

SUNDAY

November 18, 2001

WEATHER

Today:



PARTLY CLOUDY
TODAY 65°-70° TONIGHT 44°-48°

Get those Santa letters in before Dec. 2

Santa and his elves have switched into high gear to get all the toys ready for the annual midnight ride Christmas Eve. In order to help the jolly old man with his orders for all the good girls and boys the Herald will be accepting letters from area school children to forward to the North Pole. The deadline is Dec. 2 and the letters can be sent to the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431, or e-mail them to johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com. Of course they can be dropped off at the Herald at 710 Scurry.

WHAT'S UP...

- MONDAY**
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m., at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics.
 - Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.
 - Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third at the Bingo hall.
 - Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Building, 221 1/2 Main.
 - District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

- TUESDAY**
- Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.
 - Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon at 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets at noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork.
 - Alzheimers Association Greater West Texas chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main in the conference room.

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'Boomtown' ready for holiday parade

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

FORSAN — Three long-time Forsan residents will be the grand marshal of Forsan's first Christmas in Boomtown parade set for Saturday, Dec. 8. C.V. Wash, Ida Champ and L.T. Shoultz were chosen by the parade committee to lead the parade. "The committee chose them for their contribution to the community and because they are the longest resi-



dents in the area," said Jeff Janca, committee member. The parade is set to start at 10 a.m. at the Forsan High School parking lot and then heads south on Avenue H to County Road 461. The route will follow Rex Avenue and turn on Main Street for the final leg. The parade route extends a little more than a mile. Janca said spectators may park on the sides of the route and encourages participation from all Howard County residents. Several booths will be set out on the route to sell various items and Janca encourages others who are interested to call about setting up

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It's here! It's here!

The Big Spring Herald Holiday Recipe Guide is inserted in today's newspaper. Don't miss this essential part of your preparations for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and baking. More than 100 recipes in seven categories were entered in our recipe contest; those winners will be announced in Monday's Herald.



It's beginning to look a lot like ... well you know. Eleven-year-old Brittany Thomas holds her 3-year-old sister, Catlin Hood, Saturday in the area decorated for Santa Claus at Big Spring Mall.

Road closure expected all week

HERALD Staff Report

A section of FM 821 south of Interstate 20 will remain closed this week as Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) crews make necessary repairs and upgrades to a drainage system. TxDOT had begun the maintenance project last week, replacing the existing drainage structures with reinforced concrete pipe. However, heavy rains washed out the project. "Because of the additional

rain, that section of road will be closed all week," said Jimmy Martinez, engineering technician with the Big Spring TxDOT office. A mile-long stretch of FM 821 has been blocked off. The barricaded area is some two miles south of Interstate 20. "There's not really a good way to get around it. You almost have to go on to Big Spring and go around," said Marquez. In addition to residents in the area, the road is used by oil field workers and

motorists who don't want to go through the city of Big Spring. FM 182 services the Forsan area and connects with U.S. Highway 87. "Most people who travel from Forsan toward Abilene would probably take that road because it is a quicker route for them to reach Interstate 20. "They need to know that it will be closed," said Marquez. "It will take that long to clean out the drainage areas and reset the pipe."

Heritage Museum slates holiday trip

HERALD Staff Report

The Heritage Museum plans a dose of Christmas cheer with a side of living history on Dec. 8. On that day, the museum will take a group from Big Spring to San Angelo's Fort Concho National Historic Landmark and Museum for the annual holiday celebration. Christmas at Old Fort Concho includes history demonstrations, a special area for children, and various types of entertainment on the historic fort grounds. "We've heard a lot about

this, and we all wanted to try it ourselves," said Beth Purcell, Heritage Museum curator. "It's supposed to be something really unique." Children can make crafts and join in activities in an area just for them. Adults will enjoy unique items available from a variety of vendors, as well as holiday displays guaranteed to spark the Christmas spirit. A special area is set aside for living history, where reenactors bring to life soldiers and civilians of the fort era, including cavalry, infantry, artillery, Buffalo

soldiers and ladies of the time. As visitors wander through, they can listen to music of the period, shop in the sutlers' camps and observe traditional Native American lifestyles. Specialized holiday displays include decorated gingerbread houses and Christmas cookies, as well as antique and unique Santas. Vans will leave the museum, 510 Scurry, at 9 a.m., returning about 4 p.m. that day. Cost for the trip is \$30

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Big Spring native becomes superintendent at Kermit ISD

By **LYNDEE MOODY**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring native who always wanted to be an educator has now become the first Hispanic superintendent for Kermit Independent School District. "I am just a product of the diverse culture of Texas," said Santos L. Lujan Jr. "That is what makes this such a great state." Lujan, a 1967 graduate of Big Spring High School, was approved unanimously by the KISD board of trustees to lead the school system that boasts 1,430 students. "I started Nov. 1 and hit the ground running" Lujan said. Lujan was serving as the superintendent for



Santos L. Lujan Jr., a Big Spring native, credits two teachers with influencing his choice of career. Raymondville school district located about 25 miles

north of Harlingen on U.S. Highway 77 when he was picked out of 28 applicants for the job. He is the son of the Erlinda and the late Santos Lujan Sr. and the son-in-law of Rosie Lie and the late Ruben Billalba, all of Big Spring. His brother Ismael and sister, Virginia, also live in Big Spring. "It has been my dream to return to West Texas and be close to Big Spring," he said. "It's great to get back to West Texas after a 24-year absence." After graduating from BSHS, Lujan went on to study at Howard College then earned his bachelor degree in music education at West Texas State

University in Canyon in 1972. He later earned his masters of arts from West Texas State in 1980, another accomplishment in his dedication to spend his career in education. Although several teachers throughout his education inspired Lujan, two Big Spring teachers marked his life. "There are two really influential and memorable teachers in my life," Lujan said. "My first grade teacher, Mamie Lee Dodds, and Doug Wiehe, the high school band director for several years." As a non-English speaker, school was very intimidating for Lujan. "When I started first

grade at Kate-Morrison in 1955 I did not speak any English," he said. "The first day of class when our moms left us was very traumatic. Then came in this kind, smiling lady. Even though we did not understand her, she had this smooth, kind voice." During the course of the semester, the students underwent a full-blown immersion process and Dodds always dealt with the students patiently, he said. "She was so kind and patient," he said. That just made us want to work harder and do better. "He was a bright student who had an insatiable thirst for knowledge," Dodds

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New districts

Stenholm regrets loss of Howard County; Combest ready to establish rapport

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Abilene) said Thursday he's sorry to lose Howard County, but on the whole, he's happy with a new House redistricting plan. The plan, which moves Howard and Martin counties from Stenholm's 17th Congressional District to the 19th Congressional District of House Agriculture Committee Chairman Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock), was handed down Wednesday by a panel of three federal judges.



STENHOLM

"First let me say I'm very disappointed to lose Howard and Martin counties because I have had a good working relationship with them for a long time," Stenholm said. "On the plan as a whole I am very pleased. It did the one thing I wanted which was to maintain three West Texas districts, no questions asked." Stenholm, who is the ranking member on the Combest's House Agriculture Committee, said Combest will be a good representative for the Crossroads area. "Larry Combest has been the kind of chairman that I would hope to be if I got that opportunity," he said. "I think the people of Howard and Martin counties will come to appreciate him for the person he is." "The only thing wrong with him is he has an 'R' after his name, and he says the same thing about my 'D.'"

Combest, who loses eight Northwest Texas counties to pick up seven new ones, plus expanding his territory

in Ector, Lubbock and Midland counties to include the entire county and gaining part of Lamb County, wasn't so happy about the deal. "This is one of those situations where somebody else deals the hand and you play it whether you want to or not," he said. "One never likes to give up areas that they've gotten to know and developed a rapport with."



COMBEST

Nevertheless, keeping three districts in West Texas is a good thing, he said. "From that point of view, I am very pleased," he said. "I look forward to expanding our opportunities to include working with Howard County."

Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart also expressed mixed feelings, about the swap. "We would have preferred to stay with Stenholm. We've been with him a long time," the judge said. "I guess we'll just have to get used to Combest now."

Lockhart said the change from a Democrat to a Republican representative shouldn't mean a big change for the county. "I really doubt there will be much of a change," he said. "They're both pretty influential." Stenholm said he doesn't expect a Federal Supreme Court challenge to the ruling being mounted by South Texas' Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund to succeed. "I really don't expect the Supreme Court to hear the case, at least not soon," he said. "Anyone has that right to challenge it and move it on. I think the court did as good a job as they could have done."

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OBITUARIES

Debbie Sheppard

Debbie Sheppard, 44, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Nov. 16, 2001, in a Denver City hospital following a sudden illness. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m., tonight, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, 2001, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Richard Reagan, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Debbie was born on March 8, 1957 in Alamogordo, N.M., and married Burt Sheppard on Sept. 26, 1981, in Ruidoso, N.M. She came to Big Spring in 1981 from Tularosa, N.M. Debbie owned and operated Dakota's Flower Shop.

She had attended New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M., Howard College and Texas Tech University. She was Miss Congeniality of the 1976 New Mexico State Fair and was crowned the Otero County Rodeo Queen, and also Howard County Rodeo Queen.

She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She was currently serving as vice president of tourism for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Debbie actively supported her children in sporting activities at Coahoma Schools. She loved life, golf and most of all her family, her kids and husband.

Survivors include: her husband, Burt Sheppard Jr. of Big Spring; one daughter, Taylor Cherie Sheppard of Big Spring; and one son, Trevor Clay Sheppard of Big Spring; her mother, Mary Olida Vullo of Tularosa, N.M.; two sisters, Becky Richardson of Las Cruces, N.M., and Pam Detrixhe of Lubbock; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bert and Dorothy Sheppard Sr. of Big Spring; three sister-in-laws, Diana Neptune of Midland, Delores Sheppard of Big Spring and Denise Treadwell of Dripping Springs; her grandmother Ramona Sanchez of Carrizozo, N.M.; six nieces, Fawna Richardson, Richelle Detrixhe, Samantha Treadwell, Morgan Detrixhe, Rachel Neptune, Stefania Rockwell; and four nephews, Jared Detrixhe, Danny Wilson, Nathan Neptune and Jacob Neptune.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Coahoma Athletic Boosters Club.

"I Love You Deb," Love Pooh.

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

Paid obituary

Verna Lee Fulkerson

Graveside service for Verna Lee (Brown) Fulkerson, 95, of Midland, formerly Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at the Ranger Cemetery in Ranger.

Mrs. Fulkerson died at her home on Friday, Nov. 16.

She was born on Jan. 28, 1906, in Wynnewood, Okla. She married William Morris Brown Sr. in 1923 and moved to Ranger in 1925. He preceded her in death in 1970.

She moved to Victorville, Calif., in 1972 and married Richard H. Fulkerson in 1976. He preceded her in death in 1990. She returned to Texas in 1994 and lived in Big Spring before moving to Midland in 1995.

Survivors include one son Charles Victor Brown of Big Spring; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring.

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

LUJAN

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remembered of Lujan. "He is a wonderful human being. He was always polite and studious. When he learned something more quickly than the other kids, he would help the students with their work."

Dobbs and Lujan continue to stay in touch and her influence will never be forgotten, he said.

"I am 53 years old and I will never forget Mrs. Dodds," he said.

While in high school, a teacher told Lujan he had great talent in foreign languages, encouraging him to become a translator but Lujan already knew what he wanted in life.

"I am very thankful to the Big Spring Independent School District and all the teachers at Kate-Morrison, Runnels Junior High and Big Spring High School for their contribution to my education," he said.

MUSEUM

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per person for museum members, \$35 for non-members. A couple can go for \$50, or \$55 for non-members, while a family of four can take the trip for \$100, or \$110 if they aren't museum members.

The cost includes the entry fee to Christmas at Old Fort Concho and a goody bag.

Purcell said parents and children are welcome, but those under 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

The registration deadline is Nov. 26. Stop by the Heritage Museum or call 267-8255 to make a reservation.

Purcell said this trip is the first of several the museum hopes to organize over the next few years.

"We're looking at some trips to other area attractions in the future," she said. "We're expecting this one to be a lot of fun for everyone."

PARADE

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their own booths. Committee members

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

include Janca, Allen Nicholes, Marie Wilson and Pandy Buske; they say they hope this is just the first of a new tradition.

"We want to build upon this each year," Janca said. "This first year so we want to get the parade kicked off and get the community together."

The name of the parade comes from Forsan's past. "That used to be the nickname for Forsan," Janca said. "From what I understand, Forsan used to be an oil town."

"Back in the 1930, the town used to have about 10,000 people," he said. "The town had a movie theater, a hospital and a hotel. There used to be oil field camps around the area."

"That, of course, was the past."

"The community is on hard times and this is just to show the community is still here," he said. "We have great people in the community."

Parades are a way to help bring out community spirit, Janca said.

"Years ago I remember going to a small town parade. The town had about 3,000 and the parade was wonderful," he recalled. "When we first moved here and lived in Big Spring, the Big Spring parade was great."

"A parade is actually one of the times we see a community come together," he said. "We want that in Forsan."

For more information about the parade or setting up a booth, please contact Buske at 457-2282 or 457-2211. Janca can also be contacted at 457-2342. The committee needs to be notified about all parade entries by Dec. 1.

Local woman dies following collapse at football game

Herald Staff Report

A local businesswoman died on Friday night in Denver City after being found unconscious during the Coahoma vs. Denver City high school football game.

Debbie Sheppard, 44, owner of Dakota's Flowers & Gifts, was found unconscious by a Coahoma student in the restroom of the high school football stadium, according to Denver City Police Lt. Gary Hester.

Emergency medical personnel at the game responded to the call and performed CPR. Sheppard was transported to Yoakum County Hospital, Hester said.

Sheppard had owned Dakota's since 1996. She was currently serving as vice president of tourism for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

She is survived by her husband, Burt Sheppard Jr. of Big Spring; one daughter, Taylor Cherie Sheppard of Big Spring; and one son, Trevor Clay Sheppard of Big Spring.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

Friends & acquaintance of L.T. (Tilman) Shoultz are invited to his 90th birthday celebration @ Forsan Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Sat. Nov. 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm NO GIFTS PLEASE

The Family of Eddie Acrl would like to thank Father Jeremiah McCarthy, all the ladies of the Alter Society, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, all our friends for the beautiful flowers, food and prayers in the time of loss of our loved one. A special thanks to all the doctors & nurses from the Big Spring VA Hospital who took such good care of Eddie. God bless you all.

Mary Alice Acrl
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Acrl
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Detro
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Copeland and Grandchildren

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Adoption Day gives hope, new home to abused kids

DALLAS (AP) — Brian Michael grew up too fast, caring for his younger brothers while their single mother carted them in and out of homeless shelters. He came into Karen Hopper's foster care a street smart and angry 6-year-old.

