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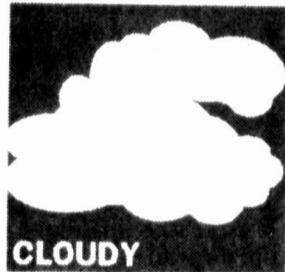
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December 19, 1999

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



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- Big Spring Post Office
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- Cellular One in the College Park Shopping Center
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Other efforts:

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

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Salvation Army needing help with traditional holiday meal

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A community Christmas dinner is planned at the Salvation Army Shelter, 308 Aylesford, on Dec. 25, and volunteers are needed.

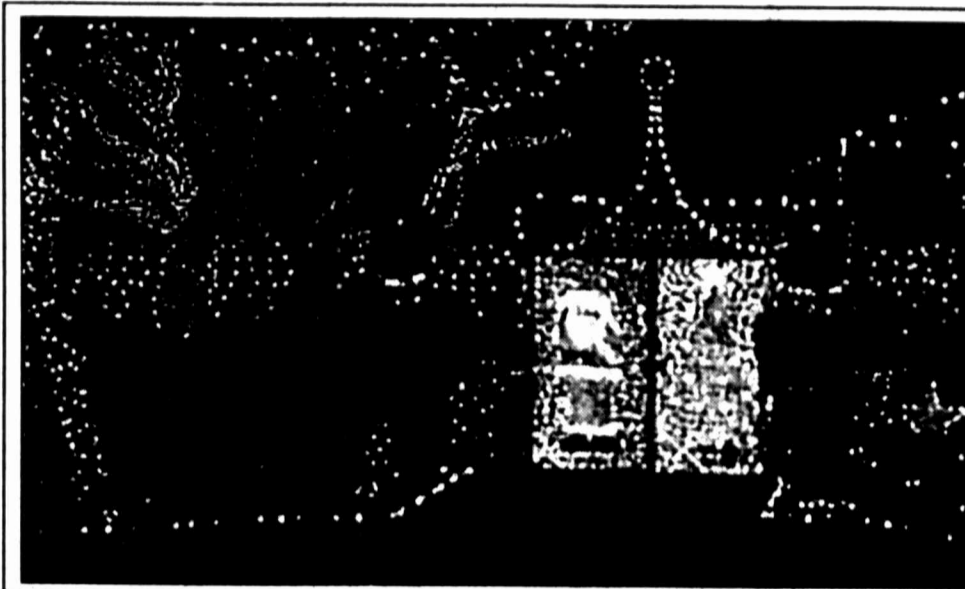


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extra turkeys. "If anyone has an extra turkey, maybe they received a turkey at work and don't need it, we definitely can use some turkeys," said Danelle Castillo, Salvation Army social services director.

"And we also put turkeys in the food baskets that we give to families for Christmas dinner at home. We have 237 families receiving assistance this year."

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The lighted Partee home may be seen on Belvedere in Coronado Hills. This home received special category in the Holiday Lighting Contest recently. A city map and addresses of all contest entries will be available next week at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Permian Building comes crashing down

Officials await word on park grant application

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

As city officials await news on a grant application for the proposed downtown park, efforts to tear down an aging building that sits on the property move forward.

Members of the city, including City Manager Gary Fuqua and Mayor Tim Blackshear, returned from Austin last week where they had been trying to persuade a three-member Transportation Committee to assist funding for "Pioneer Plaza" a planned tourist information and rest area north of Howard County Courthouse.

The commission had initially rejected the funding request, but allowed groups to resubmit in deciding how the last \$43 million of the initial \$128 million in Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program funds to be awarded.



FUQUA



Virginia and Lloyd Claxton, their son Tony and granddaughter Andrea watch the Permian Building being torn down. "We used to bring our daughter here to the dentist," Virginia Claxton said.

"We won't know anything until they meet again in January," Fuqua said Friday. "There were 109 people presenting, and the mayor made a good presentation with pictures and

charts, and now we're just keeping our fingers crossed. "We had been told that in the past they might give us some indication of our position if we stuck around until the bitter

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A counting they did go: Volunteers take a bird tally

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

At least seven volunteers counted more than 200 species of birds in Howard County Saturday during the 100th observance of the Christmas bird count.

"I really started doing this with Sue Corson and Polly Mays, and we went nearly every week during winter and spring bird counts," said veteran birder Jane Jones.

Jones, along with Pat Simmons and Michelle Werner, spotted several different varieties of birds at Comanche Trail Park. And Craig Fischer, Garry Spence and JoAnn and Don Merritt of Midland volunteered to spend a day searching the skies and foraging trees and shrubs, hoping for a glimpse of migrating and habitating birds.

"A person really has to practice at this, to recognize and spot birds. A person can't just

spot birds and know what they are. It takes experience, which takes practice," said Simmons, who has been birding for the past eight or more years.

Jones, the recognized expert of the group, was able to identify different varieties of birds, and on two occasions accurately name a species of hawk and of dove.

"I believe that's a Cooper's Hawk there, which we normally only see near the Airpark. And those are morning doves, which are larger than other dove varieties," Jones said.

While the women do not remain as quiet during birding as fishermen might, the crisp morning air and few human inhabitants added to the solace of the birding expedition.

Werner said sometimes the birders will make a little noise in an attempt to rouse the birds hidden in foliage or densely

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Jane Jones, along with Michelle Werner and Pat Simmons, were among those who joined together to watch and count birds during the 100th Winter Bird Count at Comanche Trail Park. The final results of the Howard County bird count will be available by Tuesday, according to organizer Simmons.



Charles Crain of Tommy's Treasures in downtown Big Spring said sales this holiday season have remained fairly steady.

Holiday sales get mixed reviews from owners

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Local small business retailers give differing accounts of how the holiday shopping sales season is progressing, from one owner who is having a 459 percent increase above last year to others who are moving very little merchandise.

"We have been the No. 1 store in dollar sales of all the independently owned Sears stores in my district," said Jody Swinney, owner of Sears in the Big Spring Mall.

"Our sales have increased 459 percent over this day last year, and my

district manager sent me a memo that was titled "WOW!" Swinney said.

Appliances, as well as televisions and compact disc players have moved rapidly out the doors of the retail store, he said. And he is overjoyed about the business.

"I just love Christmas, and I'm whistling a merry Christmas tune. Most of the credit belongs to Don Murray, my top salesman," Swinney said.

A retailer located in the downtown Big Spring area who is happy with brisk business and increased sales receipts is Charles Crain.

Crain and his wife own Tommy's Treasures, and while they haven't a year to year comparison to make, Crain said business have been steady.

"This past week has been really busy. We just opened in May, but I'd say this is probably what I antic-

ipated the holiday season to be," he said.

Crain and his wife live in Midland, and Tommy's generally operates the retail outlet located at the corner of Main and Third streets.

The store offers one-of-a-kind gifts, along with various dolls, figurines, Texas merchandise, religious and holiday items and handbags.

Crain said he and his wife generally shop at markets in Dallas, and order wholesale from stores there as well. But the number of items they order is limited, because they tend to specialize in one-of-a-kind merchandise, he said.

"We started in this business about four years ago, and I still work full-time in Midland. So Tommy takes care of the business here, and so far

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2 dead

Sand Springs couple killed; weapon found in residence

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Howard County Sheriff's Department is investigating the violent deaths of two Sand Springs residents, which apparently took place last Thursday night or early Friday morning.

Carroll Coates Jr., 55, and his wife, Rhonda Coates, 33, were found dead in their two-room residence in the Sand Springs area by a family member. Both victims suffered apparent gunshot wounds to the head.

Sheriff's deputies estimate the victims had been dead 10 to 12 hours when the bodies were discovered. A final determination cannot be made pending autopsy results, said, Chief Deputy Kerry Fritz.

"A family member found the bodies at the residence after he (Carroll Coates) didn't report to work," Fritz said. Coates had worked for Jimmy Hopper Auto, Sales for the past four or five months, an employee of the business said.

The family member contacted the sheriff's office at 10:30 a.m., after entering the residence through an unlocked door. According to Fritz, no signs of forced entry or a struggle was evident.

Coates and his wife were found in the back room of the house, which contained both the bedroom and kitchen area, according to Fritz.

A revolver found at the scene was apparently owned by Carroll Coates, Fritz said.

Fritz said that pending an autopsy report, the deaths are being treated as a homicide.

Rhonda Coates might have recently returned from Colorado and had been home for at least a couple of days, according to Fritz.

"No incidents of gunshots were reported to the sheriff's office within the last 24 hours" of the shootings, said Fritz.

Justice of the Peace Bennie Green pronounced the victims dead at 10:50 a.m.

The bodies were sent to Lubbock Friday for an autopsy.

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OBITUARIES

Jose Luna

Rosary for Jose V. Luna, 75, of Lubbock, was held at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Funeral mass was 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the church with the Rev. James O'Connor officiating.

Mr. Luna died Wednesday, Dec. 15, at his home.

He was born on March 26, 1924, in Charlotte. He moved to Lubbock from O'Donnell in 1964. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of World War II. He retired from Furr's grocery stores as a truck driver. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Rosendo of Lubbock and Jose of Toledo, Ohio; four daughters, Carmen Villarreal of Bryan, Angelia Luna of San Antonio, Olga Lara of Lubbock and Laurie A. Luna of Denver, Colo.; two step-sons, Don Arroyo of Big Spring and Richard Marquez of Bethesda, Md.; three step-daughters, Pat DeAnda of Big Spring, Monica Urias of Slaton and Valerie Alva of Brownwood; a sister, Barba Sanchez of Charlotte; a brother, Doroteo of San Antonio; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Luna, on Dec. 4, 1995.

Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Ronda Louise Coates

Services for Ronda Louise Coates, 33, are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home. She died Thursday night, Dec. 16, 1999, at her home.

Laura Luce Burrow

A great lady, Laura Luce Burrow, passed away on Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, in Kingsland. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Bill Ballard, pastor of Airport Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on July 16, 1910 in Baird, Texas, to Edward A. and Margaret Foster Luce.

She was of the Pentecostal faith but became a member of First Baptist Church after moving to Marble Falls.

She graduated from the Medical Arts LVN School of Nursing in Big Spring and was active in nursing in Big Spring and Marble Falls until retirement.

Laura was a role model for many young people and dedicated her life to helping anyone in need.

She married Guy Marshall Burrow in 1928 and he preceded

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Laura Luce Burrow, 89, died Friday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Carroll F. Coates, Jr. 55, died Thursday. Services will be 11:30 AM, Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Salem Cemetery.

Ronda Louise Coates, 33, died Thursday evening. Services are pending.

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her in death on Sept. 17, 1968. She was also preceded in death by a son, Guy Murry Burrow, a grandson, Mark Coffman Burrow, four sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include a son, Gerald W. Burrow and wife, Eva Nell of Quitman; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Burrow of Casper, Wyo.; a sister, Lilly Luce of Marble Falls; a brother, James F. Burrow of Georgetown; grandchildren Guy M. Burrow and wife, Debbie, Helen Flippo and husband, Dale, Stephen Burrow and wife, Sharon, Wayne Burrow, Ruth Ann Atwood and husband, Jeff, and Nora Burrow; 11 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

The family will be at 211 Circle. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Carroll F. Coates Jr.

Services for Carroll F. Coates Jr. 55, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Royce Clay officiating. Burial will follow at Salem Cemetery north of Coahoma.

Mr. Coates died at his home Thursday, Dec. 16, 1999.

He was born Sept. 29, 1944 in Big Spring. He was a lifelong resident of West Texas. He was a member of the Church of Christ and a Vietnam veteran.

Mr. Coates is survived by two sons, Vince Coates of Mobile, Ala., and Steven Coates of Abilene; his parents, Carl and Tomilee Ford of Big Spring; one brother, Mickey Coates of Rome, Texas; one sister, Pamela Joann Martin of Richardson; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carroll F. Coates Sr.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Lt. Col. Alvy James Statser

Lt. Col. Alvy James Statser, 83, of Colorado Springs, Colo., formerly of Big Spring, died on Dec. 17, 1999, in Colorado Springs.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Swan-Law Funeral Chapel in Colorado Springs. Interment will follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery there.

Mr. Statser was born on March 13, 1916, in White Flat, Texas, and married Ruth H. Colvard on Nov. 15, 1941.

He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force and had owned Westex Pump Company in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth H. Statser; four daughters, Barbara Newell, Tricia Guidry, Kay Paine and Linda Dixon; and a brother, Lee J. Statser.

DINNER

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Castillo said.

Volunteers who might want to donate their time before Christmas to help prepare the food are needed. And anyone who might wish to donate their time from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Christmas Day is also needed to help serve food to those who might otherwise spend Christmas alone.

Castillo said the

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Thanksgiving meal, where more than 300 people were served, is generally the largest attended meal the Salvation Army provides in a year.

But Christmas meals are special as well, for different reasons, she said.

"Christmas is traditionally a time when families come together, even if they do not any other day of the year. But some people haven't any family, and Christmas is also a time for fellowship. No one needs to be alone for Christmas," she said.

Volunteers are also needed to help deliver meals to those who cannot make it to the shelter due to ill health or other personal problems.

And anyone who needs a meal delivered on Christmas Day should call the Salvation Army at 267-8239.

"Anyone who needs a meal, or who knows of someone who needs a meal delivered should call us," she said.

Traditional turkey and dressing and the trimmings will be available at the shelter. Salvation Army Home League members will prepare food in advance, but volunteers may help in the preparation or the serving of the meal, she said.

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Big Spring City Council approved the \$516,000 project in August, contingent upon receiving the grant. The grant would be augmented by some \$103,202 in local funds, of which the council has already pledged \$25,000.

Officials envision the park as a tourist information center, with restrooms and walking trails leading to other downtown historical areas. Presently occupying part of the site is the Permian Building, which is in the process of being torn down.

Midwest Wrecking of Fort Worth began using a wrecking ball to raze the building last Monday and initially expected to have it down Friday or Saturday, but a problem with the crane and the stubbornness of the old building have slowed operations.

"The metal in the building is what is slowing us down," said Steve Miller, project foreman, who added that the crane's vertical shaft broke, leading to a day and a half delay.

"It's a tough building to bring down," added crane operator David Kistler, who hoped to have most of the multi-story building on the ground by Saturday evening.

Though a year in the works, Big Spring City Council was able to get the project under way by pledging \$50,000. Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. matched that amount and Cornell Corrections added \$25,000. Big Spring Main Street Inc. originally put in \$3,000, but now will pay the back taxes of some \$2,800.

The demolition has created its own sightseers.

"People stop and look at the building as it is coming down and tell stories about their memories," said Fuqua. "Most people seem glad to see it coming down, and I've heard that now the Petroleum Building will be visible from the roadway. People seem to think it is a nicer looking building."

Some of those sightseers were Lloyd and Virginia Claxton.

"We used to bring our daughter here to the dentist," said Mrs. Claxton.

"When I saw it built, I never thought it would be torn down," said Lloyd Claxton. "When it was first constructed, it was the pride of the community."

The building was built in the late 1940s or early 1950s and the last tenants moved out in 1990. Herald staff reporters Marsha Sturdivant and Lyndel Moody contributed to this article.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 4,12,32,36,37,50

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

HELPING

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soring The Giving Tree, which aids foster children. Come by and select an ornament and bring a gift back to the bank today.

Isaiah 58, Christian assistance agency, is accepting food and toy donations to be given to needy families in time for Christmas. Hours for donating are Monday and Tuesday, 9:30-11 a.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m. at 107-109 Runnels, or anytime at First Christian Church.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY

TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad.

Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galyann Gamble at 263-1271.

Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041.

Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsop Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

Encourager's Support Group

(for widows) will meet Monday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. at Cowboy's Restaurant. They will also meet Monday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through the north door), for a Christmas dinner and fun gift-exchange. The ham will be furnished. Bring any covered dish and an inexpensive wrapped gift (not to exceed \$10). Diane Brown will be the speaker. For more information call 398-5522.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and noon Saturday.

RANDY CARRENO, no age available, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

VINCENT ALVARADO, 19, was arrested for local warrants.

RODNEY KINARD, 17, was arrested on a charge of a minor driving under the influence.

CHAD MCMURTREY, 19, was arrested on a charge of minor consuming alcohol.

MARTHA VANDERBILT, 34, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 400 block of Runnels, near the intersection of Fourth and Owens, in the 1600 block of East Fourth and in the 1500 block of East Marcy.

MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of south service road of I-20 and Hwy 87 and in the 1500 block of FM 700.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of Anna.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported near the intersection of Sixth and Nolan, in the 500 block of East Sixth, and at Birdwell Park.

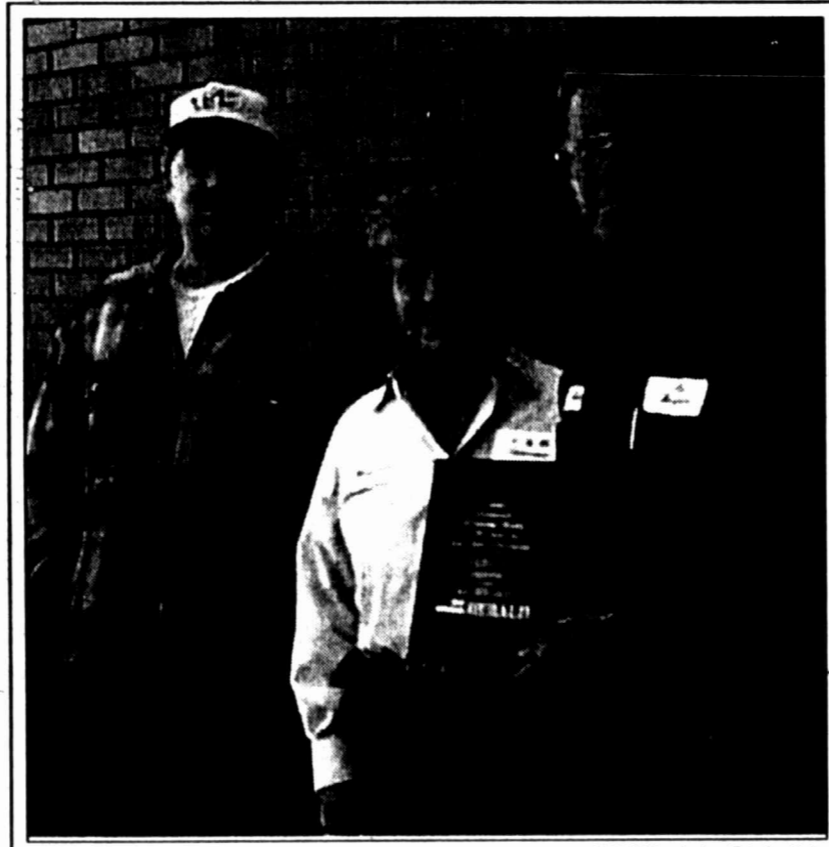
ASSAULT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of Steakley.

SHOTS FIRED was reported near the intersection of 11th and Nolan.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2400 block of Carleton and in the 1000 block of Sycamore.

THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wason, 800 block of East 16th, twice in the 1100 block of North Lamesa, in the 3500 block of East Marcy and the 400 block of Johnson.



HERALD photo/Edwin Vela
From left, James Gilbert Jr., Marian Buzbee and James Gilbert Sr. accepted their first-place award recently for their Ag Services entry in the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

To our kind friends, neighbors and relatives we wish to express our sincere appreciation for sympathetic attention, beautiful floral tributes and other courtesies extended to us at the passing of our beloved husband and father. Also, Dr. E.W. Stokes, Hospice of Big Spring nurses, Debbie Read, Tina Broughton, Patty Kirkpatrick, Dwight Perkins for mowing our lawn all summer.
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Richard Steel and Liz Lowery, Greater Big Spring Rotary members, along with about 25 of their fellow members, packed Salvation Army Angel Tree presents Friday. This is the third year Rotary club members have helped prepare gifts for family pickup, which is scheduled for this week.

SALES

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Big Spring has been good," Crain said.

However, other retailers located in the downtown shopping area report sales have decreased compared to holiday receipts during Christmas 1998.

"Sales have been terrible, although I have been busy. But no one seems to be spending any money, and if they do they're buying inexpensive things," said Betty Pearson, who operates Inland Port 213.

Inland Port 213 is an exclusive gift and import store that specializes in original art, collectible gifts and decorative items. The store is celebrating 31 years of business in Big Spring.

Vicki Dahmer of Dahmer's Antiques and Gifts said sales have declined this year, and she blames Y2K mania.

"Of course, the antique business is traditionally slow during the holidays, but even my gift items are not selling as they should. Business has not been good and sales are way down, and I'm finding that is the mood all across the business," Dahmer said.

A regular contributor and advertiser in a prestigious art magazine, Dahmer said advertising sales in that magazine have also declined.

"People who are buying are spending \$20 or less. Most everyone is holding onto their money in one pile, anticipating Y2K, and those with the most

money seem to be the one holding onto it the most," she said.

A special 30-percent-off sale intended to increase sales has had little affect, Dahmer said. Her store offers antique pottery, furniture and gift items include decorative bears, figurines and vintage jewelry.

Ralph Osborne, owner of Main Street Emporium, said business in his unique store has also declined. Much of the merchandise in Main Street Emporium is his personal collection of goods.

