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The Thanksgiving Day

paper for the Herald will be a morning edition Thursday. Readers can

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"Reflecting a Proud Community"

Mediation in BSISD's lawsuit postponed temporarily WEDNESDAY November 21, 2001 By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer



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BANCROFT next week but was postponed because the mediator had a conflict," said local attorney Ben

Bancroft, co-counsel for the future damages to the junior Spring Independent Big

School District. According to Bancroft, the talks conflicted with a **Texas Supreme Court date** when the mediator is expected to argue a case.

The talks have not been rescheduled at this point, Bancroft said, but BSISD attorneys still want to have the meetings in Big Spring. The district filed suit

against Terracon Consultants last year in 118th District Court, asking for payment for all past and

high building as well as interest, attorneys' fees and court costs.

Terracon was the company hired by the district to determine if the soil at the site was suitable for construction of the junior high building.

Three weeks after the junior high opened in August 1999, cracks started appearing in the cement walls of classrooms and lockers. It was later determined that a canyon once existed on the site.

In a September Herald article, BSISD Attorney Matt Burns of the Austin firm Walsh, Anderson said the district has spent around \$1 million in trying to correct the problem.

The district has called in Haywood Baker twice to perform compact grouting to stabilize the structure, pumping concrete under the building.

Bancroft said he did not know if last week's rains had any impact on the junior high foundation because he had not been in

contact with district administrators since last Thursday's board meeting.

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

BSISD trustees held a special meeting last Thursday for consultation with the district's attorneys on the pending Big Spring Junior **High litigation**.

Besides Terracon Construction, Terracon engineer Eric Cleveland, Huckabee and Associates, engineer Charles Terry Schuchmal and Monterary Construction General Contraction have been included in the lawsuit.

Gov. Perry set to visit **Big** Spring

By ROGER CLINE

The governor of Texas is coming to Big Spring Monday.

Governor **Rick Perry** will be at the **Dora Roberts** Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive in Comanche Trail Park. from 4 to 5 PERRY said p.m., Debbie

ValVerde, director of the **Big Spring** Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It's just like a community reception for him," she said. "He's just going to come and get to know Big

Spring and its people.'

Stores gear up holiday rush **Businesses** offering up megasales on Friday By LYNDEL MOODY

Last week's rain may be nurturing more than soil in Howard County.

"This last week and a half, business has really picked up," said Greg Brooks, manager of Blum's Jewelry in the Big Spring Mall. "It looks like the rain really helped everything. Attitudes are up. Everything seems to be up.'

Brooks, who said he had been worried about the slowing economy, was surprised when he reviewed October sales and found the figures up from last year.

"Right now we are doing well," said Daryl Holley. manager of Wal-Mart. "We had a good month last month and this month is looking good so far." If rain is nurturing consumerism, area business are hoping for a downpour on Friday as stores gear up for the busiest shopping day of the year. Blum's Jewelry, like many businesses. will extend store hours for the Christmas season beginning Friday. And many stores will be offering specials to lure the consumer out early to officially kick off holiday shopping. "We have an 8 a.m. door buster." said Judy Castro. manger of Dunlap's. "The first 50 customers will receive a free bag with a \$10 gift certificate, a box of free candy plus a coupon for free mailing by UPS."

Staff Writer



MERALD photo/Lyndol Moody Christmas shopping rush. Area business are gearing up for the holiday shopping season.

Most will have special sales Friday and through the weekend. Wal-Mart stores will gift at the right price. and diamond earrings are



Saturday and resume hours normal on Monday.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan schools are closed, as well as Howard College, and will remain closed until Monday.

Administration offices for the VA Medical Center will be closed on Thanksgiving day but will reopen Friday for regular business.

Mail will not be delivered Thursday, nor will mail be placed in post office boxes, although the lobby will be open. The post office will reopen Friday.

WHAT'S UP... TODAY

Given Straternal Order of **Eagles Aerie meets at 7** p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp 442160, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m. Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

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again hold an early sales special, offering discounts on items throughout the store including numerous electronic items, Holley said. The sale will run from 6 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Bealls, located in the Big Spring Mall, will open at 8 a.m. Friday with 12 items on sale all throughout that day, said Jay Howell, manager of Bealls.

Howell is expecting a good Christmas shopping season.

"We have lots of merchandise and lots of choices." Howell said. "I would estimate we have 25 percent more in inventory than we had a year ago."

Both Howell and Castro said they have hired extra personnel to help with the hordes of Christmas shoppers searching for the right

A shopping trip may just be what the family needs.

"Especially with everything that has happened this year, people want to get together with their family and do things," said Melissa Halfmann, owner of Halfmann's Creations, which is also in the mall.

"One of our family experiences is shopping," she ioked.

What to get for a **Christmas gift?**

Holley said electronics look to be a hot selling gift and Frog Pad, an electronic game set, is very popular right now.

We have lots of Christmas specials that have come in and already marked down," Castro said. Dunlap's will have a special on Dock Martins, Castro said. Gold chains

expected to top the jewelry gift list this year, Brooks said. Halfmann said Circle E

candles and special theme Christmas ornaments are the top sellers in her store. With area schools out for the holiday, the movie theater business looks to pick up especially for those parents looking to stash children for a few hours while shopping for that absolute 'have to have" present.

Movie watchers set to see "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" will want to get their tickets quickly as the movie shattered box office records with its \$90.3 million opening weekend take.

The movie is expected to continue to draw large crowds though the holiday weekend.

Residents of Howard County and beyond are welcome to attend the reception, she said.

"Everyone is invited," ValVerde said.

The governor's visit is part of a trip in which he is visiting several communities around the state to fill them in on current events and plans for the future, ValVerde said.

The trip to Big Spring is Perry's first since he moved into the Governor's Mansion from the position of lieutenant governor when former governor George W. Bush was elected president in 2000.

Perry was Commissioner of Agriculture for the state from 1990 to 1998, before which he was a member of the Texas House of

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Murder trial put on hold yet again

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

The trial of alleged murderer Carl Stanley Friday has been postponed once

again. Friday's trial for the **May 4 slaying** of Bob Joe Coonce, 64, of Midland was scheduled to begin Monday, but has been

rescheduled for Jan. 7, according to 2002. an for the Howard

County District Attorney's office "Both parties requested more time to prepare," said

esman. the spoke The trial was postponed fore; it was originally scheduled for Oct. 15, but rescheduled lay to allow defense a continuance to prepare a response to a motion.

Jury selection in the 118th **District Court scheduled for** Monday will take place as scheduled. said the spokesman.

We may have another trial," he said, adding that those summoned for jury duty Monday still need to show up at the courthouse at the indicated time.

Friday is charged with beating Coonce to death and burning his body beyond ecognition in his own car. Friday, who has a record of prior arrests on charges of arson, burglary and thorized use of a motor ehicle, was arrested for the killing on May 29.

Sheriff's office investiga tors interviewed several people in connection with slaying, including **Coonce's family members** and his associates in Big Spring.

Information from the interviews, as well as tele





OBITUARIES

Velma Finley

Funeral service for Velma Finley, 77, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Finley died today, Nov. 21, 2001, in a Midland nursing home.

Marguerite Thompson

Funeral service for Marguerite Thompson, 81, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Thompson died today, Nov. 21, 2001, at a Stephenville nursing home.

Jerry Mason

Funeral service for Jerry Mason, 46, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Mason died today, Nov. 21, 2001, at his residence.

M.A. (Al) Long, 81, of Big

Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Long died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, in a local hospital.

Lorhea Patton

Funeral service for Lorhea Patton, 87, of Clearwater, Kan. is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Patton died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, in a Clearwater, Kan. nursing home.

Irene Reed

Irene Reed, 80, of Big Spring, died on Monday. Nov. 19, 2001, at her resi-

dence Funeral service will be 1 p.m. today, Nov. 21, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph

Anderson minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow

Houston; one nephew, Don Reed of Chico; one granddaughter, Diedra Reed of Okla.; and one great-granddaughter, Stormie Reed of **Big Spring**. Arrangements are under

the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com Paid obituary

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Representatives from 1984 to 1990

He graduated from Texas A&M in 1972 and was a pilot with the U.S. Air Force from 1972 to 1977. He is a native of Haskell and received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University.

In Texas ranch country, anthrax gains new respect

MONTELL (AP) — Robin Luce paid nearly \$5,000 to get six big whitetail bucks for her ranch in southwestern Texas, only to lose them to anthrax before they could boost the quality of the deer already roaming her land.

"We won't be hunting this year," Luce said, pointing out the bones of some of the 65 deer killed by the disease this summer on her 1,700 rugged acres.

Anthrax is found naturally in the dusty soil of this part of Texas and it has killed animals, wild and domestic, for decades. The outbreak that recently killed four people on the East Coast has given ranchers here a new perspective on something they live with every day.

The disease has hit the region hard this year: Two ranch workers in the Del Rio area survived cases of skin anthrax contracted by handling infected animals. They were the first human cases in Texas since 1988. The June outbreak killed

carcasses of dozens of anthrax-infected deer on his 2,800-acre spread. "It was probably my fault, but since we hadn't had a case on this ranch in 50 years, l didn't see it as a necessity. After the local outbreak petered out, Stoner heard about how anthrax was being sent through the mail as a biological weapon.