But it was there he became a child again.

On Saturday, Hopper legally adopted Brian, along with his brothers Hunter, 3, and Rusty, 1.

"We've come to be a family," Brian Michael Hopper said, his new name written on a tag stuck to his shirt.

For thousands of abused children and orphans, Saturday was the realization of a dream: to be part of a loving family.

Lawyers and judges in 16 cities across the nation volunteered their time to finalize more than 1,500 adoptions on the second annual National Adoption Day.

In Dallas, 56 children strutted proudly with their new moms and dads through Henry Wade Juvenile Center.

"They'll remember this the rest of their lives because this is really a second birth to them," said Judge Hal Gaither, a volunteer.

The event is the brainchild of Los Angeles group, The Alliance for Children's Rights, which aims to move adoptions through Los Angeles County's backlog process.

About 600,000 children are in foster care nationwide, with about 127,000 eligible for adoption, according to the group.

Since 1984, the number of children in foster care has increased. Nearly 50 percent never finish high school, and nearly one-third will spend time in jail, according to the group. About one-sixth of foster children are removed from their homes because of abuse.

Children who are minorities, older, or have special needs or siblings have a harder time getting adopted.

Texas reimburses parents for adopting these children. Other adoptive parents can apply for tax credits to help cover adoption costs, usually totaling \$600.

Los Angeles County was expected to finalize 450 adoptions Saturday, none too soon in a county where at least 3,500 children remain orphans because of a processing backlog.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•TOPS Club TX No. 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

•TOPS Club TX No. 1756 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

•Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Treva Hall at 263-8106.

•Anyone interested in supporting loved ones in the military.

•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.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

TUESDAY

•Caregivers Night Out, meets every fourth Tuesday every other month from 6-7:30 p.m. at Community Care Hospice.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

•Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of

Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

SUNDAY

•Living Through Grief Family Growth starts at 6 p.m. at Midway Baptist Church.

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

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

POLICE

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

•RONNIE FREEMAN, 44, of 1302 Tucson was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•NORMAN TIMMERMAN, 25, of 1407 Mesquite was arrested for five local warrants.

•ORLANDO SANCEZ JR., 17, of 505 Aylesford was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct-language.

•CANDICE NICOLE CERDA, 18, of 421 Edward Boulevard was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

•RAFAEL CRUZ LOPEZ, 57, of 508 1/2 Father Delaney St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 2900 block of E. Interstate 20.

•INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER was reported at the police department and in the 200 block of west FM 700.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 100 block of Lincoln Avenue, the 500 block of south Aylesford and in the 300 block of east Third.

MEETINGS

COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MONDAY 7 p.m.

The CISD board of trustees will meet for regular meeting in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 600 Main Street in Coahoma.

On the agenda:

• The 2000-2001 audit report.

• Consider bids for copy machines

• Adopt resolution casting ballots for the Howard County appraisal board.

• Review and approve district and campus plans.

• Enrollment report

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WASHINGTON
Taliban diplomat that Osama bin Laden left Afghanistan to play to thwart efforts to find suspect. U.S. Saturday.

Military and officials said evidence that bin Laden left Afghanistan and his al-Qaeda had been sheltered by Taliban.

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CRAWFORD
Laura Bush to for the ad Saturday in the effort to dis Taliban, decry militia's "brutality" of Afghanistan.

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Claim that bin Laden gone called 'ploy' to thwart U.S. efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Taliban diplomat's claim that Osama bin Laden had left Afghanistan could be a ploy to thwart American-led efforts to find the terrorist suspect, U.S. officials said Saturday.

Military and intelligence officials said they had no evidence that bin Laden had left Afghanistan, where he and his al-Qaida network had been sheltered by the Taliban.

U.S. officials say the Taliban has repeatedly lied

during the U.S. military campaign. When the bombing began Oct. 7, Taliban officials said they did not know where bin Laden was, only to announce later that bin Laden was alive in Afghanistan.

The new claim could be a similar ruse, Pentagon spokesman Glenn Flood said. "Our search continues," he said.

The Islamic militia's ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, told The Associated Press on

Saturday that bin Laden and his family no longer were in Afghanistan. "We have no idea where he has gone," Zaeef said.

The claim could not be independently confirmed, and Zaeef later told other journalists he meant only that bin Laden was outside areas under Taliban control.

U.S. airstrikes in recent days have focused on targets in Kunduz, the last northern city controlled by the Taliban, and the group's home base of Kandahar in

the south. On Friday, about 75 U.S. planes struck Taliban military forces and caves and tunnels believed to be used by the Taliban and al-Qaida, the Pentagon said.

An airstrike last week against a building where top al-Qaida leaders were gathered killed one of bin Laden's top aides, a Taliban official in southern Afghanistan confirmed Saturday. Mohammed Atef — who American officials believe planned the Sept. 11

terrorist attacks — died along with seven other al-Qaida members, a Taliban official said.

France's defense minister said Saturday that his country would contribute attack jets to the war in Afghanistan. Fifty-eight French troops are scheduled to arrive in the northern town of Mazar-e-Sharif Monday to assist humanitarian relief efforts.

Uzbekistan, a former Soviet republic north of Afghanistan, could get a

U.S. aid package after allowing American forces to use the country as a base of operations.

State Department spokesman Philip Reeker said Uzbekistan could receive humanitarian aid, security and several other forms of help from the United States.

Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister, Abdulaziz Kamilov, met Friday with Secretary of State Colin Powell and Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.

First Lady takes turn discrediting Taliban

CRAWFORD (AP) — Laura Bush took the lead for the administration Saturday in the latest public effort to discredit the Taliban, decrying the ruling militia's "brutal oppression" of women in Afghanistan.

The campaign is meant to make restoring women's rights a priority when a new government emerges after the war.

While Mrs. Bush gave what aides said was the first weekly presidential radio address given in full by a first lady, Amnesty International said the U.S.-aided northern alliance and other Afghan opposition groups also have committed "heinous abuses" against women.

Her remarks closed out a week in which the Taliban showed signs of collapsing after abandoning several important cities. The United Nations top envoy for Afghanistan was trying to

Plight of Afghan women

By The Associated Press

Some findings in a State Department report issued Saturday on treatment of women in Afghanistan:

—Some 16 out of every 100 women die giving birth, and about the same proportion of babies die in their first year.

—Girls over age 8 are barred from schools, and the ruling Taliban shut down the women's university and forced women to

persuade the northern alliance to join other factions in a meeting outside the country on forming a transitional government. The regime "is now in retreat across much of the country, and the people of Afghanistan, especially women, are rejoicing," Mrs. Bush said.

"Afghan women know,

quit their jobs. Because they cannot work, as many as 50,000 women who lost husbands and other male relatives during Afghanistan's civil war were left with no source of income.

—The government restricted access to medical care for women and limited their ability to move about freely.

—Married women found with unrelated men can be executed by stoning.

through hard experience, what the rest of the world is discovering: The brutal oppression of women is a central goal of the terrorists."

The first lady offered a catalog of examples of mistreatment of women and children, an account bolstered by a State Department report.

Investigations expose terrorists on U.S. soil

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The largest criminal investigation in American history has exposed the rough outlines of at least a half-dozen centers of terrorist support on U.S. soil operating underground before the Sept. 11 suicide attacks, officials say.

Law enforcement officials say they believe suspected supporters of terrorism have stolen credit cards and used wire transfers to finance their activities, created false visas and identity documents, and moved frequently with like-minded Middle Easterners.

Investigators believe they have arrested a small handful of terrorist supporters among the more than 1,000 people, most of Middle Eastern descent, they have detained since Sept. 11 and they are searching for more.

"There are people in the United States who have association with, affiliation with, support of certain terrorist groups," FBI director Robert Mueller said Friday. "We're doing everything we can to identify exactly the extent of that activity."

The pockets of terrorist support exist in Boston, New Jersey, suburban Washington, Texas, southern California, and the Upper Midwest, particularly Detroit, the officials said, speaking only on condition

of anonymity.

"We don't call each of them cells. We call them terrorist presences. They're almost like cliques. Clear in their hatred for America, and loosely working together," one law enforcement official said.

Officials said the suspected terrorists appear to be aligned with several groups, including Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network and the Palestinian Hamas movement. They cautioned they are a small number among a large Muslim population.

The evidence is not clean and organized enough to suggest each suspect belongs to a specific cell, another law enforcement official said. But it draws the most comprehensive picture to date of terrorist threats on U.S. soil.

The emerging snapshot is the product of a massive joint investigation by the FBI, immigration officials, Customs Service and other federal agencies.

Thousands of agents have re-examined nearly every piece of evidence gathered in terrorism investigations and intelligence operations of the past decade.

Hundreds have been detained or arrested, and others are being monitored in hopes they will provide leads to additional collaborators, officials said.

Man's dash at airport causes nationwide hassles

ATLANTA (AP) — In his quest to catch a flight to a college football game, Michael S. Lasseter dashed past an airport security checkpoint and rushed to the gate. He missed the flight — and created hassles for travelers nationwide in the process.

The security breach at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport prompted officials to shut down the airport for four hours and evacuate about 10,000 people, delaying thou-

sands of passengers across the country on a busy travel weekend.

"I don't think he had any criminal intent," said James Stogner, operations manager for the airport, the nation's busiest. "People do irrational things — especially football fans."

Lasseter, 32, told police he had passed the security screening when he first arrived at the airport, but returned to the terminal to find his camera bag. Rather than go through security a

second time, he hurried down an up-escalator to circumvent the long lines at the checkpoint.

A security agent saw the football fan in his Georgia T-shirt and jogging pants but couldn't catch up. Knowing only that an unchecked person was on the loose in the concourses, authorities evacuated about 10,000 people as the National Guard, airport security and police searched for the man.

The Federal Aviation Administration halted

departures from Hartsfield, and planes in other cities destined for Atlanta were told to remain on the ground, FAA spokesman Christopher White said. International flights were allowed to land.

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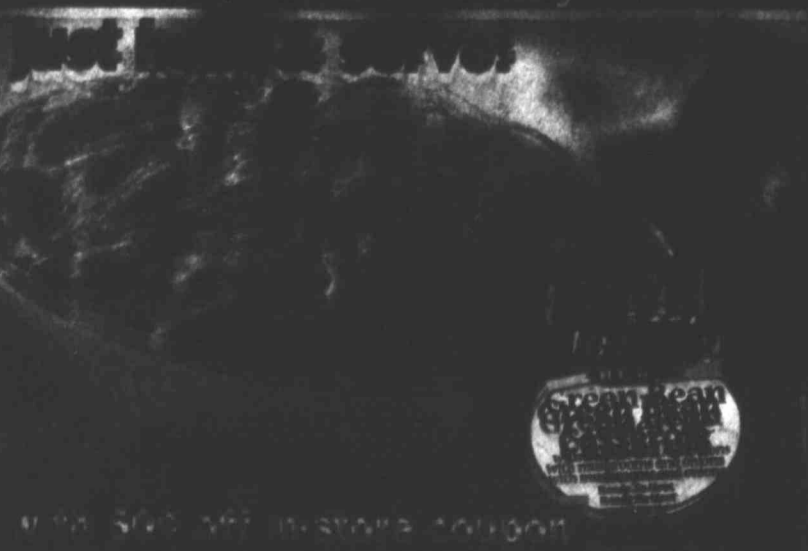
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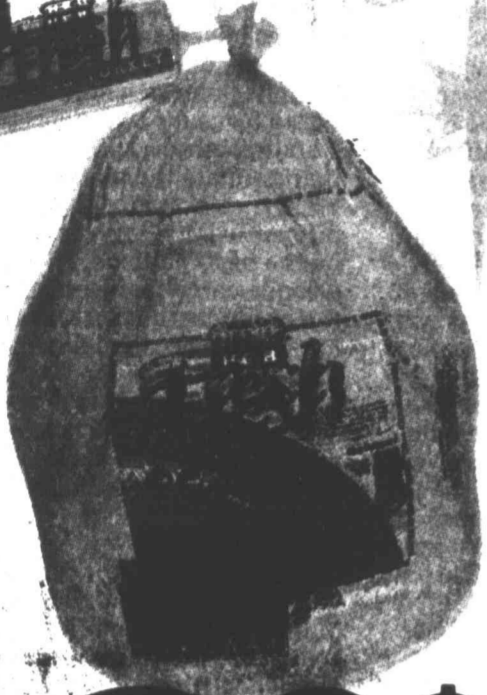
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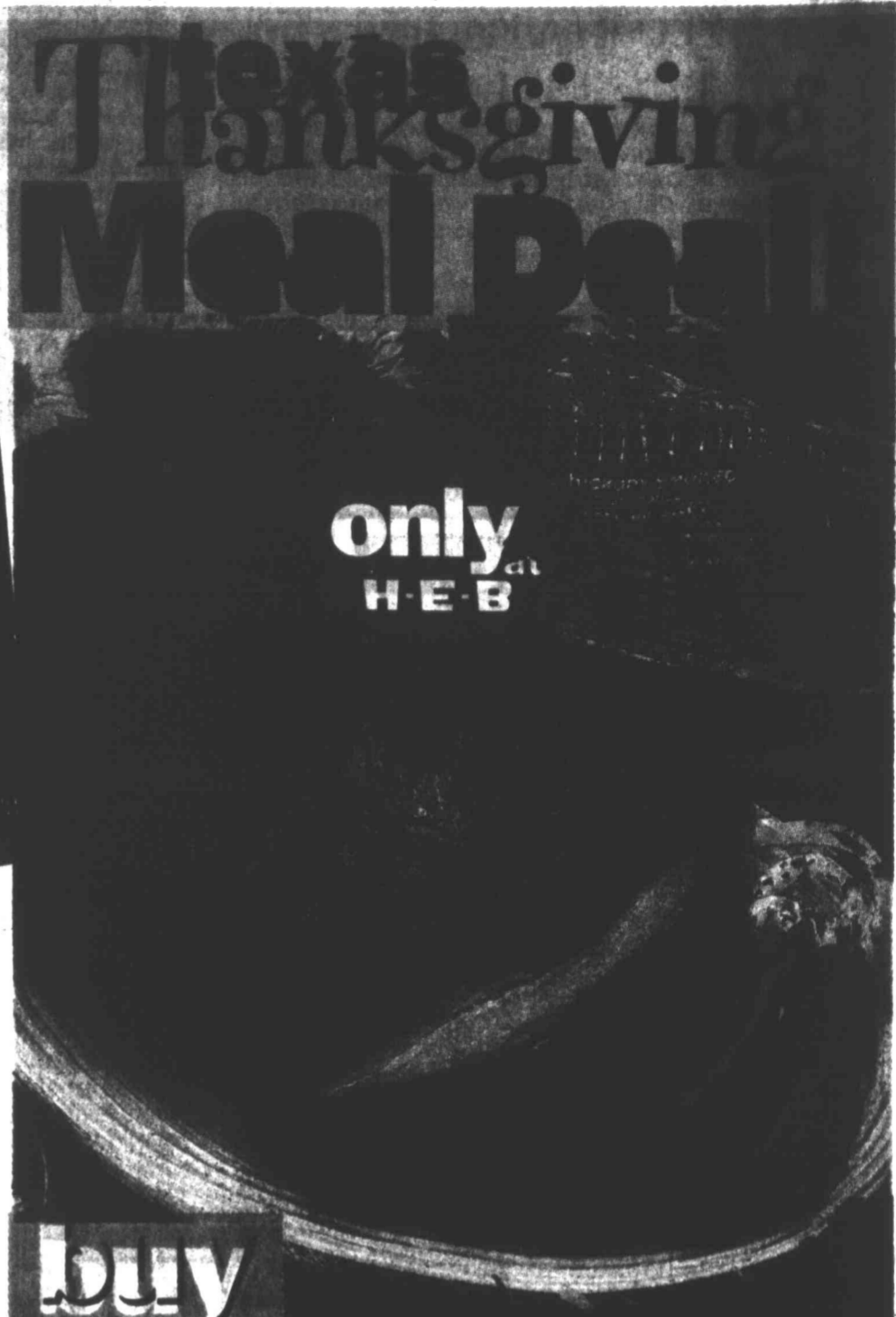


