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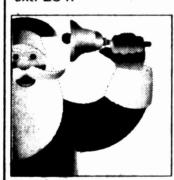
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Thousands expected to line parade route Saturday

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Thousands of spectators from across West Texas are expected to line Gregg Street here Saturday for the 14th Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

The event will get under way at 5:30 p.m. from the FM 700 service road and pour out on to Gregg Street in front of the VA Medical Center, heading north.

Spectators and participants are advised to bundle up - temperatures are expected to be in the low 40s to mid 30s by parade time. No precipitation is in the forecast.

The Big Spring Police Department Color Guard will lead more than 60 colorful entries as they make their

MILED W'S COMMUNITY PARDE HINELP

- rean High School Band
- rley Owner's Group 5. Cub Scout Pack 305

of the City Park.

- 10. The Auto Cente 11. Gollad Cavallers
- 12. Howard College 13. Western Container
- 14. Alberto's Crystal Cafe 15. Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 16, Cub Scout Pack 29

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way a mile and a half to the Heart Officially, 63 organizations, busithem lighted. Several others have

nesses, civic groups and local entities will have entries - most of

requested and been granted permission to join the parade. Those will not be eligible for prizes, but are a welcome addition, parade officials

Together, in excess of 90 vehicles will be involved. An estimated 1,500 to 2,000 participants will be riding floats or walking the distance.

They include last year's winners Boy Scouts of America Troop 25 of Sand Springs, Sacred Heart Church, Western Catholic Container and Ag Services - as well as the Forsan and Coahoma High School marching bands. Big Spring High School marching band withdrew to accompany the Steers, who will be taking on Wichita Falls

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West Texas honors State Rep. Counts

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Leaders in government, development, economic education, agriculture and civic involvement came together on the Howard College campus Thursday to praise State Rep. David Counts.

College president Dr. Cheri Sparks welcomed supporters and thanked Rep. Counts for "the work he has done throughout the West Texas area.

"He paves the way for us in so many ways, and we really appreciate you, David Counts," she said. U.S. Charlie

Stenholm, D-Abilene, praised Counts for his ability to work with others and to get things done for rural Texas. He also thanked those at the luncheon for their suggestions and support for both himself and

"David Counts can't make it without your help and I without David's help and your help," Stenholm said. "I'm very grateful for that cooperation.

While Stenholm was heavy on the compliments in which he praised Counts for being named



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

John Scott, State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City), U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm (D-Abilene) and Larry Shaw visit after the appreciation luncheon held for Counts on Thursday. Several hundred residents attended the event.

chairman of the House Resources Natural Committee - he also took the opportunity to make some light-hearted comments.

has a nice right to it, does named chairman of the

n't it? You know, I thought maybe I'd be called chairman by now, but I'm still just Charlie," Stenholm said, getting a laugh from those in attendance "Chairman Counts — that Stenholm is expected to be

Committee Agriculture; however, the uncertainty of the presidential election has put that appointment in limbo. Mayor Russ McEwen got

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Water, funding key issues facing legislature

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

State Rep. David Counts told a group of well-wishers here Thursday that redistricting will be important when the legislature convenes in January, but it won't be the only key issue.

"It will take a back seat to two or three things, I think," he told a crowd of 250 people attending a luncheon in his honor.

"One is water. Cities are refusing to build reservoirs for themselves. Instead, they are wanting to take water from West Texas. We don't mind sharing what

"What we'll have to have is communication. You'll have to tell us what your needs are."

- State Rep. David Counts

we have, but we have precious little of it to give. We are going to have a fight on our hands because the cities have more votes," the Democrat from Knox City

Another concern he has is funding.

"We won't have as much money as we've had the past two sessions. The appropriations process is done for two years at a time and it is projected as well

as can been foreseen, but sometimes this happens,' he said. Counts was quick to point out that there was no budget deficit, but rather less "surplus" funds than over the past two legislative sessions.

As for redistricting, Counts was clear.

"We are going to lose two representatives west of I-35. We know that," he said. "That's because we have lost population in West

He called the next session of the legislature "rural Texas' best chance to get something done at the state level" because there will be fewer representatives in the future.

"What we'll have to have is communication. You'll have to tell us what your needs are." Counts told the

He said that sort of communication was in place a number of years ago, and helped bring about the State Veterans Home for Big Spring.

'The veterans home is

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Events aplenty

From basaars to traditional stories in song, holiday spirit to fill weekend By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Big Spring, and this weekend's slate of activities is proof of that.

Four days of celebration get under way at 6 p.m. today when the VA Medical Center holds its annual lighting ceremony in the main lobby. Visitors can join in caroling and visit with Santa.

Saturday's many activi ties begin with the annual Christmas Bazaar North and Canterbury South. This is the 19th year for the event, which runs from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Booths will offer for sale baked goods, handmade items, festive decorations,

quilts and more. That afternoon, First United Methodist Church plans a dress rehearsal of its "Living Christmas Tree" presentation. The public is invited to attend the rehearsal at 2 p.m. in the church sanctuary, and tickets are not necessary.

Later that evening, the much-anticipated Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade is set to roll down Gregg Street at 5:30 p.m. While more than 60 entries, 90 vehicles and 1,500 participants are expected, thousands more spectators are anticipated to line the route. At the parade's end, the

Community Christmas Tree

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Del Rio High students learning about career choices in health fields

By VALERIE AVERY Herald Correspondent

More than 40 Del Rio High "Health School Occupations" students are visiting Big

Spring today to learn more about healthrelated career educaand tional opportunities in Howard County.

stu-The MOUGHON and

dents their sponsoring teacher, Judy Alexaitis, a retired military nurse began their two-day, overnight visit on

"These students are very

motivated and very serious about a career in the health field," Alexaitis said. The group has been planning this trip for several months.

Students visited Big Spring State Hospital this morning to listen to a comprehensive slate of speakers from every specialty on Psychologists, campus. nurses, therapists, patients rights officers, human resources specialists and social workers spoke to the students.

Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon welcomed the group.

"When we found out that these students were seniors and were interested in visit-Big Spring State

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Ouch! A.R. Straub receives a flu shot from Lori Gonzales, licensed vocation nurse for the VA Medical Center, this morning. Gonzales estimated she will be giving close to 60 flu shots at the VAMC today.

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ing programs.

COUNTS

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thanked Counts for his ded-

ication to Howard College

and the 12-county area

served by the Democrat

from Knox City. He was fol-

lowed by several others,

From an economic devel-

We get the credit, but it

is the people like David

Counts behind the scenes

who deserve it," said Moore

Development for Big Spring

executive director Kent

Sharp. "He's been there

with us through thick and

For the agricultural indus-

try:
"David Counts has been

honored by every agricul-

tural association in the state

of Texas that I know of. He

has worked tirelessly for

agricultural concerns," said

Ross Wilson, vice president

of the Texas Cattle Feeders

And from a community

"This crowd is indicative

of the support we have for

David Counts," said Jim

Purcell, president of the Big

Spring Area Chamber of

Counts received two

plaques and another special

recognition. Howard College

is in the process of creating

an arboretum near the front

of the administration build-

ing, to be paved with

inscribed bricks. Dr. Sparks

told Counts a brick will be

inscribed with his name as

"a visual symbol of the way

you have paved the path for

Counts thanked those who

came to honor him, and

Howard College.

introduced his staff.

ACTIVITIES

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at downtown's Heart of the

City Park will be illuminat-

who spoke briefly.

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perspective:

Commerce.

Students visited the West Texas VA Health Care

System Friday afternoon for

a tour and visit with med-

ical personnel. They will wind up their visit today

with a tour of the Howard

College dentistry and nurs-

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OBITUARIES

Eugene Hamlin Funeral service for for-

mer Big Spring resident Eugene M. Hamlin, 78. Sweetwater, will be 10 a.m.. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2000, at the McCoy Chapel of Memories. Burial will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at Mt. Olive Cemetary in Big Spring.

Mr. Hamlin died Wednesday, Nov. 29, at a Sweetwater hospital.

He was born Feb. 25, 1922, in Lynnville, Tenn. He married Marguerite Hamlin, who preceded him in death in 1978, on March 15, 1947, in Burkett. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Ruidoso, N.M. He was a veteran of WW II and served in the U.S. Army. He had lived in Sweetwater since 1990.

He is survived by; a daughter, Linda Kellogg of Kerrville; two sons, Charles and Bobby Hamlin of Hawley; one brother, William Hamlin Onalaska; and one sister. Mary Collie of Ravenden Springs, Ark.; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home Sweetwater.

