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Five residences, reception will greet Symphony Guild Tour of Homes goers By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Five Big Spring families will be rolling out the welcome mat on Sunday during the Big Spring Symphony Guild's Tour of Homes event. Both brand-new and his-

toric homes will be part of this year's tour, which for the first time showcases five residences, and includes a come-and-go reception for

TICKET LOCATIONS Blum's Duniap's First Bank of West Texas Heritage Museum Symphony office

ticketholders. "We are really excited; we think we have some great homes," said Phyllis Graumann, event coordina-

tor. The annual tour is slat ed from 1:30-4:30 p.m., with a come-and-go reception at a sixth location continuing from 3 until 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, available in advance at Blum's, Dunlaps, First Bank of West the Heritage Texas. Museum and the symphony office at 808 Scurry On Sunday, tour-goers can

buy their tickets at any house on the tour during

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Gregg Street construction won't alter parade's route HERALD Staff Report able to utilize the same

Highway construction on Gregg Street will not affect the parade route for the 14th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

"There was a concern because of the difficulty of truck traffic turning west on Third from Gregg,' explained Herald publisher John H. Walker.

"However, we will be

route we have always followed, thanks to the efforts of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and TxDOT Area Engineer Art Barrow.

Walker said the parade will enter Gregg Street from the FM 700 North Service Road beginning at 5:30 p.m. The parade will then travel north on Gregg

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Duncan speaks on election, issues

JOHN A. MOSELEY Managing Editor

An hour after visiting with constituents during an open house at his new local office, State Sen. Robert Duncan discussed the as yet unresolved 2000 presidential election, its effect on Texas and major issues facing the state legislature in an address to the Big Spring Rotary Club.

While the Lubbock Republican admitted that he believes legal wrangling over Florida's 25 electoral a fight that will votes eventually decide whether Texas Gov. George Bush or Vice President Al Gore will be the new president — is a trying time in our nation's history, he believes Americans are handling the matter well.

In making his point, Duncan offered a lighthearted view of the razorthin presidential race by explaining that he'd had an opportunity to campaign for Bush in New Mexico.

"At one point when they were saying that Gov. Bush



State Sen. Robert Duncan visits with Pat Porter, left, as Frances Wheat, Big Spring district office director for the Senator, looks on. Sen. Duncan was in Big Spring Tuesday for an open house at his new office and to speak to the Big Spring Rotary Club.

<u>Honor</u>

Appreciation luncheon set Thursday for Rep. Counts By BILL McCLELLAN News Editor

Upwards of 200 people are expected to be at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday to honor longtime State David Rep. Counts. Thev include business men and women, edu cators and agri profes COUNTS

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was leading in New Mexico by 17 votes, I said to myself, 'I talked to at least that many people," Duncan said, drawing a round of laughter from the Rotarians. On a more serious note,

however, Duncan said he believes momentum in the Florida case has shifted. "The burden of proof has

been placed on one side to

By BILL McCLELLAN

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prove that fraud or something serious has occurred that would warrant overturning an election that's taken place," he said, making it clear he believes Bush will eventually be declared the winner. "But I don't look for everything to be over until the United States Supreme Court rules on appeals. The unresolved presiden-

Entries for the pecan

show are due in the county

extension office by 4:30 p.m.

Friday. Entries for the

pecan food show aren't due

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tial election, however, is having a profound effect on Texas legislators, as they make preparations for the start of their next session on Jan. 9.

'The problem that (waiting on a Supreme Court decision) causes in Texas is that we're in limbo ... particularly in the Senate." Duncan said. "Right now, we don't know who our

lieutenant governor is going to be, or who will be governor

"If Gov. Bush is elected, then Lt. Gov. (Rick) Perry will be our new governor." he added, explaining that the state senate will then be placed in the position of selecting Perry's replacement as lieutenant gover-

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Some 16 organizations many of them agricultural in nature are sponsoring the event, which will be held in the coliseum's East Room.

"In every instance that we have contacted Mr. Counts, he has been very receptive toward anything he could do for us," said David Kight, Howard County extension agent. "We feel very fortunate to have him representing the agricultural industry within the Howard County area. This is a very fitting 'thank you.

A reception will be held at 11 a.m., followed by the noon luncheon. Ticket sales for the luncheon have passed; however, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce officials said that anyone interested in attending that portion of the event may call for ticket availability. The reception is open to the public

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Handmade quilts mark woman's 50th birthday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

When Sheryl Cox grew close to her 50th birthday in 1999, something changed.

"I think the idea of my mortality started to affect me," said Cox, a lifelong artist. "My parents were so dynamic, my husband was so dynamic. ... I think I was looking to leave my mark on the world.'

To honor the occasion, then, she decided to do something big. She would create 50 quilts.

"My goal at first was to see that all my family members had one," she said. "I wanted to be sure both my boys had a closet full of quilts when I died.'

Her work extended to nieces and nephews, and several godchildren as well as siblings and in-laws,

then close friends.

this week.

At first, Cox insisted that each quilt look antique, using old fabrics or those made to look old. She quilted each one by hand. After seeing some machine-quilted work, all that changed.

"It blew me away; it was so beautiful," she said. She began to have some of her creations quilted on a machine, and liked the result.

As her work continued, Cox chose a variety of fabrics, styles and colors for her quilts. She might use Chinese silk one day, velvet

the next; some quilts were made from pieces of old feed sacks she had collected, one used pieces cut from a shirt that had belonged to her grandfather.

