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Monday's issue of the *Big Spring Herald* will be delivered in the morning instead of the afternoon.

The *Herald* offices will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and there will be no paper Tuesday to allow *Herald* employees time to share the holidays with their families.

The *Herald* family wishes you and yours a very merry Christmas.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.
Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.
Big Spring Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

THURSDAY

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp 442160 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.
Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.
Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.
The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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Thousands making their way to Festival of Lights displays

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Almost 8,000 people have come to Comanche Trail Park during the first seven nights of the Festival of Lights.

"We have had some great comments made about the event



LYNDEL MOODY

and the turn out is surprising," said Pat Simmons of the Festival of Lights committee.

More than a quarter of a million lights illuminate the natural landscape of the spring and lake area of the park nightly.

Holiday displays, including a nativity scene, crosses, angels, deer, western sculptures and more, enhance the display which is free for viewing by the public.

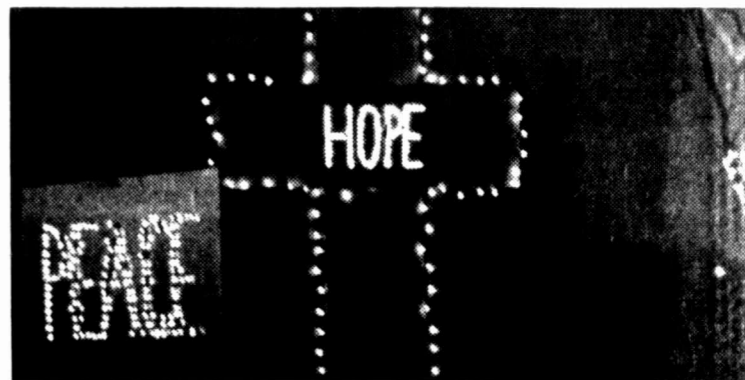
The festival has drawn

people from at least 14 states and four countries: Morocco, Canada, Denmark and New Zealand.

According to Simmons, some nights have brought bumper-to-bumper traffic down Whipkey Drive.

Also some motorists traveling down Highway 87 by the dam have taken a few moments to pull over and gaze at the festival's newest addition, 20-foot-wide lighted poinsettias.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
These crosses decorate part of the Festival of Lights display at the spring in Comanche Trail Park.

State hospital rallies around family

Wreck victim remembered as compassionate

By **VALERIE AVERY**
Herald Correspondent

During her 13-1/2 years at Big Spring State Hospital, Irma Medrano never grabbed the spotlight. She worked quietly in the background in her own unassuming manner — first, as a direct care employee and later as a therapist in the Therapeutic Arts and Crafts department where patients are taught to use leisure time as a stress-reliever.

The job was a perfect fit for the soft-spoken 37-year-old who was creative, compassionate and deeply committed to the patients with mental illness. She would have been the first one to ensure that all the patients felt loved and appreciated during what is one of the most difficult times of the year for patients — the holidays.

But Medrano died Thursday afternoon and was buried Friday alongside her father, Jose, who died early Monday when the car the entire family was driving in swerved to miss a wooden crate on Interstate 20.

Her sister, Maggie, who has worked at Big Spring State Hospital for the past 13 years, was driving their Suburban home from a family Christmas shopping trip in Midland when the accident occurred on Sunday night. Their mother, Dolores, remains hospitalized in critical condition.



Courtesy photo
Big Spring State Hospital employees mourn the death of Irma Medrano, a therapist known for her compassion and creativity. She died Thursday from injuries she suffered in a car wreck which also took the life of her father, Jose.

"They were a very close-knit family," said Irma's supervisor, Peggy Dalton. "Both her and Maggie were very family-oriented. They went everywhere together."

"Irma was very quiet, but very creative with a great sense of humor," said Gail Zilai, LMSW, director of the

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Allegations

Local doctor indicted on fraud charges

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Big Spring doctor Abdul Rashid Baluch has been indicted on charges of health insurance fraud.

The indictment, filed Dec. 19 in U.S. District Court in Midland, says Baluch, who maintains an office at Malone and Hogan Clinic in Big Spring, submitted "materially false and fraudulent health care insurance forms" to defraud federally funded programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, as well as the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

The prosecution alleges that Baluch "devised a scheme and artifice to defraud federally funded and private insurers" and that he filed false claims in excess of \$9.5 million.

Baluch, indicted in November on charges of distribution of cocaine to a minor and possession of cocaine, is currently in federal custody. His attorney, James O. Darnell of El Paso, is reportedly seeking his pre-trial release from custody in hearings adjudicated by U.S. Magistrate Judge Stuart Platt of Midland.

A taskforce comprising federal, state and local law enforcement agents searched the doctor's Big Spring and Midland residence and his Big Spring office in October and allegedly discovered cocaine in his possession at that time. The taskforce's search warrant empowered them to look for financial and medical records and evidence of child pornography as well as drugs.

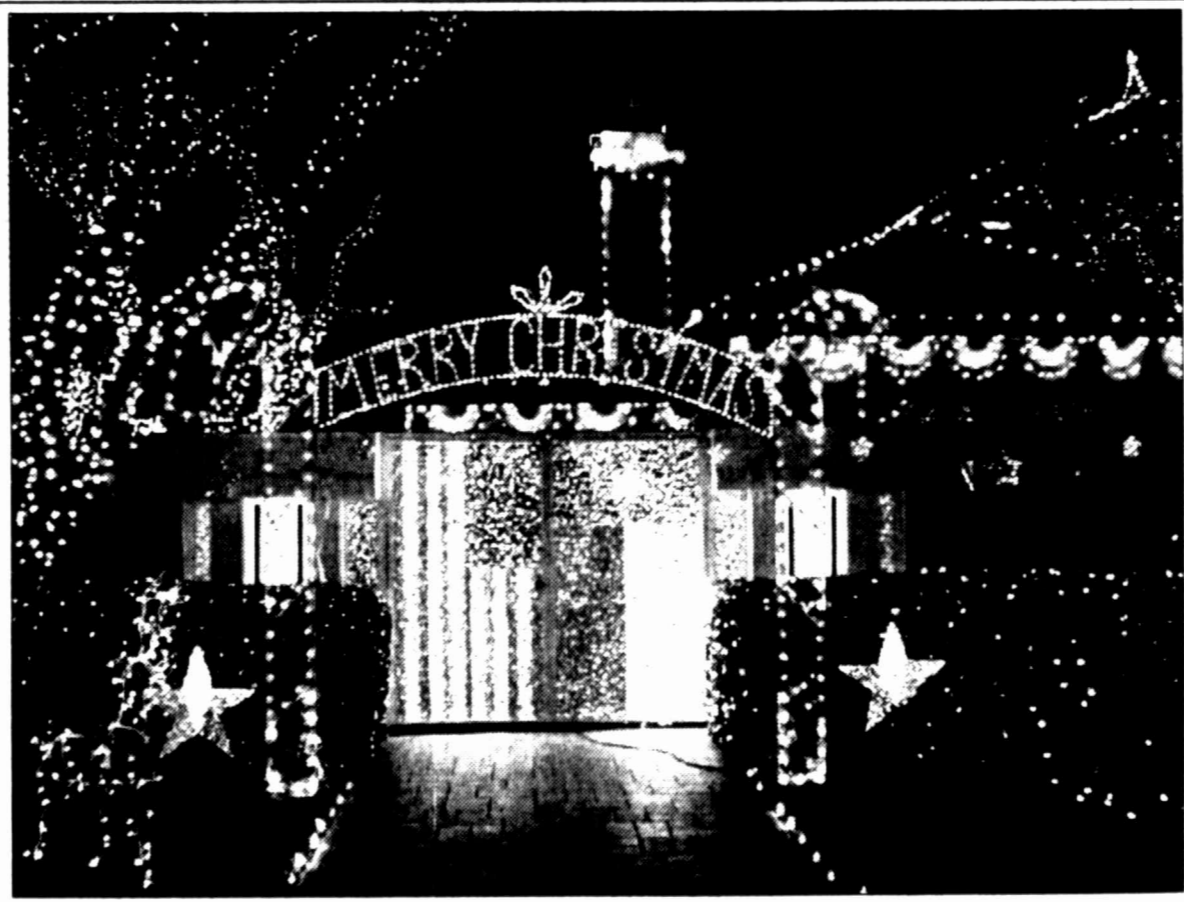
The doctor was arrested by FBI agents in the Dallas area two days after the search.



