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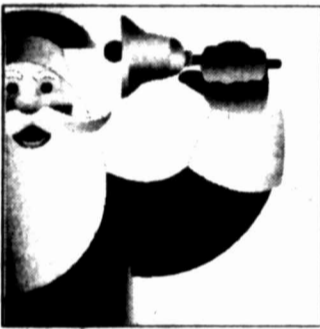


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HELPING OTHERS:

Each day through the holiday season, the *Herald* will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including the Salvation Army Angel Trees and Salvation Army Kettles. If your organization has an established program to help others and would like to be included in this list, call Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.



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- Community Care Hospice

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- Wal-Mart
- Big Spring Mall

Giving Tree

- Wells Fargo

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- Big Spring Area

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'Antigone' to take stage Monday, Tuesday nights

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School theatre department is going to the Greeks as it performs the last play in a trilogy written by Sophocles on Monday and Tuesday.



HAYNES

"We are performing

Antigone by Sophocles," said theater instructor Tim Haynes. "This is the third part from a Greek tragedy. "Sophocles is one of the best writers of tragedy," he continued. "His plot structure is copied by everyone who writes tragedy."

Haynes said he wanted to expose his students to this type of play, adding that many of the high school students are reading Greek tragedy in their English

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Jim Wright, music director for First United Methodist Church, leads the dress rehearsal of the Living Christmas Tree on Saturday. The Living Christmas Tree will have another performance at 8 tonight.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring welcomes in the holiday season

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Flanked by bright-eyed spectators bundled in layers of clothing, the 14th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade rolled down Gregg Street here Saturday — a proclamation that the holiday season has officially arrived.

"The parade is good to get you into the spirit," said Sally Hise of Forsan. "I hope they keep continuing the tradition."

More than 60 entries expressed the parade's theme of "A Traditional Christmas" in such scenes as a land of toys, the singing of carols, angels on high, a horse and carriage and even some West Texas snowmen.

Though snow was a real possibility before sunup, spectators and participants alike had to endure only the cold — made more biting by a steady wind, but yet somehow fitting. "The cold weather provided an atmosphere that was perfect for a Christmas



Goliad Cavaliers spelled out the season in one of the more than 60 entries in Saturday's Herald Community Christmas Parade.

parade," said *Herald* publisher John H. Walker. "The crowd was enthusiastic and it was a great turnout."

It was a turnout that started early. Vehicles began lining up in parking lots along Gregg two and a half

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Three-peats: Western Container, Sacred Heart claim parade titles

HERALD Staff Report

Western Container Corporation and Sacred Heart of Mary and St. Thomas Catholic churches were winners once again in Saturday's Community

Saturday's Christmas parade participants such as Ag Services and C&M Garage, left, Howard Cottage and Santa Claus brought smiles to the faces of the thousands of spectators who lined Gregg Street.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Christmas Parade.

It was the third consecutive win for both entries, though it was in a new division for Sacred Heart of Mary and St. Thomas Catholic churches.

There were two new winners in the Civic and Church/School divisions.

For the third straight year, the brightly-lit Western Container entry won the Commercial division with 52 out of 60 possible points awarded by the judges. The traditional "at home" theme got a strong challenge from State

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THE WINNERS

Lighted

1. Sacred Heart of Mary and St. Thomas Catholic Churches
2. Mountain View Lodge
3. Ag Services and C&M Garage

Civic

1. Howard County Volunteer Fire Department
2. Harley Owner's

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Festival of Lights shines bright despite damage by some vandals

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Despite vandals' efforts, hundreds of thousands of lights were lit at Comanche Trail Park on Saturday night for the fourth annual Festival of Lights.

Pat Simmons, chairperson of the event, said that although the vandals caused some parts of the exhibit not to be ready most of the display was lit.

"We had close to 200 people already come

through the park," Simmons said shortly after the exhibit opened on Saturday.

Motorists who drive through the park will be able to see many of the lights; however, a walking tour will allow visitors to see the entire display.

Simmons encourages the public to enter the park through the Highway 87 entrance and exit from the Kid's Zone.

The displays will be lit nightly through December. There is no

charge, though donations will be accepted. Donations go toward enhancing the display each year.

Vandals destroyed several strands of lights and stole light bulbs from the displays on both Thursday and Friday. That caused volunteers and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Wilderness Camp inmates delays in adding the finishing touches.

Inmates discovered

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Pat Simmons, chairman of the Festival of Lights, stands in front of the stage coach exhibit constructed by Bobby McDonald and Sam Knight. The lights, which are at Comanche Trail Park, will be on each evening through December.

OBITUARIES

Ramon Ornelas

Funeral service for Ramon Ornelas, 58, of Marfa, is pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel. Mr. Ornelas died on Thursday, Nov. 30.

Dorothy Smith Summers Martin

Dorothy Smith Summers Martin, 76, of Big Spring, died at 3:50 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring, following a lengthy illness.



Graveside service will be 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 4, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park, with the Rev. Jeff Donnell officiating.

Dorothy was born on June 3, 1924, at Port Arthur. She married John Summers in June of 1946 at Port Arthur. They came to Big Spring in 1950. Mr. Summers died in 1984. She later married Elmo Martin in May of 1990. He died in 1995. Dorothy had worked in supply at Webb Air Force Base for a number of years. She later worked at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center as a contracting officer until retiring in 1988. She had also been an Avon representative and was a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by: two sons, David Summers of Big Spring and Steven Summers of Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Betty Smith of Midland; two grandchildren, David Summers and Christopher Summers; and one great-granddaughter, Lindsey Devine Summers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Estel Monday Smith and George Smith; one aunt, Jewel Millard; and one nephew, Nathan Smith.

The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today.

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

Paid obituary

Abbie Leona Barbee

Funeral service for Abbie Leona Barbee, 93, of Sand

Springs, will be 4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4, 2000, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. Greg Barbee of Canyon and Mark Alexander of Sweetwater will officiate.

Mrs. Barbee died on Saturday, Dec. 2, at a local nursing home following a long illness.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1907, in Johnson County. The family moved to Howard County in 1926. She married William Walter (Shorty) Barbee on Sept. 1, 1929, in Big Spring. They were charter members of First Baptist Church of Sand Springs and later charter members of Midway Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband.

She is survived by: three sons, Charles Barbee of Big Spring, Jarrell Barbee of Midway and Darrell Barbee of Burleson; one sister, Ruth Bailey of Stephenville; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. today.

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

Bob E. Wilson

Bob E. Wilson, 65, of Rochester, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Holden-McCauley Funeral Home in Haskell. Mr. Wilson died on Saturday, Nov. 25, at his residence.

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TRAGEDY

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courses. For those not familiar with this type of play, Haynes said to expect a chorus or group of people to speak as one voice or one person.

"The Greek plays were first written for a chorus and from there a chorus leader or Choragos emerged," he said. "One day an actor stepped out and spoke lines. This was the first actor."

The chorus during Greek time was made up of noblemen, Haynes said.

The performance will begin at 7:30 each night in the high school auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door and prices are \$3 for adults \$2 for senior citizens, students and children.

The cast includes Anna McLaughlin as Antigone, Haley Haynes as Ismene, Ryan Guinn as Kreon, Andy C. Rodriguez as Haimon, Lacey Knight as Eurydice, Amanda Sheedy as Phaios, Eric Gamble as Sentry, Toryn Haynes as Teiresias, Jared Wilkerson as Young Boy, Jamie Pineda as Messenger 1, Shasta Fuqua as Messenger 2, Stephanie Fitzgerald as Attendant to the Queen, Leandro Sanchez as Advisor to the King and Jason Carey, Jon McKinnon and Darren Weatherby as armed slaves.

The play also includes Holly Cobb, Stacy Head, Mindy Partee, Stephanie Fitzgerald, Brandi

Hutchison, Jamie Pineda, Laura Schnake, Shasta Fuqua, Jeremy Knight and Leandro Sanchez as the chorus of Theban Nobles.

Tim Haynes and Clint Adams are directing the play and the production crew includes Joann Cervantes, Leandro Sanchez, Chris Wigington and Robbie Wilkinson.

Sands CISD to review AEIS, SRC info today

HERALD Staff Report

ACKERLY — Today marks the date Sands Consolidated Independent School District officials present and review the Texas Education Agency's 1999-2000 School Report Card (SRC) and the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report.

Following the report, a Christmas program will be presented by the Sands students and choir director Sandra Roberts. The program is set for 2 p.m. in the Sands High School auditorium.

Sands trustees will approve the AEIS and SRC during the Thursday, Dec. 14, board meeting.

The AEIS and SRC compare Sands' student performances with the average of scores from across the state and other districts in the region. Additionally, the scores from each campus are broken down for comparison with campuses of similar size and ethnic and economic makeup of students.

The reports reveal that Sands Elementary is an exemplary campus for the fourth consecutive year. The Sands High School and Sands district dropped from exemplary from the previous two years to recognized accreditation status.

Others areas addressed by the AEIS and SRC include information on student achievement, staff makeup and details about the district's financial spending.

Coast Guard cutter re-enacts historic voyages

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A U.S. Coast Guard cutter carrying Christmas trees for needy Chicago-area families docked safely Friday after retracing the ill-fated voyage of the original "Christmas tree" ship 88 years ago.

The cutter Mackinaw dropped anchor at Navy Pier after a 24-hour trip on Lake Michigan from Cheboygan, Mich.

The original Christmas tree ship was the Rouse Simmons, a three-masted schooner that brought Michigan evergreens to Chicago every year from 1877 until it sank in a squall on Nov. 22, 1912. Its skipper, Herman Schuenemann, and all 16 hands were lost.

A note found in a bottle by the U.S. Lifesaving Service, a predecessor to the Coast Guard, read: "Everybody goodbye. ... I guess we are through. ... God help us."

Historians believe the note was written by Schuenemann, known to Chicagoans as Captain Santa.

"When the Rouse Simmons sank, it was a

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 8,22,24,27,32,49

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

said, accident data are persuading the industry to make changes that better assign costs according to the safety record of a particular model.

Bigger vehicles can cause more damage to other cars, but that doesn't always mean they're safer for the people riding in them, Progressive spokeswoman Leslie Kolleda said Saturday.

"We look at data from crash tests, look at what cockpit protection the vehicle affords, how the vehicle is designed and made. It's a lot more than just size," Kolleda said.

She said Progressive has been pricing liability coverage based on vehicle characteristics since 1983.

Allstate spokesman Mike Trevino said the company will raise liability premiums for some SUV models, while premiums for some vans and cars may decrease.

"We will reflect the actual claims experience (for each vehicle) onto the price of insurance," Trevino said Saturday.

But he said some SUV owners may also see a decrease in the medical portion of their premiums because the vehicles better protect occupants.

Premiums are likely to rise or fall by \$150 or less a year under the new plans, insurance executives told the Times.

State Farm, the nation's largest auto insurer, announced Tuesday that it would reduce the cost of personal injury coverage for drivers of what it considers the safest vehicles, including some luxury cars, vans and SUVs. However, it said owners of SUVs and other big cars will still pay more for their insurance than small-car owners do.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY
• AA, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

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

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

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 East Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

• Family Education and Support, sponsored by

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

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

• Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Dec. 4 at 6 p.m., at the Spanish Inn Restaurant, 200 N.W. Third. For more information call 398-5522.

• Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Monday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We will have a Christmas Party. The meal will be furnished. If you wish to bring a covered dish, bring cranberries, salads, vegetables, sweet potatoes, rolls, desserts, etc. Bring a wrapped gift (not to exceed \$10) for a fun gift exchange. For more information, call 398-5522.

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

SHERIFF

The following arrest was unintentionally omitted from Friday's Howard County Sheriff's report:

• LESLIE LLOYD, 34, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized carrying of a weapon.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday:

• MELISSA ESCANUELAS, 18, was arrested on local warrants.

• JOSEPH PETERSON, 30, was arrested on a charge of assault family/violence.

• RONNIE FREEMAN, 43, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass warning.

• FRANK MORPHIS, 17, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• ABE AUSTIN, 17, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• THEFT was reported in the area of Third and Nolan, at the police department, in the 700 block of W. Fourth, in the 1800 block of Gregg and in the 2900 block of Melrose.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported at the police department.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of Lamar.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 200 block of NE Seventh.

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LIGHTS

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early Friday morning that close to 300 feet of light strands were intermittently cut, bulbs missing and the extension plugs torn from the cords, said, TDCJ Wilderness Camp officer Lawrence Hein.

"They were highly upset," said Hein. "They have spent close to three months preparing and setting up these lights. It is a total disregard for someone else's property."

"These inmates have worked very hard and they take pride in their work," he said.

Simmons said the lights were vandalized again on Friday, causing even more work to be done before Saturday's lighting.

sion with 55 points, followed by last year's winner, Ag Services and C&M Garage, with 50.

Winning the Church/School division this year was Howard College. Its Howard Cottage entry received 57 of 60 points. Second went to the First Church of the Nazarene's children's group with 55. Tied for third with 48 points apiece were Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and Elbow First and Fifth Grade Buddies.

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department won the Civic division with 43 points. Second for as many years in a row was the Harley Owner's Group with 37 points. Third went to Boy Scout Pack 179 with 30 points.

smile and everyone wave. It makes you warm inside."

The Forsan High School marching band was joined by the Coahoma High School marching band. It was the Coahoma band's first appearance in the parade.

Some organizations took advantage of the parade to offer hot chocolate, coffee and popcorn. Others, such as Wells Fargo, handed out free refreshments to parade-goers.

It took more than an hour for the parade to march past the judge's stand at Eighth Street and Gregg and make its way to the downtown area, where more spectators awaited.

"I think the parade had some of the best entries we've ever had," said Walker. "This is something the Herald employees enjoy doing every year and it is our Christmas present to the community."

Most of the 63 colorful and creative entries were lighted and put smiles on the faces of all ages. Of course, some spectators had their favorites.