"We never thought of it as anything but an animal disease," he said. "This has increased my respect for it ... but ranchers and farmers out here aren't worried like people back East.'

Luce, whose ranch is a few miles north of Stoner's, said a lack of familiarity with anthrax breeds fear among urban dwellers, much as a rural Texan might be afraid to ride on a big-city subway.

"If I were in New York and not in the know. I'd be very cautious (about anthrax)," she said. Even so, she now looks at

her incoming mail as a potential hazard. "When I get a letter with-

out a good return address, I just pitch it into the trash," she said. The local newspaper in

Uvalde, 90 miles west of San Antonio, recently saw the need to run a story that cautioned readers to not get too jittery about anthrax. A Uvalde hospital administrator, Ben Durr, said patients have also come by the emergency room to have doctors check conditions they fear might be anthrax. Cecil Arnim Jr., a longveterinarian in time Uvalde, said his clients are more concerned about other livestock ailments - blackleg, pseudorabies, leptospirosis - than anthrax.

"If you're just out here in a pasture, there may be some spores airborne, but probably not the number you need to get it," he said. Stoner realized anthrax was on his ranch when a horse that seemed fine one night was suffocating and running a high fever the next morning.

By the time he drove the 25 miles to Uvalde to get vaccine, three of his 35 horses were dead and several others were showing signs of the disease. On Arnim's advice, he injected

A BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS LOTTERY

The Postal Service offers a range of international service options, including **Global Express Guaranteed**, which offers guaranteed delivery by a certain date. The service, only available for senders from certain area codes and delivery locations, provides shipment insurance up to \$500

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at no additional cost. **Postal Service officials** say it is especially important to follow the rules when mailing overseas because a small error can mean a delay of weeks. Among their tips:

-When sending a package, place a card inside the box with the address of the recipient and a list of contents. If the outer wrapping is torn or removed, this will help make sure the package stays on track.

-Check with your local post office about weight limits, size limits and content restrictions.

-Put foreign postal codes in front of the city or town name and on the same line.

-Write the name of the foreign country in capital letters on the last line of the address.

A special note: Letters to the North Pole are considered domestic and require only a First Class postage stamp.

BRIEFS

ELEVEN YEAR OLD ETHAN Strickland has had surgery for a devasting neurological condition with more to come. He is home now and is receiving speech and physical thera-

His family continues to need help defraying the costs their insurance doesn't cover as well as future travel expenses that will occur.

An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank to defray these costs and his family has asked for help Ріск 3: 8,1,5 CASH 16,37,26,12,33

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Call the office at 263-9777, or go by 501 Birdwell Lane. Suite 28-B, for more information.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSE-UM, located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark,

will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m. The museum will be

closed on all city holidays.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 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**.

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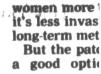
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17, 1921, in Scurry County and married A.E. "Skeeter' Reed on Nov. 4, 1937, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on May 13, 1979. Mrs. Reed came to Big Spring in 1929. She was a sitter and sat with a number of children through the years and ministered to a number of sick children. She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include one brother, J.C. Whitefield of



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more than 1,600 animals. most of the them deer, and was the state's worst in two decades.

Luce was hoping to improve her deer stock to attract hunters, who pay cash-hungry ranchers to pursue trophy animals. Now that hunting season has arrived, ranchers are taking a hit.

Zayne Jernigan runs a 3,000-acre ranch that lost about 90 percent of its deer. All that's left, she said, are 20 does and four nothingspecial bucks - not alluring enough to persuade a hunter to pay up to \$500 a day to track them down.

"It had just gotten to the point where it would be a good hunting ranch," said Jernigan, who is Luce's sister. "Now it will probably be seven or eight years before we have the deer population built up again."

Chilton Stoner, 78, has lived close to anthrax all his life. But there hadn't been an outbreak for decades in the area, so he and most of his neighbors stopped vaccinating their animals.

The disease this year killed three of his prized quarter horses and a bull. With each horse valued at up to \$5,000, it was an expensive lesson.

"From now on, we're going to vaccinate every animal every year," said Stoner, who also found the

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them with large doses of penicillin twice a day for 10 days and they survived.

The dead livestock and deer were burned in an effort to keep the bacteria from soaking back into the soil as the animals decayed. Stoner's only protective gear was a pair of rubber gloves.

"If I had it to do again, I might have given myself antibiotics at the same time," he said.

Luce had not vaccinated her cattle, goats or horses against anthrax, but changed her mind after hearing about Stoner's losses. She didn't lose any livestock.

Postal Service offers tips on sending mail overseas

WASHINGTON (AP) -Getting mail to people overseas can be tricky during the holiday season, so the **Postal Service is reminding** gift-givers to send early.

Packages heading to Mexico, Europe, the Middle East, Australia, New Zealand and Asia should be sent no later than Dec. 10 if the sender wants delivery before Christmas Day.

Packages to Central and South America should be sent no later than Dec. 3.

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and prayers for their son. To make a donation call Wells Fargo at 267-5513.

WANTED-ALL GIRLS AND adults interested in Girl Scouts to join other girls and have some fun. Girls ages are kindergarten

through 12th grade. **Call Laurie Petersen at** 267-9773 or Karla Cervantez at 264-7651 for more information.

ELEMEN-MARCY TARY'S PARENT **INVOLVEMENT** will be an Enchilada Extravaganza on Nov. 29. All students and one parent per family will be provided with meal tickets and you may eat from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Additional plates may be purchased at the door at the cost of \$3 each.

After eating, parents may go to classrooms for Make and Take Activities from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Entertainment will be

provided for students in the Marcy library.

THE WIC PROGRAM THROUGH the Texas **Department of Health has** variable hours to accommodate those who work or go to school during the day. The Women, Infants and Children progam offers food, nutrition and child health services.

WIC is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.

Out

E CPC Pace is The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

 ROLAND VASQUEZ, 19. of 1207 Marijo was arrested on a charge of displaying a fictitious inspection sticker

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

· ABRAM AGUILAR, 39. of 506 State St. was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license

• CRIMINAL TRES-**PASSING** was reported at 3700 Parkway. The front door at the location was forced, causing \$100 dam-

 MISAPPROPRIATION **OF FIDUCIARY OR** FINANCIAL INSTITU-**TION PROPERTY** was reported in the 1800 block of South Gregg. About \$3,294 was reported stolen in the incident. · CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter to senator had billions of spores; suspected case emerges in Connecticut

letter to Sen. Patrick Leahy was laced with billions of anthrax spores, authorities said, and a mysterious new case of the disease was confirmed in Connecticut.

The most deadly form of the disease appeared in a 94year-old woman in a rural area southwest of Hartford.

Connecticut Gov. John Rowland said early Wednesday the Centers for Disease Control and **Prevention has confirmed** the Connecticut case after five sophisticated tests at the hospital and state health laboratory had indicated anthrax.

"It's difficult to explain how the person contracted anthrax," Rowland said Tuesday. "There is no evi-Rowland said dence (she) contracted the disease as a result of a criminal act."

The governor said the woman lives in Oxford, a people. Kathy Johnson, the first selectman of Oxford, identified her as Ottillie Lundgren, 94

"We're continuing to put the pieces of the puzzle together," Rowland told CBS' "The Early Show." He said the woman had no apparent connection to Washington lawmakers or the national media, whose members have been the primary anthrax targets so far. Rowland said 1,500 **Connecticut postal workers** are being treated with antibiotics.

In Washington, an FBI microbiologist, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said there were easily billions of anthrax spores in the letter to Leahy. addressed Scientists have said they believe 8,000 to 10,000 spores are enough to infect a person with inhalation

WASHINGTON (AP) - A rural community of 9,800 anthrax, the most serious form.

investigator who An found the Leahy letter in a trash bag of unopened congressional mail last Friday night could feel powder inside the envelope and 23,000 anthrax spores were detected in a two-minute scientific test of the plastic garbage bag being used to hold the Leahy letter, the FBI microbiologist said.

That letter was postmarked Oct. 9, the same date as a similar anthraxtainted letter sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, which contained a little less than two teaspoons of anthrax.

The Leahy letter still has not been opened as investigators, who already are convinced it contains anthrax. consider the best way to examine its contents without compromising possible evidence on the outside of

the letter.

FBI officials believe the letters were sent by the same person, and U.S. Postal Inspectors say they believe that Leahy's simply was quarantined at an offsite facility near Capitol Hill when Congress suspended mail delivery. Trace amounts of the bac-

teria were detected in the mail rooms of Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Christopher, Dodd, D-Conn., but officials said they were so minute they did not pose a health risk.

Nonetheless, the senators' offices were closed early for Thanksgiving. Officials were to begin sanitizing them.

Police said they suspected the Kennedy and Dodd mail offices were cross-contaminated by anthrax spores from the letters to Daschle and Leahy and that there was no reason for alarm.

TEXAS BRIEFS

First woman Silver Star winner dies

DALLAS (AP) - Mary Roberts Wilson, the first woman to be awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry follow-ing her heroics as a nurse during World War II, died after a heart attack, her brother said Tuesday.

