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- Big Spring Post Office
- Wal-Mart
- Big Spring Mall

### Giving Tree

- Wells Fargo

### Coats For Kids

- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce
- Big Spring Herald

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## Saxton takes position with Denton post office

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Neither rain, nor sleet nor moving to a larger community is stopping Richard Saxton from making sure the mail is



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delivered.

Saxton, postmaster at Big Spring for the past seven years, has been selected to serve as postmaster for Denton.

He's been filling the vacant postmaster's position in the North Texas city since late September. Just last week he got the word that the job will be his per

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Ricky Yanez Jr. of the St. Thomas Catholic Church choir plays the saxophone Monday during the Carol of Lights ceremony at Big Spring State Hospital. Musical entertainment, including flute and guitar, along with cookies and hot chocolate for refreshment marked the lighting of the hospital buildings in a celebration for patients.

HERALD photo/Valerie Avery



Jesse Looney, Optimist Club of Big Spring Christmas tree sales co-chairman, puts a price tag on one of the trees. The money raised from the annual project will be distributed back into the community.

## Optimist Club trees on sale

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

The annual fund-raiser for the Optimist Club of Big Spring is currently under way as residents have a chance to buy a Christmas Tree and also give money back to their community.

"We have some beautiful trees," said Jesse Looney, co-chairman of the Christmas tree sales. "We have both Nobel firs and Douglas firs. The trees range from two and a half feet to nine feet."

Looney said the Christmas tree sale is the largest fund-raiser for the club during the year. Money raised from the event is distributed throughout the community including Little League teams and youth appreciation week, he said.

The tree lot is located on the corner of 10th and Gregg, across the street from Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

"Nalley-Pickle is letting us use their lot again this year," he said.

## Fire department urges caution this Christmas

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Christmas is one of the most festive times of the year but many of the decorations that make it so colorful pose a hazard if precautions are not taken, Big Spring Fire Department officials warn.

"Decorations can be beautiful but we need to remember that they deserve some attention in order to be safe," said Carl Condray, assistant fire marshal.

A tradition in most families is the tree.

"When choosing which type of tree to buy, arti-

cial or real, remember it is purely a matter of personal preference. Both can be safe if you follow a few simple rules," said Condray.

Families who want to put up a real tree should select the freshest tree they can find. A deep green color, strong natural scent and needles that are firmly attached to the limb are signs to look for. The trunk should be cut on an angle to increase the area for water absorption and should be sticky with sap.

Condray said.

"Keep the tree immersed in water to keep it fresh

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According to Looney, the trees arrived just before the *Big Spring Herald* Community Parade began on Saturday.

The club has a selection of trees that range from \$15

dollars to \$100, he said.

Lot hours will be Monday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

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## Election

### Gore pins election hopes on appeal of ruling that certified Bush's victory

The **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Al Gore struggled for survival in the nation's overtime presidential election on Tuesday, while George W. Bush, projecting confidence about a victory, said he hoped to "seize the moment" after taking office.

"Obviously we've got a lot of work to do," Bush told reporters outside the state Capitol in Austin. He said he expected to begin making personnel announcements in short order, although Cabinet appointments are likely to wait until Gore's final legal challenge has been rejected.

The vice president was in Washington, pinning his hopes on his appeal of a ruling Monday that reaffirmed Bush's narrow certified victory in Florida and refused to order any recounts.

Gore's running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, met privately with Democratic law

makers. "We have always said that the Florida Supreme Court will be the final arbiter," Lieberman said.

That's where Gore was headed, after Judge N. Sanders Sauls ruling on Monday on the vice president's unprecedented legal challenge to Bush's 537-vote win in Florida. There was no immediate word from the court when — or whether — it would take the appeal.

Bush's running mate, Dick Cheney, was also on Capitol Hill, meeting with the GOP rank and file.

He said Bush's transition was "up and running and operational now."

After weeks of fierce post-election combat, Bush and Cheney both seemed to be going out of their way to soften their tone, wishing, perhaps, to grant Gore the room to bow out.

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## Problems with ballots not limited to Florida

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Problems tabulating votes and the public's lack of familiarity with the balloting process aren't limited to a few counties in Florida. They are nationwide, including Howard County.

"There are always problems with any election, especially when people only vote every four years. There are problems when people vote more often, too. It's just a fact of life," said Pat Underwood, Howard County deputy elections clerk.

In Howard County, 229 out of 9,776 machine-tabulated

ballots had either multiple votes or no votes for president.

Not unexpectedly, Texas Gov. George W. Bush carried the county by 68 percent, out-garnering Al Gore 6,667 votes to 2,744. Libertarian Harry Browne received 28, Green Party candidate Ralph Nader got 75 and Independent Pat Buchanan received 33.

There were 53 overvotes ballots in which more than one presidential candidate received votes. And there were 176 undervotes or ballots in which the tabulating machine counted

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## 'Antigone' on stage tonight at Big Spring High School

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring High School Theater department will give its last performance of the Greek tragedy "Antigone" tonight at the high school auditorium.

The performance will begin at 7:30 and tickets will be available at the door.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens, students and children.

The cast of the play 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 No. 1, Shasta Fuqua as Messenger No. 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.



Leandro Sanchez, Anna McLaughlin and Ryan Guinn, along with the Big Spring High School theater department, practice their parts from the Greek tragedy "Antigone" by Sophocles. The theater department will have another performance 7:30 tonight at the high school auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door.



OBITUARIES

Jo Kimble

Graveside funeral service for Jo Kimble, 72, of Big Spring, will be Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Charles Kimble, pastor of Lake Rayburn United Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Kimble died Dec. 3 in a local nursing home.

She was born on Feb. 10, 1928, in Huron, S.D., and came to Big Spring in 1950 from Manhattan, Kan. She was a beautician, retiring in November 1998. She was a Presbyterian.