"I came to see Santa Claus," said 6-year old Nathan Salazar, his pockets stuffed with candy. "I saw him! I saw him!"

Santa did arrive, amid shouts of "Merry Christmas!" and signaling an end to the brightly-lit event — but not the end of the festivities.

Many spectators and participants warmed up at the Hangar 25 Air Museum open house or the First

CHAMPS

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National Bank's toyland float this year. State National, which was making its return to the parade after a year's absence, received 48 points. Third in the division was Al's & Son Barbecue with 46 points.

Sacred Heart of Mary and St. Thomas Catholic churches won the Lighted division for the first time with 59 of a possible 60 points. It was another crown for Sacred Heart, however, which had won the Church/School division the previous two years.

Mountain View Lodge was second in the Lighted divi-

PARADE

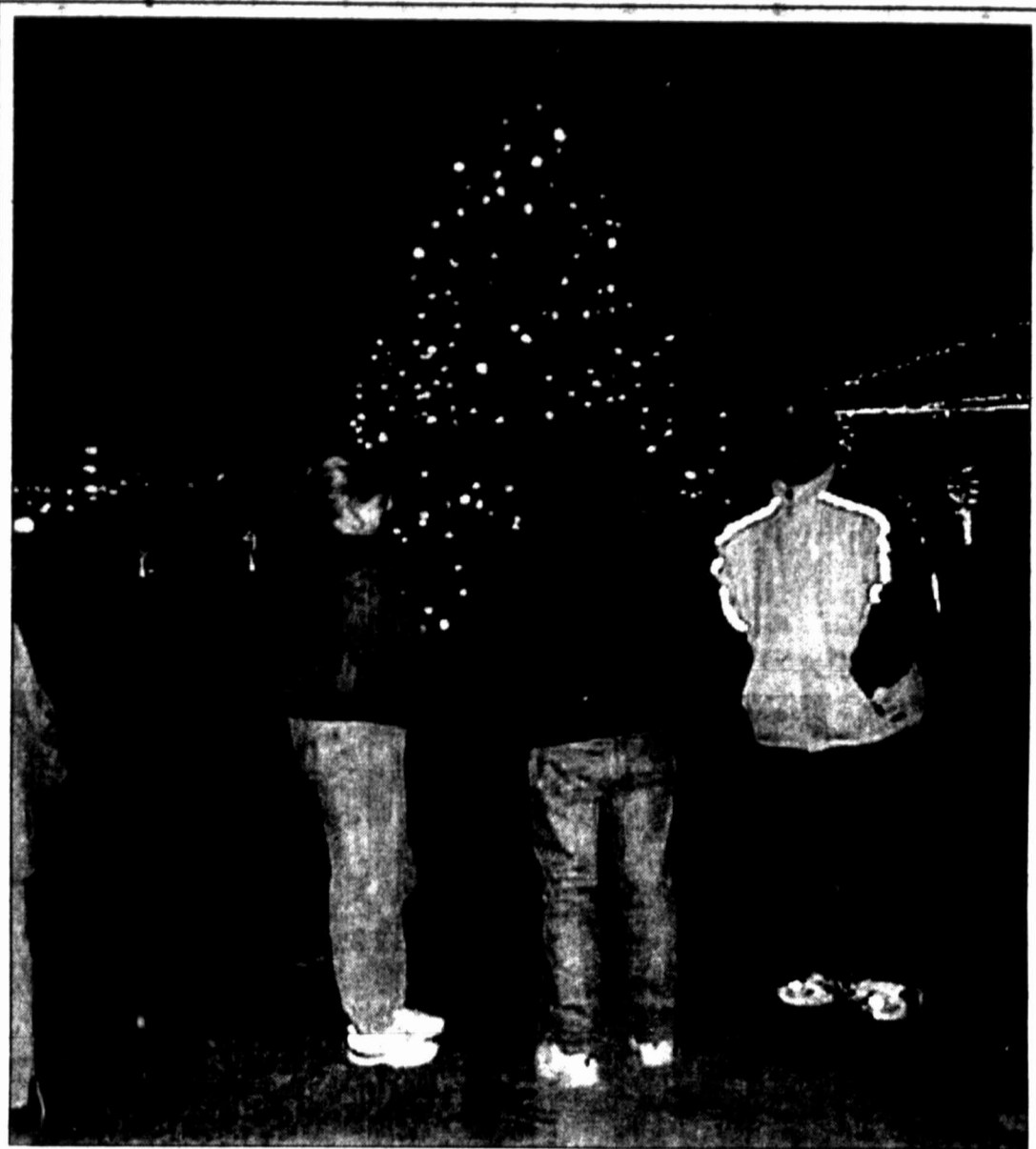
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hours before the parade, as many spectators sought shelter from what they knew would be a frosty night.

Once the parade started, however, the thought of being chilled suddenly mattered a little less.

"It would not be Christmas without a parade," said Jane Armstrong, who added, "The floats were better than last year."

"It was wonderful," said Kaci West, a Forsan band member who enjoyed her part in the parade. "It was worth it to see the kids



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
City of Big Spring and Big Spring Herald employees lit the Community Christmas Tree at the Heart of the City Park following Saturday's Christmas Parade. Dedication of the park was delayed because work has not yet been completed.

WINNERS

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Group

3. Boy Scout Pack 179

Church/School

1. Howard College

2. First Church of the Nazarene children's group
3. (tie) Immaculate Heart of Mary and Elbow First and Fifth Grade Buddies




Commercial

1. Western Container
2. State National Bank
3. Al's & Son Barbecue

United Methodist Church's "A Living Christmas Tree" or headed off to Comanche Trail Park where lights were turned on for the Festival of Lights.

Staff writer Lyndel Moody contributed to this article.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Wonderful way to start the holidays

As we headed home Saturday from a wondrous day of starting the holiday season, our hearts were warm, despite the frost in the air. My, what a time we had.

If you took it all in, you were out fairly early, picking through some wonderful items and fresh-baked goods at the Canterbury North and South bazaar. From there, you had the opportunity to attend the dress rehearsal of the Living Christmas Tree at First United Methodist Church. Or maybe you were one of the hundreds who had tickets for the evening program. Either way, the story in song and narration that the many talented performers tell is truly a blessing.

Some 15,000 or more of you bundled up in the crisp night air for the 14th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade. Weren't there some wonderful entries? The smiles on the faces of spectators is always the best reward for those organizations, churches, businesses and others who work so hard to make this happen each year.

From there, perhaps you made your way to the Heart of the City Park, where the Community Christmas Tree was "officially" lit. No doubt this new park will be the scene of many future holiday activities, as well as non-holiday happenings.

We were pleased to see Hangar 25 Air Museum open after the parade, offering hot chocolate, cookies and a warm atmosphere. It gave us a chance to get the chill off before we headed to Comanche Trail Park to see the Festival of Lights. Each year, the display gets better and better. If you drove through the park Saturday night, remember that the scenes are even more wonderful on a walking tour. It's something you'll want to do before the holidays are over.

The festivities aren't over, of course. The Big Spring Symphony Guild's Tour of Homes is today from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. and a second evening performance of the Living Christmas Tree is set for 8 tonight.

On Monday, Big Spring State Hospital will 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 building.

Upcoming are Howard College's Luminaria on Dec. 7, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on Dec. 14-16 and the First Church of the Nazarene Drive-thru Nativity on Dec. 14-17. We are sure there will be others, as well.

Happy holidays, Big Spring! May they continue to be merry and bright!

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor,

It has become evident that rules are to be obeyed by everyone but members of the liberal Democrat party!

How many times do you have to lose?

Bush won! Fold up your tents and go home, Al Gore, and stop being a sore loser!

LILLIE HENDRICKS
BIG SPRING

To the Editor:

I congratulate both candidates for running a nice, clean race for Howard County

sheriff.

An article in the Big Spring Herald on Wednesday, Nov. 8, quotes one of Mr. Walker's supporters as saying, "He is going to bring integrity and the spirit of the law to the office."

I strongly believe there has always been honesty and the spirit of law enforcement during Bill Jennings' term of office. I hope Mr. Walker will continue to keep integrity and professionalism in the office.

GENE SIMPKINS
BIG SPRING

Tough to measure public opinion now

By WILL LESTER
Guest Columnist

The two presidential candidates are battling furiously for advantage in the polls, but when big events move this fast it can be tough figuring out who's winning the war.

Polls this week suggested many people are getting restless, think Republican George W. Bush won in Florida — and thus gets the White House — and feel Democrat Al Gore should get fair treatment.

In short, public opinion is almost as muddled as the Florida vote recount.

"This is a once-in-a-century happening," said Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. "No one knows what to make of this."

But that doesn't keep news organizations from rapidly taking polls, comparing one quickly produced survey with another and desperately trying to read the tea leaves.

"Some surveys are being done just moments after things happen, before people have a chance to think on it and discuss it with those around them," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press. "There are two things operating here: Events in the information age move more quickly

than they used to, and with the 24-hour news cycle, it increases the newsroom's demand for information."

Many veteran pollsters are uneasy with one-night polls, citing methodology problems such as inadequate time to call back people in the random sample and get the best levels of response — which can make polls more reliable — and relatively small sample sizes (400 to 500 people) with bigger error margins.

Other veterans of the business say the quick polls can be surprisingly reliable when done carefully, and often catch the lead indicators of change. The broadcast networks all do them from time to time, a matter of professional necessity.

Quickly produced polls are only one issue in a chaotic period like this — the timing of polls after big news events is another and different wording of questions in different organizations' polls is a third.

The question of whether the public wants Gore to concede is a good case in point.

Polls that came out immediately after Florida certified Bush the winner of the state Sunday suggested that about six in 10 wanted Gore to concede. An NBC News poll that came out a day after Gore made his plea for patience had the nation evenly split, with

about a third in the poll saying they'd seen Gore's nighttime speech. A CBS-New York Times poll that came out midweek showed that four in 10 wanted Gore to concede.

But the CBS-Times poll asked a different question — not "should Gore concede," but "should anyone concede."

These semantic differences are fascinating to pollsters but are seldom noticed by the public or by some reporters who try to discern trends by comparing these different polls.

"It's very important to see how the question was asked," said Matthew Dowd, a poll specialist with the Bush campaign. "One news agency will word it one way and report a number, and another will word it another way and the analysis of these polls is described as a trend. And that trend may or may not exist."

Still, there were recurring themes last week.

"The polls all have a pattern," said Kohut, who has been taking his own poll, but had not released it late Thursday.

"Most people see Bush as the most likely president, many think Gore should concede, but they have a willingness to see Gore as the president."

Kohut said he sees "nothing in the polls that suggests people are screaming

for it to end right now" even if "they would like it to end right now."

On balance, "there's more comfort in these polls for Bush, clearly," he said.

The Bush camp notes the dipping numbers in Gore's personal popularity, the public preference for how Bush has been handling the post-election period, and a growing belief that Bush won.

Gore laughingly dismissed the polls this week and his spokesman Doug Hattaway said: "We're not picking apart the polls, as much as trying to get the votes counted."

But they certainly are paying attention in between their blitz of national TV appearances. They must find some solace in the refusal of a number — about half — to demand a Gore concession and the number who say they could accept a Gore presidency as legitimate — more than six in 10. That's just about the number who say that about Bush.

"There's one very important element from the polls I've seen this week," said pollster Peter Hart, who conducted the poll for NBC News. "The country has figured out a way that we'll be able to live with either of these candidates."

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The joy of sailing the seas by turning pages

Do you like sea stories? If so, let me recommend some, in case you've already read your way through the Horatio Hornblower and the Jack Aubrey series.



CHARLEY REESE

I'm a firm believer that all aesthetics are purely subjective and that literary critics are essentially parasites who can't write but are clever enough to earn a living by obfuscating.

To me, it's simple: Do you like it or not? If you like it, that's all you need to know about it. The original series of sea adventures were the novels about Horatio Hornblower, and most of the later series have followed that formula — starting with a young officer who gradually climbs through the ranks after many battles and adventures.

The current series that has the critics crowing is a group of historical novels by Patrick O'Brian, whose heroes are Jack Aubrey, a British naval officer, and a surgeon and intelligence officer named Stephen Maturin. O'Brian died recently, so his series has come to an end.

However, Alexander Kent, another British writer, has a series going, also set during the Napoleonic wars, and Maine sailor James L. Nelson has two series going — one set during the American Revolution and the other set during the Colonial period. Both of these men know how to tell a good story.

It's odd that I love these sea stories so much because I have no desire whatsoever to go to sea. I've twice crossed the North Atlantic by ship, and it seems perfectly clear to me that the sea is an alien environment as far as folks are concerned.

The idea that a thin, steel hull is between me and 6,000 feet of cold, dark water is not especially

pleasant. You either have to adopt a religiouslike faith in your ship and crew, or you have an anxious voyage. I preferred to sail with blind faith but nevertheless was always happy to dock.

I even grew up in a Navy town, but when Uncle Sam came calling, I said, "Give me a rifle, some boots and a shovel, and I'm your man." I am a strong believer that in the natural order of things, the natural habitat of man is dry land. I love old Mother Earth, and I'll leave the sea and the sky to other folks.

At the same time, a good adventure story is a good adventure story. Those men who sailed the wooden ships and fought them were one tough breed. They had, of course, neither radar nor radio and were at sea for months entirely on their own.

When they fought, they fired broadsides into each other, usually followed by boarding and hand-to-hand fighting with pistols, pikes and sabers. Then, if they were still afloat, they had to repair their own damage.

In this age of missiles and submarines and airplanes, the face of naval battles has changed, but many of the Navy traditions have not. The captain at sea is still God. The crew must still work together as a unit to fight their ship.