"Of course, my wife and I have full-time jobs, so we operate this on a part-time basis. But sales have not been good, and most everybody in town seems to be in the same boat," Osborne said.

Osborne's store sells collectible advertising items, such as Coca Cola memorabilia, antique calendars and oil cans and canisters, as well as metal automobile replicas and other odds and ends.

Yet next door, Nannie's Attic owner Ellen Barefoot said the reason her sales are continuing is because she does not rely exclusively on retail receipts.

"I am also into wholesale products and sales and when you ask me am I busy, I have to say yes, because I'm constantly painting or packaging or shipping or mailing merchandise," Barefoot said.

She did say retail sales have not been as plentiful, although she has seen plenty of customers. Nannie's Attic offers dolls, collectible handmade figurines, antique furniture, Indian art and crockery.

BIRDS

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covered underbrush and shrubs, so they may be spotted and counted.

Werner said her job as record keeper during the expedition helps her learn to identify and name species of birds.

"I can spot the birds, but I'm not as good at identifying the birds as Pat and Jane are. When they say a white crested, I ask a white crested what? I just don't have the experience yet," said Werner, who became an avid bird watcher about five years ago.

Werner was, however, able to spot and accurately identify a female cardinal sitting in a mesquite bush at the park. Jones confirmed her identification.

The official bird count will be available after Simmons receives all the data from the various volunteers and has an opportunity to add the different figures.

All volunteers were expecting to make a day of the event, as just seven individuals were responsible for counting the birds seen within the county.

A spring count is traditionally done in May, but a lack of volunteers willing to spend time in the solace of the fields and countryside has reduced Howard County's participation in that event.

"We really need more volunteers to help us do this," Simmons said.



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Scenic Mountain Medical Center receives high marks from leading independent accreditation organization, again.

Scenic Mountain has just received a 92% score from JCAHO, the Joint Commission on Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations. The JCAHO score recognizes the quality and professionalism offered right here in Big Spring at Scenic Mountain.

JCAHO is the nation's oldest and most distinguished accreditation organization. They conduct on-site reviews of hospital operations and procedures to determine if a hospital meets their accreditation standards. The score is a way to compare healthcare facilities on an equal, apples-to-apples basis.

We at Scenic Mountain Medical Center are proud to have received such a superior score from JCAHO. The high ranking supports what more and more of our patients and their family members are telling us — that quality health care is right here, close to home at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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OUR VIEWS

Permian Building demise example of determination

There's not as much of it as there used to be, and hopefully in a few days there will be even less. That's the Permian Building, the aging eyesore in downtown Big Spring that is meeting its demise at the hands of a 5,000-pound wrecking ball.

The building is not giving in easily, according to crews from Midwest Wrecking out of Fort Worth, who saw steel in the old structure has been tough to fight. Still, it is coming down, and despite minor delays, should be just a note in some history books in a week or so.

What is grand about the tearing down of the Permian Building isn't just that the city will be rid of a decaying and potentially dangerous blight, but how its demise came about.

Hard work from city officials to put together funding for the project deserves our praise. That Moore Development for Big Spring, Cornell Corrections and Big Spring Main Street Inc. pitched in with some major dollars was the key to making it all happen.

It was unfortunate that Big Spring's application for a proposed tourist park for the site was turned down this past week, but we are still hopeful that the grant will be awarded. City officials made their plea again in front of a three-member panel on Wednesday, and are waiting now until January to get the final word.

Whether or not that comes about, we can still take pride in the "work-together" spirit it took to start demolition of the Permian Building. It's the kind of spirit that prevails out here. The spirit that makes us proud we are a part of Big Spring and Howard County.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Your "Change of diet..." column of Wednesday, December 8th clearly indicates everyone should be aware of their eating habits as well as their exercise. Surrounding your heart (muscle) with excessive fat places it in a dangerous condition. We all know that proper fat control is no easy task.

There are many weight management programs available, and some are good. Some (most) have only a single accelerator that displaces fatty tissue, some even block fat. But when the body becomes acclimated to this single element, it then changes identity and increases fat. A better program would have a second element that alternates with the accelerator, targeting fatty issues missed by the accelerator.

A healthy body can withstand overweight stress far better than one without proper cellular communication.

So how can we increase cellular communication? Sun ripened fruits and vegetables, alone with simple sugars are necessary for optimal health. Unfortunately, these elements are unavailable at the grocer, at the produce house or most other sources except for a short time in the summer.

The gel from an aloe plant is a monosaccharide or simple sugar.

Harvesting and immediately

fast freeze-drying this gel makes it available as the necessary tool in communication between cells, as we shall see.

Dr. Guenter Blobel, the German born scientist who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in medicine, found that cells were able to communicate with each other.

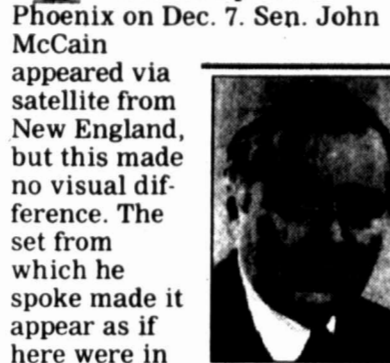
Dr. Blobel reports: "Each of the 1 billion protein molecules in a single cell bears an address tag. (This) tag indicates that it belong in a nucleus... or that it should be secreted outside the cell. With such tags, the cell runs like a well-organized factory. Without them, it would be like an earthquake-damaged warehouse with cellular components scattered uselessly about. When proteins are sent to the wrong location by a defective tag, they cannot perform their customary function and can cause disease..." This is where the simple sugar from the aloe plant comes in. This is the cellular communicator for the body.

While most of us don't understand all this, be it sufficient to say that there are elements available to help our bodies heal itself. These are called Glyconutritional, another long word that will (has) become more and more a part of our health control system.

ROY SIMMONS BIG SPRING

The Republican debate you probably missed

The second appearance among the remaining six Republican nominees took place in Phoenix on Dec. 7. Sen. John McCain appeared via satellite from New England, but this made no visual difference. The set from which he spoke made it appear as if here were in Arizona with the other candidates.



JEFFREY HART

The debate was not exactly invisible, carried on one of our best public servants, the network least given to time-killers, CNN. Very surprisingly, the events in Phoenix were not much noticed by the major media — not The New York Times, Washington Post, CBS, NBC or ABC.

Yet much happened, at least incrementally, in this joint appearance. The format was a bit different. After the six candidates took questions from the moderator in Phoenix, there were plenty of chances for interaction among them. In parts two and three, the candidates were permitted to ask questions of one another, with responses to the questions allowed. Then, each candidate could ask a follow-up question and respond to any questions directed at him.

Not surprisingly, front-runner George W. Bush was the target of the most aggressive questions. For anyone else to have a chance at the nomination, the inevitability, supposed of the Texas governor, has to be slow.

The personal hostility between Steve Forbes and Bush glowed almost radioactively. Forbes attacked by saying that in his own "reckless youth" more than 20 years ago, he had suggested raising the eligibility age for Social Security to 67. In TV ads, Forbes has been attacking Bush for saying that raising the age is an option, accusing him of "betraying" our promises to old people.

Of course, those who discuss Social Security know that raising the eligibility age has long been discussed. After all, the actuarial tables now are very different from what they were in the early New Deal when Social Security became law.

But the flash point was Forbes' introduction of the term "reckless youth" to describe his own consideration of raising the age to 67. This "reckless youth" phrase echoed Bush's admission that he had been a careless young man, perhaps 30 years ago.

Bush was furious. He called his antagonist "Mr. Forbes." Then, Bush was invited by "Mr. Forbes" to call him "Steve." And there transpired some comedy about that throughout.

But clearly what Bush should have said was something like, "Reckless I might have been. But I was never so reckless as to embrace some of your economic proposals I've heard from you here tonight." His idea is that Forbes, with his rictus grin, looked a little

loopy. This would have shifted the charge of "recklessness" to Forbes' policy proposals, which come out of him in pinwheel sparks. Some interesting, some not, some discussable — but not in the context of a full-employment economy. In fact, Gary Bauer delivered the most common-sensical attack on the Forbes Social Security proposals: Would the proposed system fly?

Bush missed another chance for a home run when asked about the Truman-Acheson foreign policy of the post-World War II era. This question was a soft pitch, given the fact that, in the first debate in Manchester, N.H., Bush said he was reading the new biography of Dean Acheson.

Bush answered that President Truman had not consulted polls when he decided to resist the invasion of South Korea, and Bush went on to praise a policy of strength and principle. OK, good. But, better, why not have said that Truman, heavily coached by Acheson, had laid the building blocks that led to the victory in the Cold War — NATO, the Marshall Plan, the Truman Doctrine that saved Greece, and the Berlin airlift. What a chance he missed.

Of course, in all of these appearances, Bush, as the front-runner, is the man with the most at stake. When he initiated a pleasant exchange with Sen. Orrin Hatch about reaching out to Hispanic voters and other minorities — Bush even speaking a line of Spanish — Hatch praised his performance in this respect. How could he

not? But he came back savagely to say that, in a Hatch administration, Bush would make a fine vice-president, and, after eight years, would gain enough experience to be president.

Bush ought to have replied, "I have more executive experience, Orrin, than you have ever had or will have." (This would gently call attention to Hatch's advanced age, as amply displayed in his meandering answers to questions.)

McCain is holding a full house in New Hampshire and behaved with statesmanlike relaxed dignity. He is now tied with Bush in New Hampshire, but his polling curve is upward — largely as a result of registered independent voters switching from the seemingly invertebrate Bradley to the more exciting McCain.

The Bush people in New Hampshire are a little complacent. If McCain wins in New Hampshire, they say, they will stop him in South Carolina, where Bush now leads 4-1. Maybe. With a win in New Hampshire, McCain might gather enough campaign money to go national.

The darker question for Republicans is whether Bush is a tiger.

He is said to be charismatic in small groups. But, based on these performances, could he defeat Al Gore in presidential debates?

The good news for Republicans is that McCain is emerging as a plausible candidate.

Since the major debate more or less forgot this debate, I thought I'd tell you.



Our fortunes link to their fortunes

Intelligence sources tell us that the alarming development of low birth rates in Europe is of significant concern to them because it will most likely lead to destabilization in the region.

The birth rates in Northern Europe have fallen well below population replacement rates, a development that has several ramifications for the United States — because the 20th Century has taught us that our fortunes are tied to their fortunes.

As Northern Europe's average age increases, fewer and fewer workers will be available to replace the aged and take care of them in their retirement, causing a demand for "imported" workers, which usually means Turks and people from North African

nations. But Europe has not proven itself to be a model of assimilation, especially to followers of Islam.

The result, as has already begun in Germany, is the importation, rather than the immigration, of workers. The term "imported" fits, because the Germans have no intent upon letting these workers become citizens. But they don't want them to leave, because laborers are so desperately needed. What this amounts to is the creation of a "Green Card" class of people: Workers who live and work in a nation but have no political rights. They cannot vote or participate in the democratic process.

Eventually, a large population of disenfranchised people will reside in the Northern Europe democracies, which, by definition, will no longer be democracies. They will have created a permanent, voiceless underclass, which sooner or later will resist its subjugation and exploitation.

Already, Europe has proven the fallacy of the concept of self-determination, because they have taken the concept

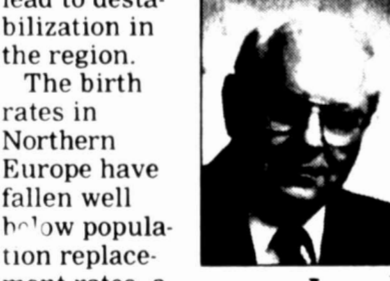
too far. The Austro-Hungarian Empire was broken up after World War I into Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, part of Yugoslavia, etc. Now, with the end of the Cold War, we have the further break up, including the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, etc. It is a rate of self-determination that could create a continent of Liechtensteins.

The British have sought a different path: devolution. England, Scotland, Wales and Ulster have gained near-national identities under the union of the United Kingdom. But this has not been the way of the continent.

So, with a European continent bent on disintegration everywhere there is an ethnic, religious or racial difference, the influx of an imported underclass will only exacerbate the situation.

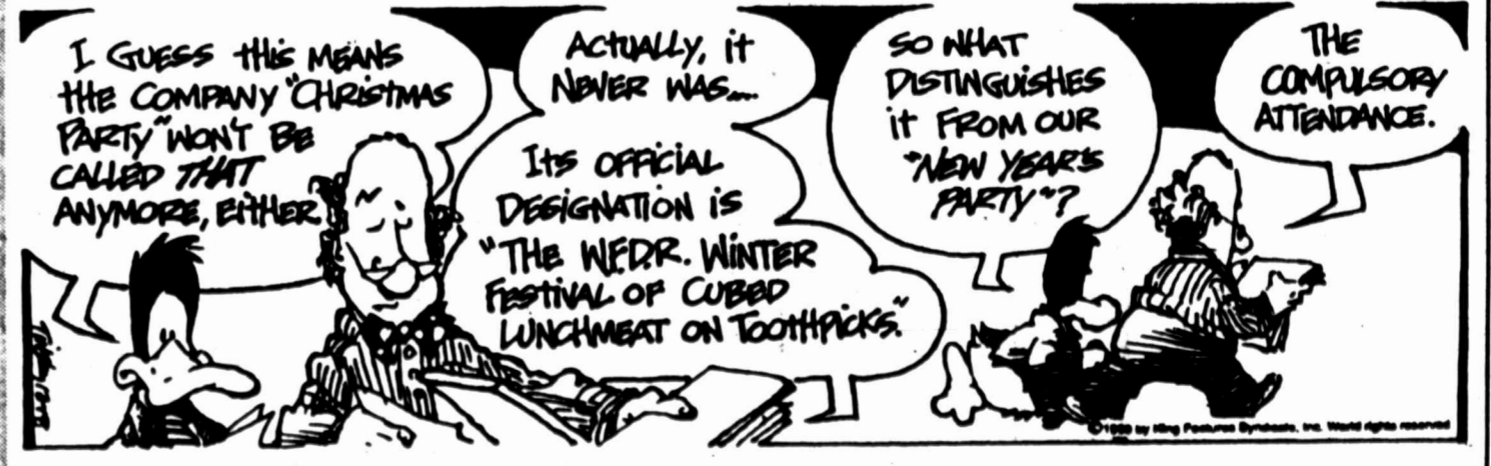
President Bill Clinton has been over there to preach assimilation, but apparently to deaf ears.

And it is their failure to listen that so disturbs our intelligence community.



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Prayer issue will be on Republican primary ballot

AUSTIN (AP) — Prayer will get mixed in with politics on the Texas Republican primary ballot.

State party officials have voted to place a non-binding referendum on the GOP ballot next March that asks voters, "Shall student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting event?"

The referendum responds to recent court rulings banning student led-prayer before football games and gives Texans a chance to express their "outrage," said Susan Weddington, Republican state chair.

"This is an issue that goes to the very heart of the rights and

freedoms of Texas students guaranteed in the United State Constitution," Ms. Weddington said.

"We cannot allow an out-of-control, activist judiciary to sacrifice our freedoms at the altar of politically correct, modern day liberalism."

State election laws allow political parties to put non-binding questions on their primary ballots. The Texas primary will be conducted March 14.

The Republican state executive committee approved placing the Texas Religious Freedom Referendum on the ballot earlier this month, GOP spokesman Robert Black said

Friday.

Although there have been few, if any, over the last decade, Black said, such referendums are used to gauge opposition and support on an issue.

The religious referendum will be the last item on the ballot.

"By placing this referendum on our ballot, we're giving the majority of Texans the opportunity to weight in on this issue," Black said.

Officials at the Texas Democratic Party did not immediately return telephone calls from The Associated Press.

Student-led prayers at football games became a national issue after a lawsuit challenged the

practice in the Santa Fe school district in Galveston County.

The case resulted in a federal circuit court ruling banning the practice in three states. The U.S. Supreme Court has said it would decide whether school districts can allow such prayer.

Republican presidential candidate Gov. George W. Bush and state Attorney General John Cornyn have filed briefs with the Supreme Court supporting the student-led prayer.

"Gov. Bush is a strong supporter of voluntary student-led prayer and it is a right which is guaranteed by the Constitution," said Bush spokesman Scott McClellan.

Sheriff's honorable discharge not signed until at least 3 1/2 years after he left the Army

FORT WORTH (AP) — There are new questions about the honorable discharge Tarrant County Sheriff David Williams received from the U.S. Army.

The discharge was not signed until at least 3-1/2 years after he left the Army in the wake of a desertion charge, according to military records reviewed by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Williams was released from his second tour of Army duty in 1976 after he was absent without leave for more than 30 days and classified as a deserter. The Dallas Morning News reported Thursday after reviewing military documents.

Records also showed he received an honorable discharge dated 1976 and signed by Brig. Gen. Charles F. Briggs. However, Briggs told the Star-Telegram he likely signed the discharge after 1979, when he headed a center that responded to soldier's appeals for upgrade their discharges. In 1976, Briggs was a colonel stationed at Fort Monroe, Va.

"We dealt with and adjudicated the requests for amnesty and upgrades," he told the newspaper for a story in Saturday's editions. Williams acknowledged Friday there were problems with his discharge, but declined to elaborate. "There were some inaccuracies in the paperwork... after I'd been discharged," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

Asked whether the status of his discharge was altered on appeal, the Star-Telegram said Williams replied: "That's all I really want to say right now... This has been a long day for me."

Neither Williams nor his spokesman, Capt. Herb Chambers, immediately returned messages left with sheriff's dispatchers Saturday by The Associated Press.

In 1977, President Carter issued a "full, complete and unconditional pardon" to all Vietnam-era draft evaders. That pardon influenced the Army's decisions on discharge appeals, Briggs said.

"There wasn't a blanket amnesty. Every case was decided on its individual merits. But under the administration in that time frame, we looked on those rather liberally four years later," he told the Star-Telegram.

At a news conference Friday, Williams admitted going AWOL as a 22-year-old military policeman in 1976. However, he said he got an honorable discharge and displayed about a dozen documents, including letters of commendation, letters of appreciation and efficiency reports that described his military conduct and services as excellent and outstanding.

Williams said he went AWOL in a desperate attempt to reconcile with his wife and small child.

Airman pleads guilty in military court for refusing vaccine

ABILENE (AP) — A Dyess Air Force Base airman pleaded guilty in military court Friday for refusing to submit to an anthrax vaccination.

Airman Brent Rogers, 20, who rejected the mandatory vaccine twice, pleaded guilty to disobeying an order and making himself unavailable for deployment.

Under a plea agreement, he has been sentenced to 21 days confinement and will be docked

\$500 in pay, said Lt. Wes Ticer, a base spokesman. He also will receive a non-punitive administrative discharge from the Air Force, Ticer said.

The administrative discharge at the end of his confinement was "very important to him," said Rogers' attorney, Capt. Sandra Kent.

Rogers is a New York state native, Ticer said, but he had no hometown for the airman.

Another airman at the base has also refused the procedure, but authorities said no action had been taken against him yet.

Anthrax is an infectious bacterial disease that can be used in biological warfare, and more than 1,300 Dyess personnel have received the vaccination.

Nationally, as many as 300 servicemen have cited health concerns in refusing the inoculation. Another 383,000 have

received the at least part of the treatment, which is administered in six injections over an 18-month period, plus yearly boosters.

The Pentagon predicts that anthrax is the most likely biological weapon to be used by unfriendly nations or terrorists against U.S. armed forces, and for that reason it is trying to inoculate more than 2.4 million service personnel.

Guard killed at state prison unit near Beeville

BEEVILLE (AP) — A prison guard was killed by one or more inmates Friday in a knife attack while on duty at the McConnell Unit.

State prison spokesman Larry Todd said the 37-year-old officer was found around 3:45 p.m. Friday on the floor in a pool of blood near an entrance to a multi-purpose room. Todd said the officer was taken to the prison infirmary, where he was pronounced dead.

The victim was Officer Daniel Nagle of Beeville. He had been employed by the prison since June 1, 1996, according to Todd. "Our officers are investigating that and they believe it may have been a planned assault, rather than a spur-of-the-

moment attack," Todd said.

Other officers said a sharpened cylindrical rod, about 6-8 inches long with cloth wrapped around one end to make a handle was found nearby.

No inmates were near the downed officer, but several prisoners were in a room across the hallway, Todd said.

"The entire unit is on lockdown and will remain on lockdown until further notice," Todd said. Internal affairs officers began interviewing numerous inmates who were in the area.

The McConnell Unit, which has inmates from minimum to maximum security, has a capacity of 2,900.

"We've had numerous staff assaults, but this is the first officer killed in the line of duty in recent history," Todd said.

The last Texas corrections officer killed was in 1982, when Minnie Houston was stabbed to death by an inmate at the Ellis Unit, according to Todd.

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Missing murderer, prison guard are captured in Texas

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A convicted murderer and a guard suspected of helping him escape from a northwest Missouri prison were captured Saturday morning in Texas, the FBI said.

Terry Banks and guard Lynette J. Barnett were taken peacefully at a trailer park in Victoria at about 7:30 a.m., FBI spokesman Jeff Lanza said.

The two had been sought since Oct. 29, when Banks walked out of maximum-security Crossroads Correctional Center in Cameron. He was seen on a prison videotape wearing a guard's uniform and also showed a police identity card, authorities said at the time.