She often tailored the work to the recipient. For a

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HERALD photo/Debble L. Jenser

Sheryl Cox is shown with one of the quilts she created to honor her 50th birthday in 1999. The Big Spring artist created 50 quilts for the occasion, varying her work in style and fabric, giving many of them to family members and friends.

until Tuesday morning. "We've been doing this for a number of years now, and the pecan show generally has about 60 to 70 entries. We have all different vari-

Howard Countians going 'nuts' on Tuesday

on a variety basis and placed accordingly. There are three major divisions within each group: native,

The top winners are eligible to participate at the regional pecan show, with the top winners there advancing on to the state show

'We have had some state See PECAN SHOW, Page 2A

winners. Our pecans are typically very competitive," said Kight Exhibitors are limited to

one entry of each named variety they grow. The grower may enter as many seedlings as he or she wishes. The exhibitor must be the grower and all pecans must be grown in Howard County as part of the 2000 crop.

classic and commercial.

ble variety," said David Kight, Howard County

extension agent for agriculture. Pecans are judged initially

OBITUARIES

Freda Louise Cate Lesueur

A private service for Freda Louise Cate Lesueur, 58, Forsan.

will be held at a later date. Mrs Lesueur died on Monday Nov. 27 2000, at her residence.

LESUEUR She was born on Dec.

27, 1941, in Eagle, Colo. She married Joseph Lesueur on Jan. 24, 1963, in Grand Junction, Colo. She graduated from high school in Grand Junction, Colo., in 1960 and from Mesa College (Colorado College) in 1964. She had lived in Forsan for 21 years and had worked for Sara Lee for 28 years, retiring as district sales manager. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton

She is survived by; her husband, Joseph Lesueur of Forsan; two daughters, Sandra Spears of Big Spring and Barbara Lesueur of Kyle; two sons, Keith Lesueur of Castle Rock, Colo., and Eric Lesueur of Nashville, Tenn.; two brothers, Earl Cate of Longmont, Colo., and Rollie Cate of Las Vegas, Nev.; one sister, Julie Jansen of Meager, Colo., and three grandchildren.

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

Earl Reagan

Earl Reagan, 83, of Big Spring, passed away at 9:44 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, 2000 at

Comanche Trail Nursing Home Service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at the

He served in the United States Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. He had worked for the Big Spring Post Office for 30 years retiring in 1974. He was a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers and was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

He is survived by: his wife, Geneva Reagan of Big Spring; two sons; Ronald Reagan and Donnie Reagan (and wife Norma), both of Big Spring; one daughter; Treonne Phillips (and husband Terry) of San Antonio; one brother; Richard Reagan of Big Spring; two sisters; Joyce Hawkins of Rochester, Minn., and Lois McElreath of Big Spring; four grandchildren; Erica Frazier, Randall Reagan, Richard Reagan and Heather Reagan; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by; one sister, Hazel McCeary, and two brothers, Backie Reagan and Bob Reagan.

Pallbearers will be Randall Reagan, Richard Reagan, Greg Gressett, Shane Gressett and Blaine Frazier.

The family will be at 1506 Dayton Road.

He was loved by all and will be dearly missed. Earl's family extends a warm welcome to all his friends and acquaintances to visit them at Myers & Smith Funeral Home, Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. to help them bid a fond farewell to the loveliest of all God's gentle men.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Eunice "Monie" Mellies

Graveside service for Eunice "Monie" Mellies, 87, of Big Spring will be at 2 m

Friday, Dec? 1, 2000, at 201 Trinity [

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ing center.

passed the tradition to her nieces, helping them create tiny quilts for a collection of stuffed bears.

The project is documented in a photo album carefully compiled by her husband. Bruce. She said his support was invaluable during more than a year of work, along with the help of her sisterin-law, other family members and close friends.

The 50 quilts were complete at mid-1999. But Cox didn't stop.

"I have a sketchbook with about 17 in it I'd like to make today," she said.

Cox considers quilting far Continued from Page 1A from a lost art. Her trips to an international quilt show in Houston, as well as a quilting store in Midland, have proven otherwise.

"Between machine quilting, and the variety of fabrics that are now available." she said, "the popularity of quilting is growing. I think people are hungry for something traditional. ... If you have a quilt made from your grandmother's dresses, you have something to pass on to your children.

LUNCHEON

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and tickets are necessary only for those who plan to partake of the luncheon.

Chamber president Jim Purcell and Moore executive Development director Kent Sharp will speak briefly, following a welcome by Mayor Russ McEwen

The 64-year-old Counts is chairman of the House Resources Natural Committee and a member of the Redistricting Committee State Affairs and Committee. Α retired colonel with the Texas Army National Guard, he serves on the House Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, as well as the Select Committee on Rural Issues.

He has served in the House since 1988, recently being elected to his seventh term,

Sponsors include the Big Spring Area Chambers of Commerce Moore Big Development For Spring, Howard College, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas Cotton Ginners Association and the Texas Independent Ginners Association. Others are the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council, Texas Seed Trade Association, Texas Poultry Federation, Texas Ag Industries Association, Association of Texas Dairymen, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Texas' Nursery the & Landscape Association.



more information, contact Kight or Dana Tarter, extension agent for family and consumer science, at 264-2236

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"It will be like a Speaker's race in the House," he noted. "I've seen one of those when I served in the House and that's not a fun thing."

Duncan said he and the rest of the state's 31 senators held a caucus Monday to discuss the matter.

"What's important is that I don't think we've lost the bipartisanship that's existed in the Senate," Duncan said. That bipartisan atmos-

phere will be of extreme importance when the legislative session begins, Duncan added, because a number of major issues loom on the horizon.

Perhaps the most important, he said, will be redistricting that more than likely result in a loss of West Texas seats in the legislature

"We're probably going to lose some West Texas seats in the House," he said, explaining that a population shift that has decreased population in current districts during the past 10 years, coupled with population growth in other areas of the state means "some communities are going to lose some seniority in the House."

