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For more information, contacted the Big Spring Herald classified department at 263-7331 or come by the Herald at 710 Scurry.

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Big Spring ISD sets 100th anniversary observances

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District will receive a historical marker Sunday from the Texas State Historical Commission for its contributions to history during its



MURPHY

100-year existence. "We want to encourage everyone to come to the unveiling of the historical marker by the state historical commission to signify 100 years of Big Spring Independent School District," said Superintendent Murray Murphy. The ceremony is set for 2 p.m. at the marker's permanent place in front of the administration building on 708 E. 11th. Joe Pickle, former editor

of the Big Spring Herald and author, will address the crowd before the unveiling of the marker. Murphy, Irene Bustamante, board of trustees president, and Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen are expected to give opening remarks. The ceremony will include a performance by Jackie Henry, who will sing the national anthem. Raul Garza, the high school student body president, will lead the crowd in the invocation and pledge of alle-

giance. The Bauer Elementary choir give a rendition of Texas, Our Texas. "Mr. (William) McQueary, past superintendent of schools, was working on this prior to his retirement," Murphy said. "He will be recognized as a special guest as well the board members, past and present." Also expected to be recognized as patrons of the marker are Robert Moore III, 118th District Court judge, and Ozella Long,

Howard County Historical Society president. The unveiling ceremony will end a weekend of centennial celebrations by the district, including a performance by the All-City Children's Choir at 7 p.m. Friday and a performance by the high school choir, band and theater students at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Both performances will be held in the high school auditorium and are free to the

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Man critically injured in fire

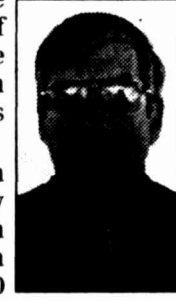
Apartment suspected drug lab, police say

By ROGER CLINE and LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writers

Authorities are analyzing evidence of a suspected drug laboratory gathered from the aftermath of a fire at the Mayo Ranch apartments Tuesday.

One man was critically injured in the fire in the 1200 block of East Third Street.



CHAMNESS

Chris Green, in his early 40s according to the Big Spring Fire Department, received second- and third-degree burns on the upper half of his body.

He was taken by private vehicle to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and was later transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock. Green was listed in critical condition this morning, said Cathy Jung, UMC public relations director.

Due to reports from bystanders that there may have been illegal activities transpiring in the apartment, authorities called in the West Texas Narcotics Taskforce and the Department of Public Safety drug lab disassembly team.

"Because of EPA involve-



A Big Spring fireman exits the back door of an apartment of the Mayo Ranch in the 1200 block of East Third Street. At right, Andrea Croft and her mother, Darlene Lujan, watch as firemen extinguish the blaze. Croft was evacuated from her apartment after her next-door neighbor's room caught on fire Tuesday afternoon.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody



ment when we get into a drug lab situation, the DPS in Midland has a team specially trained to handle disassembly of drug labs," said Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness. Chamness said the team did discover materials and equipment at the scene that could have been used to operate a drug lab. The fire destroyed most of the actual drugs, he added.

"Most of the drug that was being manufactured See FIRE, Page 2A

Head-on crash on I-20 leaves one injured

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A 37-year-old man is in critical condition at Midland Memorial Hospital after his vehicle collided with tractor-trailer Tuesday night.

Shane Mayhall was traveling east in the west bound

lane of Interstate 20 when his vehicle smashed into a tractor-trailer, said Lt. Altom of the Midland Department of Public Safety.

The accident occurred around mile marker 162 about 9:30 p.m., Altom said.

According to Altom, someone contacted 911 about

Mayhall's driving.

"By the time they got the 911 call and could get someone out there, he had already hit the tractor-trailer," Altom said.

Mayhall was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital. He is listed in critical condition, according to

Nadine Hill, community relations coordinator for Midland Memorial Hospital. Neither Altom nor Midland Memorial Hospital could confirm Mayhall's residence.

Big Spring Department of Public Safety could not be reached by press time.

County court OKs one less holiday than previous years

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Howard County residents will have 11 holiday days in 2002 instead of 12, as they had this year.

Howard County Commissioners approved the holiday list for the new year at their meeting Monday morning.



KILGORE

This year's holiday calendar included a day off for Columbus Day, which will not be a holiday in 2002.

The list of holidays includes New Year's Day (Jan. 1), Martin Luther King Day (Jan. 21), Good Friday (March 29),

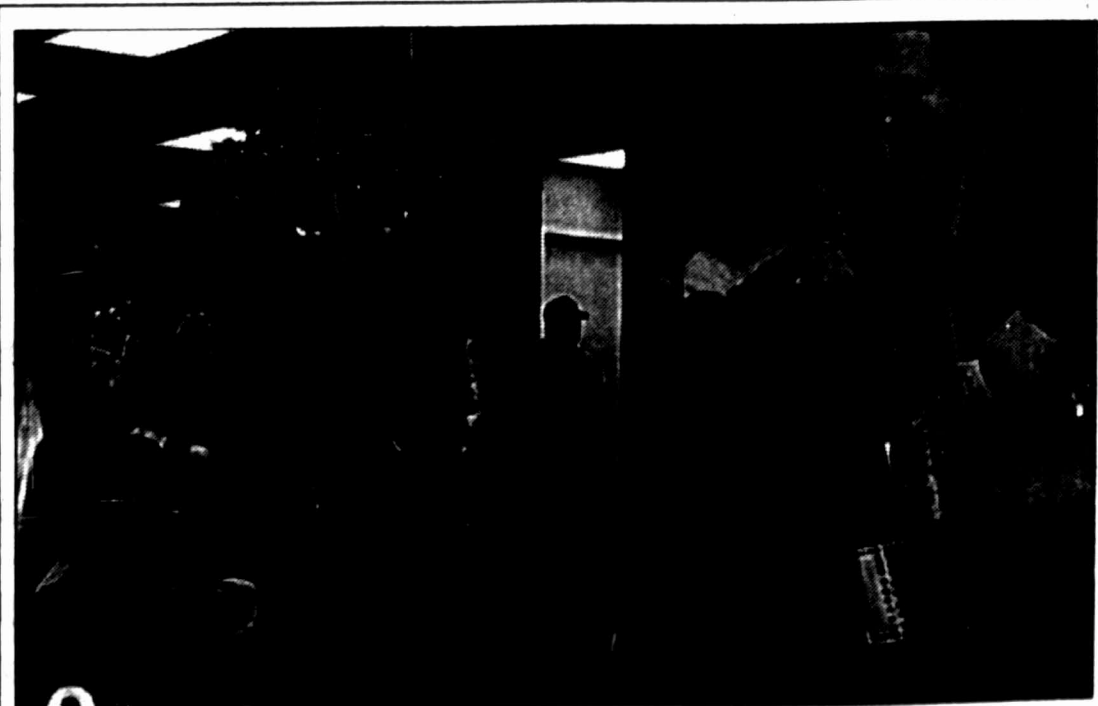
Memorial Day (May 27), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (Sept. 2), Veterans' Day (Nov. 11), Thanksgiving (Nov. 28 and 29) and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (Dec. 24 and 25).

Commissioners also approved seeking bids on four new cruisers for the sheriff's office, but decided not to seek bids jointly with the Big Spring Police Department, as suggested by Sheriff Dale Walker.

"We can't do that," Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said. "We're cutting people out of the bidding process."

The new vehicles will replace 1997 and 1998 model cars, which are aging rapidly through the extended use

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Rita Shell, left and her daughter Shana, both Big Spring State Hospital employees, help Santa Claus distribute candy and sing Christmas carols at the BSSH annual "Carol of Lights" program. Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, Ackerly Baptist Church and the Williams' family provided music and refreshments to state hospital patients during their annual Christmas party Tuesday night.

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OBITUARIES

Audrey A. Early

Graveside funeral service for Audrey A. "Audie" Early, 80, of Coahoma, will be 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, at Rosehill Cemetery in Merkel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Mr. Early died today, Dec. 12, at a local nursing home.



He was born on Aug. 6, 1921, in Anson and married Jannie Petty on June 14, 1946, in Winnsboro. He had been a resident of Howard County since 1958, moving from Hawley. He worked as an insulator for Fina for 45 years and retired in 1982. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church and served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Jannie Early of Coahoma; three sons, Kenneth Ray Early of Austin, David Wayne Early of Big Spring and Johnny Lynn Early of Bastrop; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1248, Big Spring 79721-1248; Midway Baptist Youth Center, 6200 S. Service Rd. IH-20, Big Spring 79720 or a favorite charity.

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

Martin Mogford

Funeral service for Martin Mogford, 68, of Midland, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Mogford died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001, at a Houston hospital.

Rozelle McKenney Dohoney

Funeral service for Rozelle McKenney Dohoney, 93, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Dohoney died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001, at a local hospital following a brief illness.

BSISD

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public.
To help commemorate this year's centennial celebration, Janice Bond and Craig Fischer, former BSISD employees, have gathered

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Audrey A. "Audie" Early, 80, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 4:00 PM, Thursday, at Rosehill Cemetery, Merkel, Texas.
Martin Mogford, 68, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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historical information about the district and published their work in a booklet available for purchases at the administration building. Bond and Fisher's research found the district has some very historical, noteworthy events in its 100-year history.

"It is very difficult to get a historical marker from the Texas State Historical Commission," said Bond. "The district received the marker because it has some significant accomplishments in its hundred years."

The district was the first one to desegregate by court order in Texas in 1955 and has the oldest continuously operated vocational cooperative program in the state, dating back to 1935.

Murphy credits the district receiving the historical marker to the diligence and hard work of Bond, Fisher and the Big Spring Exes association.

"We have a good deal of credit and appreciation to the Big Spring Exes association under the leadership of Janice Bond and Craig Fisher," Murphy said. "They really made this happen."

Murphy encourages the public to attend the special event.

"This will be a great day for all of the district," Murphy said. "We are truly proud. This speaks volumes for West Texas and the city of Big Spring."

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the high school gym across from the administration building.

FIRE

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was destroyed in the fire, so we can't go with possession charges," Chamness said, noting that new legislation passed in September makes it a crime to possess all the materials and equipment necessary to manufacture drugs. "The DPS team is looking into that."