Survivors include: two sons, Russell Kimble of Odessa and Charles Kimble of Sam Rayburn; five grandchildren and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to: Community Care Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg, Big Spring or Mobile Meals, P.O. Box 765, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home.

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

Douglas "Gene" Warren

Cremation service for Douglas "Gene" Warren, 35, formerly of Big Spring, was Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, at Schaeffer Funeral Home in Fredericksburg. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Mr. Warren died Tuesday Nov. 28, in Fredericksburg.

He was born March 13, 1965, in Big Spring and married Diana Motiejuniene Aug. 21, 1993, in Big Spring. He had worked as a park ranger at many historical sites and had a bachelor's degree in history.

Survivors include: his wife Diana Warren of Fredericksburg; one daughter, Emily Warren of Fredericksburg; one son, Lora Warren of Big Spring; grandmother, Mildred Payne Warren of Coahoma; and one brother, Lelan Warren of Dallas.

The family suggests memorials go to Pioneer Memorial Library, First Baptist Church, Fredericksburg.

Arrangements are under the direction of Schetter Funeral Home, Fredericksburg.

Albert W. Balzer

Albert W. Balzer, 91, Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Jo Kimble, 72, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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bigger, so it presents a big challenge," said Saxton. "We have a lot more deliveries, a lot of growth, a lot of business and a lot of opportunities. I've been staying extremely busy doing a larger job on a bigger scale."

Actually, more than triple — at least in terms of employees he'll be overseeing. He was in charge of 50 employees in Big Spring; Denton has 177.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges," said Saxton. "I want to thank the Big Spring community for the effort they put in and the help and assistance they gave me. I will leave a lot of friends, but it is time to move on for bigger and better things. I appreciate all the friendships and the camaraderie. I will be coming back to Big Spring, though, I'm not going to forget ya'll."

Saxton came to Big Spring seven years ago after serving as postmaster in Pecos. He has been with the U.S. Postal Service for 28 years.

The Postal Service will be taking applications for a postmaster for Big Spring. The process could take two months of more. In the meantime, Michael Cox will continue serving as the local postmaster. Cox, postmaster at Alpine, has been serving over the Big Spring postal service for the past two months.

"I'm sure I will be here until this office is filled," said Cox, who added that he plans to apply for the position himself.

TREES

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Looney said. According to Looney, Optimist Club members will continue selling the Christmas trees until Friday, Dec. 22 or until they sell out.

"We appreciate the support of the public," Looney said. "We have people that come back year after year."

And remember to check the water often because heated rooms can dry out a tree and the water supply very quickly, he said.

When needles begin coming off the tree in large amounts, it's time to dispose of it. The city landfill accepts trees, and the city routinely sets aside several tree drop-off locations just for trees after Christmas.

"One bit of confusion concerning artificial trees is that they don't burn.

"Even if the label says otherwise, don't take chances," said Condray. "On plastic trees, make sure the lights you may use are not going to get too hot and melt the needles. And never use electric lights on metallic types of trees. Use a separate colored spotlight instead."

No matter what the tree type, always turn off lights and other decorations when going to bed or leaving the immediate area. Be careful that the tree is not placed too close to a heat source such as a fireplace or space heater.

Fire officials recommend plugging in strings of Christmas lights on a flame-proof surface, such as a dri-

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veyaw, and leaving them on for about 15 minutes before installing them. This will ensure that the lights are working properly, and also provides an opportunity to check the bulbs.

Before putting them up, check for frayed wires and potential problems, such as staples in the wiring. Check for loose prongs or cracked sockets. Repair any problems or discard the string of lights.

Don't use lights made for indoors to decorate outside. All outdoor lights should be waterproof and be securely fastened to prevent wind damage. Only use outdoor rated extension cords and never have more than three light strings plugged into one, Condray said.

Also, check to make sure that the wiring — indoors and out — is tucked out of the way. Finally, make sure not to place trees, lights and other decorations where they would prevent family members from making an exit in the event of a fire.

Make sure smoke alarms are functional and keep a fire extinguisher in a handy location.

"All of us at the fire department want you to have a happy and safe holiday season and hope that these tips might be of comfort to you and your loved ones," said Condray.

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Cheney, who urged Bush's rival on Sunday to concede, told reporters, "I didn't come today with a message for Vice President Gore."

Bush, speaking on Monday, said the vice president is "going to have to make the decisions that he thinks are necessary and I know he'll put — the interests of the country will be important in his decision making, just like it would be in mine."

There were other developments in a post-election drama unlike any other.

A federal appeals court in Atlanta heard arguments in election-related cases. The Republican-controlled Florida Legislature marked time, prepared to call a special session to appoint a slate of electors loyal to Bush — but hoping it wouldn't be necessary.

And lawyers for Gore and Bush faced a mid-afternoon deadline to file legal papers with the state Supreme Court in yet another case, this one returned from the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday with instructions for the state high court to clarify a ruling it had made earlier.

In Austin, Bush received his first intelligence briefing from the CIA. He was meeting later Tuesday with his prospective national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, and working on transition decisions on what Bush called "a busy day."

It's "important to show the American people this administration will be ready to seize the moment," he told reporters.

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BALLOTS

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no one for president. There are any number of reasons for the undervotes and overvotes, Underwood said.

"Sometimes people don't put the ballot in the machine right so the needle doesn't go all the way through. Sometimes voters leave their ballot in the machine. Sometimes they put them in backwards or upside down. There are all sorts of things that happen," said Underwood. "And of course, in the case where there are no votes for a particular office, it's entirely possible that the voter didn't intend to choose a candidate. Some people don't vote on purpose. They don't approve of either of the candidates, or just can't make up their mind."

Voting clerks are on hand at each precinct to answer questions and help with problems, but that doesn't always help.