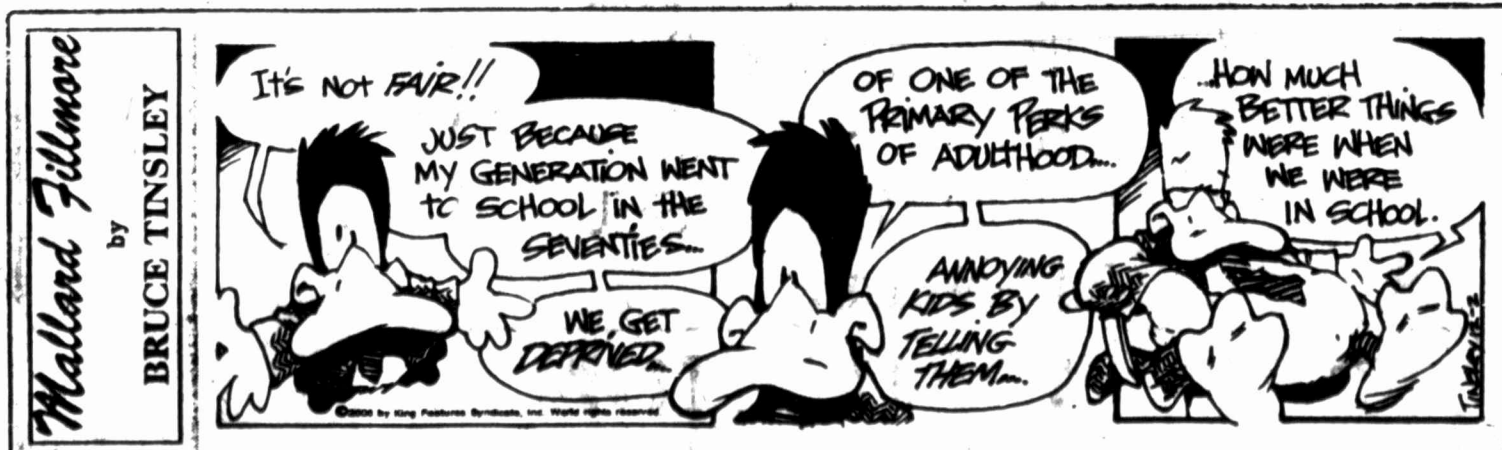
And unlike a ground-pounder, a sailor at sea cannot retreat if his ship is badly damaged. Sailors either keep her afloat or go down with her. In one sense, a warship is like a floating Alamo.

The hell of battle described in these novels is not unlike the hell the men of the USS Cole went through as they fought to keep their ship afloat in the blazing heat of Aden.

The Clinton-Gore administration is certainly eating away at Navy traditions like termites.

They have put women on ships at sea and, some Navy officers claim, are now teaching situational ethics at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Too bad those two guys never served under a stern British sea captain.



Gore attorneys press for recount as Bush hosts GOP lawmakers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

George W. Bush flatly asserted Saturday, "I'm soon to be the president" and met with GOP congressional leaders as if to prove it. Al Gore sought a recount before a Florida judge as both candidates awaited a U.S. Supreme Court decision that could untangle their election impasse.

All nine Supreme Court justices were at work, a day after hearing arguments in the case. There was no indication when the high court would rule.

Florida's Republican-controlled Legislature was

poised to meet in special session Wednesday to consider naming a slate of 25 electors for Bush to protect against any court decision erasing his victory, House Majority Leader Mike Fasano said. However, Senate President John McKay said he still had not reviewed a committee report recommending the session.

Despite the legal challenges, Republicans continued to prod the vice president to abandon his challenge. "George W. Bush is rightfully our president-elect," Ohio Gov. Bob Taft said in the GOP's weekly

radio address. "We should not prolong a constitutional impasse that could prevent the timely transition of presidential power."

Gore spent a quiet day in Washington, chatting over lunch with actor Tommy Lee Jones, his college roommate and longtime friend. Meanwhile, the vice president's lawyers tried to persuade a judge in Tallahassee to count 14,000 disputed ballots from South Florida. Attorney David Boies said the contested ballots in heavily Democratic Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties could "place in doubt" Bush's 537-vote vic-

tory margin certified by Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris. Gore previously has predicted he would win if all the votes were counted.

Bush's attorneys filed counter motions and said any recount should be expanded to include all votes cast in Volusia and Broward counties, where Gore benefitted from recounts shortly after the election. Bush's lawyers also sought to negate a Seminole County lawsuit filed by Democrats to throw out about 15,000 absentee ballots, which would cost Bush a net of 4,797 votes.

Kimball Brace, an election expert called by Gore's side, said a hand count is the "only way of finding out exactly how many votes were cast" for each candidate. Brace, president of Election Data Services, tried to show various ways Floridians intending to vote for Gore could have failed to fully punch their ballots, instead creating impressions called dimples.

Under cross examination by Bush lawyer Phil Beck, Brace acknowledged that indentations could also have resulted simply the handling of the ballots.

"If I were to rub my finger

across it, that could create an indentation and that obviously should not be counted as intention to vote," Brace testified. Gore's lawyers also presented testimony from a statistician, Nicolas Hengartner of Yale University.

Saturday's hearing in Leon County Circuit Court stretched over nine hours before being recessed until 9 a.m. Sunday.

The day ended with testimony by an expert in rubber and plastics, Richard Grossman, who was called by Bush's attorneys to talk about material used in voting machines.

FDA claims American Red Cross blood operations are flawed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal agency is questioning the handling of blood supplies by the American Red Cross, saying the agency repeatedly failed inspections over 15 years and continues to have problems that could harm patients.

Documents filed in U.S. District Court by the Food and Drug Administration said the Red Cross is not in compliance with the current laws and regulations. "The problems are serious because of the potential for harm," FDA official Dr. Jay S. Epstein said Friday.

The Red Cross collects about 6.5 million units of blood annually, about half of the nation's medical blood supply.

The FDA filings maintained that the Red Cross has "a long-standing and ongoing failure to comply with good manufacturing

practice" standards in collecting, processing and distributing blood used in medical procedures.

The Red Cross "has not been in compliance with the (standards) ... since at least 1985," the FDA said, saying increasingly tough actions by the government have

failed to correct the problems.

Dr. Bernadine Healy, the American Red Cross president and chief executive, said the blood supplied by the organization is "the safest in the world."

"We are not releasing dangerous blood, but there have

been near misses," she said. "These are red flags and we are jumping on them."

The FDA said the Red Cross failed inspections in 1985. After repeated notifications of noncompliance, it entered into an agreement in 1988 to pursue a plan to meet agency standards.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 3:

Tension often surrounds your judgments about what you need to do for your home and family. Lighten up on yourself. Don't push others, but think about possibilities. Your diplomatic skills will earmark your success. Others see you as unusually bright and resourceful, and they frequently seek you out. If you are single, romance flourishes because of your natural charisma. If you are attached, remember how much you care about your partner before you make issues out of inconsequential stuff. PISCES serves as an anchor.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Sad; 1-Difficult. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19) M. *** Know that you don't have to do much. Others seek you out, and popularity soars to a new level. Listen to someone at a distance. This person has a totally different perspective. Swap information. You could be disturbed by changes you think you need to make. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Focus on your friends and what you love. Someone makes a heartfelt inquiry. You might inadvertently be causing yourself a problem here. Stay focused on the results. You're happiest with groups. A partner could be unusually testy. Tonight: Where the party is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***Take in all the possibilities around you. You could be a bit overloaded with others' demands. A partner or close friend doesn't mean to be so testy, but he's out of sorts. Remain helpful to this person as he seeks out answers or different alternatives. Tonight: Others take their cue from you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Make an overture or reach out for another. How you look at a situation

could change considerably after you get feedback. Get into a holiday project, like addressing Christmas cards or doing Santa errands. Consider loved ones at a distance first. Meanwhile, don't forget an important call. Tonight: Relax if you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Examine your potential with another. Question what it is you want to do. Think twice before making more of something than necessary. A child or loved one could be acting in a contrary manner. Sort through your ideas rather than making ultimatums. Tonight: Talk to a trusted partner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** You might not be seeing a situation as clearly as you think. Refuse to get caught up in thinking like the Joneses. Do only what is good for you right now, even if it means being a bit uncomfortable for a while. Tonight: Take in a movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Make an effort to think through, rather than reacting to, what is going on with another. Though the issue at the crux of the problem could be money, you still don't need to react. You might opt to get a project or work completed. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Your creativity emerges. You might feel a risk is well-timed, but you might actually be wise to wait. Don't push too hard, and understand your limits. For the moment, curb spending and be more cautious. Another might throw a tantrum to get what he wants. Tonight: Frolic like a child.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **You might have a bad case of foot-in-mouth disease. Use time in your favor. Refuse to blurt out anything that might be difficult to take back. Think about what is important here in the long run, espe-

cially with family and a personal matter. Allow another to be on the warpath without you. Tonight: Mosey on home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***You could be sabotaging yourself and saying or doing things that really don't serve you. If you feel unusually tense, take a walk or go exercise. You could be tired and out of whack. You might be better off canceling plans rather than continuing with such a hectic pace. Tonight: Easy works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Use self-discipline with spending. While others might be carefree with a buck, you don't need to be. Look at ramifications. Refuse to get caught up in thinking like the Joneses. Do only what is good for you right now, even if it means being a bit uncomfortable for a while. Tonight: Take in a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Your personality helps another get off his position. You might understand this person a lot more than either of you realizes. Laughter and humor mix. Don't be conned into a responsibility that you don't want. Say no if need be. Remember, you don't need to be on call. Tonight: Your smile wins the day.

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Judge rules against random drug testing in Tulia schools

LUBBOCK (AP) — An Amarillo judge has ruled against a policy of "mandatory, suspicion-less" drug-testing at the Tulia Independent School District, saying it violates the Fourth Amendment.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson issued the ruling Friday in favor of Hollister Gardner, a student at Tulia High School.

Hollister Gardner, 21, and his cousin, Molly Gardner, 16, filed the suit in January 1997 to protest the TISD's policy. It required all students involved in extracurricular activities to submit to random drug tests, or about 80 percent of the student body.

The judge heard arguments in the case in August 1999.

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IN BRIEF

Hawks open Classic with 78-74 victory

Howard College's Hawks improved to 3-6 on the season Friday night with a 78-74 win over Bethany College in the opening game of the Casper College Classic in Casper, Wyo.

Derrick Tarver led the way for the Hawks with 26 points, while Darius Mattear added 24 more. Doug Whittler added 12 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

The Hawks faced Casper's host team late Saturday night.

Hawk Flight Boosters slate lunch meeting

The Howard College Hawk Flight Booster Club will have a luncheon meeting at Noon Monday in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building.

Tickets for the meal are \$5.25 per person. Those planning to attend should RSVP by calling Betty Reed at 264-5040.

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 p.m. at 267-1069.

Softball boosters will meet on Thursday

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

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

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to the attention of John A. Moseley at 264-7205.

ON THE AIR

Radio

PRO FOOTBALL

Noon — Dallas Cowboys at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Women

3 p.m. — UMass at Stanford, FXS, Ch. 29.

3 p.m. — Elite Four, Georgia vs. Rutgers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

FIGURE SKATING

Noon — Star Skates, NBC, Ch. 9.

3 p.m. — ISU Grand Prix Series Nations Cup, ABC, Ch. 2.

PRO FOOTBALL

Noon — Dallas Cowboys at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, FOX, Ch. 3.

Noon — AFC Regional Coverage, CBS, Ch. 7.

3 p.m. — Cleveland Browns at Jacksonville Jaguars or Indianapolis Colts at New York Jets, CBS, Ch. 7.

7:30 p.m. — Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF

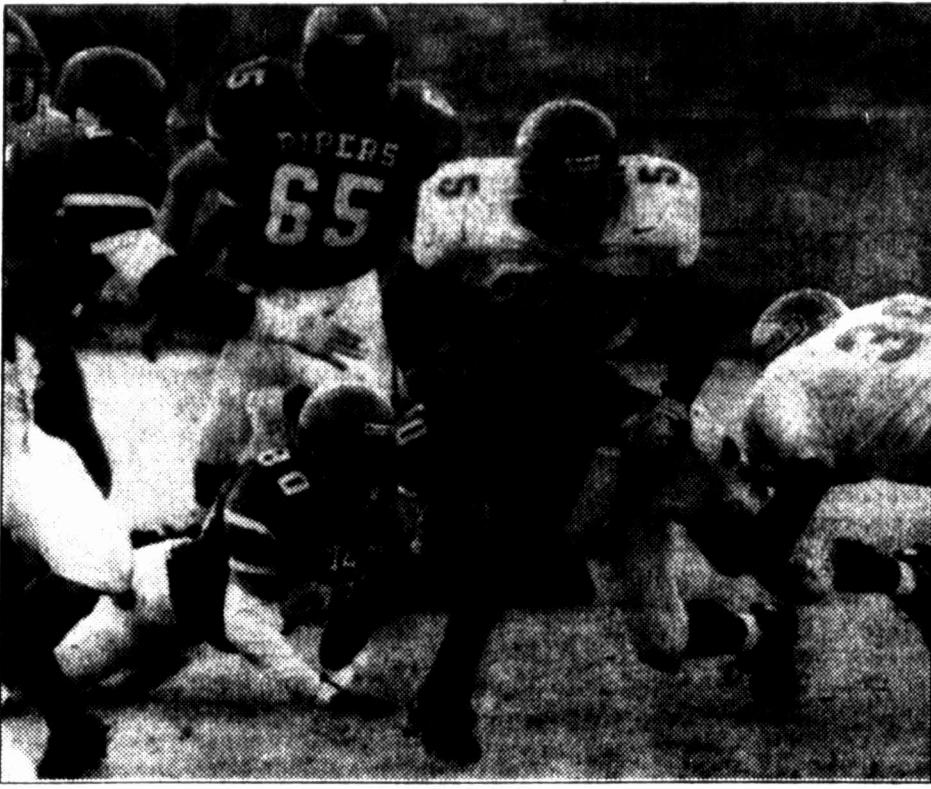
Noon — Nedbank Challenge, final round, FXS, Ch. 29.