Saturday's arrests followed a tip to the Fox TV show "America's Most Wanted," which aired a segment on the case Dec. 11. Lanza said he did not know when the tip came in.

Banks' father was also taken into custody Saturday morning in Victoria, Lanza said, but was not charged. The FBI, local police, sheriff's officers and officials of the Texas Department of Public Safety took part in the capture.

The pair were found in a recreational vehicle next to a trailer, Lanza said.

Banks, 26, of Benton Harbor, Mich., was convicted of first-degree murder in 1995 in Greene County in southwestern Missouri. He was serving life without parole for the 1992 shooting death of Tim Eastburn of Rocky Comfort, Mo., whose wife was also sentenced to life in prison.

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President Clinton issues new rules for religious organizations in schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton issued new guidelines today for religious organizations' participation in public education, saying their help will enrich the lives of children without violating the constitutional separation of church and state.

In the third revision of the guidelines since 1995, the administration sets out a working relationship between public schools and members of churches and religious organizations. Clinton said it will build a more

effective relationship and help pupils do better work in school.

"Our new guidelines will help them operate on common ground," the president said in his weekly radio address, adding that a consensus is emerging on how this can best be done.

The guidelines say schools that form partnerships with religious organizations must:

—Make sure each program has a secular purpose.
—Remain neutral in dealing with religious and secular

groups and among religious groups.

—Select student participants without regard to their religious affiliations.

—Make sure all activities provided by a religious organization are "purely secular."

Schools also are urged to put partnership agreements in writing and make sure that space used for teaching is free of religious symbols.

A checklist for principals states that students should not be rewarded or punished based

on their willingness to participate in an activity involving a religious organization.

And it says volunteers should be told they are not to pray with students or to preach about religious faith.

Religious communities should be part of the effort to improve education through mentoring and after-school activities, the president said.

The guidelines are being sent to the principals of every American school, more than 100,000 in all. He said they will

help teachers know how best to teach about religion.

As he has in the past, Clinton said he never has believed schools should be "religion-free zones," and students have a right to say private prayers and to read the Bible and other religious works.

But he said the Constitution also makes clear that schools cannot force a particular set of religious beliefs on pupils.

Clinton said he realizes the issue is difficult to deal with, calling it "a complex and emo-

tional matter."

But he said the help of religious organizations of all faiths can help students reach their full potential. And, he said, a consensus is emerging that they should be allowed to try.

In a letter to principals, Education Secretary Dick Riley made clear that school officials "may not endorse or favor religious activity or doctrine, coerce participation in religious activity or seek to impose their religious beliefs on impressionable children."

NASA cancels Saturday's launch, considering today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — For the second day in a row, rain and thick, low clouds forced NASA Saturday to call off space shuttle Discovery's launch to the Hubble Space Telescope.

It was the ninth delay for the Hubble repair mission.

Shuttle managers were considering making one last shot at launch tonight before giving up for the year. They decided to scrap Saturday night's attempt before the start of fueling, as dark rain clouds hovered over the Kennedy Space Center.

Liftoff time today would be 7:50 p.m. NASA expects the weather to improve by then. A final decision on whether to launch will be made this morning.

"This is like being an expectant father whose wife has gone into false labor," David Leckrone, a senior Hubble scientist, said following Friday night's canceled launch.

For weeks, NASA has said that if the shuttle was not launched by tonight, the mission to Hubble would have to wait until January, to avoid flying too close to the new year and risking potential Y2K problems.

But late Friday, the agency's space flight chief said a Sunday try was under consideration and would depend on how workers felt.

"If we feel that the team is fatigued, we're not going to try it," said Joseph Rothenberg. "There's not a glimmer of hope beyond Sunday."

NASA called off Friday night's launch after waiting in vain for the weather to clear up. It was so bad NASA had trouble launching high-altitude balloons to measure the wind.

The postponement cost NASA \$750,000 in fuel and overtime pay.

Discovery's seven astronauts took the delay in stride, smiling

as they climbed out of the shuttle and joking with technicians.

Shuttle managers had cleared Discovery for flight just hours earlier, after confirming that all of the welds on the fuel lines were good. Worries about the welds had forced a one-day delay.

Although eager to have the \$3 billion Hubble revived, astronomers said they did not want NASA to rush just to meet a weekend deadline.

"We intended to put no pressure on anybody, and if we have to wait until January that's what we'll do," said Leckrone.

Observations from Hubble stopped last month when too many gyroscopes failed and its eye to the universe closed. The shuttle needs to deliver six new gyroscopes to keep the telescope steady as it can aim at stars and galaxies.

Spacewalking astronauts will

replace not only the gyroscopes but a computer, radio transmitter and data recorder, and install thermal shields on the peeling, 9-year-old telescope.

Four spacewalks had been planned, but only three will be carried out if Discovery lifts off today. The mission would be cut from 10 to eight days in order to get the shuttle back with a few days to spare before New Year's Eve. Landing would be on Dec. 27 and mark the first time in 18 years of space shuttle flight that a ship is in orbit over Christmas.

Discovery should have flown in October but was grounded during the summer along with the rest of the shuttle fleet by a rash of wiring defects. Other problems, including a contaminated engine and a dented fuel line, popped up later.

Whether Discovery flies today or not, it will be the slowest year for shuttle launches since flights resumed in 1988.

Ex-president said unable to carry on conversation

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Former first lady Nancy Reagan says that five years after her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, he no longer is capable of having a conversation that makes sense.

Mrs. Reagan also said that friends of former President Ronald Reagan no longer are invited to their California home because Reagan does not recognize them. The former president no longer swims or takes walks, she said.

She commented during a conversation with C-Span executive Brian Lamb at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. The session was part of the cable network's series "American Presidents: Life Portraits."

In the interview, Mrs. Reagan explained how the former president, without assistance, wrote his own letter to the American people in 1994 disclosing he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, a progressive condition in which the brain degenerates, causing severe memory loss and dementia.

She was asked what she has learned about the disease over the past five years.

"That it is probably the worst disease you can ever have," she replied. "Because you lose contact and you're not able to share. In our case, to share all

of those wonderful memories that we have."

"Can you have a conversation with the president that makes sense to you?" Lamb asked.

"Not now, no," Mrs. Reagan replied.

"How have you dealt with it when people come to visit and he doesn't recognize them," he asked.

"Well, now we don't have visitors ... we never let that happen," she said.

Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading cause of death among adult Americans. An estimated four million Americans have the disease.

Mrs. Reagan said her husband's public acknowledgment helped lift the stigma many people associated with Alzheimer's.

"They didn't know it was a disease, like any other disease," she said. "He helped dispel that. And now it is amazing how many people come up and say to me that their mothers and fathers and husbands and somebody in their family has Alzheimer's. Now they're free to talk about it. So he did a great thing."

Mrs. Reagan was asked how she has learned to deal with her husband's condition.

"You just do it; you just get up and take each day as it comes and put one foot in front of the other," she replied.

Western singer-actor Rex Allen Sr. killed in auto accident

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Rex Allen Sr., a singer and actor in Westerns who also served as the voice on Disney films and TV shows, died from injuries suffered when he accidentally was run over by a car. He was 78.

Police believe his caretaker did not realize Allen was behind the car when she began to back it up, police spokeswoman Judy Altieri said. Detectives were

attempting to determine whether Allen had fallen before he was hit.

Allen, who grew up on an Arizona ranch, starred in several western movies, including a 1949 film called "The Arizona Cowboy," and in a television series called "Frontier Doctor."

His signature stallion for the western movies, Koko the Wonder Horse, was added in his

second film, "The Hills of Oklahoma."

Among his narration credits are more than 80 Walt Disney films and the animated classic, "Charlotte's Web."

He got into music before reaching his teens, playing guitar and singing with his fiddle-playing father at dances.

His professional break came in the 1940s when country star

Roy Acuff heard him with a band in Quakertown, Pa.

Though the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville hired Eddy Arnold instead and Arnold went on to fame, Allen joined with the National Barn Dance on WLS in Chicago and subsequently was signed by Mercury Records. His hits included "Streets of Laredo" and "Crying in the Chapel."

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IN BRIEF

YMCA sets hoops camp for Christmas holiday

A basketball camp for both boys and girls has been scheduled for Dec. 20-23 at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Big Spring Lady Steers head coach Kathy Loter will conduct the camp from 10 a.m. until noon each day.

Basic fundamental skills will be taught to youngsters in grades K-6.

The camp is free to all youngsters who have signed up to play YMCA basketball and \$10 for all others.

Registration is limited to 50 youngsters on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

Cancer Society offering Texas Golf Pass again

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

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

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

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

YMCA registering players for its basketball program

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

The program fee includes a T-shirt, individual player award and a full service YMCA youth membership for January and February.

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

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

TP&WD official releases hunt recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have suggested harvest recommendations for the general deer hunting season which continues through Jan. 2 in Howard County.

The legal bag limit for Howard County is four deer with no more than two of them being bucks.

TP&WD wildlife biologist Kathy McGinty has recommended that landowners allow the harvest of one antlerless deer per 800 acres and one buck per 1,700 acres.

For more information, call McGinty at (915) 795-2238.

IT'S MISSING

Results from Friday's Stanton-Midland Christian, Merkel-Borden County, Grady-Dawson and Sands-Tahoka games are not included in today's edition.

Coaches from those schools did not report their scores.

ON THE AIR

Television

BASKETBALL
2 p.m. — Hoop-It-Up, three-on-three basketball, NBC, Ch. 9.

FIGURE SKATING

1 p.m. Cup of Russia, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.
3 p.m. — World Pro Championships, NBC, Ch. 9.
3:30 p.m. — Grand Slam of Skating, FOX, Ch. 3.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Noon — NFC regional coverage, FOX, Ch. 3.
Noon — San Diego Chargers at Miami Dolphins, CBS, Ch. 7.
3 p.m. — New York Jets at Dallas Cowboys, CBS, Ch. 7.
7 p.m. — Buffalo Bills at Arizona Cardinals, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF

Noon — Senior Match Play Championships, ESPN, Ch. 30.
2 p.m. — V Foundation Classic, ESPN, Ch. 30.
3 p.m. — Three-Tour Challenge, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

Sands, Borden County, Grady players grab district, region honors

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

It came as no surprise to anyone that Sands' Mustangs and Borden County's Coyotes dominated the balloting when District 6 six-man football coaches met to select their all-district team.

In addition to those accolades, five of those honorees also earned all-region spots and two others were second-team selections.

The Mustangs, who chalked up their second straight District 6 championship by going through the league undefeated, grabbed the lion's share of first-team selections, while the Coyotes — runners-up for a second consecutive season —

dominated the second squad.

The Mustangs, who say their season came to an end in an area playoff to Grandfalls-Royalty, grabbed eight first-team honors and four second-team selections.

Borden County garnered three first-team picks and seven spot on the second unit.

Grady's Wildcats, who for a second straight year saw themselves left out of the playoff mix, garnered four first-team spots and two on the second team.

Mustangs quarterback, defensive end and punter Coby Floyd was perhaps the league's most decorated player, earning first-team honors at all three positions.

Floyd's play at defensive end earned

him a spot on the all-region team's first unit.

He was joined on the first team offense by teammates Junior Martinez and Cesar Martinez at running back and Lee Casas at center.

The Martinezes, both juniors, were two-way first-team selections, earning spots at linebacker on defense, and Cesar joined Floyd on the first-team all-region defense, while Junior was a first-team running back.

Casas was a second-team selection on the all-region squad.

Sands' second-team honorees were senior Marcus DeLeon, at both linebacker and running back; sophomore defensive end Dusty Floyd; and senior

offensive end Diego Porras.

Borden County's first-team honorees were Ed Rodriguez, who rounded out the offensive backfield at running back and was also selected as a defensive end, and spread quarterback Kevin Pinkerton.

Pinkerton, a second-team all-district pick at punter, was also selected as the all-region team's top spread quarterback, while Rodriguez was a first-team defensive end in the all-region balloting.

Grady's Jed Hinojosa earned first-team honors as both a defensive end and as the kicker on the District 6 squad and was a second-team all-region pick at kicker.

See SIX-MAN, page 10A

Lady Steers dump Lubbock

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers clearly plan on having a merry Christmas this year.

The Lady Steers began giving themselves presents early Friday night, taking a 55-43 non-district win over Lubbock High's Lady Westerners.

In the process, Big Spring improved its record to 8-5 on the season — which may be more of a gift for head coach Kathy Loter who suffered through a 6-24 campaign in her first year at the Lady Steers helm last season.

"This is a lot better than it was last year," Loter admitted after seeing the Lady Steers chalk up their eighth win of the season. "We knew we were going to have to play well to beat them (Lady Westerners) and we did that."

In fact, given the conditions, the Lady Steers played better than many might have imagined possible.

Big Spring shrugged off foul troubles to starting posts Christina Gwyn and Meghan Pudliner, as reserves Laura Johnson, Heather Gibbs and Melissa Flenniken proved able replacements for much of the night.

Johnson, Gibbs and Flenniken not only combined for 14 crucial points, but effectively battled Lubbock's inside personnel on the boards.

In addition, the Lady Steers handled Lubbock's pressure and man-to-man defensive schemes well for most of the night, creating a number of opportunities for guard Melissa Forth to score.

Forth responded with a game-high 18 points, as she and backcourt mates Latrisha Rollins and Angela McGee continually shredded the Lady Westerners' full court press.

"We're handling pressure a lot better than we were at the start of the season and everyone contributed ... that was awfully important tonight," Loter noted. "But I think I'm happiest about the way the girls on our bench came in and played when our post people got in foul trouble."

The Lady Steers jumped out to a quick lead when Rollins and Forth hit back-to-back jumpers and when Forth added a short-range goal from the paint for a 6-1 lead, it looked as if Big Spring was on the verge of running away and hiding.

Instead, the Lady Steers went the next four minutes without scoring, while the Lady Westerners rallied behind Lindsay Williamson to pull even and battle their way to a 12-12 deadlock at the first period's close.

Big Spring again asserted control in the second quarter with a 13-5 run behind the scoring of Gwyn, Pudliner, Rollins and reserve guard Chelsea Churchwell.

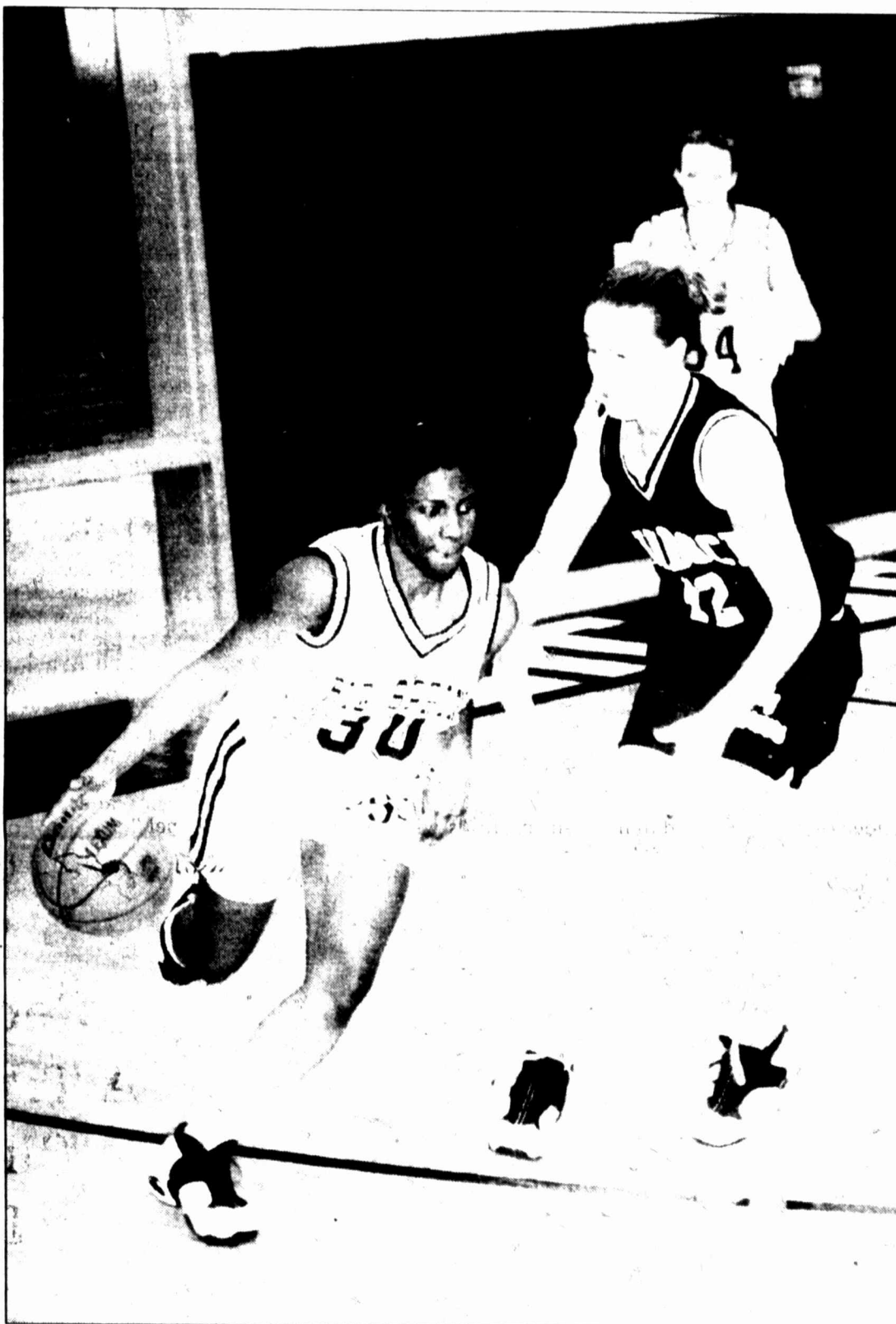
But the Lady Westerners' Lacey Nash scored five of her seven points on the night in the closing minutes of the first half to trim Big Spring's lead, making a Forth steal and layup in the final 40 seconds provide a five-point lead, 27-22, at halftime.

That late flurry in the first half gave the Lady Westerners momentum for the start of the second, as they opened the third quarter with a 9-2 run of their own to take a 31-29 lead.

However, the Lady Steers got things turned around and put their stamp on the final four minutes of the period, outscoring Lubbock 12-3 to take a 41-34 lead into the final eight minutes of play.

Having reasserted themselves, the Lady Steers were in no mood to allow another Lubbock run.

Although they would manage just three



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Big Spring guard Melissa Forth (30) drives past the pressure of Lubbock defender Lindsay Williamson (12) after taking an inbound pass from teammate Latrisha Rollins. Forth too often made a shambles of the Lady Westerners' press, and once at the other end of the court, proved to be just as much trouble. Forth scored a game-high 18 points in leading the Lady Steers to a 55-43 win.

more goals from the field, the Lady Steers managed to shoot just well enough from the charity stripe to thwart Lubbock's bid to get the ball back by putting them at the line.

While the Lady Steers were just 13-of-25 from the free throw line on the night, their defense proved too much for the Lady Westerners to handle down the stretch.

With her 18 points, Forth was the only Big Spring player to reach double figures, but Gwyn managed nine in limited action.

However, all but one of the players on Big Spring's roster provided scoring support, as Rollins had seven points, Johnson added six and both Churchwell and Gibbs chipped in five.

The Lady Westerners got 15 points from Williamson, while Callie Cass scored 10 more, as they dropped to 3-10 on the season.

In sub-varsity action, Big Spring's junior

varsity and freshmen made sure of a Lady Steers sweep — the freshmen taking a 73-29 romp and the JV posting a 52-46 win.

Jessica Woodward scored 20 points in leading the Lady Steers JV to its six-point win, while Tejal Patel chipped in 16 more.

Courtney Brock's 18 led the way for Big Spring's freshmen and Stacy Vaughn contributed another 12.

Big Spring 55, Lubbock High 43
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BIG SPRING — Angela McGee 0 0 0 0 0, Chelsea Churchwell 1 0 3 6 5, Heather Gibbs 2 0 3 4 7, Christina Gwyn 4 0 1 2 9, Latrisha Rollins 2 0 3 4 7, Melissa Forth 7 0 4 7 18, Laura Johnson 3 0 0 0 6, Meghan Pudliner 1 0 0 0 2, Melissa Forth 1 0 1 4 3, Totals: 21 0 13 25 55.

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BIG SPRING 19 19 19 19 76
Three-point goals: None. Total fouls: Lubbock 25, Big Spring 19. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: McDonald. Records: Lubbock 3-10, Big Spring 8-5. JV score: Big Spring 52, Lubbock 46. Freshmen score: Big Spring 73, Lubbock 29.

Lee's Benson, Norman sweep top 5A awards

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Midland Lee went wire to wire this season as the state's top-ranked team, was ranked second in the nation for most of the season, and capped it off by defending its Class 5A Division 1 state championship with a 42-21 win over Aldine Eisenhower.

The Rebels' successes continued Friday as Lee swept the top honors in the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 5A all-state team selections.

Running back Cedric Benson was named offensive player of the year, while linebacker Joe Norman got defensive player-of-the-year honors.