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- 17. Butcher Block
- 18. Al's & Son Barbecue
- 19. The Dance Gallery 20. Diana Bailey '25
- Model T
- 21. Santa Fe Sandwiches
- 22. Roy Griffith
- 23. Big Spring Bass Club 24. Eastside Baptist
- Church 25. 3 Antique Cars —
- Clifford Hart 26. Cub Scout Pack 176 &
- Troop 7
- 27. State National Bank
- 28. Sol de Mi Tierra 29. Coahoma Methodist
- Church 30. Coahoma High School
- 31. Boy Scouts of America
- Pack 179 32. Hangar 25 Air
- Museum
- 33. Washington Mutual **Finance**
- 34. McDonald's
- 35. Community Care Hospice
- 36. Church of God of
- Prophecy 37. Santa's Elves
- 38. Big Spring Fire Department
- 39. Girl Scout Troop 105 40. St. Paul Lutheran
- 41. Elbow First and Fifth Grade Buddies
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Eunice Mellies, 87 died Monday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM today at Trinity Memorial Park.

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High in a 2 p.m. Class 4A H Division Regional Semifinal playoff game at Shotwell Stadium

Abilene. The entries include a number of local churches, educational institutions, businesses and individuals, and at least one out-of-counparticipant — the Community Midland

Theater. Immediately behind the color guard will be Grand Marshal Carroll Jennings, director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County director. He will lead the parade north to Sixth Street, east to Scurry, north again to Third Street on and into the downtown

Along the way, the entries will pass the judge's stand adjacent to the Herald warehouse at Gregg and Eighth Street. First-place plaques will be awarded after the parade in four divisions.
Spectators are reminded

that candy will not be thrown from floats. Some organizations will have walkers who will be handing out candy, however. Throwing candy from floats has been discontinued at the annual homecoming and Christmas parades for safety reasons.

At 7, the Community Christmas Tree in Heart of the City Park will be lit.

Moughon said.

recruiting tool.

Hospital, we were ecstatic,"

teacher said they are very

highly motivated and are

looking for careers in the

health field right now. With

the nursing shortage across

the nation, we thought this

would be an excellent

"We are really excited

about being able to go to Big

Spring State Hospital,"

Alexaitis said. "Our stu-

dents have never been able

to explore psychiatric

careers. We are particularly

interested in presentations

on different careers in the

facility. We want to know

all the possible careers nec-

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cent units and how Big

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"The students have a spe-

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ed. That is scheduled to take place at 7. **STUDENTS** Continued from Page 1A

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From there, the festivities continue at three other locations. A quarter of a million lights, known as the Festival of Lights, will sparkle and shine at Comanche Trail Park for the first time after the parade. The display continues nightly throughout the month.

For the second year. Hangar 25 Air Museum will open its doors to the public following the parade. Hot chocolate and cookies will be made available to visitors from 6 until 8 p.m. Saturday will be the only opportunity the general public will have to see the lighted interior of the

hangar at night. From there, the activities continue with the 8 p.m. performance of the "Living Christmas Tree" at First United Methodist Church. Tickets for that event are free, and can be picked up at the church office throughout the day today.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

If Saturday was not enough, the spirit continues Sunday with the Big Spring Symphony Guild's Tour of Homes from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. and a second perfor-mance of the "Living the program under way and Christmas Tree" at 8 p.m.

On Monday, Big Spring State Hospital plans to throw the switch on thousands of twinkling lights adorning campus buildings in a ceremony at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to join in carol singing and refreshments in the Activities Therapy Department build-

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just about completed. Boy it's great to see that," Counts said. "You know that all started with a group of us talking at the Herald office. It took a whole community getting involved, and you can take pride in what has been accomplished."

Counts said one of the reasons Big Spring was chosen for a veterans home was because of its thousands of volunteer workers at the VA Medical Center, Big Spring State Hospital and other entities.

Counts thanked U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, who was in attendance, for his work on the veterans home.

He reiterated that communication will be vital in the future because management future because me represen-tative from this area will likely have to cover even "Most of us realize we are in this thing together," Counts said. "It takes all of more counties than the 13 Counts already serves.

"Hand in hand, we can make this thing work," he

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities from 8 a.m. Thursday until 8 a.m.

today: · CHARLIE GAMEL, 42, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

· THEFT was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild, in the 300 block of Main, in the area of Fourth and Johnson, in the 200 block of Runnels, in the 800 block of W. I-20, in the 1600 block of Indian Hills, in the 1700 block of Wasson and in the 400 block of Birdwell.

 CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 300 block of NE Eight and in the 500 block of Aylesford.

 RUNAWAY was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity: BRANDON SHANE

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by ANDERSON, 18, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. (BSPD)

· ISIDRO AGUILAR MELENDEZ, 64, was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon. (BSPD) · JASON LEE BROWN,

22. was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid. (BSPD) • ERIK BRYAN SELL-

ERS, 17, was arrested on a

charge of evading arrest. MARLENE JEANETTE JOJOLA, 27, was arrested on a charge of issuance of a

bad check. (HCSO) THOMAS H. MENDEZ, 31, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (DPS)

MASSINGILL, 31, was arrested for a county warrant on purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor. (HCSO)

JAMES QUEST DAVIS, 28, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

TONY MONORE GAM-

BLE, 33, was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member. (BSPD) • KRISIA NAGEL, 20, was arrested on a charge of

consumption of alcohol by a minor. (HCSO) CHAD WILLIAM STONE, 21, was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-

tion. (HCSO)

charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD) JORE EDUARO MATA, 28, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (HCSO)

ed/invalid. (DPS)

 GLENN ALAN WHITE, 46, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense.

 YOLANDA ELISA OVALLE, 32, was arrested on a charge of driving license suspended/invalid. (BSPD)

 JOSE MENDEZ CUEL-LAR, 38, was arrested on a warrant for delivery of a controlled substance. (HCSO)

ELEAZAR ORTIZ MORALES, 22, was arrested on a charge of no driver's license and operations of a motor vehicle without financial responsibility on site. (DPS)

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ustices question Bush, Gore lawyers: Why intervene

WASHINGTON (AP) -Supreme Court justices questioned both sides vigorously during oral arguments today in the historic presidential election showdown between George W. Bush and Al Gore. Several justices questioned whether they should intervene.

"Why should the federal judiciary be interfering in what seems to be a very carefully thought out scheme," Justice David H. Souter asked Bush lawyer Theodore Olson.

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Olson had asked the justices to throw out the handcounted tally that narrowed Bush's lead over Gore.

Justice Sandra O'Connor Gore asked lawyer Laurence Tribe Florida the whether Supreme Court had changed the rules after the election by allowing late hand-counted votes to be added.

"Who would have thought (Florida) the Legislature was leaving

open the data for change by Bush's side closely about the court?" O'Connor said what effect a Supreme Court ruling could have at this fication date was "not a real deadline" because the secretary of state had discretion to accept late-filed vote

The courtroom was packed. Among those in the audience were Gore's four children, Democratic advisers Warren Christopher and Bill Daley, and Sens. Edward Kennedy, Orrin Hatch and Fred Thompson.

Justices Souter, O'Connor, Stephen Breyer and Antonin Scalia, as well as Chief Justice William Rehnquist all questioned why the high court should get involved in a struggle over a statewide election in Florida.

"This is a federal court," Scalia said at one point in an exchange with Joseph Klock, the lawyer representing Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris.

The justices questioned

what effect a Supreme Court ruling could have at this point, with Scalia noting at one point that Florida cannot hold the election all over again.

Breyer asked whether court intervention would change anything.

"Would there be any outcome?" he asked.

The courtroom was crowded, the sidewalk outside full of protesters as Rehnquist gaveled the court into session for arguments that could settle the contested election between Gore and Bush.

Olson, Bush's lawyer, fielded questions from Souter and Scalia over a law enacted after the deadlocked presidential election of 1876. The key provision of the century-old statute says any dispute over presidential electors should be settled in accordance with state laws "enacted prior to Election

seeking to have the high court overturn a Florida Supreme Court ruling that extended a deadline for counting votes in the state. The Bush campaign says that was improper, overreaching by a court that was writing instead of interpret-

ing laws. While the court heard arguments in Washington, an armed convoy rolled north on Florida's highways, delivering hundreds of thousands of ballots from Miami to the state capital of Tallahassee. Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls, presiding over Gore's unprecedented legal challenge to Bush's certified victory in the state. ordered the votes made available in case he wants a

Already, nearly 500,000 ballots were in Tallahassee. delivered from Palm Beach County on Thursday on the judge's order.

recount.

The Bush lawyers are fetched: Bush attorneys late Demograts' lawsuit, they Thursday asked Sauls to order an additional 1.2 million ballots brought in from Volusia, Broward and Pinellas counties. The judge has not yet considered the request.

"We believe there were a number of illegal votes for Gore in those counties,' Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said.

The Gore legal team, which is contesting the Florida election that gave Bush a 537-vote lead, filed an urgent plea with the Florida Supreme Court asking that hand-counting of the ballots begin while Sauls, who will hold a hearing Saturday, decides whether the recounts could be added to Gore's totals.