2 p.m. — PGA Williams World Challenge, final round, NBC, Ch. 9.

TENNIS

Noon — ATP Tennis Masters Cup, finals, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Bufs advance to quarterfinals with 40-14 win



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Stanton's Jeremy Hull (5) breaks into the open as he heads to the end zone for one of his three touchdowns in the Buffs' 40-14 win over Hamlin's Pied Pipers in Saturday's Class 2A, Division II regional semifinal game in Colorado City.

By STEVE REAGAN
Herald Correspondent

COLORADO CITY — The Stanton offense certainly wasn't complicated to figure out. Another thing it wasn't was stoppable.

The Buffaloes, using the one-two running punch of Jeremy Hull and Clay White, advanced to the Class 2A, Division II quarterfinals with a convincing 40-14 walloping of Hamlin in state football playoff action Saturday afternoon at Wolf Stadium.

Stanton's approach to offense was basic to the extreme — hand the ball to either Hull or White. But the Pied Pipers had about as much chance against the duo as a Kansas wheat field has against a John Deere harvester.

Hull and White amassed all six Stanton touchdowns and almost 400 yards of offense between themselves. Hull even accounted for a score using a little sleight-of-hand, tossing a 15-yard halfback option pass to Ruston Pardue in the second quarter.

But both Hull and head coach Mark Cotton gave credit elsewhere during their post-game comments.

"The offensive line just came off

the ball all day long," Hull said.

"You've got to give a lot of credit to the line," Cotton added. "They don't get a lot of press, but they did a great job today."

Stanton's basic-is-better approach worked to the extent that the Buffs scored touchdowns on their first five possessions.

After spotting the Pied Pipers (9-4) an early 7-0 lead, the Buffs went to work, putting together an 11-play, 66-yard march that ended with Hull scoring from four yards out.

But that was merely a prelude of things to come, as Stanton tallied 26 points in the second quarter to put the game effectively out of reach.

Hamlin briefly made a game of things early in the second when Henry White, the Pied Pipers' 2,000-yard rusher, scored on a 66-yard run to give his team a 14-13 lead.

But the Buffs have a 2,000-yard rusher themselves in Hull, and on this day, he had a highly effective sidekick in Clay White, and they responded to Hamlin's second score with a clinic in power football.

Less than a minute after Henry White's score, Stanton's White responded with one of his own, a 54-

See STANTON, page 9A

Steers' playoff run halted

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

ABILENE — Big Spring head football coach Dwight Butler, surrounded by a throng of newspaper reporters, paused at midfield to give his wife, Kathy, a long, heartfelt hug.

That 30-second moment of silence momentarily blocked out all the drama and disappointment that accompanied the end of the Steers' spectacular playoff run as Butler's team fell 33-7 to the No. 1-ranked Wichita Falls Coyotes in a Class 4A, Division II regional semifinal game in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

Wichita Falls broke open a tight game in the fourth quarter scoring three times in the first three minutes of the frame to put the game out of reach.

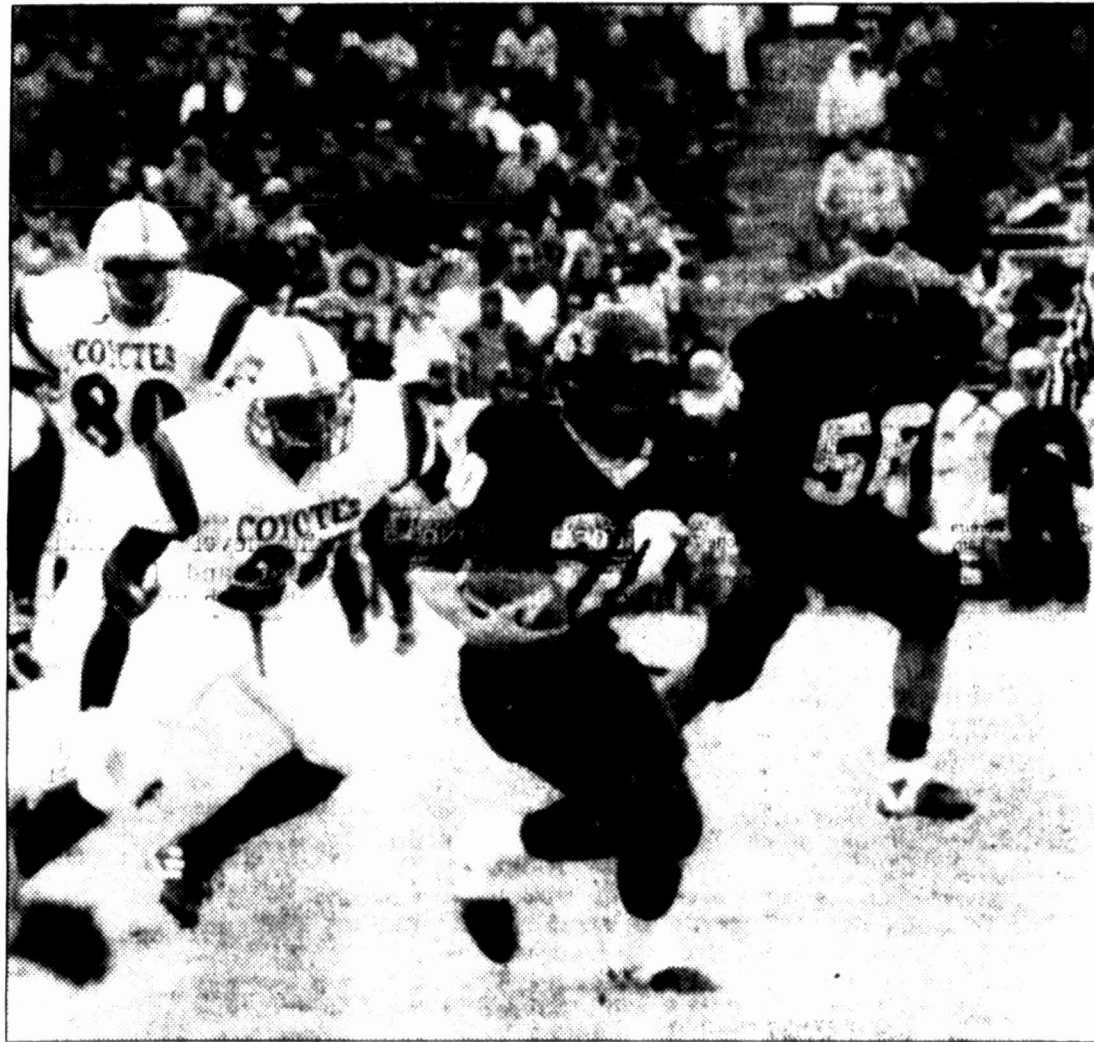
"Today, we were beaten by a better team," Butler said.

Those thoughts were echoed across field by Wichita Falls head coach Leo Brittain.

"We had a little more talent," he said. "It was a hard fought game. They did a great job keeping us down. We had been scoring 38 points a game."

"Big Spring did what they do best, and it was a well-coached game. We watched Big Spring's earlier films, and it showed that they got better each week."

But the praise Brittain heaped on Big Spring wasn't enough Saturday as the chilling winds that



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Big Spring fullback Kyland Wegner (30) breaks into the open for a good gain during the first half of the Steers' Class 4A, Division II regional semifinal playoff game with Wichita Falls' Coyotes in Abilene.

whipped through Shotwell Stadium Saturday echoed the Steers' sentiments following the shell-shock of the opening three minutes of the fourth quarter.

"Those three scores in three minutes — you just can't let that happen," Butler said.

Big Spring kept Wichita

Falls at bay for most of the game and kept the Coyotes from taking a double-digit lead into halftime when Bowe Butler stripped a muffed handoff on the Big Spring 6-yard line with 44 seconds remaining.

Butler's big play thwarted a possible Coyotes' momentum-builder just before the

intermission.

Wichita Falls turned the ball over on downs to open the third quarter, and after five plays, Big Spring's go-to guy, Jason Woodruff was one yard shy of a first down.

Willis Morrison's punt

See STEERS, page 9A

Sweetwater, Merkel post tournament crown wins

HERALD Staff Report

COAHOMA — Merkel's Badgers and Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs took on all comers and walked away with championships Saturday at the Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Both teams entered the tournament as defending champions and played that way for three days.

The Lady Mustangs, coached by C.E. Carmichael, who earlier in the week was honored by Sweetwater fans following his 500th career victory, claimed the girls' championship with a 48-43 win over Hawley.

Sharon Ballenger led the way for Sweetwater, scoring a game-high 21 points, while Katie Glover added 14 more. The best the Lady Bearcats could muster was Tanya Hargis' 12 points.

Ballenger, Glover and Hargis all earned spots on the girls' all-tournament team, joining Hawley's Angela Womack, Coahoma's Karen Sterling and Kortney Kemper, Anson's Casey Watts, Lubbock Cooper's Shannon Henderson, Borden County's Bekah Hensley and Ira's Morgan Clements.

Anson took third-place bragging rights with a 53-46 win over Lubbock Cooper, while the host Bulldogettes claimed the consolation

See TOURNEY, page 7A

Lady Hawks suffer heart-breaking overtime loss

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Everything in the world was seemingly working against them, but Howard College's Lady Hawks came as close as you could possibly come to upsetting No. 13-ranked Trinity Valley Community College's Lady Cardinals.

With head coach Ron Mayberry called out of town early Friday morning, the Lady Hawks went into the weekend's back-to-back dates with No. 6-ranked Tyler and Trinity Valley with assistant coach Joey Wells at the helm.

A somewhat lackluster performance against the Apache Ladies on Friday didn't bode well for the Lady Hawks, since the Lady Cards were coming into Dorothy Garrett Coliseum after having suffered their first loss of the year — a stinging 107-86 slap at the hands of No. 1-ranked Midland.

Adversity seemed to suit the Lady Hawks well, how-

ever, as they played perhaps their best game of the season before suffering a 106-99 overtime loss.

And had it not been for an almost shocking disparity in the number of trips the two teams made to the free throw line, the Lady Hawks would be basking in the glow of an upset, rather than sitting at 5-5 on the season.

Howard outscored Trinity Valley 87-64 from the field Saturday, but the Lady Cardinals were a blistering 42-of-55 at the charity stripe, while the Lady Hawks only went to the line 22 times and capitalized on just 12 of the freebies.

Still the two teams battled to an 88-88 standoff in regulation, but with guards Taneshia Harris and Koretha Johnson, they ran sorely short of personnel.

Johnson's loss to five fouls was particularly damaging, because she had scored 18 points before taking a seat during the extra period.

Sophomore post Grace Gantt led the way for the

Lady Hawks with a game-high 28 points, while Vanessa Lehrmann finished with 16.

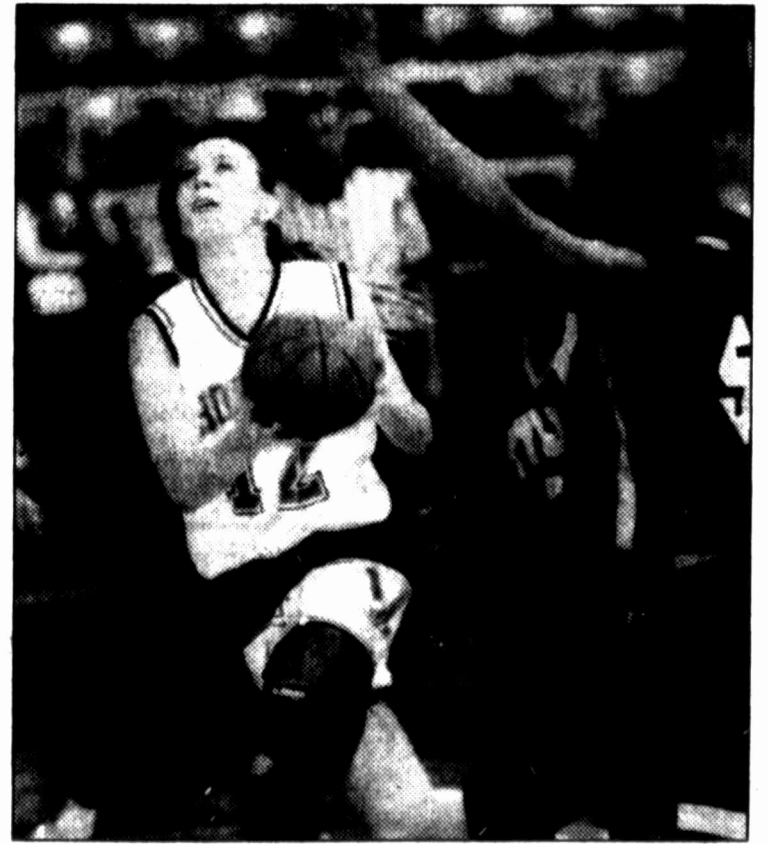
Trinity Valley was paced by Charissa Green's 26 points, while four other Lady Cards joined her in double figures. Kimberly Coleman had 16, Daphney Andre chipped in 15 more, DeKedria Johnson added 14 and Basheba Mays finished with 11.

In Friday's game, Tyler's Apache Ladies looked like anything but the nation's No. 6-ranked team, their 15-point win notwithstanding.

Perhaps feeling the effects of the 450-mile ride to Big Spring, the Apache Ladies were clearly ripe for an upset, but the Lady Hawks — perhaps feeling the pressure — simply couldn't capitalize.

In fact, the Lady Hawks' only leads of the game came early, as Taneshia Harris opened the scoring with a putback 14 seconds into the first half and a three-point

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Howard College's Vanessa Lehrmann (12) puts up a layup and scores despite the defensive efforts of two Tyler defenders during the Lady Hawks' 66-51 loss to the No. 6-ranked Apache Ladies.

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Emmitt excited about getting a chance to return to Florida

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — It's as close to a homecoming as Emmitt Smith has had since his rookie season, and the NFL's third all-time leading rusher, is excited about it.