"Some people just are not going to ask for help. They won't do it," said Underwood.

Instructions are in multiple locations to help the voter, but often people are in a hurry and don't take the time to read them, said Underwood.

"I don't know if there is any possible way to have a system where everybody could vote without problems. That's just people for you. We do our best to make it easy, but there are always some who have problems," she added. "I thought our election went real smooth this year. But there are always going to be a certain percentage who didn't vote like they thought they did."

With all the focus on the election, some officials believe what is taking place in Florida will "turn voters off" while others believe it will serve as an incentive for others who haven't voted regularly to do so.

"I can see where some people would look at this and think 'why vote?' But it might make people take more time in learning how to vote, too. Who knows? But hopefully it will make people more aware. Certainly this proves very definitely that every vote does count," said Underwood.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

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SHERIFF

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

• JERRY WAYNE ROACH, 50, was arrested on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury. (HCSO)

• HENRY GUSMAN, 24, was arrested on warrants for speeding, violate promise to appear and a Mitchell County warrant for delivery of a controlled substance less than one gram. He was also arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and failure to identify fugitive from justice. (DPS)

• DAASIO GOMEZ, 33, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (DPS)

• ABEL MARTINEZ, 26, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD)

• PHILLIP NATHAN POPEJOY, 52, was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated. (DPS)

• JOE OLIVIO JR., 28, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (DPS)

• LIONSO LEE JIMENEZ, 21, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. (HCSO)

• ARMANDO LOPEZ, 30, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. (DPS)

• GILBERT AGUILAR, 33, was arrested on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transport. (BSPD)

• FREDDIE PUGA, 57, was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated, third or more. (HCSO)

• MELISSA M. ESCANUELAS, 18, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief of more than \$50 but less than \$500.

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

• FRANK ANTHONY

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

• ARTURO SOLANO LOPEZ, 36, was arrested on a Victoria County warrant for aggravated assault with serious bodily injury.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

• KELLEIGH SMITH, 18, 538 Westover Apt. 104, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of Aylsford.

• THEFT was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700 and in the 1800 block of Gregg.

• CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of W. Main.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following weekend summary:

• ASSAULT, 1  
• FAMILY VIOLENCE, 5  
• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION, 1  
• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING, 1  
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 1

CRIMINAL TRESPASS, 1  
• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 2

• EVADING ARREST, 1  
• FORGERY, 1  
• RESISTING ARREST, 1  
• MISSING PERSON, 1  
• RUNAWAY, 1  
• THEFT, 19

• CONVENIENCE STORE THEFT, 8  
• BEER, 1  
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# District considers whether to appeal federal court ruling

LUBBOCK (AP) — Tulia Independent School District administrators were considering Tuesday whether to appeal a federal judge's ruling that their drug testing policy is unconstitutional. "I feel pretty certain that the board will vote to appeal it," Tulia Superintendent Mike Vinyard said Monday. "It's an important issue that needs to be settled at an appellate level."

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson ruled last week that Tulia ISD's "mandatory random, suspicionless drug testing" violates the Fourth Amendment.

In 1997, Tulia High School student Hollister Gardner, then a straight-A student and now a college senior at Angelo State University, sued alleging the district was violating his constitutional rights by forcing him to submit to a drug test in order to participate in the National Honor Society.

His father, Gary Gardner, the only school board member to vote against the policy in October 1996, says Robinson's ruling shows his son was right, even though the court pointed out he no longer attends Tulia schools.

"We're kind of walking on air right now. We did pretty good," Gardner said of his son, who sued and represented himself in court. "I only stood 5-(feet)-4 when this thing got started. Now, after seeing what my boy demonstrated, I stand a good 6-6."

The Tulia policy requires all students in grades 7-12 who participate in extracurricular activities to submit to drug testing.

The policy covers approximately 80 percent of the student body and will remain in effect until Robinson orders an injunction, Vinyard said.

To keep the case that's more than three years old from becoming moot, Gardner's niece and nephew — Molly and Colby Gardner — who are both younger than Hollister, have been added to the lawsuit.

"Hollister's passed the wand to his younger cousin and she will pass it on to her younger brother to keep the suit alive if they decide to appeal," Gardner said. "When Molly graduates they can't just rule it moot again. We'll just keep adding cousins and in-laws

# 6 separatists indicted on gun charges

PECOS (AP) — Six members of the Republic of Texas separatist group have been indicted on firearms charges stemming from the 1997 standoff at their embassy near Fort Davis.

A Pecos grand jury returned the 13-count indictment against the six members last month.

Indicted on firearms charges were Richard McLaren, 47; Roberto Otto, 49; Robert Jonathon Scheidt, 46; Richard Frank Keyes III, 25; Gregg William Paulson, 49; and Karen Simon Paulson, 37.

The six, who now are in custody, also were indicted on charges including conspiracy to make, transfer, receive, and possess unregistered firearms and firearms not identified by a serial number.

If convicted of all charges, Otto faces up to 70 years in federal prison, and Paulson faces up to 80 years. The other four face up to 75 years in federal prison. A trial date has not yet been scheduled.

One person died in a 1997 shootout with officers during a seven-day standoff. Members contended the annexation of Texas as a state in 1845 was illegal and that their leaders constituted the legitimate government of an independent nation of Texas.

# Casual fun of rustic cabin is spoiled by formal dining

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were thrilled when his 80-year-old parents decided to transfer ownership of their rustic family cabin to us. We have made many repairs and are responsible for its upkeep. We love it, and because we are teachers, we have the entire summer to enjoy it.