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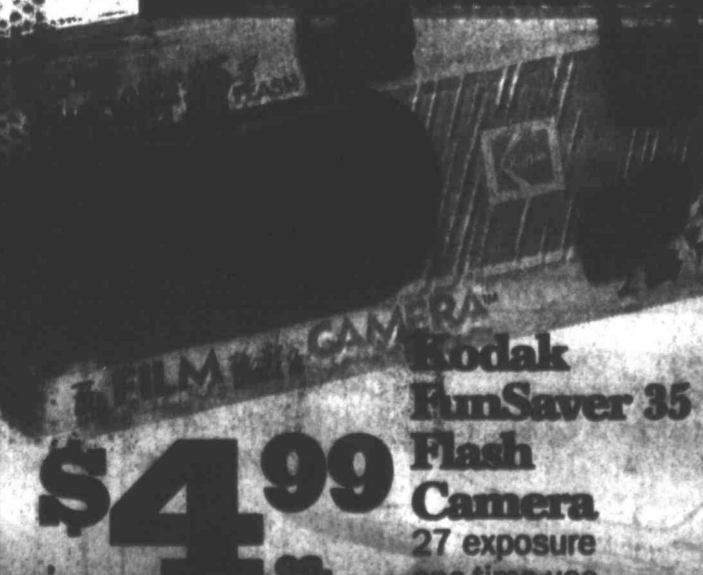
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OUR VIEWS

Be generous with 'angels' at Christmas

Hundreds of Howard County children who otherwise would not get gifts this holiday season will — but only through your help and the help of your neighbors and co-workers.

Through your generosity and the Salvation Army Angel Tree program, these youngsters will be a little happier Christmas Day.

The program works this way: Families in need apply for assistance through the Salvation Army. After making sure those families qualify, the Salvation Army makes up cards with the first name of each child, their age, clothing and shoe size, and three gift wishes. These cards are placed on Angel Trees, which began going up Friday at various businesses in the community.

Individuals, entire families and local organizations select an angel or angels to adopt for Christmas. They purchase gifts for the child, and return the gifts to the Salvation Army. The gifts may also be returned to the business

child to have a merrier Christmas is magical. For some, the Angel Tree project is something the entire family participates in. It makes a wonderful tradition that teaches children the joy and importance of giving.

People who want to help but don't have the time, or feel they just wouldn't know what articles of clothing or toys to purchase, can still help. They can go by the Salvation Army at 811 West Fifth and make a donation specifically to go to an Angel Tree.

Angel Trees are mostly for children, but there is at least one especially for senior citizens. Perhaps you'd like to help make Christmas brighter for an older citizen.

It is the generosity of local citizens that makes the Salvation Army Angel Tree program one of the most rewarding and heart-warming Christmas activities we can participate in.

The next time you are out, consider going by one of these locations and adopting an angel. We guarantee it will be as rewarding for you as it is for the child or senior citizen who receives your generous gifts.

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New York is a modern metaphor

The World Economic Forum was started over 30 years ago to "improve the state of the world" by gathering top business, government, academic, cultural and media leaders in the snowy Swiss town of Davos. There they met for almost a week in numerous and creative configurations, hashing over problems, hatching deals and building the globalized planet that has come to enrage some who feel left out of it.

Two years ago, an American financier predicted that enraged demonstrators, now omnipresent at WEF and other international enclaves, would destroy the Forum. But Klaus Schwab, founder and president of WEF, is proving to be gutsier and more resourceful than that prognosticator ever imagined.

With the annual meeting less than 90 days away and invitations already out, he has turned as swiftly as Gen. Patton in the Battle of

the Bulge and moved the show from Davos to New York. Instead of tramping through the snow to the enormous Congress Centre, bristling with security, the luminaries will gather instead at the Waldorf Astoria, an Art Deco treasure on Park Avenue.

Whether security will be better, it's hard to say. Davos has the advantage of being strung out along a single street leading in and out of town. Swiss police, brandishing huge bamboo shields, have done a masterful job of controlling access to the nerve centers of the WEF. Demonstrators have been kept at bay, on the outskirts, in the cold. Last year they grew so frustrated they repaired to Zurich and roughed up some public property there.

Of course, many American participants may prefer not having to travel abroad. Certainly this move is a great vote of confidence in New York just when it needs a vital boost. But attendees will miss the magic mountain that loomed beside the Berghotel Schatzalp, falling asleep some nights over Thomas Mann's novel of the same name. "The Magic Mountain" is set in Davos in a hospital for tuberculosis patients,

which the Berghotel used to be. The book is a metaphor for Europe on the eve of World War I. In the wake of that conflagration, the Turkish Ottoman Empire disappeared, and the Middle East was carved up into mandates for Britain and France.

The Balfour Declaration of 1917 led eventually to the state of Israel, but it would be a mistake, however, to trace today's cataclysm to the geopolitics of 1917. The dilemma is more difficult than that. If the dream of Israel were liquidated tomorrow, it wouldn't eliminate the agony of terrorism. The finest analysis of our current crisis was written by Fareed Zakaria in Newsweek. Himself a Muslim who grew up in India, Zakaria locates the deadly animus that drives today's terrorists in the failure of Arab nations, both rich and poor, to modernize themselves. The only antidote, he believes, is to help these countries find their place in global, contemporary culture. It will be backbreaking work, both subtle and severe.

Autocratic leaders must be persuaded to relinquish their monopoly on power and wealth. Men must come to recognize the importance of women in

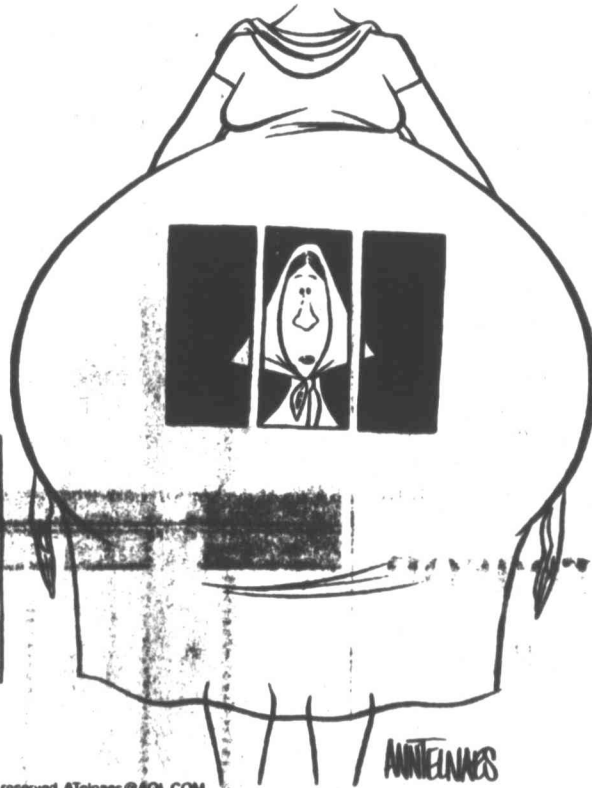
building for themselves and their children a new and more effective world. It cannot be done without feminine energy, imagination and principles. Muslim clerics must embrace and extol a peaceful interpretation of their religion. This challenge is every bit as religious as it is political or military. Ecumenical groups have been at work for years, at the United Nations and elsewhere, trying to forge a new understanding among the faiths that animate the planet.

Their efforts must be intensified and buttressed by the best Madison Avenue can offer. Identify the products that sell in the Muslim world, then engage those responsible for the market strategy. It is not soft or ancillary work. It is at the heart of the darkness that threatens to engulf the civilized world.

It may be that New York is now the metaphor for the West just as Thomas Mann's TB sanatorium spoke for Europe 90 years ago. Then it was disease and disintegration that were overtaking the continent. Today New York is compelling us to set aside our Ozzymanian obsessions, sharpen our perceptions, restrain our emotions and deepen our lives.



JACK ANDERSON



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Indefinite bombing will lead to trouble

The longer we continue to bomb Afghanistan, the less support we will have in the Muslim world. This is not because Muslims support terrorism or the Taliban or Osama bin Laden. Ninety-nine percent of Muslims don't.

But they know that Afghanistan is one of the poorest countries in the world, and the people we are killing now are not the political leadership but simple ordinary Afghans, whether they are civilians or soldiers. Nothing so highlights the concept of America as big bully as when we use our high-tech weaponry to attack a poor and essentially defenseless country. And the Afghans are defenseless against our air attacks. All they can do is hunker down or disperse.

The Taliban, you know, has never done anything to us. Whether we approve of its government or not is irrelevant. No nation has the right to make war on another nation just because our politicians don't like their politicians.

The only thing the Taliban did was extend hospitality to bin Laden when he asked for it. This is not surprising, because bin Laden fought with the Afghans against the Soviet Union, using his own fortune and risking his own life.

When the Bush administration accused bin Laden of orchestrating the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the Taliban asked for the evidence of his guilt. The Bush administration refused to show it to the Taliban and instead issued an ultimatum — either turn him over or we'll make war on you.

Ours is, generally speaking, a decadent and self-centered society. The idea that a rule of honor is worth getting killed over is quite foreign to us at this point in our history. But the laws of hospitality are

very stringent in that part of the world. Once hospitality has been extended, the host is obligated to defend his guest even at the cost of his own life. Only clear evidence of bin Laden's guilt in mass murder would have released the Taliban leadership from its obligation. That we refused to supply.

And before you get all upset, you should remember that our own government has not shown the American people the courtesy of revealing that evidence to us. The government's instruction to us is "Trust us." The claim that the evidence has to remain classified is baloney.

For all we really know, bin Laden might not have had anything to do with the attacks. Consider this: Bin Laden has openly declared war on us, and he has openly congratulated the suicide bombers, yet he denies any responsibility for it. Why would he do that if it weren't true, having already publicly declared how pleased he is with the attack?

A Pakistani journalist who wrote a biography of

bin Laden contends that we have greatly overestimated bin Laden and inflated his importance. The journalist says that while bin Laden is a good guerrilla fighter, he's not that smart. Rather than running the terrorist network, he might just be a sugar daddy.

I suppose, however, that if you're a politician who's spending \$1 billion a month to kill a guy who lives in a cave, then you must demagogue him to monstrous proportions to justify such an expensive and unconstitutional war (Bush didn't even ask for a declaration, as the Constitution stipulates).

But if we have to spend billions of dollars to defeat 3,000 men armed with rifles, then I believe we'll get to the bankruptcy court long before we can declare victory against terrorism.

And if we continue to drop high-tech bombs on people who are on the verge of starvation, we're going to lose the support that is essential to achieve any kind of success at all.

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Quarterback Club will meet Monday

The Quarterback Club's next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday in the ATC meeting room. Arrangements will be made for the playoff game, to be played at Memorial Stadium on Friday, Nov. 23. It will be a short meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information, call 267-1069.

Deer harvest recommendations

Hunters and landowners are being reminded by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials that the general deer hunting season which will continue through Jan. 6.

The legal bag limit for Howard County is five deer. No more than two bucks are allowed.

Both antlerless deer and bucks must be properly tagged.

The recommended harvest in Howard County, is one antlerless deer per 1,200 acres and one buck per 2,500 acres.

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

New tennis pro planning events

Craig Bobo, who has been hired as director of tennis by the Crossroads Tennis Association, has outlined his plans for developing a rich program for players ages five and older.

Bobo will be offering a variety of activities, ranging from private lessons and clinics to tournaments and league play for juniors and adults.

For more information call Bobo at 268-1900.

YMCA expanding gymnastics program

The YMCA gymnastics program has expanded its field of classes to include cheerleading, boys gymnastics and a "Toddler Time," in addition to its traditional gymnastics classes for girls.

Registration for the December session is currently under way.

For information, call Leslie Northrup at 267-6234.

3 Eagles suspended following arrest

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Eagles leading rusher Correll Buckhalter and teammates Terrence Carroll and Darrel Crutchfield were suspended for Sunday's game after Carroll was arrested on marijuana charges Friday night.

Carroll faces drug charges after marijuana was discovered in a car in which he, Buckhalter and Crutchfield were riding.

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1 p.m. — LPGA, from Trump International Golf Club, West Palm Beach, Fla. Chs. 2 & 8.

Big Spring dominates all-district team tennis selections

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Big Spring's return to dominance was evidenced this week when District 4-4A coaches released their all-district team tennis selections.

Not surprisingly, the 4-4A champion Steers dominated the first-team boys' selections and grabbed their share of the girls' honors as well.



CORSE

Big Spring coach Sarah Corse couldn't have been happier with the honors afforded her players.

"These kids deserve everything they got this year because they earned it," Corse said of her team that followed its District 4-4A championship with an opening round win over Burleson at the Region I, Class 4A tournament. "They took their lumps last year in some very close matches, but that made the difference this season. They remembered what it was like to lose in that situation and they just kept battling with people."

While the Steers saw their season

come to an end in the second regional round with a loss to then No. 1-ranked Wichita Falls' Coyotes, they received the ultimate compliment when the Coyotes coach requested that all his team's matches against the Big Spring players be completed.

At the time he stressed it was the toughest challenge his team had faced all season and that the Steers provided the best warm-up it could ask for in preparing for the regional final.

The Steers claimed four of the six first-team boys' singles spots with junior Jay Shroff taking the No. 1

spot and seniors Alex Edgemon, Derek DeHoyos and Brian Wingert claiming their respective nods at the No. 2, No. 5 and No. 4 positions. Jake Smiley was named the second-team selection at the No. 3 position, while Michael Roffers was an honorable mention selection at No. 4.