"It is a measure of respect people have for the program," said Lee coach John Parchman. "You see that with some of the top programs in each class. People figure out there is a reason for (the team's success) and give the kids recognition. That is not to take away from the kids. They are deserving."

The 10th annual APSE team was selected by sportswriters around the state, based on players' regular-season performance. Nominees were selected during the season, and balloting was conducted during the playoffs.

Benson set a Class 5A record and had the fourth-best season in Texas high school history with 3,526 yards rushing and 44 touchdowns on 354 carries. He also had 360 yards receiving with seven touchdowns, totalling 51 TDs and 310 points. He was earlier named the Gatorade's Player of the Year in Texas.

"He is like the 'Energizer Bunny' — he just keeps going and going," Parchman said. "He has the unique ability to score from long distances or ram it up inside. He is a unique back, and I'm glad he will be back for another year."

To Benson, winning the award was just part of the spoils that come with playing on a good football team.

"When you win state championships, your players are doing something tremendous," he said. "With teams that are winning, awards are going to follow."

Norman, a senior, had 152 tackles, nine for losses; three sacks; a fumble recovery and a fumble forced. He joins brother John Norman among the winners. John, who now plays at Texas Tech, was the AP defensive player of the year in 1995.

Benson and Norman were joined on the first team by Rebels offensive lineman Steve Subia.

Running backs Tyson Thompson of Irving and Arlington Martin's Jimmy Dixon, who battled all season for the Dallas-Fort Worth rush-

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Steers shooting warm up in 62-39 thumping of Kermit

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

KERMIT — Big Spring's Steers set the tone early Friday night, putting in back-to-back layups before Kermit's Yellowjackets could catch their breath.

The Steers led 13-4 by breaking the Yellowjackets' half-court press and never let Kermit into the game, as they cruised to a 62-39 victory, pushing their winning streak to four games and improving their record to 8-7 on the season.

Senior guard John Purcell dished out five assists in the first quarter, finding big men Lance Brock and Blair Nutting open under the basket for easy baskets.

The two senior posts combined for 10 of the Steers' 18 first-quarter points.

"We broke their half-court press ... that was the key, to handle the pressure and find the open man," Steers head coach Jimmy Avery said following the victory. "Our guards did a good job of that. We got lots of good looks and knocked them down."

It wasn't that the Yellowjackets were foolish enough to stay with the half-court press, but more a matter of nothing Kermit tried seemed to do much in the way of slowing down the Steers.

Kermit switched to a man-to-man defense, denying the Steers the opportunity for easy layups in the second period, but Big Spring continued its assault,

as six Steers scored.

Senior transfer Justin Dille kicked off the run with a three-pointer and Arthur Belvin chipped in a couple of baskets.

"That (switching defenses) helped them a little, but we executed our man-offense pretty well," Avery noted. "Arthur had one of his better offensive games. He came out of his shell — looking for opportunities to score, instead of passing the ball."

Clarence Wilkins continued his double-digit scoring binge, hitting a basket in the second period to get started.

The sophomore was a perfect 100 percent from the floor and the charity strike, hitting all four shots he took from the field and going 3-for-3 at the free

throw line.

Brock, who led the Steers with eight boards, took up the scoring lead in the third quarter. He hit three baskets during the period, as Big Spring moved out to a 43-32 edge with just eight minutes remaining.

"The third quarter, they (Kermit) cut our lead to within eight or 10 points ... something like that ... and I called time out," Avery recalled. "I reminded our kids that the clock was their enemy. I told them just to try and work their offense and run the clock as much as they could and get the high percentage shot."

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

NFL STANDINGS

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	8	5	0	615	245
Miami	8	5	0	615	273
New England	7	6	0	538	260
N.Y. Jets	5	8	0	385	229
Central					
Jacksonville	12	1	0	923	334
Tennessee	10	3	0	769	274
Baltimore	6	7	0	462	268
Pittsburgh	5	9	0	357	251
Cincinnati	4	10	0	286	276
Cleveland	2	12	0	143	175
West					
Kansas City	9	5	0	643	338
Seattle	8	5	0	615	276
Oakland	6	7	0	462	284
San Diego	6	7	0	462	222
Denver	4	9	0	308	255

AFC CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	8	5	0	615	375
N.Y. Giants	7	6	0	538	254
Dallas	7	6	0	538	281
Arizona	6	7	0	462	186
Philadelphia	3	11	0	214	210
Central					
Tampa Bay	9	4	0	692	221
Detroit	8	5	0	615	288
Green Bay	7	6	0	538	278
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Garland, Celina take state championships

HOUSTON (AP) — The Garland Owls were down to proving themselves just one more time, and they weren't about to fail against the Katy Tigers.

Underdogs throughout the playoffs, the Owls rallied behind three touchdown passes by Nathaniel Roberts and a 60-yard touchdown run by Donte Hart for a 37-25 victory Saturday and the Class 5A Division II state championship.

"We've been told for the last eight years that we couldn't do this," Garland coach Joe Martin said. "But there were a lot of people who believed in us and supported us."

The Owls won their 15th straight game to get their first title since they won back-to-back championships in 1963 and 1964. They trailed 19-14 at the half and were outgained by the Tigers.

The Owls were the aggressor

in the third quarter. Kendrick Williams took the third-quarter kickoff 43 yards to the Katy 39, setting up Roberts for a 23-yard touchdown pass to Nathaniel Harris with 10:40 to go in the quarter.

It put them ahead, and they never looked back.

Katy's Robby McDaniel fumbled a punt at the Tiger 9-yard line, and it as recovered by David Stelzer. That set up a 22-yard field goal by Chris Sims.

Hart broke through five tackles on his 60-yard touchdown run with 9:35 to go in the game, and a fumble by Katy's Jamel Branch led to Roberts' five-yard touchdown pass to Derek Nelson with 3:38 to play.

It was the second straight playoff disappointment for Katy, which won titles in 1959 and 1997. The Tigers were set to play in the 1998 championship game before being disqualified from the playoffs for using an

ineligible player.

Katy raced to the first-half lead on a four-yard run by quarterback Jared Kaspar, a 35-yard pass from Kaspar to Michael Wunsch and an 85-yard run by Branch, who got 205 of his 249 rushing yards in the first half.

Roberts got his first touchdown pass, a 57-yarder to Keith Mills, with 11:52 to go in the second quarter. Owls' defensive tackle Terrance Smith scooped up a fumble by Kaspar and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown with 1:24 to go in the half.

Division II title game, led the Yellowjackets to 161 total yards and seven first downs.

Celina also won the 1995 Class 2A title and now has six under coach G.A. Moore, the active win leader in Texas High School football.

Celina did not have a first down until the 1:03 mark of the first quarter, but got four in the next six plays during a drive. Wyatt capped it by running for the pylon while the Yellowjackets bounds on a 6-yard sweep play with 11:18 left in the second quarter.

The Bobcats got the ball right back when the kickoff bounced off Elysian Fields' Gary Chino, and Ryan Conner recovered. Grant May hit a 42-yard field goal four minutes later.

Celina scored again 11 seconds left in the half as Wyatt ran off right and bulldozed through two defenders

**Class 2A, Division II
Celina 38, Elysian Fields 7**

Behind a stifling defense and three touchdowns from Jackie Wyatt, Celina defended its Class 2A Division II championship with a 38-7 win over Elysian Fields Saturday at Texas Stadium.

Celina, which beat Elysian Fields 21-0 in last year's



Courtesy photo
Wesley Hart of Coahoma (left) and his uncle, Arvin Hart of Sand Springs, pose with a portion of their catch from a catfishing trip on the river above Lake Mathis recently. The Harts estimate they caught around 480 pounds of fish on a trotline baited with goldfish.

LOCAL BOWLING RESULTS

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO
WEEK 13
RESULTS: Our Gang split with American State Bank 4-4, BSI over Arrow Refrigeration 6-2, Big Spring Music over Slow Starters 6-2, MGM over No Name 6-2, Rapid Masonry split with Timeless Design 4-4, Disfunctional over Alley Cats 6-2, KC Steakhouse over Spanky's 8-0, Loan Stars (unopposed) 8-0; hi sc team game Big Spring Music 583, Rapid Masonry 582, KC Steakhouse 563; hi sc team series Big Spring Music 1653, Rapid Masonry 1595, American State Bank 1570; hi hdp team game Loan Stars 743, Timeless Design 731, KC Steakhouse 722; hi hdp team series Loan Stars 2021, Big Spring Music 1989, BSI 1983; hi sc game men Walter Little 266, DeWayne Woodall 245, Q.T. Coats, Jr. 229; hi sc series men Jackie Lecroy 518, Walter Little 602, Ken Beeler 592; hi hdp game men Walter Little 314, DeWayne Woodall 293, Q.T. Coats, Jr. 282; hi hdp series men Walter Little 746, Russell Parks 725, Jerry Bacon 711, DeWayne Woodall 711; hi sc game women Joyce Davis 216, Robin Brown 190, Kay Hendricks 184; hi sc series women Joyce Davis 596, Pattie Hill 523, Cathy McMurry 510; hi hdp game women Sheila Welch 253, Robin Brown 251, Gerry Hartley 246; hi hdp series women Gerry Hartley 685, Wanda Beeler 667, Joyce Davis 662, Pat Cypert 662.

STANDINGS Big Spring Music 90-30, Disfunctional 84-26, KC Steakhouse 71-49, Spanky's Collectables 1160, Jackie Lecroy 518, 50, Timeless Design 65-55, American State Bank 62-58, Loan Stars 62-58, No Name 58-62, Slow Starters 52-68, Arrow Refrigeration 51-69, MGM 50-70, Our Gang 48-72, Alley Cats 39-81.

WENS MAJOR
WEEK 13
RESULTS: Collums Restaurant over Trio Fuels 6-2, Bob Brock Ford over Parks Agency 6-2, Burgess Automotive over Mason's Collectables 6-2, O'Daniel Trucking tied BSI 4-4; hi sc series Tommy Scott 655, Craig Dunnam 609, Jackie Lecroy 604; hi sc game Craig Dunnam 247, Tommy Scott 241, O.D. O'Daniel 233; hi sc team series O'Daniel Trucking 270, Bob Brock Ford 2750, Parks Agency 2743; hi sc team game O'Daniel Trucking 1013, Parks Agency 976, Collums Restaurant 971; hi hdp series Tommy Scott 754, Ronnie Hipp 752, J.C. Harrison 696; hi hdp game Ronnie Hipp 276, Tommy Scott 274, Craig Dunnam 271; hi hdp team series Burgess Automotive 3305, Bob Brock Ford 3281, Parks Agency 3274; hi hdp team game Mason's Collectables 1160, Parks Agency 1153, Burgess Automotive 1152.

STANDINGS Trio Fuels 86-34, Collums Restaurant 74-46, Parks Agency 73-47, Bob Brock Ford 68-52, BSI 52-68, O'Daniel Trucking 48-72, Mason's Collectables 41-79, Burgess Automotive 38-82.

PIN POPPERS
WEEK 13
RESULTS: Health Food Store over Guy's Restaurant 8-0, Kuykendall over Bowl-A-Rama 8-0, L&M Properties tied Gas 'N' Grub 4-4, Hair Designs by Randy over Dixie Chicks 8-0, Rose Barber Shop over Perco Care Center 8-0; hi sc series Bernadine Sealy 523, Velma Campbell 519; hi sc game Bernadine Sealy 189, Velma Campbell 188; hi sc team series Hair Designs by Randy 1924, Rose Barber Shop 1854; hi sc team game Hair Designs by Randy 656, Rose Barber Shop 643; hi hdp series Velma Campbell 621, Patsy Underwood 618; hi hdp game Patsy Underwood 233, Patricia Zant 230; hi hdp team series Hair Designs by Randy 2356, Health Food Store 2343; hi hdp team game Health Food Store 833, Hair Designs by Randy 800.

STANDINGS Rose Barber Shop 80-40, Hair Designs by Randy 70-50, Gas 'N' Grub 64-56, Perco Care Center 60-60, Guy's Restaurant 59-61, L&M Properties 58-62, Dixie Chicks 54-66, Kuykendall 53-67, Bowl-A-Rama 52-68, Health Food Store 50-70.

VA COUPLES
WEEK 14
RESULTS: Bette's Bandits over Winners 6-2, Untouchable Dogs tied Eight 4-4, Fourteen over Misfits 6-2, The Dreamers over Seven 6-2, NFS over Sex Pistols 8-0, BSI over Hoot Owls 6-2. Fifteen tied three 0-0, Do's and Don'ts over Lighthouse 6-2, Thirteen tied Huddled 4-4; hi sc team series Eight 2005, Do's and Don'ts 2004, Bette's Bandits 1994; hi sc team game Bette's Bandits 737, Do's and Don'ts 729, Fourteen 720; hi sc series men John Jackson 663, Roger Glover 640, Jerry Bacon 642; hi sc game men Joe Krug 257, Jim Gaither 249, John Jackson 243; hi hsc series women Rosalita Lozano 553, Lavonne Brumley 523, Alice Ewing 503; hi sc game women Rosalita Lozano 214, Lavonne Brumley 212, Alice Ewing 192; hi hdp team series Fourteen 2703, Bette's Bandits 2642, NFS 2636; hi hdp team game Fourteen 970, Bette's Bandits 953, The Dreamers 933; hi hdp series men John Jackson 774, Jim Gaither 733, Roger Glover 724; hi hdp game men Joe Krug 305, Jim Gaither 292, John Jackson 280; hi hdp series women Angie Foster 679, Rosalita Lozano 679, Denise Richard 673; hi hdp game women Lavonne Brumley 258, Rosalita Lozano 256, Angie Foster 250.

STANDINGS NFS 72-40, Eight 69-43, The Dreamers 64-48, Lighthouse 64-48, Untouchable Dogs 62-50, Winners 61-51, Bette's Bandits 60-52, BSI 60-52, Do's and Don'ts 58-54, Fourteen 58-54, Hoot Owls 58-54, Seven 52-60, Three 52-52, Undecided 48-64, Thirteen 47-65, Misfits 42-70, Sex Pistols 41-71, Fifteen 32-72.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
WEEK 13
RESULTS: Metal Mart over Ghost 8-0, SWCID over Scaltech 6-2, Spades over Dust Devils 6-2, Allans Furniture over Looney Tunes 6-2, Eye Ball Records over Monstat 5-8-0; hi sc series Rafael Frausto 681, Tom Cruz 680, Jerald Burgess 635; hi sc game Rafael Rausto 230, Aaron Bogard 230, Jackie Lecroy 230; hi sc team series Spades 2673, Allans Furniture 2663, Dust Devils 2574; hi sc team game Allans Furniture 949, Spades 939, Spades 910; hi hdp series Rafael Frausto 771, Tom Cruz 680, Heath Carlie 648; hi hdp game Rafael Frausto 260, Rafael Frausto 258, Rafael Frausto 253; hi hdp team series Allans Furniture 3026, Spades 3012, Eye Ball Records 3008; hi hdp team game Allans Furniture 1070, Spades 1052, Eye Ball Records 1035.

STANDINGS Spades 84-36, Dust Devils 82-38, Allans Furniture 70-50, Metal Mart 68-52, Scaltech 64-56, Monstat 5-62-58, Looney Tunes 60-60, Eye Ball Records 56-64, SWCID 50-70, Ghost 0-120.

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Panthers, Chiefs post big victories

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Steve Beuerlein shook off an embarrassing miscue and kept Carolina in the playoff hunt by picking apart the 49ers' secondary for 368 yards and four touchdowns Saturday, leading the Panthers to a 41-24 victory.

Beuerlein completed 27 of 38 passes. His biggest problem appeared to be figuring out where he was midway through the second quarter.

Chiefs 35, Steelers 19
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — After waiting more than 10 years to develop their own dominant player at any skill position, the Kansas City Chiefs are making the most of Tony Gonzalez.

Gonzalez, the AFC's top tight end, caught six passes for 93 yards and two touchdowns Saturday as the Chiefs won their fourth straight game, 35-19 over the reeling Pittsburgh Steelers.

CORRECTION NOTICE
In our Sears December 19, 1999 insert, we advertise an Amanda Stewart flannel pajama on sale for \$14.99; regular price \$19.99. While all sleepwear and robes are on sale, this price applies to this specific pajama. The sale price of all other sleepwear and robes varies by style.

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ing title, also made first team. Dixon finished with 2,529 yards, and Thompson had 2,418.

Thompson was joined on the first team by Tigers offensive lineman Chris Boggas. Dixon's teammate Brandon Skeen was the first-team kicker.

Arlington Sam Houston had two players on the first team, quarterback Brandon Hassell and wide receiver Shirdonya Mitchell. South Grand Prairie also had two, wide receiver B.J. Johnson and tackle Milton Phifer.

Rounding out the offensive team where linemen Kasey Chessier of Lubbock and Arlington Duncan's Kevin Lawthor.

Katy, which plays Garland in the Class 5A Division II final Saturday, had all-state player — defensive back Robby McDaniel.

The first-team defensive line included Eddie Brown of Aldine Eisenhower, Bryan's Marquis Turner, Benjamin Hunter of San Antonio Roosevelt, and Killeen Ellison's Tommie Harris.

Joining Norman at linebacker were Mike Smith of Lubbock Coronado and D.D. Lee of Nacogdoches. The rest of the defense consisted of defensive backs Ben Emanuel of Friendswood Clear Brook, Lawrence Richardson of Galveston Ball, Mission's Eddie Vasquez, and punter Cody Scates of Tyler Lee.

The Class 5A All-State high school football team, released Friday, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular season performance:

CLASS 5A FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

STEVE SUBIA, Midland Lee, 6-3, 340, Sr. — Best offensive lineman for an offense that averaged 365.7 yards rushing and 451.1 total yards. First-team All-District.

CHRIS BOGGAS, Irving, 6-5, 315, Sr. — Anchored offensive line that opened up the holes for Tyson Thompson.

KASEY CHESSIER, Duncanville, 6-5, 280, Sr. — 44 pancakes, Graded 91 percent for season. National Honor Society member, is a Div. I recruit.

NICK POVOENDO, Keller, 6-5, 292, Sr. — Anchored offensive line that had two backs combine for more than 2,000 yards (Howard Boye-Doe, 1227 and Eric Chapman, 832).

MILTON PHIFER, South Grand Prairie, 6-3, 271, Sr. — 49 knockdowns and 13 for pins, 5.0 in the 40, anchored offensive line that generated 187.2 rushing and 204.4 passing yards per game.

B.J. JOHNSON, South Grand Prairie, 6-1, 186, Sr. — 48 catches for 1,235 yards and 13 TDs. Also had two rushing TDs.

SHIRDONYA MITCHELL, Arlington Sam Houston, 6-1, 190, Sr. — Had 62 receptions for 1,094 yards and nine touchdowns. Also had 377 rushing yards and one touchdown.

BRANDON HASSELL, Arlington Sam Houston, 6-1, 195, Sr. — Completed 151 of 240 pass attempts for 2,502 yards and 22 touchdowns. Also ran for 42 yards and 9 touchdowns. Being recruited by Syracuse and Nebraska.

CEDRIC BENSON, Midland Lee, 5-11, 196, Sr. — 222 carries, 2,249 yards (District 4-5A record), 27 rushing (31 total) TDs; 4-5A Offensive MVP.

JIMMY DIXON, Arlington Martin, 6-1, 205, Sr. — 298 carries, 2,529 yards, 28 TDs. Set Arlington city record for rushing and led state in rushing. Finished regular season with five consecutive 200-yard games. Topped 300 yards twice. Opponents included South Grand Prairie, Midland Lee, DeSoto, Duncanville and Arlington Lamar. Verbally committed to Georgia Tech.

TYSON THOMPSON, Irving, 6-1, 195, Sr. — 311 carries, 2,246 yards, 23 TDs, scored 160 points this season and is the city of Irving's all-time leading rusher. Second in the state in rushing yards behind Martin's Dixon.

BRANDON SKEEN, Arlington Martin, 6-2, 165, Sr. — Made nine of 11 field goals, including six of seven from 40 yards or longer. Made three 47-yard field goals, including two in one game. Made 37 of 42 extra-point attempts, with three blocks. Produced touchbacks on 32 of 66 kick-offs.

SA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR
Cedric Benson, Midland Lee.

DEFENSE LINEMEN
Eddie Brown, Aldine Eisenhower, 6-4, 282, Sr. — Leading tackler on defense that allowed 208.7 yards per game. Named to Texas Football Super Team. Had 35 tackles, 14 for losses, 2 sacks, 1 caused fumble and 2 fumble recoveries.

MARQUIS TURNER, Bryan, 6-1, 215, Sr. — 109 tackles, 14 sacks, 4 caused fumbles, 1 blocked punt, 1 blocked field goal, 22 tackles for 129 yards in losses.

BENJAMIN HUNTER, San Antonio Roosevelt, 6-

1, 260, Sr. — 95 tackles, 53 solo, 18 for losses, 3 forced fumbles, 11 pressures.

TOMMIE HARRIS, Killeen Ellison, 6-3, 290, Jr. — 139 tackles, 21 for losses, 2 forced fumbles, 4 sacks.

LINEBACKERS
Joe Norman, Midland Lee, 6-1, 199, Sr. — Norman had 92 tackles, four for a loss, three sacks, 1 fumble recovery. Was best player for 10-0 team; Named District 4-5A Defensive MVP.