The problem is, my in-laws expect me to be the "perfect hostess" when they visit — even if they don't let us know in advance they are coming. I am an excellent cook, but my mother-in-law expects me to serve full meals — meat, vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert. In addition, she expects me to put out butter knives, salad plates and linen napkins. She seems obsessed with the table setting and makes nasty remarks if I don't set the table to suit her. (She doesn't utter a peep when her daughter omits the butter knives and extra plates!) The unannounced visits and fixation with meals have seriously damaged my

relationship with my in-laws. This is not something I can discuss with them, because they are both elderly and set in their ways. I should add that the cottage has no dishwasher, so everything must be washed by hand in lake water, which we pump in.

Abby, I don't think formality should be the rule in a casual summer cottage. Sometimes a sandwich on a paper plate on the deck is just the ticket. I don't want to be a slave to the kitchen. I have serious projects to work on and have only the summer to accomplish them.

My husband supports me in this, but he knows his parents are too old to change. Even if we tried discussing it with them, my mother-in-law is hard of hearing, and they both seem to have memory problems. Any suggestions? — PAPER CUPS ON CRYSTAL LAKE

DEAR PAPER CUPS: Since your in-laws have memory problems, make up a calendar showing the weeks you will be using the

cabin. With a bright pen, circle the dates you would like them to visit. Consider posting your "lazy days" menu so there will be no surprises.

There are nice paper products on the market these days. Select the fanciest, most substantial paper plates and cups you can find, and use them when your in-laws visit. Then say to your mother-in-law, "Darling, I'll cook, but because you set such a lovely table, we'd like you to be the official table-setter, please." If she refuses, then it's time to ignore their comments, regain control, and make the cabin your own rustic hideaway.

DEAR ABBY: I love the "random acts of kindness" letters that appear in your column from time to time. Here's mine:

My husband died at work five years ago, leaving me with two teen-age daughters. It was the week before Thanksgiving.

My whole neighborhood took up a collection for us — not just the immediate neighbors; I mean the

ENTIRE neighborhood. In the ensuing weeks before Christmas, all the neighbor kids came to my home, raked the leaves, and even cleared away the dog droppings!

If that wasn't enough, we opened our front door at Christmas to find that gifts, plants, and cards with prayers had been left on our doorstep. I barely knew some of these neighbors, yet they were there for us when we needed them the most — right down to the littles toddler. Needless to say, I'm never moving from here. — MARY IN SMITHTOWN, LONG ISLAND

DEAR MARY: The caring spirit of your neighbors is inspiring. However, I know the secret to having good neighbors is being one, and I suspect the outpouring of support you received was deserved.

P.S. Once your letter hits print, I'll wager the property values in Smithtown skyrocket.

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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

to keep the thing alive." Vinyard is just as steadfast in his belief that there is nothing wrong with the district's policy.

"I'm somewhat surprised at the ruling, and disappointed of course," the superintendent said. "I had thought maybe after leaving it in place for so long, that she would rule in our favor. We feel like our policy has gone down each year, which indicates to us it is having its desired effect as a deterrent."

Robinson stated in her opinion that a case in Vernonia, Ore., relied upon by the district applied only to student athletes — not all those involved in extracurricular activities.

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OUR VIEWS

Doll festival fun way to help others

A world of dolls goes on display this week in Big Spring. Judging was to begin today for the doll festival, the popular Salvation Army fund-raiser. Following the judging, folks will have an opportunity to see the dolls on display at Wells Fargo Bank.

For those who are unfamiliar with the project, it works this way: The Salvation Army makes available dolls to groups or private citizens who dress them up in all sorts of attire and return them. The dolls are judged in several divisions and some are selected for a doll auction, to be held Dec. 12. The remainder of the dolls are used as gifts for less fortunate children.

The creativity shown by those dressing the dolls is amazing. Some may be angels, others cowboys or Indians, cheerleaders, sailors or any number of characters. Some costumes are intricate, with accessories down to the final detail.

Take time this week to go by Wells Fargo and look at the displays. You'll be impressed, we feel confident. Maybe you'll even catch the spirit and decide that next year you or your group would like to participate.

Finally, be sure and make plans to attend the doll auction next Tuesday in the East Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It's a noon event, and free to the public.

The money raised through the doll auction goes to the Salvation Army, which means it goes to help those who are needy or in a crisis.

The doll festival is a unique event in that it combines talent, creativity, volunteerism and good fun all for a wonderful cause — helping others.

OTHER VIEWS

It's easy to say that the United States ought to write the Electoral College right out of the Constitution and replace it with the indisputable clarity of choosing the president by popular vote.

What could be more sensible and practical? Why, the Founding Fathers probably would have provided for it themselves had they only been able to anticipate mass communication and the computer age.

But wait. What about the law of unintended consequences? It can have clout that makes a seemingly antiquated article of the Constitution pale by comparison.

The Founding Fathers, wise as they certainly were, could not have imagined America in 2000. They surely didn't imagine women voting,

among 100 million citizens of every race, religion and political persuasion, in 50 states stretching from Maine to the middle of the Pacific Ocean. They could not possibly have dreamed of the means for gathering information that are available to 21st century Americans.

A commission ought to be formed (at the behest of Congress or the new president) to thoroughly study the effects of changing the way we pick presidents. Imagined consequences are just that — imagined.

This is the time for a meaningful look at how to best reflect the people's will through the electoral process, and it should be done in a way that does not descend to partisan opportunism.

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Standardized voting is a dumb idea

One of the dumbest suggestions that has arisen from our presidential election still in progress is that voting machines or methods should be standardized throughout the nation.



CHARLEY REESE

Now that's sure enough a dumb idea. Think about it. Every single American votes in only one precinct in one county.

Therefore, the only voting machine a person has to figure out is the one in his or her own precinct. What difference does it make to me what kind of machinery is used someplace else where I'm not eligible to vote there?

Furthermore, there is no such thing as a complicated voting machine anywhere in the United States. Marking a ballot isn't advanced physics, no matter what method is used.