BALUCH

The home of Stan and Sue Partee located at 711 Belvedere, which is always a "must see" during the holiday season, glows with patriotic red, white and blue to wish all of Howard County a merry Christmas.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody



Marquee at Big Spring High School to feature accomplishments, events

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School has a new look with the addition of a \$12,000 electronic marquee.

"We needed something that advertised our school activities," said BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey. "The assistance of the Big Spring High School Exes association through the efforts of Janice Bond and Craig Fischer provided us with the means to fund the electronic marquee."



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The marquee will advertise student accomplishments, scheduled events and other happenings at the high school.

"This is a way of communicating with the community," Ritchey said.

The exes association gave an up-front donation of \$6,000 toward the purchase of the sign and donated a number of copies of the booklet "A Centennial Celebration of the Big Spring Independent School District."

The high school will raise the rest of the money by keeping the profits on the sale of the booklet that contains historical information of the district's first 100 years of existence.

The booklet costs \$10 and can be purchased from the high school Journalism Department.

The marquee was purchased from Southwest Signs Service, a Midland company, with a two-year agreement, Ritchey said.

"This could not have happened without the exes association," Ritchey said.

Ritchey said he was thankful that the high school exes continue to give back to the school through the exes association and hopes their support installs pride in future high school graduates to give back to the school.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Big Spring High School added this \$12,000 electronic marquee sign on campus. The marquee will advertise student accomplishments, scheduled events and other happenings at the high school.

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OBITUARIES

Marshall E. Byerley

Marshall E. Byerley passed away Nov. 24, 2001, at Guadalupe Valley Hospital.

Prior to the nursing center he lived in his home outside Stockdale.

He was born to Marshall E. and Bertha Byerley on Aug. 3, 1922. He married a local girl, Billie Lee Harper, in April 1940.

Marshall is survived by his wife of more than 61 years; a daughter, Barbara Ann Draper of Stockdale; a son, Marshall E. Byerley III of Milton, Fla.; three grandchildren, Jay Draper of Odessa; Cheryl Willeford of Stockdale and Donna Zenghi of Boston, Mass.; eight great-grandchildren, Alisha Pointer of Lubbock, Steven Draper of Lubbock, Tasha and Jessica Banks of Stockdale, Matthew and Christifer Draper of Odessa and Andra and Stephen Zenghi of Boston, Mass.

Marshall was cremated and his ashes are to be thrown in the canyon and winding roads of Alta Loma, near Del Rio. Marshall will be long remembered by his family and friends.

Arrangements are with Puente & Sons Funeral Chapels in San Antonio.

Paid obituary

Irmgard Torbohm Onken

Irmgard Torbohm Onken, 93, died Thursday, Dec. 20, in Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Germany.

Funeral Services will be on Dec. 27, 2001, in Bremen, Germany.

Mrs. Onken was born on Jan. 1, 1908, in Bremen, Germany. She married Alfred Onken on Oct. 8, 1930, in Mexico City.

During their 47-year marriage, they lived in Mexico, Germany, Venezuela and Costa Rica. Mr. Onken preceded her in death in February 1977. She was also preceded in death by three children.

Mrs. Onken was a homemaker, devoted to her children, grandchildren, family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Margarita and Ronnie Palmer of Big Spring, sons and daughters-in-law, Dieter and Patricia Onken of San Antonio, Kurt and Ingrid Onken of Bremen, Germany; six grandchildren including Marga Palmer Senzig and husband Eric of Orlando, Fla.; and one great-grandson.

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Skilling: Enron's downfall a "tragedy"

HOUSTON (AP) — The man who left Enron Corp.'s

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help about two months before its swift descent into bankruptcy says the collapse of a company he helped transform into an energy giant has left him heartbroken.

"The last two months have been the worst two months of my life," said Jeff Skilling, who quit as Enron's chief executive in mid-August after just six months at the post.

"We built a great company," he said. "We were doing great things. We were creating markets where markets didn't exist."

After Skilling's departure Enron, a mid-October release of massive third-quarter earnings losses was the first in a string of revelations that left the company bankrupt and 5,500 workers in Houston and London jobless.

Shares of the company, formerly No. 7 on the Fortune 500 and the world's largest buyer and seller of natural gas, plummeted from \$90 to less than a dollar.

The revelations included use of partnerships that allowed Enron to keep millions of dollars in debt off its books and restated earnings since 1997 that showed the company overstated profits by more than half a billion dollars.

In an interview with the Houston Chronicle at the Washington D.C. offices of O'Melbeny & Myer, his attorneys, Skilling called Enron's downfall a tragedy that has caused him personal agony.

A spokesman for Skilling did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press on Saturday.

Skilling said he offered to return to the company for no pay after the earnings release, but Enron officials thought his presence might baffle observers. Enron declined comment.

Skilling also insisted, as he said in August, that he quit for personal reasons — not to escape a company on the brink of failure.

"I was not running from Enron Corp.," he told the paper in Saturday's editions.

Enron started in 1985 as a pipeline company. Under Skilling's leadership, it grew into a powerful energy trader, and pioneered trading markets for bandwidth, pulp and paper and other things.

But costly money-losing investments in its broadband unit as well as power operations in India and Brazil caused debt to balloon. Much debt, through the partnerships, was out of view of investors and analysts.

Skilling said the partnerships, several of which were run by former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow, were created to cut down on risk for Enron and its shareholders. He said they were not used to hide debt or manipulate earnings.

Skilling also said the partnerships, from which Enron has acknowledged that Fastow earned about \$30 million, were Fastow's idea. The newspaper said a spokesman for Fastow said in a statement Friday that the entities were formed at the company's request and were approved by its board and other managers.

Skilling said he has agonized over decisions he made while running Enron, and has concluded that "we made the correct decisions given the information we had at the time."

Enron filed one of the largest Chapter 11 bankruptcies in history in New York on Dec. 2. Its collapse has generated investigations by the Securities and Exchange

Commission, a congressional committee and the Justice Department.

Skilling has spoken with SEC investigators, and spoke with staff members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee on Thursday. He declined to say what was discussed in those interviews.

He said he hasn't broken the law, and has not been contacted by the Justice Department.

State takeover of Philadelphia schools sets up experiment in privatization

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia school district on Saturday became the largest ever taken over by a state government, and a new agreement between the governor and mayor set it up to become the nation's biggest experiment in school privatization.

The agreement, announced Friday, paved the way for a private school management company, likely the for-profit Edison Schools Inc., to help run the 210,000-student district and take control of dozens of its worst schools.

Gov. Mark Schweiker and Mayor John F. Street jointly announced the plan following weeks of negotiations on the future of the nation's seventh-largest school system. The state takeover went into effect at 12:01 a.m.

"We want to assure the students of this city we have your best interests at heart," Street said.