The fire department received a call about the fire at 1:22 p.m. Tuesday and responded with three fire engines, an ambulance and 12 firefighters, plus Fire Marshal Carl Condray.

Firefighters used between 1,500 and 2,000 gallons of water to extinguish the blaze, said Deputy Chief Alex Calvio.

"The kitchen area itself was totally engulfed and the living room was partially engulfed," Calvio added, noting that all four of the Mayo Apartments were evacuated as a precaution.

"Chris came over to use the phone and, like, three minutes after he left there was a knocking on my door and someone was telling me to get out," said Andrea Croft, Green's next-door neighbor.

According to Croft, a person traveling past the building saw the smoke and stopped to warn her. Croft said she heard banging on the wall and thinks that it might have been the fire popping.

Fire Marshal Condray said that as of this morning the cause of the fire is listed as accidental. He said fire personnel found no apparent involvement of any of the utilities or appliances in the fire. He noted that the cause would remain listed as accidental until fire department personnel can interview the occupant.

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COUNCIL

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into other areas of Capehart.

"That would be down in the Randolph area and into the upper half of the south side, somewhat," he said.

The city added \$70,000 to a \$300,000 Texas Community Development Program grant for the Capehart project. Phase I of the project was originally bid at \$239,958.94, Boiles said.

In other business, the city council:

- Authorized in an emergency one-reading vote City Manager Gary Fuqua to contract with Lee George Construction Inc. for construction of Hangar 25 Phase II. According to Museum Coordinator Susan Lewis, work on Phase II is already underway. The vote was described by City Attorney Jean Shott as a "housekeeping" measure, since the council had already approved Lee George's bid for the project.
- Heard and approved the first reading of a resolution to accept a \$7,875 Texas Commission on Fire Protection grant for 22 Personal Alert Safety Systems and five handheld radios for Big Spring firefighters.
- Heard and approved the first reading of a resolution authorizing Mayor Russ McEwen negotiate with South Carolina-based Municipal Tax Consulting and Management for recovery of sales tax passed on to the city by contractors.

COUNTY

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the sheriff's deputies put them through. One 1997-model car already has more than 100,000 miles on the odometer, and three out of the four should be the time the cars are replaced, said Walker.

By unanimous vote, the commissioners also appointed Larry Witkowski of Forsan constable for Precinct 3.

A truck driver for Western Container, Witkowski is attending the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy, according to the commissioners.

"I think it would be a good idea to have somebody out in Forsan just in case something happens," Walker said. "I don't have any deputies that live in Forsan."

Several of the commissioners said Witkowski had contacted them by telephone about the position.

"He handles himself well," Commissioner Bill Crooker said of the new constable. "His intentions seem good." Precinct 1 still lacks a constable following the resignation of Woodie Howell, while the Precinct 2 post is occupied by longtime constable J.B. Hall.

The next Howard County Commissioners Court meeting will be at 11 a.m. on Dec. 20, shortly before the Howard County Employees' Christmas party.

BRIEFS

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB would like to invite everyone to our fifth annual Christmas in the Park. It will be held in the Coahoma City Park.
The activities will begin at 6 p.m. Friday. We will

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The cost is \$5 unless you have Medicaid or Medicare. We will bill for you.
For more information call 263-9775.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

We will be giving away toys to children for Christmas at 2 p.m.

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

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 and prayers for their son.

To make a donation call Wells Fargo at 267-5513.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

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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.

• Home Hospice and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

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SBC Comms	38.35 +.35
Sears Roebuck	45.35 +.03
TXU Corp	43.32 -.47
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Total Fina	66.03 -.22
Unocal Corp	33.4 -.09
Wal-Mart	54.52 +.44
Wal-Mart/Mexico	24.62-25.64
AMCAP	16.22 +.12
Europacific	27.33 +.02
Prime Rate	5 %
Gold	271.3 - 274.7
Silver	4.25 - 4.33

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

• **DAVID WAYNE DAVIS**, 18, of 301 S. First St. in Coahoma was arrested on charges of theft less than \$50 and no driver's license.

• **PAUL SIMON RUIZ**, 18, of 107 Sixth St. in Coahoma was arrested on a charge of theft less than \$50.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1600 block of South Gregg.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES** were reported in the 600 block of South Gregg, the 300 block of San Jacinto, the 1200 block of Harding, the 3300 block of West Highway 80, the 2600 block of Crestline Road and the 800 block of Anna.

• **A MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate 20.

• **THEFT**:
- Of two 30-packs of beer worth \$38 was reported at the 7-Eleven convenience store in the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane.

- Of jewelry worth \$1,360 was reported at a home in the 1000 block of South Birdwell.

- Of a \$450 Hot Point refrigerator and a \$425 Hot Point gas stove was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 600 block of South Gregg and the 2600 block of Crestline Road.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- At a home in the 2600 block of Fairchild. About \$100 damage was reportedly done to the home.

PICK 3: 6,5,9
CASH 5: 2,13,14,22,23

- In the 1700 block of East Third Street. About \$500 damage was done to a green 1996 Ford Ranger at the location.

- In the 1000 block of South Birdwell Lane. About \$1,000 damage was done to a silver 1998 Honda Accord at the location.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

- In the 700 block of Rosemont. Someone reportedly kicked open the front door of the home causing \$150 damage. Nothing was reported stolen.

- In the 900 block of Settles. Someone reportedly pried open the rear door and stole \$170 in household goods.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 2500 block of Carol. A green 1995 Mercury Marquis worth \$6,000 was reported stolen from the location.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

12:15 a.m. — 2900 block of W. Hwy 80, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:28 a.m. — 4200 block of Hamilton, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:40 a.m. — 1300 block of Mesa, public service, service refused.

12:08 p.m. — 1600 block of Lark, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:30 p.m. — 1300 block of Mesa, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:57 p.m. — 100 block of E. 11th, trauma call, service refused.

9:37 p.m. — Mile marker 164 I-20, traffic accident, service refused.

1:21 p.m. — 1200 block of E. Third, structure fire, extinguished.

2:00 p.m. — 800 block of Scurry, structure fire, smoke scare.

6:18 p.m. — 500 block of Westover, automobile fire, extinguished.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 56
Tuesday's low 37
Record high 82 in 1995
Record low 10 in 1989
Average high 59
Average low 30
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Year to date 14.04
Sunrise Thursday 7:39 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 5:42 p.m.

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House expected to pass election overhaul bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after a tumultuous election left the winner of the presidency in doubt for weeks, House leaders are prepared to push through a \$2.6 billion package that would send millions to states to improve voting systems.

Today's expected passage of an election overhaul bill comes after months of intense negotiation by leaders anxious to avoid a repeat of last year's elections, when problems at Florida's ballot boxes led to multiple recounts.

Supporters laud the bill by Reps. Bob Ney and Steny Hoyer as a major step forward. It essentially establishes minimum standards but gives states leeway to craft their own improvements.

But opponents complain

the bill does not go far enough. Democratic Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, along with several civil rights groups, has pushed for mandatory standards for states.

"This is like putting the fox in charge of the hen house," Conyers said recently.

Hoyer, a Maryland Democrat who is the ranking member on the House Administration Committee, conceded that the bill doesn't do everything that everyone wanted — particularly members of his own party.

But Hoyer said, "The way you get a bill that will pass and a bill that will make substantial progress is to compromise."

"This is not the end of the process. It is a very significant step."

Ney, the GOP committee

chairman from Ohio, put it this way: "We've set a tone."

Under the bill, states would get \$650 million immediately, including \$400 million so states could immediately replace punch card voting systems. Punch card ballots were blamed for many of the problems in Florida.

About 36 percent of U.S. voters used a punch card machine last year, federal officials say.

The bill would also give states millions of dollars over the next three years to buy new voting equipment, better train poll workers and improve registration lists.

Minimum standards for states are also established in the bill, including a statewide voter registration system and allowing provisional voting. That means

people who do not appear on election rolls but say they are eligible to vote could vote. Election officials would determine later whether the ballots were valid.

This idea was promoted strongly by Democrats after some Florida voters, many of them black, were turned away from the polls in error.

The Congressional Black Caucus, which has actively pushed for election reform since last year, remained wary of the House bill.

"This bill doesn't go far enough on several points," said Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas and caucus chairman. Johnson said members hope to add amendments to the bill either on the House floor or when Senate and House negotiators meet.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Woman killed at Tyler store

TYLER (AP) — A woman was shot to death at her job in a Wal-Mart discount store Tuesday and her sister was found dead of an apparent suicide a few hours later, police said. They are trying to determine if the deaths are connected.

Police Lt. Tom Giorgio said Terry Hunter, 39, was shot to death in the store in Tyler. He said the body of Hunter's sister was found later in Big Sandy and that the woman matched the description of the person who opened fire at the store.

The name of the woman found dead in Big Sandy had not been released Tuesday evening. Big Sandy is about 20 miles northeast of Tyler.

Wal-Mart spokesman Tom Williams said from company headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., that Hunter was shot while working in the layaway area in the back of the store.

San Antonio officer killed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A veteran San Antonio police officer was killed Tuesday when his motorcycle was hit by a hit-and-run driver on Interstate 10, police said.

The motorcycle that Juan Morales, 33, was riding was sideswiped by another vehicle northwest of downtown, said police spokeswoman Sandy Gutierrez.

The other driver, who apparently lost control of his vehicle on rain-slickened I-10, spun around and crashed into another vehicle before fleeing the scene, Gutierrez said.

A witness who followed the hit-and-run driver told police that the driver abandoned his vehicle on the city's west side and got into another vehicle.

Police investigating body parts

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police were investigating the discovery of body parts inside three plastic garbage bags tossed along the side of a highway.

A man walking in the area in search of mistletoe branches found the remains Monday off of State Highway 6 on the city's far west side, homicide detectives said.

Preliminary autopsy results Tuesday showed the victim probably was a male who appeared to have been shot.

"We're unclear as to the ethnic background," Harris County Medical Examiner Joye Carter said. "But the parts do appear to be male. We do not have the whole body assembled. We're not able to do fingerprints or dental examination."

Congress investigating Enron Corp. collapse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is investigating the collapse of Enron Corp., whose swift downfall left countless investors burned, thousands of employees out of work with decimated retirement savings and the once high-flying company in federal bankruptcy court.