MIKE SMITH, Lubbock Coronado, 6-2, 225, Sr. — 182 tackles, 5 INTs. Had five games of 20+ tackles.

D.D. LEE, Nacogdoches, 6-1, 235, Sr. — 86 tackles, including 56 solos, 15 tackles for losses, one fumble recovery, 15 pass knockdowns, one blocked kick. Considered one of the top linebackers in nation.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Ben Emanuel, Friendswood Clear Brook, 6-3, 190, Sr. — 90 tackles, 6 behind the line, 4 fumble recoveries, 3 pass knockdowns, 4 interceptions, one blocked kick and one TD. 13 career interceptions.

LAWRENCE RICHARDSON, Galveston Ball, 5-11, 170, Sr. — Named to Texas Football Super Team.

EDDIE VASQUEZ, Mission, 5-11, 185, Jr. — 10 INTs, 12 deflections, 35 solo tackles, 15 assists.

ROBBY MCDANIEL, Katy, 5-9, 160, Sr. — Started every game since sophomore year. Second team all-stater in 1998.

CODY SCATES, Tyler Lee, 6-0, 175, Sr. — 39 punts, 42.7 avg. long of 76 yards.

SA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR
Joe Norman, Midland Lee.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
OL — Kevin Lawthor, Arlington Martin, 6-4, 280, Sr.

OL — James Cardenas, San Antonio Holmes, 6-4, 310, Sr.

OL — Zeke Brandon, Copperas Cove, 6-2, 230, Sr.

OL — Brian Weiborn, Austin Westlake, 6-4, 215, Sr.

OL — Jason Matthews, Beaumont Central, 6-4, 340, Sr.

END — Chamayne Johnson, Lubbock High, 5-11, 170, Sr.

END — Roy Williams, Odessa Permian, 6-5, 205, Sr.

QB — Matt Porras, Lubbock High, 5-8, 185, Sr.

RB — Arturo "Sneazy" Beltran, Abilene High, 6-0, 205, Sr.

RB — John Austin Emmons, San Antonio Marshall, 6-1, 205, Sr.

RB — Derick Arnold, Houston Milby, 6-2, 220, Sr.

KICKER — Taylor McGaughey, Deer Park, 5-10, 170, Sr.

DEFENSE
DL — Jerad Cowan, Alief Hastings, 6-4, 285, Sr.

DL — Shane Sillivent, Amarillo, 5-10, 212, Sr.

DL — Jesse Sias, Dallas Kimball, 6-3, 307, Sr.

DL — John Square, Houston Yates, 6-6, 210, Sr.

LB — T.J. Hollowell, Copperas Cove, 6-2, 225, Sr.

LB — Bubba Salinas, Edinburg, 5-10, 190, Sr.

LB — Kevin Mott, McAllen Memorial, 6-0, 195, Sr.

DB — David Goodman, Katy Taylor, 6-0, 165 Sr.

DB — Anthony McCloud, South Grand Prairie, 5-11, 175, Sr.

DB — Nate Hite, Brownsville Rivera, 6-0, 190, Sr.

DB — Jonas Buckles, Houston Yates, 5-11, 185 Sr.

PUNTER — Gavin Booth, South Grand Prairie, 6-2, 181, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE
Offensive Linemen: Trey Bates, Sugar Land Elkins; Aaron Offutt, Arlington Martin; Bobby Meeks, Aldine Nimitz; Geoffrey Hangartner, New Braunfels; Nick La Fosse, San Antonio Harlandale; Cody Lain, Amarillo, Sr.; Ray Willis, Angleton; Ken McCoy, Killeen Ellison; Severo Canales, Edinburg.

Offensive Ends: Gavin Boothe, South Grand Prairie; Sloan Thomas, Klein; Jaime Luna, Laredo Nixon; LaRoyce Howard, Longview; Art Perez, Westlaco.

Quarterbacks: Joseph Addai, Houston Sharpstown; Aaron Karas, Spring; Clarence Cruz, Edinburg; Marcus Aranda, Laredo Cigarroa; Matt Moeller, Victoria; Stroman; Joseph Henderson, Aldine Eisenhower.

Running Backs: Jason Holmes, Conroe; Jose Tello, Laredo United South; Sergio Barrero, Laredo Alexander; Abel Garcia, Brownsville Rivera; Bo Mallette, Victoria; Roger Sunita, Eagle Pass.

Kickers: Zack Sasser, Amarillo.

DEFENSE
Defensive Linemen: Ricky Cardoza, Mission; Brandon Goodlet, Conroe; Brandon Conyers, San Antonio MacArthur; Josh Crocker, Killeen Ellison; Mark Peters, Longview; Brad Price, Copperas Cove; Paul Carrillo, Westlaco; Darrell Cottin, Waco.

Linebackers: Aaron Tei, South Grand Prairie; Lebrandon Sheppard, Lufkin; Brock Stratton, San Antonio Roosevelt; Jaime Gloria, Laredo United South; Mike Neu, Midland; Taylor Casey, Odessa; Refugio Lopez, Pharr-San Juan Alamo North; Jason Cormier, Beaumont Central; Bryan Schneider, Austin Westlake; Scott Rutherford, Mesquite; Alfonso Lopez, Corpus Christi Moody; Alex Hall, Corpus Christi Carroll; Wendie Barty, Houston Yates; Alan Rodgers, Longview; Casey Clements, Amarillo.

Defensive Backs: Matt Lucas, Round Rock McNeil; Marvin Godbolt, San Antonio Taft; Cedric Griffin, San Antonio Holmes; Reggie Harrell, Arlington Lamar; Damien Chandler, San Antonio Madison; Omar Rubio, San Antonio Holmes; Saul Salinas, Donna; Rico Harris, Nacogdoches; Pierce Reid, Humble Kingwood; Luis Lauriano, Laredo Cigarroa; Fred Gurode, Bryan; Ronald Midgett, Corpus Christi Carroll; Paul Gilmore, Corpus Christi Moody; Gary Wright, Copperas Cove; Matt Tracy, Austin Westlake; Bobby Flores, San Antonio Highlands.

Punters: Lance Garner, Copperas Cove; Chad Kennedy, Amarillo; Taylor McGaughey, Deer Park.

Bulldogs top Hamlin, Bulldogettes fall to Guthrie

HERALD Staff Reports

COAHOMA — Guthrie's Lady Jaguars were able to score just 15 points in the second half Friday, but that was enough to post a 42-39 come-from-behind win over Coahoma's Bulldogettes.

The Bulldogettes, playing without the services of senior post Jayci Roberts, simply couldn't score in the second half.

Hometown fans did get something to smile about in the evening's finale, however, as Coahoma took a 60-54 win over Hamlin's Pied Pipers in the varsity boys' game.

The Bulldogs improved to 5-9 on the season behind Brett Bennett's 17 point lead and the scoring support he got from sophomore post Chase Ward and senior point guard Mario Garcia.

Ward scored 14 points and Garcia added 12 more, as the Bulldogs rallied from a 14-10 first-quarter deficit with a 25-point second quarter.

In the girls game, Coahoma jumped out to a 16-12 lead after the first eight minutes of play, only to see the Lady Jaguars rally.

Guthrie took the lead in the third quarter, outscoring the Bulldogettes, 11-6.

Senior Suzanna Wood and junior Brandi Hart provided almost all the Coahoma scoring.

both finishing the night with 15 points.

GIRLS GAME
Guthrie 42, Coahoma 39
GUTHRIE — J. Shipman 15, Boucher 4, K. Shipman 4, Pettie 8, Clark 4, Ferguson 5.

COAHOMA — Atkinson 2, Buchanan 3, Hart 15, Kemper 2, Smith 2, Wood 15.
Score by Quarters:
12 15 11 4-42

GUTHRIE COAHOMA
Three-point goals: Guthrie 1 (J. Shipman), Coahoma 4 (Hart 4). Records: Guthrie 10-2, Coahoma 9-4.

BOYS GAME
Coahoma 60, Hamlin 54
HAMLIN — Miller 7, May 3, Craig 3, Green 4, Powell 4, Martin 10, Fillingim 16, Jones 7.

COAHOMA — Garcia 12, Hardin 8, Henry 4, Bennett 17, Ward 14, Teeler 4, Howard 1.
Score by Quarters:
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HAMLIN COAHOMA
Three-point goals: Hamlin 6 (Fillingim 2, Jones, Martin, May, Miller); Coahoma 4 (Ward, Bennett, Harding, Garcia). Records: Coahoma 5-9, JV score: Hamlin 63, Coahoma 54.

Garden City, Forsan split varsity games
FORSAN — Garden City's Lady Bearkats just had too much power for Forsan's Queens to handle Friday, as they rolled to 11-1 on the season with a 41-24 victory.

Forsan returned the favor in the nightcap, however, as David Stone scored 20 points and teammates Logan Stanley and Daniel Whetsel added 12 apiece in a 58-42 win.

The Bearkats were paced by Cory Batla's 14 points.

Garden City's girls were paced by M'Lynn Niehues' 15 points and Traci Machicek's 10 points, as the Lady Bearkats did most of their damage from inside the paint.

GIRLS GAME
GARDEN CITY — Braden 2, Eoff 4, Niehues 15, Batla 8, Hoelscher 2, Machicek 10.

FORSAN — Smith 5, Crow 7, Alexander 2, Sales 6.
Hector 4.
Score by Quarters:
9 13 9 10-41

GARDEN CITY FORSAN
Three-point goals: Garden City 2 (Batla 2); Forsan 1 (Smith). Records: Garden City 11-1, Forsan 5-8. JV score: Garden City 23, Forsan 20.

BOYS GAME
GARDEN CITY — R. Batla 10, Hillger 9, C. Batla 14, Goodwin 4, Halfmann 5.

FORSAN — Bristow 2, Stone 20, Stanley 12, Neal 8, Baker 4, Whetsel 12.
Score by Quarters:
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GARDEN CITY FORSAN
Three-point goals: Forsan 6 (Stone 6), Garden City 0. Records: Forsan 7-6, JV score: Forsan 48, Garden City 13.

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◆American zoologist Diane Fossey was not allowed to own any pets as a child, except a goldfish.

Got an Item?

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

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Big Spring Herald

Sunday, December 19, 1999

Traditions can be very rewarding during this time of year

Have you toured the city to see the light displays? If not, it's worth your effort and gasoline to do so. Big Spring has really outdone former years this time.

There are so many outstanding themes, combinations and unique ideas I can't begin to pick a street or a particular display to say "don't miss."

Of course, the one at the historic spring is a must, if you haven't had time or inclination to tour all around. It's truly amazing.

If you don't have a car, prevail upon a friend who does. It gets dark early, so you don't have to be out late. So, carpool, private vehicles, taxis or in some cases, walk some of the available streets (with companions of course). When all is said and done you'll be glad you made the effort.

The system at the spring is probably most lavish of all and a for sure "don't miss." In any event, it's the best way I can think of to really get into the Christmas spirit. It is supposed to be a time of joy and blessings as we celebrate the birth of the only truly Holy one ever born.

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So much work, expense, and dedication have gone into these displays all over town. How can you help being inspired when you think seriously about it?

Speaking of serious thoughts, does your family have a special Christmas tradition? I mean other than gift-giving. Our family has grown so much through the years that we decided to draw names — the adults, that is.

It would take a tremendous amount of financing to secure a nice gift for everyone. We find this works for us and everyone gets a nicer gift than would likely be available with everyone buying for everyone else as we used to do. The youngsters are not included in the name drawing, as they are the main ones we enjoy buying for, anyway.

What about other traditions? Our family tries to meet for turkey and the trimmings, and we open gifts Christmas Eve, that way each family can have their own celebration Christmas morning.

Another tradition we've carried out a good many years now was actually started by my daughter, who lost her battle with cancer at age 49. Christmas Eve, before gifts are passed out, our clan forms a "family circle" holding hands and since I happen to be the oldest living parent, I was selected to offer prayer of thanksgiving for our blessings and a plea for continuing guidance.

I feel very humble and perhaps a bit unworthy of such a task, but I do my best. Personally it's been a blessing in itself for me.

My heart goes out to those individuals who have no family to gather with at this wonderful time of year when families mean so much.

I would like to wish every reader of these columns Peace, Happiness, Prosperity and Good Luck throughout the holidays and every day of the brand new century. God Bless!

Myrtle Griffith writes a monthly column for the Big Spring Herald.



MYRTLE GRIFFITH

Baking the holidays brighter

If the lights, trees and music are not enough, you can tell it's the holidays when the oven goes into over-time.

For local bakers, this is the peak time of year — everywhere are pies, cookies and other treats with a holiday theme.

"It is overwhelming," said Gale Pittman, of Gale's Sweet Shoppe, who was working fast and furious to decorate dozens of sugar cookie snowmen Tuesday. He works with one assistant, and occasional help from his wife.

Last week was the baker's busiest yet, as dozens of local schools had holiday parties and demand for cookies rose into the stratosphere.

In one day, he went through two 50-pound buckets of icing. In one week, he used 400 pounds of powdered sugar. He makes about 200 dozen decorated cookies, by hand, for Christmas parties.

All that, and Pittman keeps the showcase of his store stocked with his customer's non-holiday-related favorites.

While Gale's cake orders normally drop off a bit at this time of year, so far they have not. Each weekend, Pittman personally makes about 50 cakes for special orders.

But large quantities don't usually trouble Pittman, who has developed habits and tips that make his job easier. With his skills, he can cut out 24 dozen cookies in 30 minutes.

At Wal-Mart, baker manager Jim Anderson describes the place as "super busy."

"It's even a little better this year over last year," Anderson said, naming pies and cookies as the top sellers. On Wednesday alone, the store sold 212 packages of cookies. At Thanksgiving, they sold 1,800 pies, and expect to sell more this week as Christmas buying builds.

Lana Martinez, assistant manager of the bakery at H-E-B, said the store was selling cookies and cupcakes like crazy, mostly for school parties. This week, she said she expects party trays, dinner rolls, pies and the store's "signature cakes" to fly off of the shelves.

"Those cakes are so popular as desserts, and they are also used as a centerpiece," Martinez said. She said staff is working fast and furious to keep pumpkin, pecan and fruit pies in stock for holiday dinners.

Thanksgiving at the store, Martinez said, was a near-record-setting week for bakery sales.



At left, Gale Pittman, of Gale's Sweet Shoppe, ices a face, hat and scarf onto snowman cookies at his shop last week. It was the busiest week of the year for Pittman, whose work was in demand for school parties as well as other holiday functions. He, as well as H-E-B and Wal-Mart bakers have gone into high gear to meet a huge holiday demand for baked goods.



At left, Pittman's assistant Rachel Colegrove pulls pink daisy cookies out of the display case. Despite high demand for specialty cookies at this time of year, customers still want their old favorites, and plenty of them. Below, Pittman mixes some of the 100 pounds of cake icing he will use in a day.



Tips for better baking from an expert: Don't go in the kitchen without them

Following are some of Gale Pittman's holiday baking tips:

- Use a cake decorating bag to decorate cookies; it is much easier to control. A plastic sandwich bag with a tiny hole cut in one corner also works well.
- Coat your cookie cutter with flour to keep the dough from sticking as you cut.
- When you make the icing to decorate cookies, add cake flour, which will keep the other ingredients from separating.
- Pittman prefers a cookie recipe that includes both butter and shortening. The cookies stay soft for up to two weeks when stored in a plastic dish with a lid.

- You need to take the cookies out of the oven a minute or two earlier than you think; they continue to cook for up to two minutes while fresh out of the oven.
- Parchment paper lining the cookie sheet will keep the cookies from sticking, and when the pan comes out, you can simply remove the paper and put on another piece.
- Use parchment paper in the bottom of your cake pan and you will only have to spray or grease the sides.
- Most cookie dough can be frozen. Make your dough, freeze it in small plastic bags, and take out only what you need to bake that day.

- Experiment with your favorite recipes for the holidays. Some of Pittman's suggestions include: Dip regular sand-tart cookies into melted chocolate and roll in pecans.
- Add pieces of chocolate candy bar to a cherry pie before putting on the top crust.
- Brush pancake syrup on the top crust of a fruit pie.
- Make fudge from the recipe on the back of the marshmallow creme jar — it tastes great and it is easy!
- For a gingerbread house, leave out the baking soda in the cookie recipe; it will hold its shape better.

The spirit of Christmas lives all year in our community

It feels strange to me when I remind myself that this is my last column of the century. It is an awesome feeling knowing that we are moving from one span of a thousand years to another that is sure to bring more changes.

Actually, it is more overwhelming for me to reflect on the changes that have occurred in the past 20 years at the Big Spring State Hospital.

There is no way I could even begin to name the many changes in the field of mental health, or in the Volunteer Services department in this allotted space. More importantly, it would be difficult to talk about how those changes have affected Big Spring State Hospital. I can say thank you, though, to Big Spring and the surrounding communities for the many daily needs they have met for this hospital, and more

importantly the patients we serve.

The spirit of Christmas abounds 365 days a year in this community. It gives, and it helps those in need in so many different ways. Some of you give your precious time, others donate goods, and some bring food and gifts, while more provide monetary donations. Whatever you give and wherever you give, it always is appreciated.

Amid tales of businesses closing, residents moving away, oil prices down, cotton crops failing — it still never quits. It is that special feeling of bonding and unity that comes from people caring about each other and helping those in need.

My Christmas wish for 1999, as we move into a new century, would be that all organizations in need would be as blessed as the Big Spring State Hospital

has been. When you make your New Year's resolutions for 2000, offer a few hours for an organization, clean out things you don't need that can be helpful to someone else, or send a donation where it is needed.

We have a wonderful giving group at the Big Spring State Hospital, and many of those also are giving to other charities. That is the spirit of Christmas; the love that never quits.

I would like to spotlight a special group of volunteers at Big Spring State Hospital, who work six days a week running

a business, which generates \$10,000 a year to assist hospital patients.

The volunteers who operate the Chalet Resale Shop, 1007 E. 11th Place, are probably the most dedicated and hardest working group of hospital volunteers. The store opened in 1986 and co-chaired by Lou Vincent and Merlene Williams, these ladies and men who operate the resale shop are there to open the doors Monday through Saturday, rain or shine. They collect, sort, price, sell and recruit new workers. They share that spirit of giving and love for their mission.

Thank you Chalet volunteers Pat Dickenson, Winifred Milwee, Peggy Marshall, Lana Anguiano, Covie Williams, Hazel Duggan, Mildred Carlson, Ruth Nanny, Jobeth Corwin, Bea Webb and Mildred Hayworth.

The Millennium is defined as a "hoped-for period of joy, serenity, prosperity and justice." That is a wonderful hope to take into the New Year-Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Big Spring State Hospital.

Many thanks to the Big Spring Herald Features Editor Debbie Jensen, KBST-FM News Director China Long, and KWES-TV reporter Thomas Jenkins for judging our Christmas tree decorating contest Thursday in the Activities Therapy Department building.

First, second, and third place ribbons were awarded to patient units and departments, recognizing the most festive trees. The holiday tree dressing was used as a backdrop for the patient Christmas party later

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KATHY JOHNSON

ANNIVERSARIES

Carlile

Elton L. and Vada N. Carlile celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 18, 1999, with a reception at the Civic Center in Colorado City hosted by Allen Carlile, Albert and Gayla Carlile and Darlia and Cecil Shaw.

He was born in McCamey, and she was born in Lawn as Vada Nell Gladden. They met on Feb. 12, 1949, at a basketball game in Wolforth. They were married on Dec. 23, 1949, in Abilene. They have three children, Allen Carlile of Dumas, Albert and Gayla Carlile of Big Spring, and Darlia and Cecil Shaw of Arlington. They also have 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Carlile have lived in Wolforth, Big Spring and Colorado City during their marriage.

Presently, he is retired. Previously, Mr. Carlile worked for American Petrofina for 30 years and for the Westbrook ISD for 10 years. They are affiliated with the Westbrook



MR. AND MRS. ELTON CARLILE

Baptist Church. They are involved in the Golden Age in Westbrook and enjoy sports, gardening and watching TV.

This was their comment about 50 years of marriage, "It takes a lot of trust, love and prayers."

JOHNSON

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that evening. The Williams Family band entertained patients and staff, just as they have done for the past 30-plus years. They did a splendid job of supplying joyful music. Christmas presents will be distributed Christmas morning to patients, and many thanks to the volunteers who wrapped all of those gifts and donated money to purchase the holiday gifts.

Also, a big thanks to First Baptist Church's "Saints Alive Singers" and their director Stan Haynes for putting on a great performance Thursday.

Our Carol of Lights was a big hit on Dec. 6, with the patients and staff. Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon, Director of Music Therapy Dana Boes and Music Therapist Claudette Forward entertained those attending by playing the guitar.

Big Spring State Hospital Director of Social Work Services Kathy Salazar has been named as the hospital's liaison to the Veterans Integrated Service Network 1B (the Southwest Division for the Veteran's Administration, which includes West Texas, Arizona and New Mexico).

Hats off to Dana Boes, Judy West and Renae Pouch for raising \$141 for the State Employee Charitable Campaign through the sale of dinner rolls. Boes and West made 47 dozen rolls and sold them to employees before Thanksgiving to raise money for charity.

life! section
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deadlines

All club and church news are due Monday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m. for publication in the Friday, Dec. 24 edition.

