spring Music 671; hi sc team series Pack-Sender 1991, Big Spring Music 1932, Best Western 1912; hi hdp team game Pack-Sender 921, Green House Photography 902, Best Western 885; hi hdp team series Pack-Sender 2588, Best Western

Allen, Carter may vie for final spot on Olympic team

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officially, three spots remain up for grabs on the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

Unofficially, only two of them are open because one is earmarked for Grant Hill.

One of the open spots will go to a big man, but it won't be Shaquille O'Neal. The Lakers' center said this week that he plans to spend his summer with his 3-year-old daughter rather than commit to a 42-day tour of duty with the latest incarnation of the Dream Team.

The USA Basketball selection committee plans to meet by conference call in early January to make the selections, and the tightest race appears to be in the backcourt at the shooting guard position.

Based on discussions with several members of the 11-man selection committee, the consensus is that the competition may have already been narrowed down to Ray Allen vs. Vince Carter.

"We're both top-class citizens and world-class athletes," Allen said. "I think I have a little more maturity than he does, but I really can't say who's the better player. With he or I, they'll get dynamite guys."

Allen's head-to-head matchup against Carter in Friday night's Bucks-Raptors game was going to be watched closely by NBA

vice president Rod Thorn, the chairman of the selection committee.

Thorn has been lobbying to add another shooter ever since watching the team play in a qualifying tournament last summer in Puerto Rico.

Of the nine players already on the roster, Allan Houston and Steve Smith are the only shooting guards, although point guards Jason Kidd, Gary Payton and Tim Hardaway can all fill that spot.

Tim Duncan, Vin Baker, Kevin Garnett and Tom Gugliotta are the current big men.

"We've got three sports to go," Thorn said. "We need someone who can play center, somebody with all-around skills and a shooter. There are a lot of players who are awfully good who are still out there."

O'Neal would have filled the need at center, and his withdrawal opens up a spot for a true center like Alonzo Mourning.

"The guy I'd like to see, although he probably won't get it because he doesn't play for a high-profile enough team, is Antonio McDyeess," said Duncan.

Hill, who withdrew from the Olympic qualifying team because the tournament conflicted with his wedding, would fit the bill for someone with all-around skills.

That leaves the 12th spot to a shooter.

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◆Linguists say there are no exact expressions in Japanese equivalent to our "yes" and "no."

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# GIFTS FROM HOME

Looking for something unique to give a friend or family member who has everything? How about a gift that has Big Spring or Howard County written all over it — literally.

There are a variety of home-grown gifts to choose from, including clothing and tree ornaments, afghans and books.

They can be found at several locations in the community, or purchased from Big Spring service club members.

We've gathered here just a few of the items that are out there. With a few phone calls, or a short trip around town, you can find hometown gifts of your own.

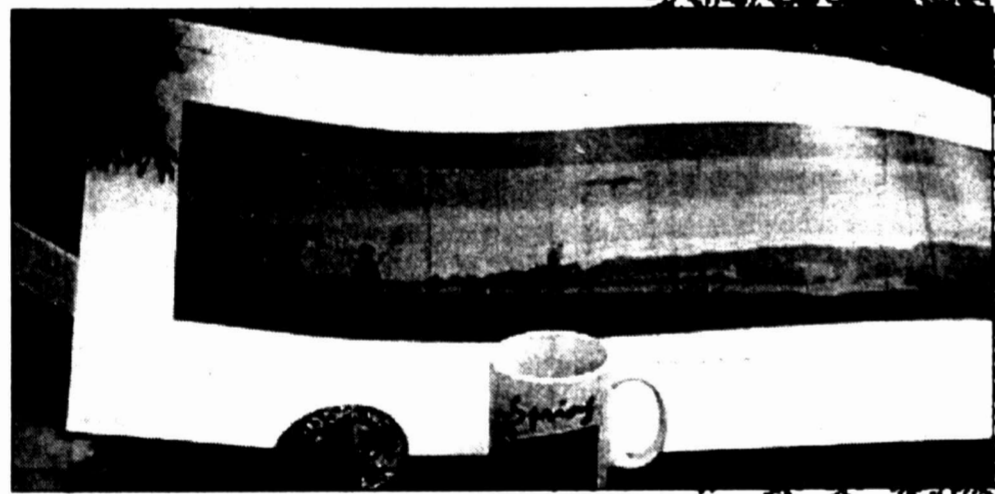
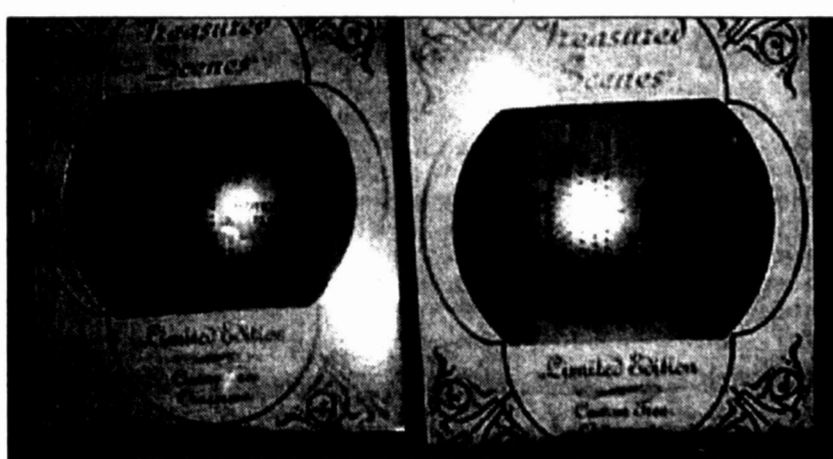
Give them to your neighbors, who share your love for their community. Or send them off to relatives who wish they lived someplace like Big Spring and the Crossroads area.

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club is selling decorative throws in red and green with designs that highlight the features of the area.

The afghans, which include pictures of local landmarks and industries such as cotton, and a colorful map of Texas, are \$40 each and can be purchased from any member of the club. Call Wayne Bonner at 263-6305 for more information.

All proceeds from the sale of the throws go to fund projects of the club, including eyesight preservation and youth camps for the disabled and those with diabetes.

At the Heritage Museum, there are a variety of items and books that recall the history of the local area. Christmas tree ornaments printed with images of the Potton House and Settles Hotel are popular at this time of year, available for \$10 each. A new book, "West Texas," by John Lumpkin and Mike Cochran of the Associated



Some gifts that say "Big Spring," top left: ornaments picturing the Settles Hotel at the Heritage Museum; a lithograph of the chamber mural, with a coffee cup and belt buckle touting the city; and a new book, "West Texas" available at the Heritage Museum, shown by visitor Susan Weber.

Press, sells for \$34.95. There are several other choices of books, including large coffee-table books, at the museum gift shop. They deal with various aspects of the local history, land and people, as well as cookbooks from the region.

Proceeds of all sales at the Heritage Museum gift shop go to fund museum exhibits and projects.

At the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, there are several choices for those who want to advertise their love of the local area.

Shirts embroidered with a bright red white, and blue "Big Spring" logo are \$20 each, but sizes are limited to a few mediums and several extra-extra larges. Belt buckles in several designs that say "Big Spring" are \$20 each, and coffee cups emblazoned with the name of the town are \$5 each.

Lithographs of the mural that covers the west wall of the chamber building, painted by local artist Coy McCann, are \$25 and suitable for framing.

Proceeds of sales at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce go to help fund the chamber's work to support the community's business climate. Why not assemble a "Big Spring basket" for a homesick West Texan who has moved from the area, or someone who grew up here? You might include a bottle of Parker's Steak Sauce, which has been made and sold locally for more than a decade by the

Brandin Iron Inn restaurant. It is available by the case for mailing, and is sold at H-E-B Grocery Stores by the bottle. And it says, "made in Big Spring, Texas" on the label.