You have to remember that all this hoopla about Florida ballots is just a smoke screen put out by the Gore people.

If Al Gore had won the state, Florida's election would have been hailed as perfect. There still would have been ballots that were rejected because they were improperly marked. There still would have been ballots where no one voted for the president. There still would have been slight differences in the count every time the ballots were counted. The difference would have been that nobody would have cared.

There is only one thing different about this election and that is the closeness of the vote. Whoever loses the biggest prize on earth will lose it by a statistically insignificant number of votes. I know that will shrivel poor Al Gore's soul. To lose what he's lusted after for at least 20 years by 500 or so votes will surely put him into deep depression. Personally, I don't care, as it will put me into deep depression if Gore wins by 500 votes.

I suppose I owe it to folks

to explain why I don't like Mr. Gore. Well, he annoys me. He tells lies. And some years ago, when he was in Congress, he sat like a lump while some rock star insulted his wife. I wrote him off then. A man who won't defend his wife's honor has no business being a commander in chief. I thought at the time that if Frank Zappa (he was the rocker) had said about Bess Truman what he said about Tipper Gore, Harry Truman would have dived over that table and punched his lights out right there on live national TV. Andy Jackson simply would have killed Zappa, as he had killed other men who made the mistake of insulting his beloved Rachel.

But one thing is certain: We have to figure out some way to divide less equally. Some folks on one side or another are going to have to defect to the other, or we'll have to put up with this nonsense at the next election.

One of my colleagues loves this mess because he says that it's historic. Well, it might be, but I'm not

that fond of historic events. Dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima was a historic event, but I'm glad I missed it, and I'm sure the survivors wish they could have missed it, too. And I already wish I could have missed this historic event.

The only advice I can give you is to keep your television turned off until this is over.

This is one of those deals where facts are few and spaced out so the TV folks have to fill in the time yawning and bulling with their Rolodex talking heads. That's even more annoying than listening to Snake Eyes Al or Whiny Joe. And please don't complain that I'm being disrespectful. I know that.

It's on purpose. I'm one of those old-fashioned Americans who believes in reciprocity. When public officials lie and resort to demagoguery, they are, as the saying goes, "dissing" us.

They are telling us in the plainest language that they have no respect for our intelligence.

They deserve no respect from any citizen.



Sorry state of the election

Nuts to the presidency. Dozens of us crowded the interstate pecan shop, baskets on our arms, Christmas in our hearts, minds distracted from that tedious game of chad chess in Florida.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

We shook snow globes and watched glitter bathe reindeer. We tasted samples of pralines and glazed pecans. Somebody bought a Santa dashboard doll that wiggles as you weave through traffic.

What a relief to get on with Christmas, which surely will come on schedule, uncontested. The conventional wisdom is that this year's election makes us all know for certain once and for all that every vote counts. Makes us feel an integral part of the democratic process, hal-lelujah, praise the Founding Fathers.

Not me. Never have I felt so distanced from the goings-on in politics. Never have I felt as politically powerless and insignificant. For one thing, the obvious: Nobody's vote has counted for squat. There is no presidential election.

The Woman in Red, Katherine Harris — who obviously had time to visit the beauty parlor and a

makeover artist between her two national TV appearances — said it's over in Florida, and it may well be.

But I don't live in Florida, and it doesn't seem finished from where I sit. Every five minutes some suit files a lawsuit and the whole sordid business gets new life.

Watching the Sunshine State decide the election has worked on my nerves. I'll admit. Florida is about vacations and other frivolities.

Better the kingmaker role fell to some serious, workaday state in a cold climate with terse-talking people who toil in mines or on farms — or at least to a state where the brother of one of the candidates isn't governor.

This is watching the boudin being made. All those shifty-looking, low-level political hacks in charge of county voting precincts and whatnot. You wouldn't sit next to one in a Greyhound bus station.

It's akin to the disillusionment I felt the first time I had land surveyed. I thought it would be more scientific somehow.

This whole dimple drama makes you want to pierce your ballot with a pistol next time, just so nobody has to hold it up to the light.

I don't relate to people screaming in the streets on either side of the political spectrum, either. I think they are just Floridians with signs left over from the Little Elian controver-

sy. If you can't identify with the officials, the lawyers, the hacks or the rabble-rousers, who does that leave? The candidates?

If either one had true political savvy, he'd have bowed out long before now, letting his opponent keep the seat warm for four years. The Solomonlike statesman, then, would have been a shoo-in next election.

Instead, we're left with a popular-vote-winner loser who can't squeeze the big Florida orange hard enough to win its electoral votes. And a popular-vote-loser winner who everyone knows had his own plans in place to challenge the election had he come out with the most popular votes but too few electoral ones.

Confused? It doesn't matter. Because we don't matter to the politicians. We're just pawns in a big-money game played at the behest of even bigger money.

I liked it all better when I was a little girl and Uncle Walter Cronkite called the election, but only after the children were asleep.

I'm sure the same sorts of shenanigans were going on behind the scenes, the same flinty-eyed bosses barking out orders to their mindless minions.

But at least we didn't have to watch it nonstop on 24-hour news channels when we should be shopping, baking, previewing the new first lady's inaugural ball gown and getting ready for Santa Claus.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Baseball boosters set meeting for tonight

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 tonight 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.

#### Coahoma youth hoops registration begins

Registration for the Coahoma Youth Basketball Association's upcoming season is currently under way.

Youngsters can sign up from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at the Coahoma Junior High School gymnasium.

The girls' draft will begin at noon Saturday and will be followed by the boys' draft.

#### Big Spring schedules junior varsity tourney

Big Spring's Lady Steers junior varsity will host a six-team round robin tournament Thursday through Saturday in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.

In addition to the Lady Steers JV, the tournament field will include teams from Andrews, Denver City, Lamesa, Seminole and Sweetwater.