Wilson, about whom Tom Brokaw wrote an entire chapter in his best-selling book "The Greatest Generation," died Monday. She was 87.

The Silver Star is the third-highest recognition given for valor in battle. Wilson received the medal Feb. 18, 1944, for her supervision of more than 50 nurses in a U.S. Army evacuation hospital in Anzio, Italy, while bombs and artillery shells exploded overhead.

Wilson, who is credited with tending more than 73,000 soldiers during 29 months overseas, earned the nickname "Angel of Anzio" for her courage during the attacks on the hospital.

Two injured in train derailment

SOMERVILLE (AP) - Thirty to 40 rail cars were knocked off the track Tuesday night in a derailment involving two Burlington Northern Santa Fe trains, officials said. Each train's engineer suffered minor injuries. No hazardous materials were involved in the derail-

ment in southeast Texas. Department of Public Safety dispatcher Marianne Welsh said.

Charles Kenner, Burleson County emergency management coordinator, said one of the engines was pulling empty freight cars and the other had coal cars. Kenner said one of the trains rammed the other from behind.

A coal train apparently collided with a mixed-freight train parked on a siding track, according KBTX-TV in Bryan.

Nearby homes were evacuated for about two hours as a precaution.

Cleanup crews were at the site Tuesday night, about 80 miles northwest of Houston. Kenner said no roads were blocked and no property was damaged. He said it would probably take eight or nine hours to clear the tracks.

Texas minority students lag behind

AUSTIN (AP) - Though they outscored their national counterparts, Texas minority students continue to lag behind whites on the science portion of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, known as the "nation's report card."

The Texas Education Agency released scores for fourth- and eighth-grade students Tuesday.

Black pupils scored an average of 134 on the exam, 10 points higher than the national average. Hispanic pupils scored an average of 135, eight above the national average and whites scored 162, three points above the national average.

Those numbers translate into 55 percent of black and 51 percent of Hispanic pupils scoring below the basic level of science.

Only 16 percent of white fourth-graders scored below the basic level.

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Forty-nine percent of Hispanic fourth-graders scored at or above basic and 12 percent were at or above proficient.

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FDA approves first contraceptive skin patch

WASHINGTON (AP) -American women may soon buy the world's first birth control in a skin patch.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Ortho-Evra on Tuesday, a patch that prevents pregnancy by emitting the same hormones used in birth-control pills. Studies found it is as safe and effective as the pill — but women must remember to apply a patch just once a week as opposed to taking a pill every day.

The patch was eagerly awaited, the easiest-to-use method yet in the nation's trend toward longer-acting birth control, said one contraception expert.

"You're just going to slap it on your skin," said Dr. Vanessa Cullins, medical vice president of Planned "It gives Parenthood. women more control ... and it's less invasive than other long-term methods."

But the patch may not be a good option for every

woman, the FDA cautioned. Women who weigh more than 198 pounds may not get a high enough contraceptive dose, said FDA medical reviewer Dr. Dena Hixon.

In clinical trials that gave 3,319 women the patch for varying amounts of time, 15 got pregnant - and onethird of them weighed 198 pounds or more. Such women should discuss the patch versus other options with their doctors, Hixon advised.

Manufacturer Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals said the patch would begin selling next year, by prescription only. The price will be similar to birth control pills, which cost about \$40 a month.

Ortho-Evra is the fourth new contraceptive option to win FDA approval in the last year.

The other new products include e monthly injection. a hormone-emitting IUD. and a hormone-emitting

contraceptive ring slipped into the vagina once a month. They join other long-acting methods including Norplant, a contraceptive implant that lasts for years, and a once-everythree-months injection.

With Ortho-Evra, women would use one patch a week for three weeks, and then go patch-free for a week for their menstrual period.

Each patch should be applied to the lower abdomen, buttocks or upper body - pick a slightly different spot each week, the FDA advised. Never put it on the breasts, the agency warned.

The patch is designed to stick to skin despite bathing or swimming. But if one slips off and won't restick, Ortho-McNeil will sell packages of single replacement patches.

If a patch falls off for more than a day, start a new fourweek cycle of patches and use a backup method of con-

traception for the first week, the FDA advised. In studies, about 5 percent of women had at least one patch that slipped off.

The FDA was convinced the patch would prove reliable, citing one study where 90 percent of patch users properly replaced it once a week compared with 80 percent of women who remembered to take a birth control pill every day.

The patch delivers continuous low levels of estrogen and progestin, the same hormones found in birth control pills, to prevent ovulation.

That means the patch carries the same risks as the pill: short-term side effects including nausea or breast tenderness, and rare risks of blood clots, heart attack and stroke, particularly if women smoke while using the contraceptive.

Medicaid loophole targeted

WASHINGTON (AP) The Bush administration said Tuesday it will close a costly Medicaid loophole that some states use to get more than their fair share of federal dollars. The change will save \$9 billion over five years, the administration said.

The Clinton administration placed limits on the complicated Medicaid reimbursement formula in January.

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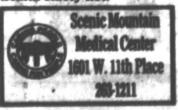
But the limits were not restraining costs, said Thomas Scully, the administrator of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The administration will phase out the inflated payments by 2010, with 14 states to be cut off this winter, Scully said.

Scully listed the 14 states as: Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idahø, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New York, South Carolina, Texas and Washington.

"There's going to be gnashing and screaming. but really the policy is indefensible," Scully said. Using an accounting gim-

mick, states pretend to spend billions of dollars for Medicaid to draw inflated matching money from Washington. In most cases, the extra money ends up in the state coffers, available for just about anything. California officials, who

estimate that the state's estimate that the state's public hospitals could lose \$300 million a year, said. California relies heavily on the payments for its public health safety net.



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In Afghanistan, even the routing of the Taliban may not bring peace and unity to that war-torn country. We hear reminders every day of how difficult it will be to forge unity among the various ethnic groups and tribes that make up the population: Pashtuns, Tajiks, Hazaras, Uzbeks.

Author Dilip Hiro describes the dilemma in terms of an old Afghan proverb: "My brother and I against my cousin; and my cousin, my brother and I against the rest of the world."

And Afghanistan is as much the rule as the exception. From Kashmir to Sri Lanka, from Sierra Leone to Indonesia. from the Balkans to Quebec, religious, tribal, ethnic and language differences set one group against another. At their worst, these conflicts lead to bloodshed and misery. But even when they don't turn violent. they can topple governments and lead to political unrest.

Yet Americans have largely been able to avoid such divisions. No matter where their ancestors came from, no matter how bitter the enmity between their ancestors' and those of their neighbors, no matter what horrors they inflicted on one other, Americans have put aside those memories and grievances. We have simply refused to bring to these shores the need to avenge old feuds.

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We've been able to do so because we no longer identify ourselves chiefly in terms of our blood ties to one another. It is not a common blood that unites us but a self-created identity forged from a belief in liberty and a dedication to the rule of law As Hector St. Jean de **Crevecoeur** wrote of

America in 1782: "Here individuals of all nations are melted into a new race of men. whose labors and posterity will one day cause great changes in the world.'

On this Thanksgiving especially, we should be grateful that our forebears were able to forget the past in order to create a better future. Endowed with that same spirit, we, too, will show the world the way to live in peace.

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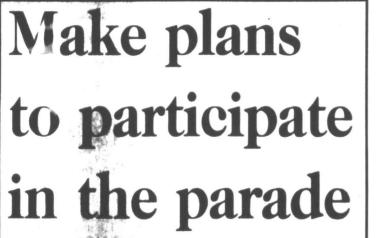
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t's never too late to make plans for for entering the Herald's 15th annual Crossroads Community Christmas Parade set for Saturday, Dec. 1. Although the deadline has passed for registering entries to be judged for prizes, we're always interested in making the **parade the biggest and best ever**.

To do that, we encourage individuals, businesses and organizations that haven't yet registered their entries to do so.

The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. and follow its usual route from the intersection of the north frontage road of FM 700 and Gregg Street to downtown, arriving at the courthouse square in time for the Christmas celebration scheduled at Heart of the City Park.

Of course, there are always those more interested in watching the parade, and that's obviously just fine with us. After all, what good is a parade that doesn't wind its way through a route lined with onlookers?

We certainly don't want to see one

So, remember, whether you're planning on taking part in the parade or not, be sure to block off the evening of Dec. 1 and get ready to get the Christmas season off to a good start. The Crossroads Community Christmas Parade is rapidly becoming known as one of the largest and best events of its kind and we hope you'll all join us in making this the best we've ever

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We see it not just in the flags displayed on houses and businesses everywhere. but in a new sense of civility and courtesy among young and old. Perhaps it's fitting, then, that on this Thanksgiving holiday, we take stock not only of our

OTHER VIEWS

Rest easy, America. Sure, many experts believe that Osama bin Laden and friends are messing around with nuclear material

had.

Furthermore, disaffected scientists and brokendown nuclear incilines from the former Soviet Union are increasingly seen as prime resources for al-Qaida efforts to build nuclear weapons. But the U.S. Congress is

at work. As the Was n Post

noted last week, lawmakers have managed to find funding for:

Fifty suspiciously porklike items in the state of Nevada (home to Sen. Harry M. Reid, assistant majority leader) worth \$146 million, including \$1 million for a museum at the Atomic Testing **History Institute in Las** Vegas.