Duncan made it clear that one of his priorities as a member of the Senate Redistricting Committee is to help Rep. David Counts keep his district.

That's of paramount importance to Big Spring, he explained, because it is the biggest city in Counts' 70than Representative

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large cities and along the I-35 corridor.

Duncan said assistance from U.S. Reps. Charles Stenholm and Larry Combest and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison on the Ports-to-Plains project should soon yield congressional approval of funding in the next two or three months.

Proposals to leverage federal highway funds need to be carefully considered, he added.

While Duncan said he acknowledges the state has serious and immediate highway construction needs along Interstate 35, as well as in several major cities and in South Texas, he admits being concerned that the state could limit itself in the future by leveraging funds.

"We need to help those areas, but we need to make sure we don't put ourselves here in West Texas in the same situation in the future," he explained. "We have to make sure we'll have some flexibility in the future.'

And on the economic development front, Duncan stressed the need for all of West Texas to adopt a regional view.

"Major corporations, in a lot of instances, aren't even interested in talking to you if you're a community of 100,000 or 200,000 people ... learned we that in Lubbock's effort to attract Dell," he said.

"Our problem is always the lack of a workforce," he added, "but we know that's really not a problem. We have the infrastructure to sell here in West Texas and we have to take an if you build it, they will come'

"There were some anxious moments this morning when it looked as if we might have to make some last-minute changes in the route, but with TxDOT's help we will be able to hold the parade as planned."

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study

• HOME HOSPICE and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 or come by 600 South Gregg for further details.

THURSDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October. November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

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Garden of Peace REAGAN Chapel in

Trinity Memorial Park; with Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church officiating.

Earl was born on Dec. 13, 1916, in Big Spring. He was a member of a Howard County pioneer family and the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Bascum A. Reagan.

He married Geneva Langley on Nov. 11, 1939, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He attended Big Spring schools and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1936



Freda Louise Cate Lesueur, 58, died Monday. Private services will be held at a later date.

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Memorial Mrs Mellies died on Monday Nov. 27, at a local nurs-

following a long illness. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ira Mellies.

MELLIES

She was born on July 23, 1913, at Tryone, Okla. She was a homemaker and had worked as a bank clerk.

She is survived by: three daughters, Alice Barrier of Big Spring, Betty Del Sol of San Diego, Calif., and Miller Carolyn of Waukesha, Wis.; 10 grandchildren, and 13 greatgrandchildren.

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

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QUILTS

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friend who was a chef, the fabric was printed with food and kitchen items. For a horticulturist, it pictured plants.

A quilt commemorated one son's trip to South Africa. One celebrated her nephew's love of outer space. Many of them were created in traditional patterns -- some fairly simple, others complex and detailed.

She made one quilt from computer-generated fabric. She created themed quilts for each of her husband's hunting buddies.

Because her grandmother had taught her to quilt, she



To inquire about ticket availability, call the chamber at 263-7641.

PECAN SHOW

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An entry consists of a minimum of 40 pecans; 42 is preferred. The pecans must be entered in a Ziplock bag with the name of the grower and the variety labeled on the front.

Awards will be given in each category. Plaques will be provided to the champion commercial, seedling (or native) and classic pecan.

All judging will be completed by noon on Tuesday. Entries to the pecan food show will be accepted between 8 and 10 a.m. Tuesday. Categories will be cakes, pies, breads, candies and cookies. There are two divisions: adult and youth. Entry is open to any Howard County resident.

There is no entry fee for either of the contests. For

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In addition, Dun in touched on a number of key statutory issues the Legislature will handle during the session – the state's budget, - public school finance, transportation and

economic development. The Legislature, he noted, will not have the luxury of a \$5 billion budget surplus like it enjoyed during the last session. Instead, Duncan predicted a surplus closer to \$1 billion.

'That's not really a surplus ... more of a cushion," he said, noting that he and other members of the Legislative Budget Board would meet today to declare the state's constitutional spending limit. "We're not going to have a surplus like we had during the last session because we've given Texans a tax cut and because we're going to have increased costs in supplementing mandated programs like Medicaid."

Duncan said he plans to introduce a bill during the session that would provide a buffer in the state formula for financing public schools that have lost enrollment.

That bill, which he says will be similar to the last session's legislation that provided help for school districts reeling from losses of mineral wealth, will be paramount in West Texas where virtually every district has seen a decrease in average daily attendance.

The senator's primary transportation concerns include the Ports-to-Plains project and proposals being made to leverage Texas' federal highway funding to provide the money necessary to build highway projects along in the border, in

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mentality when it comes to economic development."

In closing his remarks, Duncan said he hoped local leaders are planning a "Big Spring Day in Austin" for the coming year. "You were a hit in Austin last year and we'd like to see you down there again during this next session.

PARADE

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to Sixth, where it will turn east to Main.

At Main and Sixth, the parade will turn north to Third, where it will turn west and proceed again to Scurry and the new Heart of the City Park.

"Southbound traffic will be routed on Gregg to Fifth, where they will be turned west," Walker said. "We will then have someone directing the trucks back to Third, where they will head west to FM 700.

"We're appreciative of Art's efforts to allow us to utilize the normal route, Walker said. "Several weeks ago we discussed this and he felt there would be no problem, but delays on the projects at Third and Fourth and Gregg threw us a curve ball."

Walker said the judge's stand will be located next to the Herald warehouse, as always, and the traffic control barrels on Gregg will be moved to allow the parade to turn on Sixth Street, as

a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today

· ERIK SELLERS, 17, no address given, was arrested on a charge of resisting arrest.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 200 block of E. Third.

 DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 500 block of E. 14th and the 1400 block of Johnson.

• THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.