The Lady Steers JV will play Sweetwater at 8 p.m. Thursday, then take on Lamesa at 11 a.m. Friday and Denver City Saturday night at 6:30.

On Saturday, Big Spring will take on Andrews at 10 a.m. and Seminole at 2:30 p.m.

#### 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.

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

#### BSYBA extends registration period

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association will conduct sign-ups for the upcoming 2001 basketball season through Saturday.

Registration at All Star Sports will be during regular business hours through Saturday. Big Spring Mall registration will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

### AREA GAMES

**TONIGHT**  
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• Big Spring at Lamesa (VB).

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## Crimson Tide back among Top 25 in AP basketball poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The way last season went for Alabama, being ranked in the Top 25 wasn't even a consideration.

Just three games into this season, the Crimson Tide pulled into the Associated Press college basketball poll for the first time in nearly three years.

Alabama went 13-16 last season, coach Mark Gottfried's second in Tuscaloosa. Four starters returned from that team, and Gerald Wallace, one of the nation's most highly sought-after recruits, has starred in a sixth-man role.

On Monday, the Crimson Tide were back in the rankings for the first time since Dec. 24, 1997, at No. 23.

"I think it's good from the standpoint that our team gets some national exposure," Gottfried said. "When we're building a program things like this are always good, but we feel like we have a long way to go and a lot to accomplish."

Alabama (4-0) celebrated the return to the rankings with a 107-61 victory over Grambling State on Monday night, the third straight game the Crimson Tide have reached 100 points. The last time they did that was the 1957-58 season.

This week's other newcomer was Iowa State (5-0), which came in at No. 25. The Cyclones were ranked sixth in last season's final poll.

Duke, which beat two ranked teams last week, held the top spot for the second straight week, while

Michigan State moved up one spot to No. 2.

The Blue Devils (7-0), who beat Illinois and Temple last week, received 59 first-place votes and 1,715 points from the national media panel, 107 more than Michigan State.

The Spartans (5-0), who received nine No. 1 votes, moved up one spot after beating North Carolina and Illinois-Chicago last week.

Kansas (7-0) dropped from second to third despite easily beating Middle Tennessee State and Illinois State in its only games last week. The Jayhawks received one first-place vote.

Stanford and Arizona remained fourth and fifth in the rankings, while Tennessee and Seton Hall

each moved up one place to sixth and seventh, respectively.

Florida moved up two places to eighth, while Illinois held ninth and Notre Dame jumped one spot to No. 10, the Fighting Irish's first Top Ten appearance since the final poll of the 1985-86 season.

Wake Forest led the Second Ten and was followed by Southern California, Syracuse, North Carolina, Connecticut, Virginia, Wisconsin, Cincinnati, Maryland and Oklahoma.

Arkansas, Utah, Alabama, St. John's and Iowa State rounded out the Top 25.

Atlantic 10 members Temple and Dayton, 17th and 24th last week, fell out of the rankings after losing two games each.



Big Spring's Mellasa Forth (30) begins a Lady Steers fastbreak after pulling down a rebound during last week's win over Coahoma. Forth, who was named most valuable player Saturday at the Brownfield tournament, and her teammates will play host to Lamesa at 6:30 tonight in Steer Gym.

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## All-district Grandfalls, Sands grab most honors in District 7 voting

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As one might expect, Grandfalls' Cowboys and Sands' Mustangs led the balloting when District 7 six-man coaches met to select their all-district football team.

The league champion Cowboys, who went through District 7 play undefeated, earned six first-team selections in the voting, as did the Mustangs, who earned the district's runner-up playoff berth.

But Grady's Wildcats, who finished third in the District 7 six-man standings, picked up three first-team selections and claimed one of the team's two player of the year awards.

Both Sands and Grady also had three players named second-team all-district honorees.

Not surprisingly, Grandfalls senior running back and linebacker James Stocks was picked as the district's Most Valuable Player award winner, while Sands senior running back Cesar Martinez was selected as offensive player of the year. Grady senior Chris Harris was named the league's defensive player of the year.

With Stocks and Martinez earning individual honors, the was open for a couple of juniors — Buena Vista's Josh Duckett and Klondike's Mark Torres — to claim the first-team running back spots.

But Grandfalls and Sands still managed to dominate the first teams.

The Cowboys placed senior end Tony Pena, senior center Jose Ramirez and senior quarterback Ricky Martinez on the first team, while extra-point kicker Isaac Rodriguez shared that spot with Sands' Martinez.

The Mustangs' other offensive first-teamers were junior end Dusty Floyd, who doubled up as the squad's placekicker, and junior center Lee Casas.

Grady's first-team pick on offense was senior end Josh Tunnell.

Rounding up the first-team offensive picks was Klondike spread back Thad Meadows, who was also selected as the punter.

In addition to Harris' individual defensive honor, the



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Grady placed lineman Jud Opeppard and linebacker Cooper Tate on the first team, while Sands placed lineman Junior Martinez, a senior; linebacker Heath Webb, a sophomore; and Floyd, a junior safety, in that grouping.

Other first-team defenders were Grandfalls seniors Pena, as a lineman, and Ricky Martinez at linebacker; Klondike's Torres at a lineman's spot and Buena Vista's Duckett at linebacker.

Sands junior quarterback Chance Nichols was a second-team pick at his position, while Junior Martinez was a second-team running back along with Grady senior Clint Schuelke.

The Mustangs also placed sophomore linebacker Nate Looney on the second-team defense. Grady's Schuelke was also second-team pick at linebacker, while Wildcats sophomore Eric Tunnell earned a spot at safety.