The Dallas Cowboys face the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the first time in 10 years today, affording Smith an opportunity to play for just the third time as a pro in the state where he grew up.

The Cowboys last visited Florida in 1996 to face the Miami Dolphins. But the eight-time Pro Bowl running back hasn't played in Tampa, a two-hour drive from Gainesville, where he

played college ball, and another six hours from his hometown of Pensacola, since 1990. That year he would have been a senior at the University of Florida if he had not elected to turn pro a year early.

"It's special in a number of ways. I'll be two hours from the university where I played and just a couple of hours away from some of my closest friends in Florida," the four-time league rushing champion said. "This should be a great situation."

Smith returns 130 yards shy of becoming the third

player in NFL history to run for 15,000 yards. He is on pace to break the league's career rushing mark of 16,726 set by Walter Payton.

The first of his 69 regular-season 100-yard rushing performances came during a victory over Tampa Bay in the fifth game of his rookie season. The Cowboys beat the Bucs again two weeks later, with the 5-foot-9, 209-pound running back gaining 48 yards on 16 carries at Tampa Stadium.

"Jerry Jones said it set a tone for bigger and better things," Smith, who's

played on three Super Bowl champions, recalled. "We were on the road ... It was something that the ballclub needed and it worked well for us. But correlations from 1990 to 2000, it's a different kind of setting for us. We're 4-7 (actually 4-8) now and trying to get things on track. Tampa Bay seems like it has some things on track. It's going to be a tough game for us."

The Bucs (7-5) are coming off a 31-17 victory over the Buffalo Bills and battling to stay in contention for a playoff berth. The Cowboys have dropped four of their

last five. They have to win their remaining four games to avoid a losing record for the just the third time in Smith's 11 seasons.

Dallas has been decimated by injuries. However, the Bucs said it would be a mistake to take Dallas lightly.

"They come in with some good players. That's the one thing we can't lose sight of," said Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy. "It's December, you can't afford any slip-ups. We've got to catch a couple of teams if we want to get to the playoffs, so that means playing well every week."

Smith, who has rushed for

807 yards and six touchdowns, is closing in on joining Barry Sanders as the only players to run for 1,000 yards in 10 straight seasons.

He needs 99.8 yards per game in the last four weeks to pass Sanders for second on the career rushing list. Payton's record is still so far (1,856) off Smith said he doesn't think about it.

"I don't know what's going to happen during the course of a season. I don't even know what's going to happen during the next four weeks. Right now, I'm more concerned with what I have to do today," Smith said.

Top-ranked Blue Devils have no trouble with Temple

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Duke Temple II was over early because the top-ranked Blue Devils put on a show with 35.

Eight days after the teams battled to a two-point classic in the championship game of the Preseason NIT, Duke hit 17 3-pointers in a 93-68 thrashing of the 17th-ranked Owls Saturday night.

Jason Williams had a career-high 30 points and was 8-for-10 from 3-point range, one behind the school record, in leading the Blue Devils (7-0) to the easy win.

The Blue Devils' first eight field goals were 3-pointers as they led 24-15 over Temple (4-3) with 7:59 left in the first half.

The Blue Devils finished 17-for-30 on 35, matching the school record.

Battier finished with 18 points and nine rebounds, while freshman Chris Duhon had four points and 12 assists.

David Hawkins and Lynn Greer each had 15 points for Temple.

Kentucky 93, No. 6 North Carolina 76
Kentucky dug deep into its bench Saturday to beat No. 6 North Carolina 93-76 and end its longest losing streak in 16 years.

The Wildcats (2-3) used runs of 18-4 in the middle of each half and outscored North Carolina's reserves 38-12 to snap their six-game losing streak against the Tar Heels (3-2) in a matchup of college basketball's two winningest programs.

Marquis Estill led the way with 19 points and 11 rebounds off the bench, while starters Keith Bogans added 18 and Tayshaun Prince 15.

The Wildcats turned a 48-47 deficit into a 13-point lead in a span of 51/2 minutes as they broke out of their 3-point shooting slump. Bogans made two 3-pointers

NCAA

and Saul Smith one during Kentucky's clinching run.

The Tar Heels turned it over 17 times and were 7-for-16 from the foul line. Preseason all-American Joseph Forte was 8-for-22 for 19 points.

No. 7 Tennessee 79, West Virginia 78

Terrence Woods hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 32 seconds left and No. 7 Tennessee rallied from 10 points down in the second half to beat West Virginia 79-78 on Saturday.

The Volunteers (6-0) had missed three consecutive 3-pointers in the final 21/2 minutes before Woods connected.

Tim Lyles then missed an off-balance shot and Calvin Bowman couldn't hit a follow-up before Tennessee's Ron Slay and West Virginia's Lionel Armstead each hit two free throws.

West Virginia (4-1) couldn't steal the inbounds pass with 1.3 seconds remaining.

The Volunteers trailed 51-41 early in the second half. Tennessee regained the lead when Vincent Yarbrough, who had a team-high 14 points and nine rebounds, scored on a layup to put the Vols up 68-66. The teams then exchanged the lead five times.

Brooks Berry led West Virginia with 16 points.

No. 11 Notre Dame 77, Vanderbilt 74

David Graves scored 13 of his 19 points in the second half, including a 3-pointer with 3:44 left that gave No. 11 Notre Dame the lead for good in a 77-74 win over Vanderbilt on Saturday night.

Notre Dame (4-0) trailed by 13 in the first half and never led by more than the final margin against Vanderbilt (6-1), which was

starting three freshmen. Graves put the Fighting Irish ahead 73-72 on his third 3 of the second half.

Trailing 75-74, the Commodores missed a shot after getting the ball off a five-second call. Billy Richmond stole the ball, but Greg LaPointe gave it back with a pass to Troy Murphy of the Fighting Irish.

LaPointe missed the front end of a one-and-one with 44.6 seconds left before Graves drove the lane for a bucket.

Humphrey led Notre Dame with a career-high 24 points. Murphy added 23.

Chuck Moore led Vandy with 15 points.

No. 3 Michigan State 97, Illinois-Chicago 53

Zach Randolph had 19 points and 10 rebounds as No. 3 Michigan State beat Illinois-Chicago 97-53 Saturday night to extend the nation's longest winning streak to 16 games.

Jason Richardson had 17 points, six rebounds and four assists for the Spartans (5-0), who have won 33 straight games at home. Andre Hutson added 11 points and a career-best 12 rebounds.

The Spartans controlled the game from start to finish and turned the game into a full-fledged rout by opening the second half with a 16-1 run, which gave it a 61-27 lead.

Jon-Pierre Mitchom led the Flames (2-3) with 12 points.

Illinois-Chicago managed to keep its deficit to single digits for the first 10 minutes of the game. Michigan State then outscored the Flames 10-2 to take a 33-18 lead and had little trouble maintaining a sizable lead.

No. 9 Illinois 76, Kansas St. 56

Marcus Griffin had 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead No. 9 Illinois over Kansas State 76-56 Saturday.

The Illini (5-2) set the pace early with Griffin's inside presence, and never trailed in the game.

Illinois made four straight 3-pointers to take a 24-8 lead with 11:44 to go in the first half.

Sergio McClain had 12 points for Illinois and Corey Bradford added 10.

Kansas State (2-2) went on a 8-0 run in the first half to cut its deficit to nine when Travis Reynolds slammed an alley-oop pass from Quentin Buchanan. Reynolds had 15 points for the Wildcats.

Kansas State cut the lead to nine in the second half on Phineas Atchison's jumper worth 9:37 to go before the Wildcats got into foul trouble.

Robert Archibald made a layup and two free throws within 46 seconds to stave off Kansas State's rally.

No. 8 Seton Hall 63, La Salle 54

Freshman forward Eddie Griffin keyed both of Seton Hall's big spurts — one at each end of the court — in the eighth-ranked Pirates' 63-54 victory over La Salle on Saturday.

The 6-foot-9 Griffin, one of the nation's most highly recruited high schoolers, had 20 points, eight rebounds and seven blocks.

the first time he didn't get a double-double in his brief college career.

Griffin was coming off a 26-point, 21-rebound, seven-block effort against St. Peter's.

Darius Lane added 13 points for the Pirates (4-0), while freshman guard Andre Barrett had 11 points and nine assists.

Rasual Butler had 13 points and 14 rebounds for La Salle (2-3).

No. 10 Florida 83, DePaul 76

Udonis Haslem had 21 points and 10 rebounds and 10th-ranked Florida overcame poor shooting by making 11 of 12 free throws in the final 1:24 Saturday to hold off DePaul for an 83-76 victory.

Reserve Matt Bonner scored 17 points and Brett Nelson added 16 for Florida (2-0), which played without starting point guard Teddy Dupay, who was serving a suspension for violating team rules.

DePaul (3-2) erased a double-digit, first-half deficit and stayed close after half-time, despite playing the final 21 minutes without freshman guard Imari Sawyer, who sprained his right ankle and watched the second half from the bench. Haslem, who made eight

of 17 shots, gave Florida the lead for good with a layup that made it 70-69 with 2:32 to go. After Brett Wright drove the lane for another layup and a three-point lead, the Gators scored their last 11 points from the foul line.

Baylor 54, Ark.-Little Rock 51

Matt Sayman forced a turnover with 7.3 seconds remaining, and Greg Davis hit one of two free throws two seconds later to lift Baylor to a 54-51 win over Arkansas-Little Rock on Saturday.

Arkansas-Little Rock (4-1) had one final chance at victory, but an Alan Barksdale turnaround 3-point attempt at the buzzer was no good off the front of the rim.

Baylor's DeMarcus Minor made a 10-foot jumper on the right baseline with 35 seconds left to break a 51-51 tie.

On the Trojans' ensuing possession, Barksdale was unable to control a pass, and Sayman tied the ball up with the possession arrow in favor of Baylor (4-0).

Wendell Greenleaf came off the bench for Baylor to lead all scorers with a career-high 19 points, 12 coming from 3-point distance. Minor added 11 points and had a team-high four assists for the Bears.

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Region III
Alef Hastings (10-2) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (12-0), late Saturday, Astrodome
Region IV
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Region II
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Region III
La Marque (10-3) vs. W. Orange-Stark (13-0), TBA
Region IV
Cattalin (12-1) vs. Rockport-Fulton (13-0), TBA

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yard rumble up the middle that left several would-be tacklers and Hamlin's short-lived lead in its wake.
Hull took over the scoring duties, notching touchdown runs of 5 and 23 yards to go along with the aforementioned touchdowns pass to Pardus.
Possible game, Hull ended with 164 yards and three touchdowns on 25 carries, while Clay White had 206 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries.
But it was not simply a two-man effort that extended Stanton's playoff stay. The Buffs' defense, which might have been overlooked by the offense's heroics, basically surrendered two big plays — Henry White's touchdown run and a 52-yard pass from Clint Powell to Jared May — and not much else.
Taking away those two

Pairings
CLASS 5A DIVISION I
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Region III
Katy (13-0) vs. Alef Elisk (8-4) or Galena Park North Shore (11-1), TBA
Region IV
SA Marshall (13-0) vs. SA MacArthur (11-2), TBA

much against us," Cotton said.
So, for the third time in the past four years, the Buffaloes have advanced more than three games deep into the state playoffs. And, according to their coach, they're playing the best football of the season.
"This is as well as we've played all year by far," Cotton said. "This goes up there with some of the greatest games Stanton's ever played."
A factor not to be overlooked in the Buffaloes' success is their experience in postseason play. Since 1996, Stanton has a 13-2 record in the playoffs.
"These kids didn't play a whole lot (in past playoff seasons)," Cotton said. "But just being out there and being a part of it is just so import it."
Stanton will face Albany in the quarterfinals next weekend.

Franchione expected at Alabama today

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — New Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione will decide staffing changes after his arrival today in Tuscaloosa from Texas Christian as Crimson Tide athletic director Mal Moore hopes he'll keep some of the current coaches.
"He hasn't said what number of coaches will be coming with him. But if they all don't come, he will have the authority to bring in his own coaches," Moore said

Friday, announcing Franchione's hiring.
Franchione, 49, was expected to arrive today to prepare for a Monday 1 p.m. news conference. Moore is expected to discuss Franchione's contract at the conference. Alabama reportedly will have to pay TCU \$1 million to buy out Franchione's contract, which runs through 2005.
Alabama is expected to give the new coach a five-year contract worth

between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million per season with an additional two years promised if the program is punished by the National Collegiate Athletic Association after a continuing investigation into recruiting practices.
Franchione replaces Mike DuBose, who finished out a 3-8 season after learning he would not be rehired.
Franchione said he looks at Alabama as one of the top football jobs in the nation.

STEERS

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was perfect, to the Wichita Falls three, but the Coyotes were whistled for being off-side and Big Spring chose to take the ball back at the 41-yard line.
Big Spring advanced to the 37-yard line on another offside penalty whistled on the Coyotes.
But Woodruff fumbled turning the ball over at a time when Big Spring's offense was starting to hum.
"You can't turn the ball over against good teams, if you expect to win," Butler said.
That play led to a 57-yard Coyote march over the next 4:39, which would end in a 1-yard TD run by fullback Joseph Aboussie.
Detrick Cade would score on runs of 24 and 40 yards within the next three minutes, stretching the Coyotes' lead and giving Big Spring little chance of catching up.
"They just wore us down," Butler said. "Our defense kept us in the game for three quarters. But they just wore us down that fourth quarter."
Big Spring took first blood when Cade was smeared for a 3-yard loss by senior defensive tackle Willie Bravo. Bravo's smashing jolt knocked the ball loose and it was scooped up by defensive phenom Bowe

Table with 3 columns: B. Spring, Team stats, W. Falls. Rows include First downs, rushing yds, passing yds, Comp/Att/Int, punts-avg, fums-lost, pen-yds.