 DRAG RACING/RECK-LESS DRIVING was reported in the 2500 block of Dow

 THEFT OF LESS THAN \$50 was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell.

ASSAULT FAMILY/VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of E. 13th

• THEFT OF MORE THAN \$50 BUT LESS THAN \$500 was reported in the 1600 block of Main where a Mongoose bicycle was stolen.

RECORDS

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) Gov. Jeb Bush on Wednesday applauded the Republican-controlled Legislature for considering naming its own electors to settle the presidential election, but said he would abide by the U.S. Supreme Court if it decides Al Gore has won the election.

"If the U.S. Supreme Court disagrees with the Florida Legislature, I think the United States Supreme Court trumps the Legislature," Bush said outside a meeting with his Cabinet.

Bush said he would sign legislation naming a separate slate of electors "if it was the appropriate thing to do" but added he believed lawmakers had the legal right to do so.

"If there is uncertainty, the Legislature has clear delegated authority from the U.S. Constitution to seek the electors. I admire them for at least on a contingency basis, accepting that respon-

sibility and duty," Bush said.

> Lawmakers headed into a second day of hearings Wednesday on whether the ongoing legal wrangling would force them to call a special session to choose the state's 25 electors and ensure Florida isn't left out of the Electoral College.

"It's a 95 percent certainty," said Rep. Lois Frankel of West Palm Beach, who was among the Democratic leaders resigned to the notion that the Legislature will get involved.

If that happens, there are at least two possible outcomes:

-The Legislature could name a group pledged to cast its decisive electoral votes for Bush if lawmakers conclude the election will still be in limbo as of Dec. 12.

- Or, if Gore prevails in his court challenge, the Legislature could appoint a GOP slate to rival the Gore slate. It would then be up to Congress to decide which slate to accept.

A trio of conservative constitutional scholars testified T uesday that the Legislature should quickly go into special session to set up a way by which the lawmakers can choose the electors if legal wrangling over the election drags past the Dec. 12 deadline when states must select their electors.

With Al Gore contesting the election, Senate President John McKay said there is a risk Florida's electors might not be counted.

"What I've heard so far is if all the contests are not concluded by the 12th, the Legislature has a responsibility to create a safety net," said McKay. "If that's our responsibility, that's our responsibility.'

The 14-member panel called the Select Joint Committee on the Manner of the Appointment of Presidential Electors was set to hear public testimony Wednesday. Frankel said 80 voters from Palm Beach County who felt like their votes weren't counted were coming to Tallahassee to participate.

"If they are not allowed to testify we are going to break away and do a town hall meeting," Frankel said during a telephone conference call with other Democratic members Tuesday night.

While there was urgency to move quickly because of the looming deadline, some **Republicans said they were** hesitant because it could bring criticism.

"I don't want Mr. and Mrs. Smith to view the Legislature as going out there on any power grab,' said McKay. The Constitution says leg-

islatures have the right to choose electors, or set up a process to do it. It is only by custom that they pass laws setting up elections to do it.

"There's no doubt about the constitutional legitimacy of the Legislature choosing the electors," said Einer Elhauge, a Harvard law professor hired to represent the Legislature in a U.S. Supreme Court case on the presidential recount ques tion.

Chamber holds retreat, plans for the new year

By CARL GRAHAM Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors and staff members held their annual board retreat Monday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

According to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Terri Davis, this is a time for new directors to get together with existing board members.

"We hold this retreat every year and it allows our incoming board members a chance to discuss with our existing board members our goals, plans and ideas for the upcoming year," said Davis. "The chamber is planning for an exciting year coming up in January.

"We will be having another cooking school, seminars, more business after hours and more things that will help businesses and the community."

Davis said to also be on the watch for another Big Spring Day in Austin.

banquet is scheduled for Jan. 25 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The guest speaker will be Mac Bledsoe of the Drew Bledsoe Foundation.

There will be more infor mation on the banquet as the event draws closer.

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Former congressman Henry B. Gonzalez dies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) – To many San Antonians, longtime U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez will be remembered for his ability to "abrir caminos" - blaze trails.

"He made a name for the Hispanics,'' said Elvira Encina, a 43-year-old housing referral counselor and lifelong resident of San Antonio. "He came up and said, 'We're here. We do exist, and we're smart, like any other culture, any other race."

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The news of Gonzalez's death Tuesday sent many in the nation's eighth-largest city into mourning. Gonzalez, who retired in 1998 after 37 years on Capitol Hill, died in a San Antonio hospital at the age of 84.

"It is a sad day, but I think we need to remember the contributions that my father made," said U.S. Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, choking back tears. "He was so proud to represent this city.

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The younger Gonzalez, one of eight children, followed in his father's footsteps and now occupies his old seat in Congress.

Born in San Antonio in 1916 to recent immigrants from Mexico, the man known as "Henry B.' emerged from poverty by attending San Antonio College and St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio.

After serving as a city councilman, he became the first Mexican-American

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Tour homes are: the Tony and Deanne Lester home at 1801 Donley, the Jerry and Denise Iden home at 5000 Birdwell, the Robert and Mary Miller home at 300 B'Bob's Trail, the Cleo and Bernard Young home at 702 Belvedere and the Richard and Jeanie Knocke home at 720 Colgate.

Refreshments will be avail-

To take the tour, interested people simply need to start at one of the houses during the tour hours. There, they can purchase a ticket if they don't already have one. The reception will be at the home of Alan and Pam Brewer, 701 Caprock.

"The fun part is the houses can be toured in rany order Graumann said. At each home, a hostess or symphony guild member will be available to answer questions and give additional information.

"What makes this so interesting is we are all different, and our homes are different, and each one shows a little bit of our personality," Graumann said.