- \$2 million for the **Dregon** Group Outre ach E

- \$500,000 for the Montana Sheep Institute. - \$10 million for the **Stennis Space** Center in Port St. Louis, Miss. (home to Sen. Minority Leader Trent Lott). - \$500,000 for Lott's alma mater, the

find money for an Energy Department ram that guard its d porous nuclear materials. Rep. Chet Edwards, D-

Texas, offered an amendnt that y ed the million to a Si spending bill. Senate F the White

Spending was spiraling dangerously out of control, they said.

Edwards was responding in part to a report prepared by an Energy Department task force last January. According to the report, "the most urgent unmet national security threat to the United States today" was not the inability of Oregon groundfish to reach out or the ignorance of the American people about atomic test-

ing. The most urgent national security threat this nation faces is lax nuclear security in

Russia. **Former Senate Republican leader** Howard H. Baker Jr. of **Tennessee and former** White House Counsel Llovd Cutler chaired the task lurce.

Edwards kept his hands off colleagues' pet programs. He proposed shifting the money from a program to refurbish nuclear warheads in the U.S. arsenal.

Perhaps the Waco congressman was naive. Maybe he should have sought funding for a Harry T. Reid Museum of levada featuring every ent-day Ru equivalent of Fat Man and Little Boy that we could corral (say, \$65-plus million).

Plus, Congress could add a Trent Lott Nucle Physics Department at Ol' Miss (maybe another \$65 million) staffed entire



Feeling at home in Iraan

raan is in that area of **Texas that people** drive right on through without stopping. They think about the only

interesting things to see there are catclaw, yucca and greasewood bushes. Funny thing. The people of Iraan think the same thing. But there is one TUMBLEWEED big difference SMITH

in the people who live in Iraan and those just passing through: the people in Iraan love the

place. Iraan was named for Ira and Ann Yates, a ranching couple who became wealthy when oil was discovered on their land in 1926. The Yates Field was the biggest oil find in Texas. It ranks third in production in the USA behind the Prudhoe Bay and Kuparak fields in Alaska. More than one thousand producing wells are located in a 26,000-acre

area The field continues to produce 25,000 barrels of oil per day. The first place of business in Iraan was a filing station. Seems only right.

The Yates family acquired the land in 1915 by trading a grocery store in Rankin. He lost everything twice and took a job as a street grader in San Angelo.

By the fall of 1926, cattle prices were down and the ranch was in serious finan cial trouble. Yates was sitting on his porch, worrying, the night before his 67th birthday when word reached him that the well had come in. He said he would see about it the next morning and went to bed.

The area around ranch headquarters became a boomtown. Yates converted a barn into a hotel and the area became known as the Red Barn community. It supplied groceries, work clothes and other essentials to oil field workers.

A town named Grube sprang up across the Pecos **River in Crockett county. It** was named for a man who started selling bootleg whiskey in a small tent on the riverbank opposite the Yates field.

Soon the traffic over the rickety bridge became so steady that more business-es started. Grube was for entertainment and featured dance halls, saloons and

gambling joints. The dance band in one place had two fiddlers, a piano player and a guitarist.

When the group added a trombone player, the customers became so annoyed with the sounds they chased the trombone player across the river with gunfire.

When a saloon owner tried to overcharge the oil field hands, they fastened a winch line around the saloon and pulled it off the foundation. Texas Rangers raided the town frequently and finally it shut down.

V.T. Hamlin, an artist and writer doing some work for an oil company. went to Iraan, became fascinated with the geology and history of the area and started a comic strip about cavemen entitled Alley **Oop.** It featured the antics of Alley Oop, Dinny, Oola, Dr. Wonmung, the Grand Wizer, King Guz and Foozy. The strip is still carried by some newspapers. A large likeness of Alley

Oop is in a park in Iraan and one of the city's big events is a celebration called Alley Oop Days. It features à mule race, golf cart polo and goat sacking. Queen Oola and Miss Pebbles rule over the festivities.

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FEATURES

This week's military tribute focuses on the Korean Conflict

This week the focus is on the Korean Conflict and Vietnam.

There are several books in our collection that pertain to these areas.

"Hot Shots: An Oral **History of the Air Force Combat Pilots of the** Korean War" is edited by Jennie Ethell Chancey and William R. Fortstchen.

Gilbert Taylor who writes for Booklist wrote that these Korean War pilots' recollections are presented under two broad categories: ground-attack operations in the war's first phase in 1950 and jet-to-jet dog fighting during the war's ensuing stalemate through 1953.

Vividness of detail characterizes a pilot's memory of both types of combat, which in this case, the ground attackers consisted of flying their leftovers from World War II against enemy trains, tanks, and troops that nearly threw the UN forces into the sea.

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stop them from crossing the last natural defense line, the Naktong River, and admits firing his plane's guns to deter such crossings--letting it hang whether or not he hit civilians

Among the dogfighters, the best story--incongruously in this fighting book--is Harold Fischer's account of becoming a POW and propaganda prop of the Chinese communists.

Curiosities about bravery in the first jet war will be amply satisfied by these

eyewitness anecdotes. A second book is "Colder Than Hell: A Marine Rifle **Company at Chosin** Reservoir" by Joseph R. Owen.

Among the many legendary battles and campaigns of the United States Marine Corps there has been none like the breakout from the Chosin Reservoir deep in North Korea in early December of 1950.

In the breakout from this trap, the Marines, although suffering grievous casual-ties, smashed close to ten Chinese divisions while coming out with all of their wounded and most of their equipment and dead. Owen, a graduate of **Colgate University and a** WWII veteran, describes his experiences as commander of his company's mortars section and a rifle platoon

He is eloquently direct in his depictions of the horrors of combat, the intense cold, and his love and care for his men and family.

"Ebony & White: The Story of the K-9 Corp" by Joseph White. This is the heartwarming

story of a young man who experienced the terrors of wars and a remarkable dog who taught him the meaning of courage and loyalty. Together they served

their country with honor, faced the enemy, saved lives and forged a powerful bond.

Joe White tells the story of how war dogs and their handlers were responsible for saving hundreds of lives during the war in Vietnam. Joseph White has served

as president of the National War Dogs Memorial Project and dedicated monies earned from this sale of this book to help build a National War Memorial to these noble animals in Washington, D. C.

There are several websites that you can access to find out more about the role that dogs have played in the war efforts: www.wardogmemorial.com,

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www.wara-dog.com and www.vdhaolone.org.

An enduring image from the Viet Nam conflict is one of a little girl screaming in pain and terror after being burned by napalm in an air attack.

On June 8, 1972, 9-yearold Kim Phuc ran from her burning village in South Vietnam and into the eye of history.

Her photograph, taken by an AP photographer, was seen around the world and helped to turn public opinion against the Viet Nam War.

This book is the story of how that photograph was taken and what happened to Kim Phuc afterwards. It opens up to American readers an unknown world - the Vietnam after the American army left and Saigon fell to the **Communists from the**

north. **Our TIF computers are**

here. Installation will be done on Nov. 20th.

There Will Be No Internet Access At All!!!.

The computers that serve the Circulation Staff will also be out of commission, so the pace of checkout may be slow. We will appreciate your

patience during this time of change.

Howard County is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on

Saturday. Children's Story Time is every Wednesday

at 10 a.m. The Library is located at 500 Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260.

The Library will be closed from Nov. 22 to Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

We will reopen on Nov. 26 at 9 a.m.

Hollis McCright writes a regular column for the Herald.

Area high schools compete in UIL One-Act

HERALD Staff Report

Coahoma and Forsan junior high schools competin University ed Interscholastic League One-Act play on Saturday in Plains.

Coahoma performers and crew earned second place with their performance of "The Curious Savage," a play about an inheritance. greedy relatives and a mental institution.

Individual awards went to **Tania Bradley and Latisha** McCartney, both All Star Cast, and Tyler Sheppard for All Star Cast Honorable Mention,

Junior High Forsan School One Act cast and crew garnered third place in the competition with their performance of "Sara Crewe."