The huge energy-trading company has declined to send any officials to a hearing by two House panels. And investigators for another committee are trying to locate Enron's former chief financial officer, the lead architect of complex partnerships that are under government scrutiny.

Amid the company's strife, nearly 600 employees deemed critical to its opera-

tions received more than \$100 million in bonuses last month as Enron faced a merger that unraveled and then bankruptcy.

Today's hearing by two panels of the House Financial Services Committee was designed to help Congress and the public "understand as best we can what structurally went wrong, what mistakes were made and what mistakes were not noticed," Committee Chair Rep. Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, said.

Subjects being examined include the Houston-based company's accounting practices, potential securities law violations and Enron's handling of its employees' 401(k) retirement invest-

ment plans, Oxley said.

Joseph Berardino, chief executive of the accounting firm Arthur Andersen LLP, which was Enron's longtime auditor, and Robert Herdman, chief accountant of the Securities and Exchange Commission, were testifying as requested by the lawmakers.

The SEC is examining Enron's use of questionable partnerships that allowed the company to keep some \$500 million in debt off its books, and has issued subpoenas to Andersen related to its auditing of Enron's accounts. Enron, which only months ago was the nation's seventh-biggest in revenue, has acknowledged that it overstated profits for

four years.

Absent from the hearing was Enron Chairman and Chief Executive Kenneth Lay, who had been asked to appear by the lawmakers.

"I don't think they want to, or are not prepared to answer some very pointed questions about what went wrong," Oxley said.

Enron spokeswoman Karen Denne said neither Lay nor any other Enron officials were testifying because "we don't believe we would be able to adequately serve the interest of the committee while at the same time trying to serve the interest of our creditors, shareholders and our current and former employees."



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OUR VIEWS

Nativity event is 'don't miss' attraction here

One of Howard County's best holiday traditions resumes Thursday when the First Church of the Nazarene begins its Drive Through Nativity. Members of the church have been conducting this live event for more than a decade, and it is truly in keeping with the Christmas spirit. More than 100 actors take part in the 17 scenes, which take several months to prepare. The event takes motorists through the entire life of Christ with depictions of the prophecy of his birth, the journey of Mary and Joseph, his birth, the family's flight into Egypt following King Herod's proclamation of the murder of first born sons, the crucifixion, his resurrection and ascension into heaven.

Some of the scenes contain animals donated by area ranchers.

The entrance to the drive through history is on Lancaster from Martin Luther King Boulevard. There will be markers for people to follow. Volunteers will provide CDs or cassette tapes in both English and Spanish for motorists to listen to while driving through the displays. It takes 15 to 20 minutes to drive through all of the sets.

This year, volunteer signers from SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will be on hand to tell the story to the hearing impaired.

There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted at the end of the tour.

The Drive Through Nativity has received national attention. As many as 8,000 cars have driving through the spectacle in one year.

Plans to see this wonderful display on one of the four nights - Thursday through Sunday - that it will be offered. Times are 6:30 through 9:30 p.m. We know you will come away inspired by this very special tradition.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
I want to thank the person who found my keys at H.E.B. and turned them into the office.

You are an honest person and may God bless you for your honesty.

My keys were on a ring with a red plastic Howard County Fire Department tag along with a white plastic

State Farm Insurance tag.

So, whoever you are, thanks so very much. You are appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let all of the firemen in Big Spring and Howard County know that I appreciate them, too.

D.E. SHANKS
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Time to get rid of Mary Frances Berry

Mary Frances Berry, the chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, is a bully. Her most recent escapade - last Friday - involved her refusal to seat Peter Kirsanow, the man appointed by President Bush to a commission seat that became vacant on Nov. 29.

Berry told White House counsel Al Gonzales he'd better send federal marshals if he wanted Kirsanow to take his lawful place on the commission. But her outrageous behavior in this incident is nothing new. I've watched her in action for years, even before President Reagan appointed me staff director, the chief executive officer of the commission, in 1983 when she served as vice chairman. She once bullied a member of the commission staff so badly - in words not fit to print in a family newspaper - I had to threaten to have her removed from the building.

Your use of intimidating curses and vile language as well as your overall abuse of a subordinate go far beyond permissible behavior," I informed her in a memo. "If you repeat such abusive behavior in the future, I will ask you to remove yourself from the premises and will seek to have you removed if you do not comply."



LINDA CHAVEZ

"Call It Uncivil" *The New York Times* dubbed the conflict, one of many in our stormy tenure together.

Berry was first appointed to the commission in 1980, largely to get rid of her at the then Department of Health, Education and Welfare, where she served as an assistant secretary. Berry had embarrassed the Carter administration by returning from a trip to China extolling the Maoist education system there, including its use of ethnic quotas in higher education. So President Carter passed over Berry when he created the new Department of Education, shipping her off to the Civil Rights Commission instead. She's been getting even with presidents ever since.

In 1983, President Reagan fired Berry and two other commissioners. At the time, commissioners were appointed to serve "at the pleasure of the president," like all presidential appointees of executive branch departments and agencies. But Berry refused to go - until I changed the locks on the door.

She then went to court to fight her removal, and got a favorable ruling from a liberal District Court judge. But in the meantime, the Congress re-wrote the law, authorizing the president to appoint four commissioners for six-year terms and Congressional leaders to appoint an additional four members with the same conditions, thus mooted her court case, which had moved to the U.S. Court of Appeals by then.

I was with President Reagan in the Oval Office when he signed the new law, but he did so with strong reservations. The Justice Department had issued a legal opinion questioning whether the new commission structure was Constitutional. Article II, section two clearly gives the president exclusive right, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint ambassadors, judges and "all other officers of the United States, whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for."

The Constitution limits Congress' role to vest the appointment of "inferior officers" by law in the president alone, the courts or the heads of departments - but not to assign such powers to itself.

Ignoring such Constitutional niceties, the Democrats in Congress proceeded to appoint four commissioners, including Berry, for six-year terms.

And she's been reappointed every time her commission expired since then. President Clinton appointed her chairman when he took office, but even he had reservations about Berry. When he decided to initiate what he called a "national dialogue on race," he kept Berry out of the picture, appointing a whole new commission to oversee the enterprise.

President Clinton also appointed Victoria Wilson on Jan. 13, 2000, to fill the unexpired term of a commissioner who had died. The presidential appointment Wilson received clearly states her term expired Nov. 29, 2001. It's Wilson's place Kirsanow should have taken last week after President Bush appointed him and he was sworn in by a federal judge. But Berry believes she - not President Bush nor President Clinton - determines when commissioners' terms expire.

The White House says they'll take Berry to court to force her to seat Kirsanow. The president ought to fire Berry at the same time. As long as this issue is going to wind up in the courts, why not settle the question left unanswered in 1983? Since when did the Constitution permit Congress to limit the president's right to appoint and remove officers of executive branch agencies anyway?



Things only his hairdresser knew

Kay Baby Hunter lives in Rusk. She used to be Elvis Presley's hair dresser. She has just made a CD entitled "Elvis & You." It's about her travels with the famous star.

"Elvis was an ordinary man that lived a very ordinary life," says Kay. "He had terrible, fine, thin hair. Then they started dyeing it for the movies and then they dyed it because of the lights. I have actually cut his hair and never saved any of it because I've been in a salon all my life and the first thing you're taught is when you get through with the haircut you sweep that hair up and put it in the trash. And that's exactly what I did with all his hair."

Once, she was combing his hair backstage at the Hilton in Las Vegas. "When I finished combing it, he walked on stage and threw his head back and that hair went everywhere. You couldn't even tell I had combed it. He liked to throw his hair around by shaking his head."

When she wasn't on the road with Elvis, she maintained her beauty salon. "Elvis was the greatest thing in the world for my business. I'd be gone from 10 to 12 days and if you owned a business back in that day and time and you left for two weeks you wouldn't have any business when you got back. But it was kinda like a continuing soap opera. So whether the customers liked him or not they just couldn't wait to come hear about everything that had been going on."

Kay can hold an audience by herself even if she didn't have stories about Elvis. She is a character who loves to laugh and talk. She can make a trip to the grocery store sound like the most fascinating journey a person could take. When you're with her, you feel like you're at the center of the universe.

Kay's CD chronicles the time from 1971 to 1977, when she worked for Elvis. She tells about the real

Elvis, the one few people knew. "There were no limits to his kindness. He once gave his fur coat to a man who was cold."

She tells about Grandma Presley, the pool hustler; about Elvis's buying cars for strangers, his thoughts on religion and his life in Memphis. The CD is full of good, humorous stories. Once when a crazy man was going to kill Elvis after a concert in Austin, Kay chased him out of the parking lot while Elvis was in his limousine watching the whole thing and laughing. Once enroute to a concert, he stopped a fight while wearing his tiger suit. Kay Baby tells about instances where people came up to him and told him he looked a lot like Elvis Presley. He told them, "Yeah, people tell me that all the time."

Kay relates the story of taking a bunch of high school band members to Graceland, Elvis's home in Memphis. She tells about the singer's death and funeral.

The CD is available at Kay Baby Hunter, 108 S. Main in Rusk, TX 79785. Her phone number is 903 683-4285. The price is \$10.

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Lawmakers hope tape of bin Laden will show he's culpable for attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — A videotape of Osama bin Laden made just days after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 will convince the rest of the world that he is responsible, senators said Tuesday.

"What's on it is a frightening display of evil. Here are three men, sitting in what looks like a common room for that part of the world, calmly discussing the events of Sept. 11 like it was last weekend's golf game," said Sen. Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill., after viewing the tape. "Osama bin Laden is laugh-

ing, grinning and marveling at the destruction and death of Sept. 11."

The tape is expected to be made public as early as today.

The amateurish video — apparently meant for internal al-Qaida use — records a conversation between bin Laden and a Saudi Arabian sheik, whom officials know little about and have declined to identify.

Two bin Laden associates — spiritual adviser Ayman al-Zawahri and spokesman Abu Ghaith — also appear in the tape, Durbin said.

Several members of the intelligence committee have called on the Bush administration to release the tape, which was found in an abandoned residence in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

"This is a basic acknowledgment by Osama bin Laden of his central role in the 9-11 planning of the events at the Trade towers and the Pentagon," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., vice chairman of the intelligence committee.