Bush's legal team, in a motion with Sauls on Thursday, cited more than a dozen reasons why the judge should toss out Gore's contest. In the Republicans' And more ballots may be first formal response to the

claimed Gore's challenge was baseless because the real election wasn't between the Texas governor and the vice president, but between the separate groups of 25

Florida electors. The motion also says Gore's lawyers filed their challenge after the 10-day deadline required by state law and that manually counting only part of the

ballots is illegal. And the judicial recounts the Gore camp is seeking are "illegal, inappropriate, and manifestly unfair," the filing said.

In Washington, Jesse Jackson and members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Congressi onal Black Caucus met briefly today with Attorney General Janet Reno to demand investigation of what they called disenfranchisement of minority and other voters in Florida

Endeavour takes wings into space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour thundered into the night with massive solar wings needed to energize the international space sta-

Endeavour and its five astronauts immediately gave chase to the space station, Alpha, which was soaring high above the Indian Ocean at the moment of liftoff late Thursday. Its three residents were supposedly asleep.

The shuttle should catch up with the station on Saturday, and the electricity-producing solar wings installed on Sunday with the help of two spacewalk-

Endeavour's climb to orbit began right on time and was perfect the whole way. The shuttle resembled through a view sky and structure ever deployed in headed up the East Coast; it space. It is one of the heaviwas spotted as far north as est shuttle payloads ever, Long Island, N.Y.

was grateful for some good news for his state.

"I don't know if you've noticed. You all have been very busy. But there's a lot of attention on Florida over the last couple of weeks,' Bush told launch controllers, drawing a big laugh. "I want to tell you that the best of Florida is right here, not what is being depicted on television, but what just happened right

The world's largest, most powerful set of spacecraft solar wings is stuffed into Endeavour's cargo bay. Attaching the \$600 million wings to the space station represents NASA's most daunting construction job to Once unfurled, the wings

will stretch 240 feet from tip to tip, and 38 feet across, 35.000 pounds counting all

catch sunlight for electrici-

ty, will provide the power necessary to open up the entire station and to run the U.S.-made laboratory section when it arrives.





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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- STATE SEN. ROBERT DUNCAN, on the opening of his new office in Big Spring at 401 Austin St.
- **KENT BOWERMAN**, Big Spring High School principal, who has accepted the superintendent's **post at Weimar**.
- WESTSIDE DAY CARE, which will use a \$6,000 grant to construct a new infant/child playgro**un**d.
- STATE REP. DAVID COUNTS, honored with a special luncheon Thursday in Big Spring, and to U.S. REP. CHARLIE STEN-HOLM and the many other dignitaries and public officials who participated.

Is there an individual or organization in our community with the second community of the second control of the so, please sent us their name and the you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it i**n writing**,

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR

Recently at Goliad Elementary the teachers and staff honored 70 sixth grade students with a No Zero Party. These students had no zeros on any assignment in any subject for the entire six weeks.

We would like to thank the following businesses for assisting us in this party by supplying coupons and merchandise: Sonic Drive In, Burger King, 7-Eleven, Dairy Queen, Domino's, Pizza Inn, Movie Warehouse, Movie Gallery, Subway, Athletic Supply, Schlotzsky's and Cinema 4. We appreciate their support of our students.

TEACHERS AND STAFF GOLIAD ELEMENTARY

TO THE EDITOR: I cannot understand why you will not accept any political letters to the editor. Yours must be the only paper in the country

with this policy Your political editorials are bad enough for a Democrat like me to stomach. Now you recruit Linda Chavez who seems to be even worse.

At least you normally know what you are writing about. Ms. Chavez seems to not have a clue. I would suggest she read the AP wires, watch TV or listen to the radio in order to gain:some knowledge of the **subject before** she writes another column

If **s**he never writes another she will not be missed — at least not by

No one expects you to be fair in your editorials. To be anywhere near fair to your readers you should strive for some sort of bal ance in the rest of your

> M. (Boosie) Weaver BIG SPRING

Editor's note: We appreciate Mr. Weaver bringing up a point that the Herald needs to clarify. Our policy on refusing letters of a politicial nature applies only during an election campaign. Once the polls have closed, as is in the case with the current presidential election, we will publish letters of a political nature. We have changed the wording of our policy to reflect this.

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Explaining the trouble with Al Gore

ome have said that Al Gore, if he loses this election, will be the odds-on favorite for the Democratic nomination in 2004 because this

election was so close Wrong. The **Democrats** won't go near Gore in 2004. $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$

President Clinton is reported to be saying

HART privately, Gore was presented with a booming economy and a relatively peaceful world. Peace and Prosperity. Gore should have won by 5 to 10 points. Instead, he ran a miserable campaign and is

looking worse every day as

the so-called "recount" goes

JEFFREY

You perhaps have noticed that former Secretary of State Warren Christopher has disappeared. Clearly he believes it beneath his dignity to be associated with what is going on. And what is going on is not a "recount" – all of the ballots have been counted twice.

The Gore campaign is fishing for votes among ballots already rejected for one reason or another. Either they were spoiled or they remain counted by machine but not by hand after the legal deadline

expired. Gore would massage the ballots until he gets the count he wants.

Gore piously says that he wants every ballot counted. Come on. He is fighting tooth and nail to prevent the absentee military ballots from being counted.

Amid the shambles in Florida, you can bet that powerful Democrats are thinking long thoughts about 2004. Both Dick Gephardt and John Kerry almost ran this year, but demurred because Gore pre-empted the field. And, by 2004, the Wicked Witch herself will be a Democratic star in the Senate. Assuming, that is, she doesn't keep saying dumb things like the presidency should be decided by

the popular vote. Can you imagine a

national recount? Hillary Clinton is highly educated. Yale Law School and all that. But she often reminds me of French marshal Henri Pitain's remark about graduates of the Sorbonne: "They know everything except anything.'

But why has Gore been so bad?

Newsweek (Nov. 20) famously quoted Gore distinguishing between himself and George W. Bush. The governor, he said, could lose this election and then just get on with his life. But Gore indicated that this was not true in his own case. He said that he "would do anything to

An interesting distingtion. Indeed, Bush has said that his most difficult decision was whether to run in the first place. But Gore has to be president. Bush does not need the job and enjoys being governor of Texas and living on his

Gore is not. Since he was a boy, with a hard-driving senator for a father, Gore has been preparing for the presidency. And because he wants the job so much, he is prob-

ably unfit for it.

Texas ranch. He is a com-

plete person in a way that

In that remarkable issue, Newsweek had other interesting things to say about Gore: "Believing that he can always do better than his minions, he is reluctant to delegate even the smallest tasks. ... Remarkably for a man who had held top jobs in Washington for the previous 24 years, Gore had no trusted right-hand man. no longtime chief of staff to make the campaign run smoothly or offer unwelcome but necessary advice.'

This kind of personality is a recipe for disaster. Remember President Carter assigning tennis courts? Gore is like Carter, but without Carter's conscience

Gore needs the presidency too much because he is an empty suit. We sense his desperation, and it makes us uncomfortable.

Jesus famously remarked,

'He who loves the world will lose it." Of course he meant "loves the world too much." A quarterback who is desperate to win, stiff with anxiety, will make disastrous mistakes. A tennis player who is too anx ious about winning and losing is said to have "the elbow" - he "steers" the ball instead of simply hitting it. Gore's perfectionism is really a form of fear. He who wants to win too desperately will lose.

The same is true of Joe Lieberman.

So desperately does he want to be the first Jewish vice president that he has abandoned all the things that used to make him interesting.

In contrast to Gore, Bush is a good delegator. He has outlined the direction in which he wants to go: enforceable standards in education, temporary aid for prescription drugs for the elderly who cannot afford them (but a longrange reform of Medicare), and investment of a small part of the payroll tax. Like President Reagan in 1981. Bush sets the large outline and trusts others to push things ahead. From the start, Gore was bogged down in detail and minuti-

President Clinton once mused that Gore would make a good academic. I don't know about that. But what is certain is that he would make a poor presi-

Election: Clock versus the vote

oth Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush desperately want the presidency, but it will be a hollow office

attained if the attaining lacks legitimacy, for there are several roads to illegitimacy.

The believed



truth by Republicans and Democrats alike is that

ANDERSON more people voted for Gore than Bush in Florida, hence each candidate is acting accordingly. Gore presses for a full vote count. Bush presses for closure. Each must tread

JACK

adroitly. Just as Florida's law fixing a date for vote certification does not provide sufficient time for large counties to conduct recounts (also provided for by law), the U.S. Constitution does not provide sufficient time — just over a month between the time the public votes for presidential electors and when those electors cast their votes for

president and vice president — to confest an elec-tion. The Florida Supreme Court attempted to reconcile the state's conflicting laws by extending the deadline and satisfying no one. The Bush team cried foul, claiming the deadline is the deadline. The Gore team went constitutional, claiming that the Fourteenth Amendment's guarantee of the right to vote trumps an artificial deadline.