The play tells the story of a young British girl left to suffer the vicious ill treatment of the school's headmistress after her father is killed at war. Sara no



Cast of the Fersan Junior High One Act play arb Steven Chavez, left, Crystal McNew, Ashley Colegrove, Codye Burt, Mallory Dunn, Danielle Borel, Kimberly Berry, Cayley Eggleston, Lovelta Raymond, Alexandria Newson, Courtney Holdampf and Jerrod Price.

longer has funds or family to pay for her keep. Mallory Dunn was named

to the All-Star Cast with Dan Borel, Cayley Eggleston, and Lovelta

receiving Mention Awards. The play is directed by Madge Patterson, Reiry Rawls and Stephanie Rotan

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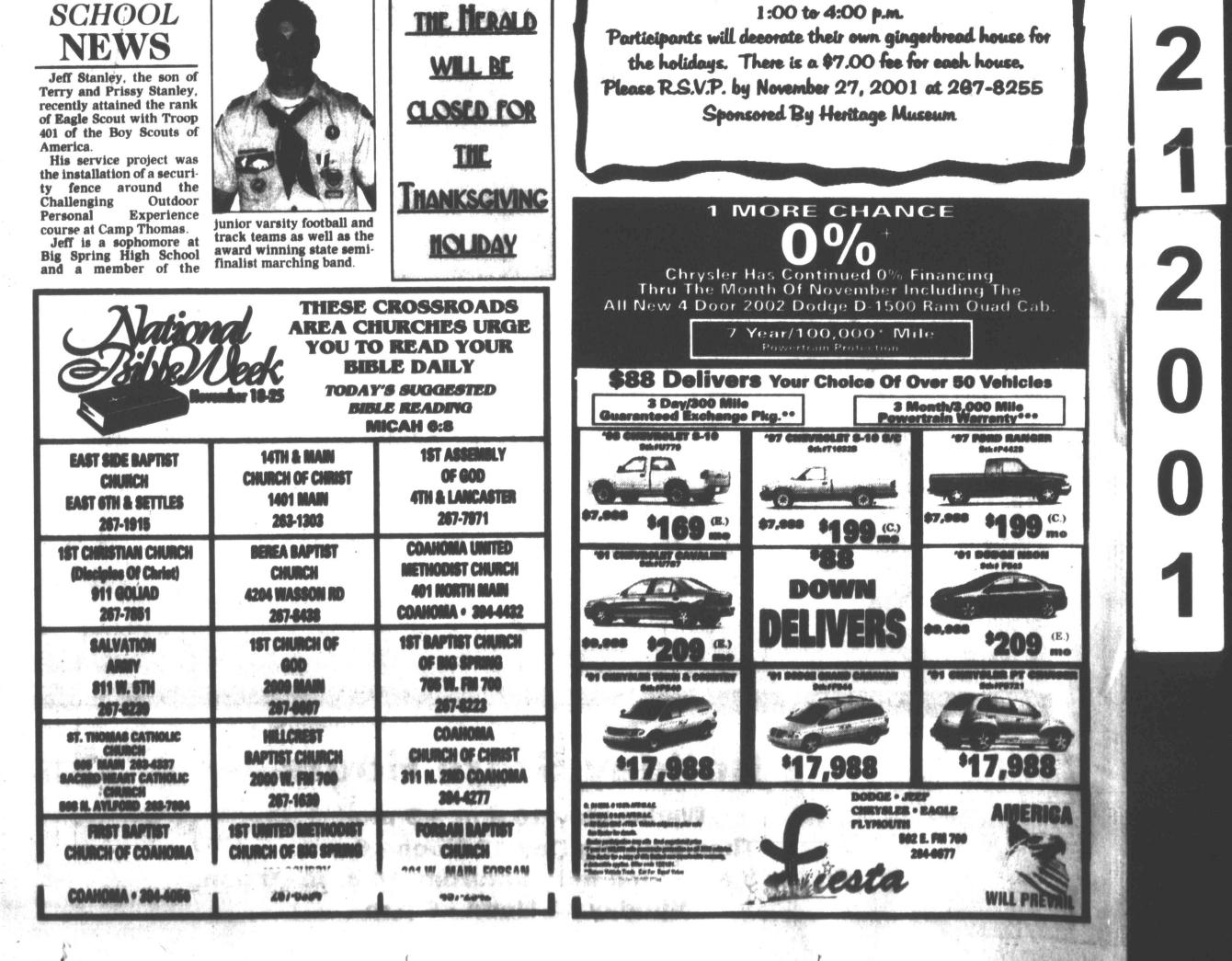


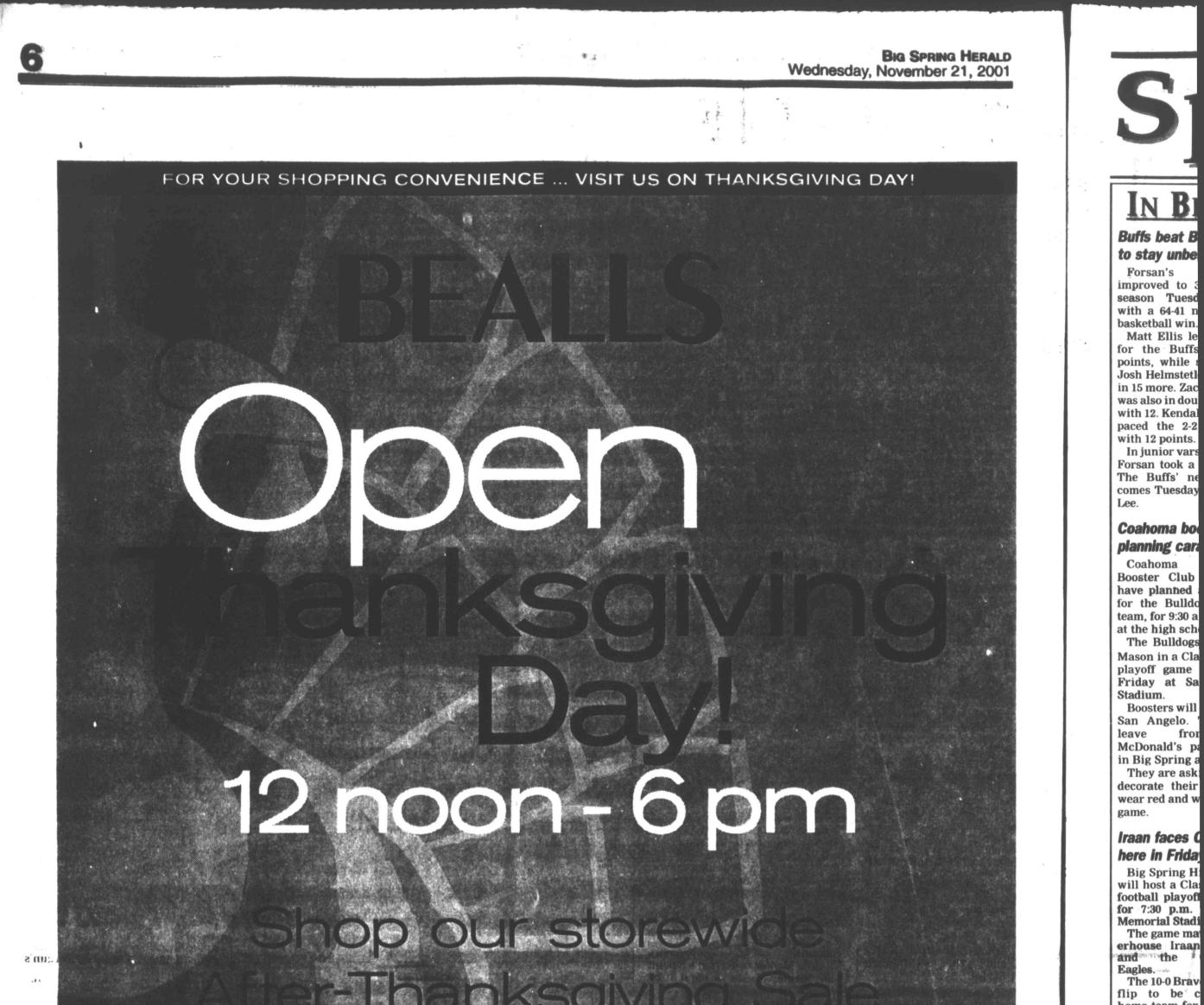
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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call John Moseley at 263-7331, Ext. 230. Email results to: johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Buffs beat Bearkats to stay unbeaten

Forsan's **Buffaloes** improved to 3-0 on the season Tuesday night with a 64-41 non-district basketball win.

Matt Ellis led the way for the Buffs with 18 points, while sophomore Josh Helmstetler chipped in 15 more. Zach Johnson was also in double figures with 12. Kendall Goodwin paced the 2-2 Bearkats with 12 points.

In junior varsity action, Forsan took a 57-34 win. The Buffs' next action comes Tuesday at Robert Lee.

Coahoma boosters planning caravan

Coahoma Athletic **Booster Club members** have planned a send off for the Bulldog football team, for 9:30 a.m. Friday at the high school.

The Bulldogs will play Mason in a Class 2A area playoff game at 2 p.m. Friday at San Angelo Stadium.

Boosters will caravan to San Angelo. They will from leave the McDonald's parking lot in Big Spring at 11 a.m.

They are asking fans to decorate their cars and wear red and white to the game.

Iraan faces O'Donnell here in Friday playoff

Big Spring High School will host a Class 1A area football playoff game set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium.

The game matches powerhouse Iraan's Braves and the O'Donnell Eagles.

The 10-0 Braves won the flip to be considered nome team for the game while the 8-3 Eagles will be the visitors.

Lady Steers rally to remain unbeaten with 58-53 **By VALERIE AVERY** Special to the Herald

Odessa High led 25-17 at one point in the first half before the Big Spring Lady Steers switched defenses and started chipping away at their lead for a 58-53 win.

Big Spring improves to 3-0 on the season before heading to Merkel for a Saturday tip. Odessa High falls to 1-2 with the loss.

"We were giving them too many chances at the line," head coach Jimmy Avery said. "They went to the line 20 times in the first half. We had to pull off a little and it worked.'