"I believe the tapes ought to be released. The timing is up to our policy-makers and

the president. I believe it would explain to a lot of people that have been doubting Osama bin Laden's culpability that it's there."

Other senators expressed similar sentiments.

"It tells me that he is culpable, that he clearly knew that Mohammad Atta was the leader, that he clearly knew what was going to

happen before it happened," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

"The inference was that there was a plan to make it happen."

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said he hopes the tape will refute claims from bin Laden's supporters that he was not behind the attacks and end rumors that other

groups were responsible. He cited suspicions in Pakistan suggesting the attack was a Jewish plot to draw the United States into a war on Islam.

"This video will open a lot of eyes," Wyden said. "The world will see that you are dealing with the level of pathology ... that is very, very twisted and sick."

Man whose flying lessons raised suspicion before Sept. 11 indicted in terror attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's first indictment in the Sept. 11 attacks details Osama Bin Laden's alleged decade-long quest to kill Americans and sets the stage for a public trial with only one defendant.

Tuesday's grand jury indictment alleges Zacarias Moussaoui worked with 23 unindicted co-conspirators to murder thousands even though the Frenchman of Moroccan descent spent the month before the hijackings in a Minnesota prison for immigration violations.

As Attorney General John Ashcroft meets this week with law enforcement officials in Great Britain, Spain, Germany and Italy, the case sidesteps a thorny issue with some U.S. allies by avoiding a military tribunal.

Moussaoui will be tried in a federal courthouse in Alexandria, Va.

The military tribunal issue is "part of the discus-

sion," Joannes Thuy, speaking for the presidency of the European Union, said before Ashcroft's arrival.

There is "not yet total agreement" on the question of extraditing terrorist suspects to the United States, because the EU won't send someone to face a possible death penalty, said Thuy, spokesman for Belgian Justice Minister Marc Verwiltgen.

Moussaoui is charged with six conspiracy charges, four of them carrying the death penalty.

"The United States of America has brought the awesome weight of justice against the terrorists who brutally murdered innocent Americans," Ashcroft said in announcing the indictment on the three-month anniversary of the deadly hijackings. "Al-Qaida will now meet the justice it abhors and the judgment it fears."

Ashcroft called Moussaoui an "active participant" with

the 19 hijackers who crashed four jetliners in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Though jailed Aug. 17 in Minnesota after raising suspicions while seeking flight training, Moussaoui had worked in concert with bin Laden associates to carry out the attacks, the attorney general alleged.

The indictment said Moussaoui's activities mirrored those of the 19 hijackers — he attended flight school, opened a bank account with cash, joined a gym, purchased knives, bought flight deck videos and looked into crop dusting planes.

The Bush administration used the indictment — which Ashcroft called a "chronicle of evil" — to lay out broad evidence against bin Laden and his al-Qaida network dating to the 1980s. It identified several urgings the Muslim extremist made over the years to attack U.S. interests.

Bush set to inform Russia that the U.S. will pull out of anti-ballistic missile treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is set to inform Russia that the United States intends to pull out of a 1972 treaty that he has denounced as a relic of the Cold War and a roadblock to mounting a U.S. defense against missile attack.

Not only is the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty outdated, Bush said Tuesday, but the Sept. 11 attacks, "made it even more clear that we need to build limited and effective defenses against a missile attack. ... We must protect America and her friends against all forms of terror, including the terror that could arrive on a missile."

The impact of a U.S. withdrawal from the 1972 treaty could be immense. It would give the Pentagon a green light to conduct tests outlawed by the treaty and make a sharper judgment on the kind of defense that make a sharper judgment on the kind of defense that might work.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has cautioned that unilateral U.S. withdrawal, which Bush has a legal right to do, could unravel the fabric of arms control woven over three decades of painstaking negotiations.

Bush will announce the decision to notify Russia in the next several days, four government officials said Tuesday on condition of anonymity. It involves invoking a clause in the ABA treaty that requires the United States and Russia to give six months' notice before abandoning the pact.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Bush told congressional leaders of his decision over breakfast Wednesday.

Once Bush informs Putin, the two leaders would have the six months to fashion a compromise that eluded them in talks in Washington in November.

Bush told Putin during their autumn talks in China that he would withdraw from the ABM in January even if Russia had not agreed to a deal by then. Bush, in a telephone call last week with Putin, made his intentions clear again, one senior U.S. official said.

A White House

spokesman, Sean McCormack, said of a presidential decision: "The time is coming."

"The president said that he intends to move beyond

the ABM treaty."

The decision came after Secretary of State Colin Powell failed to bridge differences during meetings this week in Russia.

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"Twas the night before Christmas..."

"Twas the night before Christmas And all thru the house, everyone was reading, even the mouse!"



KAREN MCINTYRE

Not quite the words to Clement C. Moore's famous poem, but I'm sure I'll be forgiven, since they rhyme!! If you're looking for some great holiday reading for the kids, come to Howard County Library. There are old favorites and some unforgettable new characters to spend Christmas with. Dave Gregory's "Theodore Was Here" is a terrific story about Santa's newest helper. Theodore is an inept elf, who does everything wrong. Somehow Santa manages to save the day and still enjoy Theo. The library has this as both a book and a book on tape. The music is lively and the children love making all the noises with Theodore.

When was the last time you read "Miracle on 34th Street" Although most of us watch the movie (and all the remakes!) few of us realize there is a great book by Valentine Davies. Tomie dePaola does the illustrations for this version and they are truly magical. This would be a great bedtime chapter book around the holidays. Jane Thayer's "The Puppy That Wanted A Boy" is an older book, but like lots of older books it's a great story. Petey the puppy wants only one thing for Christmas—a boy of his own. Will the bulldog, the collie or the setter share their boys? Find out how Petey gets his Christmas wish. Can you keep a Christmas secret? Sometimes those are the hardest of all; as Michael finds out in Phyllis Reynolds Naylor's book "Keeping A Christmas Secret". After 4-year-old Michael accidentally tells

Dad what they bought him for Christmas; he finds a way to redeem himself on Christmas Day. He even manages to keep this present a secret.

Joshua, the crippled lamb, from Max Lucado's book of the same name wonders why he was born different from the other lambs. No matter what his friend tells him, he is sad at always being left out of things. Until one special night in a manger he realizes why he was born this way and how his crippled leg made him special. A wonderful "snuggle" story for all ages.

Whether you are looking for your favorite Christmas character or trying to find a new one "Fantasy Land" at the library has what you are looking for. So as Christmas approaches, the library staff would like you to remember to stop (not always easy at this time of shopping, baking and wrapping!) and read. Reading with your child will make memories that last long after the last Christmas cookie is eaten. "Giving a child a toy will last a few weeks, but giving him the love of reading will last a lifetime." Another misquote; I know, but one that really comes from the heart. Happy Holidays from all the "characters" of Howard County Library's "Fantasy Land"!!

Library hours are: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday. Story Time is every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. The library is located at 500 Main Street and the phone number is 264-2260. Our canned food drive is continuing until Dec. 19th. All food (canned or boxed only, please) will be donated to the Food Bank for distribution. Remember that one can of food equals \$1.00 of fines (or less). It's a great way to get rid of the fines, start the New Year with a clean record and help some people in the process.

Karen McIntyre
(Children's Librarian) is guest columnist for the week.

Optimism prevails among college students

DEKALB, Ill. (AP) — This is supposed to be their test — the first real adversity for a generation of college students who grew up in a golden age of prosperity.

The nation is fighting terrorism. The economy is sputtering.

And yet, at the end of the tumultuous year of 2001, many feel optimistic about the future. Take Norman Winkfield. He's 21 and a junior at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, where he's studying hospital administration and nursing.

"I know I will get a job. I know it," he says, emphasizing the word "know." "I'm determined."

At the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, freshman Elizabeth Ontaneda sees things much the same. "Maybe it's just 17-year-old naive that we're all going to be fine," she says. "But that's how I feel."

Others do, too. A month after Sept. 11, Harris Interactive and Northwestern Mutual life insurance company followed up on a survey of college students they did last spring. They wanted to see if the attacks had dimmed college students' generally rosy view of the future.

When asked if they felt

the country is headed in the right direction, 78 percent of the young respondents said "yes," compared with just over half who said that last spring.

"They have lived through so many years of prosperity. I think it's going to take a while for things to truly hit them," says Deanna Tillisch, who oversaw the surveys for Northwestern Mutual. "Their feathers are not going to get ruffled easily."

Those who deal with students on a daily basis say they're not all that surprised by the findings.

"Imagine what it would mean if 18-, 19-, 20-year-olds weren't optimistic," says Steven Nock, a sociologist at the University of Virginia, noting that young people often feel invincible. "I mean, we're talking about a generation that doesn't wear condoms or seat belts."

Still, he has noted the attacks have had a sobering effect on some of his students. For example, they're expressing more interest in careers in public service — from the CIA to the Peace Corps, he says.

Kim Sayles, a senior and basketball standout at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, will graduate this spring and has

applied to be a Secret Service agent, a job she feels is "even more important" since the attacks.

And Chris McLemore, a senior studying political science at Kansas State University, says he's worrying a whole lot less about finding a high-paying job.

"I'm not averse to a large salary, but I'm terrified of working my life away and not spending time with my family and friends," he says. "The pursuit of money seems empty now."

The shift toward altruism has caught the eye of David Myers, a social psychologist at Hope College in Holland, Mich., who's been compar-

ing the value college students place on money vs. spirituality over the years.

In recent years, he says a growing number of college freshmen (nearly three-quarters in 2000) have said it is "very important" to be well off. Only about 40 percent placed that value on a "meaningful philosophy of life."

Myers wonders if recent events will cause a shift in those numbers and whether they'll stick.

But some students say they haven't noticed much altruism on campus and wonder if their peers are really paying much attention.

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Coahoma past Robert

Coahoma's and Bulldog non-district wins over Steers and Tuesday Coahoma.

The chalking up a 53 win over Steers behind Roberts' goals. Cryst added 14 Coahoma Bulldogettes their record season.

In the Bulldogs turned quarter win behind performance Davis and CH

The win in Bulldogs' record

Both Coahoma travel to Grand Friday with actions start p.m.

Coahoma registration

The Coahoma Basketball will begin registration the 2001-2002 season 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Coahoma High School gymnasium.

Subsequent will be held to 8:30 p.m. a.m. to noon and from 6 p.m. on Monday.