By no means are these all the "Big Spring" products available, as we said above, but just a sampling of what can be found. Be creative, and you might take the term, "Shop Big Spring" to another level.

—Debbie L. Jensen

More hometown gifts, pictured above, include embroidered denim shirts from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, shown by Lindsay Hull; and historic throws available from the Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, shown by club member Wayne Bonner;

## Gold, frankincense and fur: A child's point of view is refreshing

Children's comments, reflecting their fresh viewpoint on life, are always interesting, always refreshing.

The other day I heard of a little boy who, before getting dressed in the morning, regularly asks, "Am I going to be handsome today?"

It seems that to be handsome means wearing his shirt tail tucked in.

The newsletter, Sounds of St. Mary's, reports that when asked what gifts the wise men brought to baby Jesus, one student confidently replied, "Gold, frankincense, and fur."

Another student was certain the name of the angel who told the shepherds of Jesus' birth was Lo. ("And Lo, the angel of

the Lord appeared unto them...")

After reading a poem using the word, "adore," the teacher asked if anyone knew what "adore" meant. One young man very proudly pointed to the classroom door and said, "There's one right there — a door!"

When one of the teachers asked the class why we bow our heads when we pray, one child said, "Because when our heads go down, our prayers go up."

I hope readers are not weary of hearing about my grandchildren. I love hearing about other people's children and grandchildren; if you have stories to share, I'm always inter-

ested.

At 19 months, London is still a woman of action, rather than words. I made the mistake of showing her how light switches operate.

Now she drags a chair to the wall and amuses herself by turning the lights on and off.

She is absolutely fascinated with electrical outlets, and on occasion, has removed the

One day I observed her having a meeting with her teddy bear and a couple of dolls. "We're meeting today," she said, "to raise some money."



JEAN WARREN

child protective caps her parents have placed in outlets not in use.

She long ago explored every shelf and cupboard she could reach in the kitchen. Now she drags a chair from the breakfast room to the kitchen, climbs up on it, and then gets up on the counter.

Her mother has found that the simplest solution to all the interest London takes in meal time preparation is to let her stand on a chair at the kitchen sink and "wash" dishes.

Madison, who turned 5 in September, is enjoying preschool and yearning to read.

She loves to talk on the telephone. If I am visiting there and her parents are not at home, I frequently let her answer the phone.

One day, after an extended conversation with a caller, she said, "I'll have my mother call you."

"Who was that?" I asked. "I don't know," she replied. "He didn't leave his name."

Madison's mother is active in church and serves on a number of boards in the community. Madison has occasionally accompanied her to meetings and has evidently absorbed some ideas.

One day I observed her having a meeting with her teddy bear and a couple of dolls. "We're meeting today," she said, "to raise some money."

Her perception of things is becoming increasingly adult. When London was squalling over some imagined injustice, she tried to comfort her, saying, "London, it's just part of life."

Jean Warren's column appears monthly in the Big Spring Herald *life!* section.

# ANNIVERSARIES

## Stroud

Wayne and Geri Stroud will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at 2 p.m. on Dec. 18, 1999, at the Stanton Church of Christ hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Stanton, and she was born in Sterling City as Geri Long. They were married on Dec. 24, 1949, at the Stanton Church of Christ. They have two children, David, and his wife Leonor, Stroud of Austin, and Ann, and her husband Robert, Quaid of Stanton, and three grandchildren.

After graduating from Sul Ross University in Alpine, the couple lived in Midland and Houston while Wayne worked for Superior Oil Company and Geri worked for The Western Company.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in World War II.



WAYNE AND GERI STROUD

They moved to Stanton in 1963 and farmed until retiring in 1981. They are affiliated with the Stanton Church of Christ.

# Greenville store's closing ends an era

GREENVILLE (AP) — After more than 20 years at the Ardis Heights Grocery Store, Maxine Day closed the doors for the last time Tuesday — at least for now.

With the closing comes an end to an era in Greenville.

The store did not close for a lack of customers — Day said the location at the corner of Farm Roads 118 and 499 has always attracted plenty of business — but rather for a lack of help.

"Nobody wants to go to work. I've hired two girls in the last two weeks," she said. "They come in, I hire them and they never show up, never call, nothing. I've never had that problem before. I've always had girls waiting for a job."

Day said she is not sure why she has had such a problem keeping workers, but it is a common problem among the area businesses.

"Everybody's telling me the same thing, they've got the same problem. All the businesses — if you'll look, you'll find 'help wanted' everywhere," she said. "I'm not happy, but my body can only take so much. I had to make a decision to either kill myself or close up."

With about 112 years behind it, the store was one of the oldest continuously-running establishments in Hunt County, second only to the Greenville Herald Banner.

The store has been forced to close before. One of the most notable was on Nov. 5, 1921, when a fire burned the original building. The next day, the Greenville Evening Banner reported that the fire was believed to be the work of "safe crackers." The door on the safe had been completely stripped off and most of the silver in the store — which was still used in some transactions — was missing. The damage to the build-

ing and loss of merchandise was estimated to be about \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Such a story would not be a surprise to local historians, who say it was reported that the road through Ardis Heights was a favorite route of Bonnie and Clyde's when they passed through Greenville on their way east. Whether or not the store figured into the picture is not known, but there were stories they patronized the old filling station just down the road.

In an update on Feb. 4, 1922, the Evening Banner proclaimed that the new store "when completed will be one of the most handsome brick suburban stores in or near the city."

Day is not certain what will become of the store this time, but she has no plans to sell it.

"It's not for sale right now. I own more than a city block and I'm not going to get rid of it," she said. "I may open it again at a later date; I'm not sure what I'm going to do."

Day and her husband John bought the store in April of 1978 from Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Spainhour who still live in the same block as the business. Day said she had planned to use it as a means to sustain her when she retired. With the store closing, she plans to find work somewhere else.

"I'm the only woman that's ever owned it and I've made more changes, probably, than it had in all its years."

One of those changes has been the installation of a grill for cooking hamburgers, which has proved to be good for business. The store sold the usual assortment of groceries, soft drinks, detergent, cigarettes and automotive supplies up to its last day, but the bulk of the business in recent years has been lunch, featuring Day's own oversized hamburgers, known as Texas Burgers.

### BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He is healthy, yes, but so old — passing his days in a well-kept senior center, walking the rolling hills that surround it and losing himself in his memories. Paul Edgecomb is a man whose present is engulfed by his past.

Edgecomb has a secret he has long held close — one that dates to the time he worked as a prison guard on Louisiana's death row during the Depression. It is a story of fate and cruelty, redemption and kindness, and an unexplained force that flows from the hands of a condemned man.

"The Green Mile," Frank Darabont's film based on Stephen King's 1996 serialized novel, chronicles this tale in a manner that, paradoxically, manages to be both textured and bleak. Despite a three-hour running time, it succeeds wildly. It is a treasure chest of characterizations — an epic tale set on a canvas of ordinariness in the best King tradition.

Edgecomb (Tom Hanks, meatier than usual) oversees "the green mile," the lime-

Painted death row of Cold Mountain Prison. Imprisoned there are convicted murderers who await the electric chair. There is the incongruously gentle Arlen Bitterbuck (Graham Greene); Eduard "Del" Delacroix (Michael Jeter), a manic Cajun; and, most recently, the thoroughly repulsive Wild Bill (Sam Rockwell).

On the other side of the bars is the complement of guards: Brutus "Brutal" Howell (David Morse), who is not brutal at all; loyal assistants Deane Stanton and Harry Terwilliger (Barry Pepper and Jeffrey DeMunn); and Percy Wetmore (Doug Hutchison), a sniveling, greasy man-child who relishes cruelty and is hanging onto his job because the governor's wife is his aunt.

Watching over it all is Warden Hal Moores (James Cromwell), whose wife (Patricia Clarkson) is battling brain cancer. Finally, there is one more character crucial to the plot: a tiny mouse.