Big Spring's post play shined Tuesday night in the Steer gym as Krystle Long and Ashley Smith combined for 34 of the Lady Steers' 58 points.

Long started her barrage of buckets in the first quarter with three field goals. Sophomores Kim Wrightsil and Leina Braxton hit three's, and the score was tied at the end of the first quarter at 17.

Smith and Long combined for four field goals as the teams entered the locker room tied at half at 27 apiece.

The third quarter was all Long's as she hit two baskets and went 4for-5 from the charity stripe. Smith hit two field goals and went 1-for-3. The two grabbed eight boards apiece in the contest, while Tejal Patel had 6 rebounds and Jessica Woodward had five.

Brittany Bryant and Braxton hit a basket as Big Spring outscored the Lady Broncos 19-18.

But Big Spring's tenacious defense denied OHS any chance of making a comeback as Odessa High did not hit a single basket. Instead, they went 8-for-15 from the free throw line.

Bryant nailed a trey and Long hit two baskets. Woodward chipped in a bucket and the Lady Steers went 3-for-5 from the charity stripe.

"I was very pleased with how the girls played, especially our post play," head coach Jimmy Avery said. "Krystle and Ashley give us a solid inside threat. The girls adjusted when they needed to. Mostly, they are very unselfish and they pass the ball well. Everyone knows

their role on the team, and they're doing a good job fulfilling it.

"Our bench is doing a good job coming in and helping our starters. (Brock), Courtney Brittany (Bryant), Jessica (Woodward), and Leslie (Wolfe) are really performing for us.'

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Weatherford too much for Howard to handle

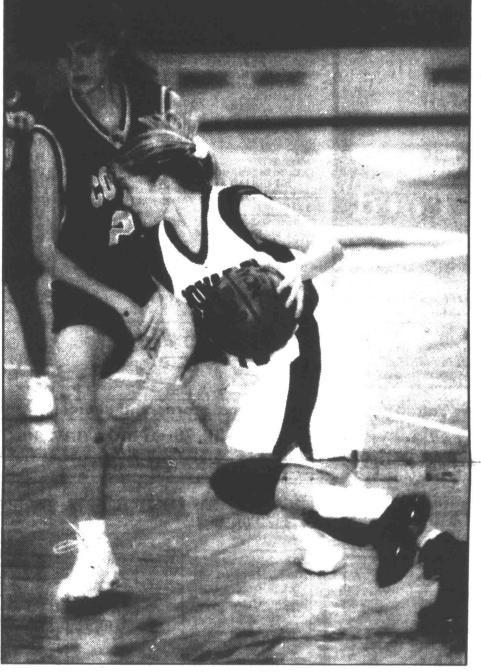
Lady Coyotes take it, 96-79 **By VALERIE AVERY** Special to the Herald

Howard College's Lady Hawks led 43-41 at halftime against Weatherford's Lady Coyotes Tuesday night in the first of a doubleheader at home, but couldn't hold onto the lead and fell 96-79.

The game was a remarked improvement from the first time the two met at the beginning of the season when Weatherford - the sixthranked team in the National Junior **College** Athletic Association women's preseason poll - handed the Lady Hawks a 110-71 loss.

"I couldn't be happier," Lady Hawks Head CCoach Joey Wells said. "I hate to lose, but the first time we played, we were never in the game. I think the girls see now that they can take it to the next step. Now, if we can just take what we did the first half and do it in the second half, we'll be OK.'

Weatherford led 24-15 with 8:54 remaining before sophomore Vangela Menter converted a 3-point play. Menter's basket made it 31-29. Latasha Matthiew's three-pointer pushed the score to 33-32 and the Lady Hawks took the lead, 34-33, off Shamieka Buckley's bucket. Buckley scored 10 of her team-high 14 points in the first half. Both squads traded free throws and baskets before Howard entered the locker room up, 43-31. "We played a really good first half," Wells said. "We finally played the way I wanted them to. They weren't selfish; everyone was involved. It's hard to work that hard, and they did a good job. They were a little slow getting to their spots, but I was pleased." Weatherford College started out on fire going 16-for-17 from the field until the midway point of the second half when the Lady Coyotes led 74-55. Most of their points came off of Howard College turnovers -14in the second half. Sophomore Nihan Anaz of Turkey grabbed three steals and made five baskets in the run.



Coyotes' beat horn for win

By VALERIE AVERY Special to the Herald

Weatherford's Rostislav Vergun's three-pointer with 2.5 seconds remaining gave the Coyotes a 70-69 edge Tuesday night at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as the Hawks dropped their second contest to Weatherford.

The Hawks' Ryan Williams was able to get off a long-range trey at the buzzer after the ball was thrown in under the Coyotes bucket and almost hit paydirt, despite a sea of defenders in his face.

It appeared Howard College had the game leading 69-64, but

Weatherford's Emigijus Lukosius' went 1-for-2 from the charity stripe and hit a field goal to bring Weatherford within two points in the final few minutes.

The Hawks called time out with a 69-67 edge with 36 seconds remaining to set up late-game scenarios. Rodney Blackstock's jumper was off the mark, and the Coyotes called time out before setting up Vergun's three-pointer.

Howard College falls to 6-2 on the year - their only other loss was their season-opening 79-73 overtime loss to Weatherford. The Coyotes improved to 5-5. "I would attribute our loss to the first half," Hawks Head Coach Chris Jans said. "I question why. we wouldn't be in the right frame of mind. I was disappointed in how we played that first half. We were coming off an 8-0 lead and sitting there too relaxed. We didn't play hard, and we weren't playing hard right from the start."

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.

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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.

ON THE AIR

Radio NBA

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e're working on taking care of all," Wells said. "Several of the are going home for WEATHERFORD 96, LABY HAWKS 79 WEATHERFORD 96, LABY HAWKS 79 0 000 0: Casey Fox 1 00 2; Jennifer Tarpley 0 000 0: Emily Nash 3 22 8; Martina Gandzalova 1 24 5: We're working on taking care of the ball," Wells said. "Several of the kids

HERALD photo/Jim Flerro

Howard College's Kortney Kemper drives to the basket, as Weatherford's Tatyana Klimenko (25) arrives a little too late to stop the penetration. The No. 6-ranked Lady Covotes took a 96-79 win Tuesday night at Dorothy **Garrett Coliseum.**

Thanksgiving. Hopefully, they'll think about the first half." Howard returns Monday at home

for a 6 p.m. tip-off against Hill College.

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Howard jumped out of the gates with back-to-back three-pointers by Blackstock and Jared Fears. Weatherford would grab a 36-31 halftime lead behind the 23 points of Vaidotas Peciukas, including three treys.

The Hawks began chipping away at the lead in the second half. Dominique Brown fed Zach Moss for a 42-40 lead. But Weatherford would not play dead and knotted it at 45 with 11:54 remaining. Tyrone Payne's three-pointer with 7:23 tied the score at 57. Payne went 4-for-4 from the charity stripe to give the Hawks a 65-62 lead with 3:05 remaining

Williams' putback made it 67-62 before Weatherford would start its comeback.

"It was a physical game," Jans said. "They had some physical post players.

Howard edged Weatherford on the boards, grabbing 27 rebounds to the Coyotes' 26. But Weatherford shot 56 percent from the field, and Howard was 48 percent.

The Hawks' Williams came off of the bench and led all scorers with 23 points. Howard's bench attribute for 29 of the Hawks' points, while Weatherford got 16 off its nonstarters. Blackstock chipped in 12.

The Hawks go on the road this weekend with contests with **McClennan Community College and** Hill College.

"We've got some tough games coming up," Jans said. "And our level of competition is going up. We've got basically two days to get ready for some tough games.

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Ball State continues being giant killer

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ball State beat Top Five teams on consecutive nights, and now the Cardinals go after No. 1.

Following an opening-round twopoint win over No. 4 Kansas with a 91-73 romp over No. 3 UCLA in Tuesday night's semifinals, the Cardinals can win the Maui Invitational by beating top-ranked Duke.

Ball State, a school probably more famous for alum David Letterman than huge basketball wins, has had a 48 hours like never before.

The 93-91 win over Kansas was decided with less than a second to play on a drive by Patrick Jackson. That was the biggest win in the history of the program until the Cardinals' no-doubter over the Bruins 24 hours later.

Could the defending national champions become the closer in a hat trick that would be one of the greatest tournament runs in college basketball history?

"We have tremendous respect for Duke and no question they are the number one team in the country," second-year coach Tim Buckley said. "We're just going to play. We just got done with numbers three and four and found out a lot about ourselves. We just have to go out and get better."

Mike Krzyzewski's Blue Devils

advanced to the championship game with an 81-56 victory over South Carolina that was a far cry from the 80-79 opening-round squeaker over Seton Hall.

The Blue Devils are going for their hat trick as they won this tournament in their only other two appearances, 1992 and 1997.

In other games, No. 5 Missouri beat No. 22 Alabama 75-68, No. 9 Iowa defeated No. 12 Memphis 75-71, No. 14 Stanford topped Southern Utah 81-63, No. 15 Oklahoma State 82 beat Siena 82-62 and No. 21 Western Kentucky downed Evansville 90-64.