The league will be conducted Monday.

Fees are \$25.

For more information call Don Ewing 7942 or Monica 394-4712.

Football basketball tickets on sale

The 2001 Steer Football has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday Big Spring School cafeteria.

Tickets are plate and are Vision Ma Gregg St.

For more call Jim Clerk 1069.

Youth basketball registration

Sign-ups for formed Big Spring Basketball being conducted Y.M.C.A. of through Saturday.

The league of Big Spring youth basketball programs. Registration per child.

The league boys and girls garden through

Try-outs in two age divisions Saturday at Girls 10 and try out at 1 and under 7 p.m. Boys 1 will try out and boys 12 will be at 4:4

A coaches set for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17, at the

For more call 267-8234.

ON TV

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men 7 p.m. — Princeton, ES

NBA 7 p.m. — Washington V

NHL 7 p.m. — St. at Chicago B

ESPN

RODEO

11 p.m. — Frisco's, sixth day tape), ES

IN BRIEF

Coahoma teams roll past Robert Lee

Coahoma's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes took non-district basketball wins over Robert Lee's Steers and Lady Steers Tuesday night in Coahoma.

The Bulldogettes chalked up a thrilling 54-53 win over the Lady Steers behind Kynzi Roberts' game-high 19 points. Crystal Atkinson added 14 more for Coahoma as the Bulldogettes improved their record to 6-3 on the season.

In the nightcap, the Bulldogs turned a big second quarter into a 54-46 win behind the 16-point performances of Chase Davis and Chase Ward.

The win improved the Bulldogs' record to 4-1. Both Coahoma squads travel to Grape Creek on Friday with varsity girls' actions starting at 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma YBA sets registration sessions

The Coahoma Youth Basketball Association will begin registration for the 2001-2002 season from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Coahoma Junior High School gymnasium.

Subsequent sessions will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday.

The league's draft will be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday.

Fees are \$25 per player. For more information, call Don Ewing at 263-7942 or Monica White at 394-4712.

Football banquet tickets on sale

The 2001 Big Spring Steer Football Banquet has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 per plate and are available at Vision Makers, 1307 Gregg St.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Youth basketball registration begins

Sign-ups for the newly-formed Big Spring Youth Basketball League are being conducted at the YMCA of Big Spring through Saturday.

The league is a merger of Big Spring's two previous youth basketball programs. Registration is \$20 per child.

The league is open to boys and girls kindergarten through age 14.

Try-outs in the upper two age divisions will be Saturday at the YMCA. Girls 10 and under will try out at 1 p.m., and 12 and under will be at 2:15 p.m. Boys 10 and under will try out at 3:30 p.m., and boys 12 and under will be at 4:45 p.m.

A coaches' meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, at the YMCA.

For more information, call 267-8234.

ON THE AIR

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
7 p.m. — Kansas at Princeton, ESPN2.

NBA
7 p.m. — Miami Heat at Washington Wizards, TNT.

NHL
7 p.m. — St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks, ESPN.

RODEO

11 p.m. — PRCA National Finals, sixth round (same-day tape), ESPN2.

Steers disappointed with 60-56 loss to Del Rio

By CAREN GREATHOUSE

Special to the Herald

Big Spring's Steers suffered a disappointing 60-56 loss Tuesday night as Del Rio outscored the home team 19-17 in the final period.

Tuesday night's game was the fourth close contest the Steers have lost in the past week, leaving them 4-7 on the season. The Del Rio Rams are 12-2, including a win against 15th-ranked Boerne in tournament play this past weekend.

The Steers took an early 12-9 lead in the first quarter. Senior Mic Fleming hit a layup in the first minute of play beginning his scoring barrage, and Clarence Wilkins capped off the run with passes to

Fleming for two layups.

But the Rams would not play dead. Del Rio closed the Steers' lead, 27-26 entering halftime.

"We tightened up when we got the lead and didn't know what to do to keep it," head coach Brian Ellington said.

Del Rio's Frank Martinez hit an impressive three-point basket to start a run in the third quarter giving the Rams their largest lead of the game holding a five-point advantage over Big Spring.

At the 7:09 mark in the fourth quarter, Fleming hit a layup to even the score at 41. The Steers would hold onto their lead until the last 1:30 of play when the Rams went

ahead for the final time, outscoring Big Spring 19-17 despite eight points from Fleming, who scored a team-high 22 points.

Allen Jackson contributed 12 points, including a three-pointer and Arthur Belvin made eight in the losing effort.

"We're still trying to find out how to win," Ellington said. "We did some good things, but we made some poor decisions at the end of the game."

"We need to try and get the ball in the right people's hands. Allen (Jackson) did some good things offensively during the first half of the game and Mic stepped up and carried us during this game."

The Steers play their last non-district game against the Kermit Yellowjackets in Kermit Friday at 8 p.m. District 4-4A play begins in Snyder Tuesday against the Tigers as the Steers play in the nightcap game.

Del Rio 60, Big Spring 56
DEL RIO — Jorge Jurado 4 0 0 9; Matt Bauer 0 0 0 0; CJ Robles 0 0 0 0; Albert Jurado 4 1 4 10; Joseph Frausta 0 0 0 0; Eddie Balderras 1 6 6 8; Darryl Boykin 1 0 0 2; Frank Martinez 1 4 4 7; Nathan Berg 2 2 2 6; Jany Olivas 5 8 10 18. Totals: 18 21 26 60.
BIG SPRING — Brandon Greathouse 1 0 2 2; Allen Jackson 4 3 4 12; Clayton Weaver 1 0 0 2; Clarence Wilkins 1 0 0 2; Arthur Belvin 2 3 4 8; Mic Fleming 8 3 6 22; Jesse Woodruff 0 0 0 0; Jason Watson 1 0 0 2; Austin Nutting 1 4 7 6. Totals: 19 13 23 56.
Score by Quarters:
Del Rio 12 15 12 17 56
Big Spring 8 12 14 15 49
Three-point goals: Del Rio 3 (J. Jurado, A. Jurado, Martinez); Big Spring 5 (Fleming, 3, Belvin, Jackson). Total fouls: Del Rio 18; Big Spring 23. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: Greathouse. Records: Del Rio is 12-2; Big Spring is 4-7.

Lady Steers drop 4-4A opener

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Senior Brittany Bryant hit three consecutive three-pointers Tuesday and Leina Braxton canned another to open up the second half against Lubbock Estacado's Lady Matadors knotting the score at 35.

But the Lady Mats went on a 10-0 run and kept the Lady Steers at arm's length the rest of the game for a 59-49 win in the teams' District 4-4A opener.

Big Spring falls to 8-5 on the season and 0-1 in loop play. Estacado moves to 10-2 and 1-0.

A swift, athletic Lady Matadors team fought back a furious second-half rally by the determined Big Spring squad sparked by Bryant's scoring frenzy and three three-pointers by Braxton.

"Brittany really sparked us and Leina hit a big three in the third," head coach Jimmy Avery said. "Estacado was on the verge of blowing us out in the second quarter, but we buckled down and kept chipping away at their lead."

"When those two started hitting from outside, that gave us some big help."

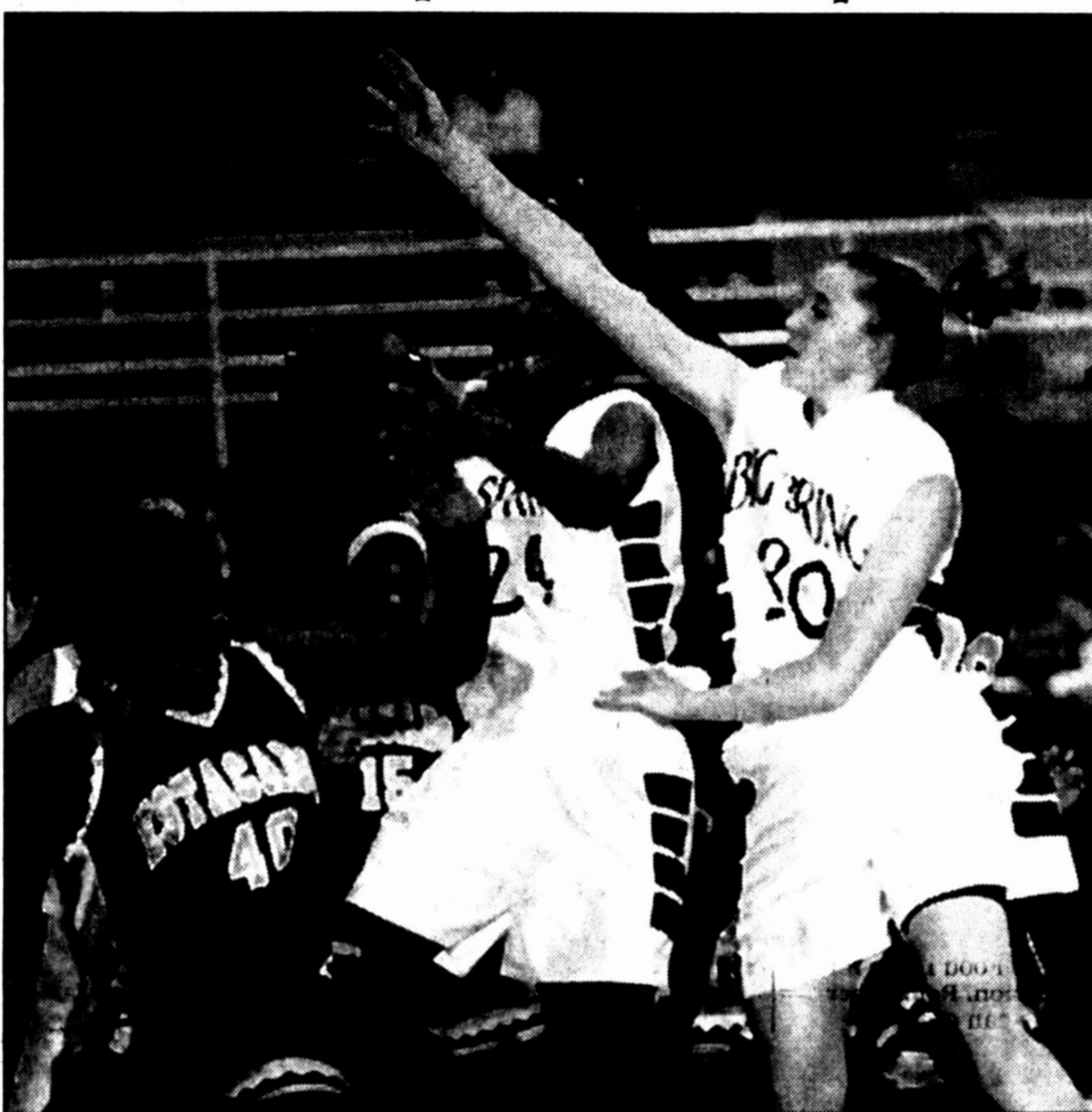
Junior Krystle Long nailed two buckets in the final period despite being double-teamed by much larger and taller players throughout the contest.