All weddings, anniversaries, birth announcements, engagements, who's who and military are due Tuesday, Dec. 21, at noon for publication in the Sunday, Dec. 26 edition.

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IN THE MILITARY

Marine Pfc. Seth T. Ralston, son of Tommy L. and Kelly L. Ralston of Big Spring, is scheduled to spend the holidays forward deployed to Okinawa, Japan, with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, home based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School joined the Marine Corps in July 1998.

Air Force Senior Airman Reuben M. Campos has been named airman of the quarter.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments.

He is the son of Pete Campos Sr. and Maggie Robles, both of Big Spring.

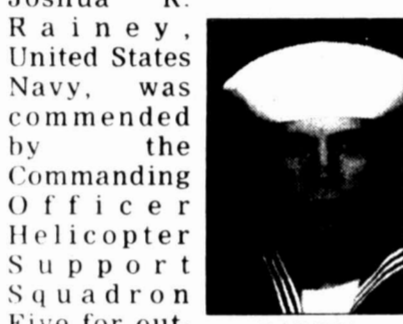
His wife, Lucy, is the daughter of David Hillger and Nancy Wagner, both of Big Spring.

The senior airman is a 1991 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Army Pvt. Russell L. Henry has been assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.

Henry, an infantryman, is the son of Karen L. and J. Henry of Big Spring.

Aviation Mechanical Structures (AMS) Airman Joshua R. Rainey, United States Navy, was commended by the Commanding Officer Helicopter Squadron Five for outstanding performance as Helicopter Tactical Wing, United States Pacific Fleet Junior Shore Sailor of the Year. Airman Rainey had already been honored as Junior Shore Sailor of the Quarter for April-June 1999. He was recently notified of his promotion to rank of Petty Officer E-4.



RAINEY

Petty Officer Rainey is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is the son of Wanda and Perry Gamble. He is the grandson of Buford and Jerrye Hull, Gorman and Shirlene Rainey and Shirley and Nannie Lee Walker.

Great-grandparents are Raymond and Jean Stevenson of Cleveland, Texas, Liddy Malaise of Odessa, and Nadine Payne of Lubbock, and great-grandparents are Henry and Florence Cook of Cleveland, Texas.

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STORK CLUB

Eliot Aaron Rundell, boy, Dec. 1, 1999, 5:28 p.m., seven pounds 11 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long, parents are Dave and Amy Rundell of Lubbock.

Grandparents are Ben and Jan Roberts of Forsan, Mary Jo Toomire of Odessa, Keith Toomire of Big Spring, and Scotty and Sally Rundell of Plano.

Great-grandparents are Raymond and Jean Stevenson of Cleveland, Texas, Liddy Malaise of Odessa, and Nadine Payne of Lubbock, and great-grandparents are Henry and Florence Cook of Cleveland, Texas.

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Joseph Ashton Fontana, boy, Nov. 7, 1999, 9:19 p.m., six pounds 8 1/2 ounces and 19 inches long, parents are Matt and Heather Fontana.

Grandparents are Ray Fontana of California, Vicky Fontana of Big Spring, and John and Elaine Reiland.

Bayley Glen Steelman, boy, Dec. 14, 1999, 7:42 a.m., seven pounds 6.4 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long, parents are Tony and Amanda Steelman of Snyder.

Grandparents are Tommy and Tammy Berry of Hermleigh, Kim Berry of Fort Worth, and Grady and Laura Steelman of Dangerfield.

Great-grandparents are Charles and Nell Berry of Wichita Falls, Bill and Betty Shankles of Big Spring, Don and Beverly Glaser of Granbury and Vivian Steelman of Dekalb.

Great-great-grandmother is Maxine Harris of Granbury.

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WHO'S WHO

The Admissions and Records Office of Texas State Technical College at Sweetwater just released the President's Honor Roll for the Fall 1999 Quarter. Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be recognized on the President's Honor Roll. The following students are recognized for their academic excellence:

John Kaelin, Matthew Mills, Tracey Pounds, all of Big Spring, and Robert Pherigo of Coahoma.

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Atticus — Rotti mix, black and brindle, male, good watch dog, no kids, 1 year old.

Fuzzy — Terrier mix, black/white under neck, male, 1 year old.

Jane — Black Lab mix, loving female, 2 1/2 years old.

Tator — Border Collie, black/white female, 1 year old plus, spayed.

Josie — Lab mix, black/white trim, female, 10 months.

Lulu — small mix breed, very sweet, female, 1 year old, spayed.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60 and cats are \$50. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. For more information, call 264-1100.

Child's battle with cancer engages community

SEGUIN — Eight-year-old Kelsey Doege showed no warning signs of the debilitating cancer that attacked her brain in May.

She was a typical little girl, participating in gymnastics and a cheerleading class, riding her bike and bouncing on her family's trampoline in the backyard. And then one day, she came home from school so exhausted that she fell asleep at 4 p.m. and her parents couldn't wake her, even 17 hours later.

Kelsey slipped into a coma and woke up several days later a different person. "She was a lot like a stroke victim," said Kelsey's mother, Kim Doege (pronounced Day-ge).

Kelsey couldn't speak or use the right side of her body. She limped when she walked and suffered violent seizures. Doctors didn't discover the cause of her condition until July when a biopsy showed a brain tumor called astrocytoma.

According to officials with

the department of neurosurgery at the University of Southern California, about 12,000 new cases of astrocytoma are diagnosed each year. The cause of the disease is unknown.

Long-term survivors who have responded well to treatment have lived two to three years, Kim said. Medical expenses total at least \$300 a month, even with health insurance.

To help, Marion Independent School District employees and the Marion community held a fund-raiser for Kelsey on Sunday that brought in \$10,000.

Another \$7,000 has been donated to an account for the family at Marion State Bank. Kim's husband, Dave, works as an electrician in San Antonio, but Kim quit working as the high school secretary on Nov. 1 to provide full-time care for Kelsey, Purvis said. "And she just had a baby," she said. The Doeges also have a 12-year-old son.

The family travels to the

Methodist Children's Hospital in San Antonio for treatment.

"Even though the doctor copays are only \$10 or something, when you go (to the doctor) two or three or more times a week, it adds up," Kim said.

Although the medical bills were piling up, Kim said she was hesitant to ask for help. "This is hard for us. We've always been independent," she said. "But they've been asking for a long time to do the fundraiser. And we just put it in the frame of mind that this is for Kelsey."

Kelsey would have been in third grade. Instead, Kelsey now is home schooled. A teacher comes to her home for an hour, five days a week.

"When I say home schooled, I mean, they try to stimulate her," Kim said. "She'll show her a picture of a horse and try to get her to say, 'horse.' It's things like that."

Before, Kelsey was an A student. "She always did everything to the best of her ability,"

Kim said. But now, she barely can say, "Yes" or "No" to direct questions, Kim said.

"You don't know if she's in pain," she said. "She can't communicate with us."

Kelsey's cancer is near the part of her brain responsible for her speech and motor skills. The cancer grows like a root system, shooting out from the tumor and intertwining with normal brain cells.

Because it doesn't grow in a mass, the cancer can't be removed through surgery. Instead, doctors have relied on chemotherapy, leaving Kelsey with none of her long, brown hair or eyelashes.

Kim said the chemo kept the cancer from spreading and reduced the swelling in Kelsey's head. More recently, doctors have tried radiation treatment, which kills both good and bad brain cells.

"She could lose 30 percent of her IQ," Kim said. "We won't know the full extent of the damage for years down the road."

The Doege family found out Friday that Kelsey responded well to recent radiation treatment.

"It was some good news," Kim said.

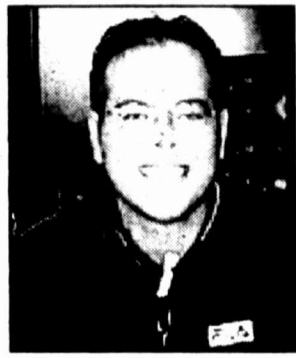
Fifty percent of the tumor was affected, she said. "The tumor doesn't really go away," she said. "But it's dead tissue."

Kelsey can't really communicate with her family, other than answer yes and no to some questions. But she can smile. She'll probably start chemotherapy some time after the holidays, Kim said.

Kim said she hoped the cancer would be cured, although doctors said to expect a one to two year survival. "We don't want her to be a rocket scientist," Kim said. "We just want her to be able to talk to us. We want her to be able to function."

Despite her bald head, Kelsey still resembles, at times, her former, healthy self and a typical girl her age.

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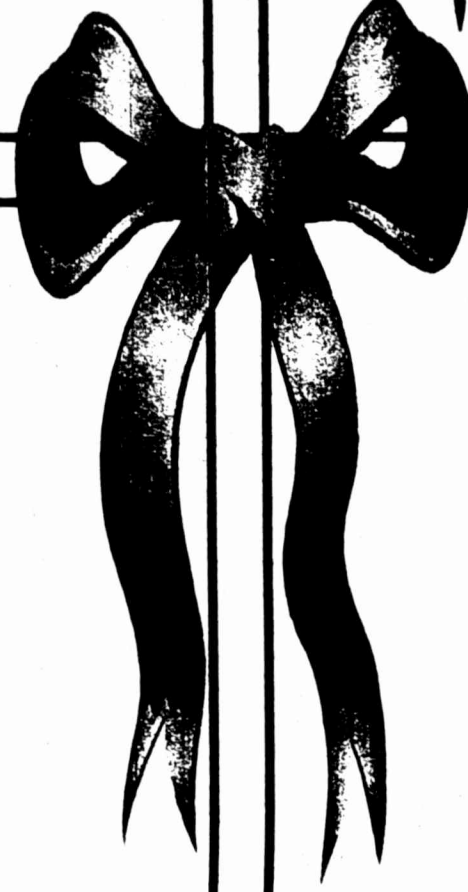
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VA VITAL SIGNS

Each month Cary D. Brown, Chief Executive Officer, recognizes an "Employee of the Month." These employees are nominated based on their exemplary service to our veterans and co-workers.

December 1999 Employee of the Month: Jana Cordes, Supervisor of the Cardiopulmonary Laboratory. Ms. Cordes has developed innovative ideas to improve patient care services. She has initiated training for all her staff in performing echocardiograms locally and providing assistance to the staff cardiologist. The waiting time to perform echocardiograms has been significantly reduced because of Ms. Cordes' planning and oversight.

Many activities are scheduled during the month of December to celebrate Christmas at Big Spring VA Medical Center. Cary D. Brown, Chief Executive Officer, looks forward to the annual lighting ceremony each year that was held Friday, December 3, 1999. This is truly a beautiful ceremony and it is our gift to our veterans, staff and specially the community," say Mr. Brown. This year's ceremony included "The Christmas Story" told by Chaplain Dean Thomas, Christmas Carols by the Nursing Home Care Unit choir, and a visit from Santa.

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary organizations provided a "Christmas Store" for our hospitalized veterans to shop for their loved ones. Monday, December 6th through Wednesday, December 8th, the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary members staffed the "Christmas Store." They not only provide the gifts for the hospitalized patients, but they also wrapped the gifts and prepared them for

mailing. On Thursday, December 16, 1999, a variety of service organizations hosted Christmas parties for each floor. Every hospitalized veteran received a nice bag filled with toiletry items, telephone cards, socks, underwear, etc. These gifts are available only through generous donations to the Voluntary Service General Post Funds or donation of the gift items.

The staff of the VA Medical Center will sponsor the second annual "Adopt-A-Vet" program this year. The Nursing Home Care Unit accommodates 40 residents in need of long-term care. These residents are special in that their length of stay is generally an extended period. The different services of the Medical Center adopt a Nursing Home resident and provide a special Christmas to each of them. The staff looks forward to providing Christmas to this special group of veterans as it may be the only gifts they receive and to witness the gleam in their eyes when they open their gifts brings joy to all of us.

Several groups and organizations have contacted the Community Relations Department inquiring about donating items for our hospitalized veterans. Please accept our sincere appreciation to the groups in the community that have included veterans in your Christmas cheer.

Veteran "Stand Down" Event January 2000

In conjunction with Martin Luther King's birthday, Big Spring VA Medical Center announces it's second Veteran's Stand Down scheduled for January 14-17, 2000. Named for the traditional period of rest and recuperation combat veterans experience in wartime, the Stand Down is an intensive period of effort on the part of a wide range of organizations to

help veterans obtain the benefits and entitlements they have earned as a result of their military service to our country.

"We are amazed at how quickly the idea of a Stand Down was accepted and supported by the City of Big Spring and a wide range of veteran organizations," Mr. Cary Brown, Chief Executive Officer of West Texas VA Healthcare System, reported. "We will have representatives from a variety of organizations providing information and assistance concerning veterans' benefits, health care, legal services, and alternatives to the homeless lifestyle."

To assist in spreading the word, the Medical Center has learned that Heather Renee French, the reigning Miss America for the Year 2000, is tentatively scheduled to appear at the event. Miss French's father is a disabled Vietnam veteran and she has dedicated her reign as Miss America to publicizing veterans' issues and especially the issue of America's support for homeless veterans.

Welcome-New Employees
Big Spring VA Medical Center welcomes the following new employees: Darla Walisa, Medical Administration Service; Linda Trowbridge, Nursing Service; Edward Hernandez, Nutrition and Food Service; Dallas Cooley, Information Resource Management Service; Eugenia (Gina) Rodgers, Nursing Service.

Upcoming Events
December 16-Christmas parties

Iva Jo Hanslik is temporarily the Community Relations Coordinator at the VA Medical Center. She may be contacted at (915) 264-4824.

FILM REVIEW

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

You gotta believe. Or you gotta admire.

Those are two ways to enjoy "Stuart Little," the live-action tale of a dapper talking mouse who becomes part of a human family.

Kids will have no trouble buying the premise. And they'll enjoy watching Stuart win the love of his new little-boy brother and cope with the human world, including the perils of a jealous house cat and a washing machine.

Grown-ups might find this implausible tale harder to accept as a live-action show than it would have been as a cartoon. They could have trouble with the notion of human speech from a 3-inch-tall creature, even though Stuart stands upright and dresses better than most people in the audience.

Even skeptical adults will find plenty to admire.

Just watch Stuart (voiced by Michael J. Fox), a computer-animated marvel that fits smoothly into real-life surroundings. You can see his reflection on polished surfaces. His movement is believable. His little digital head contains a half-million hairs.

There's also a wonderful voice performance by Nathan Lane, who makes the personality of Snowbell the house cat a funny blend of malevolence and exasperation.

The storytelling can appeal to grown-ups, too. When some hungry alley cats corner Stuart in a tree at night, even the most disbelieving adults will be drawn in to the scene. And at the movie's close, with Stuart escaping danger to reunite with the family that has truly become his own, Moms and Dads may well get moist in the eyes.

Geena Davis and Hugh Laurie give fine performances as Mr. and Mrs. Little, a well-to-do Manhattan couple who adopt Stuart at an orphanage they had visited to find a child. Jonathan Lipnicki, the child actor who made a memorable film debut as Ray Boyd

in "Jerry Maguire," here plays George Little, who had been hoping for a brother and must come to terms with a mouse.

"Stuart Little," a Columbia Pictures movie adapted from the E.B. White story, is directed by Rob Minkoff and produced by Douglas Wick. It is rated PG.

Motion Picture Association of America rating definitions: G — General audiences. All ages admitted.

PG — Parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

PG-13 — Special parental guidance strongly suggested for children under 13. Some material may be inappropriate for young children.

R — Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

NC-17 — No one under 17 admitted.

Mattel ships \$4 million in toys after complaints

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mattel has agreed to ship \$4 million worth of new toys to needy children nationwide after complaints that the world's largest toymaker played the Grinch by shipping outdated items to settle an antitrust lawsuit.

To settle a 1997 antitrust lawsuit, Mattel and two other toymakers agreed to send toys to needy children for three holiday seasons. But Mattel's toys this year didn't measure up, several state officials said.

For example, Mattel sent hundreds of Hot Wheels collector cases without the cars, and sent "Belle" dolls from "Beauty and the Beast," an eight-year-old movie, said Sandra Michioku, a spokeswoman for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

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Former music minister finds new means of expression after stroke

ABILENE (AP) — "His Name Is Wonderful" never sounded so wonderful, so heartfelt, so beautiful.

Kenneth and Betty Hill stood side by side, as they have since marrying in 1939, pouring forth their faith in a hymn of praise. Only the limp right arm indicated anything was wrong. Certainly not the voice. But once the music stopped, Kenneth Hill could no longer communicate in words. Lyrics to a hymn flow freely, gliding along on a melodic breath of air. But the spoken word is a different matter entirely.

Hill suffered a stroke in 1978 that left his right side paralyzed and his ability to verbally communicate gone forever. Except in song. His daughter, Sarah Mulkey, compared the oddity to that of country and western singer Mel Tillis, who stutters to the extent that he can't be understood but who can belt out a tune with the best of them. Just like Tillis, Hill can enunciate beautifully in song, his tenor voice still strong at age 83.

"If he's not having to think it up he can do it," Ms. Mulkey said.

Unfortunately, the stroke knocked out the brain function that would allow Hill to sing what he wants to say, kind of like a singing telegram.

"You know what you want to say, but the brain can't make the connection to speech," Ms. Mulkey said.

Even so, Hill can sing all the hymns he once knew and can learn new ones. The couple sings with the senior choir at First Baptist Church called "Majestic Sounds," an appropriate title.

"It's a joy to be around them both," said Gary Anglin, minister of music at First Baptist. "They're an inspiration to the choir."

It's fortunate that Hill retained his musical abilities. His career was spent as an administrator at Hardin-Simmons University and as a music minister in Baptist churches.

"His voice was a lot of who he was," Sarah said.

But with the stroke, Hill had to literally start over in many respects. His road to recovery started by first mastering life as a left-hander and then by gradually learning to say a few words. Right-handed by nature, Hill had to learn to use his left hand as best as possible. He can sign his name, drive a car, walk with a cane, and most remarkably, create gorgeous still life paintings that adorn the family's apart-

ment.

"He has always been artistic," said Ms. Mulkey, who along with her sister, Bowie Elementary School teacher Susan Stuerzenberger, checks in on her parents occasionally.

But with a busy professional schedule, Hill never had much time to devote to painting.

"He always had a flair, but he never had time to give to it," Ms. Mulkey said.

All that changed in 1978 when Hill suffered a stroke while in a Dallas hospital recuperating from surgery to repair a detached retina. Hill was only 62 then, and should have been embarking on care-free retirement. But the stroke changed all that.

"I thought each day things would get back to the way they were," his wife Betty said.

Instead, each day the couple and their loved ones learned to cope with a new lifestyle.

"You just accept it as it comes along," Mrs. Hill said.

With faith propping him up more than any cane could do, Hill began his new life as a man not so much on the go as he always had been. Hill started working at Hardin-Simmons in 1947, a year before he graduated. He went on to serve in a number of positions including director of financial aid and director of alumni affairs, a job he held when he retired.

Hill majored in music at Hardin-Simmons, so it was no surprise that he also served as a music minister for a number of Baptist churches in Abilene and in the Lubbock area.

"He's been music director at every church in the neighborhood," Betty Hill said.

The Hills both still have a strong allegiance to Hardin-Simmons, where Betty also graduated and taught as a math professor. The Hills are fixtures at HSU's home football games, and plaques on the apartment wall tell how highly thought of the Hills are on the 40 Acres. In 1990 Kenneth was the recipient of the university's highest alumni honor, the Keeter Award.

But of all the things hanging on the walls, the Hills are most proud of paintings done by Kenneth since his stroke. Betty still has the first pencil sketches of birds that Kenneth attempted a few years after the stroke, just as he was learning to use his left hand.

There is no comparison to the later ones, many of which adorn Christmas cards sent to friends. Their polished, meticulous attention to detail reflects the patience Hill must-

tered to perfect his art.

The Hills enclosed the patio at their apartment to create a studio for Kenneth so that he could have his drawing materials at hand whenever the desire to paint strikes him. He works there almost every day, capturing birds and flowers in bright pen and pencil drawings.

Perhaps most expressive of Hill's own spirit is a collection titled "Fruits of the Spirit." Nicely drawn fruits carry a "fruit of the spirit" label alongside them. An apple represents gentleness, cherries become love, and a pear symbolizes peace.

All three of those "Fruits of the Spirit" are evident in Kenneth Hill. What he can't say in words is easily communicated in twinkling eyes and a smile that exudes a childlike happiness.

"He can't talk, but he can smile," Betty Hill said.

And smile he does. Only rarely does Hill's frustration show when he's struggling to communicate a thought without the aid of words.

"No, no, no," he utters as his wife and daughter try to help him recall a church he once served as music minister. "Yeah, yeah!" he exclaims as they remember it was in Littlefield.

In the 21 years since the stroke, much has changed for the family, but it all adds up to good.

"There have been highs and lows for all of us," Sarah Mulkey said. "You acknowledge you're human and move on."

And move on they have. Avid travelers, the Hills have visited 40 countries and all but two states, Minnesota and North Dakota.