Coyotes on the Big Spring 18 and set up John Barnard's 5-yard TD run up the middle.
Wichita Falls moved the ball effectively in the second quarter and finally hit pay-dirt at the 5:52 mark with a 49-yard strike from Henderson to Cade. The two connected on the two-point conversion for a lead they would never relinquish.
Following the game, the black of Big Spring's uniforms and the white of Wichita Falls' were juxtaposed as both teams kneeled in a moment of prayer.
Saying good-bye to a crop of seniors, which included his eldest son, Bowe, was going to be difficult, Butler said. "Bowe has been a good player for me for three years and I hate to see him go, not just as a father, but as a coach."
"But it's not only him. We had a great senior class, and I'm proud of these young men. I hope they all win in life. They've been tremendous, unbelievable. I hope the lessons they learned tonight they will take with them through life. They fought back, and how they responded shows their character."
"It really hasn't hit me," Butler added. "It's been a long haul. We felt like we had enough good athletes, but once you get in the playoffs, anything's possible."

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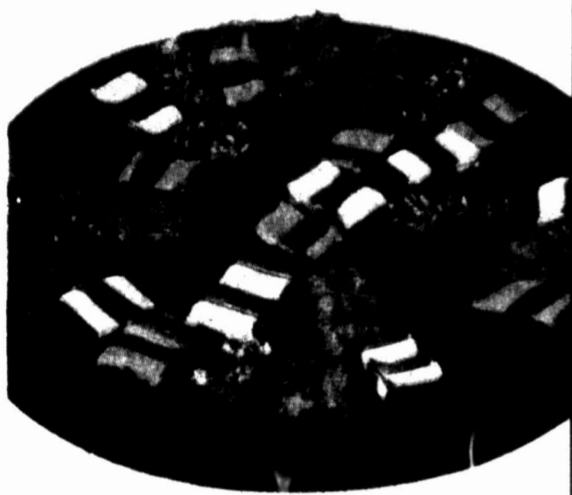
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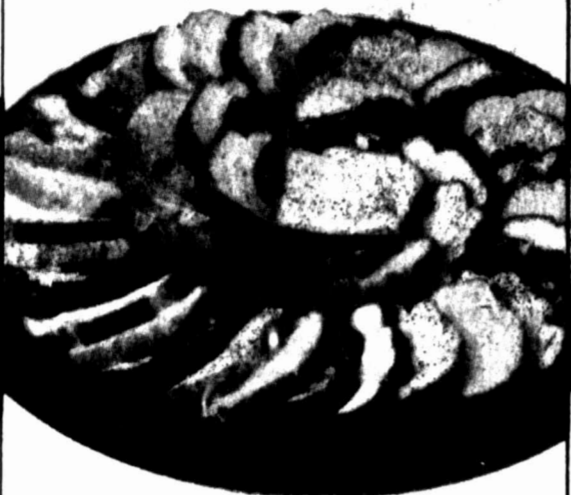
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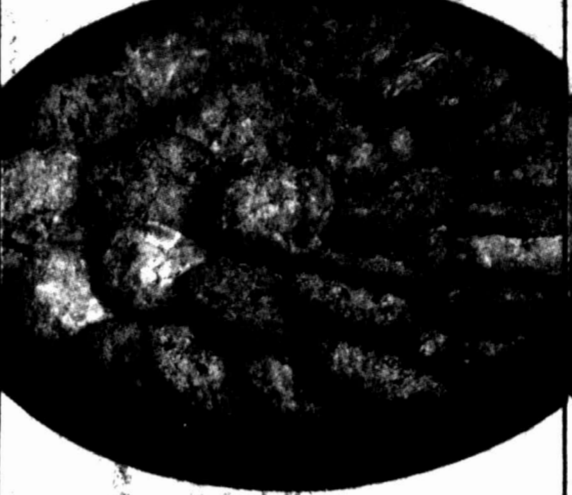
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Includes 12 mini finger rolls, 12 mini kaiser rolls and 12 mini butter croissants

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Welcome, y'all

The Christmas Potpourri Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Big Spring Symphony Guild, showcases five very different residences, their halls festively decked for the holidays.

From a historic family house, lovingly preserved, to a brand-new mansion perched high above the city, the furnishings reveal their owners' love of art, antiques, entertaining and their families. Tours of each home are available today from 1:30-4:30 p.m., with a come-and-go reception at a sixth location from 3-5:30 p.m.

To take the tour, simply stop by one of the homes to purchase your \$10 ticket. Then open your eyes and enter someone else's world for a little while.

300 B'Bob's Trail

The home of Mary and Bob Miller sits at the top of South Mountain, accessible only from a dirt road at the end of South Lynn. This home is so remote, the Tour of Homes will bus visitors up the mountain from the parking lot at Kentwood Senior Citizens Center.

Once you do make the mile-long trip up the mountain, the Millers have a view of the area that may be unmatched anywhere else in the Crossroads.

Inside, the view is beautiful, too: the Millers are collectors of great art from Renoir and Rembrandt to Peter Hurd. A large wood sculpture of an eagle taking flight greets visitors on the front porch; the front doors are hand-carved of mesquite.

Special touches come from the couple's travels all over the world: an alabaster light fixture from Ireland is a must-see piece in the powder room. A snow village adds holiday cheer to the spacious dining room.

5000 S. Birdwell Lane

The home of Denise and Jerry Iden is another place that showcases the beautiful terrain of the local area. Huge windows allow a breathtaking view from South Mountain, and the home's proximity to the area means frequent visits from wildlife.

Inside, five large columns that set an elegant stage. A set of giant windows frame a delicate chandelier.

Saltillo tile covers the floor, while red clay tiles cover the roof. The couple also displays a few of their favorite things: Among family photographs are mementos from trips to Russia, China, Scotland, France and the Holy Land, among other international destinations. Jerry Iden also collects John Deere miniatures, which he displays in his picturesque office area upstairs.

Don't miss their comfortable conversation pit, and notice the quadrafoil windows throughout, even one cut directly into the mirror of a bathroom, allowing an unusual and beautiful view.

720 Colgate

The atmosphere of good cheer at the home of Jeanie and Richard Knocke begins at the front door, where guests are greeted by a quaint scene that is testament to the hostess' love of antiques.

The three-year-old home is decorated for the holidays with fresh pine and natural greens; berry branches plucked right from the front yard add a splash of color.

But the theme of this home's decor is family, from photographs to heirlooms. Jeanie displays her collections of crosses and churches, and features antique furniture that has been passed down in her family for generations. Don't miss the three-drawer chest that was once used to store ammunition during the Civil War.

Seek out the charming canopy beds, a tiny rocking chair that belonged to Jeanie's mother when she was a child. Get a close look at her Christmas ornaments, a collection that goes back 30 years.

702 Belvedere Road

Cleo and Bernard Young's home is a place you'd want to stay awhile. The French country decor lends itself to comfort, from the upstairs sitting room with its rolltop desk to the sunroom created from an enclosed patio.

The formal dining and living rooms are elegant displays of holiday spirit; antique family photos add a personal touch upstairs.

Cleo's kitchen is bright, with countertops of the latest indestructible but beautiful material. Don't miss the upstairs bedrooms, one bearing an unusual and charming "puff" spread with crochet accents, matching curtains and shams.

1801 Donley

For Deanne and Tony Lester, home is all in the family - literally. Their family of six resides in a home built by Tony's great-grandfather around 1900. This branch of the Lester family moved in 11 years ago, and soon began to restore and renovate to meet their needs.

An old wood-burning stove in the dining room harks back to another era, while doors that once stood in the Crawford Hotel now open closets upstairs. The upstairs area was a major focus of renovation since the Lesters have four children from age 15 to 4; several bedrooms were created from what used to be attic space.

Downstairs, the wood floors are original from the first construction, and historic family photos along the stairway add authenticity to the feeling you have stepped into another era.

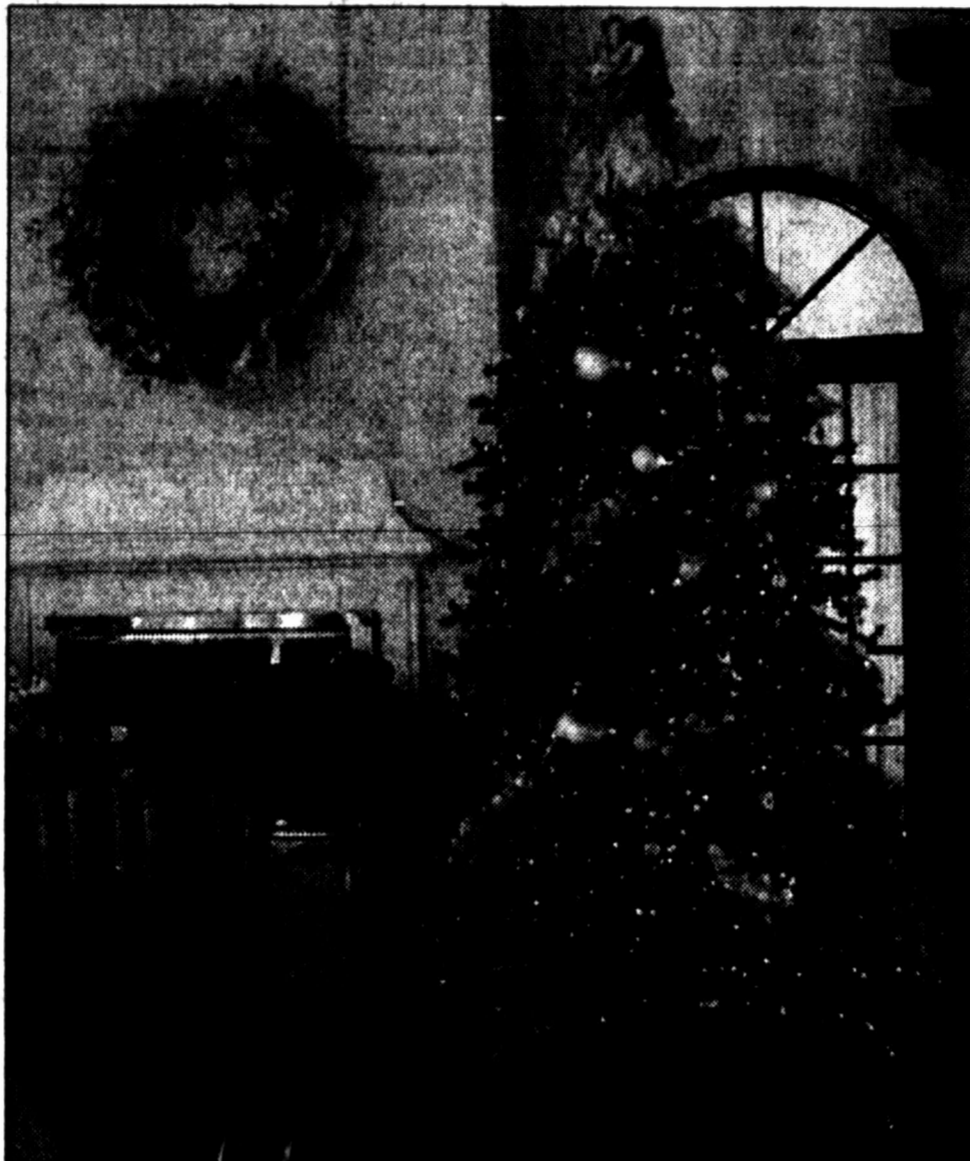
Details, details

A reception for ticketholders is planned from 3-5:30 p.m. at 701 Caprock, where tourists can stop for refreshments, rest or just a moment to visit about what they have seen.

The Tour of Homes benefits the Big Spring Symphony Guild, the fund-raising arm of the symphony association. The tour is one way the association can sponsor concerts and other programs each season.

"We are all volunteers," said Phyllis Graumann, an organizer of the tour. She credited co-chairs Dianne Moses, Pauline Nelson, JoBeth Corwin, and Pam Brewer, president of the guild, with working to get the annual project under way. In all, Graumann said, it will take about 40 volunteers to work in various duties at and between the six homes involved in today's event.

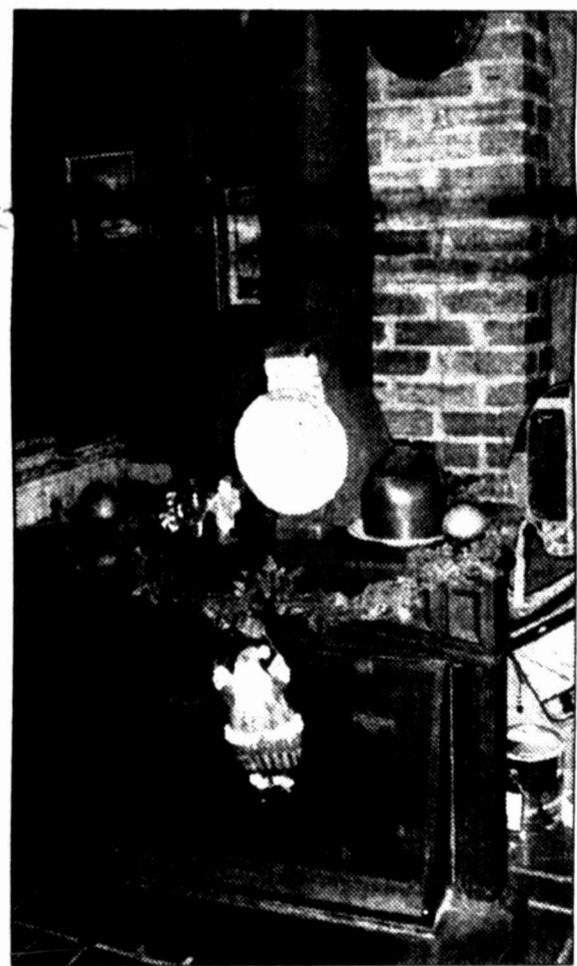
Questions? Stop by any of the homes during the stated hours, where guild members will be on hand to help.



At left, only a Christmas tree like this one could complement the height and elegance of the living room in the home of Denise and Jerry Iden. The double doors behind the tree lead to a comfortable family room with a unique "conversation pit."