"I was really proud of Krystle," Avery said. "She worked so hard to get open the entire night. I don't think people realize how difficult that was for her to do with the people they had on her."

Big Spring trailed 43-34 at the end of three periods, after outscoring the Lady Mats 14-12 in the third quarter. But Estacado went to veteran Kelly Curry, who went 4-for-5 from the free throw line in the final period and hit a basket. Tanya Neloms, who finished with 11 points made three buckets.

Freshman LaVonda Henderson chipped in four of her team-high 24 points in the fourth quarter.

"We fought back hard in the third period," Avery said. "It took a lot out of us. They were just so quick and so athletic. We got beat by a very good team who is



Big Spring's Kim Wrightsil (24) pulls down a rebound, as she and teammate Krystle Long (30) go up to get an errant shot during the Lady Steers' loss to Lubbock Estacado in Steer Gym Tuesday night.

going to make a run at a play-off spot. I firmly believe that. Estacado is going to surprise a lot of people."

Henderson hit six lay-ups in the first quarter, and Big Spring trailed 17-8. Bryant hit her first of five three-pointers in the opening period and Braxton made a putback off a Bryant miss.

Estacado led 27-13 before Bryant made her second try to decrease the Lady Mats' lead to 27-16. Ashley Smith made a strong move in the key to pull Big Spring to 20-27 with 1:47 remaining.

Estacado called a timeout, but despite steals by Braxton and Bryant, Estacado headed into the locker room with a 31-20 advantage.

"Their transition offense was really good," Avery said. "They just kept getting lay-ups. They were so fast, you almost had to leave two people back there. They

just run so fast. They'd send one early every time."

"I finally had to leave one back on the offensive rebound. They were snobirding us. Early, they were just getting it and throwing it down there and getting lay-up after lay-up."

"We tried hard tonight to win this game. The effort was there. I am proud of the girls' effort. They were just the better team tonight."

Big Spring was led by Bryant's 16 points — five three-pointers — shooting 63 percent from behind the arc. She also recorded four steals and pulled in four rebounds. Braxton chipped in 14 points and dished out three assists and made seven rebounds.

Long had 12 points and grabbed six boards. Kim Wrightsil, making her return after a week off from a bruised shoulder grabbed 10 rebounds and made eight assists.

Jessica Woodward had five rebounds.

"We will just keep working hard and go up to Frenship Friday," Avery said. "We saw them play and I know we have a good shot at beating them."

The Lady Steers junior varsity won a 53-50 overtime thriller after having battled the young Lady Matadors to a 45-45 deadlock at the end of regulation. Alex Watkins paced the Big Spring JV with 14 points.

Lubbock Estacado 59, Big Spring 49
ESTACADO — K. Curry 2 4 5 9; E. Shepard 1 0 1 2; T. Dutton 0 0 0 0; L. Henderson 11 2 2 24; S. Gonzalez 0 0 0 0; T. McGraw 1 0 0 2; S. Green 0 0 0 0; A. Chatham 1 3 4 5; J. Lang 3 0 1 6; T. Boyd 0 0 0 0; T. Neloms 5 1 3 11; T. Senders 0 0 0 0; T. Martin 0 0 0 0; A. Garcia 0 0 0 0. Totals 24 10 16 59.
BIG SPRING — Tejal Patel 0 0 0 0; Brittany Bryant 5 1 2 16; Courtney Brock 0 0 0 0; Kim Wrightsil 0 0 0 0; Krystle Long 4 4 6 12; Jessica Woodward 1 4 3 14; Leina Braxton 5 1 2 14; Ashley Smith 2 0 0 4. Totals: 17 7 14 49.
Score by Quarters:
Estacado 17 14 12 16 59
Big Spring 8 12 14 15 49
Three-point goals: Estacado 1 (Curry); Big Spring 8 (Bryant, 5, Braxton, 3). Total fouls: Estacado 12; Big Spring 16. Fouled out: Neloms. Technical fouls: None. Records: Estacado is 10-2, 1-0; Big Spring is 8-5, 0-1.

Crouch, Grossman headline AP All-America team

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quarterbacks Eric Crouch and Rex Grossman added a new twist to the AP All-America team — the Heisman Trophy winner and runner-up are both on it.

Crouch, Nebraska's option whiz, was selected as the all-purpose player, while Grossman, Florida's sensational passer, won the quarterback spot on the team announced Tuesday.

Miami's Ken Dorsey was the second-team quarterback and Fresno State's David Carr made third team.

Crouch directed the Huskers to an 11-1 record and into the BCS' national title game against Miami in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3. He was the choice in a category that replaced return specialist 10 years ago. The change was made to recognize college football's more versatile players.

Crouch ran for 1,115 yards and 18 TDs, passed for 1,510 yards and seven scores and also caught a 63-yard TD pass. Indiana quarterback

Antwaan Randle El was the second-team all-purpose pick.

Grossman, who topped the nation in passing with 3,896 yards and 34 touchdowns, led four Florida players — the most of any school — chosen for the 26-player AP team. He guided the Gators to a 9-2 record, an Orange Bowl berth, and was selected AP player of the year last week.

Wide receiver Jabar Gaffney, offensive tackle Mike Pearson and defensive end Alex Brown are the other Gators on the team. It also includes two players from No. 1 Miami — Outland Trophy winning offensive tackle Bryant McKinnie and free safety Edward Reed, one of three repeat All-Americans.

BYU's Luke Staley and Tennessee's Travis Stephens are the running backs, with LSU's Josh Reed joining Gaffney at wide receiver.

Staley, the Doak Walker Award winner who ran for 1,673 yards, led the nation in scoring with 28 touchdowns. Stephens ran for 1,464 yards and 10 TDs.

Josh Reed caught 94 passes for 1,740 yards and seven TDs in helping LSU win the Southeastern Conference title and a spot in the Sugar Bowl. Gaffney had 67 catches for 1,191 yards and 13 TDs.

Along the defensive line are four standout ends — North Carolina's Julius Peppers, Syracuse's Dwight Freeney, Tennessee's John Henderson and Brown.

Peppers had 9 1/2 sacks and returned one of his three interceptions for a TD; Freeney led the nation with 17 1/2 sacks and forced eight fumbles; Henderson, injured early in the season, finished strong to come up with eight tackles for losses; and Brown had 10 1/2 sacks for a defense that allowed just 14.1 points per game.

Oklahoma's Roy Williams, the Nagurski Trophy and Thorpe Award winner, heads up the secondary along with Edward Reed, Texas' Quentin Jammer and Washington State's Lamont Thompson.

Williams had 101 tackles, five

interceptions and 22 pass breakups; Edward Reed led the Hurricanes' tenacious defense with nine interceptions; Jammer had 55 tackles and 24 pass breakup for the nation's top-rated pass defense; and Thompson led the Pac-10 with eight interceptions, including four against UCLA.

The rest of the offense includes Colorado tight end Dan Graham, Ohio State center LeCharles Bentley, and two more beefy linemen — Nebraska's Tonia Fomoti and Colorado's Andre Gurode.

Graham caught 51 passes for 753 yards and six TDs for the Buffaloes, who won the Big 12 title.

Auburn's David Duval is the place kicker.

The other defensive All-Americans are linebackers Rocky Calmus of Oklahoma, Levar Fisher of North Carolina State, E.J. Henderson of Maryland and Robert Thomas of UCLA.

Purdue's Travis Dorsch he's the All-American punter and also made third team kicker.

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SPORTS EXTRA

AP TOP 25

Table listing the Top 25 teams in the Associated Press college football poll, including Miami (72), Oregon, Colorado, Nebraska, Florida, Maryland, Illinois, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, Stanford, LSU, Washington St., South Carolina, Virginia Tech, Georgia, Syracuse, BYU, Fresno St., Washington, Ohio St., Louisville, Florida St., Texas Tech, and Hawaii.

SCHOOLBOY PLAYOFFS

CLASS 5A DIVISION I Region I and II Mesquite 28, Keller 20, Pflug 16. Region III and IV Skiff 21, Pflug 14. State semifinals Mesquite 14 (10) vs. Keller 12 (2), TBA. DIVISION II Region I Eules 10, Dallas 21. Region II Dallas 19, Springville 19. State semifinals Dallas 11 (11) vs. Eules 10 (11), 2 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium, Irving.

CLASS 4A DIVISION I Region I and II Denton Ryan 20, Burleson 0. State semifinals Denton Ryan 14 (14) vs. Smithson Valley 14 (14), 6 p.m. Saturday at Westwood Stadium. DIVISION II Region I Southland 14, Frisco 7. Region II Frisco 4, Highland Park 38. State semifinals Southland 14 (14) vs. Frisco 14 (14), 1 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium, Irving.

CLASS 3A DIVISION I Region I and II Lufkin 18, Pampa 9. Region II Lufkin 18, Pampa 9. State semifinals Lufkin 18 (18) vs. Pampa 9 (9), 6 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium, Irving.

CLASS 2A DIVISION I Region I and II Van Alstyne 20, Lufkin 11. Region II Van Alstyne 20, Lufkin 11. State semifinals Van Alstyne 12 (12) vs. Lufkin 11 (11), 6 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium, Irving.

CLASS 1A DIVISION I Region I Stratford 28, Paterburg 0. Region II Stratford 28, Paterburg 0. State semifinals Stratford 14 (14) vs. Paterburg 0 (0), 6 p.m. Saturday at Dallas. DIVISION II Region I Tomba 27, Dallas 11. Region II Tomba 27, Dallas 11. State semifinals Tomba 14 (14) vs. Dallas 11 (11), 6 p.m. Saturday at Dallas.