Into this combustible mix comes John Coffey (Michael Duncan), a towering giant con-

victed of raping and killing two young sisters; a posse found him weeping by a river, cradling their broken bodies. "I tried to take it back, but it was too late," he says to Edgecomb.

His size and crime, though, belie his apparent gentleness. He is docile, quiet and respectful, and when he speaks, it is barely above a whisper.

As the movie settles into chronicling life on death row, it emerges that Coffey is more than he seems. He has a special healing power. He gets rid of Paul's excruciating urinary tract infection with a touch. He can feel the pain of others. He barely knows where he came from, yet he has the power of prescience. At nearly 7 feet tall, with bulging muscles, he fears the dark.

ter are Paul Edgecomb and John Coffey, intertwined, each condemned in his own way, each trying to grasp the redemption that will lead to salvation.

The meandering pacing of "The Green Mile," which could easily become ponderous, is instead ideal for the plot and captures the epic ordinariness of a King story. But the movie is also a visual treat, full of texture and shadow and backlighting.

There is not enough space to list all the wonderful performances; everyone's contribution is crucial. Hanks is brilliant, as expected; his Edgecomb is sometimes gentle, sometimes stern, always fair. Cromwell, grappling with a dying wife and a compound of dangerous men, alternates between tough and vulnerable.

King's tales work best when the supernatural operates in the background. That's what happens here. He and Darabont know that the people who populate the story are what matter. The story itself is merely the canvas.

## WHO'S WHO

Chelsea Schwartz, 15, was recently named as "Miss Teen San Angelo 2000."



SCHWARTZ

The teen pageant, held in conjunction with the "Miss San Angelo Pageant," had 14 contestants ages 13-16 who were judged on personal interview, poise, beauty and onstage modeling.

In addition, Chelsea also won the talent crown in her age

group as well as the overall talent title for all ages 0-16. As the overall winner, she performed her tap dance to "Believe."

She is a freshman at Garden City High School, and is the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence, and the granddaughter of Emma Doe of Big Spring, and Joe and Rose Schwartz of Garden City.

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The poem "Forgotten Hero" written by Fannie Price of Big Spring, has been selected to be published in "America at the Millennium The Best Poems and Poets of the 20th Century."

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Monica Chen, of Coahoma, was among those named to the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

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4. "Irresistible Forces" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
5. "Pop Goes the Weasel" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
6. "Hunting Badger" by Tony Hillerman (HarperCollins)
7. "Personal Injuries" by Scott Turow (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
8. "Hearts in Atlantis" by Stephen King (Scribner)
9. "Plainsong" by Kent Haruf (Knopf)
10. "O Is for Outlaw" by Sue Grafton (Henry Holt)

### NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
2. "Guinness World Records 2000: Millennium Edition" (Guinness Publishing)
3. "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw (Random

4. "Tis: A Memoir" by Frank McCourt (Scribner)
5. "The Greatest Generation Speaks" by Tom Brokaw (Random House)
6. "Life: Our Century in Pictures" edited by Richard B. Stolley and Tony Chiu (Bullfinch)
7. "Mankind: Have a Nice Day!" by Mick Foley (Regan Books)
8. "The Century" by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster (Doubleday)
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**THURSDAY**-Chicken, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cookies.  
**FRIDAY**-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, milk/roll, cake.

## STANTON SCHOOLS

**MONDAY**-Pizza or baked potato, peas & carrots, tossed salad, peaches, milk, fruit drink.  
**TUESDAY**-Country steak or chicken nuggets, whole potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, French bread, milk, fruit drink.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Nacho grande or chef salad, refried beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Corn dog or soft burrito, corn, tossed salad, peas, milk, fruit drink.  
**FRIDAY**-Choice of sandwich-

## SANDS SCHOOLS

**MONDAY**-Mustard sandwich, ranch style beans, cake or fruit, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Chicken fajita burritos, calad, corn, fruit or cake, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Frito pie, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Country fried steak, whole new potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Beef & cheese lasagna, salad, blackeye peas, fruit, batter bread, milk.

## COAHOMA SCHOOLS

**MONDAY**-Taco beef pie (burritos), salad, pinto beans, blueberries, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Fried chicken (corndogs), mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Pizza, corn, fresh fruit, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomato, pickles, peaches, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-STUDENT HOLIDAY

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**MONDAY**-Pizza, blackeyed peas, garden salad, w/dressing, peaches, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Nacho Grande, corn, red beans & rice, pineapple tidbits, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Seafood plate,

potato rounds, rosy applesauce, hushpuppies, jello, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pumpkin pie, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Hamburger, salad, french fries, border beans, Christmas cup, milk.

## ELBOW SCHOOL

**MONDAY**-Bar-b-que weiners, tator tots, fruit, sliced bread, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Taco/sauce, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Sub sandwich, fries, salad, fruit, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Beef pot pie, corn, fruit, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Christmas Dinner-Ham, candied yams, three bean salad, fruit salad, hot roll, milk.

## FORSAN SCHOOLS

**MONDAY**-Burritos, buttered potatoes, salad, fruit pies, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Bar-b-que on a bun, chips, salad, pickles and onions, pudding and vanilla wafers, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Turkey and dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pecan pie, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Bean chalupas, corn, salad, taco sauce, fruit.  
**FRIDAY**-Braised beef tips, rice, green beans, jello and fruit, hot rolls, milk.

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# NEWCOMERS

*New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:*  
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**Jeff and Alice Davison**, Colorado City. He is the youth director for East Side Baptist Church.  
**Ricky and Mary Lou Salazar** and sons Ricky Jr. and Joshua,

and mother Teresa Yreta, Colorado City. He is employed by TDCJ in Lamesa.

**Gary and Melissa Hale**, Abilene and Stanton. He works for Pollard Chevrolet.  
**Guillermo and Irma Sahagun**, daughter Leticia and sons Guillermo Jr. and David, San Diego, Calif. He works for Fiberflex.  
**Ricky and Kristi Carstensen** and daughters Sarah and Karis, Baird. He is the minister of Wesley Methodist Church.  
**Tommy Buxton** and sister Vera Claxton, Oklahoma City. He is retired from the USAF.

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# 'Tumbleweeds' is quirky tale of mother-daughter love

## By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's a truism of buses in many cities that you wait for ages and then they all arrive together.

This season has its own cinematic equivalent: After a dearth of meaty female roles on screen, along come two mother-daughter dramas that begin as road movies and arrive at that placeless emotional destination known as love.

Of the two, "Anywhere But Here," directed by Wayne Wang, boasts the Hollywood stars — Susan Sarandon and Natalie Portman, both in fighting form. Now comes its low-budget thematic cousin in fledgling filmmaker Gavin O'Connor's "Tumbleweeds," featuring two little-known actresses — Janet McTeer and Kimberly J. Brown — who by rights will now become stars.

Or, to put it another way: the Oscar race is getting hot.

McTeer, of course, isn't exactly unknown, having carved out an impressive niche for herself in British TV and theater. In 1997, her Broadway debut galvanized New York, where her fearlessly skittish and physical Nora in "A Doll's House" won the best actress Tony.

The performer's earthy Mary Jo in "Tumbleweeds" might seem to inhabit a different world. After all, Ibsen's cloistered heroine is a well-bred, essentially domestic creature who breaks free at the explosive climax of Ibsen's play.

Mary Jo is a rough-and-tumble American Southerner, portrayed by a Yorkshire-born actress with a background in some of the theater's tonier classics.

Great acting, however, transcends issues of nationality and even accent, both of which McTeer finesses as if they were no big deal. And maybe they aren't, since McTeer connects with her character in the far more important realm of truth.

As was true of her Nora, a woman at once pliable and headstrong, McTeer presents

Mary Jo in all her contradictions.