A hip replacement and a bout with cancer, which is now in remission, only slowed Kenneth somewhat. He's still a regular at Lions Club luncheons, Hardin-Simmons football games, choir practice and Sunday morning church. Always by his side is his wife of 60 years.

"She reads his mind," Sarah Mulkey said. "They're an amazing team."

Betty Hill serves as somewhat of an interpreter and almost instantly understands what her husband is trying to communicate. The one thing he communicates with ease, with no interpreter necessary, is a gentle spirit, sense of humor, and sparkling eyes that speak of happiness. Perhaps his daughter Sarah put it best.

NEWCOMERS

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

Stacy Penny and daughter Dominique, Fairbanks, Alaska. Arnulsa Melendez and children Rachel, Carolina and Mariano, Sweetwater. She is employed by Mt. View Care Center.

Sandy Skaggs, Lubbock. She works for Covenant Home Health.

Brent and Crystal Elliott and son Dylan, Lubbock. He is a tractor mechanic for Honea Implement Inc.

Maria E. Hinojosa and daughter Lisa, Odessa.

Mark Caple, Denver, Colo. He is the operations manager for StarTek.

Herb and Cindy Edwards and grandchildren Shawna, Brook and Hunter, Mineral Wells. He is a deputy for the Howard County Sheriff Department.

ODDS-N-ENDS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The Pokemon phenomenon is making its way onto a college campus.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham next month plans to offer a two-day class titled "Pokemon: Become a Master." The course will be taught by Karol Miller, 21-year-old junior and comic bookstore worker.

Ms. Miller will teach the rules of the Pokemon card game and give tips on how to become a Pokemon master.

Special studies courses are non-credit and based on popular topics for both children and adults, said Steve Hartley, a UAB program coordinator. He said many parents are signing up their children for the course as a Christmas present. He's enrolling his own 9-year-old son, Jay.

"My son tried to teach me the game, but he wasn't really sure about a lot of it," he said.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A tangle between dogs and ostriches has brought some weighty issues before the Virginia Supreme Court.

On Thursday, justices heard arguments by lawyers for Gina Park, whose Doberman pinscher Max and Siberian husky became loose on her neighbor's ostrich farm in February. The dogs caused a stampede that left 12 birds dead and another 12 missing.

A judge sentenced the animals to death, citing a law dealing with dogs that attack livestock or poultry. The sentence was changed on appeal, and instead the dogs were banished from Virginia and nearby states.

But Ms. Park's attorneys contend the ostriches shouldn't fall under the statute because they do not fit the definition of domestic livestock. They have also challenged the state banishment statute.

Park says she mostly lost hope of getting her dogs back, and said her suit is "completely ideological."



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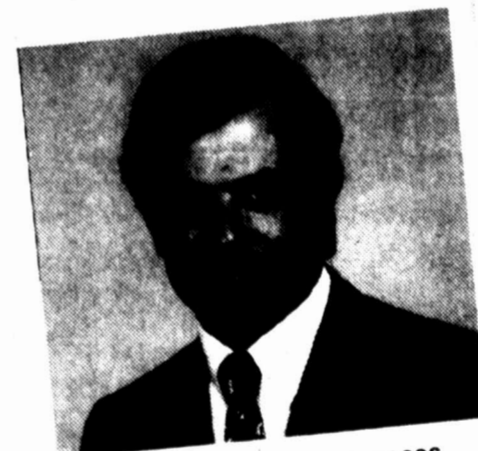
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Library files lawsuit claiming rights to 'Little House' royalties

MANSFIELD, Mo. (AP) — In this remote prairie town in southern Missouri there stands a little library with a leaky roof, jammed floor to ceiling with books, magazines and videotapes.

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Library, as simple and down home as the places described in Wilder's books, seems a fitting tribute to the woman who wrote about life in the rugged pioneering days.

But the author's last wishes, as set out in her will, have put the little library into a tangle that would leave even Ma and Pa Ingalls scratching their heads.

The will grants the library all proceeds from Wilder's literary estate after the death of her daughter, journalist Rose Wilder Lane. But Lane, who died with no children or surviving husband in 1968, left her estate to a friend instead.

Since Wilder's death in 1957, the library claims it has received only one check from the publisher for \$28,000 — a mere fraction of the estimated millions earned from the "Little House" children's series, one of the most popular of all time.

Noting that the money would go a long way in getting a new roof and expanding the library — a converted medical clinic the size of a doublewide trailer home — lawyers have filed a federal lawsuit to try and make things square.

"It is a complicated matter," said Topper Glass, a Springfield lawyer representing the library. "We really have no idea how much money we're talking about because all of the accounting resources have been in the possession of the publishers."

Named as defendants are HarperCollins, the estate of Roger Lea MacBride — the beneficiary of Lane's will — and MacBride's daughter, Abigail MacBride Allen. Their lawyers say the library waited too long to claim royalties and have asked that the lawsuit be dismissed.

The story is a sticky one, indeed, and court documents read like one of Wilder's tales of family woe.

It begins when Laura Ingalls Wilder and her husband Almanzo Wilder left the Dakota

Territory in a covered wagon for life in the more temperate hills of Missouri. The couple landed in Mansfield on Aug. 31, 1894.

"There is everything here already that one could want. ... There is a good school. Around the Square, two general stores, two drug stores, the bank, a Boston Racket store, livery stable, blacksmith shop near. There are several nice large houses in big yards with trees," Wilder recounted in her book, "On the Way Home."

The only thing missing from Mansfield, it seemed, was a library. During her involvement with civic and social organizations, Wilder helped create the Wright County Library in nearby Hartsville. A branch was later added in Mansfield.

Between her self-imposed civic duties, Wilder began writing books based on her childhood memories of life on the frontier during the 1870s and 1880s. She was 65 when her first book, "Little House in the Big Woods," was published in 1932 by Harper & Row, now HarperCollins.

The books were an immediate hit with children worldwide, and Wilder became a celebrity almost everywhere but in her own hometown.

"The Wilders were a very unassuming couple and very nice. Most people here didn't realize that she had become a famous writer," said 74-year-old Peggy Dennis, who worked in a local general store frequented by the Wilders. "No one knew she would become Mansfield's claim to fame."

When it finally caught on that Wilder was more than just another resident, she became beloved by the community. The Mansfield Library was renamed the Laura Ingalls Wilder Library in 1951, and Wilder attended the dedication in her best velvet dress.

Before her death, Wilder directed in her will that her only child, Rose Wilder Lane, receive all proceeds from her literary estate "during her natural life." At the time of Lane's death, the will says, the library should inherit those proceeds.

But those plans were thwarted by her daughter, the lawsuit alleges.

Rose Lane, a cosmopolitan

journalist who worked on assignments around the world, was strikingly different from her rural mother. She was a publicist for the American Red Cross during World War I and was the first biographer of Herbert Hoover.

She also played an important role as the editor of her mother's "Little House" books. Since Wilder had only limited writing experience when she embarked on the series, she turned to Rose for assistance with the series.

The editor-writer relationship between this daughter and mother was not without conflict, as evidenced by the diaries, book drafts and letters from the Rose Wilder Lane Collection, housed at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch, Iowa.

Wilder submitted drafts of her work to Rose with a certain trepidation. Rose edited the manuscripts and, as she said, ran them "through my own typewriter."

Sensitive about the quality of her writing, Wilder at times objected to the changes and said on occasion that the stories were no longer hers. Rose responded emphatically that the stories were and would always be the work of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

"These were two very strong-willed ladies, and certainly when you get into this professional relationship there was tension," said Dwight M. Miller, a retired senior archivist from the Hoover library. "Outside of the editing table, there was also a lot of affection between these two."

Miller said there is no evidence in Lane's papers that suggests she purposefully went against her mother's wishes in the will.

By the time her mother died at age 90, Lane had become close friends with Roger Lea MacBride, the son of a Reader's Digest editor. She was 56 and MacBride was 14 when they met, and before long, Lane started referring to the young man as her "adopted grandson," according to the lawsuit.

Lane had a long history of mentoring young girls and boys, going all the way back to the 1920s when she was on a writing assignment in Albania and a 14-year-old boy saved her

life by guiding her over some mountains. She took the boy under her wing and paid for his education.

"Following that episode, you could say there was just this steady stream of young people that Rose took to helping," Miller said. "MacBride was one of those people, and he became perhaps her closest of friends."

Before Lane died at age 81, she filed copyright renewal applications on six of her mother's books under her own name.

And in her will, Lane left her entire estate to "my friend, Roger Lea MacBride."

MacBride, who died in 1995, was a lawyer and author who helped produce the "Little House on the Prairie" television series. He also was the Libertarian Party's candidate for president in 1976.

The lawsuit claims MacBride received the rights to the six books renewed by Lane, plus five more copyrights he renewed himself as the beneficiary of Lane's estate.

MacBride left his entire estate, including the royalties to the Wilder books, to his daughter, Abigail MacBride Allen of Virginia. Allen has an unlisted number and her lawyers have declined to comment while the lawsuit is pending.

The dispute over rights to Wilder's books arose in the spring when library volunteers in Mansfield were preparing to apply for grants to pay for improvements. They asked Glass, the library's lawyer, to review Wilder's will.

"People were always conscious of the will, but it was talked about in a humorous, look-what-could-have-been tone. But we thought we should have a lawyer look at it anyway," said Carrie Cline, the director of the library system.

The lawsuit, filed in October in a United States District Court in Springfield, claims that the library is the true legal and beneficial owner of the copyrights to 11 of Wilder's most recognized titles, among them "Little House on the Prairie" and "The Long Winter."

account for all of the sales and royalties created by the "Little House" books, merchandise and TV productions.

Lawyers for HarperCollins and the MacBrides counter that the complaint is vague and that Lane properly bequeathed the copyrights to MacBride. They are asking that the lawsuit be thrown out.

In court papers filed in November, the defendants also say that the library waited too long under a three-year statute of limitations to bring its case.

"HarperCollins is very confident that it has all of the rights to the Laura Ingalls Wilder books in order," publication spokeswoman Lisa Herling said.

There is also the matter of the \$28,000 check. HarperCollins says it sent the library the money a year after Lane died. By endorsing the check, the library agreed to release any rights it may have had to the books, the publisher said.

How much money has been made on the "Little House" series is anyone's guess. One analyst, Diane Roback, said the book line has been vital to HarperCollins' operations.

"The 'Little House' series is one of the best-known and best-loved book series today or at any time," said Roback, children's book editor for Publishers Weekly.

"I think it would be fair to say they've generated millions and millions of dollars in revenue since their publication."

Wilder's presence remains strong in Mansfield, a dairy town of 1,400. Her home is now a museum visited by 50,000 visitors a year from around the world.

Meanwhile, a few hundred miles from where Wilder is buried, the little library is still coping. The two part-time librarians, not able to keep pace with computer catalog technology, still pull circulation cards from brown sleeves in the backs of books. Due dates are manually stamped.

And with its leaky roof and intermittent heating, it can leave visitors shivering in the winter months.

"Without heat, it can really feel like the fog Wilder is in here," Cline said.

Family's gift remembers a lost son

TAYLOR (AP) — Donald Ray Winters had numerous encounters with area fire and emergency medical workers over the years and just about every time they came together, Ray took home a little bit of joy.

The family who lost 14-year-old Ray on Sept. 9 were the ones doing the giving on a recent Wednesday.

"This is one way of letting Ray know that I love him and that I will always love him," his mother, Elaine Winters said, crying as she donated boxes of stuffed toys to the Williamson County Emergency Medical Services in Taylor.

She said that over the years, EMS workers had transported her son, who had a seizure disorder, keeping him safe and giving him comfort.

"Each time they picked him up, they gave him a stuffed animal," she remembered. "He named every one."

"We've been giving the animals away for several years," EMS director John Sneed said. "This was the first time anyone has let us know that it had an impact on a child."

Ms. Winters' eyes filled with grateful tears when she heard Sneed. She wanted him and the other workers to know just how much the animals meant to her son.

"He slept with Tige, the first one he got for seven years," she explained. "I can't even look at it right now. The memories of seeing him hold it are so clear."

She said her son gave some of the animals he'd been given away.

"When his cousins were sick, sometimes he'd give them one, saying it would make them feel better," the mother said.

So Dec. 1 was her chance to give back.

"I'd like to start this as an annual donation to keep his memory alive. There's love in every one of these animals," she said pointing to the boxes brimming with toys. "If we can help comfort one child then we want to do it."

She said the donations came from co-workers, church members and school children and thanked those in Taylor and Lampasas who contributed.

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Step right up: Criminals scrambling to cash in on Y2K ripoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — Criminals are scrambling to cash in on the Y2K bug with a variety of scams — most of them using the phone — that will run out as the new year rings in.

They are bogus bank tellers and repairmen, crooked salespeople and software peddlers. They're all looking to get rich real quick — before the clock 12:01 a.m. to signal the arrival of Jan. 1, 2000.

"There is a new crime of opportunity for the next few weeks," acknowledged Herbert Stupp, commissioner of the New York City Department of Aging, which represents a group most often targeted by the scammers.

The scams are generally tried-and-true, but with a Y2K twist: We need your bank account number (or credit card number or address or whatever) to prevent any problems for you, the consumer, once the calendar flips.

"They're playing on this fear of what will happen on Jan. 1," said Holly Anderson of the National Fraud Information Center.

"Con artists are smart. They read the papers."

In November, U.S. Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder issued a national warning that scams were likely to increase as the year 2000 approached.

"These schemes are just dressing up

old-fashioned telemarketing fraud in high-tech clothing," said Holder.

There is no breakdown of Y2K scams in crime statistics; Anderson said it will probably take until February to sort out the various schemes to determine who stole exactly what.

But reports of millennial ripoffs have surfaced across the country.

—In New Mexico, a caller posed as an Internal Revenue Service agent and began asking questions related to possible Y2K problems. After securing a variety of personal information, the "IRS man" used the victims' name, address and Social Security number to open credit card accounts, ringing up

large charge bills.

—Phone users in Oregon and western Washington were recently victimized in "slamming" schemes, where long-distance service is switched, often without the customer's consent. Callers pretending to represent legitimate long-distance companies made the switch by pretending they wanted to prevent service interruptions in the next millennium.

The result: bigger phone bills for the unwitting customer.

—In Texas, along the Mexican border, elderly victims were given free Bible-shaped bookshelf safes for storing valuables deemed too precious for

banks or safe deposit boxes. Once the safes were brought home and filled, the "donors" stole them back, authorities said.

Seniors are more likely to buy into the idea that the Y2K bug will cause widespread woes, authorities believe.

Joanetta Bolden of the American Association of Retired People said its members had reported few Y2K-related scams, but the AARP has issued warnings for several potential rip-offs: phony furnace inspectors working door-to-door; telemarketers offering investment opportunities in a "sure-fire" Y2K solution; and sales of "too good to be true" Y2K survival kits.

Potential problem looms for goat owners

A story unfolding in Starr County in South Texas has all the elements of a mystery, including intricate laboratory analyses of blood and tissue samples, and expert detectives trained to track down a dangerous suspect.

This however, isn't a case of murder or mayhem, but of *Brucella melitensis*, a bacterial disease that can affect human and livestock health, but which hasn't been diagnosed in Texas for a quarter century.

Disease detectives, or epidemiologists, are attempting to pinpoint how a South Texas goat herd became infected with *Brucella melitensis*, a form of brucellosis (historically called "Malta Fever") that is associated with goats. The epidemiologists are also trying to determine if, or where, the bacterial disease may have spread.

Meanwhile, to prevent a risk to human or livestock health, the herd of nearly 120 goats and sheep has been depopulated and buried by veterinarians and animal health inspectors from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency, with assistance and resources supplied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Veterinary Services.

Of particular concern is *Brucella melitensis*, as it can cause serious illness in humans, if they consume unpasteurized milk, cheese (milk product) or process the meat from an infected goat without taking precautions.

Goat producers are urged to have their goats tested for the disease, particularly if they are planning to use milk from the nannies, or slaughter the animals.

Producers should bring only tested goats into their herds, whether the additions are strays or acquired by purchase, trade, or as a gift.

For more information on having goats tested, producers can contact their private veterinary practitioner or the TAHC Area 6 office, based in Lampasas at 1-800-658-6642 or the TAHC's Austin headquarters at 1-800-550-8242, ext. 712.

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

Area gins report better season than anticipated

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Crossroads Area gins are winding down their operations — some are already through for 1999 — with most reporting a better season than expected.

"We did a lot better than we thought we were going to," said Brad Mikeska, manager at Big Spring Gin, which had ginned 5,666 bales by Friday afternoon. "We're winding it up right now."

Farmer's Cooperative Association of Stanton ginned its last bale on Thursday, coming in at 22,264 bales — about as much as an average year, said Rebecca Riley, secretary.

Earlier in the season, officials at the gin had hoped for 15,000 bales, but were expecting to settle for 10,000 to 12,000. The 22,000-plus was welcomed.

"We weren't expecting that much but the insurance companies apparently weren't allowing many farmers to plow it under," said Riley.

Despite the news that area gins were ginning more than expected, crop conditions were well below normal, officials said.

In Howard County, 1999 crop conditions were only about 25 percent of normal, according to Rick Liles, Howard County Farm Service Agency executive director.

"Estimates are that production averaged approximately a quarter-bale of lint cotton per acre. Producers normally hope to harvest a full bale per acre; consequently, the 1999 harvest was about a quarter of ideal circumstance."



Big Spring Co-op Gin had ginned about 8,500 bales by Friday afternoon and was winding up operations for 1999. Most Crossroads Area gins reported a better year than they had anticipated.

A lack of rain was the worst enemy area cotton producers faced again this year, noted Liles, who said it will be awhile before an exact bale count for the county and area can be determined.

Big Spring Co-op Gin on U.S. Highway 87 has ginned some 8,500 bales, according to manager Cadet Bryant. They are also winding down operations for the year.

Topping the area was the 29,307 ginned at the Ackerly

Gin, which completed operations at 12:38 p.m. Thursday.

"It's better than we thought it was going to be, and we're through earlier than ever before," said a gin spokesperson.

Becky Williams, a secretary at Tarzan Gin, said the 12,282 bales that gin has processed so far was "a lot more than we expected."

The Tarzan Gin is also winding down, and could finish with about 12,300 bales for the year.

D.V. Cook, manager at Mustang Farmer's Gin at Lomax, said they ginned 10,800 bales before shutting down Thursday.

"We ginned more than what we had anticipated. We got it done fast," said Cook. "The grades were excellent. A lot of the dryland staples were short, but considering the weather, the crop was a lot better than we thought it would be."

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Rain Big Spring looking at driest year since 1964

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

Unless Big Spring receives nearly 1.5 inches of rain between now and the end of the month, 1999 will go on record as the driest year since 1964, according to records compiled and maintained by the USDA's Agricultural Experiment Station.

Still, despite the fact only 11.88 inches of rain has been recorded through November, 1999 will not be listed among the 10 driest years all-time in Howard County.

The most arid year ever was in 1917, when just 4.68 inches of rain fell all year.

A review of the records reveals that there was no consistent period of below-average rainfall, even during the drought of the 1950s. During the 10 years of the 50s, the average rainfall was 16.24 inches. While there were no years during the decade that fell into the 10 wettest years, two were among the 10 most arid.

In 1952, 9.2 inches of rain fell and, four years later in 1956, 8.08 inches fell.

The wettest year on record was 1932, when 34.25 inches of rain fell during the 12 months.

The very next year, however, just 11.29 inches of rain fell for the ninth driest year on record.

Two years in the 1990s have made their way into the listings — both on the wet side.

The sixth wettest year on record was 1991, with 31.28 inches of precipitation, while 1992 was the eighth wettest — with 30.34 inches.

Those two years are the only time over the 100 years that back-to-back years made it into either list, although 1902 made the 10 wettest list while 1903 made the driest and 1932 was included in the wettest and 1933 in the driest.

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Southwestern Bell gets blessing from PUC

AUSTIN (AP) — Southwestern Bell finally won the state's recommendation to offer long-distance phone service in Texas after the Public Utility Commission unanimously agreed Thursday that the company has opened its local network to competitors.

Federal regulators still must approve Southwestern Bell's plan, but the PUC's vote was seen as a key endorsement.

"The ultimate winners in today's unanimous vote are Texas consumers," said Jim Shelley, president of regulatory affairs for Southwestern Bell's parent company, San Antonio-based SBC Communications.

Southwestern Bell has said that allowing it to offer long-distance service will give cus-

tomers lower prices and better services as it competes with industry giants AT&T, MCI WorldCom and Sprint.

Southwestern Bell will submit its plan to the Federal Communications Commission early next year, a company spokesman said. The FCC considers the recommendation of state regulators along with an evaluation by the Justice Department.

Federal regulators are expected to decide in the next week on Bell Atlantic's application seeking to provide long-distance in New York state, which would make it the first Bell company to offer long-distance within its region.

A 1996 telecommunications law made it possible for cable,

local and long-distance companies to get into each other's businesses. But before a Bell company can enter the long-distance market in its own region, the law requires detailed information on the steps the company has taken to open its local phone business to competition.

"This market is open," said PUC chairman Pat Wood.

"Over 1 million lines have switched to competitors in Texas. I am proud of Southwestern Bell for the work and tip my hat to the competing phone companies who have rolled up sleeves to enter the market," Wood said.