Below, left, Jeanie Knocke showcases some of her collection of churches around a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments that go back 30 years. Family heirlooms and special pieces are the focus of her decor.

Below, the 100-year-old home of Deanne and Tony Lester includes this antique wood-burning stove, once used for more practical purposes, now gaily decorated for the holidays. Visiting their family home is like taking a trip back in time.



At left, the living room is part of the wide, open spaces in the home of Mary and Bob Miller, perched atop South Mountain. The home has arguably the most beautiful view in the Crossroads.

Below, Cleo and Bernard Young have added a festive air to their already beautifully-decorated home with greenery and florals. The Youngs have converted a patio into a sunroom just in time for holiday guests.



Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen

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WEDDINGS

Cevallos-Elliott

Andrea Cevallos and Cory Elliott, both of Midland, exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 9, 2000, in Las Vegas, Nev., with the Rev. Raymond Cobb of Grace Chapel, officiating.

She is the daughter of Narciso and Dominga Cevallos of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Micaela and the late Manuel Jimenez, and Carolina and the late Lorenzo Cevallos, formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Jace and Debbie Elliott of Big Spring and the grandson of Billie and Vonnie Hopper of Big Spring.

The bride wore a Jessica McClintock Design dress made of matte white satin. The bodice was adorned with Venice lace with a scoop neck and back; it had a straight skirt with a bustle and train. The gown was accented with a white chiffon wrap with a satin border. The bride carried a bouquet of white silk roses and roses.

Upon their return from their wedding trip, the couple was honored with a dinner/reception hosted by the bride's parents and catered by KC's Steakhouse. Vocalist at the reception was Lisa Currie.

The bride's cake was a two-tiered vanilla cake with white icing accented with ivory silk roses and cascading green silk ivy leaves.



MR. AND MRS. CORY ELLIOTT

The cake was topped with white porcelain bride and groom figurines.

The groom's cake was chocolate with chocolate icing. The cake was decorated by a computer with the couple's names written across the screen.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Coahoma High School and is presently attending the University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2000 graduate Texas State Technical College. He is employed by Pure Resources of Midland.

Following the wedding trip, the couple made their home in Midland.

Expense, value not always same thing

I'm looking at a handwritten recipe for "Great Chili" brought by a dear friend, a widower, with lots of wonderful memories.

I would have treasured the recipe because he created and shared it with us; I'm not sure why, but something made it special.

I asked a friend if she had something she treasured, but might not be very expensive. She said yes, an old stuffed animal she played with as a child. It was torn, somewhat dirty, and everytime she held it, it made her feel good. She could close her eyes and she was a small child again.

Families keep things, especially if they have children. Baby shoes, christening dresses, worn blankets and stuffed animals loved by a child. Things we have only to touch to bring a flood of memories, reinforcing how valuable they really are.

I have two things that belonged to my Mother, one a peach silk nightgown, quite different from our gowns today. I don't think she ever wore it, but I remember her taking it out, holding it up and admiring

it. I could tell it meant a great deal to her. The other is a beautiful silk linen

hanky, with a three inch border of handmade lace. She always kept it wrapped in tissue; you knew she treasured it. I carried it when Adrian and I married; and after more than 50 years, I still think of it as special.

My father had a cafe mug with his name. There was a coffee club in his town, and the mugs were kept there so that when you and your friends came for coffee, you had your own mug. I have it in the office.

Adrian's Mother was very fond of small pitchers and hand decorated linens. We still have some of her pitchers in the dining room cabinet; Adrian's favorites.

I also use her biscuit cutter and muffin pan, it makes eight muffins. We

still use a pan of Mother's to bake biscuits. Using these family utensils, we both think they taste better.

Mother also had a small saucepan used only for tea and cocoa, nothing else.

Best friend uses some of her Mother's pans as well as the special turkey roaster. I've eaten turkey, dressing and gravy from that pan for 30 years, and I can attest to its special qualities. Of course best friend is a wonderful cook, that probably helps. Now she has passed the turkey roaster to her older daughter, it's working through the third generation.

This time of year, we bring out holiday recipes, time tested favorites, many created by relatives and friends. It wouldn't be Christmas with out Aunt Charlotte's cookies, Bessie's divinity or Mother's special cakes.

I'm not a big sweet eater, but during this season I find it easy to make things I know families enjoy, for the look on their faces when they see something they truly like.

Look around you, do you see something you especial-

ly treasure? Think about how you acquired it, how much it means, and how you value it.

Aren't you fortunate to have such a wonderful thing! And surprised sometimes that you forgot about this object?

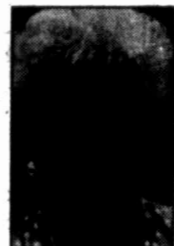
In the rush of our everyday lives, we often lose sight of the little things that really mean a lot to us and our families.

In the next few weeks, we will see more "perfect" gifts than we need or can afford. Something tells me you will weed out those unsuitable ones, and in turn will opt for the best, and on time for that special day.

Adrian and I wish for the best holiday ever; of course you know Sally, Cutter, B.J. Marco Polo, Leonah send their greetings also.

Since the "snow article," we have had two snows. So check that hot chocolate supply again, and your chili fixings, then let's click our heels together, keep on believing, and maybe we will have snow for Christmas. Or maybe not!

Mary Randle writes a monthly column for the Herald.



MARY RANDLE

GETTING ENGAGED



Heidrun Covington and Edgar Meiser, both of Big Spring, will be united in marriage on Dec. 9, 2000, at the VA Medical Center chapel with Chaplain Dean Thomas officiating.

She is the daughter of the late Elly and Helmut Mueller of Stuttgart, Germany.

He is the son of George and Althea Meiser and the late Ruth E. Meiser, all of McAlisterville, Pa.



Cecilia Galindo and Billy Wayne Hallford, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on Dec. 16, 2000, at Midway Baptist Church with Brother McCall officiating.

She is the daughter of Manuela Galindo of Big Spring and the late Felipe Galindo.

He is the son of Billy and Sandra Hallford of Big Spring.

IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Airman Matthew H. Steadman has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs

and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Sherwood H. Steadman Jr. of Deer Park, and Jimmie R. Bell of Colorado City.

Steadman is a 2000 graduate of Colorado High School, Colorado City.

PEOPLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Mel Gibson, Denzel Washington and Tom Hanks lead nominees for the People's Choice Awards.

The three actors and their movies, "The Patriot," "Remember the Titans" and "The Green Mile," dominated the motion picture categories.

New TV shows starring Bette Midler and Geena Davis also fared well, as did Kelsey Grammer's venerable "Frasier."

Nominees were announced Thursday. The 27th Annual People's Choice Awards will be presented Jan. 7 at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

The show ushers in the hardware handout season that includes the American Music Awards, Golden Globes and the granddaddy Academy Awards.

Nominees and winners are selected by a Gallup Organization poll of more than 213 million Americans.

BLUEFIELD, W.Va. (AP) — "Gilligan's Island" fans will be able to get rare mementos of the popular 1960s TV sitcom next week.

The items, including denim shorts worn by Mary Ann and a show script, will be up for grabs during an auction Dec. 9. Bob Denver will be the host. Proceeds will go to the Bluefield Union Mission.

"We wanted to give something back to the community that's been so good to us," said Denver's wife, Dreama.

Among the items being auctioned: original promotional "Gilligan" T-shirts, autographed photos of the

cast and denim shorts worn by actress Dawn Wells on the show. Wells, who played Mary Ann, also is donating her "Gilligan's Island" cookbook.

Russell Johnson, who played the Professor, is donating a script.

"It's always fun to see how high the bids will go. It still surprises me," Bob Denver said.

The auction will be held at the Holiday Inn in Bluefield.

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II bestowed a personal honor on a woman who has done significant charity work in Scotland — her daughter, Princess Anne.

The queen appointed Anne a Lady of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle on Thursday — St. Andrew's Day. St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A last-minute deal has spared the house O.J. Simpson bought for his mother from the auction block — at least for now.

The auction had been scheduled for Thursday, but Simpson and a lawyer who he owes \$148,000 agreed to postpone it until Jan. 11.

Representatives of the two sides are negotiating how to satisfy the claim by lawyer Marjorie Fuller without forcing sale of the house. Fuller represented Simpson's two children in the custody battle that followed his 1995 acquittal in the slayings of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured is Miss Kitty — Gray and white short haired female tabby, spayed, 2 years old plus.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

Jody — Gray and white short haired male neutered, 8 months old.

Buffy — Seal point Siamese mix male, neutered, 10 months old.

Birdie — Black and white short haired female, spayed, 6 months old.

Prissy — Large tortoise shell long haired female,

spayed, 4 years old.

Tiger — Brown and gray tabby short haired kitten, 3 months old.

Mark Anthony — Solid black medium haired male, neutered, 5 months old. This guy's a talker.

Lucy — Sleek coated gray tortoise shell short haired female, 4 months old.

Ethel — Litter mate to Lucy. Black to tortoise short haired female, 4 months old.

Boscoe — Gray and white tabby male, 3 months old, a sweet little guy.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60, for purebred dogs \$100 and cats are \$60. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

Collect your aluminum cans and give them to the shelter! This fundraiser helps us provide needed food and medical care for the animals.

Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

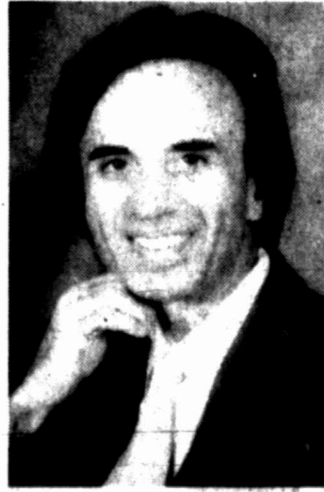
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STORK CLUB

Preston Aaron White, Oct. 30, 2000, 5:28 p.m., nine pounds one ounce and 20 3/4 inches long; parents are Jim Bob and Michelle White of Big Spring.

Grandparents are Carla Arnold and George Hartley,

Perry and Charlene White, all of Big Spring.

Grace Avery Gustin, Nov. 12, 2000, 12 p.m., seven pounds and 19 inches long; parents are Jamie and Kerrie Ann Gustin, Magnolia.

Grandparents are Nina and Ken Stephens, Rick and Bobbie Miller of Magnolia; and John and Carol Gustin of Big Spring.

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Jenny Michele Conaway, a student from the Big Spring area, is among the 226 graduation candidates at Eastern New Mexico University this fall. Eighteen students have applied for Associate's degrees, 180 for Bachelor's degrees, and 28 for Master's degrees.

Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 will graduate summa cum laude, while 3.7 to 3.69 GPA graduate with distinction.

Conaway is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in physical education as magna cum laude.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Chicken, noodles, okra & tomatoes, salad, milk/roll fruit.
TUESDAY-Liver, potatoes, spinach, vegetable salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.
W E D N E S D A Y - Spaghetti/meat sauce, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, garlic bread, milk, fruit.
THURSDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, beans, lettuce & tomatoes, milk/buns, cake.
FRIDAY-Roast, baked potatoes, peas & carrots, spinach salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

STANTON ISD

MONDAY-Hamburger or cheeseburger on a bun, potato puffs, hamburger salad, pears, brownie, fruit drink, milk.
TUESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce (steak fingers), green beans, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, fruit drink, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Ravioli (burrito), corn, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, fruit drink, milk.
THURSDAY-Baked chicken (beef tips), rice, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, peaches, hot rolls, fruit drink, milk.
FRIDAY-Turkey/cheese sandwich (bologna/cheese sandwich), potato puffs, vegetable soup, sandwich salad, apples, cinnamon cookie, fruit drink, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.
TUESDAY-Homemade burritos (corn dogs), fries, fresh fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken fried steak (sub-sandwiches, salad tray), creamed potatoes, rolls, corn, milk.
THURSDAY-BBQ beef on

bun (burritos), spicy fries, peaches, milk.
FRIDAY-Shake & Bake chicken (sloppy joe), macaroni, baked beans, bread, fruit, milk.

FORSAN ISD

MONDAY-Enchiladas, spanish rice, nacho chips/cheese, salad, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken breast, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, pickles/onions, salad, banana pudding, milk.
THURSDAY-Bar-b-que sandwich, chips, salad, pickles/onions, cookies/fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli/cheese, hot rolls, jello, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY-Chili dog, potato wedges, pickle spear, rosy applesauce, milk.
TUESDAY-Soup & sandwich, fritos, peach cup, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Taco, salad, corn, red beans & rice, apple, milk.
THURSDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, apricots, hot rolls, milk.
FRIDAY-BBQ on bun, french fries, ranch style beans, pickle slices, cherry freeze bar, milk.

GARDEN CITY ISD
MONDAY-Chicken strips, cream potatoes, green beans, fruit, hot rolls.
TUESDAY-Chicken stew, cheese stick, pears, cobbler, crackers.
WEDNESDAY-Bean/cheese burrito, corn, salad, pineapple, salsa.
THURSDAY-Pizza pockets, cheese stick, mixed veggies, apples.
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, fruit, lettuce, tomato.

SANDS CISD

MONDAY - Fish, tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, pork and beans, batter bread, pudding.
TUESDAY - Steak fingers, gravy, new potatoes, peas and carrots, hot rolls and fruit.
WEDNESDAY - Beef and cheese tacos, pinto beans, corn bread, salad, pudding.
THURSDAY - Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, rolls.
FRIDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, corn, batter bread and fruit.

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From L to R starting bottom row, Nancy Schraer-RN, OCN, CHPN, Leza Ruiz-CNA, Christy Scoggins-RN, Karen Campbell-RN, Ruth Rios-CNA, Abner Rubio-LMSW, Linda Ruiz-CNA, Rev. Raymond Bugg-D.Thg, Dr. Gene Stokes, John Propp-RN, ADS Mgr., Owen Sharp-D-Min, Linda Banks-CNA, Angela Hein-LVN, Alice Stacy-RNC.
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NEWCOMERS

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

Frank and Pauline Arispe, daughter, Aaron, Midland. He is the produce department manager at H-E-B. She is a pharmacy technician at H-E-B.