At the start, she's a fiery, feisty woman on the run from another bad relationship with a man and has her 12-year-old daughter Ava in tow. Mother and child take to the highway to visit an old flame of Mary Jo's — an encounter that lasts barely a minute once Mary Jo gets a glimpse of the bloated creature that her onetime romance has become.

From Missouri, they continue west to San Diego, by which point Mary Jo has installed Ava and herself with a trucker named Jack (played by O'Connor, the film's director).

At first encounter, Jack seems the "Marlboro man" of Mary Jo's dreams. But it isn't long before he is making his own demands, first quietly and then violently. O'Connor does an excellent job playing a man whose calm is like a time bomb.

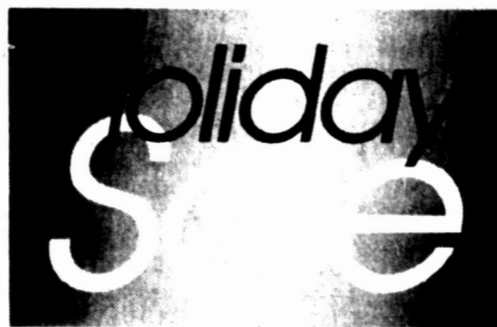
The film's abiding topic is a mother and daughter's rich and genuine love, as drawn by co-writer Angela Shelton from her own life story.

As acted at full-throttle by McTeer, Mary Jo's devotion to her daughter is clear during even their most exasperating encounters.

Similarly, Ava — played by gifted young actress Brown without a trace of precocity — understands that her mother is a fugitive from love except where it matters most.

In its own quirky way, "Tumbleweeds" is the best possible advertisement for what we now think of as "family values," because for all her restlessness and packing up and moving on, Mary Jo understands one thing: When it comes to her daughter, home is where the heart is.

"Tumbleweeds" is a Fine Line release, produced by Greg O'Connor. It is rated PG-13, which means it can be enjoyed by mothers and daughters alike — as well as fathers and sons. Running time: 104 minutes.



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — News that his 11-year-old son already is in college caught Woody Allen by surprise.

"This is the first I'm hearing of it," Allen said in today's Daily News. "It's news to me."

Allen said it has been four years since he has seen or spoken to Seamus Farrow, his biological son with former girlfriend Mia Farrow. Seamus is attending a college in Massachusetts that caters to younger students.

In addition to Seamus, born Satchel, the couple have two mutually adopted children. Ms. Farrow has custody of all three and has 11 other children.

Seamus, who turns 12 on Dec. 19, "is positively phobic" of his father and refuses to see him, said William Beslow, Ms. Farrow's attorney. "He sees Woody less as his father and more as the man who was having an affair with his sister, Soon-Yi (Previn)."

Allen, 63, married Ms. Previn, 28, in 1997, and they have a 5-month-old daughter. Their affair caused an uproar in 1992 when Ms. Farrow accused Allen of molesting adopted daughter Dylan. Allen denied the charges.

NEW YORK (AP) — Good morning, Cindy.

Supermodel Cindy Crawford, a frequent visitor to ABC's "Good Morning America" during her recent pregnancy, joined the breakfast show as a special correspondent today.

She will appear the second Wednesday of each month with segments on various lifestyle topics. She also will present a child development series called "Presley's First Year," named for her 5-month-old son.

In her first regular appearance on the show, Crawford spoke about her favorite infant toys for the holidays. Surrounded by moms and infants, Crawford cooed her way through the segment. Her son was not there.

As a new mom, Crawford said the hardest part is finding balance between mom and self. "I have all the plates in the air and I'm keeping them all, but the only thing that is suffering is me," she said.

Now moms in music business can band together

AUSTIN (AP) — Quicker than it takes to buckle up a kid in a carseat, Annie Melvin sums up why being a mom in the music business is tough: "I have a child who doesn't like loud music and wants to be in her bed at 7:30 at night. All of a sudden you're watching Disney and it's very hard to be hip."

Melvin, 34, gave up being in a band after her first child was born six years ago.

"I wasn't being the musician I wanted to be," she says. "I wasn't being the mother I wanted to be."

The sacrifices haven't stopped: This year, she'll give up a couple of business trips abroad to be with her two kids, now 3 and 6. Melvin may be devoted, but she isn't willing to sever all ties to the music industry, and she's determined to make things easier for her and other moms in the biz.

So her third baby is Mother Rock Star, an Austin-based business network with 70 members here and in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and New Orleans.

Who joins MRS? "Musicians or people in the industry with very young children who are

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They read alternative parenting zines. And their kids have names like Blixia, Zed and Lulu.

trying to reinvent themselves," Melvin says, adding that the network also includes a few supportive women without children and stay-at-home dads connected to the music biz.

Like Melvin, all MRS-member moms work independently — in careers ranging from performance, event promotion, recording and engineering and copyright consulting — to provide flexible schedules for their families.

They share other defining characteristics.

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And, implicitly, these are mothers who understand the frustration of trying to succeed

in a business where appearance is everything — though their wardrobe may consist of milk-stained T-shirts and sweat-pants, "and it's hard to even care about that," Melvin says.

MRS moms stay connected through monthly meetings, phone calls and e-mail. The network provides them with a sounding board, as well as more tangible benefits, like reliable people to call for child care when they're working in other cities, kids in tow.

The main function of MRS, though, is to support mom-run businesses. Members pay \$35 in annual dues in exchange for publicity, job offers and networking opportunities. MRS, which Melvin runs with partner Julia Austin, takes a 10 percent commission on the jobs it helps broker.

Lately, the group's visibility has been growing: Kristin Hersh, of Throwing Muses fame, put the MRS logo on her most recent CD, "Sky Motel." Members around the country organized an effort to help North Carolina flood victims earlier this year. And in November, MRS donated goods it collected to Ausjin's Salvation Army, Pediatric AIDS League and Any Baby Can.

Five years later, Letterman's ratings finally on the upswing

NEW YORK (AP) — After five years of bad news in the ratings, things are starting to look up again for David Letterman.

His "Late Show" average audience of 4.1 million last month was up 10 percent over 1998, putting him in the closest competitive position with rival Jay Leno in a major ratings "sweeps" month since November 1996, Nielsen Media Research said Thursday.

Before the recent upswing, Letterman had lost more than half of his audience since 1994, when he used to beat Leno's "Tonight" show in the ratings. Leno's average audience of nearly 6 million in November was essentially identical to the year before, Nielsen said.

CBS's improved fortunes in prime-time, particularly the new hits "Family Law" and "Judging Amy" that air at 10 p.m. EST, means more viewers are staying tuned in to Letterman. Late-night syndicated repeats of "Seinfeld" and "Friends" had sharply cut into the "Late Show" audience but

Movie, football top Niensens

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prime-time ratings compiled by Nielsen Media Research for November 29-December 5. Top 10 listings include the week's ranking, with rating for the week and season-to-date rankings in parentheses.

An "X" in parentheses denotes a one-time-only presentation. The rating is the percentage of the nation's estimated 100.8 million TV homes. Each ratings point represents 1,008,000 households.

1. (X) "ABC Original Movie: Tuesdays With Morrie," ABC, 15.2, 15.3 million homes.

2. (4) "NFL Monday Night Football: Green Bay at San

- Francisco," ABC, 13.1 13.2 million homes.
3. (5) "60 Minutes," CBS, 12.6, 12.7 million homes.
4. (12) "JAG," CBS, 12.4, 12.5 million homes.
5. (26) "CBS Wednesday Movie: The Test of Love," CBS, 12.3, 12.4 million homes.
6. (3) "Frasier," NBC, 12.3, 12.4 million homes.
7. (2) "Friends," NBC, 12.1, 12.2 million homes.
8. (8) "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS, 12.0, 12.0 million homes.
9. (6) "NFL Monday Showcase," ABC, 11.4, 11.5 million homes.
10. (12) "Judging Amy," CBS, 11.1, 11.2 million homes.

their appeal is starting to fade, said David Poltrack, CBS's top researcher.

IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Airman Lee T. Escobar has graduated from Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. Escobar is the son of Consuelo Escobar and the late Anastacio Escobar. He is also a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School.

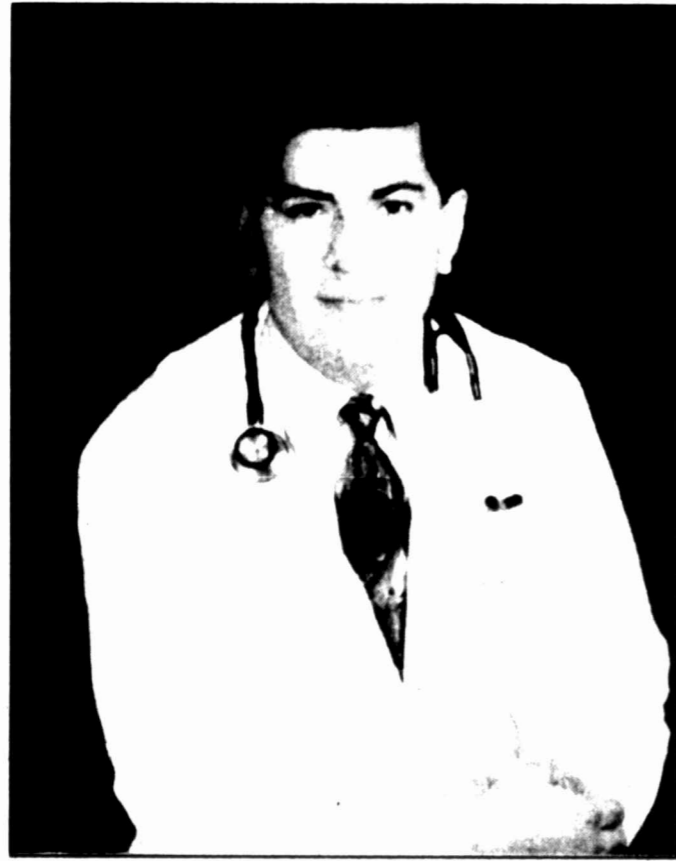


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Grandparents are Geraldine and Jody Hodnett and Jeanette Duffer, all of Big Spring.

Sydnie Nichole Gilbert, girl, Nov. 30, 1999, 2:10 p.m., eight pounds 11 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are James and Shele Gilbert.

Grandparents are Phillip and Shyrlee Reid of Sand Springs, James Gilbert Sr. of Big Spring, and Neel and Linda Barnaby of Abilene.

Christian Skylar Nalley, boy, Nov. 30, 1999, 5:36 p.m., six pounds six ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Joshua and Crystal Nalley.

Grandparents are Tom and Julie Coates of Big Spring, Belle Barlow of Coahoma, and John Nalley of Napa, Calif.

Dario Brycon Pineda, boy, Dec. 2, 1999, 1:12 p.m., eight pounds one ounce and 20 inches long; mother is Kimberlie Pineda.

Grandparents are Dan and Arlene Pineda and Vickie and Robert Walker, all of Big Spring.

KayLa Leeann, girl, Dec. 1, 1999, 12:09 p.m., five pounds 14 ounces and 17 inches long; mother is Donna Parnell.

Grandparents are Annetta Sue Parnell and Vernon Lee Parnell, both of Big Spring.

Lorena Brianne Yanez, girl, Dec. 1, 1999, 7:13 p.m., five pounds 13 ounces and 18 1/2 inches long; parents are Laura and Lorenzo Yanez.

Grandparents are Roberto and Maria Franco and Arturo and Rosa Yanez, all of Big Spring.

James Marquise Cantu II, boy, Nov. 24, 1999, 8:02 a.m., eight pounds two ounces and 23 inches long; parents are James and Priscilla Cantu.

Grandparents are Filofilo Alva and Alice Cantu Alva, Susan Thompson and Martin Castenada Sr.

Mateo Thomas Castillo, boy, Nov. 25, 1999, 5:37 p.m., five pounds 15 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Madaleno Castillo Jr. and Noemi Salazar C.

Grandparents are Madaleno and Elvira Castillo Sr. of Hermleigh, and Carlos and Amelia Salazar of Sweetwater.

### CLUB NEWS

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club of Big Spring held their meeting on Dec. 8 at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street Dene Sheppard's Mary Kay Cosmetics Sales Office.

Steven Gray resided as the toastmaster of the meeting. The topic master was Dene Sheppard who led the discussion topic on the most auspicious moment last week. The best table topic was awarded to Bailey Anderson. The best speaker of the day was Lyndel Moody who presented a poem by Robert Browning. Virginia Martin evaluated her. Joelle Ford was timer, grammarian and Bonnie Saenz was the general evaluator of the meeting.

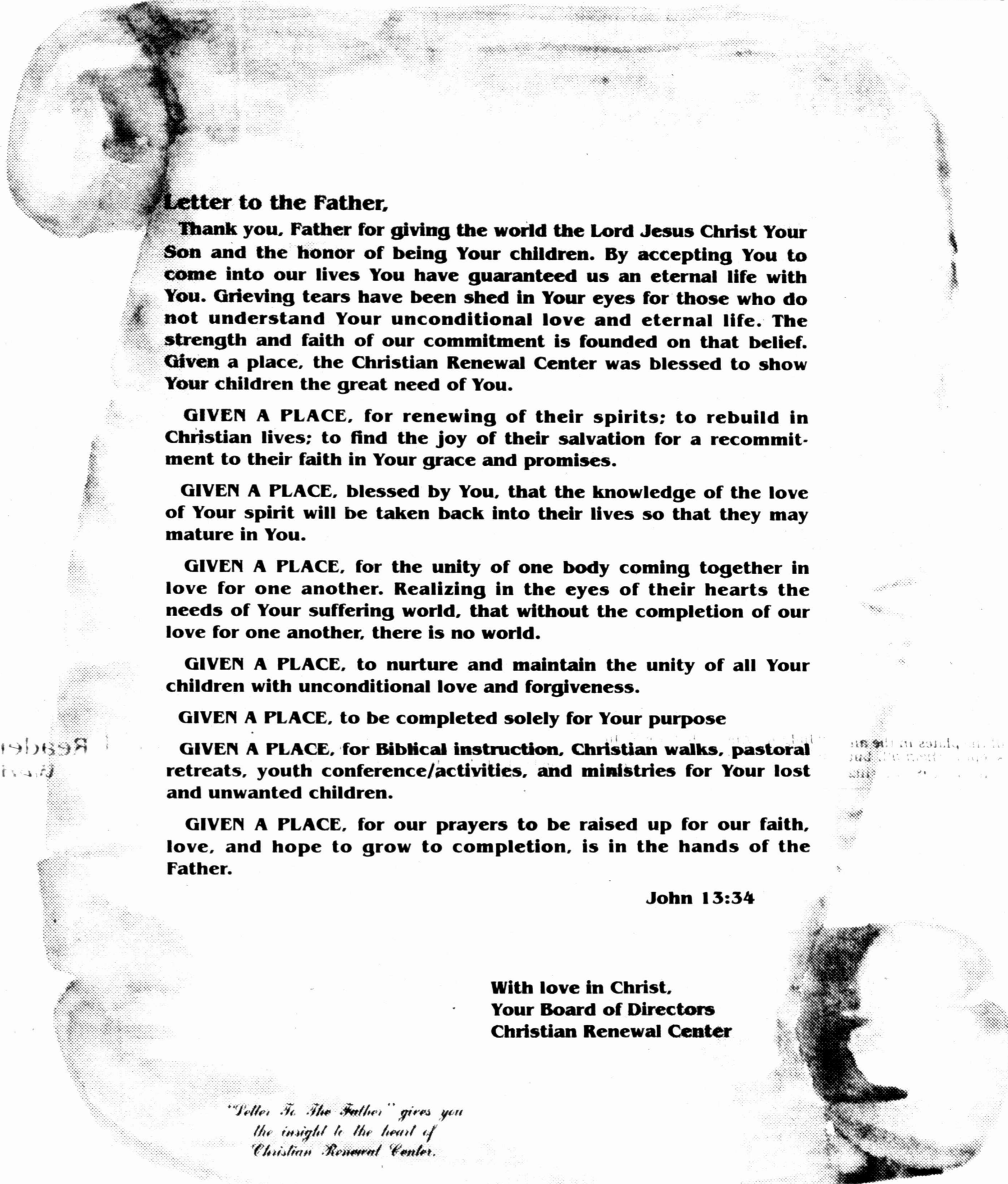
The word of the day was auspicious meaning favorable, favoring success. Ex: With the sun shining bright, it was an auspicious day for a picnic.