Big Spring's boys' doubles teams were just as dominant, as Edgemon and Shroff took the first-team spot at No. 1, while Michael Williamson and Ryan Vela earned the first-team nod at the No. 3 spot. Wingert and

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Coahoma tames Wildcats, 28-9

Ball control offense wears Idalou down

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

DENVER CITY — A light drizzle all night long here Friday didn't seem to affect the Coahoma Bulldogs much.

The 3-2A District champions rolled to an easy bi-district win over the Idalou Wildcats, 28-9.

The game was fought almost completely on the ground, with quarterbacks Chris Olmos of Idalou and Chase Ward of Coahoma passing a total of five times during the game.

Olmos completed two of three for 27 yards, while Ward completed one of two for 8.

Total yardage was small as well. Coahoma moved the ball 267 yards the whole game, but outstripped the Wildcats by 70 yards; the Cats only gained 197 yards.

Even though yardage was small, Coahoma Head Coach Robert Wood gave his offense the credit for controlling the ball.

"Both defenses were rated 1 and 2 respectively in the Lubbock area, but it turned out to be the offense that



HERALD photo/Bryan Beck

Coahoma players celebrate following their 28-9 bi-district victory over Idalou on Friday. Next up for the Bulldogs is McCamey at a site and time to be determined.

could control the ball that made the difference," he said. "We were trying to control the ball because they have a pretty good offense too. I think the difference was on our long drives, we scored and they had to settle for a field goal one time and they missed a field goal the other time."

Most of Coahoma's yardage was racked up by one player: Senior tailback Cory Hill, who rushed for

153 yards, or 57.3 percent of the Bulldogs' offense.

The 'Dogs went to Hill on 28 of their 58 plays, and he only failed to gain positive yardage once.

Olmos himself rushed for more than 50 percent of the Wildcats' offense. The quarterback kept the ball 12 times for 102 yards.

Idalou struck first three and a half minutes into the first quarter when Casey Rollins kicked a 25-yard

field goal to put the Wildcats up 3-0. It was their only lead of the game.

Coahoma got on the board after a 10-play drive when Hill scored from the 5-yard line. In fact, Hill carried the ball on eight of the 10 plays in the Bulldogs' first drive. The PAT by Anthony Herrera was good, putting the 'Dogs up 7-3.

Idalou chewed up the rest

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Lady Steers claim spots on district v-ball team

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

In what can only be described as a magical season for District 4-4A volleyball teams, Big Spring's Lady Steers earned their share of accolades when the league's coaches met to select their all-district team.



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It came as no surprise, of course, when San Angelo Lake View's Maidens dominated the voting after they marched through the 4-4A wars unbeaten and then made the longest playoff run in the school's history, reaching the Region I championship game.

Maidens star Jennifer Hill was named the league's most valuable player for the second consecutive year, while teammate Lacey Leifeste was named the outstanding setter, Rachel Guenant was picked as the district's outstanding defensive specialist and Kristi Caples and Nae'Osha Harris joined them on the first-team.

Lake View's Connie Bozarth was named Coach of the Year for a second straight season.

As historically significant as the Maidens' playoff run was, however, the Lady Steers can claim to have had just as magical a season.

After all, the Lady Steers finished third in the 4-4A standings and qualified for the playoffs — Big Spring's first trip into the volleyball postseason in 16 years.

Prior to the season's start, of course, many were convinced the Lady Steers would be primed to challenge the Maidens for a championship.

But that was before Lady Steers coach discovered that instead of having five returning starters to build her team around, she would have just one.

But two Big Spring sophomores, LaKenya Wrighttail and Leina Braxton earned first-team accolades, while classmate KaRissa Magera was selected to a second-team spot, along with Lady Steers juniors Krystle Long and Sterling Burchett.

Two of the Lady Steers, junior Courtney Brock and sophomore Lindsey Phillips, earned honorable mention.

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Sands holds off Bears in wild one, 60-59

By HOLLIE GIBBS
Herald Correspondent

KERMIT — Balmorhea's Bears came out of hibernation just before halftime here Friday night but couldn't overcome a revenge-minded Sands squad.

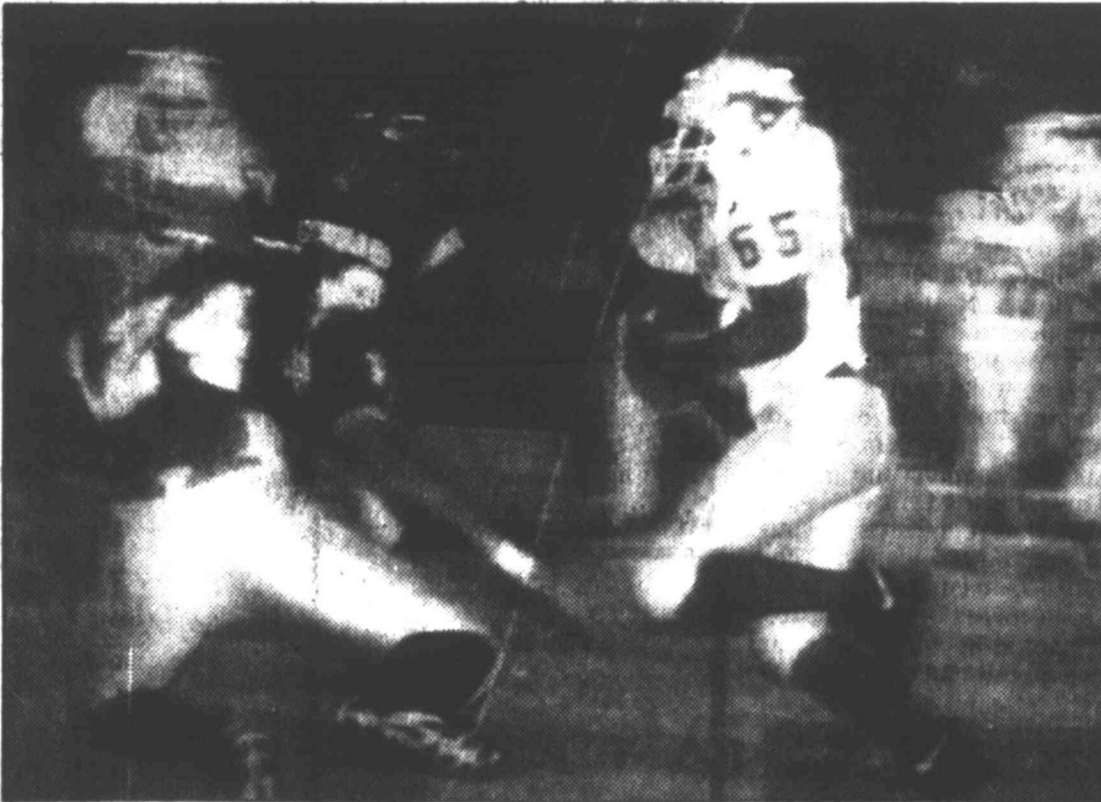
Sands, which had lost to the Bears in the playoffs several years ago as well as earlier this season, earned a bi-district title with a wild 60-59 victory.

The Mustangs will play the New Home Leopards next Friday night at 7:30 in Wellman for the regional championship.

"This team took us out of the playoffs my freshman year, so all of us seniors came out seeking revenge," Lee Casas, a senior with Sands' 7-A championship team.

"In the pre-season when we played Balmorhea, we were missing our all-region linebacker, Heath Webb. It brought our confidence as a team down because he's always been an encouragement to our defense. Tonight we stepped it up and played our hearts out, and took home the bi-district trophy," said junior Nate Looney.

The Mustangs took a lead



HERALD photo/Curtis Gibbs

Joe Luis Gonzalez (65) takes off on a long gain for Sands Mustangs in this photo from a game with Klondike. On Friday, the Mustangs outlasted Balmorhea 60-59 in bi-district action. The Mustangs will advance to regional play against New Home.

over the District 8-A runner-up early in the game when junior quarterback Jeremy Renteria connected with Looney on a 25-yard touchdown pass. Senior Dusty Floyd added the 2-point kick conversion, giving the Mustangs an 8-0 lead.

Balmorhea then threatened to score, but Floyd picked off a pass at the Mustangs' 16-yard line. Back came the Mustangs as Renteria completed a pass to

Floyd at the Balmorhea 33-yard line. Runs by Looney, Webb, and Floyd set up another Looney score from the Balmorhea 14-yard line with 2:46 remaining in the

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Lady Steers turn back Midland Lee, 59-55 at Chap Center

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

MIDLAND — The Lady Steers turned back a Midland Lee 15-2 run in the third quarter before taking home a hard-fought 59-55 win at Midland College's Chap Center.

Sophomore Leina Braxton hit a three-pointer at the 1:48 mark in the third period to regain the lead, 34-33,

and put a skid in the onslaught of Lady Rebel points.

Braxton hit another 3-pointer with 17 remaining in the third, giving Big Spring the lead for good.

"I thought Midland Lee was a much-improved team over last year," Lady Steers head coach Jimmy Avery said.

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Steers rally falls short against Trinity

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

Big Spring's third-period rally wasn't enough to down top-ranked Lubbock Trinity as the Steers dropped a tough, 56-47, contest Friday in the Steer gym to open their season.

The Steers are 0-1 and Lubbock Trinity is 1-0 on the season. Big Spring travels to Lamesa Monday for a 7:30 p.m. tip-off. Junior varsity action gets under way at 6 p.m.

The Steers trailed 32-21 early in the third quarter before senior Arthur Belvin

took over. Belvin hit a lay-up and teammate Brandon Greathouse, who made six of his 10 points in the third quarter, made a basket to cut the lead to 32-25.

Curtis Woodruff made a basket and Greathouse took

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Class 8A
Division I
Bi-district
Region I
EP Franklin 28, EP Harland 50, Coronado 22, Ketter Fossil Ridge 26, 23, Arlington 24, Duncansville

Regionals
EP Franklin (10-0) vs. M (7-4), TBA
Ketter Fossil Ridge vs. TBA

Division II
Bi-district
Region I
EP Andrews 42, EP Amador 26, Lubbock Monterey 26, Cooper 21, Carrollton Turner 42, C. Euless Trinity 31, Arlington 6, Houston 6, EP Del Valle 20, EP Correll 20, Abilene High 14, Amarillo Carrollton Creekview, Colleyville Heritage (9-1), Saturday at Coppell, DeSoto (7-3) vs. Hurst 8 p.m., Saturday at Texas 5 living.

Area
EP Andrews (8-2) vs. Monterey (9-2), TBA
Carrollton Turner (7-4) vs. Trinity (10-1), TBA
EP Del Valle (9-1) vs. Abilene (6-5), TBA
Carrollton Creekview or Heritage vs. DeSoto or Hurst, TBA

Class 4A
Division I
Bi-district
Region I
EP Ysleta 33, EP Mountain View 20, Amarillo Palo Duro 20, Plainview (6-4), 1 p.m., Southlake Carroll 35, W. Dicks Rivers Stadium in Amador (8-2) vs. Grapevine 7:30 p.m., Saturday at Birdville or North Richland Hills, Burleson 22, FW Wyatt

Regionals
EP Ysleta (7-2) vs. Amador or Plainview, TBA
Ade or Grapevine vs. Burleson, TBA

Division II
Bi-district
Region I
El Paso Riverside 55, Andrews 14, Pampa 7 (0-1), Southlake Carroll 35, W. Dicks Rivers Stadium in Amador (8-2) vs. Frisco 7:30 p.m., Saturday at Lubbock, FW Boswell 39, Burdett-Crowley 31, FW Eastern

Area
El Paso Riverside (6-5), TBA
Andrews (6-5), TBA
Southlake Carroll (7-4) vs. Durban (10-1), TBA
EP Parkland (6-4) vs. H

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quarter.

Balmorhea answered with a touchdown in the second quarter as senior Jerry Mendenhall and junior Ivan Mendoza put the Bears on the board. Mendoza scored an extra point, and Mustang lead to 10-0.

Following the kickoff, Renteria connected with Floyd again to give the score to 17-0 in the first quarter end.

To open action in the second quarter, Sands more Brandon Wered a Balmorhea the Bear 25-yard Looney broke the score on the next Mustangs forged

No. 3

LUBBOCK (AP) — Hybl threw the touchdown passes and job of helping Oklahoma control leading the So Texas Tech 30-0 and moving the step closer to championship game.

Oklahoma (10-0) needs only a home next Saturday to win the Oklahoma State South division spot in the conference game Dec. 1

SPORTS EXTRA

H.S. FOOTBALL

Class 3A
Division I
Bi-district
Region I
EP Franklin 28, EP Hanks 6
Midland Lee 50, Lubbock
Coronado 22
Keller Fossil Ridge 26, Lewisville
23
Arlington 24, Duncannon 3
Regionals
EP Franklin (10-1) vs. Midland Lee
(7-4), TBA
Keller Fossil Ridge vs. Arlington,
TBA
Division II
Bi-district
Region I
EP Andrews 42, EP Americas 22
Lubbock Monterey 28, Abilene
Cooper 21
Carrollton Turner 42, Coppell 23
Eules Trinity 31, Arlington Sam
Houston 6
EP Del Valle 20, EP Coronado 12
Abilene High 14, Amarillo High 7
Carrollton Creekside (8-2) vs.
Colleyville Heritage (9-1), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday at Coppell.
DeSoto (7-3) vs. Hurst Bell (4-6), 4
p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in
Irving.
Area
EP Andrews (8-2) vs. Lubbock
Monterey (9-2), TBA
Carrollton Turner (7-4) vs. Eules
Trinity (10-1), TBA
EP Del Valle (9-1) vs. Abilene High
(6-5), TBA
Carrollton Creekside or Colleyville
Heritage vs. DeSoto or Hurst Bell,
TBA
Class 4A
Division I
Bi-district
Region I
EP Ysleta 33, EP Mountain View 9
Amarillo Palo Duro (9-1) vs.
Plainview (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday at
Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.
Azle (8-2) vs. Grapevine (6-4), 1
p.m. Saturday at Birdville Complex in
North Richland Hills.
Burleson 22, FW Wyatt 12
Regionals
EP Ysleta (7-2) vs. Amarillo Palo
Duro or Plainview, TBA
Azle or Grapevine vs. Burleson (9-
2), TBA
Division II
Bi-district
Region I
El Paso Riverside 55, Fabens 7
Andrews 14, Pampa 7 (OT)
Southlake Carroll 35, Wichita Falls
21
FW Dunbar 35, Stephenville 21
EP Parkland 45, Peacock 6
Hendred (8-2) vs. Freriship (8-2),
7:30 p.m. Saturday at Lowrey Field in
Lubbock.
FW Boswell 39, Burk Burnett 13
Crowley 31, FW Eastern Hills 26
Area
El Paso Riverside (8-2) vs.
Andrews (6-5), TBA
Southlake Carroll (7-4) vs. FW
Dunbar (10-1), TBA
EP Parkland (6-4) vs. Hereford