The Philadelphia Federation of Teachers said it would challenge the arrangement.

"We will fight any attempt to replace union-wage jobs with minimum-wage jobs," said Ted Kirsch, president of the union. "We will be relentless in our criticism if this deal turns out to be ... a political power grab that leaves kids out of the equation."

Schweiker has argued that bold strokes are needed in a district with a \$216 million budget deficit, low test scores, chronic teacher shortages and crumbling buildings.

Under the agreement, a five-member commission — three members appointed by the governor and two by the mayor — will replace the school board.

The commission will hire a chief executive officer, decide how many schools will be privatized and negotiate contracts with private education companies. Businessman James E. Nevels, who has worked with private management of public schools, was appointed interim chairman.

Schweiker promised the district "a mountain" of new textbooks — one million — along with more teacher training and \$75 million in new state money each year. Street promised an additional \$45 million in city funding, while vowing there would be no new taxes.

"We have a full partnership," Schweiker said. "And to that end, I believe we will give rise to the finest urban school system in the United States."

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Last summer, former Gov. Tom Ridge contracted with Edison to conduct a \$2.7 million, two-month study of classroom and financial management within the Philadelphia district.

State officials have since been negotiating with Edison on a contract believed to be worth more than \$100 million. Under Schweiker's latest plan, Edison would be hired to advise the central management of the district and run as many as 45 schools.

The reform commission will have the final say, but Nevels called Edison a "great company." Nevels was part of a similar state-appointed commission in the suburban Chester-Upland School District, where Edison runs nine of the 10 schools.

Across the nation, 18 states have seized control of 40 districts, and some places — including Baltimore, Minneapolis and Hartford, Conn. — have tried private management of individual schools.

Schweiker's plans for the Philadelphia school district has generated fierce opposition from teachers, minority leaders, the school board, City Council, and parent and community groups.

Public-school advocates say what the district really needs is more money for smaller classes, early childhood education, new textbooks and upgraded buildings — not a state takeover or a private company.

About two dozen protesters occupied the school administration building Friday, camping out in the vacant office of Phil Goldsmith, who resigned as interim chief executive officer last week after condemning the state takeover as a "charade."

A small group of protesters also filled an intersection outside the Pennsylvania Convention Center, where Street and Schweiker announced the agreement.

"We will be satisfied when there is no option of privatization on the table," said Katie Sipp of the advocacy group Jobs with Justice.

Calif. Lottery sold millions of tickets after top prize won; player's suit heads to court

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The California lottery sold millions of dollars worth of scratch-off tickets even after the game's top prizes had already been claimed, according to court papers.

A trial next month aims to end the practice, which a lawyer calls false advertising.

"No one has a clue," said attorney Kevin Roddy, who sued the multibillion-dollar lottery on behalf of a player, Amy Stanley of San Francisco. She claimed she regularly bought Scratch tickets costing \$1, \$2 and \$3 each, only to learn the

grand prizes were already won.

Lottery officials admitted the practice last summer in court, saying 11 Scratch games since 1996 remained active after grand prizes were awarded. They also said they are doing nothing wrong. In court documents, they argued that state agencies are exempt from false-advertising laws.

Nonetheless, California Lottery spokesman Vince Montane said Friday the lottery has begun gathering unsold tickets when there is only one major prize left, hoping to limit tickets sold after the prize is claimed.

Also, since the lawsuit was filed last year, the lottery has begun putting disclaimers on its Scratch advertising that read: "After game starts, some prizes, including top prizes, may have been claimed."

A gambling watchdog group said it favors the disclaimers. "I think it's great. They're saying you bought a ticket that may be worthless," said Cheryl Schmit of Sacramento-based Stand Up for California.

Roddy plans to argue in court next month that California should do more. He wants California to copy states such as Massachusetts.

"In Massachusetts, when the Lottery Commission learns the top prizes are claimed, it immediately sends an electronic message to its retailers, and that's posted. People know what they're getting," Roddy said.

California's grand Scratch prizes range up to \$100,000.

The Scratch tickets, widely available in convenience, liquor and grocery stores, are the lottery's most popular product.

Indictment alleges robbery was motive for slayings of Dartmouth professors

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Allegations that a teen-ager and his friend intended to rob two Dartmouth College professors the night the couple was murdered won't change the way the teen fights the charges against him, his lawyer said.

Attorney Richard Guerriero said he intends to use an insanity defense in the murder trial of Robert Tulloch, 18.

The jury in Tulloch's case will be asked to consider two theories of first-degree murder — that it was "purposeful," with no motive specified, and that it was committed during a robbery, Attorney General Philip McLaughlin said Friday. The new indictment will be made public Monday.

McLaughlin's statement was the first from prosecutors alleging a motive for the stabbing deaths of Half and Susanne Zantop in their Hanover home Jan. 27. McLaughlin declined to elaborate.

Guerriero said Friday that prosecutors told him the indictment was coming.

"It doesn't change the facts of the case. We're going to proceed to court on the facts we've stated," he said.

Tulloch and his best friend, James Parker, 17, both of Chelsea, Vt., were charged with the murders in February. The two were arrested at an Indiana truck stop on Feb. 19.

Parker recently pleaded guilty to being an accomplice to second-degree murder in the death of Susanne Zantop and will be sentenced to 25 years to life in prison after he testifies against Tulloch. Tulloch's trial is scheduled to start in April in Grafton County Superior Court.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday:

• **DARRELL WILLIAM BURKEEN**, 40, of 907 Interstate 20 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BRIAN COLTEN TUBB**, 22, of 103 Richie Road was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **CHRISTOPHER LEDESMA**, 18, of 1503 E. Cherokee was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **COURTNEY AUSBIE**, 17, of 1406 Sycamore was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Elgin.

• **MINOR ACCIDENTS** were reported in the 300 block of South Scurry, the 2200 block of South Gregg, the 700 block of Virginia Street, and the 600 block of East FM 700.

• **DRAGRACING/RECKLESS DRIVING** was reported in the 3700 block of Wright.

Our Mother was a precious lady and we do miss her so. On December 23, 2000, the Lord said "Marcy" it's time to go. We really don't know what happened when she passed away that day. We can only guess but in our minds Mother was running in heaven and wearing a beautiful new dress. What a wonderful feeling she must have had as she stepped into the light and seeing the loved ones who had gone before her in the sun she so bright. The old song "Precious Memories How They Linger" rings so true. Dear sweet Mother never a day goes by that we don't think of you. In loving memory of our Mother Marcella King McCabe July 29, 1915-December 23, 2000.
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Activities Therapy Department. "She truly enjoyed interacting with the patients and was a gifted teacher."

Big Spring State Hospital LVN Diane Earhart was two cars behind the Medranos and immediately administered first aid. Since that initial contact, state workers have been assisting in any way possible while continuing to care for hundreds of patients with mental illness.

"We've collected lots of money," said Connie Ramirez, ATD administrative assistant.

Blue tickets fill a clear plastic jar for employees who want to take a chance at winning three fabric snowmen lovingly stitched by Irma's co-workers Dalton and Judy West. Food and money has been collected hospital-wide, particularly on Adult Psychiatric Services, where Maggie works as a direct care worker.

"This staff has a tremendous ability to rally around each other during a crisis," Zilai said. "This is the time when we are putting out a lot of positive energy to the

patients who are away from their families and loved ones, and we're experiencing grief over the loss of one of our loved ones."

"They have the ability to set their own problems aside to provide services to the patients. They are some of the best people and most selfless individuals in the world."

Patients have had questions concerning Irma's accident and her death has been addressed in various classes, Dalton said. "They seem to be handling it very well."