But Southwestern Bell's competitors said the company hasn't shown it can easily and accurately transfer customers

who want long-distance from a competitor.

"Once approved, Southwestern Bell has no further motivation to improve its systems. Texans deserve better," said Ed Rutan, a vice president in AT&T's Southwestern region.

Consumer groups expressed cautious optimism about Thursday's vote.

"A fair, competitive marketplace is the best consumer protection available," said Jessa Ayala, spokesman for Texas Watch, a nonpartisan consumer research and advocacy group. "Southwestern Bell should be welcomed into the competitive long-distance market after consumers are assured that local phone competition is a reality."

Howard County producers can apply for assistance

HERALD Staff Report

Howard County producers who suffered at least a 35 percent loss in production may be eligible for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), officials said Friday.

CDP applies to the 1999 crop year and is applicable to most

crops grown in Howard County. Signup is in progress and scheduled to end March 31, said Howard County Farm Service Agency Executive Director Rick Liles.

"Once producers establish eligibility and provide all required documentation, they may receive a 35 percent advance payment. Remainder of the pay-

ment will be made once the national factor is determined sometime after March 31," Liles said.

Howard County has also been designated eligible for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). Producers who owned livestock during the period

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IN THE NEWS

NEAL HUMPHREY was named Colorado River Municipal Water District Employee of the Year for 1999. Humphrey was employed with CRMWD since 1986. He has served in the maintenance and recreation departments and has tart cardiopulmonary resuscitation to other employees. John Grant, general manager, commended Humphrey for "always giving 100 percent."

Humphrey currently works in recreation at Lake J.B.

Thomas.

Big Spring State Hospital employees MELODY CONNER and LESA CLARK were recently awarded a certificate of appreciation plaque from the Texas Department of Mental

Health/Mental Retardation for their "valuable contributions to the master lease purchase program." The two volunteered to assist the central office in Austin with putting out bids and purchasing large amounts of capital equipment.

Conner, director of contracting and materials management, has worked for the state hospital for 15-1/2 years. Clark, a purchasing clerk, is a 10-year employee.

A specialty license plate

designed to benefit civil legal services to the poor is available from the Texas Department of Transportation. The plate, which bears a star in Texas flag colors and includes the words "And Justice For All," is a public service project of the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

The plate costs \$30 in addition to the regular annual vehicle registration fee. Applications are available at the Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office.



Sears owner Jody Swinney, left, announced that winners of the Big Spring store's promotional giveaway included Tessa Reid of Coahoma, who won a \$100 shopping spree; and Wendell Walker of Big Spring, who received a tool box. Others, not pictured, were Dr. M. Ashraf of Big Spring, a 19-inch color television; and Bill Bates of Coahoma, a vacuum cleaner.

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The 10-wettest years on record include:

- 1932 - 34.25 inches; 1919 - 34.01; 1988 - 32.19; 1980 - 31.74; 1941 - 31.62; 1991 - 31.28; 1905 - 30.73; 1992 - 30.34; 1975 - 29.01; 1902 - 27.28.

The 10-driest years on record include:

- 1917 - 4.68 inches; 1910 - 7.25; 1956 - 8.08;

- 1952 - 9.20; 1964 - 10.38; 1903 - 10.88; 1924 - 11.00; 1912 - 11.10; 1921 - 11.11; 1933 - 11.29

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Meanwhile, Liles said conditions are not favorable right now for the year 2000 crop.

"Soil moisture is nonexistent and long range projections do not provide for relief," Liles said.

Producers faced a similar situation with little ground mois-

ture available early this year. Rains did eventually come, but then ceased, causing an under-development of the crop.

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from Aug. 1, 1999 to Nov. 30, 1999, could be eligible. Payment will be based on the number of eligible livestock owned during the period, and percent of grazing loss.

Producers interested in the CDP and/or the LAP should contact the Howard County FSA at 267-2557 for additional information.

BFGoodrich to cut back Eules operations

EULESS (AP) - BFGoodrich Co. said it will cut back operations at its Menasco landing-gear plant in Eules, possibly leading to hundreds of job losses.

The Charlotte, N.C.-based company refused Friday to say how many of the plant's 900 workers would lose their jobs. But the company, the nation's No. 1 maker of landing-gear parts, said it may close the suburban Dallas-Fort Worth site if it fails to get a contract by an Oct. 1 deadline, the expiration date of the current contract.

"We told the workers that we want the plant to have a

future," said company vice president Richard Strehle.

A news release from the company said, "While the company would prefer to operate the Texas site as an advanced machining center, it could close this location completely depending on discussions with the union."

Goodrich also announced it was closing a Seattle landing-gear plant.

Union leaders criticize the company for the timing of the news.

"To announce the potential closing of Menasco landing-gear facility a week before

Christmas is callous and insensitive of BFGoodrich," said Thomas Buffenbarger, president of the International Association of Machinists.

The union says it has offered to talk, but the company has refused to meet. "They haven't made an offer at all," said Steve Sleigh, the union's director of strategic resources.

Strehle said Goodrich isn't looking for wage concessions from the Menasco workers, who average better than \$20 per hour.

Rather he said, the company wants more job flexibility and mandatory overtime.

Shoppers say Texas-themed items make popular holiday gifts

DALLAS (AP) - It didn't matter to shoppers on the last Saturday before Christmas that the dancing cowboy Santa doll was made in China. It looked Texan, and that was enough for those seeking unique Lone Star-inspired gifts.

"I think it's a good idea," said customer George Dowling, watching as a Santa doll at a Dallas Foley's Department Store swung its hips to the beat of a holiday tune.

The Holly Jolly Santa has been a top seller this season, said Foley's spokeswoman Priscilla Thorne. The stores also were selling items that incorporate the state's geographic profile, including embroidered towels and a Waterford crystal paperweight.

"It seems that customers are fond of things that are theme-related," Thorne said. "It's different and it's unique."

Many of the items also were

discounted, as Foley's and other stores promoted their wares to scores of frenzied shoppers that filled stores and malls on Saturday.

Business was brisk at Guitars and Cadillacs, where sales are up more than 8 percent over last year, said owner Kent Redding. The Austin-based chain has Texas-themed gift stores in the Dallas area, Austin, Houston and San Antonio.

"The economy is good and I

think we are doing good job getting products that people want," Redding said. "It's a cowboy state and people love that."

Top sellers included gourmet gift baskets with salsa and other Tex-Mex foods, limestone bookends handcarved in Texas and board games shaped like the state.

More than half of the products purchased at Miss King's Original Texas Ya-Hoo Cake Co. are shipped out of Texas during

the holiday season, said Geoff Crowley, president of the Sherman, Texas-based bakery.

"It makes a great gift to send to people out of state," he said. "It reminds them of where you are."

The bakery has a store in Sherman and two in the Dallas area, where Crowley said sales were strong for the company's signature dish, the Texas-shaped Ya-Hoo Cake, a confection of pecans, cherries and

chocolate chunks.

The popularity of products bearing the Texas shape is partly due to its residents' well-developed self-esteem, and partly to its distinctive outline, said Richard Francaviglia, a professor at the University of Texas at Arlington.

"Texas is a really colorful place and has a lot of character. Texans have a love for the state and a fascination with its history," he said.

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Deeds: Warranty deed with vendor's lien grantor, Chuck Rosenbaum grantee Robert Greene property 1. Being all of lot 5, blk 25, College Park Estates filed Nov. 30, 1999.

Warranty deed grantor George L. Ledingham III and Vicki L. Ledingham grantee Rick Hilburn property all of lot 3, blk 1, Edgemere Subdivision filed Dec. 1, 1999.

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118th District Court: Filings:

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American State Bank vs. Dan E. and Arlene Pineda Provident National Bank vs. Mary Kuykendall Big Spring, City of vs. Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

Family: Linda K. Huckabee vs. Landon Tadlock Sharon Marie Houlihan vs. Joe Alfredo Gomez Lisa Burris vs. Norman McNew Jo Ann Torres vs. Joe Torres

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1 FDR's retreat
11 Foment
15 Estrangement
16 Ireland
17 Astrologer's references
18 Perched on the peak
19 White poplar tree
20 Bill of Microsoft
22 Actress Merkel
23 Colleen
24 Explorer
Hernando
25 ___ Alamos, NM
26 Oriental sash
27 Remotely situated
28 In pieces
30 London heaters
33 Lets live
34 Slender luggage
36 Did carpentry work
39 Green gems
43 Lip-flapping woman
44 Faux ___
45 Self: prof.
46 Howard of "Happy Days"
47 Scalawag
51 King of "Kings"
52 Dijon donkey
53 Grand ___ National Park
54 Word with candle or numerals
55 Owlfeilder's glove
57 Singing love songs
59 Involved with
60 Lack of finish
61 Judge worthy
62 "The Pawnbroker" star
DOWN
1 Shop-at-home guide
2 "Open, sesame!" guy
3 Life reflected in art
4 Banana skins
5 A single time
6 Scoffer's comment
7 Bric-a-brac stands
8 Money of Turkey and Malta
9 State-run gambling
10 Opening
11 ___ of Marmara
12 In name only
13 Mesabi Range output
14 Meals
21 Latherers
24 Challenged
27 Painting, etc.
29 Gelfin's state
31 Typeface
32 Johnny Cash hit, "A Boy Named ___"
33 Rip off
35 Selects a jury
36 Acrobatic formation
37 Like Simba
38 Mouseketeer
Funcllo
40 Wallop
41 Imprisonment
42 Brandy cocktail
48 Norse gods
49 Shorthand, for short
50 Prepared apples
51 Vietnamese dress
54 Contemporary fashion
56 Sallack or Watson
58 Profit figure

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Carpets
Appliances
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1 & 2 Bedroom
Unfurnished
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Friday's Puzzle Solved
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T R I F L I N G U A R R E L
L I N E R G B S
A S S U M E R C H E S S
S T A V E S G O E S L I E
K E V I N P E N N I D E N T
R O A S T I N G S T I C K
G I R L A Q U A H A T E R
A L E G N U S S I E R R A
B E D A G E A C E R O S E
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One Bedroom-820 sq. ft.
Two Bedroom One Bath-1080 sq. ft.
Two Bedroom Two Bath-1280 sq. ft.
Three Bedroom Two Bath-1800 sq. ft.
Furnished & Unfurnished
1425 E. 6th
263-6319

HOUSES FOR SALE

3 bedroom - 2 bath with pool. Forsan school district. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

FORECLOSED HOMES
Low or 0 down! Govt and bank repo's being sold Now!
Financing available. Call Now
1-800-355-0024 ext. 8040

ABANDONED HOMES in Big Spring

Take up payments w/nothing down. Local 264-0510.

By Owner: Secluded 2 Br brick on 11.5 acres in Tubbs district. Enclosed barn 45' x 15'. Forsan schools. \$56,000. 267-1066

EXECUTIVE HOME.

4400 sq.ft. 5Br, 4 bath Parkhill, \$235,000. By owner. 267-3601

For Sale By Owner: 123 Jonesboro Rd. Nice 2 bedr. 1 bth. Pecan trees and fruit trees on 1/2 acre. Double carport with storage. Fenced yard. Call 399-4406 or 353-4402.

For Sale By Owner: 3 br, 2 bth. 2 car garage, carport, fireplace, & more. 505 Highland Drive. Call Tom @ 263-3916, office 263-2300.

FOR SALE BY OWNER

3 br, 2 bth. house in Kentwood - 2100 Merrily Assumable Loan at 7%. Call 263-4922

House for sale by owner. 2 bdr. 1 bth. carport, corner lot, lots of storage. Call 263-7437.

Must See: 612 Dallas. 3 Br/2bth, CH/A, 2 car garage, many amenities, good location. Possible owner finance. 915-699-4272.

Must sell 3 Br/2 bth home. 509 Nolan. Make an offer. Also 2 CH/A units. 2 & 2 1/2. Call 263-0577.

NO DOWN PAYMENT 1203 WOOD

\$200/mo. quick payment 425-9995

Northside: 3 bedroom, 2 bath house on 2.75 acres. Wooded lot, horse stalls, needs work. \$22,500. Call 522-1030 or 557-1927.

Seller will help with closing costs so you can move in the immaculate recently remodeled 3 brdm home. cent h/vair, carport tile fence, storage bldg. new carpet, fresh paint. Payment approx \$350 move in cost approx \$1,000. Owner/agent 263-6892.

HOUSES FOR SALE

2 bedroom on 4 ac. Owner Finance with low down pay and easy qualifying. \$17,500. Call Linda 263-7500 or Home Realtors 263-1284.

Very good 3 br 2 bath home on a super lot. Double (drive thru) garage. Lots of built-in storage and RV parking. \$100,000.
Boocle Weaver
Real Estate 267-8840

MOBILE HOMES

"\$16,000 for very nice 2 bedroom 2 bath. We Finance You!! 563-9000

1999 MODEL CLOSOUT!

3 bedroom home as low as \$153/mo!! USA Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, 520-2177 or (800) 520-2177 - Se Habla Espanol! 10% down, 8.99%, 240 months, with approved credit.

**\$250 per month! for beautiful 3 bedroom, includes delivery, A/C and 5 year warranty!! 563-8000 9.50% VAR, 360 mos, 10% down, W.A.C.

\$3000* Holiday shopping spree! With every new Palm Harbor in Dec. Call for appt. 653-7800 or 1-800-698-8003. (*1500 per section)

Abandoned Doublewide. (915) 520-4411.

BIG SCREEN TV,

gourmet kitchen, sliding patio door, glamour bath. Only \$750 gets you in. 6 5 3 - 7 8 0 0 or 1-800-698-8003 (w.a.c.)

EXTENDED!!

Pack-rat special!! 42 cabinets and drawers just in the kitchen. This 3/2 home with fireplace is a dream come true @ \$399 per mo. Call 653-7800 or 1-800-698-8003 for appt. 10% dn., 360 mos. @ 8.25 a.p.r. (w.a.c.)

GOOD CREDIT, BAD CREDIT, Bankruptcy, Divorces, Slow Pays.

Call the Credit Doctor to own your new home. 80% Approvals. 1-800-755-9133

SI ESTA CANSAADO de pagar Renta.

Peru su credito esta mal, o no tiene credito. Venga a verme en A-1 HOMES, Midland, TX. O hableme al telefono 563-8000 y pregunte por C u c o Arellano, para ayudarle en su casa mobil nueva o usada.

2510 Carlton. Good neighborhood. Nice, clean 3Br/2bth, CH/A, 2 living areas, fenced backyard, double carport. \$550/mo. \$250/dep. 267-1543.

3 bd, 1 bth. CH/A. Lower den w/fireplace, fenced back yard w/patio & lg. storage shed. \$375/mo. 267-1500.

3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 4219 Hamilton Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath mobile home in Coahoma. 210 Rancier. Call 393-5380.

3 Br 1 bath, CH/A. Nice Neighborhood. 2410 Careton. \$475/mo. + dep. Call 263-4367 or 263-6997

MOBILE HOMES

RETIRING or STARTING OUT?? 2 bedroom mobile home. Very Affordable!! 1-800-698-8003. Local 653-7800.

FURNISHED APTS.

2/1 Apts. - 263-7621
Furnished or Unfur.
\$275-\$350
monthly plus electric

Apartments, Unfurnished houses, Mobile Home. References required. Call 263-6944, 263-2341.

OFFICE SPACE

For Rent/ Lease: Office space on FM 700. \$325/mo., utilities paid. Call 915-263-1709

ROOMS

Inn at Big Spring
Lobby Hours 6 am - 2 am
\$154 w/ky
\$29.95 daily + tax.
Doc Holidays Saloon
263-7621

UNFURNISHED APTS.

\$99 MOVE IN plus deposit.
1,2,3 bdr. Partially furn.
263-7811 a.m.
393-5240 evenings

Free Rent For Christmas

Half of Dec. Free w/\$99 Dep. 2 br. \$265 Eff. \$3210 Call 915-267-4217

UNFURNISHED HOUSES

1 br, 1 bath, 1102 Sycamore. No Pets !! Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

1619 Harding 4 br, 2 bth. \$350/mo. \$200/dep. Sorry No Pets. 263-4622

2 br mobile home 1407 B Mesquite \$265/mo. \$150/dep. Also 2 bdr. mobile 1410 rear Harding \$265/mo. \$150/dep. water paid. Call 267-6667.

2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 304 E. 5th. No pets. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. \$350/mo., \$200/dep. Call 264-9522.

2/1 \$350/mo. + dep. 3/1 \$450/mo. + dep. 3/1 \$550/mo. + dep. 3/2 \$600/mo. + dep. Call 264-9907.

2506 Central. 3Br-2bth, CH/A, garage, fenced yard. 263-3350 or 634-0997.

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3210 Drexel: 3br. 2 bth. C/H/A. Clean, Single garage Fenced yard. Also: 3617 Hamilton clean, 3 bdr. C/H/A, fenced yard. Call 263-3350

Country living 3 bdr. 2 full baths, fenced, w/d conn., 5816 Oak Road, E. of town. Stove & frig. furn. Call 267-3163.

Especially nice rentals: 3/2, Kentwood, \$495, 2/2, ref., stove, dishwasher, \$550. Call Doris at 263-6525 or Home Realtors 263-1284.

FOR RENT
207 Jefferson
3 br, 2 bth. fireplace, totally remodeled, new plumbing & electric, C/H/A, wood & tile floors, new carpet. \$650 + dep. with good references. 267-2296

FOR RENT
2111 Runnels 3 bdr. 1 bth. HUD ok!
205 E. 22nd (upstairs) utilities pd. \$150/dep. \$300/mn. 915-363-8243.

FOR RENT
407 1/2 East 8th
2 - 1 bdrm Eff Apt (up stairs) Stove + Ref. \$250 + Deposit.

NO HUD You Pay Bills
267-2296

One, two and three bedroom houses. Call 264-4410.

Ranch Setting within city limits. 2 bdr. 1 bth. fireplace, baths, pens, 30 acres fenced. Ideal for horses/pets. Must be responsible, mature w/ references. \$500 mn. + dep. Call 267-1131.

RENT - SALE - LEASE:
607 W. 18th. 2700 sq ft. pool, spa. \$650 a month. For more information call Andy, 263-6743.

SELL/RENT

2br. 2bth. 2br. 1bth. 3br. 2bth. w/CH/A. Owner finance. 267-3905.

Very good condition 2 Br, 1 bath. No pets, no utilities paid. \$395/mo plus dep. 263-8513.

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

Fiberglass camper shell w/carpeted bedliner for long bed pickup w/ \$350 OBO. Call 394-4669

For Rent, 2BR 1 bath mobile home. Partially furnished. For more information call 394-4669.

JEWELRY

Gent's Rolex, one ct. dia. bezel & new 18K Italian bracelet. \$3,000 firm. 1 1/2 ct. dia. VS2 \$5,750. 1 ct. dia. VS1, \$3,000. Both diamonds have G.I.A. certificates. Also 3/4 ct. European cut dia., nice, \$1,250. New ladies ring, 1 ct. T.W. baguette dia. \$475. (915) 267-5837.

TOO LATES

Opening with established company, good benefits, 401k, advancement opportunities. Purchasing/Expeditior. Will train. Send resume to P.O. Box 2158, Big Spring TX. 79720.

Wanted F/T help to start after the first of the year. Experience preferred but not necessary. Must have High School diploma or G.E. D. Good salary & benefits. NO Calls! Apply in person, 121 E. 3rd.

Need take charge office manager for trailer mfg. co. Need payroll and computer knowledge. 267-6347.

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2504 E. 24th. 1 Bedroom, one bath. Furnished. Call 267-2298.

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263-5000

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1407 Virginia, 1 Bedroom, one bath. Furnished. Call 267-2298.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 4, 2000, for the full service lease of a backhoe and a backhoe with extendable feature.

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

2559 December 19 & 26, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., P.O. BOX 1150, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the IATAN, EAST HOWARD and IATAN (SAN ANTONIO) formation, in the following section of the Water Code, as amended: SECTION 1, DODGE G.M. LEASE, Well No. 43W. The proposed injection well is located 8 miles East of Coahoma in the Iatan, East Howard Field in Howard County, Texas.

Fluid will be injected into the formation strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 1800' to 2900' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. Telephone (512) 463-6792. 2560 December 19, 1999

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Partners do the unexpected, as usual. You feel the need to keep up the front, or pretend that all is OK. Others are in the mood to indulge and play the day away. Remember, you are an expert at that! Pressure builds around a difficult friend or relative. Tonight: Bring others together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Reach out for others. You can't and shouldn't try to handle everything all by yourself



**A way to give - and
receive - health in the
New Year.**

Most of us have them. Minor surgeries we need to schedule, but keep putting off. Believe it or not, the holidays are a good time to take care of medical problems for several reasons. You're probably on vacation. The weather may keep you indoors.

And think about this:

Deductibles under most health insurance plans reset to the full amount beginning January 1. If you've met your deductible for 1999 and complete any medically necessary procedures before year-end, your out-of-pocket medical expenses could be minimal or zero.

If you need more information, call us at 263-1211. We can connect you with a doctor, and help you feel better in the New Year.

In the spirit of the holiday season, for each inpatient or outpatient surgical procedure performed before the end of the year, the hospital will donate \$100 in your name to your favorite local charity.* Just present the gift card below when you check in to hospital admissions.



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