UCLA will play South Carolina for third place in Maui, while Kansas faces Seton Hall for fifth and Houston goes against Chaminade for seventh place in the tournament sponsored by EA Sports.

Ball State (2-0) celebrated the win over Kansas by piling on top of each other on the court. After the UCLA game there were some high-fives and then the players walked off the

court, arms raised in victory. Jackson had 23 points and six assists against UCLA after getting 23 points against Kansas

Chris Williams, who hit a huge 3pointer late in the Kansas victory, hit a 3 with 16:09 to play against UCLA that started a 10-2 run and gave the Cardinals a 67-49 lead. Robert Owens capped the run with

13:21 to play when he dunked a nolook pass from Zach Willingham.

Jason Kapono had 26 points to lead the Bruins (1-1), who committed 22 turnovers and struggled defensively.

No. 1 Duke 81,

South Carolina 56

Mike Dunleavy scored 22 of his 24 points in the first half, and 11 of those came in the 19-0 run the Blue Devils (2-0) had over the final five minutes.

South Carolina's Carlos Powell hit a jumper to make it 25-25 with 5:14 eft in the half. The Blue Devils held the Gamecocks (1-1) scoreless over their next nine possessions and took a 44-25 lead, making the previous night seem a distant memory.

Dunleavy was 8-for-12 from the field in the first half and had more field goals than South Carolina (7for-24) and three less points. Carlos Boozer added 19 points for Duke.

No. 4 Kansas 95.

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The Jayhawks bounced back from the loss to Ball State by playing good defense and not showing any lingering effects from the severe cramping that affected some of the players.

Nick Collison had 22 points and Drew Gooden added 19 for the Jayhawks (1-1).

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)****Sometimes, a longawaited event is a letdown. **Confusion marks** your plans. A last-minute snafu forces fast thinking. Slow down later on in the day, making phone calls to those at a distance. Use this as an opportunity to touch base with friends and loved ones. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Others seek you out in the next month, even though you often would prefer not to have them find you. Work with confusion. Remember, you like excitement. Loved ones might expect you to assume the lead, when all you want to do is put up your feet. Tonight: Do your own thing **CANCER** (June 21-July

22)**** Express your nurturing qualities with someone who might be in a tizzy with last-minute details. You gain more trust and good will through actions rather than words. Later on in the evening, make calls and reach out for those at a distance. Tonight: Relax. Do something you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Your humor, imagination and personality put others at ease. Carefully work through a misunderstanding. Another could feel left out. Schedule plenty of time with a loved one after dinner. This person delights in being the center of attention. Allow him room to shine. Tonight: How about a walk for two?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Stay even-tempered when dealing with others during the day. Friends and loved ones might be prone to reacting strongly. Often,

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how a holiday should be. You might be dealing with this issue. Talk to those around you. Share your visions. Understand each other better. Tonight: Now the real party starts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** You will speak your mind more and more during the next few weeks. You also could draw a very strong reaction from others. Look around. Is someone having an unusually difficult time? Go out of your way to comfort someone who might not be in the holiday mood. Tonight: Get some extra rest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)***Another simply doesn't get your message, and it results in a misunderstanding. Maintain a low profile until the afternoon, when others relax. Pitch in, but focus on a child or loved one. Let your playfulness out. Tonight: Be frisky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** The sun moves into your sign this morning, giving you an additional reason to smile. Don't forget to exercise. Do something you enjoy very much in the a.m. By afternoon, count on catering to immediate family and an exceptionally touchy relative. Tonight: Football - be a viewer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)***Others ask for your help. Though you might want to do nothing, you pitch in nonetheless. Make sure those around

holiday. Once the celebration starts, you will enjoy yourself. Laugh at a mishap, and others will too! Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Use this day as an excuse to reach out to others and connect on a deeper, more sentimental level. Friendship becomes even more important in the next month. Deal with a lapse in communication and confusion by taking charge. Tonight: Indulge another.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)*** You could be down and out in the morning, not up for celebrating Thanksgiving. Don't worry about others at a distance. Put on your dancing shoes and head out the door. Once you let go of concerns, everything and everyone perks up. Tonight: Smile and draw another close.

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For more information, access the Department of Defense Web site at www.defenselink.mil. Our country is counting on every one of us to make a difference. This is an opportunity to show the world what we are made of.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 14 and going into ninth grade. My parents have been divorced since I was 8 years old. I'm the youngest of their three children. The problem is my mom. She keeps trying to shield me from the world, hiding information that I already know. I realize she wants to protect me, but I am not a little girl anymore and can handle whatever comes along.

Please help me find a way to tell her that I don't need her by my side every minute and that she should, stay out of my business.

suggestions as evidence that she cares deeply about vou.

The best way to gain more freedom is for Mom to believe you can handle it. Be trustworthy. Be honest. Expect some bumps along the way, but consider them learning experiences. Those lessons will be the ones that will serve you best.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I recently moved into a new home. and we have been inundated with housewarming gifts -- ornamental objects that must be hung on the walls and displayed. Frankly, they aren't what we would choose

Our friends expect to see their gifts when they visit. Your advice would be greatly appreciated. -- Trapped in Texas

Dear Texas: Although it would be nice for the guests to see their gifts on display, you are under no obligation to show every knick-knack you receive. If they ask, simply say you are in the process of redecorating.

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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1877, inventor Thomas A. Edison announced the invention of his phonograph.

In 1899, Vice President Garret A. Hobart, serving under President McKinley, died in Paterson. N.J., at age 55.

In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton

In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, the first such rejection since 1930.

In 1973, President Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the existence of an 18>-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1979, a mob attacked the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing two Americans.

In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

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Today's Birthdays: **Baseball Hall-of-Famer Stan** Musial is 81. Country singer Jean Shepard is 68. Actor Laurence Luckinbill is 67. Actress Marlo Thomas is 64. Actor Rick Lenz is 62. Ballet dancer Natalia Makarova is 61. Singer Dr. John is 61. Actress Juliet Mills is 60. **Comedian-director Harold** Ramis is 57. Television producer Marcy Carsey is 57. Actress Goldie Hawn is 56. Rock musician Lonnie Jordan (War) is 53. Singer Livingston Taylor is 51.