The week preceding Christmas is a busy one for state hospital employees, particularly the large ATD staff, which provides most of the festive activities for patients. But while employees are smiling on the outside, they are hiding heavy hearts.

"We have had three family members of our staff pass away this week, making Irma's death even more stressful," Zilai said. "Staff has been busy collecting food and visiting families of staff who have lost loved ones this week in addition to the Medrano family."

"We're really going to miss her," Dalton said. "She was just a really nice per-

son." A memorial service for Irma will be held at Big Spring State Hospital within the next few days.

Donations can be made to the Jose Medrano Family Fund, c/o Wells Fargo Bank Texas, 400 Main Street, Big Spring 79720, account no. 9697789635.

LIGHTS

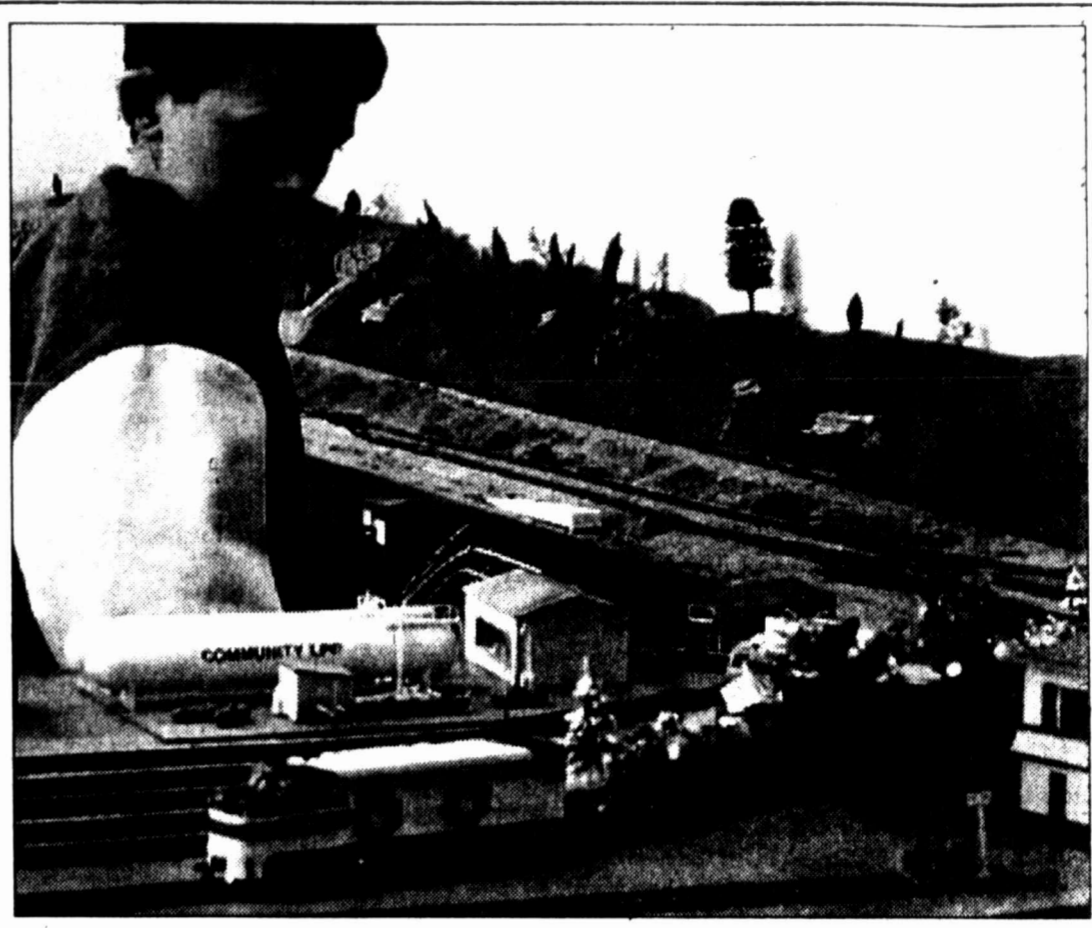
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As in past editions of the five-year-old event, vandalism remains a problem for Festival of Lights volunteers. This year's vandalism has mostly been limited to people pulling out light bulbs, Simmons said.

"If any of the public is out and sees something strange going on please call me or the police," Simmons said.

Volunteers are the backbone of the community event and Simmons said they could use a few more to help great visitors and point them in the right direction.

Festival officials recommend those planning to take the tour to enter the park from Highway 87. Arrows and the lights will direct motorists to the right path



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Justin Dahmer, 13, of Coahoma concentrates on operating the Christmas Train at the Doc Hardy Memorial Railroad Museum in downtown Big Spring. The Christmas Train and a model of the Hogwarts Express train from the Harry Potter book and movie series are the latest additions to the museum, which also features a model of the first train to visit Big Spring, the wood-burning 1881 Texas and Pacific 4-4-0, said museum proprietor Jack Harrison. About 60 first-graders from Gollad Elementary visited the museum Dec. 18, and Harrison hopes to start school tours at the museum on a regular basis.

that leads to the spring and exits through Kids Zone.

The festival will continue

nightly from 6 to 10 through Monday, Dec. 31.

For more information

about the Festival of Lights or to volunteer, call Simmons at 263-4607.

Terror attacks, war and anthrax dominate 2001's top news stories

The Associated Press

From the first hijacking to the collapse of the second World Trade Center tower, the terror attacks of Sept. 11 spanned less than three hours. But the effects were profound and long-lasting, at home and around the world.

Understandably, the attacks were the unanimous choice as the top news story

of 2001, according to The Associated Press' annual survey of its members.

The story received a first-place ranking from all of the 354 AP newspaper and broadcast members who voted on the year's top news events. The war on terrorism, including the campaign against al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan, was the overwhelming choice as the No. 2 story of the year.

The deaths — and widespread fears — caused by anthrax-tainted mail ranked as the No. 3 story, followed by the start of a recession.

Amanda Bennett, editor of the Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader, made only one entry — the terrorist attacks — on her ballot even though 10 choices were allowed.

"The gap between Number One and Number Two is so huge that it's not worth going there," she wrote.

This was the 66th year that the AP polled its members. A first-place vote gave a story 10 points, a second-place vote nine points, and so on. The top story last year was the nearly deadlocked presidential election.

Along with the war on terrorism, which has global scope, there was only one international story in this year's Top Ten: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in seventh place.

AP subscribers outside the United States, in a separate poll, also chose the terrorist attacks as the top story. But they ranked the Israeli-Palestinian strife higher, in third place behind the anthrax threat, and their list included the indictment of former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes, the outbreak of livestock diseases in Europe and China's admission to the World Trade Organization, among other international stories.

Here are the top 10 stories of 2001, as ranked by AP members:

1: SEPT. 11 ATTACKS. More than 3,000 people were killed as suicide hijackers flew two planes into the World Trade Center and a third into the Pentagon. A fourth plane crashed into a field south of Pittsburgh, apparently after passengers decided to resist.

2: WAR ON TERRORISM. After the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush declared war on international terror-

ists and those who assist them. The U.S. military and allied Afghan forces toppled Afghanistan's Taliban regime and pursued members of the al-Qaida terrorist network.

3: ANTHRAX THREAT. Anthrax-tainted letters killed five people, disrupted mail in some areas and forced temporary evacuation of many important federal buildings in Washington.

4: RECESSION. Economists confirmed that recession began in March, ending a record-breaking economic expansion at 10 years. Hundreds of thousands of Americans were laid off.

5: BUSH INAUGURATION. After one of the closest presidential elections in history, George W. Bush was sworn in as America's 43rd president.