CLASS SIX MAN Championship Whitham 14 (14) vs. Rockwall 13 (13), 2 p.m. Saturday at Westwood.

NFL

Table showing NFL American Conference standings for East, Central, and West divisions.

COWBOYS

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going into the next year finish strong."
Dallas has played the Seahawks on the road only twice, in 1976 and 1983. The two teams have played only four other times, all at Texas Stadium, the last coming in 1998.
The Cowboys lost 28-21 at Oakland on Oct. 7, their only other AFC road game this season. They were shut out at Baltimore and Tennessee last season.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Table showing NFL National Conference standings for East, Central, and West divisions.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
BOSTON RED SOX—Named Dwight Evans hitting coach, Mike Cuddihy third base coach and Bob Kipper bullpen coach.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Keith Foulke on a two-year contract extension.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Traded 2B Roberto Alomar, LHP Mike Bacsik and OF 1B Danny Papp to the New York Mets for OF Matt Lawton, OF Alex Escobar, RHP Jerrod Riggan and two players to be named.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Traded RHP Brett Tomko, C Tim Lincecum, SS Ramon Vazquez and cash to San Diego for C Ben Davis, RHP Wascara Serrano and INF Alex Arias.

NBA

Table showing NFL Eastern Conference standings for Atlantic, Central, and Western divisions.

NHL

Table showing NFL Western Conference standings for Central, Northwest, and Pacific divisions.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed OT Cornell Green to the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Claimed TE Marco Battaglia off waivers from Cincinnati.

NCAA BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S GAMES
EAST
Army 83, St. Francis, N.Y. 64
Carnisus 100, Bucknell 89
Dartmouth 81, Maine 72
Georgetown 79, American U. 56
Harvard 86, Rhode Island 82
Ithaca 64, Cortland St. 59
Marymount, Va. 65, College of N.J. 59
Penn 69, Villanova 62, OT
Rochester 65, Buffalo St. 50
Sierra 70, St. Bonaventure 56
Yale 80, Albany, N.Y. 61
SOUTH
Louisiana Lafayette 77, Centenary 56
Tulane 71, Nicholls St. 48

TEXAS RANGERS

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jay Powell on a three-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Carlos Tosca third base coach.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS

WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Activated F Tyrone Nesby from the injured list. Placed G Courtney Alexander on the injured list.

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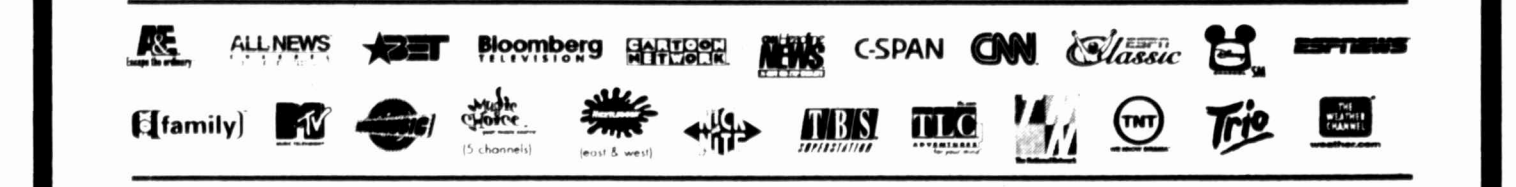
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Thursday, Dec. 13:

You're strong-willed and others often react. Be more gentle in what you say. You might read people too closely for their comfort. Allow others to come to you without revealing all of your understanding. You know how to be warm and caring without being demanding. Perfect this characteristic. If you are single, life is a barrel of surprises. Pick and choose your amour with care. You will not want to tie the knot until your next birthday. If you are attached, empathize more often with a loved one. Show caring and try to understand them. SAGITTARIUS knows how to get to you!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)**** You feel unusually inspired, resulting in a slew of calls, meetings and new appointments. You act as if there is no tomorrow; you're such a ball of fire. Understand someone's limitations and why this person responds as he or she does. Pitch in and help. Tonight: Are you tired yet? Slow down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** Success heads your way if you deal with others directly. Unexpected news at work energizes and helps you solve any problems on the way. Listen to impor-

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tant information or feedback from someone you deal with financially. Tonight: Take a break from all the holiday gatherings and people.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** Don't rebel just because it works for you. Establish better groundwork leading into an idea. Let others reveal their true colors, and your decisions will be much stronger. Let go of insecurity. Step back from yourself. Tonight: Go along with someone's plans.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Your ability to handle money comes from your own tenacious crablike need for security. You don't have to announce this fact, but monopolize on this skill. A situation might make you feel insecure. Don't allow feelings or fatigue to get the best of you. Tonight: Early to bed.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** A friend could disappoint you when you least expect it. Laugh and be light with a loved one or child. Don't kick the cat because you're mad at the dog. Express how you feel, and you will gain some release. Allow fun in; let go of anger. Tonight: Express your frisky side.
VirGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** Tension builds at work or revolving around a health matter. You cannot be too thorough or too careful. You could be accident-prone. Express your frustration and anger. Stop,

Marriage not always key to happiness, fulfillment

folks on Grandpa's birthday, and it went well, but I kept waiting for the other shoe to drop and felt very uncomfortable. I have told my parents they are welcome in my home any time they wish to come, but they have yet to show up.

I hold a master's degree in teaching and am very much attuned to the good works of Alcoholics Anonymous, but I do not know how to deal with this. Can you advise me? - Nervous in Michigan

Dear Michigan: Trying to predict the behavior of an alcoholic is extremely difficult, if not impossible. Please keep taking Bobby to visit his grandfather, explaining in advance that Grandpa may not always be himself. Children are wiser than we think. Bobby will understand.

Ann Landers

How have your female readers who have been in this situation dealt with it? Do they ever get over it? Is it possible to find love later in life, or do they find happiness elsewhere? Do they look back with happiness or sadness at how their lives turned out? If you were in my shoes, what would you do differently?

Thanks, Ann. I hope you and your readers can help me find my way. - Lost But Still Hopeful in Washington, D.C.

Dear D.C.: It's always a mistake to depend on someone else to complete your life and "make you happy." Being happy is definitely a do-it-yourself project. Dreamland can be enchanting, but don't try to make it a permanent residence.

Marriage does not always guarantee a happy "forever-after." The current divorce rate (about 50 percent) should tell you something about wedded bliss. If Cupid's arrow should find you - wonderful. If it doesn't happen, consider that you may have missed a speeding bullet. As for raising a family, many single women choose to adopt.

Meanwhile, make an effort to find fulfillment in other areas. Service to others can be extremely rewarding. I recommend it.

Dear Ann Landers: I have a problem that involves my 2-year-old son, "Bobby." His grandfather, my dad, is an alcoholic. For several months, Dad was sober, and Bobby bonded with him on their weekend visits. But last month, my dad hit the bottle big time, got into his car and almost had an accident. Now I no longer feel safe taking my child over there. I took Bobby to see my

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end of the evening, one envelope is drawn. All the money from the other envelopes is then donated to that charity. The receipt from the charitable organization is sent to my mother so she can have the deduction.

The year my father died of a brain tumor, the money was donated to the Brain Tumor Research Center. The year Mom had a mastectomy, the donation went to the Canadian Cancer Society. Last year, the money went to a local cemetery that had been vandalized and suffered almost \$25,000 in damages.

Christmas is meant to be a time of giving. Please print this letter and encourage other families to help those who are less fortunate during this holiday season. - R.V.R., London, Ontario

Ann Landers

Dear Ontario: What a lovely and generous idea! Every year, I receive dozens of letters from people asking how they can avoid spending a fortune to buy gifts for relatives. Your suggestion is the perfect solution. Bless you.

Dear Ann Landers: A friend sent this to me, and I thought your readers might find it amusing. Do you know what would have happened if there had been Three Wise Women instead of Three Wise Men? They would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, brought practical gifts, and there would be peace on earth. - Pat in Louisiana

Dear Pat: The women in my reading audience will enjoy your contribution, but I doubt that it will do much for the men. Thanks for sending it along.

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter from someone who didn't know how to tell people who overstay their welcome that it's time to go home. My family also had that problem, but it was solved by our English bulldog, Dempsey.

There was a big, comfortable rocker in one corner of the living room. At night, we draped a blanket over the chair, and that is where Dempsey slept. When we had guests, someone would invariably sit in that chair. Promptly at 11:00 p.m., Dempsey would approach the chair and bump his rear end on the floor. When the chair's occupant asked what was bothering Dempsey, we would reply,

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"It's 11:00, and you are in his bed." The amused response invariably was, "I guess it's time we went home." We would laugh and quickly lead them to the door. - David in Portland, Maine

Dear David: Dempsey sounds like one smart bulldog. I hope you gave him an extra treat when he performed such astute rescue missions. He deserved to be rewarded.