So the question is whether the clock is more important than the vote. This can be addressed and even remedied for the future, but it is a dilemma for the present.

The clock is running out, and the Bush team is running out the clock. It is a legal strategy, and perhaps their only path to victory. The Gore team is desperately trying to force a count of disputed votes and votes rejected by machines that have not yet been counted by hand, also a legal strategy, but not their only path to victory. Voters have taken matters into their own hands, and a suit has been filed by one of them to void what are claimed to be illegal ballots.

And it is the voters, not the candidates, that matter. They are on the side of the

angels. The clock is not, and come Dec. 12, that clock will have run out, for that is the date by which Florida's presidential electors must be chosen.

Yet this is not a football game where running out the clock prevents the other side from scoring. Running out the clock in an election prevents the other side from counting votes already cast — or, to continue the analogy, points already scored. It is legal, but is it legitimate or simply the legalized suppression of votes?

So'Bush faces a dhemma. He may win only to eventually be dogged by the fact that had all the legal votes been counted, he would have lost.

But we live in an age of cliches extolling victory: "Winning is the only thing;" "Nice guys finish last;" "Americans will not tolerate a loser." But there is something to be said for the underdog, for the citizens on the side of the

"Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never — in nothing, great or small, large or petty — never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense." -Winston Churchill.

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You have a strong sense of direction. You might become quite involved in a commitment. Knowing what you want can make all the difference in the outcome. You sometimes push others away because you are so determined. If you aren't happy with your dayto-day life, change it, rather than taking it out on others. If single, you easily meet people through your commitments and activities. You also might be ready to settle down. If attached, learn to work as a team, despite a difference of opinion. PISCES provides an anchor.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April

Your high energy directs you. You get unanticipated results. Friends surround you, but their behavior could be somewhat quirky. A financial request doesn't need to be taken as a demand. Don't put more energy into a problem than necessary. Confusion surrounds you.

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Tonight: A quiet night for

TAURUS (April 20-May

****Take charge at work when another makes an unexpected demand or request. Your endurance and strength sometimes interfere with your real objectives. Be loving when dealing with others. Keep your eye on your long-term results. Make plans to join friends later in the day. Tonight: Have fun, finally! GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Once more, unexpected developments toss you back to square one. Your creativity helps you resolve any issue, be it personal or professional. Don't let fatigue stop you from doing what you want. Think twice about a choice or a longterm objective. Tonight:

You're a force to behold. CANCER (June 21-July

****One-on-one relating takes on a new perspective. You might want to consider a more effective way of clearing out finances with a partner. This person certainly has innovative and dynamic ideas. Seek out a different perspective and ask for feedback. Tonight:

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Adjust plans

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You find another's actions strong and direct, but he gets results. Make calls, ask questions and seek results. Others' expectations might be too high. Work through a misunderstanding late in the day. Tonight: Whatever another wants.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Dig in and clear out a project that has been weighing on your heart for way too long. Understand that you will feel re-energized as a result. Zoom in and make what you want happen. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 28-Oct. 22) **** Deal with a child or loved one directly. It really doesn't work to put this person on hold. Avoidance certainly will not help you here. Listen carefully and get feedback. Plan on making this as easy as possible.

Tonight: Put your feet up. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

Get to the bottom of a problem. Call a spade just, that and remain sure of yourself. Disten carefully to another's request. You might need to have a tiff so that you can get to the bottom of a problem. If you eye your objective, everything becomes easy. Tonight:

**** Think about your objectives before you go running in. Know when to say "enough." A friend wants to enlist you in a cause. Be sure that you want to do this. Take care of domestic and personal priorities. A partner might be cantankerous. Tonight: Stay close to home.

Jan. 19)****Money matters

Make nice. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

prevail. You absolutely might not know what you need to do. Someone to. whom you give a lot of power takes over. Be sure this is what you want. Confusion surrounds communication. Don't push too hard. Find another way to clear the air. Tonight: At a

favorite spot. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

Listen to your instincts. Reach out for someone at a distance. You get unusual feedback and see situations far differently. Be careful when dealing with security and finances. Net everyone sees eye to eye with you. Pressure builds on the home front. Tonight: Having a good time doesn't have to cost. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

** Assume a low profile. especially if you're not comfortable with someone.

Think carefully about prior ities that involve a child or loved one. Until you are sure of yourself, the less said, the better. Hold your tongue if you must. Tonight: Do your own

thing. **BORN TODAY**

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Church sends welcome sign to deaf Christians

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

Christians value sharing their faith, and First Church of the Nazarene is reaching out to deaf mem-

bers of the community with a new ministry. The church is extending a special welcome to students, teachers and staff at South West



HUFF

Collegiate Institute for the Deaf by opening their worship to different forms of communication. Sunday worship services

and Sunday school classes are now interpreted in sign language. 'We knew there was a real need in the community for

worship that was available to the deaf," said Roger Huff, pastor. He said the congregation has a certified interpreter among its membership, Ka en Bearden, who works at SWCID. She offered her services of

interpretation for the

church on a volunteer basis,

'I want the community to know that our church is open and available to the deaf who want to worship.

Roger Huff. pastor

Huff said...

We've got SWCID here. and yet only a couple of churches in town offer this kind of ministry," he said. "This seemed a natural church needs to step up and take the leadership in this area."

The entire service, including songs sung by the choir or hymns by the congregation, is interpreted.

A Dec. 10 musical program will, for the first time, be fully signed as well as

And plans are in the works for sign language classes for the congregation, helping to extend the interpreting service further.

Huff said the project is a step in the right direction toward making the entire

activities available for chil-

dren ages 3 through sixth

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the Advent Season. Angles

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evenings at 5:30 will start

Dec. 9 with "Joseph's Angle."

On Dec. 16 the topic will be

"Mary's Angle"; and on Dec.

23 it will be "Heaven's

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worship is 8 a.m. and 10:45

a.m., with Sunday School at

9:30 a.m. Watch for us in the

Christmas Parade this

Angle.

Saturday.

East Side

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grade during this seminar.

thing for us to do. The community more open and accessible to people who are deaf.

While SWCID has been in the community for decades, it is still little-known and understood by many residents, he said.

"I want the community to know that our church is open and available to the deaf who want to worship," Huff said. "We are excited about building this ministry and what it can offer.'

More information about First Church of the Nazarene is available on the Internet at www.bigspringnazarene.org.

called "Toddling thru the

Everyone is invited to

attend our services on

Sunday morning at 10:15. First Presbyterian

Bible.

Dianne Brown, minister, will speak at the 11 a.m., Sunday,

Dec. 3, service. Her sermon topic will be "It's About Time". Scripture is taken from Luke 1: **5-21**.

Sunday School begins at 9:45a.m. Take Ten is held at 10:30. A nursery is provided. Opportunities for the First Week of Advent include: Soul Food, a pot luck dinner hosted by the Worship Committee. This dinner will be held on Wednesday night and followed by the "first Wednesday" committee meetings.

The youth group is still selling poinsettias and would be delighted to take orders. Money from this project goes to various youth programs.

Opportunities for this week include: a sock tree being made for various nursing homes everyone is asked to contribute.

CLUB

Mighty Oaks Club

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club met Friday, Nov. 17, 2000, at 10:30 a.m., at the Senior Citizens Center located at the Big Spring Industrial Park, for their Thanksgiving lunch and a musical program. Opening prayer and scriptural reading given by Bobby Roman.

president Club Wyrick, welcomed and greeted club members and visitors. He announced that the club would meet Friday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m., for the Christmas lunch and gift exchange.

Merel Roman introduced the Just Folks singing group from Fannin Terrace Baptist Church of Midland, and Singing Friends Group from Coahoma.

Buzz Mc Millan gave the Thanksgiving prayer for the meal and club dismissal.

Order of the Eastern Star

The Order of the Eastern Star, Big Spring Chapter 67, will meet Tues., Dec., 5, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic lodge.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday with Ben Boadle, President, presiding. Jarrell Barbee led the Pledge of Allegiance and Madeline Boadle worded the opening prayer.

Secretary Dolores Hurlburt reported on the gasoline giveaway and the mop and broom sale. Jacquae Mauch () 1 Springs won the \$100.00 of gas. Tickets are now being sold for the Christmas Ham, Turkey and Fruit basket.

Boadle introduced the speaker. Clarence Geistmann, who showed a video on the Lions Camp Children's Kerrville. The camp opened June 8, 1953 and in 1999 had 1528 campers with varying degrees of impairments,

including a diabetic camp. Dolores and Mike Hurlburt furnished a delicious meal. The next meeting will be Dec. 4, at the home of Ben and Madeline Boadle for the annual Christmas party.