Billy Boatwright, Stillwater, Okla. He is employed at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
Saul and Crystal Valeriano, daughter, Kimberly, son Toby, Pecos. He is a production specialist for Coahoma Pump Shop.
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Instead of computers, shoppers opt for electronic accessories

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The personal computer may not be dead, but it's showing signs of age as consumers are drawn to newer, hipper electronic gadgets. "Right now, we have all the features on our computer that we need. There's nothing really new that's out there," Diana Poston, 19, said while shopping this week for a DVD player at a Circuit City in Glendale. The stocks of computer manufacturers took a nosedive this week as Gateway, Micron, Hewlett-Packard Co. and others warned that sluggish domestic

demand would mean lower profits for the foreseeable future. Those warnings also dragged down other computer industry stocks, including Microsoft. The trigger for the profit warnings was lower-than-expected sales over the Thanksgiving weekend. But computer makers and analysts have been worried about weaker sales for months, especially as the general economy has shown continued signs of slowing and rising oil prices have eaten up more of consumers' disposable income. "Macroeconomics have caught

up with everybody after a decade-long party," Roger Kay, an analyst with International Data Corp., said Friday. "Consumers with fewer disposable dollars are looking to throttle back their holiday purchases and buy lower ticket items, such as things that plug into PCs and other devices." Sales of desktop computers fell 10 percent in October compared to the same period last year, following three months of slow or no growth, according to PC Data. "The heady, carefree days of double-digit growth are over," Kay said.

In contrast, sales of digital cameras rose 30 percent in October year over year, while flat panel monitors showed a 150 percent increase and even standard 19-inch monitors rose 50 percent. Sales of handheld computers and personal digital assistants were up more than 100 percent. Those trends have a bigger impact on a company such as Gateway, which derives more than 50 percent of its revenue from domestic sales, according to analysts. That dependence may have led to what some feel is Gateway's overreaction to one

weekend's worth of sales. "A lot of people are saying, 'My God, how could you make that call so early?'" Jeffrey Weitzen, president and chief executive officer of Gateway, said in a speech Thursday. "We saw data that was clearly alarming over the Thanksgiving weekend and we knew it was important to get that information out early. "In the fourth quarter last year, we did not have the right product lineup," Weitzen said. "That's not the problem this year. What we're suffering from right now is we're not selling enough units."

Shoppers falling victim to some bogus online stores

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Better Business Bureaus in the United States and Canada have issued an international alert to caution consumers about Web sites that falsely advertise the availability of popular electronic games and related products. Consumers in states across the U.S. have contacted the Canadian Council of Better Business Bureaus (CCBBB) to ask about the legitimacy of two Canadian-based Web sites — www.ps2storeusa.com / www.ps2storecanada.com — that are falsely advertising "a large supply" of Sony Playstation 2 products. The product has sold out in many retail stores, so some parents are searching the Web in hopes of placing an order for delivery this holiday season.

"The CCBBB started to receive calls earlier this week from consumers who visited one of these Web sites, placed an order and had not received the product as promised. We continue to receive more than 20 complaints a day," said Bob Whitelaw, president of the CCBBB, based in Ottawa, Canada. "What's particularly alarming is the fact that purchasers were asked to fax a photocopy of the front and back of their credit cards to assure speedy delivery of their gifts," Whitelaw said. "No legitimate business will request photocopies of your personal financial information."

The BBB has been unsuccessful in its attempts to locate the principals or business owners responsible for the Web sites in question, the company is identified as Playstation Store of the USA and/or Canada, 300 Main Street, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, F1C 9T6. The telephone numbers posted on the Web site are 916 830-5900 and 877 619-9100. Sony Entertainment Canada has advised the Better Business Bureau that any commercial Web site that claims to have "thousands" of Sony Playstation 2 products for sale is making a bogus claim. Sony has asked the Royal



HERALD photo/Andra Medlin
Jimmy Huitt is helped by Betty Poitevint, retired State National Bank employee, to register for prizes at the bank's open house on Tuesday. Several hundred people attended the event, which the bank held in appreciation of its customers.

Foreign farm workers may receive expanded visa program in the U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's no secret the agriculture industry is utterly dependent on illegal foreign workers, but for years lawmakers have been unable to agree on a way to curb the flow of illegals without harming the farmers who need them. Now a compromise plan has emerged in Congress that would allow as many as 1 million illegal farm employees to stay in the country permanently and add perhaps 1 million more foreigners temporarily

through an expanded visa program. "The current system is broken and this compromise takes the first steps to fix it," said Anthony Bedell, a lobbyist for the American Nursery and Landscape Association. It's unclear whether a lame-duck Congress that returns next week will want to tackle such a difficult issue, though those who worked on the plan are hopeful. "We remain cautiously optimistic," said Sen. Bob

Draham, D-Fla. and one of the lead negotiators. A spokesman for another lead negotiator, Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., said, "The senator is confident this will happen this session." Texas Rep. Lamar Smith, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee's immigration panel, is fiercely critical of efforts to let illegal immigrants stay in the country. "Providing green cards to people who are already here

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Mom friendly

State hospital receives prestigious designation from health department

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

Big Spring State Hospital recently earned designation as a Mother-Friendly Worksite by the Texas Department of Health for promoting employee-child breastfeeding on the hospital campus.

The hospital is one of 67 companies in Texas to earn the recognition.

Big Spring State Hospital's on-site day care facility was a major factor in helping the hospital earn the prestigious designation. Big Spring State Hospital CEO and Superintendent Ed Moughon said.

"When we opened the day care more than a year ago, we wanted to give our employees a place where they could visit with their child during their breaks and give them peace of mind that they were in a safe place," Moughon said. "We also knew that when mothers of newborns came back to work, many would want to breastfeed their babies."

"Although, you don't have to have an on-site day care

to breastfeed your child after you return to work, obviously having the facility close by makes it easier for mother and child."

Employees are given the privacy at the day care to breastfeed their child in a relaxing atmosphere. Or they can take breaks during their shift to pump their breast milk for later use, Moughon said.

The Mother-Friendly Worksite designation was created in 1995 by House Bill 359 in an effort to recognize companies who support new mothers who return to work and want to breastfeed, said Big Spring State Hospital RN Michelle Biddison, who coordinated the local hospital effort.

In order to qualify as a Mother-Friendly Worksite, companies must provide work schedule flexibility to allow time for pumping breastmilk or nursing babies; offer a private space in which mothers can either pump or nurse; and ensure easy access to clean, running water and refrigeration.

Complying companies must develop a policy reflecting their support for breastfeeding mothers and complete an application, which is then reviewed by the Texas Department of

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Winter gardening tips: It's time to think about soil preparation

Now is the time to think about soil preparation for the family garden. The soil is a storehouse of nutrients, organic matter, air and water that all plants need in order to grow.

Properly prepared soil and cared for soil can improve each year. Most of the

soil types within Howard County are sandy loam and clay loam soils. Also, some shallow, rocky soils are prevalent within Big Spring.

Sandy soils typically do not hold enough water. Clay soils do not allow enough air to enter the soil. Vegetables need a deep, well drained soil with adequate organic matter. Almost any garden soil can be improved. Soil additives are anything that can be added to the soil to improve the soil condition and productivity. For instance, organic

matter helps water infiltration, water holding capacity, and adds nutrients and soil microbes.

Some common organic matter additives are manure, compost, plant material, sawdust, newspaper, and cotton burrs to name a few.

Do not add more than 3 inches of organic matter at any time. After adding organic matter, soil should be tilled at least eight to 10 inches deep.

Till soil when the soil is moist, but not wet. Winter temperatures and

moisture such as we have received lately, helps to mellow the soil profile. This will make it easier to work.

Organic matter should be added early in the winter to allow for decomposition of organic matter to occur. Prior to planting of a spring garden, all sticks, rocks, and other material should be removed. At the end of the winter, rows should be laid off. Lay rows off so that the least water runoff occurs.

Most rows should be six to eight inches wide on top of the bed, and each bed

should be approximately eight to 10 inches tall. If garden area permits, rows should be 30 to 36 inches apart.

After completing these soil preparation steps, it should allow for an outstanding garden.

For more information on this and other topics, contact the County Extension office at 264-2236.

David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent — Agriculture. His office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.

Training to provide continuing ed units

Producers who hold either a private applicator's or a commercial applicator's license can take advantage of a special continuing education training seminar.

The training will be held at the Stanton Community Center on Wednesday. Attendees will be awarded five continuing education credits.

The training will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration. The program will get under way at 9.

Leading topics will include drift management, laws and regulations, brush busting, home pesticides safety and home horticulture.

Cost of the program is \$5. For more information, call Lee Howard at 756-3316 or Sam Field at 686-4700.



Members of the Big Spring Ambassadors and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce were on hand as three businesses held a ribbon cutting at 401 Austin last week. Pictured are Billye and Ralph McLaughlin of Financial, Teresa Bynum of Bynum Enterprises, and State Sen. Robert Duncan and Frances Wheat, Sen. Duncan's assistant in Big Spring.

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Probaded judgment DWI Terry Hendricks, \$1500 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.

Probaded judgment fail to identify Johni Evette White, \$100 fine, \$234.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.

Probaded judgment theft more than \$50 and less than \$500 Martin G. Castaneda, \$100 fine, \$310.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.

Probaded judgment possession of marijuana less than two ounces Emanuel Thomas Miguella, \$500 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 90 days in jail.

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence Enrique Calderon III, dwls, \$250 fine, \$449.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.

Benny Islas dwls \$500 fine, \$360.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.

Howard County Clerk's Office: Marriage Licenses:

- Brian Keith Allen 18, and Miranda Jean Clark 15
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- Manuel Cuellar 28, and Anna Marie Islas 31
- Robert Eugene Smith III, 19, and Rachel Nicole Hutchens 18
- Reginald Michael Overman 53, and Jeanne Litke Overman 54
- Cody Wade Vickers 18, and Ronda Renae Fryar, 18

County Court Rulings:

Judgment and sentence theft more than \$50 but less than \$500 Jeremy Minter, \$200 fine, \$310.25 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and sentence dwls Jorge Antonio Escajaeda \$500 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and sentence criminal trespass/habitation Scotty Bryant, 160 days in jail, \$260.25 court cost.

Judgment and sentence evade arrest/detention Michael R Hernandez, \$500 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and sentence DWI Jorge Antonio Escajaeda \$1500 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 90 days in jail.

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Judgment and sentence evade arrest/detention Scotty Bryant, \$260.25 court cost, 160 days in jail.

Probaded judgment dwli Jackie Doyle Richey, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.

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grantee Folly Wade Lancaster
property All our undivided interest lot 2, blk. 4, College Park Estates
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grantor Robert David Spradling
grantee A.A. Cooper and Terma Cooper
property: All of lot 14, blk. 2, Edgemere Subdivision sec. 4, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
filed Nov 13, 2000

grantor Rebecca L. Richey
grantee Charles A. Lyght
property At a 1/2 feet IR in the right-of-line of Hilltop road in the SE 1/4 of sec. 32, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
filed Nov 14, 2000

District Court Filing
Family
Enica Johnson vs. John Reese
Enica Cisneros vs. Amador Ros Jr.
Stephene Ruiz vs. Jacob Jacke-Rios
Divorce
Consuelo Carrasco vs. Humberto Carrasco
Esmael Santiago Munoz Jr. vs. Dawn Munoz

Injuries and Damages
Beverly Monty McGuire and Eugenia Lucille McGuire et al vs. Armstrong World Industries, Inc., et al
Bobby C. Cathey and Mary Ruth Holley Cathey vs. Armstrong World Industries, Inc., et al

Other
In the matter of Kristian Marie Thompson
Candace Bryant Hatfield vs. Texas Department of Public Safety

FRIENDLY

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Health.
The same bill, signed by Gov. George W. Bush in June 1995, also guarantees women the right to breastfeeding in public. The law, which is one of a number passed by states around the nation, came about as a result of numerous incidents where women were asked to discontinue nursing or retire to the restroom to feed their babies.

The Texas Department of Health has long supported breastfeeding as the ideal way to nourish infants and small children. Citing health and economic advantages to the baby, the family and the community at large, the agency has made it a policy to promote breastfeeding.

Big Spring State Hospital's attitude toward families, is one of the reasons Biddison has worked there for 10 years, she said. "The day care has been such a blessing for me," she said. "I know Alex is getting good care and I can check on him and I could feed him anytime."

BBB

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connected to the sale of Beanie Babies, Cabbage Patch dolls and other in-demand toys," said Ken Hunter, president of the U.S.-based Council of Better Business Bureaus.

The BBB advises Internet shoppers to do business with merchants they know, or look for an online seal that signifies that the merchant is affiliated with a reputable online consumer protection program, like

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"If you're not familiar with an online store, do some research before you buy. Responsible merchants will clearly post their physical address and telephone number on their Web site. Use that information to check the business's complaint record with the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) or local consumer protection agency," Hunter said.

Popular electronic games and products are also being advertised through online classifieds and auctions. Consumers are cautioned to exercise similar care when evaluating the sales pitches of private sellers.

"If you are considering purchasing a product from an individual who is selling goods via the Internet, your legal recourse may not be the same as against a business. Be wary of 'too good to be true' prices or deals and if possible, pay with a credit card, using a secure browser, to ensure the most protection if something goes wrong. If the seller doesn't accept credit cards, consider using an escrow service," Hunter said.

VISAS

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amounts to an amnesty and the chairn absolutely opposes amnesty," said John Lampmann, Smith's chief of staff.

Smith supports expanding the visa program, but the Clinton administration has threatened to veto a bill that did only that. Advocates hope a compromise involving both visas and green cards will win White House approval.

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