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East
Miami W L T Pct PF PA
6 2 0 .750 180 181
N.Y. Jets 6 3 0 .667 184 182
New England 5 4 0 .556 206 171
Indianapolis 4 4 0 .500 224 224
Buffalo 1 7 0 .125 133 216
Central
Pittsburgh W L T Pct PF PA
6 2 0 .750 135 90
Baltimore 6 3 0 .667 157 139
Cincinnati 4 4 0 .500 133 166
Cleveland 4 4 0 .500 144 133
Jacksonville 3 5 0 .375 144 128
Tennessee 3 5 0 .375 139 196
West
Oakland W L T Pct PF PA
6 2 0 .750 216 167
Denver 5 4 0 .556 218 198
San Diego 5 4 0 .556 222 172
Seattle 4 4 0 .500 152 185
Kansas City 2 7 0 .222 171 199
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East
Philadelphia W L T Pct PF PA
5 3 0 .625 193 115
N.Y. Giants 5 4 0 .556 165 150
Washington 3 5 0 .429 131 111
Arizona 2 6 0 .250 109 183
Dallas 2 6 0 .250 129 167
Central
Chicago W L T Pct PF PA
6 2 0 .750 174 115
Green Bay 6 2 0 .750 188 117
Tampa Bay 4 4 0 .500 189 136
Minnesota 3 5 0 .429 155 213
Detroit 0 8 0 .000 127 217
West
St. Louis W L T Pct PF PA
7 1 0 .875 255 129
San Francisco 6 2 0 .750 202 182
Atlanta 4 4 0 .500 155 164
New Orleans 4 4 0 .500 175 162
Carolina 1 8 0 .111 132 217
Sunday's Games
Atlanta 20, Dallas 13
Miami 27, Indianapolis 24
St. Louis 48, Carolina 14
Green Bay 20, Chicago 12
N.Y. Jets 27, Kansas City 7
New England 21, Buffalo 11
Tampa Bay 20, Detroit 17
Jacksonville 30, Cincinnati 13
Pittsburgh 15, Cleveland 12, OT
Denver 26, San Diego 16
N.Y. Giants 17, Arizona 10
Philadelphia 48, Minnesota 17
San Fran 28, New Orleans 27
Seattle 34, Oakland 27
Monday's Game
Baltimore 16, Tennessee 10
Freriship, TBA
FW Boswell (10-1) vs. Crowley (10-
1), TBA
CLASS 3A
Division I
Bi-district
Region I
Ferryton 49, Lubbock Cooper 7
Lamesa 48, Fort Stockton 19
Vernon 38, Abilene Wyle 14
Aledo 35, Akerado 10
Regionals
Perryton (9-2) vs. Lamesa (8-3),
TBA
Vernon (9-2) vs. Aledo (8-3), TBA
Division II
Bi-district
Region I
Muleshoe 34, Childress 28
Carro 19, Midland Greenwood 13
Bridgeport 39, Ballinger 14
Hillsboro 29, Lake Worth 14
Shallowater 12, Sanford-Fritch 7
Denver City (8-2) vs. Alpine (9-1),
1 p.m. Saturday at San Angelo
Stadium.
Sweetwater 30, Graham 20
Hemphill (9-1) vs. Alpine (9-1),
4:30 p.m. Saturday at Birdville
Complex in North Richland Hills.
Area
Muleshoe (10-1) vs. Carro (9-2), 6
p.m. Friday at Seminole.
Bridgeport (6-5) vs. Hillsboro (7-4),
1 p.m. Friday at Washache.
Sweetwater (9-5) vs. Denver City
or Alpine, TBA
Sweetwater (9-2) vs. Hemphill or

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Class 2A
Division I
Midnight Region I
Reagan County (9-7) vs. Wall (7-3),
8 p.m. Saturday at San Angelo
Stadium.
Post 55, Colorado City 25
West Texas High 27, Friona 21
(OT)
Holiday 31, Anson 8
Regionals
Reagan County or Wall vs. Post (8-
3), TBA
West Texas High (7-4) vs. Holiday
(9-2), TBA
Division II
Bi-district
Region I
Mason 14, McCamey 13
Coahoma 28, Malou 9
Abernathy (9-1) vs. Survey (8-2),
4:30 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins
Stadium in Amarillo.
Quanah 10, Stamford 7
Sonora 21, Ozona 7
Tahoka 33, Plains 17
Spearsman 42, Hale Center 0
Hamlin 42, Electra 35
Area
Mason (4-7) vs. Coahoma (10-1),
TBA
Abernathy or Survey vs. Quanah
(8-3), TBA
Sonora (9-2) vs. Tahoka (7-4), 7
p.m. Friday at Monahan's.
Spearsman (10-1) vs. Hamlin (10-
1), TBA
Class 3A
Division I
Region I
White Deer (9-1) vs. Nazareth (9-
1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins
Stadium in Amarillo.
Springlake-Earth (6-4), bye.
Prestonburg 14, Neox City 7
Wink (5-5), bye.
Lubbock 44, Wheeler 6
Anton (7-3), bye.
O'Donnell (7-3) vs. Munday (5-4),
7:30 p.m. Saturday at Sweetwater.
Iran (10-0), bye.
Area
White Deer or Nazareth vs.
Springlake-Earth (6-4), TBA
Prestonburg (10-1) vs. Wink (5-5),
7:30 p.m. Friday at Snyder.
Stratford (11-0) vs. Anton (7-3),
TBA
O'Donnell or Munday vs. Iran (10-
0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Big Spring.
Division II
Region I/II
Follett 44, Valley 24
Whitman 48, Jayton 0
New Home 45, Westbrook 0
Sando 88, Balmorhea 89
Groom 48, Miami 22
Patterson Springs 58, Amherst 16
Ira 54, Roseville 8
Sanderson 46, Loop 0
Regionals
Follett (9-2) vs. Whitman (11-0),
TBA
New Home (10-1) vs. Sando (8-
3), Williams
Groom (11-1) vs. Patton Springs
(10-0), TBA
Ira (11-0) vs. Sanderson (11-0),
TBA
Region III/IV

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of the first quarter and six and a half minutes of the second on its next drive. The 18-play downfield struggle ended with another fourth-down field goal attempt. This time, however, Rollins missed the mark from 20 yards out.

Coahoma took over on the Idalou 20, and scored three plays later on the only quick drive of the game. The score came on a stunning 60-yard sprint by Bulldog fullback David Davis.

Coahoma ball-holder Travis Hipp was able to turn disaster into points on the PAT when he picked up a flubbed snap and carried it into the end zone for a 2-point conversion.

With 23 seconds left to play in the half, Idalou put its only touchdown of the game on the scoreboard after a quarterback keeper by Olmos from the Bulldog 5.

Coahoma defenders blocked the PAT, setting the scoreboard at 15-9 as the teams went to the locker room.

After the break, Coahoma's first possession turned into the longest drive of the game. The score came on a 1-yard hurdle by Hill, culminating an 86-yard, 20-play drive. The march chewed the clock quite effectively, leaving the Wildcats only 1:35 left to work with in the third quarter.

The 2-point PAT attempt was no good, leaving the score at 21-9.

Idalou surrendered the

ball on downs six plays later at the Coahoma 45. On third down of the drive, a Chris Olmos pass to fullback Jason Spann was ruled incomplete because Spann didn't have control of the ball before he went out of bounds. A completion would have given the Wildcats a first down.

The Bulldogs capitalized on the opportunity, holding onto the ball for about seven minutes before scoring a touchdown on a 1-yard third down keeper by Ward.

It appeared Hill might have scored one player earlier. One official signaled a touchdown, but another ruled that the tailback didn't break the goal line, and the 'Dogs got the ball on the 1-yard line, in position for Ward's dive on the next play.

The PAT set the scoreboard at its final total, 28-9.

The only punt of the ballgame came on Idalou's next drive. The Wildcats returned the kickoff to their 25, but Olmos was sacked twice, once after a bad snap, costing Idalou five yards, and again when he couldn't find an open receiver, which cost the 'Cats another eight.

Facing a fourth-and-20 situation on their own 15 yard-line, Idalou opted for the better part of valor and punted.

Coahoma ran the clock out two plays later.

Next week, the Bulldogs take on Mason, Wood said.

"They were 3-7 coming into the playoffs, but they beat 9-1 McCamey last night," he said. "Evidently they're peaking at the right time."

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quarter.

Balmorhea answered with a "touchdown pass" from senior Jerry Mendoza to junior Ivan Rodriguez, putting the Bears on the board. Mendoza kicked the extra points, cutting the Mustang lead to 14-8.

Following the ensuing kickoff, Renteria connected with Floyd again, increasing the score to 20-8 as the first quarter ended.

To open action in the second quarter, Sands' sophomore Brandon Woods recovered a Balmorhea fumble at the Bear 25-yard line. Looney broke through to score on the next play. The Mustangs forged ahead 26-8.

Sands senior Jerry Flores then recovered a Balmorhea fumble at the Bears' 34-yard line. Junior Johnny Chavez, Looney and Floyd moved the ball down the field to the Balmorhea 3-yard line. Webb crossed the goal line from there with 5:26 remaining in the half. Sophomore Julian Mojica added the extra-points kick conversion to make the score 34-8.

But the Bears weren't about to fold. Balmorhea closed the gap to 34-16 when Mendoza hit senior Joe Luis Lopez for a 44-yard touchdown pass with 4:26 to go in the half. The Bears then took advantage of their next possession and scored on a pass from Mendoza to junior Jourmain Matta from the

Mustang 4-yard line. The two combined to score the extra point, cutting the Mustang lead to 34-23 with 1:29 left in the half.

The second half was a back-and-forth battle, with Sands never relinquishing the lead. However, the tough Bears kept the game in doubt until the final whistle.

The Mustangs opened the second half with a touchdown from Webb, making the score 40-23.

The Bears battled back with a touchdown pass from Mendoza to senior Arturo Rodriguez. The point-after conversion kick narrowed the gap to 40-31.

Sands came right back. Following runs by Looney

and Webb, Renteria went deep for a 25-yard touchdown pass to Floyd. Mojica's kick added the extra points and the Mustangs widened their margin to 48-3.

But the Bears had their claws out. Mendoza again found his receiver, and completing a 39-yard TD pass to senior Reggie Lozano.

This time, Balmorhea's inside kick was successful. The Bears capitalized on the surprise play when Mendoza found Isaiah Rodriguez on a TD pass, cutting the Mustang lead to 48-43.

Back came the Mustangs, tallying on a 24-yard pass completion from Renteria to Mojica to make the score 54

-43.

It took the Bears just seconds to score again, however. Lopez returned the Mustang kickoff for the distance and Mendoza added the extra-point kick to bring the Bears within three points with 7:54 remaining on the clock.

Undaunted, however, Sands thundered right back. Webb plowed through a host of Balmorhea defenders to reach the Bear 8-yard line. Chavez carried the ball in for the final Mustang touchdown.

In the final minutes both teams struggled to make up ground lost in penalties. Twice, the Bears scored, only to have the touchdowns called back by infrac-

tions.

The third time, however, the Bears made it, scoring with 2:12 left, to pull within a point.

Sands was unable to run out the clock, setting up an exciting finish which Floyd took care of when he intercepted a Balmorhea pass with just 13 seconds left.

"It was one heck of a ball game! I don't know if I've ever been involved in a game like that," said Sands head coach Clint Lowry.

"Every kid I had on the field poured their heart out.

"That's what makes me love these kids so much; they give it all they've got. Now we have to get ready for New Home next week," the coach said.

No. 3 Oklahoma 30, Texas Tech 13

LUBBOCK (AP) — Nate Hybl threw three touchdown passes and did a nice job of helping No. 3 Oklahoma control the clock, leading the Sooners past Texas Tech 30-13 Saturday and moving them a giant step closer to the Big 12 championship game.

Oklahoma (10-1, 6-1 Big 12) needs only a victory at home next Saturday against Oklahoma State to win the South division and earn a spot in the conference title game Dec. 1 at Texas

Stadium. The Sooners would play the winner of Friday's Nebraska-Colorado game.

The Red Raiders (6-4, 4-4) beat Oklahoma the last time the Sooners came to Lubbock and had won three straight, including an emotional victory over Texas A&M in their last home game.

But the Oklahoma defense prevented Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury from getting on a roll. He was intercepted on the opening drive

and again in the third quarter, then lost a fumble midway through the fourth quarter.

The Sooners got a 42-yard field goal off Kingsbury's first mistake and a 48-yard touchdown pass to Mark Clayton following the last one.

Tech had two interceptions, both by Ricky Sailor in the third quarter, yet failed to score off either.

Hybl was 33-of-55 for 274 yards and ran 15 times for 29 yards.

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LADY STEERS

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Big Spring improved to 2-0, while Midland Lee fell to 1-1. The Lady Rebels opened the season with a 40-34 win over District 4-4A rival Snyder.

The Lady Steers tip off Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. against Class 5A Odessa High in the Steer gym. Junior varsity action begins at 6 p.m.

Braxton hit her first trey to open scoring in the game off a feed from Ashley Smith.

Sophomore teammate Kim Wrightsil's putback made it 5-2, and Tejal Patel fed Braxton under the basket for a 7-3 lead.

Patel drained a three-pointer, and Wrightsil went 3-for-4 from the charity stripe to end the quarter, Big Spring 13, Midland Lee, 8.

"I told the girls to be patient and run their offense," Avery said. "We kept getting baskets through the back door. Once they saw that it worked, they worked very hard at running their offense."

The back-door continued to swing wide open as Wrightsil fed Braxton again. Senior Leslie Wolfe hit one from outside the key to push the lead to 20-14, and Wolfe found Brittany Bryant all alone, as the three-year letterman hit from beyond the arc for a 23-17 edge.

Wrightsil fed 6-1 junior Krystle Long under the basket, and Courtney Brock hit Wrightsil for a 27-17 advantage.

Wrightsil hit two more free throws for a 29-18 lead at halftime. But the wheels fell off in the third quarter for the Lady Steers.

Braxton found Long under the basket at 6:08 to stretch their lead to 31-22, but Big Spring would not score again until Braxton hit her second three-pointer at the 1:48 mark.

Bryant forced a turnover, and Braxton hit her final

trey of the evening as Big Spring exited the third quarter hanging onto a 39-37 lead.

"We just had too many turnovers and too many missed shots," Avery said.