CHURCH **NEWS**

First Assembly of God

Pastor R.T. Havener and the congregation of The First Assembly of God Church, located at Fourth and Lancaster, invite you to join them for an exciting day of worship this Sunday.

Bible Study for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m. There are classes for every age including adult classes. In the young adult class taught by Joyce Havener they are precently. studying, Healthy "Building Marriage.

There will be special music in all services and Pastor Havener will be speaking in both the 10:40 a.m. and the 6 p.m. services.

Children and Youth are a vital part of the ministry of First Assembly. Wednesday nights at 7 p.m., a program for boys "Royal and a girls proentitled

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pany discovered a bag full of

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Employees found the \$309

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East Texas church.

Employees

"Missionettes." If you have boys or girls that you would like to enroll in these programs, bring them on any Wed. at 7 p.m. The public is invited to all of these ser-

First Christian Church

First Christian will celebrate Hanging of the Greens this Sunday. See and hear presentations and explanations of the evergreens, poinsettias, Chrismon tree.

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symbols, and symbols of vic-

Dr. Watson's Roundtable group will meet at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 6. They will view a film on Islam. Everyone is invited.

On Thursday, Dec., 7, the Christian Women's Fellowship will hold a business meeting at 11 a.m., to discuss the adoption of "senior angels." At noon, the Rev. Paula Brooks will offer a special Christmas

program First Christian sin neg of a nursery worker for Sunday morning. If you are

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The excitement began two

weeks ago when the third

drawer of the cabinet

became stuck. Rimmer tried

kicking the drawer open,

but was unsuccessful so she

asked another employee,

Ron Snow, for help. After

several tries, Snow removed

the second drawer to allow

more room for the third

Hammons

Kathy Rimmer, an employee

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Trucking.

interested please call the church office at 267-7851.

St. Paul **Lutheran Church**

St. Paul is having a Book Fair and Ornament Bazaar Dec. 3-10 on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Other times for shopping this event can be made by appointment, please call 267-7163 for more information.

People express and receive love in different ways. Dr. Gary Chapman identifies these as the Five Languages of Love; Quality Time, Words of Affirmation, Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch. Join us at 5 p.m. on Wednesday Dec. 6 and Wednesday Dec. 13, for a meal followed by the seminar at 6 p.m.

The Five Love Languages seminar will help you identify your personal love language, your spouse's love language, and how to enrich

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er," Rimmer told The

Jacksonville Daily Progress.

of the New Harmony Baptist

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"I think it is wonderful

Caldwell, who has been at

the church for nine years,

said nobody at the church

Church.

The Children's Christmas Craft Fair will be this

Baptist Church

Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome and lunch is provided. Come and find out the real meaning of Christmas! Wednesday nights at 7

your marriage by practicing p.m. we are having classes your spouce's bye larguage on the Book of Jude, Book of For more information, both and Family please call the church office roundations. We have a speat 267-7163. We will have cial class for the little ones

Good Samaritan returns church's missing 23-year-old offering

can figure out how the money got into the filing

Wayne Hammons bought Employees contacted the the filing cabinet 12 years ago at an auction in Tyler. church and learned that it but the church officials do had a building fund 23 years ago and returned the money not remember ever selling a to Robbie Caldwell, pastor fil**in**g cabinet.

cabinet.

Hammons and Caldwell believe that someone may have taken the building und money home or to work and placed it in the filing cabinet. Then the money got stuck behind the drawers where it could not

"The person probably thought someone stole it or that they lost it," Hammons said. "I guess we may never know what truly happened."

Hammons said it was amazing to find the money, but he knew he could not keep it. "There no question in my

mind about keeping the money," Hammons said. "It is the church's money and I'm sure not going to take God's money.

Diverse Muslim communities celebrate holy month of Ramadan

NEW YORK (AP) - The first of the winter's major religious holidays got under way this week as Muslims began the holy month of Ramadan, fasting during the day and, particularly in the United States, eating out

at night. While many Muslims in the Middle East traditionally break the fast by sharing a special holiday meal with extended families at home, many faithful in the United States are just as likely to share their "iftar," or breakfast, in restaurants or in mosques, which often serve as community centers.

"It's a wonderful time of charity and fasting and

of

drawer to open. "As soon as he took the

breaking the fast with spe-

cial foods as a whole family

together," said Farooq

Bhatti, president of the Pak Brothers Yellow Cab Drivers Union in New York. Over 4,000 of the city's Yellow Cab drivers are of

Pakistani origin, Bhatti said. "So many other drivers say bad words and I have to struggle to hold my tongue,' said cabbie Mohammad Khan. "This is a very holy

At the Malcolm Shabazz mosque in Harlem, where Malcolm X once preached, congregants gathered at sunset Tuesday to break their fast with dates and

time.

When the fast is over you get to eat, but many homeless people are not so lucky. It makes you understand what it's like not to have food.

Fatimah Muhammad, 13

water or apple juice, then to pray together.

Reflecting American fashion, some women wore knit or leather hats and baggy pants instead of the more traditional headscarves and long skirts.

During Ramadan — which usually lasts 29 or 30 days observant Muslims abstain from eating, drinking, smoking and sexual intercourse between sunrise and sunset. Children can begin fasting whenever they feel

ready, often around age 9. Fatimah Muhammad, 13, was observing the Ramadan fast for her third year.

"You just have to focus on your work and not think about f od," she said. "If you think about food, you mess up your whole Ramadan. When the fast is over you get to eat, but many homeless people are

not so lucky. It makes you understand what it's like not to have food.'

About 6 million Muslims are in the United States.

The lunar month commemorates when the Quran, the Muslim holy book, was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad about 1,400 years ago. The month begins with the sighting of the new moon, so although most Muslims began fasting on Monday, others started on Tuesday, and each year the date falls about 11 days earlier than the year before.

The fast is performed to discipline, selfrestraint and generosity, and like Christmas, it is traditionally a time of charity. With Muslims eating their

'breakfast" at sundown and having their morning meal before sunrise and then returning to sleep, daily schedules are challenged. Some Muslim-run businesses and schools adjust their hours accordingly.

At Al-Iman School, an Islam-oriented school in New York, classes end early at 2 p.m. — during Ramadan. In keeping with Islamic tradition, the 280 students try to read the entire Quran.

Ramadan's end is marked by the celebration of Eid El-Fitr, or the "feast of fastbreaking."

RELIGION IN THE NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — The Anti-Defamation League, a Jewish group that advocates strict separation of church and state, has issued a "December Dilemma" pamphlet warning public schools about observing Christmas and other religious holidays.

Pamphlets are being sent to schools, and the league posted the text on its Web page. The U.S. Constitution, it says, prohibits "school-sponsored endorsement or promotion of religious beliefs of any kind,"

Since the U.S. Supreme Court has not ruled on many specific issues, the league bases its interpretations largely on the court's general principles and decisions by lower federal courts.

Classes may discuss cultural aspects of religious holidays, according to the league, but shouldn't cover just one holiday or religion. It suggests that in December, schools could study Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The United Methodist Church finance agency

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY Guild is preparing for its annual Tour of Homes Sunday from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Five houses throughout the community will be open for tours in the event, slated to raise money for the symphony association.

Tickets are \$10 each, available in advance at Blum's, Dunlaps, the Heritage Museum, First Bank of West Texas and the symphony office at 808 Scurry. A map of the homes is on the back of each ticket.

For information, call the symphony office at 264 7223.

WELL SAID

God gave us two ears and only one mouth. Some people say that's because he wanted us to do twice as much listening as talking. Others claim it's because he knew listening was twice as hard.

Anonymous

Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's loud party than being there.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -

For 75 years, the rock-solid and dignified looking

church tucked deep in the

West Side barrio has served as a house of worship for the nation's oldest Hispanic congregation of the

Christian Church Disciples

lady well past her prime,

the iglesia madre, or mother

church, had managed to

retain most of her beauty

and all of her charm amid

But the time had come for

Men, women and children

from all over the United

States gathered recently at

Church, 1501 Guadalupe St.,

to roll up their sleeves for a

daylong renovation and

The Rev. Sharon Ginn of

Snow Hill, N.C., her hair

pulled back tightly, her

sweatshirt and hands

already soiled two hours

after the 8 a.m. start time,

was delighted that she and

about 150 other like-minded

people were able to partici-

pate in Miracle Day 2000, as

"It's very exciting to see

church members from all

over working together. It

helps us understand that

our church is not just where

we worship, but it's much

bigger nationally and glob-

ally," said Ginn, a member

of the Church Relations

Task Force of the denomi-

which met in San Antonio

Every year, each U.S. geo-

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(AP) — The Church of

England starts the Advent

season with a new prayer

book, refreshing the lan-

guage and giving freedom to

individual churches to

design their own liturgies.

The liturgies gathered

under the title of Common

Worship include some of

the familiar services of the

Book of Common Prayer.