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**District 7 Six-Man All-District Football Team**  
**Most Valuable Player:** James Stocks, Grandfalls  
**Offensive Player of Year:** Cesar Martinez, Sands  
**Defensive Player of Year:** Chris Harris, Grady

**FIRST TEAM**

**Offense**  
Ends: Tony Pena, Sr., Grandfalls; Josh Tunnell, Sr., Grady; Dusty Floyd, Jr., Sands.  
Center: Jose Ramirez, Sr., Grandfalls; Lee Casas, Jr., Sands.  
Quarterback: Ricky Martinez, Sr., Grandfalls  
Running back: Josh Duckett, Jr., Buena Vista; Mark Torres, Jr., Klondike  
Spread back: Thad Meadows, Sr., Klondike  
Kicker: Dusty Floyd, Jr., Sands  
Punter: Thad Meadows, Sr., Klondike  
**PAT kickers:** Isaac Rodriguez, Sr., Grandfalls; Cesar Martinez, Sr., Sands.  
**Defense**  
Linebacker: Jud Opeppard, Jr., Grady; Junior Martinez, Sr., Sands; Mark Torres, Jr., Klondike; Tony Pena, Sr., Grandfalls  
Linebacker: Cooper Tate, Sr., Grady; Heath Webb, Soph., Sands; Ricky Martinez, Sr., Grandfalls; Josh Duckett, Jr., Buena Vista  
Safety: Dusty Floyd, Jr., Sands.

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**SECOND TEAM**

**Offense**  
Ends: Thomas Stunkard, Jr., Loop; Heath Ferguson, Sr., Klondike  
Center: Aaron Weatherman, Soph., Klondike  
Quarterback: Chance Nichols, Jr., Sands  
Running back: Junior Martinez, Sr., Sands; Clint Schuelke, Sr., Grady  
Spread back: Chris Garza, Fresh, Loop  
Kicker: Ricky Martinez, Sr., Grandfalls  
Punter: Michael Mills, Jr., Loop  
**PAT kicker:** Chris Garza, Fresh, Loop  
**Defense**  
Linebacker: Jose Ramirez, Sr., Grandfalls; Cory Meadows, Jr., Klondike; Trevor McLaren, Fresh, Buena Vista  
Linebacker: Nate Looney, Soph., Sands; Joe Rodriguez, Sr., Grandfalls; Steven McDowell, Jr., Buena Vista; Clint Schuelke, Sr., Grady  
Safety: Eric Tunnell, Soph., Grady; Romo Marquez, Sr., Grandfalls; Chris Garza, Fresh, Loop

## Grbac's best just not enough to give Chiefs win over Pats

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Elvis Grbac had one of his best games of the season against the New England Patriots.

It turned out he completed one pass too many.

The Kansas City quarterback threw for 350 yards and three touchdowns on Monday night, but his foolhardy pass across the middle with 11 seconds left helped New England run out the clock and hold on for a 30-24 victory over the Chiefs.

"That was not the play that I wanted," Chiefs coach Gunther Cunningham said. Grbac "didn't see anyone open, but the ball should have been thrown into the end zone."

Drew Bledsoe completed 33 of 48 passes for a season-high 282 yards, and Troy Brown caught 12 of them for 119 yards and a touchdown. Adam Vinatieri kicked three field goals as the Patriots (4-9) had their highest point total of the season and won for just the second time in seven games.

Derrick Alexander caught five passes for 116 yards, including an 81-yard touchdown, for the Chiefs. Tony Gonzalez caught 11 passes for 147 yards, the last of them a 5-yard reception to the Patriots 7 on the final play.

The Chiefs, who had used all their timeouts on defense, didn't even try to line up as the final few seconds ticked off the clock.

"I probably should have thrown the ball into the end zone. But I saw Tony was open," said Grbac, who completed 25 of 46 passes. "I got him the ball. Any time I get the ball to Tony, he can score."

With its fifth consecutive loss, Kansas City (5-8) was officially eliminated from the playoff race. But even the dud matchup provided some excitement for Monday Night Football, which has had two of the previous six games decided on last-play field goals.

The Patriots took a 27-10 lead on Bledsoe's two touchdown passes, Kevin Faulk's

1-yard dive and a pair of field goals. But Kansas City came back, scoring on the third play of the fourth quarter when Grbac hit Gonzalez from 4 yards out.

Sylvester Morris fumbled on the Chiefs' next possession, leading to Vinatieri's 27-yard field goal with 7:37 remaining, making it 30-17. After Faulk's fumble gave Kansas City the ball at the New England 44, Grbac needed only two passes and 28 seconds to make it 30-24 with 3:58 left.

The Patriots got one first down, but the Chiefs got it back with 1:02 to play. Grbac scrambled for 6, hit Gonzalez for 29 and then Gonzalez again, this time for 23, to the Patriots 16.

With 20 seconds left, Grbac hit Sylvester Morris for 9 yards to the 7, but a false start pushed the Chiefs back to the 12.

After an incompleting, Grbac inexplicably threw to Gonzalez in the middle of the field. And there wasn't time for the Chiefs to get another play off.

## Redskins blame themselves, each other for Turner's downfall

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Even as Norv Turner was taking the fall for the Washington Redskins' disappointing season, the players were pointing fingers at each other.

Turner was fired Monday and replaced by passing game coordinator Terry Robiskie. While the players agreed Robiskie will provide the motivation, fire Turner lacked, they questioned why their teammates couldn't motivate themselves.

"Players make coaches look good, and players make coaches look bad," cornerback Deion Sanders

said. "I wish they could show the films publicly to show what I'm stressing. We need different players. It's talent, in certain areas, especially on special teams."

Sanders said he took responsibility when he had a bad game against Detroit this year, but others aren't willing to do the same.

"I wish other players would come out and say, 'It's not Norv's fault. I got my butt kicked,'" Sanders said. Guard Keith Sims said Turner was the kind of the coach who expected every player to have a professional work ethic — without having to scream about it. It was an assumption that can't be made in the NFL.