The Tour of Homes is a fund-raiser for the activities of the symphony association, which brings concerts and other performances to Big Spring each year. For more information, call the symphony office at

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BIG SPRING HERALD Wednesday, November 29, 2000

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OUR VIEWS Few work harder than **Rep.** Counts

conomic development, agriculture, education, veterans affairs, people with disabilities - as diverse as these fundamental segments of our society are, one individual among us makes it his role to see that each one is as successful as possible.

Few individuals that we know have worked more diligently or tirelessly for Howard County than State Rep. David Counts. From carrying the banner for boll weevil eradication to paving the way for StarTek in Big Spring, from instituting pilot workforce programs at Howard College to providing computers for Mental Health Mental Retardation clients - Rep. Counts has consistently heeded our call.

The fact that he has done the same across the 12-county 70th District is the reason his constituents have elected him to a seventh legislative term. When one considers how wide an area the Democrat from Knox City must cover, it's even more amazing that he accomplishes what he does.

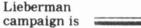
Still, he has time not only to take our concerns to Austin, but to take part in activities we value. We frequently see Rep. Counts in our parades, our social functions and our celebra tions It is with great pleasure then, that Howard County on Thursday has the opportunity to honor Rep. Counts, a retired colonel with the Texas Army National Guard and recipient of the Minute Man Award, who was recognized as brevet brigadier general in ceremonies at our own Vietnam Memorial not that many months ago. We hope you can attend this worthwhile event. The reception, free to the public, begins at 11 a.m. in the East Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. A paid luncheon will follow. The ticket deadline has passed, but Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has advised a few tickets do remain. Call that office at 263-7641 for ticket availability if you'd care to share in the meal. Let's take this opportunity to say thank you to an individual who has worked hard for us in Austin and one who we can call a true friend.

Direct assault on the democratic process

hen the Supreme Court meets on Friday it faces one of the most daunting challenges in its history:

How best to preserve American democracy as we have known it for the last 200 years. Make no mistake, what we are

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a direct assault on the democratic process. It is an attempt to overturn an election and undermine the rule of law

Al Gore and Joe Lieberman have made it clear that they will not voluntarily concede defeat under any circumstances. Despite two, three, and in some jurisdictions, four vote counts to the contrary. both Gore and Lieberman insist that they have won a majority of the vote in Florida. Now they have embarked on an unprecedented effort to use the state courts to overturn the decisions of election officials in three counties in Florida.

The only endgame that

Messrs. Gore and Lieberman will accept is their installation as president and vice president and they are willing to trash the electoral process, manipulate the courts, and thwart the U.S. Constitution to accomplish

their aim. The Supreme Court must give some finality to this election. The best way it can do so is to preemptively assert the constitutional right - indeed, the requirement - that the Florida state legislature choose the state's

presidential electors. By giving its imprimatur to prospective action by the state legislature, the Court can once and for all put an end to the Gore-Lieberman team's relentless litigation, which cannot possibly be completed before Dec. 12, the deadline by which electors must be chosen.

Both the U.S. Constitution and Florida laws provide that the state legislature is the ultimate arbiter in the selection of presidential electors. Florida law, moreover, says that the legislature shall appoint the electors by Dec. 12, if failure to do so would deprive the state of its opportunity to participate in the election of the president in the Electoral College. Clearly, the Gore-Lieberman campaign's

interminable legal challenges present just such a threat.

There is nothing undemocratic in having the state legislature select electors. We live in a republic, after all, in which the "will of the people" routinely expresses itself not directly but through the votes of elected representatives. The Democrats insist on attacking both the process and the outcome of the election Nov. 7, and refuse to accept the tallies compiled first by machines and then by mostly partisan Democrat

officials in selected counties over the last week. The Court should therefore direct the state legislature to undertake its constitutional duty to settle this matter once and for all. Anything less invites the endless legal maneuvers of sore losers, not just in this contest but in future elections as well.

The Gore-Lieberman campaign has already demonstrated its willingness to file false affidavits in court, asserting before the Florida supreme court that an Illinois court ruled that socalled dimpled chads must be counted, even though the court said exactly the opposite. It has demanded manual vote recounts, and then challenged the results when not enough votes materialized to proclaim

the Democrats the victors. **Gore-Lieberman lawyers** have insisted that counties reject the easily readable and duly executed ballots of soldiers and sailors, while insisting that those same counties and others divine. the intentions of voters who were too careless or deliberately chose not to punch their ballots. Who knows what other unscrupulous actions they will take to prevent Florida electors from casting their votes for Gov. Bush on Dec. 18.

I can't say I'm surprised that Al "No-Controlling-Legal-Authority" Gore has sanctioned this scorchedearth strategy. But I am deeply disappointed that Joe Lieberman, who was once regarded as the "conscience of the Senate" has followed suit. On the day that Gore picked Lieberman as his running mate I wrote that one of the unfortunate outcomes of this election might be that Joe Lieberman could end up "diminished as a moral leader in the U.S. Senate.' Unfortunately, he has diminished not only him-

self but the democratic process as well. It is now left to the U.S. Supreme Court to restore legitimacy to an election that has been hopelessly tainted by such unfortunate behavior.

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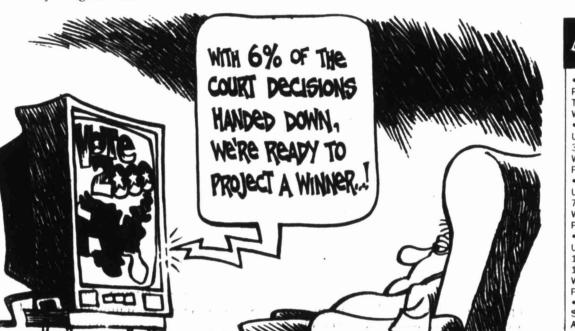
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Christmas in June's house

r. June Strohsahl grew up in the little communiity of Oak Grove in northeast



TUMBLEWEED bought a whole bunch SMITH of fresh fruit

time. Oranges, apples, grapefruit, all sorts of things. Christmas was the only time we got fresh fruit. The really big thing was to get tangerines. If you got a tangerine, you were really uptown.

at Christmas

"Our mother made each one of us something new for Christmas: a shirt for the boys, a dress for us girls and we'd probably get one toy.