Wrightsil fed Braxton three times and Jessica Woodward once under the basket, and Big Spring led 49-42 with 4:45 remaining. Patel pulled in a big-time steal under the Big Spring basket and hit Wrightsil who made the basket and was fouled to push the lead to 52-44.

Smith found Braxton again, and Wrightsil hit a lay-up to give the Lady Steers a 56-49 advantage with less than a minute to play. Wrightsil went 3-for-5 from the free throw line, and Midland Lee went 3-for-4 for the final 59-55 score.

"We turned up our defense in the fourth quarter and forced a lot of turnovers and five-second violations on the throw-ins to give us some momentum," Avery said.

"(Wrightsil) did a good job playing point guard, a position she never played before."

Big Spring 59, Midland Lee 55

BIG SPRING — Tejal Patel 1 0 1 3, Kim Wrightsil 3 9 12 15, Krystle Long 4 0 0 8, Leina Braxton 9 3 6 24, Ashley Smith 0 0 0 0, Brittany Bryant 2 0 0 5, Leslie Wolfe 1 0 0 2, Jessica Woodward 1 0 0 2, Courtney Brock 0 0 0 0. Totals: 21 12 19 59.

MIDLAND LEE — Lauren Hinsley 5 1 2 13, Christie Rasmussen 3 3 4 9, Mary Griffin 0 1 2 1, Ashley Riggs 3 0 0 6, Wykia Wallace 7 9 14 23, Twymelia Howard 1 0 0 0, Neshia Washington 1 1 2 1, Megan Rhodes 0 2 2 2. Totals: 18 17 26 55.

Big Spring 13 16 10 20 59

Midland Lee 8 10 19 18 55

Three-point goals: Big Spring 5 (Braxton 3, Patel, Bryant); Midland Lee 2 (Hinsley). Total fouls: Big Spring 18, Lee 17. Fouled out: Long. Technical fouls: none. Big Spring is 2-0. Midland Lee is 1-1.

TENNIS

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Roffers were second-team selections as the No. 2 team. DeHoyos and Megan Roffers were also selected as the first-team mixed doubles honorees.

While not as dominant as the boys' contingent, Big Spring's girls claimed a pair of first-team selections in singles, had three second-team singles honorees and claimed all three of the second-team doubles spots.

Those girls figure to be Big Spring's future strength, since the first-team selection at No. 1 was freshman Veronica Villarreal and the No. 5 first-teamer was sophomore Lauren Chesworth.

In addition, sophomore Heather Parnell was the second-team pick at the No. 2 singles position and junior Mindy Partee was the second-team pick at No. 6. Senior April Ward rounded out the Steers' second-team singles picks at No. 3.

Big Spring's No. 4 girls' singles player, Megan Roffers, was an honorable mention pick in addition to her first-team selection in mixed doubles.

Villarreal and Partee were the second-team pick at the No. 1 doubles spot, while Parnell and Ward joined them at the No. 2 position. Chesworth and Jessica Rodriguez earned the second-team pick as the No. 3 team.

ALL-4-4A

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Clearly, the future looks bright for the Lady Steers since all seven of the Big Spring players to earn all-district spots will return next season in a bid to improve on the 19-16 record they posted this year. The Lady Steers finished 4-4A play with a 9-5 mark.

"I'm awfully happy for our kids," Lady Steers coach Traci Pierce said after the team was released Thursday. "They overcame so much adversity ... the whole team did. We started the season with only a couple of kids that had any varsity experience whatsoever, but we just kept tinkering with the lineup and the kids

just never refused to let down."

In addition to Lake View's and Big Spring's selections, the first-team all-district honorees were Kelly Curry of Lubbock Estacado, Jennifer Young of Frenship, Lindsey Marshall of Levelland, Plainview's Alesha Robertson and Tonjay Thompson, Snyder's Chaelyn Robertson and the Andrews duo of Nitra Woods and Lindsey Reid.

Others named to the second team included Katie Farris and Lindsey Rhodes of Andrews, Zipporah Peoples and Afton Schwertner of Snyder and Lake View's Alejandra Serrano and Heather Freeman.

STEERS

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a charge as Big Spring trailed 35-27.

Belvin took advantage of a Lubbock turnover and nailed a three-pointer to reduce Trinity's lead to 35-30. Woodruff's turnaround jumper and his put-back off of a Clarence Wilkins' miss at the 2:50 mark made it 35-34.

Big Spring took its first lead of the ballgame when Greathouse hit a five-footer for a 36-35 advantage. Wilkins' driving lay-up

increased the lead to 38-35 to end the quarter.

Woodruff hit another basket with 7:11 remaining in the contest for a 40-35 lead, but Lubbock Trinity was beginning its comeback. Clayton Weaver made a free-throw to make it 41-39, but Trinity hit a trey for a 42-41 lead, which it would not relinquish.

Big Spring would go scoreless for the next three minutes, while Trinity rattled in 9 points.

"I think we were tired," second-year head coach Brian Ellington said of the fourth quarter. "We did some good things to get the

lead. But then we had three or four turnovers. That's what happens when you press all four quarters.

"We played hard, and we told the guys, no one's going to play that hard. We just have to learn how to win. We're going to press. But we've got to generate some offense out of their defense."

Ronnie Johnson scored 18 points, Wesley Smith made 14 and Josh Pedigo contributed 12 as the Big Spring Steers junior varsity squad eked out a 64-62 win over Lubbock Trinity.

Lubbock Trinity 56, Big Spring 47
LUBBOCK TRINITY (1-0) — Haley 5

8-11 19, Martin 4 0-2 8, Hunt 0 2-2 2, Ward 4 0-0 10, Hill 1 0-0 3, Phillips 1 4-6 6, Gaines 0 1-4 1, Leftwich 1 2-2 4, Ktipis 1 1-1 3, Hester 0 0-1 0. Totals 17 18-29 56.

BIG SPRING (0-1) — Brandon Greathouse 5 0-2 10, Allen Jackson 0 0-1 0, Clayton Weaver 0 1-2 1, Clarence Wilkins 3 0-0 6, Arthur Belvin 4 0-0 9, Mic Fleming 1 1-2 3, Curtis Woodruff 7 2-6 16, Austin Nutting 1 0-2 2. Totals 21 4-15 47.

Trinity 12 15 8 21 56

Big Spring 8 9 21 9 47

Three-point goals: Trinity 4 (Ward 2, Haley 1, Hill 1), Big Spring 1 (Belvin)
Total fouls: Trinity 19, Big Spring 28. Fouled out: Fleming, Jackson. Technical fouls: none.



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T-38 Talon finds home in Hangar 25

Acquisition, restoration of vintage aircraft a community-wide effort

The Hangar 25 Air Museum recently unveiled its latest acquisition, a beautifully restored Northrop T-38 A Talon supersonic jet trainer, the type trainer flown by thousands of student pilots at Big Spring's Webb Air Force Base between 1961 and 1977.

Locating the jet, bringing it to Big Spring and restoring its appearance to like-new condition was a project of enormous proportion — a project far beyond the capability of the officers and staff of the Hangar 25 Air Museum. It was a very successful community project, the result of the city, citizens and businesses working together to make something nice happen with great results.

Here's how it all happened — I personally located the aircraft in Tucson, Ariz. (the easiest part of all). Dr. Darryl Powell provided a ride to Tucson in his aircraft to inspect the T-38. We liked what we saw.

We actually competed with other cities and won the aircraft of our choice, the best of several available.

We negotiated a handling fee with the General Services Administration (GSA), the agency that handles military surplus aircraft.

The city agreed to pick up the aircraft on their city account with the museum covering all expenses incurred.

The Museum Board agreed to the terms. The inevitable paperwork was processed and a pickup date established.

Technical documents describing the T-38 were obtained, planning was accomplished and the long trip to Arizona was scheduled.

With approval and support of the City Council, the City Manager, and coordination by he Assistant City Manager, Emma Bogard, we were on our way.

The city provided trucks and allowed four highly capable volunteers to make the trip: Steve Gray, Gary Osburn, Johnny Bedell, and Eddie Castillo. Cornell Corrections allowed Gene Wilson to be part of the team.

Jay Jarmes provided his personal truck and trailer, and with me riding shotgun for him, we began our caravan to Arizona bright and early on a Sunday morning in March. Our entourage didn't get very far. Alternator failure on a city truck brought us to a halt in Monahans only 95 miles out of Big Spring. Being early Sunday morning, all local garages, auto supply stores, and most other stores were closed. Gene Wilson saved the day by contacting a friend in the area.

The friend actually removed the alternator from one of his vehicles, brought it to us, helped install it, and had us back on the road in short order. We made the 660 mile trip to Tucson in one day, spent the night, and got an early start on the T-38 Monday morning. Part of our team proceeded to dismantle and load the T-38, working with a contractor who earlier relocated the T-38. We were fortunate in locating and obtaining most of the missing parts, many of which we removed from other



The T-38 Talon can be viewed at the Hangar 25 Museum located at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

aircrafts. Jay Jarmes, still recovering from major foot surgery, did much of his work and served as team cheerleader from his wheelchair.

Only one of our volunteers, Gary Osburn, had training and experience maintaining military airplanes.

However, with perseverance, Johnny Bedell's ingenuity, and in spite of the

exposed aircraft from hail damage while we were waiting for the landing gear to be restored.

Johnson air Conditioning and Heating volunteered their machine shop for sheet metal work.

Kate Kubernach, a professional aircraft painter, volunteered to come from Las Vegas to paint the aircraft.

Earlier, Kate had painted the Vietnam Memorial's F-4E aircraft, the "Huey" helicopter, and tank.

John Freeman of Freecom donated the paint, sheet metal and equipment to be used.

Richard "Doc" Warner of Lanier Air Park, Dyess AFB, Abilene, provided technical documents and decals. Master Sergeant Michael Hawkins of Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls provided technical information on the nose gear that had to be reworked.

Malcolm Laing of Lubbock and Slayton's Texas Air Museum, steered us to a contact in Canada who could provide a nose gear if our scavenged gear didn't work.

The contact, Al Rubein, was extremely cooperative and had a nose gear ready to ship — in swap for something of equal value.

Jay Schmuck and James Seagraves, Randolph AFB, San Antonio, provided a complete set of official decals for the T-38, plus a set of "Air Training Command" emblems — ATC being a former command whose name and emblem have been changed.

Those decals and emblems really made the painted airplane look new and authentic.

Danny Bailey of Freecom constructed from scratch a "tail top," a missing portion of the tail section and helped in the painting. Warren McCrae, Midwest Manufacturing & Construction, graciously provided his building in the Air Park to house and paint the T-38 for a six month period.

Jack Perry of Lone Star Aviation provided towing support, once the reworked landing gear was installed and the aircraft could be moved.

Jerry and Janell Groves met, hosted in their home, and provided transportation for Kate Kubernach during her three different extended visits to Big Spring to work on and paint the aircraft.

Jerry spent more time working on the airplane with Kate than any other volun-

teer. Bobby McDonald and Clarence Hartfield Jr., also spent many long hours sanding, prepping and helping paint the aircraft.

Dean Spencer of Spencer's Coatings provided equipment and personnel for steam cleaning the aircraft.

Cactus Paint, and The Paint and Safety Store, provided assistance in unique painting requirements.

Chuck Cawthon of Chuck's Surplus donated much needed hardware for the aircraft.

Wal-Mart Supercenter provided a break on some of the many purchases required to support the effort.

Jay Jarmes was a key to our success. He drove his truck and trailer to Arizona and participated heavily in retrieving the airplane.

He then underwrote all uncovered expenses to restore the aircraft — including Kate Kubernach's trips from Las Vegas, meals, team refreshments, and painting and sanding supplies.



Jay Jarmes, resting in his wheelchair, as dismantling of the T-38 progresses.

He spent long days working with Kate preparing and painting the aircraft, applying decals and detailing the finished work.

Jay, who trained in the T-38 at Webb AFB, took a very special and personal interest in the aircraft. He is a former military pilot, a retired airline pilot, and a member of the Museum Board of Directors.

Other people contributed in less obvious ways — through memberships, grants and donations that helped finance the trip.

Through encouragement, advice, and referrals for parts, and information based on their experience. Judy Jarmes and Gloria McDonald provided refreshments on occasion during the restoration effort. And the list could go on and on.

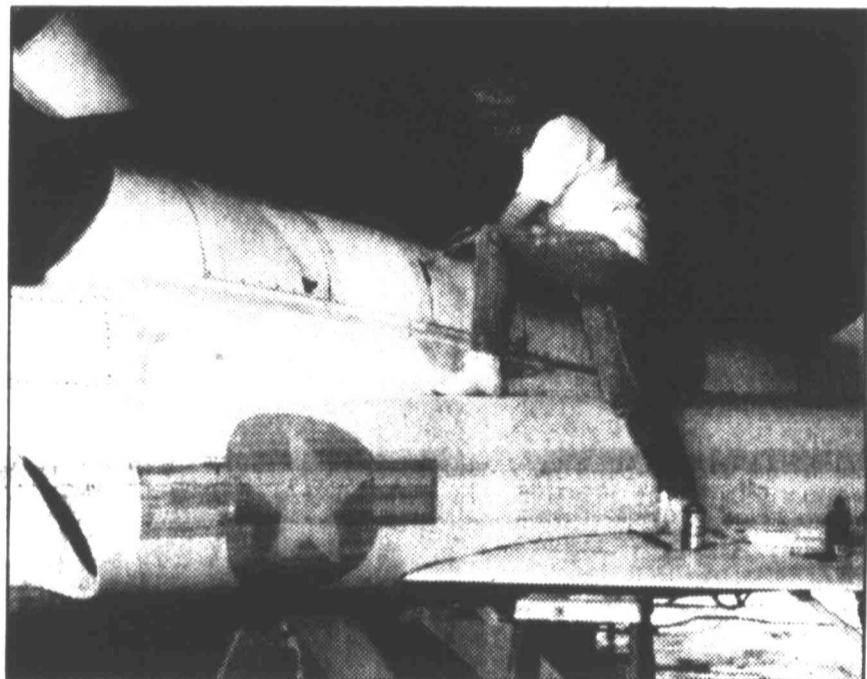
The bottom line is, the beautiful T-38A Talon is an airplane that we brought back to Big Spring, that we restored, and

that we and our families and friends, and visitors to our great city, will be able to see and appreciate for many years to come. It is a part of the city's history and now, again, its future.

And "we" did it — we, the members of this community, working together. We should be proud of it...

Col. James Little
USAF (Ret)

Story and photos courtesy of James Little



Kate Kubernach doing detail work on the T-38 Talon.

strange working hours of our contractor (6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.), we accomplished the disassembly and loading task in a day and a half.

This allowed some time to rest before starting back early Wednesday morning. With the dismantled T-38 loaded on trucks and trailers, and a Big Spring banner on its back, our caravan made its way back to Texas without incident.

Upon arriving in Big Spring, community support was unbelievable. The local media gave us great coverage.