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The new services are

20-year-old

authorized starting Dec. 3,

Alternative Service Book

will be retired at the end of

"I suppose the motto for

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NEWS Renovation unites

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Churches, the Methodist

In September, the coun-

cil's other major funder, the

Presbyterian Church (USA).

provided a special \$400,000

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Service quoted the council

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - A

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News

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church members denomination gauges the needs of its churches, explained Amy Madison, who helped coordinate the work for the San Antoniobased Bluebonnet and Lower Rio Grande District of the Disciples of Christ. The region includes all of

Mexican Christian Church,

Luz Sanchez, a fourth gen-

"Our church members have included immigrants said.

The congregation was formed in 1899 and met in various places on the West Side, including small businesses and homes.

In 1901, Ignacio Quintero, according to church historians, became the first Hispanic pastor of the church. On Sept. 27, 1925, the church building was dedicated, and since then its sanctuary has witnessed hundreds of baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Today, the number of active members has dwindled to 67, and visiting pastors provide bilingual sermons each Sunday at 11

its churches in South

"This church is the mother of all our Hispanic churches, so it was kind of a no-brainer," Madison said of the decision to select which celebrated its 101st

anniversary in April. All the building materials, including paint, plus labor for the electrical work was paid for by the district office. Volunteers did the

eration member of the church, said the restoration was an answer to prayer.

from Mexico and Central and South America." she

1662 prayer book, but introduces new liturgy SALISBURY, England "And I do want to stress the point about unity, rather than uniformity," he added

The first Book of Common Prayer, published in 1549. was a product of the first century of printing with movable type. The new book is available in print, but you also can find it on the Internet and CD-ROM, and the 13,000 parish churches are encouraged to cut and paste to make their own service books.

The Book of Common Prayer had one communion service; Common Worship has four, with a choice of eight prayers of consecra-

tion. Despite the inclusion of traditional liturgies, Common Worship has not been welcomed by the Prayer Book Society, which exists to defend the old

Baker's fluids were collected when he died in 1936, then sealed in three vials and buried in a small container atop the coffin in a local Catholic cemetery. When the body was moved last year, the fluids were still in liquid form.

Local church officials consider this miraculous, and thus pertinent to hopes of having Baker declared a saint.

Baker, known as the

'Padre of the Poor," founded Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity. An estimated half-million people attended his funeral.

PINCKARD, Ala. (AP) A rural bar that showcased topless performers has been converted into a church center for work with youth and the poor. The new occu-

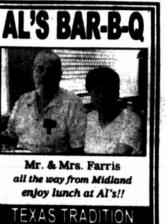
pants believe prayer drove the dancers away. The Rev. Michael Senn of Kings Table Worship Center said his congregation has leased the building where T.J.'s Annex was located,

renaming it J.C.'s Annex. A new coat of paint hides the message that once beckoned travelers: "Girls! Girls! Girls!" But the T-shaped stage still stands, a single pole in its center.

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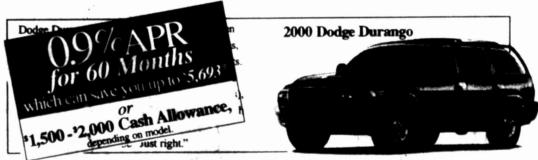
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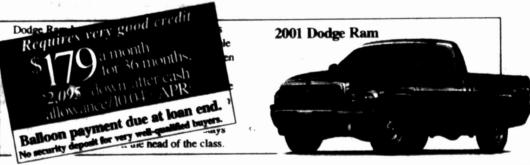
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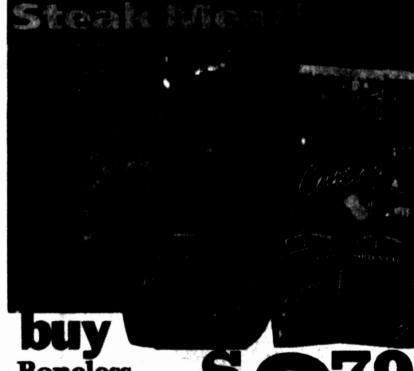
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IN BRIEF

Steers, Lady Steers post tourney wiris-

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers turned defensive pressure into a sweep of Tahoka's Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs during Thursday's opening round of play in the Brownfield Rotary and Lions Basketball Tournament.

The Steers, paced by Arthur Belvin's 16 points, posted their first win of the season, 74-64.

Three other Steers players finished in double figures, as Mic Fleming, Gary Harris and Austin Nutting each had 12 points.

The Lady Steers were even more dominating, rolling to a 60-33 win.

Melissa Forth paced the Lady Steers with 16 points, while Brittany Bryant added 10 more.

Community pep rally scheduled for tonight

A community pep rally to show support for Big Spring's Steers in their Class 4A, Division II regional semifinal playoff game against Wichita Falls has been scheduled for 7 tonight at Steer Gym.

Big Spring Quarterback Club officials are encouraging all Steers fans to turn out for the event which will not only feature the football team, but cheerleaders and the Steer Marching Band, as

Hawk Flight Boosters slate lunch meeting

The Howard College Hawk Flight Booster Club will have a lunched meeting at Noon sonds in the Tumbleweed Room Building.

Tickets for the meal are \$5.25 per person.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by calling Betty Reed at 264-

Baseball boosters set meeting for Tuesday

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center:

Members will discuss the upcoming season's fundraisers and select new officers.

Parents of all high school baseball players are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Jim Clements after 6

Softball boosters will meet on Thursday

p.m. at 267-1069.

The Big Spring High School Softball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec.7, at the BSHS Athletic Training Center. Members will discuss

the upcoming season. Parents of all Lady Steers softball players are encouraged to attend

Registration begins for YMCA basketball

Registration is now under way for the youth basketball program at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 are eligible. Fees are \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members,.

The deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 22. For more information,

call the YMCA office at 267-8234.

ON THE AIR

Television GOLF

4 p.m. - PGA Williams World Challenge, second round, TNT, Ch. 28. HOCKEY

7 p.m. - Detroit Red Wings at Florida Panthers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Steers ready to take on No. 1-ranked Wichita Falls And the Steers, who fin-

Managing Editor

When the University Interscholastie League announced its realignment in January, perhaps a few skeptics believe Dwight Butler was being simply trying to cover himself when he observed his Big Spring Steers' placement in District 4-4A left them in one of the state's premier leagues.

But now, three weeks into the schoolboy football playoffs, even the stoutest of Doubting Thomases has to admit that Butler knew what he was talking about.

Frenship's Tigers, which shared the 4-4A champi onship with Andrews, will take on Fort Worth Wyatt in the Class 4A, Division I quarterfinals Saturday afternoon in Amarillo, while the Mustangs have advanced to the Class 4A, Division II regional semifinals where they'll play Southlake Carroll on Saturday night in Coppell.

ished third in the 4-4A standings, are also still alive preparing for Saturday's 2 p.m. showdown with No. 1-ranked Wichita Falls' Coyotes at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

"We felt all along that whoever got out of our district was going to go pretty deep into the playoffs," Butler admitted prior to putting the Steers through workout paces earlier this week. "Of course, it's still pretty remarkable that all three of us are still playing ... especially when you consider that Brownwood, Burleson and Stephenville have all been eliminated.

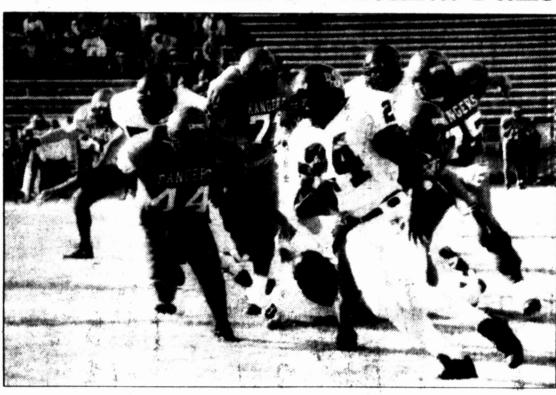
"But now we're in the same situation they've always been in that district to the east if you survive the level of competition that

It's been a long time since

teams in our district have

outlasted teams in that dis-

See STEERS, page 3B



Big Spring's Jason Woodruff (24) breaks into the open and sets sail for one of the three touchdowns he scored in the Steers' 46-12 romp over El Paso Riverside in the area playoff round. Woodruff and his teammates now pregare to face top-rainked Wichita Falls in a Class 4A, Division II regional semifinal game at 2 p.m. Saturday in Abilene.

Anson spoils tourney | Buffs preparing openers for Coahoma for Pied Pipers'

Managing Editor

COAHOMA - Anson's Tigers and Lady Tigers spoiled the opening round the Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament for the host Bulldogs and Bulldogettes Thursday night with solid free throw shooting in the fourth quarters of both games.