There was a whole lot of cooking going on around the holiday. It started in early December "Ladies would come over

and bring sugar, pecans and other good things and they'd make all kinds of candies and cakes and

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they'd all share.' One lady in the community played piano.

'We'd all go over to her house and we'd sing, make popcorn and play dominoes and Old Maid. That was big entertainment then. We didn't play cards, that was sinful.

Mealtime seating was done in shifts.

"The adults ate first, then the table was cleared and the kids sat down and ate. This was the way it was at all reunions and holiday get-togethers.

June lives in Longview now and makes fudge at Christmas time "I do it because it

reminds me of those old Christmases we had when I was growing up.

Back there in Oak Grove, June's family had a cow.

"Mother was the best milker in the world. We had lots of whipped cream. I didn't know that stuff was expensive until I got married. I thought it was real cheap because we put it on everything.

I watched June make fudge the other day. She makes it all by hand. When it was nearly ready, I told her it was looking really appetizing.

"It does look good, doesn't it," she said. "We'll have to

sample some of this in a little bit. I think it's going to be good.

She told me her fudge did not have marshmallow cream and any of that store-bought stuff in it. About that time, the cat jumped up on the table and she shooed it off. "Cat, get off the table,

scoot, scoot.

The cat jumped down. June usually doesn't do anything seasonal until the week of Christmas.

"My mother-in-law decorates everything from the toilet to the sidewalk right after Thanksgiving. I don't even buy a tree until a couple of days before Christmas.

When she was growing up, the common practice was to go buy Christmas presents on Christmas Eve.

"My daddy used to take us into Texarkana. He'd give each one of us a dollar and we had to figure out how we were going to buy something for our family with that. It was a shopping experience because everything had low, low prices and we got some of the best bargains that way. I make it out to the mall every Christmas eve here whether I buy any thing or not, just kinda remembering."

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Tour takes visitors into Martin County homes

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

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Visiting neighbors will be taken to a new level in Stanton on Sunday, when the Martin County Tour of Homes is slated from 2-5 p.m.

"In our busy lifestyles, we do not often take time to visit each other's homes," said Kathryn Burch, county extension agent. "We may visit at church, or at activities at the community center, but we don't often get to see others' homes anymore.'

Three homes with varied histories and traditions will be featured on the tour. Tickets are \$5 each and available at each home. Maps are also available at the homes and one will be posted at the Dairy Queen in

MARTIN COUNTY HOMES TOUR

R 2140, 605 W. and 709 N. St. Peter. /hy: To benefit Martin County **Extension Education Club pro** uch: Tickets are \$5 e ble at any of the hom

Stanton on Sunday

The event benefits the Martin **County Extension Education Club** projects, including the Christmas Cheer program and 4-H. At least 50 Martin County residents are

expected to take the tour, for a look at holiday decorating ideas, furnishing tips and even treasured family heirlooms.

"This can be inspiring to people who want to redecorate or revitalize their own house," said Burch. "It is also helpful for people who want to build a new home, and it's just a lot of fun."

The home of Kevin and Donna Barns is just west of Stanton off the north I-20 service road on CR 2140. The recently-built brick home just right for newlyweds is a mile and a half from Stanton.

The home of Lawrence and Evelyn Adkins, meanwhile, has been built for their retirement, including a kitchen designed for family gatherings. It is located at 605 W. Fifth.

The historic B.F. White home, at 709 N. St. Peter, has been renovated by Rhonda and Danny Ireton, and brought to life by the activities of their three boys. In holiday style, this home will also showcase the hostess' snow village collection.

To take the tour, simply stop by one of the homes during the stated hours. Tickets can be purchased at your first stop, allowing entrance to the remaining two houses as well. Burch encouraged anyone to join the community event.

"We think there is going to be something for everyone on the tour, from how to set up a teenager's room to living well in your retirement years," Burch said.

For more information about the tour, contact the Martin County Extension Office at 756-3316.

Credit card offers not always a good deal

Have you checked your mail recently? How many credit card offers did you receive in the last month?

If you are like most Americans, you would answer "A

lot!" Today's households are receiving a large number of unsolicited credit card offers promising

> low inter est rates,

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approved credit limits and no annual fees. With so many

offers being made, it can be confusing: Even though it's tempting to jump at these offers, taking the time to evaluate each one carefully can save you money, time and headaches in the long run.

Also, if you are serious about reducing your debt or increasing your savings, you probably shouldn't consider getting another credit card unless you can close one or more accounts you already have. Adding one more card to your stash only increases your opportunity to go further into debt

If you decide to respond to the offer, however, there are several points to consider. First of all, find out for sure who sent the offer. The company name should appear somewhere in the materials, but it may be in fine print

Just because it is adver tising a credit card name that you recognize doesn't

Acupuncture eases symptoms of chronic illnesses EL PASO(AP) - The very and massage having curing

thought of needles makes many cringe. But thousands of people across the nation ic condition – fibromyalgia - and millions around the world — have found them to be very therapeutic.