For those wishing to improve their communications skills, we welcome you to visit our next meeting on Wednesday Jan. 5 at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street Mary Kay Cosmetics sales office. Communication is the key to success.

For more information please call our Vice-President of Membership, Pam Welch, at 264-6032.

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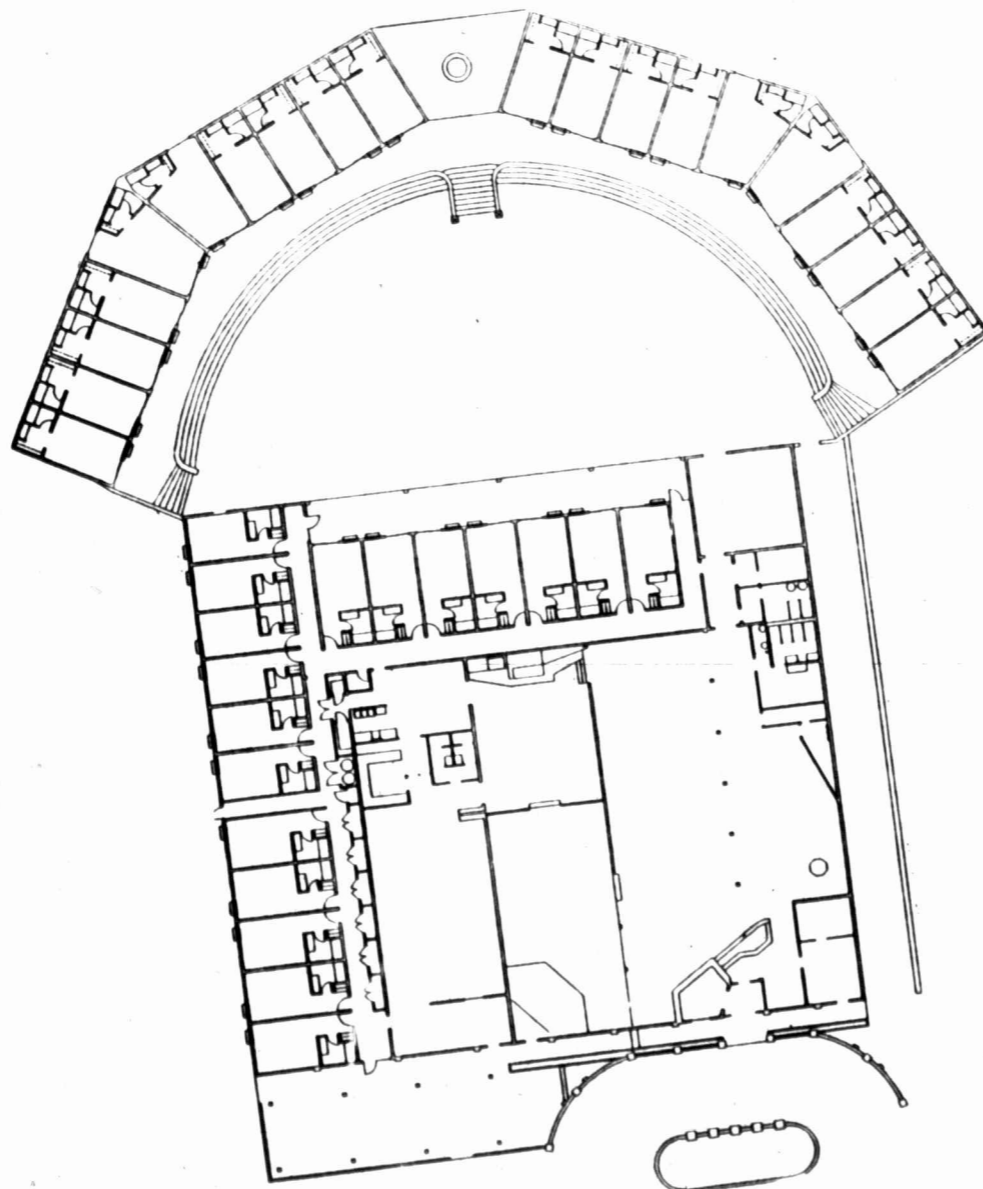
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Due to the generosity of a local philanthropic organization 20 rooms east of the original building are now near completion. This will enable CRC to offer overnight accommodations for activities for one or more days, for the convenience of uninterrupted conferences, retreats, seminars and other functions.

Presently, three Christian walks, adult and youth have been scheduled through the year 2000, a seemingly miraculous occurrence considering the fact that the construction is not yet complete. We know from the inquiries that the potential of future commitments is imminent.

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### State officials from Texas, Mexico meet to discuss trade issues

AUSTIN (AP) — Representatives from Texas and four Mexican border states met Wednesday to discuss trade, economic development and other issues in what officials said would be the first of many state-level talks between Mexico and Texas.

"As we increase trade, as we increase relationships, we will see more of these working sessions on both sides of the border because ultimately we all represent the future of the people in the respective states," said state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso.

State legislators joined officials from the Mexican states of Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas

for two days of meetings at the Capitol. The group discussed trade, economic development, tourism and environmental issues.

Shapleigh and Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, said the sessions were unique because they involved local representatives talking about federal issues such as the North American Free Trade Agreement and border transportation, including the recent Mexico car deposit debate.

"I think it's probably about time that we got together and it's a shame that it hasn't been done earlier. But I hope that what results from us getting together today will be us solving com-

mon problems that we face along the border and improving the quality of life for citizens on both sides of the Rio Grande," Madla said.

The Mexican representatives spoke about the need for improved infrastructure and economic development, promising a potential for stronger business in both countries, including in the tourism and high-tech industry.

"In the United States, Fortune Magazine declared Dallas as the most important city for doing business in the United States while Monterrey, the capital of the state of Nuevo Leon, was declared the No. 1 city in Latin America for doing business," said

Carlos Zambrano Plant, secretary of economic development in Nuevo Leon.

"So we feel that if we put together these two powerful cities and work together on economical development issues and many others we can really obtain excellent results for our communities and our citizens," Zambrano Plant said.

The meetings produced little more than discussion of key issues, but were important because of approaching NAFTA deadlines that will require such cooperation among the United States, Mexico and Canada, the officials said.

"Between the year 2001 and 2003 the

three countries become a region on the industrial side of NAFTA and we need to integrate within the region in order for our products to flow free of duties," said Francisco Uranga, secretary of industrial development in Chihuahua.

"If we don't talk at the state and local level about issues — just connecting up roads, about working on health, about access to credit — then what happens is at the larger level of trade the policies don't really get put fully into effect," Shapleigh said.

"So the idea of increasing the local and state contacts is a very good idea at this point in NAFTA because that is what is absent."

### Judge sides with meat processor vs. USDA

DALLAS (AP) — In a setback to the government's new food safety standards, a meatpacking plant that supplied 15 percent of the ground beef for the nation's school lunch program will be allowed to continue its operations despite an attempt to shut it down because of salmonella contamination.

"No one thinks that salmonella in meat is a good thing," said U.S. District Judge A. Joe Fish. "The question is whether the Department of Agriculture had the authority to do what it did."