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TION. Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh became the first person executed by the federal government in 38 years.

7: ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT. Suicide bombings by Palestinian militants and repeated forays by Israeli forces into Palestinian communities created a climate of mistrust that severely damaged peace prospects.

8: JEFFORDS DEFECTS. Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont quit the Republican Party and became an independent, tilting control of the Senate to the Democrats.

9: POWER CRISIS. Californians endured rolling blackouts and debated the consequences of deregulation.

10: TAX CUT. In a victory for President Bush, Congress passed a \$1.35 trillion tax cut.



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Forsan Junior/Senior High School collected more than 1,200 cans and presented a check for \$870.00 to the Salvation Army. Pictured is Ross Rhoton, student body president presenting the check to members of the Salvation Army.

DID YOU KNOW?

Several city employees attended the Concerned Citizens meetings December 3 and December 10, 2001, allegedly at the request of the City Manager.

Was their presence due to their interest in the future of Big Spring or to report the groups' activities to city management? Did these employees receive overtime pay for attending these meetings?

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OUR VIEWS

Remembering those not able to be with us

At this special time of the year, when many of us are surrounded by family and friends, it would be prudent to pause a few minutes to think of those who cannot be at home this Christmas — our men and women in the armed forces.

Whether they be searching for Osama bin Laden and his top deputies in the rugged Tora Bora region of Afghanistan or serving in one of the many other countries in which the United States has military personnel, these sons and daughters of America need our support.

The first Monday of each month, a group gathers at Hillcrest Baptist Church to pray, talk and share information about loved ones in the military. According to organizers, the meetings have been a positive experience to all of those who attend. If you have a loved one in the military, be it a family member or friend, you might want to consider participating in this informal support group.

In addition, photos of local military personnel will be included in a display case at the Vietnam Memorial chapel. It is a fitting tribute to those who ensure our country remains free.

For more information about the support group, call Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

Those who would like to write a letter or card to a serviceman or woman can address them to Dear American Soldier, American Family Soldier, Tupelo, MS 38803. Information can also be obtained online at www.dearamericansoldier.com

The men and women in the service need our support. Any words of encouragement you have will be very much appreciated.

OTHER VIEWS

For years, the federal government has cast a skeptical eye on the health complaints of Gulf War veterans, problems that veterans groups insist are linked to service in that conflict.

But a new study of 2.5 million veterans who served at that time, both in the Persian Gulf and elsewhere, has prompted the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs to make an unexpected about-face. Preliminary results show that veterans who were deployed to the Persian Gulf in 1990 to 1991 are twice as likely to develop Lou Gehrig's disease as their counterparts who were stationed elsewhere.

Lou Gehrig's disease, also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS, is a severe degenerative neuromuscular disease that usually causes death within two to five years. The cause is not known, and there is no cure.

The findings do not prove that service in the region caused the disease, and the study itself has yet to

go through peer review. But the military isn't using that as a pretext for inaction.

Instead, the Defense Department and VA made a joint announcement about the study results and said that veterans suffering from the disease, and those veterans' families, would be offered disability and survivor benefits.

Giving the benefit of the doubt to terminally ill veterans and their survivors is the compassionate thing to do. Nailing down the cause of these ALS cases will take time, and that's one thing ALS patients don't have. Officials also said that they would continue researching ALS in service members.

Service members deserve to have their health concerns taken seriously, and in a world where chemical and biological weapons are a growing threat, the military is going to need to look beyond the obvious.

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Bush wrong to scrap ABM Treaty

President Bush has let it be known that the United States intends to withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty at the end of six months, and that he has notified Russia to that effect. He's making a mistake.

There are a number of reasons why. First, we have to remember that human beings do not act on the basis of reality. They act on the basis of their perceptions of reality. Different people can and often do have different perceptions of the same event. In other words, it is not our true intentions that count, but how the rest of the world perceives what those intentions are.

The Chinese will surely perceive the decision as a threat to them. Therefore, they will increase their nuclear arsenal. This might make India and Pakistan nervous enough to increase their arsenals. Even Japan might decide that it is time to become a nuclear power, which it can do very rapidly. In other words, the most likely reaction to President



CHARLEY REESE

Bush's decision is to increase the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Russia will likewise take steps. We should not be fooled by President Vladimir Putin's smiles. He did not spend his entire career in the KGB to learn to be a marshmallow. The Russians, no doubt in anticipation of Bush's decision, have already begun work on modifying their ICBMs to make them more difficult to hit. They are producing and deploying a crackerjack new mobile ICBM that will be very difficult to locate. How many they are producing I'm quite sure the CIA does not know.

President Bush's offer to reduce the number of ICBMs is likewise creating the wrong perception. A smaller force of ICBMs is at a distinct disadvantage if they have to face an ABM system. The normal response to an ABM system is to deploy more missiles in order to overwhelm them. Thus, seeking to get the Russians to reduce their force while at the same time building an ABM system will certainly not be perceived as a friendly gesture in Moscow.

Moreover, Bush's insistence that the new reductions not be formalized in a treaty is, frankly, crazy. You don't make important changes like that based on

a handshake. As Putin surely knows, one president cannot bind a successor. And Bush, of course, is ignoring the Constitution again, since anything important enough to be included in a treaty must have the advice and consent of the Senate.

Even our European and Japanese allies oppose scrapping the ABM treaty. Bush might well exhaust his political capital and shred his own alliances and coalitions. I'm beginning to think, sadly, that there is a mysterious gene in the Bush politicians that inevitably cause them to turn victory into defeat.

What will finally contribute to the negative perceptions of Bush's actions is the past behavior of the United States.

The whole world has watched in dismay as the United States arrogantly disregards international law and violates the sovereignty of other nations any time we please.

We bomb countries with which we are not at war; we make demands on sovereign nations that we have no right to make; and now we are even halting merchant ships at gunpoint to search them for terrorists.

How would Americans react if Russia or China decided to do the same thing to our merchant ships?

It is a violation of international law.

The perception that the United States is a big and powerful cowboy running out of control is not one that is going to reduce the danger of war. It's going to make the future of our children and grandchildren more perilous.

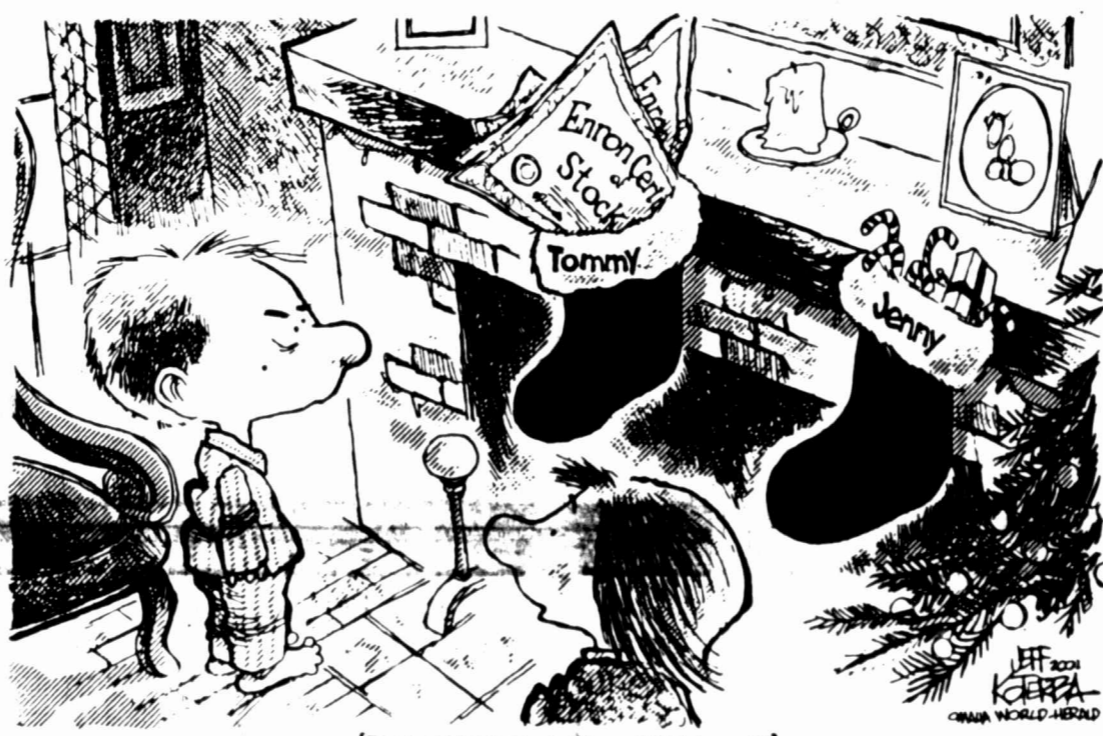
I have not even touched on the ridiculous expense and the technical problems of an ABM system, nor on the absurd notion that some terrorist group will get hold of an ICBM or that some small country would be foolish enough to fire one at the United States. Nobody in the world believes that nonsense, and that makes people in Beijing and Moscow even more suspicious of our true motives and future intentions.