The police department provided escort to the Hangar 25 Air Museum. Pat Gray and his workers provided a crane and support for off-loading the T-38.

Numerous citizens came out to observe and help. Terry Jenkins and air park staff provided assistance.

The original team reassembled the airplane in a matter of hours. Other work followed.

The new nose gear (found in scrap parts bin in the Arizona "Boneyard") had to be disassembled and reworked.

Gary Osburn and Johnny Bedell did this work. Cary Carnes of C&C Machine fabricated parts to make the nose gear fit our T-38.

Branham Furniture and Bobby McDonald donated materials to protect

"...firefighters are indeed a different breed of people."

As attested to, by those who were at the World Trade Center disaster and people around the world who have had a need for those of us in the business of fighting fires and doing rescue work, firefighters are indeed a different breed of people.



BURR LEA SETTLES

When I first became a fireman there was a small wooden sign over the doorway to the "hole," a small office downstairs at what is now the city council chambers, that said "We are all here, because we are not all there." At first, I did not understand what it meant.

After thinking about it I realized it meant we are firemen

because we had a few logs short of a fire. While most people are running away from the fire, we are running into it.

Back when I started it seemed that structure fires did not occur that often and when they did it was on a day that we were not on duty. I guess it was about six months before I made my first structure fire on the west side of town. It was a mobile home and it went fast. As a "rookie" it was rather unnerving as there were several loud reports but another rookie and myself held our ground. It turned out that the fire had gotten to the trailer tires and they exploded.

Another time, Bobby Sullivan and I was working a fire on the East side of town. It was someone's home and we had heavy smoke showing. We had trouble getting into the house and with all the heavy smoke both Bobby

and I thought, "is this really what we want to do?" The power had not been shut off as yet and we encountered a slight hair raising event. We backed out and cut the power and then proceeded to extinguish the fire. After that fire, we felt more comfortable of who we were and what we wanted to do for our career.

Having worked my way up the ranks I can say that being a firefighter is more than just having a job it is a career! There is nothing in this world that can express the feelings of working with these fine men of the fire department. There is a definite feeling of having an extended family. They work hard whether its just maintaining the station and equipment or at a working fire.

Most people don't realize it but it is more than just putting "the wet stuff on the red stuff!" Not

only do you have to get water from the hydrant you have to figure friction loss from the amount of hose you have just laid out to figure the loss from the Y connection to the nozzle.

If you don't have the proper amount of water coming to the nozzle you might have that man's life in danger as it might be too much or not enough water.

In fire departments around the world our first duty is to save lives, and the second is to extinguish fires. We do not have the luxury of some of the larger departments nor of some bedroom communities where they have the money to have more men on duty. That has been one of our concerns. We do not have enough men on duty to properly fight a fire. Generally, we have to wait for the second arriving truck so that we can have two firefighters enter a burning

building. Having one man go in is very dangerous, should he need help no one would know. We have had to deal with things of this nature for years. Thank God that no one has been hurt.

We need to thank them for their dedication, and for what they do in spite of it all. Firefighters are, indeed, a special breed of men and women that live, work and raise families in their community. They care about their neighbors and strive to do a job well done. Why do they do it? Well.... "We are here, because we are not all there."

And this Thanksgiving we should be thankful and extra proud of our fire and police service!

Burr Lea Settles writes a regular column for the Herald.

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Husband's cleanliness may be mental illness

Dear Ann Landers: I have been engaged to "Norville" for four years, and we have been living together for the past 10 months. I am having trouble following his "house rules" and hope you can tell me if I am overreacting.



ANN LANDERS

Every night, Norville takes a shower before getting into bed. He insists that I take a shower, too. There is nothing romantic about this arrangement. Norville has some kind of phobia about germs and will not permit me to get into bed if I have not showered immediately before. If I want to lie down for a short nap, I must shower first. It doesn't matter if I showered that morning, he says if I touch the bed, it has been "contaminated."

Norville has a few other peculiarities, but this one bothers me the most. I love him a lot, Ann, but I don't know if I can live like this. Does he have a problem, or do I? -- No Slob in Pittsburgh

Dear Pittsburgh: Do you want to be married to a control freak who may also be obsessive-compulsive? If the answer is "yes," Norville is just the man for you.

People who are obsessed with germs and cleanliness need professional help to overcome their phobias and compulsions. If Norville is willing to admit he has a problem, I recommend he contact the Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation, 337 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford, CT 06471 (www.ocfoundation.org).

Dear Ann Landers: Members of the medical profession are often accused of being overly motivated by money. Please tell your readers there are doctors in the profession, and I had proof of it last fall.

My son and I attended the

Michigan State-Wisconsin football game in East Lansing, Mich. As we were leaving the stadium, a young woman tapped me on the shoulder, identified herself as a physician and explained she was with three other physicians who had been seated directly behind us in the stands. She went on to explain that they had noticed the birthmark on the back of my neck and all agreed it looked suspicious. She urged me to have a biopsy taken at once. I thanked the woman for her interest without learning her name. I had a biopsy done the following day. Fortunately, the results were negative, and I was greatly relieved.

I hope that through your column I can let that physician know how much I appreciate her sharing her concern with me. She gained nothing by doing so, but had the biopsy been positive, she might have saved my life. -- Appreciative in Peoria, Ill.

Dear Peoria: Thanks for sharing your "good Samaritan" story. I hope others will follow that doctor's lead. Here's one I witnessed firsthand:

When I lived in New Orleans (pre-Ann Landers), I was having dinner in the French Quarter with a dermatologist from La Garde General Hospital. He took special notice of a man seated at the next table. In a few moments, he went over to the gentleman, they visited briefly, and my friend returned to our table. I asked, "What was that about?" My friend replied, "The man has Hansen's disease (leprosy) and probably doesn't realize it. I suggested that he come to see me at La Garde General Hospital for information and treatment. He seemed very grateful."

Physicians who "step out of the box" and don't worry about getting sued are special creatures. My dinner partner that evening, Dr. Robert Stolar, was such a man.

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Children's museum displays work of folk artist

SAN ANGELO, Texas — The bright and optimistic — some nostalgic and some purely fanciful — folk artworks of the late Emma Lee Moss are on exhibit at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts Children's Art Museum.

The work will remain on display through Jan. 26 in the museum, located on the ground floor of the Cactus Hotel.

Though Moss lived to see her work largely appreciated, her introduction into the art world was a humble one. Moss was born in Tennessee and after attending school to the eighth grade, she went to work as a housekeeper. Her employers relocated from Tennessee to San Angelo in 1946. Because Moss, 20 years old at the time, had grown quite fond of the youngest child, Tommy Figuers, she came with the family.

In the early 1950s, while young Tommy was at school, Moss made her first attempt at painting. The paint colors fascinated her and she couldn't keep herself from experimenting with the 9-year-old's paints and brushes. But even Moss's earliest attempts impressed Tommy's mother, and Mrs. Figuers encouraged Emma Lee to approach the boy's art teacher, Tincie Hughs Heddins, for art instruction.

Through that connection, Moss was allowed to attend Heddins' art classes at San Angelo College for two years where she learned media, materials and techniques. Heddins insisted Moss had a unique style and should continue with it.

"Her work was very instinctive," said Howard Taylor, director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. "It's really very charming... and some of it is quite funny."

Moss friends, critics and fellow artists agree has a vivid painting style that connects nostalgia with whimsy. Her work that's considered most outstanding "seem to capture the

spirit of the day with busily populated urban and rural landscapes."

Though her paintings, "show a naive lack of perspective," the "innate attention to intricate patterns and composition" are practically Moss's trademark.

"I knew Emma Lee after she was rather well-known as an artist," said Roger Allen of the Old Chicken Farm Art Center. "She was moving back to San Angelo, and I took a van to Dallas to bring back some of her artworks."

Allen and Moss became good friends.

"Emma Lee was at ease in any crowd. She had a great sense of humor and she could just enjoy any situation. She was about 70 when I first got to know her, but by attitude or anything else, anyone would have thought she was much younger," Allen said.

Moss lived within walking distance of Chicken Farm and often spent time there working on her creations. Allen said Moss had wanted to learn to throw pots, but he conspired with her to paint plates he had thrown.

"She did that for a while and I noticed they were selling like hotcakes," Allen said. "That's really what gave me the idea of painting plates myself."

For her paintings, Moss drew on her rural, agricultural background and her African-American roots, as well as offering her unique view of "high society," Taylor said.

Taylor's favorite piece in the SAMFA collection pieces primarily left to the museum in Moss's will is "Bloomingdails," one of the paintings currently on dis-

play at the Children's Art Museum. Other pieces in the exhibit have been borrowed from private collections.

"The painting is full of people in abstract patterns, going up and down on escalators," Taylor said. "It's quite funny and full of energy."

In many ways, Moss's approach to her artwork, her ability to create, were "what every artist dreams of," Taylor said, describing Moss as a fountain of creativity who apparently didn't suffer creative blocks.

"There was no dark side to Emma Lee," he said. "She is a true treasure of our community."

While SAMFA owns about 15 Moss paintings, most of the works by the prolific folk artist are in private collections. Ultimately, Taylor said, the museum would like to acquire more.

In the meantime, Taylor hopes the works on display in the Children's Art Museum "will inspire parents and children to take a freer approach to their own self-expression."

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Bruce Lee to fight again on screen

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bruce Lee will fight again.

A Korean studio announced plans Thursday to use computerized special-effects to resurrect the kung-fu star's image for a new movie, more than 28 years after his death.

"I realized the technology had advanced so far I could recreate one person perfectly — including the voice," said Chul Shin, president of ShinCine Communications. "And I wanted it to be Bruce Lee because I have been a fan since high school."

Shin expects to spend \$50 million on the movie, tentatively titled "Dragon Warrior," and hopes to have it completed in three years.

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Upton County judge named to WTC board

HERALD Staff Report

Upton County Judge Vikki Bradley has been named to the nine-member board of trustees for West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

The longtime judge replaces Terrell County Judge Dudley Harrison of Sanderson, who retired after five years of service.

As a member of the board, Bradley will oversee West Texas Centers policies and governance systems. West Texas Centers

employs more than 400 workers who provide mental health and mental retardation services in 23 rural West Texas counties.

"We are excited about the contributions Judge Bradley will make in the years to come," said West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith.

Bradley ran for Upton County judge 10 years ago because she "wanted an opportunity to give something back to Upton County," she said.

She has lived in McCamey — Upton County's largest town — since 1965.

"I wanted to serve on the board to ensure future rural coverage for our consumers," Bradley said.

Other board members are Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart, chairman; Garza County Judge Giles Dalby, vice-chairman; Michael B. Murchison, secretary/treasurer; Borden County Judge Van L. York; Loving County Judge Donald Creager; Terry County Judge Douglas Ryburn; Winkler County Judge Bonnie Leck; and Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer.

The board meets monthly in the administrative offices.

IN THE NEWS

1,000 jobs eliminated

NEW YORK (AP) — Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. is eliminating 1,000 jobs, or about 2 percent of its work force, as part of a move to refocus itself as a pure pharmaceutical company.

More layoffs are possible as the reorganization continues through mid-2002, spokesman Charles Borgognoni said.

The cuts would affect all divisions of the company, although the nine sites in New Jersey would suffer most, los-

ing a total of 350 jobs.

Borgognoni wouldn't disclose the savings achieved from the layoffs and didn't know if the cuts would result in a charge against fourth-quarter earnings. The New York City-based company will have about 45,000 employees worldwide.

Earnings not on target

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A continued slump in the adver-

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Solitaire Manufactured Homes employees Carol Cockrell, left, Jamaeca Huff and Christa Chapa flip burgers for the company's employees at an appreciation lunch after a ribbon cutting for the company's 500th house. Solitaire, has been producing homes in Big Spring since February, 1999.

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Fall ideal for planting trees, shrubs

Finally, fall is here. The weather is becoming slightly cooler and gardeners are slowly migrating back outdoors. Now is a perfect time to add a new tree or a grouping of shrubs to the landscape.

Or perhaps you have an area in the landscape that needs "remodeling" or rejuvenating. The fall may be the best season to plant, surpassing even the spring.

Many people prefer January through March for planting, but the fall months of September through December have distinct advantages. Fall planting follows the heat of summer and precedes a cool winter season. Trees and shrubs planted use this to good advantage. Plant roots grow any time the soil temperature is 40 degrees or higher, which may occur for most of the winter. During the winter months, the root systems of the fall-planted specimens develop and become established. When spring arrives, this expanded root system can support and take advantage of the full surge of spring growth.

Fall planting is the optimum time to plant balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. Balled and burlapped plants have ample time to recover from transplanting and proliferate roots before spring growth begins. Remember however, all bare root plants, including roses and pecan and fruit trees should be planted in late winter when they are completely dormant.

When buying plants for your landscape, be sure to get healthy, well-grown plants. Always buy from a reputable dealer. Those in the year-round business of selling plants depend on repeat customers and only by selling customers quality plants can there be assurance of future business. Beware of plant bargains.

All plants have growing See PLANTING, Page 5B



DAVID KIGHT



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Halfman's Creations to celebrate the business moving to its new location in the Big Spring Mall. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Ambassadors hosted the event. Melissa Halfman, owner, prepares to cut the ribbon while husband Tommy looks on.

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Western Container honors truck drivers for safety

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Western Container held the 2001 Safety Awards banquet to honor their drivers for their continued dedication to safe driving.

"We wanted to thank them and their families for supporting them on the road," said Tom Adornetto, Western Container transportation manager. "These guys are gone five to six days a week."

Truck drivers and their spouses gathered at the Dora Roberts Community Center on Nov. 3 to enjoy an evening of shrimp, steak and, of course, to receive safety bonus checks.

Corporate heads of Western Container at the event included Bob Tremblay, president, Bob Ayres, vice president of supply and logistics; Joe Chaney, director of human resources; Dewayne Horton, inventory analyst; and Gary Phillips, senior customer service specialist.

At the event, Adornetto announced the last lost-time accident for the company was Feb. 10, 1999, and total

driving hours since the last lost-time accident was 552,380.

The company now has 20 drivers who have driven at least one million miles without an accident, and two who have gone two million miles. Total miles driven this year totals 8,008,209.

Top recipients of the night included John Elderidge with the two million miles award, Ray Livingston with a 15 years of service award, Les Jeffcoat, Frank Joy, Mel Raper, Randy Roberts and Kenneth Wells, all honored with one million miles award.

Adornetto said it takes several years of safe driving without an accident to obtain a million miles or more.

Drivers haul Western Container products all over the western United States with many team truck drivers spending five to six days out of the week on the road.

"You have to be an independent person to be a truck driver's wife," said Sharon Kelly, the wife of



Western Container truck drivers honored at the 2001 Safety Awards are front left, Frank Joy, John Elderidge, Ray Livingston, back left, Kenneth Wells, Randy Roberts and Les Jeffcoat.