"Norv did not threaten players," Sims said. "Some guys took advantage of him."

Others players admitted their contribution to Turner's demise in a season that began with Super Bowl aspirations. The Redskins, despite an NFL-record \$100 million roster, are 7-6 and have lost four of their last five. They probably need to win their last three to make the playoffs.

"It's a somber moment," kicker Eddie Murray said. "Players feel like they've let a coach down. I feel bad for the coach. I didn't hold my end of it up."

Kickers were the first thing on Turner's mind when he gave his farewell speech. In each of the last three losses, a kicker has missed a vital field goal in the closing minutes.

"We came up short in each of those situations," Turner said. "The difference between winning and losing is not very big in this league."



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BIG SPRING HERALD Tuesday, December 5, 2000

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Responsibilities include inventory tracking, shipping and receiving, labor hour and expense tracking, maintenance of vendor files and service reports...

HELP WANTED

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The Big Spring Herald is looking for a person to join our editorial staff. Sports Editor - The successful applicant will coordinate the Herald's coverage of eight Crossroads area high schools and Howard College sports programs...

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000: Your ideas often cause a commotion. Others find you confusing or avant-garde...

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You have high energy, and you need to direct it. If you are not careful, you could have a quarrel where you least expect it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Experience life through another's perspective. Extremes punctuate, but opportunities bloom. You could easily become overloaded.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Channel your energy and frustrations into your work. By establishing what you need to do, you accomplish a lot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could easily see only the negatives. Give up this kind of thinking and consider other ways to handle a problem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Let your imagination meet your day's demands. Is there any way to streamline your work so you have more time to enjoy yourself?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) No one questions the strength of your ideas. Instead, others wonder what your limits are. Push easily comes to shove with unexpected news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't let the speed of another's impulsiveness affect you. Stop and make your own decisions. Listen carefully to your sixth sense about finances and emotions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take charge again, but also know when to establish boundaries. Pressure builds, and you might not be comfortable with what you hear from a family member.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Reach out for another. Share your ideas, as wild and creative as you can be. Keep communication flowing, with an eye to drawing out solutions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get another perspective. Whether you ask or not, others will give you one. Though you could become frustrated with communication, stay focused.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be realistic about spending. Naive can only cause problems. Be realistic about bottom lines and long-term directions. Pressure builds with a partner who has a different set of expectations.

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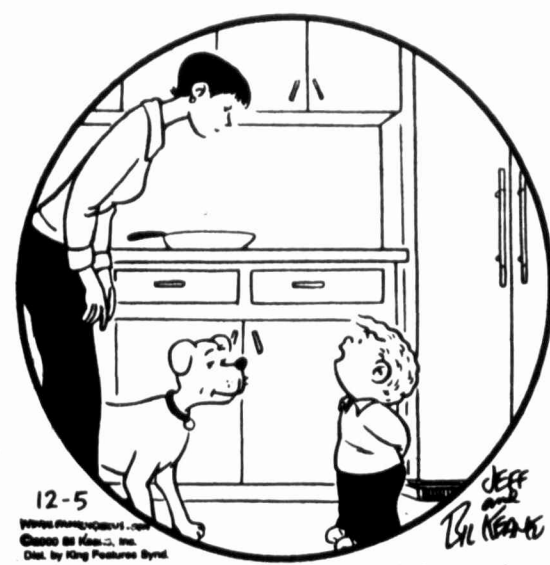
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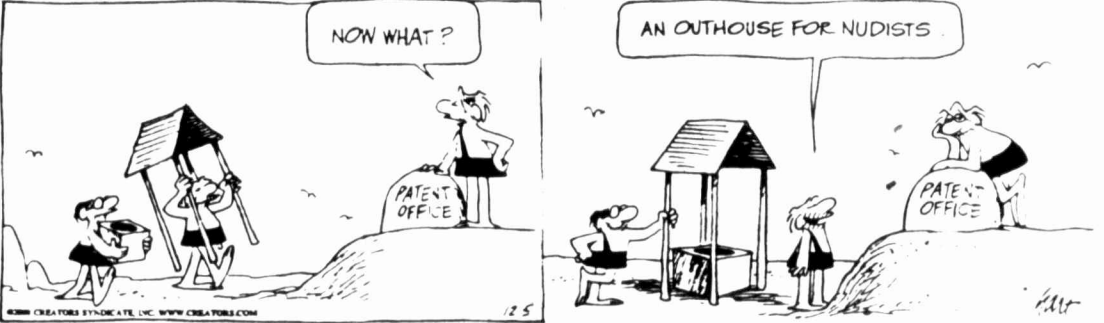
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 5, the 340th day of 2000. There are 26 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 5, 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment. On this date: In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. In 1782, the first native U.S. president, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, N.Y. In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35. In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president. In 1848, President Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California. In 1901, movie producer Walt Disney was born in Chicago. In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States. In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany. In 1978, the American space probe "Pioneer Venus 1" orbiting Venus, began beaming back its first information and picture of the planet. In 1994, jubilant Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP speaker of the House in four decades. Today's Birthdays: Senate President Pro Tempore Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., is 98. Singer Little Richard is 68. Author Joan Didion is 66. Author Calvin Trillin is 65. Musician J.J. Cale is 62. Actor Jeroen Krabbe is 56. Opera singer Jose Carreras is 54. Pop singer Jim Messina is 53. Actress Morgan Brittany is 49. Actor Brian Backer is 44. Actress Carrie Hamilton is 37. Country singer Ty England is 37. Rock singer, musician John Rzeznik (The Goo Dolls) is 35. Country singer Gary Allan is 33. Comedian-actress Margaret Cho is 32.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Monday's Puzzle Solved section showing the completed crossword grid and a list of words.