Older than Western medicine, acupuncture has been used for centuries to treat pain, headaches, stress and other chronic medical conditions. The procedure became widely known in the United States in 1971 after a New York Times reporter wrote about Chinese doctors using needles to ease his abdominal pain after surgery

Today, U.S. patients make 9 million to 12 million visits a year to receive acupuncture, the Food and Drug Administration estimates. The practice has received support from the FDA and the National Institutes of Health. It's one of the first alternative treatments to be approved by U.S. medical regulators

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effects was ludicrous. But then she developed a chronthat caused debilitating pain, fatigue and insomnia. "I'd gone to numerous

doctors without any relief," Lucky said.

overwhelmed, Feeling Lucky tried acupuncture as a last resort. To her surprise, it is the only thing that has offered relief.

"I'm able to function more," she said. "I can't begin to explain the relief it's brought."

Before acupuncture, Lucky took up to 800 milligrams of ibuprofen three times a day. She still has some trouble sleeping, but she now functions without painkillers.

Acupuncture is the insertion of needles into specific points in the body. Forms of acupuncture include Chinese, Korean, Japanese and a Westernized version.

Tradicional Chinese-Terry Lucky was never a acupuncture suggests that

In 1995, an estimated 10,000 nationally certified acupuncturists were practicing in the United States. That number is expected to double by the end of this year. About one-third of certified acupuncturists in the United States are physicians.

pathways called meridians, according to the National of Health patient. Institutes (www.nih.gov). Practitioners believe the meridians conduct energy, or qi, between the surface of the body and internal organs.

'Qi is free-flowing in the body said Yvonne Song Ferrell of Sun City Acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Clinic "If there is

is obstructed or the blood is. If the energy is stagnant, the blood will be stagnant." Each meridian is related to others, Song Ferrell said. Pain in the foot, for instance, might be related to a back injury. Several areas of the body might need to be stimulated for relief of pain in one area

The needle "stimulates the nervous system to produce endorphins, which are 1⁰ times more powerful than (prescription) painkillers," Song Ferrell said. Once the pain is reduced, the body's qi is restored to natural function. Treatments range from 20 minutes to an hour, and the

result vary from patient to Song Ferrell said she has helped reduce fatigue and pain in cancer patients and heart patients. It has reduced blood pressure and nervousness in some clients, she said.

Acupuncture is not a cure complementary therapy to Western medicine, Song

pain in the body, the energy Ferrell said. She uses her knowledge as a Chinese herbalist to help treat ailments, but she is not a substitute for a physician.

Margaret Grijalva of East El Paso received acupuncture in August for severe knee pain, which she thought was arthritis. The acupuncture reduced swelling in her legs, and today she is pain-free, without medication.

"I'm 100 percent better," she said. "I also had high blood pressure, and now it's normal

Grijalva also had acupuncture years ago to treat pain caused by shingles. She's been pleased by the results both times.

She referred her neighbor, who suffers from a nervous condition, to her acupuncture practitioner. That neighbor was able to stop taking tranquilizers, she said.

Because the effects of acupuncture are not measurable, many are skeptical for ailments, but is more a of the practice. But with the

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Japan, meet the cranberry Growers sending season's surplus to Asian market

- Cranberry BOSTON (AP) growers are looking to squeeze profits out of a 2 million barrel glut in the United States by juicing up marketing efforts in Japan for the tiny red fruit.

Pushing cranberries as both healthy and hip, a group of Massachusetts growers this week is visiting Japan, a nation largely unfamiliar with cranberries but whose appetite appears to be growing.

"People there don't know what a cranberry is, much less whether they like it or not," said Christopher Phillips, a spokesman for Ocean Spray Cranberries Inc. "There's a lot of educating to do.'

Lakeville, Mass.-based Ocean Spray, the world's largest cranberry producer, will spend about \$1 million to promote its cranberries in Japan this year, up from \$250,000 last year, Phillips said.

Some of the money will pay for Japanese versions of studies done elsewhere that showed cranberries to be effective in fighting heart disease, gum disease, urinary tract infections, and other ailments.

Other funds will be spent touting the berry's bright red color a quality the industry believes could be worth a lot of green. In

red and white are traditionally viewed as festive colors.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cranberry Marketing Committee is even setting up a Web site in Japanese with recipes so that Japanese consumers - who, unlike Americans, did not grow up eating cranberry sauce during Thanksgiving - will know what to do with the tiny berries.

Whatever the explanation, the growing popularity of cranberries in Japan is undeniable. From September 1999 to August 2000, U.S. exports of cranberries to Japan increased sevenfold to 3,800 tons per year, according to the USDA.

Ocean Spray this year sent 90,000 barrels of cranberries to Japan, up from 20,000 barrels last year.

Despite the growth, Japan accounts for a very small portion of the industry's total sales. Ocean Spray last year recorded about \$1.4 billion in sales, with only about \$5 million to \$10 million of that in Japan.

About 8 percent of all U.S. cranberry exports go to Japan, according to industry estimates.

The variety of Japanese cranberry products - from cranberry-covered gummy candies to Decas, CEO of Decas.

Japan, a country of 125 million, yogurt-covered cranberries - is also evidence of the country's interest, said David Farrimond, director of the USDA's cranberry committee.

"If you went to Japan today, you'd find more products with cranberries in them than you'd find in the U.S.," Farrimond said.

The prospect of more sales in the Japanese market is good news at a crucial time for U.S. cranberry growers, hit hard by a glut that has lowered prices and left them with a surplus of 2 million barrels.

Prices have dropped an average of 85 percent from the 1997 harvest to the \$10 per barrel expected for this fall's harvest. The average cost of production is \$35 per barrel.

The cranberry industry is particularly important in Massachusetts, which has about 500 growers that produce about 38 percent of North American Monday, cranberries. On Wareham-based Decas Cranberry Products Inc announced an agreement with Tokyo-based Kato Brothers Honey Co. to collaborate.