Western Container truck driver, Tony. "It is always boiler breaks." Tony left the next day to haul cargo from Big Spring to California and was not See DRIVERS, Page 5B

Aftershocks

Industrial activity still dropping in wake of Sept. 11 terror attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aftershocks from the terror attacks helped to depress industrial activity in October for the 13th straight month, the longest stretch of declines since the Great Depression. All the economic weakness, however, had a silver lining: Consumer prices fell.

The latest batch of economic reports released Friday painted a picture of a sinking economy that many analysts believe has slid into a recession. Against this backdrop, companies have cut prices to bolster sales and energy prices have fallen in response to weak worldwide demand, thus keeping a lid on inflation.

The Consumer Price Index, a key gauge of inflation, declined by 0.3 percent in October, following a 0.4 percent rise in September, the Labor Department said. The drop in prices is good news for consumers and highlighted one of the few benefits a weakening economy can provide.

"There will be many more bargains in the months ahead, especially with the holidays approaching," predicted Bill Cheney, chief economist for John Hancock Financial Services.

While heavy discounting and zero-percent financing for cars sent retail sales up by a record 7.1 percent in October, that didn't translate into ramped up production during the month. But it probably helped businesses whittle excess inventories of unsold goods, economists said.

Industrial production plummeted in October for the 13th straight month, falling by 1.1 percent, on top of a big 1 percent decline in September, the Federal

Reserve said. The 13-month stretch of declining activity marked the longest period of falling industrial output since a 15-month stretch that ended in July 1932.

Although manufacturing is clearly ailing, it's not nearly as sick as it was during the Depression, economists said. While industrial output fell by a cumulative 6.5 percent over the 13 months, it sank by 53 percent from July 1929 through July 1932.

Still, the nation's manufacturing sector has been hardest hit by the more than yearlong economic slump and the Sept. 11 terror attacks dealt the industry another severe blow. To cope with the fallout, companies have sharply cut back production, trimmed hours, let go of workers and heavily discounted merchandise.

"The manufacturing recession has entered its 13th month," lamented David Huether, chief economist at the National Association of Manufacturers.

The 1.1 percent drop in industrial activity was the biggest drop since a 1.3 percent drop in November 1990. The weakness was broad-based, with production declining for autos, appliances, high-tech equipment, including computers and semiconductors, clothing, metal products and business equipment.

Operating capacity sank to 74.8 percent in October, the lowest level since June 1983, as companies throttled back production.

The economy shrank at a 0.4 percent rate in the third quarter and many analysts are predicting a bigger decline in the current quarter.

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Grantor: Karen M. Childers, Garry W. Bolding and Talmadge E. Bolding Jr.
Grantee: Wayne Stroup
Property: Lot 20, Blk. 20, Monticello Addition
Date filed: Nov. 6, 2001
Grantor: Ray A. Cornell
Grantee: Debbie J. Cornell
Property: Interest in Lot 17, Blk. 6, Stanford Park Addition
Date filed: Nov. 7, 2001
Grantor: Debbie J. Cornell
Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
Property: Lot 17, Blk. 6, Stanford Park Addition
Date filed: Nov. 7, 2001
Grantor: Charles G. Collins
Grantee: Robert Lynn Beck
Property: Lots 24 and 25, Blk. 15, Washington Place Addition
Date filed: Nov. 7, 2001

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Grantee: Caribart Mobility Services Corporation
Property: Lot 9, Blk. 2, Colonial Hills Addition
Date filed: Nov. 7, 2001
Grantor: Jerry Thomas Thornton and Phyllis Renee Davis
Grantee: Stanley Kent Thornton
Property: Lot 18, Blk. 3, Mittel Acres
Date filed: Nov. 7, 2001
Grantor: Gloria Graves, executrix of the estate of Verba V. Graves, deceased
Grantee: Aloma Koerber
Property: 1.5 acres in SW/4 of Sec. 33, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Nov. 8, 2001
Grantor: Gloria Graves, executrix of the estate of Verba V. Graves, deceased
Grantee: Aloma Koerber
Property: 1.0 acres in SW/4 of Sec. 33, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Nov. 8, 2001
Grantor: Mary E. Napper
Grantee: Donald Stabeno and George West
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 7, M.N. Parker Addition
Date filed: Nov. 9, 2001
Grantor: Shane Hare, Janice Odum, Ginger Odum, Jonathan Odum and Ivan Odum
Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
Property: Lot 24, Blk. 7, Stanford Park Addition
Date filed: Nov. 9, 2001
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Grantor: Robert Graham Construction Co. Inc.
Grantee: James W. Warren
Property: 5.779 acres in N/2 of Sec. 21, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Nov. 5, 2001
Grantor: Gibson and Eveleta L. Feagins
Grantee: Joe W. Henderson Sr. and Su Ann Henderson
Property: Tract 1: 6.882 acres in the SE part of Sec. 20, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey. Tract 2: 5.039 acres in the SE part of Sec. 20, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey. Tract 3: 6.504 acres in SE part of Sec. 20, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.
Date filed: Nov. 7, 2001
Grantor: Pat M. Howell
Grantee: Ninfa Garcia
Property: Lot 13, Blk. 1, Stardust Addition
Date filed: Nov. 8, 2001
Grantor: Joseph H. Sharpnack and Patsy L. Sharpnack
Grantee: Terry Camden and Marie Camden
Property: Lot 8, Blk. 26, College Park Estates
Date filed: Nov. 9, 2001

DRIVERS

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back until the next weekend, his usual schedule.

"The are a few bad apples out there that give truck drivers a bad name but mostly, they are honest family men working for a living," Kelly said.

Western Container drivers reaching 1 million miles prior to 2001 are Kenneth Birmelin, Gregory Hogg, James Holdambe, Ray Livingston, Jeral Loper, Virgil McGee, Tony Flores and David Wathuber.

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PLANTING

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requirements. Think about the plant's needs before you invest. Is it adapted to your area's soil? Will it grow in sun or shade?

Plan before you plant. Always choose plants of hardiness. Whether you are planting a single plant or an

entire landscape, plan first. Every plant in the landscape should serve a purpose. Ask yourself if you want a plant for screening, for privacy or for shade. How large will it be five years from now?

If you have questions, please call the Howard County Extension office at 915 264-2236.

Like a good parent, government can nurture businesses

NEW YORK (AP) — In dealing with constituents, governments concerned with promoting economic progress can benefit from a lesson familiar to any parent: Strike a balance between security and self-sufficiency.

Too much security can thwart initiative, leaving a nation's potential economic development unfulfilled. Too little can deny benefits to those who really need assistance to fulfill their role in society.

The reminder comes in a worldwide study of new-business initiatives for the Kaufman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, a Kansas City, Missouri nonprofit organization. It is only one of the findings, but a significant one since entrepreneurship is equated with economic growth and renewal.

"If a country is to fully realize its potential for entrepreneurial activity," the report states, "government should avoid creating a welfare state where everyone is provided for regardless of personal initiative."

The study, conducted last year among the adult population of 29 countries by Babson College, London Business School and IBM, shows countries with a finely woven social safety net

ranked near or at the bottom in small-business formation.

Heading the most-entrepreneurial list were Mexico, New Zealand and Australia, followed by Brazil, Ireland and Hungary. At the bottom were Belgium, Japan, Singapore, Israel and The Netherlands.

The study showed most European Union nations, along with the United Kingdom, were among the least entrepreneurial. And, while ranked in the top 10, Brazil and the United States showed sharp declines from 1999.

The so-called GEM study, for Global Entrepreneurship Monitor, distilled what it called propositions that seemed to apply to all countries regardless of their level of economic development.

The study "clearly identified government regulatory burdens as a major deterrent to higher levels of entrepreneurial activity," especially in regard to time consumed and costs involved.

It also found "a strong negative association" between the level and duration of jobless benefits and the occurrence of new-business creation that results from necessity, as opposed to opportunity seeking.

NEWS

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tising market will cause newspaper publisher Knight Ridder to miss its earnings target for the year, the company warned Friday.

October revenue dropped 12 percent from the same time last year, prompting CEO Tony Ridder to lower Knight Ridder's earning forecast of last month by about 10 cents per share.

A month ago Ridder said he was comfortable with

analyst projections estimating the company would end the year with earnings of \$2.91 per share, excluding one-time charges for job cuts and other measures.

Industry analysts already had lowered their expectations to \$2.88 per share before Friday's warning, according to the consensus estimate calculated by Thomson Financial/First Call.

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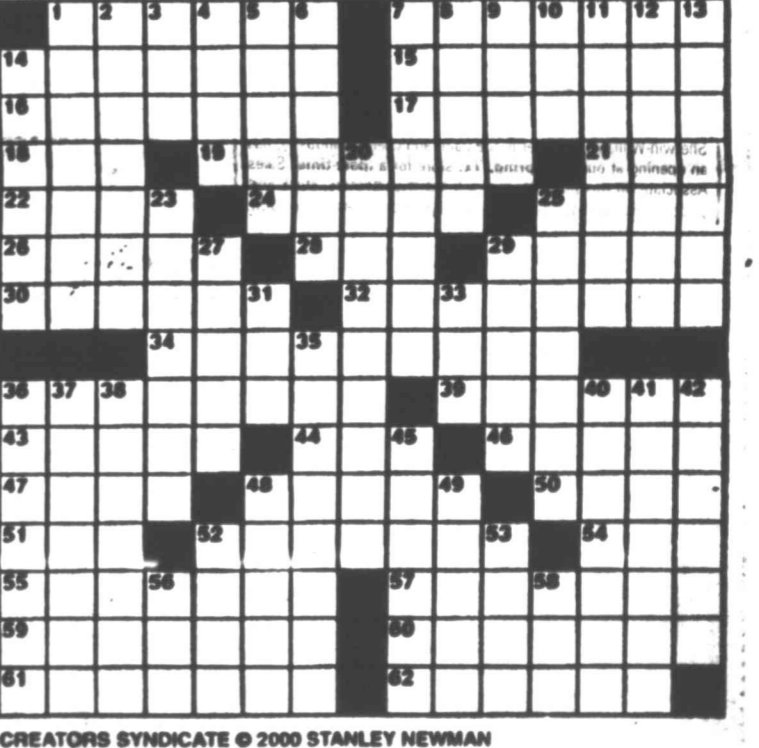
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- ACROSS**
1 Pioneering
parliamentarian
7 Car 54
character
14 Lazarus
subject
15 Soft
16 Tooth mineral
17 Not very fast
18 French
pronoun
19 They're
learned
21 Establish
22 Base formula
24 Promise from
Personnel
25 Peck fraction
26 Brown shades
28 Lengthen
29 Coherence
30 Do a new
draft of
32 Taken care of
34 They're often
out standing
in their field
36 Washes
away
39 Straight man
43 The American
Century
author
44 Sum
46 Star of the
Rear Window
remake
47 Boston area,
with "The"
48 Tyler and
Sullivan
50 Gracile
51 Farm animal
52 Gnomes
54 Onetime
big name
in Kampala

- 55 Stumped
57 Sigourney
Weaver's
uncle
59 Day in
Hollywood
60 Julius Caesar
conquest
of 52 BC
61 First-aid
expert
62 Gravity
- DOWN**
1 Succeed
2 Qualifying
phrase
3 Save
4 Protection
5 Draw from
again
6 Tube
7 Some backs
8 Schisms

- 9 Certain
qualifiers
10 Actress Long
11 Filling with
perfume
12 Very great
13 Left in
14 First
two-Oscar
actress
20 Glen Campbell
and Dick
Powell
23 Pendulum-
clock pioneer
25 Pascal
anthology
27 Pointed
projections
29 "When I Need
You" singer
31 Diagnostic
chart
33 Whistle blower
- 35 Cupid,
for example
36 One way to
win
37 Neither under
nor over
38 Trumpet blast
40 Judges
woman
41 Manifest
42 Hardly diligent
45 "Danny Boy"
locale
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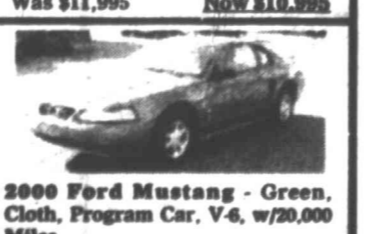


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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)**** You know the importance of family and friends. Why not start planning a get-together? Better yet, invite key loved ones over tonight. Order in pizza, or let everyone bring a favorite dish. Catch up on news. Key into a co-worker. Make a call. Tonight: Plan tomorrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** Meet a friend halfway and explore a favorite fall setting. Hop in the car with loved ones and head for someplace well-known for hot apple cider or pumpkin pie. Rejoice in the season and in what is good around you. Tonight: Escape into the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** Act on your caring rather than doing the typical Gemini thing of blurt-ing out words. Your nurturing means far more. Someone expresses caring in a similar way. Share a quiet meal or an afternoon with a loved one. Tonight: Be a romantic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Another's overture touches you. As a result how you see a situation could change substantially. Make a point of getting to know this person better. If attached, do something you both used to love to do together. Tonight: Just enjoy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** Your ability to help others and make them feel good about themselves marks your actions. You're in the mood to be more nurturing. Dote on a friend or loved one. (It's time to reciprocate.) Do something special that only you can do. Tonight: Offer a massage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** You're the whipped cream on top of the sundae.

Your presence delights many. Share your feelings more, and toss away a need to defend yourself or intellectualize away. Isn't it nice? Tonight: Be a romantic again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** Air out an idea that could be expensive but could add to the quality of your life. Spend some money, if you want, on a family member or yourself. Why work so hard if you don't enjoy yourself? An older friend accepts a special invitation. Tonight: Close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Whatever you say appears to be the right thing. Even if you decide to say nothing, others thrill in your presence. When you're packing this type of charisma and energy, the world is your oyster. Catch up on a neighbor's news, even if you usually don't bother with this person. Tonight: Speak your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Yellow alert! Use caution with someone who comes moseying down your trail. This person can steal your heart and run away with it. You also might not be reading others clearly, instead, you see them as you would like to see them. Treat yourself as fragile. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** Friends surround you as you smile. With your popularity soaring, you feel great. Check in with a partner who could be slightly jealous or put off. Remember who counts in your life. Laugh and relax. Tonight: Dote on that special partner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Sleep late (or at least pretend to). Take some time away from all the action. Your day off needs to be for you. Nevertheless, you do need to dote on an elder family member or friend. Make plans for a leisurely, early dinner. Tonight: Visit with another.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** News from a distance could easily have you smiling like the Cheshire cat. Your sensitivity draws many friends toward you. Get on the phone and start planning a trip to visit with a loved one at a distance. Get together with the gang. Have fun together. Tonight: So what if it is Sunday?

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