If there is someone in the skunk works in Washington who believes we can reach the point one day where we can bully Russia and China the way we bully defenseless Third World countries, they are criminally stupid, if not insane. The president's mother needs to give him a good talking-to before he loses touch with reality.

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Are we moving on to Baghdad now?

President Bush wants to be known as a man who keeps his word. He says that anybody who harbors a terrorist is a terrorist. He vows to end state-sponsored terrorism and to get Osama bin Laden "dead or alive." The president's father, familiar with the vicissitudes of overseas military ventures, reportedly has cautioned his son to cool his rhetoric. But if we take the president at his word, the U.S. target list includes, at a minimum, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, China and North Korea.



JACK ANDERSON

So the administration is grappling with where to take its war against terrorism next. The results of the Afghan military campaign are mixed. Displacing the Taliban has been a spectacular success and helps fulfill Bush's promise to dismantle regimes that harbor terrorists. The second goal of finding bin Laden and

breaking up Al-Qaeda is far more difficult. Top Al-Qaeda leaders, including bin Laden, may have slipped across the border into Pakistan, where they have many sympathizers. Others have melted back into the society where the tribal custom is to forgive and forget, and shifting allegiances are commonplace.

Upwards of 60 percent of the American public says that the United States cannot declare victory until bin Laden is captured or his death confirmed. Yet, the administration says it does not plan to extend the military campaign into Pakistan, and will rely instead on the Pakistani military to pursue the Al-Qaeda high command. The battlefield successes in Afghanistan removed the terrorists' ability to function comfortably, and has them unbalanced and on the run. But clear-eyed U.S. commanders understand there is a real possibility that bin Laden and his associates will regroup and live to fight another day.

The administration is eager to keep the public unified behind the war effort and distracted from economic woes at home. Pursuing terrorist cells in

far-flung places depends more on intelligence gathering and law enforcement measures than military might and is unlikely to hold the public's attention. That's one reason why the battle cry, "On to Baghdad," is increasingly heard within the administration and in the elite circles of foreign-policy makers in Washington. Emboldened by the military success in Afghanistan, advocates argue for taking on the Iraqi regime of Saddam Hussein.

They point out that American troops are already massed on the Iraqi border, and the United States controls much of Iraq's air space through no-fly zones in the North and South. The Republican Guard, the less-than-elite Iraqi troops, saw what the American military did in Afghanistan, and the betting is that they will not die to the last man to protect Saddam.

Skeptics point out that Saddam Hussein has outlasted former President Bush and President Clinton, and that displacing him would be much harder than displacing the Taliban. He has a network of some 17 palaces, each with a heavily secured

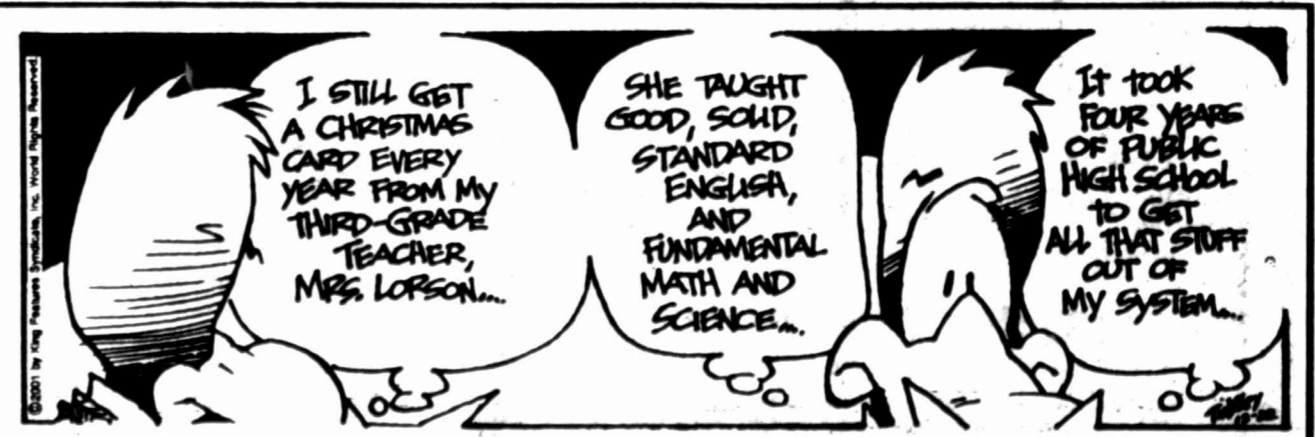
bunker complete with Johnny Walker top-of-the-line Blue Label. Bringing him down would require accomplices on the inside, they say. The Iraqi opposition movement is widely regarded as a joke, with no serious claim to being capable of seizing or exercising power.

Secretary of State Colin Powell has been skeptical of widening the war to Iraq, warning that the international coalition would not support the United States.

But advocates say that tackling Iraq is an extension of the Powell Doctrine of overwhelming force. They argue that the tons of ordnance dropped on Afghanistan sent a message, so that less force will be required as the administration goes forward.

Testing that proposition will keep Bush true to his word, but the risks should not be underestimated. With words that seemed rhetorical then but more compelling now, President Kennedy, in his 1960 inaugural speech, vowed that the United States will "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

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Feds issue new warning that hoaxes are no joke; 58 charged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Postal worker Clarence Lindsey allegedly scrawled "ANTHRAX INCLOSED" on a package at his job as a joke, but authorities found no humor in the misspelling or the deed. The Illinois man was indicted and, if convicted, could face up to 5 years in jail.

Lindsey is one of 58 people around the country arrested and charged in connection with anthrax hoaxes or threats since the anthrax scare began after Sept. 11, the postal service says. Of the total, 30 face federal charges, 28 state charges.

Many are alleged to have taken advantage of the public's fear of the deadly bacteria to either settle a score or pull off a prank.

It's no laughing matter, authorities say.

"It's kind of like yelling fire in a crowded theater," said Dan Milhalko, U.S. Postal Service inspector. "There's been too many warnings for people to say, 'I was just kidding.'"

Five people have already been convicted, said Milhalko. He said he did not know the precise sentences, but they were getting jail time and may also face fines.