Fish said he questioned the USDA's power under existing legislation to set the salmonella testing standard and to withdraw inspectors from the plant when it failed the test.

His order Friday continues a temporary restraining order keeping the plant open until the matter is resolved at trial.

Mirroring the company's concerns, the judge also said he was troubled that there is no independent review of the meat testing process.

But USDA spokesman Andy Solomon said the agency will fight to keep the testing program in place.

"We believe these standards are key to our ability to reducing food-borne illnesses among Americans," Solomon said. "Since we've put our system in place, the incidence of salmonella in raw meat and poultry has declined by at least 25 percent."

Executives at Supreme Beef Processors Inc. argued in court that the company is not to blame for the salmonella found in meat from their plant.

But the U.S. Department of Agriculture said that its new food safety program depends on being able to withdraw its inspectors, an action that effectively shuts down the place.

The plant is a major supplier for the department's school lunch programs. Of the 90 million pounds of beef USDA has purchased since July, 14 million came from the Dallas facility.

Under the new program, USDA inspectors analyze meat samples for salmonella, and no more than 7.5 percent of the samples taken in one testing can be contaminated.

Previously, USDA inspectors simply poked and sniffed for problems.

The USDA withdrew its inspectors from the plant Nov. 15 after the meat there failed three salmonella tests. The Supreme Beef plant was the first company to flunk three tests, a failure that requires the inspectors to be pulled out. Meat processing plants that want to sell their products across state lines must have the inspectors present to certify meat.

However, the department was forced to send the inspectors back later in the day when Fish granted a restraining order. Still, USDA suspended school lunch program purchases from the plant the same day.

Company officials said in court that its own tests contradicted those of the USDA.

"We found that the plant was not the contributor whatsoever of the salmonella in ground beef," said Steven Spiritas, chief executive.

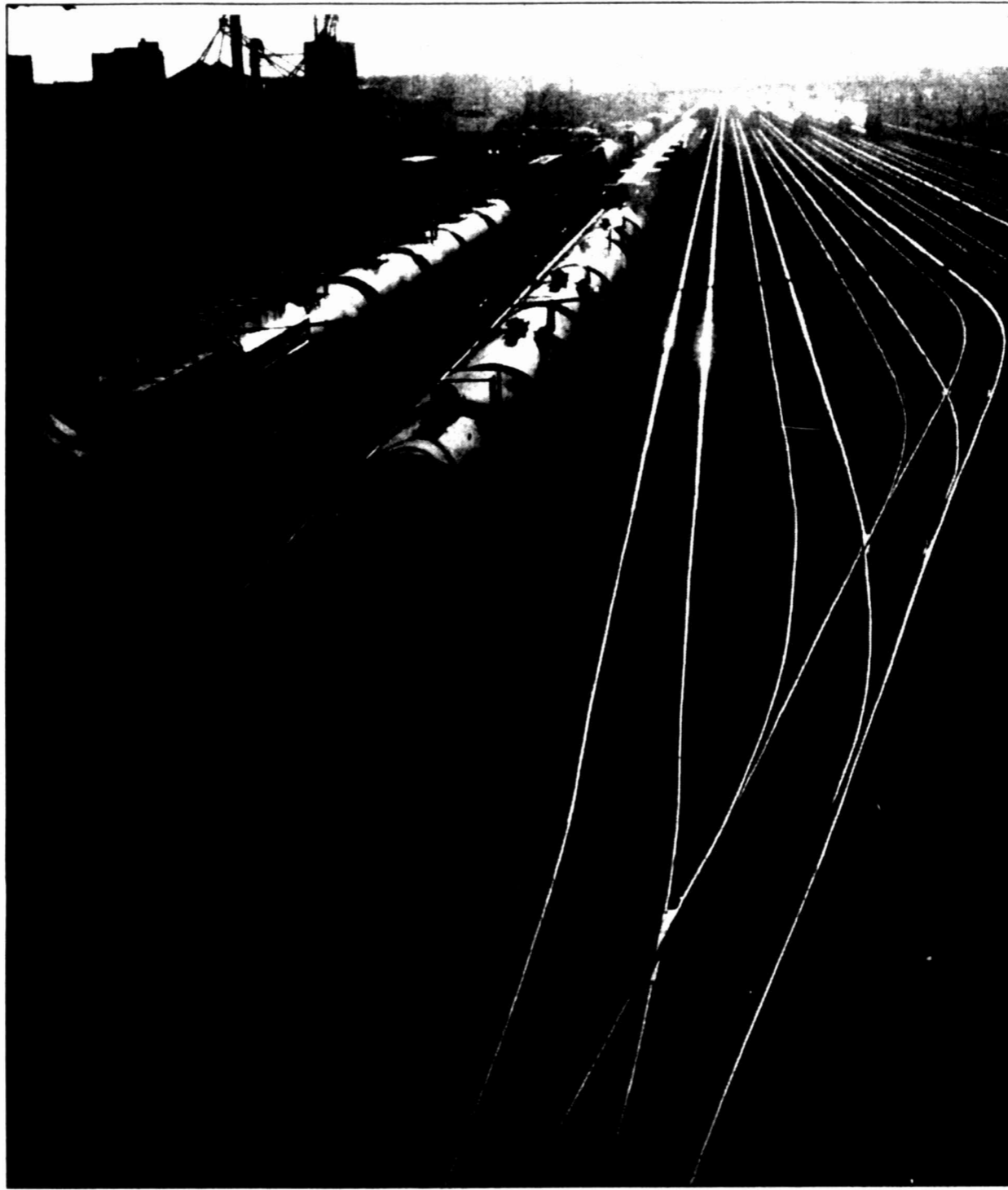
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### Feds says Union Pacific service crisis over

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three years into the federal government's five-year oversight of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger, regulators say the railroad has emerged from a catastrophic service meltdown that began in Texas in 1997 and clogged its entire 36,000-mile network.

The service crisis "is over," the Surface Transportation Board pronounced in its annual post-merger assessment.

"It appears that the merger is continuing to produce competitive benefits and improved service," the board's three commissioners said in a decision issued last week.



The sun sets on the Big Spring Union Pacific yard as tank cars wait to be added to a consist. Last week, the Surface Transportation Board said Union Pacific had gotten past its service crisis.

Critics who had complained bitterly about the service disruptions that caused widespread difficulties from the Gulf Coast to the Pacific Northwest, idling plants and leaving piles of grain on the ground, agree the service problems are over.

Some, however, appear less sure than the federal regulators about the benefits of the merger, which created the nation's largest railroad.

"Things are better. You don't hear as many complaints," Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews conceded in an interview Tuesday.

But Matthews, who strongly criticized the STB for not moving more swiftly to address the service meltdown that began in Houston's rail yards, remains worried that not enough competition exists — particularly in Texas, which has more miles of track than any other state.

"The manufacturers that I've talked to say they desperately want other alternatives. They don't want to be caught into a situation they were caught in before, that is if a management team of a large, out-of-state corporation makes a mistake in judgment, they pay a penalty," Matthews added, in a swipe at Union Pacific managers who have acknowledged they should have implemented the merger differently.

Matthews remains convinced that Texas must develop a rail policy that will enhance competition, particularly among smaller railroads that haul over short routes.

"I believe any time a shipper is captive, that's not a good situation," he said.

The Chemical Manufacturers Association, which in a recent study found that more than 60 percent of its members are served by a single railroad, agrees.

"The number of railroads has shrunk dramatically. The competition is so much less than it

was before," said CMA official Mike Heimowitz. "The deck is basically stacked against the customers and in favor of the railroads."

The president of the National Industrial Transportation League, which also complained loudly about Union Pacific's service woes, agrees that shippers are voicing few complaints these days.

But they remain concerned about the reliability of Union Pacific and other railroads in delivering cargos by specified dates, said NITL head Ed Emmett. "Railroads still cannot produce service that's as timely and predictable as trucks," he said.