The evening's finale saw the Tigers is soft and from the charity stripe i the final five minutes of Coahoma rally and pre-

serve a 54-47 win: But the real shocker came in the final girls' game of the night when the Lady Tigers scored 29 points in the final frame of their 82-64 win over the Bulldogs, all of them coming from the free throw

The Lady Tigers, who took advantage of almost ice-cold shooting on the Bulldogettes' part in the first half, pulled out to a 14point lead twice in the third period **bef**ore Coahoma's Lauren Nichols, Kynzi Roberts and Karen Sterling combined for three unanswered baskets and trim the Anson lead to just eight with 5:45 remaining in the game.

That's when Lady Tigers head coach Bryan Barnes instructed his team to hold the ball, forcing the Bulldogettes to foul in an attempt to get the ball back. Unfortunately for the

Bulldogettes, Barnes made sure that sisters Casey and Brittany Watts were virtually the only Lady Tigers to handle the ball. The result was nothing short of a clinic in free throw shooting. as Anson hit 29 of 32 free throws in the final eight minutes.

The eldest of the Watts sisters. Casey, a senior, was a perfect 14-of 14 at the charity stripe down the stretch Brittany, a sophoright behind with 25.



HERALD photo/Jim Flerre

Coahoma's Ashley Lang (20) puts up a shot from the Jane, only to have it blocked by Anson guard Brittany Watts (21) during the fourth quarter of their opening round game of the Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament Thursday. Watts and her sister Casey led the Lady Tigers to an 82-64 win.

more, was 13-of-14 in the final eight minutes.

As a result, they easily led the Lady Tigers in scoring - Casey finishing the night with a game-high 26 points, while Brittany was

Coahoma was paced by Sterling's 21 points, while Brandi Hart joined her in double figures with 12. "We just didn't shoot the

ball very well in the first

See TOURNEY, page 2B

powerful attack

JOHN A. MOSELEY Managing Editor

December, so Stanton's Buffaloes must still be playing football.

Indeed they are, headed into the Class 2A. Division II semifinal playoff game with Hamlin's Pied



Pipers at 2:30 p.m. in Colorado City It's becoming something of a tradition, these long

runs into the playoffs. With the exception of last year's loss to Iraan in the area round of the 2A playoffs. Stanton head coach Mark Cotton and his staff are used to coaching their football team deep into the

In 1998, the Buffs reached the Class 2A semifinals and the vear before. Stanton posted a perfect 16-0 record capping a state champi-

Christmas season.

onship run with a raindrenched win over Rogers at Texas Stadium. As a result, Cotton seems

anything but excited when discussing the Buffs' date with Hamlin Saturday afternoon. It's not a matter of believing his team has nothing to worry about, but rather a matter of having been here before.

But there's plenty of reason to keep one's emotions in check. After all, Cotton knows there simply aren't any "weak sisters" left three weeks into the Texas high school football playoffs.

"What about Hamlin? They're good ... real good," Cotton says with calm tone. "They've got a big, strong tailback in Henry White who's gained about 1,800 yards this season and an

absolutely great defense

"And they played in a dis trict where all three of their playoff qualifiers are still alive," he added. "I think that the only 2A district in our region that can claim that. And that tells more about them than anything. The level of competition they faced all year prepared them for the playoffs.

Of course the same thing could be said about the Buffs, who bring a 10-2 record into Saturday game against the 9-2 Pied Pipers.

"Our district was pretty well balanced, too," Cotton said, not having to mention that the Buffs qualified for the postseason as the second-place team in District 3-

Cotton also didn't have to note that the Buffs are the only 3-2A team left alive in the playoffs, and he refuses to take anything away from Colorado City, which claimed the district championship with a 21-18 win over Stanton during the seventh week of the season. The only other blemish on

the Buffs' slate was a 24-12 midseason setback at the of Midland hands Christian's Mustangs, who last week claimed the Class 4A TAPPS state championship. "You have to give the two

teams that beat us a lot of credit," he explained. "Those were games where we felt like we didn't play very well, but the fact remains that Colorado City and Midland Christian played great football against us. Both of them deserved to win the nights they played

There sees little question the Buffs would like nothing better than to erase the memory of their last visit to Colorado City "I think our kids are look

ing forward to having

See BUFFS, page 2B

Miami of Ohio shocks No. 17 Temple, now eyes Duke

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Miami University finished passing through and shooting over Temple's matchup zone defense, coach John Chaney winced at the thought of what comes next.

That rematch with No. 1 Duke suddenly seems a lot less inviting. Jason Grunkemeyer emerged from his shooting slump by scoring 20 points, and Miami's patient passing led to wide-open shots and a 66-18 victory Thursday over the 17th-

ranked Owls. Temple (4-2) can into the game perhaps looking ahead, to playing Duke on Saturday in Philadelphia. The Owls lost to the Blue Devils 63 61 in the Preseason NIT final in

New York last Friday and were looking forward to playing them again.

"If Duke executes as well as this team did today and we play like we did, we won't be in the game,' Chaney said.

That's how badly the Owls were beaten by a team that had struggled to make shots all season.

In other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 2 Kansas beat Illinois State 80-61; No. 7 Tennessee topped North Carolina-Asheville 85-59; and No. 16 Connecticut defeated

Houston 72-60. Miami (2-3) did all the things that most teams try to do against the Owls' zone defense. The RedHawks

passed inside or took the ball to the hoop, then passed outside to a shooter for a 3-pointer.

Nothing novel there. The remark able thing was that the shooters were wide open — again and again.

"Temple kills teams that are passive, and we really attacked it," said center Mike Ensminger, who had a team-high seven assists but only two points. "Our guards hit their

Grunkemeyer, who had missed his last eight 3-point attempts coming in, hit two in the first half to set the tone. The RedHawks were 11-of-22 on 3-point attempts and got their biggest baskets from long range.

Grunkemeyer's 3-pointer started a 7-0 run that put Miami ahead to See ROUNDUP page 38

stay, 48-41 with 6:34 left. When Temple got within three points. Grunkemeyer hit another 3-pointer and Miami pulled away.

It was the worst thing that could have happened to them.

Miami's man-to-man defense took away Temple's inside game by double-teaming when the ball went inside. The Owls were content shooting from outside.

No. 2 Kansas 80,

Illinois St. 61 Drew Gooden scored 17 points as Kansas shrugged off a lackluster first half by hitting seven of its first

eight shots after halftime and surg

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half," a somewhat resigned Bulldogettes head coach Teri Hopkins said following the loss. "We managed to make a little run, but there's not much you can do when people hit 29-of-32 free throws when you're having to foul to get the ball."

Bulldogs head coach Kim Nichols seemed even more disappointed after seeing his team get off to a slow start, claw its way back into a tit-for-tat affair and even take the lead — its only one of the night — with seven minutes remaining in the game.

"I really felt we were going to pull this one out," Nichols said following the loss that left the Bulldogs winless in three outings.

"Right now we're just not er, Randall Rich added a

in shape," he added, explaining that the Bulldogs are currently paying the price of having qualified for the Class 2A football playoffs this season. "We're just not in basketball shape right now ... don't have our legs under us yet. There were times when they just caught us standing still and it really cost us.'

After Anson's Aarin Damiano opened the game's scoring with a 3-pointer and Coahoma's Chase Dais answered with a long-aistance bomb of his own, the Tigers quickly caught fire and moved out to an 18-9 lead at the end of the first quarter.

But by the midpoint of the second period, the Bulldogs had pulled to within a point, as Davis hit another 3-pointcouple of jumpers and Chase Ward drove the lane for another bucket, trimming the Anson lead to 21-

Two more 3-point shots by Damiano and a short jumper by teammate Caleb Martin allowed the Tigers to take a 30-24 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, Coahoma steadily mounted a slow comeback, trimming the Anson lead in half and entered the final eight minutes trailing by just three, 40-37.

That lead evaporated when Brad Lowry knocked down a 3-pointer to deadlock the game and 27 seconds later Ward hit the front end of a one-and-one to provided the Bulldogs their only lead of the night at 41-40.

But Damiano hit a jumper from the wing and knocked down the last of his six 3-pointers to regain the lead, and suddenly the Bulldogs found themselves suffering a similar fate their female counterparts had endured being forced to foul and Anson making its shots at the line.

Damiano led all scorers with 24 points, while Martin added double-digit scoring with 15 points for the Tigers. Ward and Long paced the Bulldogs with 11 points apiece, while Davis and Travis Hipp both scored nine points.

The Bulldogs now face Borden County's Coyotes in consolation bracket play at 12:30 p.m. today, while the Tigers advance to face the winner of an afternoon game between Hawley and Snyder's junior varsity.

The Bulldogettes faced

Monahans at 9:30 this morning in girls' consolation play.