On Friday, the FBI released the names of 14 people charged in what the bureau considered "notable" anthrax hoax cases, and added a warning: "We will not tolerate these serious violations of federal law," said FBI Director Robert Mueller.

Those arrested for anthrax hoaxes have been charged with obstructing the mail, threatening to use weapons of mass destruction and using the mail to send threatening communications. The maximum penalty carried by each federal charge is 5 years in jail and a \$250,000 fine.

Lindsey, 52, of suburban Bellwood, Ill., had been a postal worker for 31 years when he was indicted on charges of placing threatening material in the mail.

The indictment said another mail carrier tried to deliver a package containing books to a resident on Oct. 18. The intended recipient was not home and the package was returned to the post office.

When the resident visited the post office to pick up the package the next day, a clerk at the customer service window retrieved the package and saw "ANTHRAX INCLOSED" written on it in large capital letters. The package did not contain anthrax.

Lindsey pleaded not guilty. His attorney, James Graham, could not be reached.

Christopher Antonio Cooper, a Los Angeles Fire Department captain, is alleged to have sent a letter containing brown powder to a law firm that had represented his ex-wife. Authorities said the letter also contained a check from Cooper with the words, "Choke on it," written on the memo line. Cooper has pleaded not guilty.

His lawyer, James Blancarte, said the check was Cooper's last alimony payment and denied the letter was an anthrax hoax.

"Every day people involved in a divorce send things," said Blancarte. "It may be bad manners, but it is not threat."

Investigating anthrax hoaxes has been a major headache for law enforcement and health officials, who must treat every incident as the real thing even though most turn out to be false alarms.

The Postal Service has received more than 15,800 anthrax incident reports and it averaged about 500 to 600 calls a day in the early days of the anthrax scare. That has slowed to about a dozen a day, said Milhalko.

High-profile attorney for Taliban member John Walker Lindh comes well prepared

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — There is probably no one in greater need of a good attorney in the world today than John Walker Lindh, the 20-year-old American captured fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan.

So it comes as little surprise his parents have hired San Francisco legal whiz James Brosnahan.

For 35 years, people in desperate situations have turned to Brosnahan for help — television stars charged with groping, Irish fugitives facing extradition, major corporations accused of selling defective products.

When special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh needed someone to go after Casper Weinberger in 1992, Brosnahan got the former defense secretary indicted on charges of concealing thousands of pages of notes from congressional investigators and prosecutors.

Six years earlier, Brosnahan testified against William H. Rehnquist's nomination for chief justice of the Supreme Court, telling the Senate Judiciary Committee that as an assistant U.S. attorney in

Phoenix in 1962 he saw Rehnquist at a polling place when other Republican poll watchers harassed black and Hispanic voters.

"He's a man of the highest integrity and has an amazing level of conviction about the role of an advocate in a free society," said Ed Nevin, president elect of the American Board of Trial Advocates. "He helps people who are in need of a lawyer's services at a high-level."

In May, Brosnahan got charges dropped against actor Don Johnson, after a woman told prosecutors the "Flash Bridges" star grabbed and propositioned her at a San Francisco sushi bar.

In 1998, Brosnahan convinced a federal appeals court to end extradition efforts against Kevin Barry Artt, an Irish fugitive who had escaped the notorious Maze prison 15 years earlier and fled to California.

In 1997, Brosnahan saved 3M — Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. of St. Paul, Minn. — from huge claims by convincing jurors that a woman's health problems had little to do with

her silicone breast implants.

But this time, Brosnahan, 67, may be fighting the battle of his life.

"What he has to do is mount a very effective campaign to make sure his client is not caught up in the whole conflict, but just seen as the sorry, pathetic kid that he is," said Stanley S. Arkin, a New York defense lawyer.

Lindh has become for many a focus for the nation's wrath. He's been called everything from "a misled youth" by President Bush to "rat boy" by conservative radio host Michael Savage. The San Francisco Examiner calls him "Johnny Jihad," and former President Bush said he is "just despicable." Suggested punishments have included everything from revoking his citizenship to executing him for treason.

Attorney General John Ashcroft has been restrained in disclosing his legal plans, saying only: "History has not looked kindly upon those that have forsaken their country to go and fight against their country."

Brosnahan's approach, so far, has been to try to humanize Lindh, supplying the media with childhood photos and releasing statements from his parents expressing the kind of concern any family would have over a son in trouble.

Lindh's father, Frank Lindh, gave several anguished television interviews shortly after his son's capture, but has since deferred all calls to Brosnahan, who turned down repeated requests for comment.

Brosnahan has issued statements complaining that his young client has been interviewed repeatedly without a lawyer, and that he has not been allowed to meet with him. "We appreciate the many Americans who are keeping an open mind and waiting for all of the facts to emerge," he said Friday.

Lindh, who became fascinated with Islam as a teenager in the upscale town of San Anselmo, fell in with the Taliban in Pakistan and was captured near Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan. He's being held as a "battlefield detainee."

Oklahoma City bombing victims say they're ignored

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Some of those who lost loved ones in the Oklahoma City bombing are feeling slighted by the federal government over its decision to dispense an average of \$1.65 million apiece to the families of the Sept. 11 dead.

No such federal fund was ever set up for the Oklahoma City victims.

"I don't want to do a hierarchy on terrorism here, but that's kind of minimizing what happened to the people of Oklahoma City,"

said Marsha Kight, whose daughter Frankie Merrell was killed in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people and wounded more than 500. "The individual loss was just as great for us."

More than 3,000 people were killed in the attacks at the World Trade Center and Pentagon and in the plane crash in Pennsylvania. Generally, survivors will get a minimum of \$300,000, with the exact amounts depending on such things as

salary, age and number of dependents.

The money will be in addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars in charitable donations that are being distributed to those who suffered in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The government fund was set up in September as part of a \$15 billion airline bailout package. Those who want to receive money have to agree not to sue the airlines over the terrorist attacks.

Spokesmen for Sens.

Hillary Clinton and Charles Schumer of New York, who pushed the bill, did not return calls seeking comment on why Oklahoma City victims were not included, as some families say should have been done.

After the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building, the government paid out death or disability benefits to federal employees or their families.

The amounts depended on the employees' insurance coverage.

California jury acquits circus trainer accused of abuse

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A jury took less than two hours to acquit a circus trainer charged with elephant abuse, ending a closely watched trial that stemmed from a unique California law.

Mark Oliver Gebel, 31, was cleared Friday without ever testifying.

His defense attorney had rested his case without call-

ing any witnesses, saying the prosecution had a "non-case" that had "gone on far too long."

Animal rights groups for years have accused circuses of using a wholesome front to mask cruel treatment of animals, however there had been few criminal charges until Gebel's case.

Wayne Pabelle, a Humane Society spokesman, said he

was disappointed by Friday's verdict but pleased at the attention the case drew.

"For the last week, the issue of elephant abuse by the circus industry was in the center ring for the American public to see," he said.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey owner Kenneth Feld, who sat

through the trial, portrayed the case as a desperate attempt by anti-circus extremists to tarnish the company's reputation.

Because of Gebel's famous heritage — he is the son of legendary Ringling Bros. animal trainer Gunther Gebel-Williams — he was about as prominent a defendant as the circus world could produce.

President Bush greets Olympic torch bearers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush greeted bearers of the Olympic Torch at the White House Saturday as the flare passed between runners touched by the terrorist attacks.

Elizabeth Anderson Howell, whose husband, Brady Howell, was killed in the Pentagon crash, brought the torch to the White House and handed it to the president, who kissed her on the cheek and used the torch to light a cauldron.