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There was a big, comfortable rocker in one corner of the living room. At night, we draped a blanket over the chair, and that is where Dempsey slept. When we had guests, someone would invariably sit in that chair. Promptly at 11:00 p.m., Dempsey would approach the chair and bump his rear end on the floor. When the chair's occupant asked what was bothering Dempsey, we would reply,

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7	PM My Wife-Kids According-Jim	King of the Hill Grounded-Life	Movie: Amazing Grace	Santa Is Coming to Town	60 Minutes II (CC)	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	Ed (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Amigas y Rivaldes (SS)	(CC)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	(CC)	The Day Reagan Was Shot (CC)	(CC)	Update With Richard Rives	Biography (CC)	Women Pharaohs	NBA Basketball	Robotica
8	PM Drew Carey Whose Line?	Bernie Mac Titus (CC)	With Bill Moyers (CC)	Movie: Three Days (CC)	Raymond Becker (CC)	Drew Carey Whose Line?	West Wing (CC)	Movie: Most Wanted	Derecho de Nacer (SS)	(CC)	Movie: Death Warrant (CC)	Movie: Backstage	Shot (CC) Reagan's Side	Greenlight	Light of the Southwest	American Justice (CC)	Who Was Moses?	Miami Heat at Washington	Junkyard Wars
9	PM 20/20 (CC)	Cops (CC) Blind Date	Simon and Garfunkel	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	P. Impacto Presenta	Home: Yellow Dog	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Boys (CC)	Resurrection (45) Movie	Oz (CC)	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files (CC)	Movie: The Dead Pool	Robotica
10	PM News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	Central Park Concert	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	P. Impacto Presenta	Home: Yellow Dog	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Boys (CC)	Resurrection (45) Movie	Oz (CC)	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files (CC)	Movie: The Dead Pool	Robotica
11	PM Politically Inc. Cheers	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	Dr. Wayne Dyer's Ten	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	Movie: Deadly	El Gran Blablazo	So Weird (CC) Jett Jackson	Mad TV	Movie: Warm Summer Rain	Family Business	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Women Pharaohs	(CC)	Junkyard Wars	
12	AM Paid Program	Attorney Divorce Court	Secrets Dr. Wayne	Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	Blessing	Maria la del Barrio	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Baywatch (CC)	Movie:	(CC)	(CC) Movie:	American Justice (CC)	Who Was Moses?	Movie: Escape From	Super Structures	

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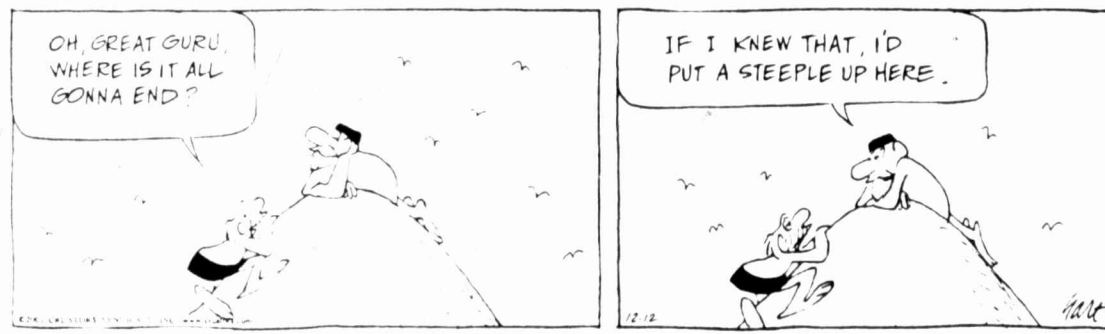
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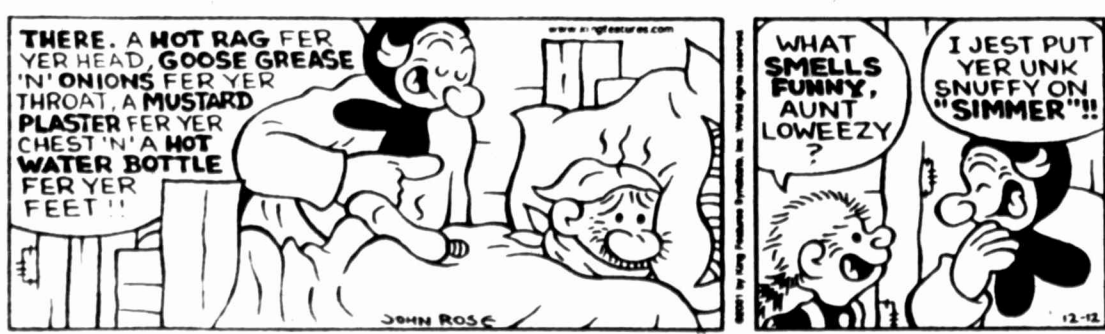
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 2001. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, on Dec. 12, 2000, a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election, effectively transforming George W. Bush into the president-elect. (The high court agreed, 7-to-2, to reverse the Florida court's order of a state recount and voted 5-to-4 that there was no acceptable procedure by which a timely new recount could take place.)

On this date:
In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn

in to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1901, 100 years ago, the first radio signal to cross the Atlantic was picked up near St. John's, Newfoundland, by inventor Guglielmo Marconi. (The signal was transmitted from a point some 2,000 miles away.)

In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

In 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb. In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)

In 1947, the United Mine Workers union withdrew from the American Federation of Labor.

In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Britain. In 1975, Sara Jane Moore pleaded guilty to a charge of trying to kill President

Ford in San Francisco the previous September.

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

Ten years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin won landslide approval in the Russian legislature for his new commonwealth, while Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev edged closer to resigning, saying, "The main work of my life is done."

Five years ago: Hollywood power broker Michael Ovitz resigned as Walt Disney Co.'s No. 2 executive.

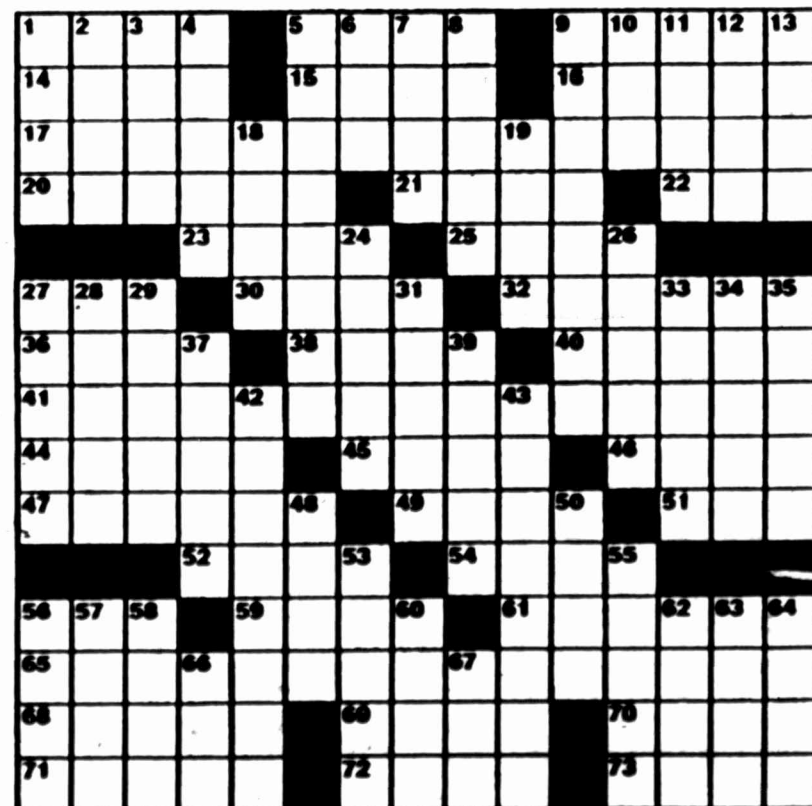
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Newsday Crossword

LET IT OUT by Merle Baker
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
 - 1 Examine, with "over"
 - 5 Where *lire* are spent
 - 9 Revolves
 - 14 MP's quarry
 - 15 E pluribus
 - 16 Nimble
 - 17 Be boastful
 - 20 Rearward
 - 21 Egyptian port
 - 22 Braves network: Abbr.
 - 23 Prophet
 - 25 Part of ROM
 - 27 Large tub
 - 30 TV horse
 - 32 Works with dough
 - 36 River of Spain
 - 38 Eye part
 - 40 Estuary
 - 41 Ingredient in turnovers
 - 44 Kama
 - 45 Gilpin of *Frasier*
 - 46 British noble
 - 47 Sparta rival
 - 49 Spoils
 - 51 Deli bread
 - 52 Some NCOs
 - 54 In ___ (at the original place)
 - 56 New Zealand parrot
 - 59 Square's partner
 - 61 Lady Bird's hubby
 - 65 Terry McMillan novel
 - 68 Passion
 - 69 Rather report
 - 70 Birth of a notion
- DOWN**
 - 1 Sunscreen ingredient
 - 2 Temple athletes
 - 3 Show team spirit
 - 4 *The Princess Bride* star
 - 5 Second-place finisher
 - 6 Unspecified individual
 - 7 Touse
 - 8 Parisian's love
 - 9 Kenya neighbor
 - 10 "Gross!"
 - 11 It's very funny
 - 12 Worker-rights org.
 - 13 Kennedy and Clinton: abbr.
 - 18 City of Utah
 - 19 Calendar period
 - 24 Increase
 - 26 Thickly packed
 - 27 Vice
 - 28 Relating to
 - 29 Actuality
 - 31 Put off
 - 33 Place for vows
 - 34 Port of Northern Ireland, for short
 - 35 Fashion
 - 37 Fairy-tale villains
 - 39 Curly coils
 - 42 Be unsettled
 - 43 Uncompensationate
 - 48 Getz of jazz
 - 50 River of Hades
 - 53 Billboards, e.g.
 - 55 Square
 - 56 *The Bridge on the River*
 - 57 Pull down
 - 58 Verdi heroine
 - 60 AAA suggestions
 - 62 Carpenter's groove
 - 63 Bread spread
 - 64 Close to
 - 66 Ship capacity unit
 - 67 Have title to



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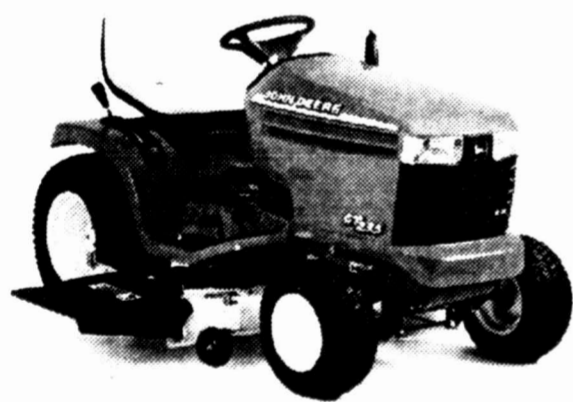
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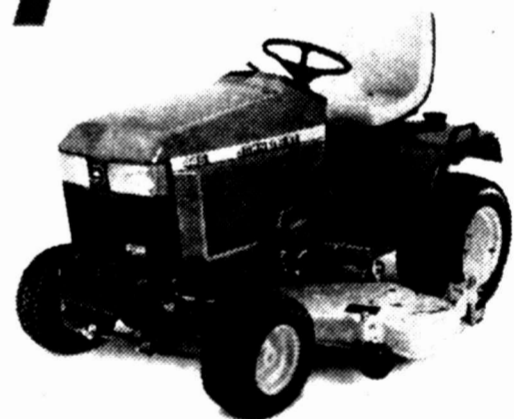
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