Union Pacific's leadership deserves "an awful lot of credit" for solving the service melt-

down, Emmett acknowledged.

The crisis now a memory of the past, Union Pacific officials say they not only have restored service to the 1996 pre-merger levels, but have improved it to new highs.

"We are now setting new records in terms of our service parameters that didn't exist prior to the merger," railroad spokesman John Bromley said Tuesday, citing train speeds and size of cargos hauled chief among them.

Union Pacific, like the STB, contends that competition has been enhanced post-merger.

Instead of the moribund Southern Pacific as chief competitor, Union Pacific now must deal with Burlington Northern Santa Fe — which gained the right to operate over

some Union Pacific track under merger terms imposed by the STB.

BNSF, however, in a filing to the STB, complained that Union Pacific isn't living by all the regulators' conditions — a dispute the board said the competitors should resolve by themselves.

As for shippers' complaints that the railroad has a near-monopoly, Bromley cited pressure of competition from the trucking industry and others.

While U.S. railroads carry 40 percent of the nation's tonnage, they only account for 7 percent of freight revenues, he said.

"That kind of underscores the fact that far from being some sort of transportation monster, we're just one of the players," Bromley said.

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The real winners have been the middle class, who are and higher- and lower-income families. The real winners are improving and politically active to contribute to the economy. All of them want to hit the middle class.

"There's a very large, affluent segment in Monterrey. It's a very prosperous town," he said.

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TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Testimony in the federal trial against Koch Industries will wrap up Monday with the chief executive of the country's second-largest privately held company.

Charles Koch is scheduled to take the stand in the civil case filed by his younger brother, Bill Koch.

Koch Industries is accused of training employees to underreport the amount and quality of oil purchased from producers. The plaintiffs contend Koch Industries received \$170 million worth of oil without paying for it in the 1980s.

Bill Koch, 59, whose net worth is \$650 million, was not in the courtroom Thursday afternoon as his brother began to testify. However, Charles Koch, 63, whose net worth \$3.4 billion, did not forget him.

Charles Koch said his brother never expressed a concern when the company received more oil than it paid for while Bill Koch owned a 22 ownership interest in Koch Industries and was a board member.

As for when he first learned about overages, Charles Koch said he was a teen-ager digging pipeline ditches in Oklahoma when one day some producers started making fun at how his father's oil company always had more oil than it bought.

"They explained to me the nature of the crude oil industry and how a company like ours would tend to be over," he said.

Koch Industries does not contest that measurements were changed when purchasing oil, but says the adjustments were for field conditions such as oil

shrinkage and sediment in tanks.

This is the second time in just over a year that Bill Koch has taken his older brother to federal court. Last year in Topeka, Kan., Bill Koch claimed he was cheated out of more than \$1 billion when he sold his stake in Koch Industries back in 1983. He lost.

Charles Koch is the 141st witness to be called over 10 weeks.

The jury of four women and four men have heard testimony from gaugers, producers, experts and Koch's top executives, who gave technical and tedious testimony in oil industry lingo.

Neither side will say how much potential liability is faced by Koch Industries, which has \$30 billion in sales.

But Bill Koch could receive up to one-third of the court award if he wins.

Earlier Thursday, an economic expert testified that if Koch had a deliberate widespread scheme of stealing oil, producers would have known.

"It is a scheme that could not possibly be pulled," Jonathan Walker said.

Koch had about six to nine percent of the total United States oil production in 1983 to 1991. It was the leading purchaser in Oklahoma with up to 30 percent of the market. Other states named in the lawsuit are: Kansas, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, California, New Mexico, Nebraska, Louisiana, Texas, North Dakota and South Dakota.

The competitive oil market, federal inspectors and "person-

al incentives not to go along with criminal schemes" would have made it impossible for Koch to get away with a corporate policy of intentionally taking more oil than it purchased, Walker said.

But Koch did not always get away with it, the plaintiffs argued.

The lawyer displayed a handful of written complaints by producers. One producer wrote he "caught Koch gaugers stealing," another told of "constant measurement discrepancies."

Walker agreed that some gaugers said they consistently made adjustments in Koch's favor, however, the testimony did not prove that the adjustments were a company-wide scheme.

"One hundred percent cheating, the probability of that is null," he said.

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## Grocer to expand Mexican operations

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — H-E-B Grocery Co., which opened its first Mexican store in 1997, plans to open six new stores south of the border next year.

Company officials say Mexico's dine-at-home culture and a growing middle class make it a logical place for the chain to expand.

"We consider Mexico an important part of H-E-B's future," said chairman and chief executive Charles Butt. "We're excited about the opportunities there and hope to build a significant presence."

Butt said San Antonio-based H-E-B was attracted by the low per capita concentration of supermarkets in Mexico. Also, he told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, the company cuts its costs by buying about 85 percent of H-E-B-Mexico's products in Mexico.

H-E-B opened its first grocery store in Monterrey, Mexico, in 1997 and now has five stores in the city and another opened last month in Saltillo. Next year, the company plans to open three more stores in Monterrey and three stores along the Texas-Mexico border in Nuevo Laredo, Reynosa and Matamoros.

Unlike its stores in the United States, which stock lots of heat-and-eat foods, H-E-B's Mexican stores focus on more basic, traditional products.

"The focus there is still more on food preparation at home," Butt said. "Mexican families at all income levels tend to eat together for the evening meal more than they do in Texas."

Selling actual ingredients instead of pre-cooked meals could mean higher profits, said Arun Jain, chairman of the marketing department at the University of Buffalo in New York. He also said H-E-B has picked a good market in Mexico.

"That kind of underscores the fact that far from being some sort of transportation monster, we're just one of the players," Butt said.

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"The hope of Monterrey, attainment of the Mexican peso in the state University school Mexican product is expected 3.2 percent this straight year of tion, Clark said.

The real winners have been the middle class, who are and higher- and lower-income families. The real winners are improving and politically active to contribute to the economy. All of them want to hit the middle class.

"There's a very large, affluent segment in Monterrey. It's a very prosperous town," he said.

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"The hope is to go into Monterrey, attract the right segment of the market, and improve the bottom line."  
Mexico's economy has steadily improved since it devalued the peso in 1995, said Tracy Clark, an analyst at Arizona State University's business school. Mexico's gross domestic product is expected to grow by 3.2 percent this year, the fourth straight year of growth devaluation, Clark said.  
The real winners, Clark said, have been Mexico's middle class, who are demanding more and higher-quality products.  
"Things are improving on a broad front. People's situations are improving economically and politically, and that tends to contribute to consumer confidence. All of those things tend to hit the middle class more," he said.

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the tests originated in slaughterhouses, not at the plant, Spiritas said. He added that none of its meat had been recalled and no foodborne illness had been attributed to the plant.

He also said about 380 employees at the plant would have lost their jobs had the inspectors been allowed to leave.  
But government attorney Eric Goulian said USDA found conditions there were "unsanitary and injurious to health."  
Goulian also pointed out that a slaughterhouse company, Supreme Beef in Lamesa, Texas, has also failed three rounds of testing for salmonella under a different system. It too is in danger of having its operations suspended, Goulian said.  
During testimony, USDA officials said it is wrong to blame the department to keep inspectors at the plant.  
"It forces us to allow one plant to operate without meeting the regulatory requirements," said Thomas Billy, USDA administrator of food safety and inspection services. "It creates an uneven playing field and allows Supreme Beef to sell beef without meeting the same standards."  
Billy said that all of the largest plants and 91 percent of the smaller plants passed all their sampling tests. Supreme Beef is in the smaller category.  
The company has challenged the testing standards as "arbitrary and capricious," pointing to standards that permit 5 times as much salmonella in chicken and turkeys than in red meat.  
Salmonella kills an estimated 550 people and causes 1.4 million illnesses a year in the United States.

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