Hawley's boys opened the tournament with a 57-24 win over Borden County, while defending champion Merkel made quick work of the Seminole junior varsity in rolling to a 91-54 wing The Badgers now await the win. ner of an afternoon game between Abilene Wylie, a 58-54 winner over Monahans on Thursday, and Midland

Greenwood. In other first-round girls' games, defending champion Sweetwater rolled to a 66-41 win over Ira, Lubbock Cooper beat Borden County

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another chance to play in Colorado City," Cotton acknowledged. "They don't feel like they played well the last time we were there and feel like they have something to prove. That will be a motivating factor for us.

While the Pied Pipers' offensive hopes primarily hinge on the success of White, the Buffs can counter with two of West Texas' best running backs in seniors Jeremy Hull and Clay White.

Hull, the Buffs' tailback, enters Saturday's game having gained 1,984 yards on 232 carries and 21 rushing touchdowns. He's added six punt returns for 180 yards, half of them resulting in touchdowns and returned five kickoffs for an average of 20 yards.

In addition, Hull is is a full-time starter in the Buffs' defensive backfield. He has 129 tackles to his credit; has intercepted three passes and returned one for a touchdown; recovered three fumbles; and forced three more drops.

Hull's career statistics are nothing short of mind-boggling. He's gained more than 3,000 yards, averaging 8.5 yards per carry and scored 33 rushing touchdowns He's returned five punts for touchdowns and one kickoff for a score.

But with White filling the fullback's position in the Stanton backfield opponents can't afford to load up in an attempt to stop Hull, since he has 1,101 yards rushing to his credit this season

"We knew all along that these two were going to be something special together," Cotton said. "They have been.'

But Cotton says the key to the Buffs' success Saturday will be the play of offensive

linemen Matthew Tollison, Lance Kargl, Kerry Hinojosa, David Cunningham, Ace Keele and

Jon Cotton, his son. "Our offensive line is going to have to have a good night ... it's the key to moving the football," he explained. "And defensively we've got to do a good job of

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trying to contain White. We can't afford to let them have a bunch of big plays. And, of course, we've got to do a good job on special teams.

"And we've got to limit turnovers and penalties," he concluded. "Mistakes are always going to be play a big role when two good football teams face each other."

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Kenny Gregory, Luke Axtell and Eric Chenowith each scored 11 points for the Jayhawks (7-0). With six

rebounds. Chenowith missed a double-double for the first time in four games.

No. 7 Tennessee 85,

NC-Asheville 59 Reserve Ron Slay scored 16 points as No. 7 Tennessee overcame a slow start against North Carolina-Asheville.

Terrence Woods had 12 points, Marcus Haislip 11, and Vincent Yarbrough had 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Volunteers (5-0).

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The Steers can look back on their 8-4 season and find a host of playoff teams. Even leaving vanquished playoff opponents Canyon and El Paso Riverside out of the mix, Big Spring played five playoff teams during the regular season -Sweetwater and Abilene Wylie in Class 3A and Hereford, Andrews and Frenship in Class 4A.

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What's more, the Steers' two scrimmage opponents, Midland Lee and Lamesa, will be playing Class 5A and Class 3A quarterfinal playoff games this weekend.

That's one of the reasons Butler doesn't believe the Steers have to take a back seat to the top-ranked Coyotes going into Saturday's showdown.

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As a matter of fact, Butler says he's convinced the Steers have already played teams as good as Wichita Falls.

"Frenship, Hereford. Canyon and Andrews are that good," he explained. "Each of them have had the same kind of talent. There's not any question that (Frenship's) Kendal Briles has the same kind of talent that their quarterback (Greg Henderson) has. He's the best player in their offensive backfield.

"Wichita Falls tailback (Detrick Cade) is a lot like Jamie Bueno at Andrews and their fullback is a lot like the kid Canyon had," Butler continued. "And their offensive line is a lot like Andrews' or Canyon's. They (Coyotes) are just very athletic at every position."

As a result, Butler says the key to the Steers continued success will be the same it has been all season

making sure the Big Spring defense doesn't have to spend the entire game on the field.

"It's really pretty simple, the more our offense, is, on . the field, the more chance we have to score and the less chance our opponent has to score," Butler noted. 'And with Wichita Falls, their offense is just too explosive for us to afford keeping our offense on the field all day.

Of course, the Big Spring offense has done an excel-202 Scurry St. (downtown) lent job of controlling the ball since the second half of the Steers' regular seasor finale with Frenship.

Perhaps the most domi nating showing came as th Steers racked up more that 500 yards of total offense rolling to a 46-12 demolition of El Paso Riverside.

Senior running bac Jason Woodruff led way, gaining 263 yards 27 carries and scoring thr touchdowns, improving season total to 1,343 yar on 294 carries and 19 tou downs

Fullbacks Kyland Weg and Baby Baeza added more yards on 13 car and two touchdowns.

Quarterback Choate hit 5 of 8 passepr 93 yards and a TD, wie rushing for another 63 yards and a score. The Steers have en

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of run and pass blochg. "But I really belie this game Saturday is gng to be really hard fous," he added. "Everythin we've done this season h been focused on being were we are right now, and u can say the same this for Wichita Falls. I thit it will come down to wheets the breaks and who bes the best job of not many mistakes, and that'she way playoff games are apposed

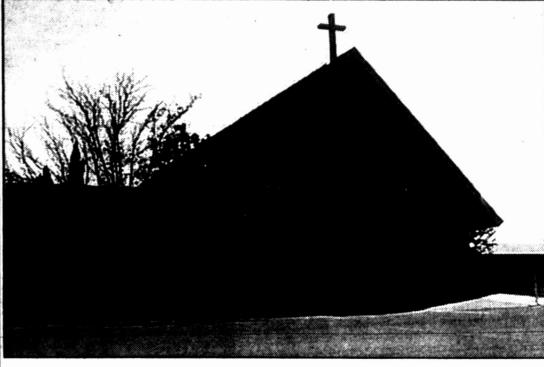
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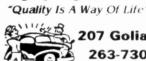
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DEAR A.B.: I'm pleased to help. It can be found in my cookbooklet set that includes other favorite family recipes, such as my Coconut Cake With Custard Frosting, Chocolate Cake With Fluffy White Frosting, my "to die Jor" Heavenly Peanut Butter Pie and my

Chocolate Mousse. Read on: ABBY'S CHEESECAKE

CRUST: 1 1/2 cups graham cracker

crumbs 1/2 cup butter, melted (1

stick) 1/3 cup powdered sugar

3 (8-ounce) packages

cream cheese, softened

4 eggs

1 pint dairy sour cream (at room temperature)

1 (21-ounce) can prepared cherry, blueberry or strawberry pie filling

degrees

2. Combine graham crack-

3. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, eggs, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Pour mixture over prepared

50 minutes (until center is

set). 5. Remove from oven and spread sour cream on top of cheesecake. Return to oven and bake an additional 5 minutes.

6. Remove from oven and

serving, carefully remove sides from pan. Serves 16.

Tip: To minimize cracking, place shallow pan half full of hot water on lower rack of oven during baking. And be sure the sour cream is at room temperature when you spread it on.

Readers, to purchase my cookbooklet set, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$7.90 per set (\$9 per set in Canada) to: Dear Abby Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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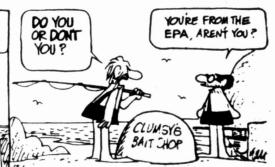






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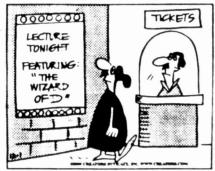








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Today is Friday, Dec. 1, the 336th day of 2000. There are 30 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alag city bus. Parks was arrested, spark. ing a yearlong boycott of the buses by blacks. On this date:

In 1913, the first drive-in automobile service station

opened, in Pittsburgh.
In 1919, Lady Aster was sworn in as the first legisla, member of the British Parliament.

in 1934, Sergei M. Kirov, a collaborator of Josef Stalin, were allowed to leave their

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in 1942, nationwille gasoline rationing went into fect in the United States. In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader

Josef Stalin concluded their Tehran conference. In 1956, the Legnard Bernstein musical based on 'Candide,'' opened on Voltaire,

Broadway.

In 1959, representatives of 12 countries, including the United States, signed a treaty in Washington setting aside Antarctica as a scientific preserve, free from military activity. In/(1965// an wirlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans

homeland.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Picerni is 78. Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 77. Actor Robert Symonds is 74. Singer Billy Paul is 66. Actor-director Woody Allen is 65. Singer Lou Rawls is 65. Golfer Lee Trevino is 61. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 61. Comedian-actor Richard Pryor is 60. Country musi-. cian Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 58. Television producer David Salzman 'MADtv'') is 57. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 56. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 56. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 55. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 54. Actor Treat Williams is 49. Country singer Kim Richey is 44. Actress Charlene Tilton is 42. Actress-model Carol Alt is 40.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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