"A surplus is a reason to expand our markets, not to wring our hands." said John C.

CBS guarding schedule plans for 'Survivor II'

NEW YORK (AP) - It's the nuclear bomb of the television season - "Survivor II" and CBS is clearly enjoying the uncertainty over where it will drop.

The second version of the TV competition that captivated viewers last summer, with a different cast and setting in the Australian outback, will premiere on Jan. 28 after the CBS telecast of the Super Bowl Beyond that, CBS is keeping mum about

what night the remaining 12 episodes of the limited-run series will air

"I just like keeping our competitors on edge, because clearly they're all talking about it," CBS President Leslie Moonves said on Monday.

Moonves shot down a report Monday in the trade publication Daily Variety that CBS will air "Survivor II" on Sunday nights. He said it's much more likely to be on in the middle of the week

It definitely won't air on Monday or Tuesday, he said. Since Friday and Saturday are generally the least-watched nights of the week, it's doubtful CBS will show it then, either.

That leaves Wednesdays, where the original nal "Survivor" flourished at 8 p.m. EDT over the summer, or Thursdays, which have been disastrous in the ratings for CBS this fall.

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CORRECTED RECIPE

A printing error left out an ingredient in this recipe submitted to the Big Spring Herald Holiday Cookbook by Odessa Wood:

Angel Pie

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1 can Eagle Brand condensed milk

- 1/4 cup pure lemon juice
- Mix in large bowl, will thicken.

Add 1 8-ounce carton of Cool Whip. Add one 15-ounce can of pitted dark sweet cherries (drained). Add 2 cups of pecans, broken. Pour in 2 graham cracker crusts. If used in 2 or 3 hours, put in freezer; otherwise put in refrigerator for 4-6 hours before serving.

LETTERS FROM HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week, the Herald will print the addresses of service men and women or college students from the Crossroads area so that they can receive 'letters from home.' Send the address of any local man or woman attending an out-of-area college or university or serving in the military to: Letters From Home, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring; or bring them to the office, 710 Scurry; or e-mail to bsherald@xroadstx.com. Addresses should be submitted in writing

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It's true: Men use only half of brain while they listen

CHICAGO (AP) - Score one for exasperated women: New research suggests men really do listen with just half their brains.

In a study of 20 men and 20 women, brain scans showed that men when listening mostly used the left sides of their brains, the region long associated with understanding language. Women in the study, however, used both sides.

Other studies have suggested that women "can handle listening to two conversations at once," said Dr. Joseph T. Lurito, an assistant radiology professor at Indiana University School of Medicine. "One of the reasons may be that they have more brain devoted to it."

Lurito's findings, presented Tuesday at the Radiological Society of North America's annual meeting, don't necessarily mean women are better listeners.

It could be that "it's harder for them," Lurito suggested, since they apparently need to use more of their brains than men to do the same task.

"I don't want a battle of the sexes," he said. "I just want people to realize that men and women" may process language different-

In the study, functional magnetic resonance imaging - or fMRI - was used to measure brain activity by producing multidimensional images of blood flow to

> various parts of the brain. Inside an MRI scanner, study participants wore headphones and listened to taped excerpts from John Grisham's novel "The Partner" while researchers watched blood-flow images of their brains, displayed on a nearby video screen.

Listening resulted in increased blood flow in the left temporal lobes of the men's brains. In women, both temporal lobes showed activity.

The findings tend to support previous suggestions that women's brains are "either more bilaterally dominant" or more rightside dominant in doing certain tasks than men's, said Dr. Edgar Kenton of the Stroke American Association, a neurologist Thomas Jefferson at University in Philadelphia. Though preliminary, the study could help doctors treating stroke victims better understand how men's and women's brains differ, Kenton said.

It suggests that in a stroke affecting the brain's left side, women might recover language ability more quickly than men, though that remains to be proven,

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There are several different considerations for CBS, including where it will likely get the most viewers. where it could earn the most ad revenue and where it could most hurt the competition, Moonves said.

"Do you go after NBC's Thursday night?" he asked. "Or do you go where it did very well in the summer? These are all questions that we are struggling with right now."

Airing it on Thursday night might allow CBS to crack into the lucrative ad market for movies but it would mean bucking NBC's long track record that night.

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support of the National Institutes of Health, many physicians have been trained in it and offer acupuncture in their practices.

In 1995, an estimated 10,000 nationally certified acupuncturists were practicing in the United States. That number is expected to double by the end of this

year. About one-third of certified acupuncturists in the United States are physicians.

The Texas medical board also recognizes acupuncture as an effective alternative treatment and is certifying practitioners, said Dr. Phool Chandra, anesthesiologist and pain management specialist at Texas Tech University Health Sciences

Center. Chandra has used acupuncture in his practice at the Texas Tech pain clinic.

"In my experience, it is a modality you use which has a certain effect for a certain time," Chandra said. "It sometimes can stop giving the same results."

As with any treatment of a chronic condition, a few sessions will not cure a patient, Chandra said. Practitioners' methods vary, and patients respond differently.

Consumers are the driving force behind physigetting their cians' acupuncture certification, said Jim Dowden, executive for the administrator American Academy of Medical Acupuncture. which has 1,900 members. Only the birth-control pill has resulted in as much consumer fervor, Dowden said.

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"This is something that has been found to be useful in a majority of instances." he said. "It's not as invasive as surgery, not as expensive and doesn't come with the side effects."

Treatments typically cost from \$30 to \$100. Many insurance companies have decided to support acupuncture because it is cost-effective. Seventy percent to 80 percent of the nation's insurers covered some acupuncture treatments in 1996, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Some insurance carriers even advertise that they support acupuncture, Dowden said.



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