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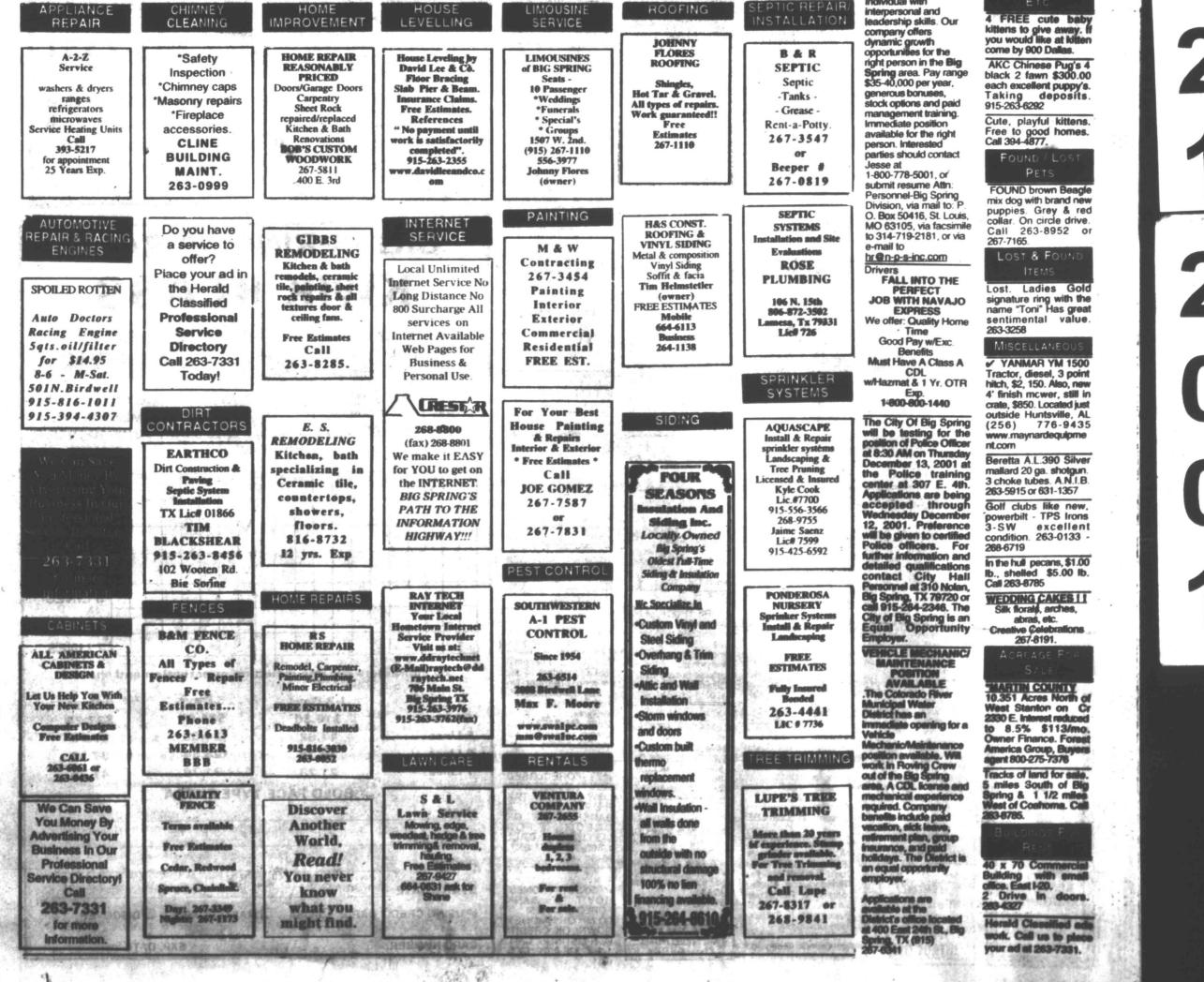
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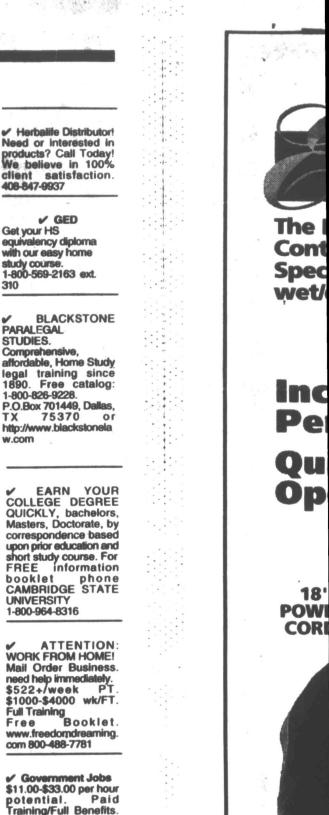
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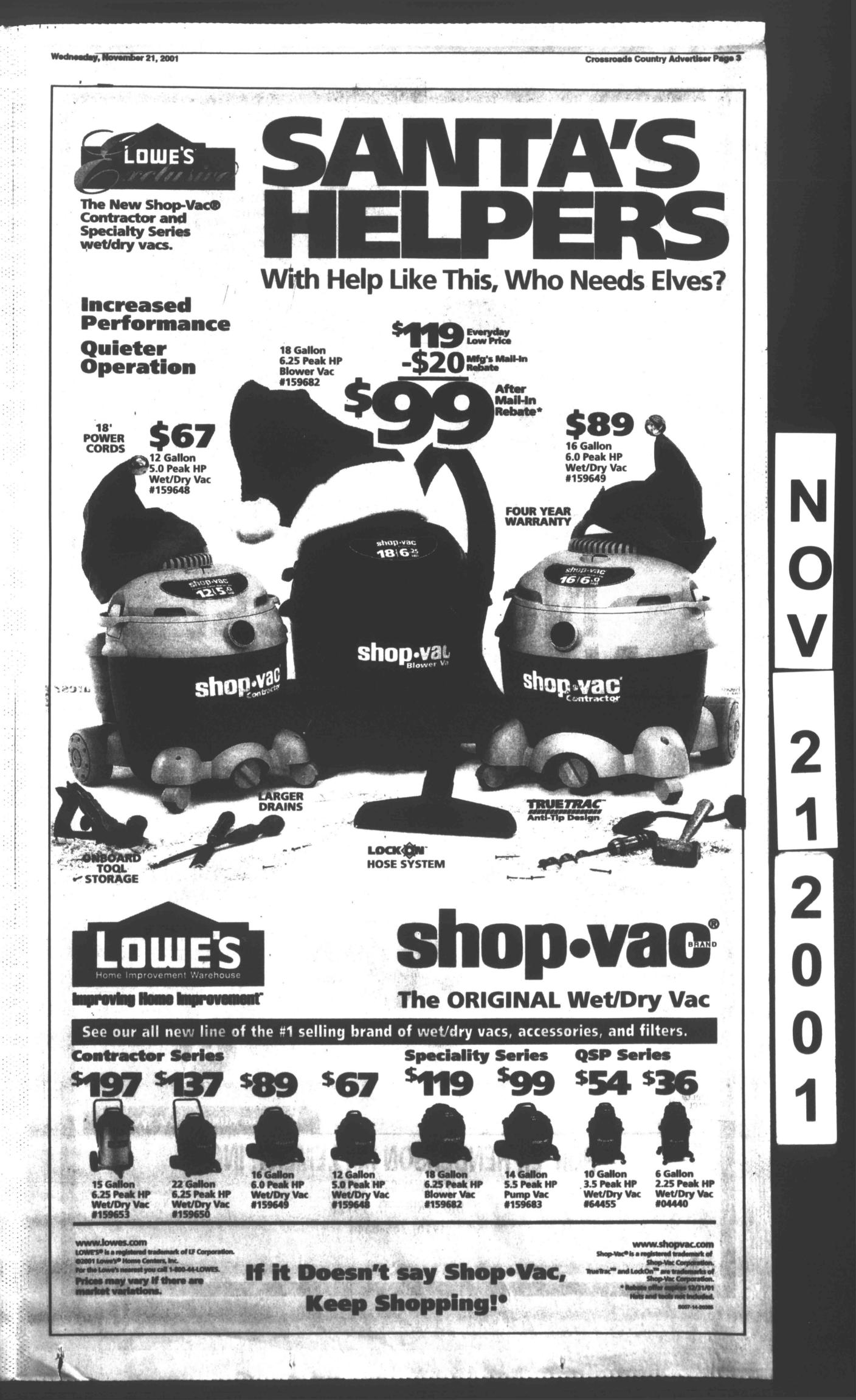
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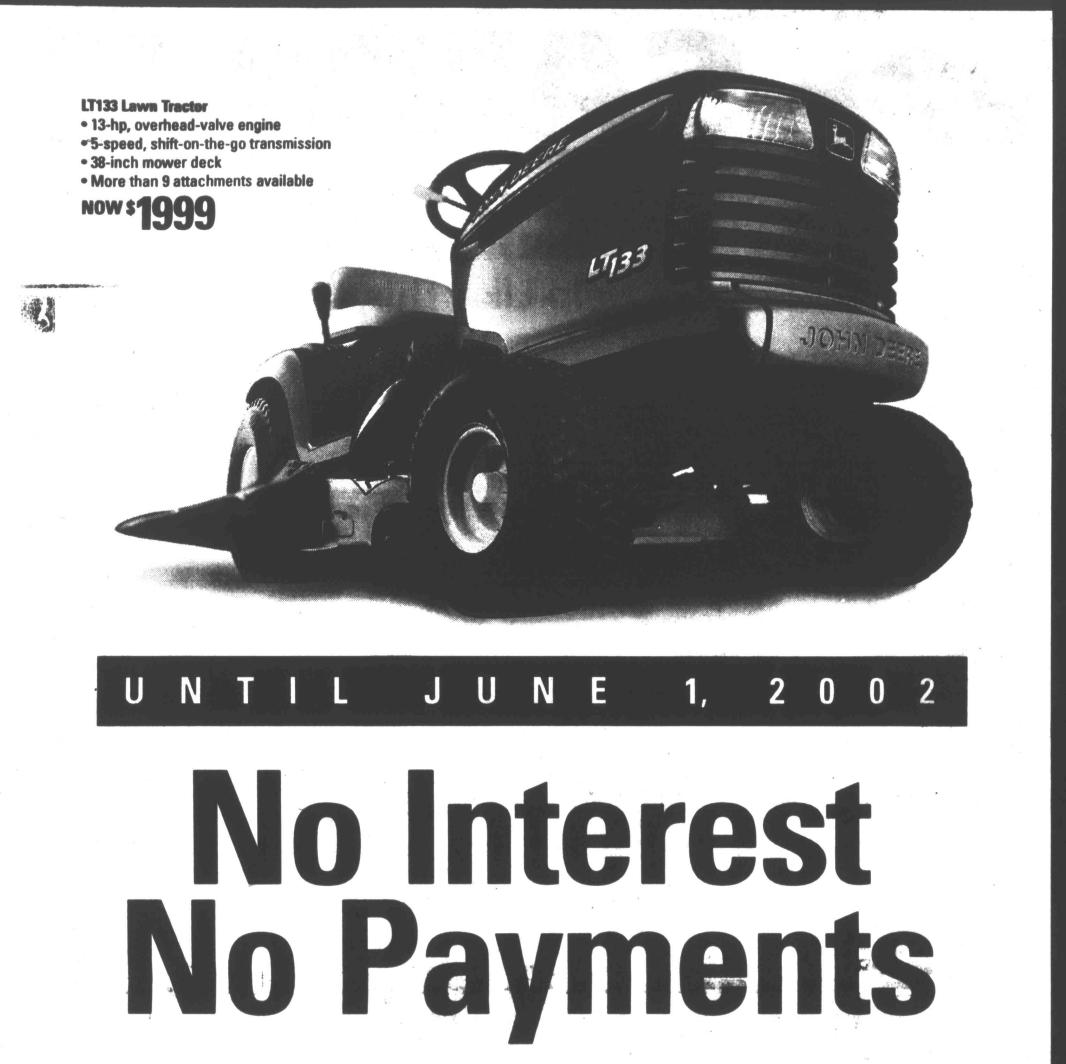
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