"Her participation represents the strength shown by so many families after Sept. 11," Bush said. Addressing Howell, Bush

said: "Our nation prays with you. In this holiday season, we pray for peace for you and your family."

Another torch was lit from the cauldron by the next runner, Eric Jones, a George Washington University student who helped carry wounded victims and the Marine Corps flag out of the Pentagon rubble.

"I thank these two torch bearers for their courage and their compassion," said Bush, who was dressed in a black coat and a white cowboy hat.

From Washington, the torch heads to Baltimore; Wilmington, Del.; and Philadelphia.



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Bulldogs fall short against Reagan Co.

Coahoma's Bulldogs closed out the fall semester in a 43-39 loss to Reagan County's Owls in Big Lake.

While the Bulldogs managed to battle the Owls to a 28-28 deadlock after three quarters, Reagan County pulled away down the stretch for the win, improving its record to 8-3 on the season.

Coahoma, which dropped to 5-3 on the season with the loss, got 14 points from Chase Davis. He was the only Bulldogs player to finish in double figures.

Allan Harrison scored a game-high 19 points for the Owls.

The Bulldogs will return to Big Lake following the Christmas break to take part in the Reagan County Tournament, Dec. 27-29.

Youth basketball sign-ups under way

Registration for the newly-formed Big Spring Youth Basketball League for the 14-and-under boys division have been extended until Dec. 29 at the Big Spring Family YMCA, 801 Owens.

The BSYBL is a merger of Big Spring's two previous youth-basketball programs — the Big Spring Youth Basketball Association and the YMCA of Big Spring.

Registration for the program is \$20 per child. Each child will receive a league T-shirt and an award at the completion of the season. Games will be played on Saturdays between Jan. 12 and March 2.

The league's emphasis will be on skill development, participation, sportsmanship and fun.

For more information, call 267-8234.

YMCA expanding gymnastics program

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

For more information, Call Leslie Northrup at 267-8234.

ON THE AIR

Radio

NFL

2:30 p.m. — Dallas Cowboys at Arizona Cardinals, KBST-AM 1490 and KBST-FM 95.7.

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

5 p.m. — Rutgers at Virginia, FXS, Ch. 29.
7 p.m. — Tulane at Georgia Tech, FXS, Ch. 29.

BOXING

3 p.m. — Corrie Sanders vs. Paea Wolfram, FXS, Ch. 29.

FIGURE SKATING

3 p.m. — Aretha Franklin's Soul and Ice, NBC, Ch. 9.

NFL

Noon — Seattle Seahawks at New York Giants, CBS, Ch. 7.

3 p.m. — Dallas Cowboys at Arizona Cardinals, FOX, Ch. 3.

3 p.m. — Cleveland Browns at Green Bay Packers, CBS, Ch. 7.

7:30 p.m. — New York Jets at Indianapolis Colts, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF

3 p.m. — Three-Tour Challenge, Fox Sports Net.

1 p.m. — U.S. Grand Prix, NBC, Ch. 9.

Rangers trying to close \$65 million deal for Park

NEW YORK (AP) — Chan Ho Park's agent was headed to Texas this weekend to try to finalize a \$65 million, five-year contract with the Rangers.

"We're continuing to talk and we've had some breakthroughs as to what we're doing," agent Scott Boras said from Boston after completing a \$31 million, four-year deal between outfielder Johnny Damon and the Red Sox.

Boras and the Rangers have an understanding on the format of the deal, according to a lawyer familiar with the negotiations who spoke on

the condition he not be identified. The sides were close to an agreement but had not yet agreed on all the details, the lawyer said.

Boras, who last year negotiated a record \$252 million, 10-year deal between the Rangers and shortstop Alex Rodriguez, intended to travel to the Dallas area on Friday night or Saturday morning.

"Usually when you have deals like this, you're able to finish them off, but we haven't been able to do that," Boras said.

Rangers general manager John Hart did not return telephone calls

seeking comment.

The Dallas Morning News reported Friday that Boras and the Rangers had started to close in on an agreement.

Despite adding Rodriguez, the Rangers finished last in the AL West at 73-89 and had a 5.71 ERA, the highest in the major leagues.

Owner Tom Hicks replaced general manager Doug Melvin with Hart, who turned Cleveland into a contender in the 1990s.

Hart has added John Rocker, Dave Burba, Todd Van Poppel and Jay Powell since the season ended, trad-

ed starter Darren Oliver to Boston for outfielder Carl Everett and let go of Rick Helling, who wasn't offered a 2002 contract by Thursday's deadline.

Park, the top available free-agent pitcher, went 15-11 with a 3.50 ERA for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The 28-year-old right-hander has held opponents to a .215 batting average over the past two seasons, second in the major leagues behind Arizona Diamondbacks ace Randy Johnson (.214).

Park has an 80-54 record since joining the Dodgers in 1994.

Cards will miss Cowboys?

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals are leaving the NFC East after this season, and they surely will miss their annual matchups with the Dallas Cowboys — for financial reasons, if nothing else.

It was the one game the Cardinals could count on for a big home crowd, even if most of the fans would be rooting for the visitors.

For the Cowboys, it might as well have been a home game.

"We always felt that," Dallas coach Dave Campo said. "I think it might have been a little motivation for Arizona. When Arizona looks up and sees quite a bit of the crowd in blue and silver, that's a bit of a motivation."

Since the Cardinals moved to Arizona from St. Louis in 1988, 10 of the 14 largest home crowds — including the top three — came against the Cowboys.

Even with Dallas just 4-9, attendance for the game at Arizona on Sunday should approach 50,000, and that would be the Cardinals' second-largest home crowd of the season.

The teams will meet again in Arizona next season, and their paths will cross occasionally after that, but with the Cardinals shifting to the NFC West, the twice-yearly series will be no more.

"Growing up, that was my team," Arizona free safety Kwame Lassiter said. "The only team I ever liked was Dallas. There's something about that star on the helmet. The first time I played them, I was like a little kid."

The Cowboys usually win against Arizona, but there have been exceptions, most notably the Cardinals' playoff victory at Dallas three years ago.

Not much is at stake Sunday, except last place in the division. The Cardinals (5-8), losers of two in a row, will play their final home game of the season.

A fast finish can help build momentum for next season, according to Campo.

"Look at Chicago, for example," he said. "They were 1-7 last season and won four of their last eight. Green Bay won five of their last six. We feel that if we can finish strong and lay the groundwork and the base, that this offseason gives us a chance to put some pieces into place, and I feel like we can make a turnaround."

Rookie quarterback Quincy Carter agreed.

"That's something we can build upon," he said. "There are about three or four teams now who are doing well who went on a streak at the end of last season. It's good to get a surge going, and then early next season we'll know what it feels like to win a little bit."

Emmitt Smith already knows what it feels like to win, but the NFL's No. 2 career rusher is in danger of having his streak of 10 consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons end. He has 690 yards on 191 carries with three games to play.

Last week, Smith gained 39 yards on



Emmitt Smith, pictured here against Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XXX, and the Dallas Cowboys will be missed by the Arizona Cardinals when they move to the NFC West next season. While the Cowboys usually won their games against the Cardinals, it was always a game the Cards' management could count on for a big crowd.

12 carries in Dallas' 29-3 loss to Seattle. He should do much better against an Arizona defense that ranks 24th in the league in defending the run and 29th overall.

"We still think Emmitt is a quality running back," Campo said. "He may feel he's not getting the ball as much as he could, but I promise you that our focal point, ever since Quincy has come back, has been our running game."

Ten of Smith's 72 career 100-yard rushing games have come against the Cardinals.

"I'm always prepared for a big dose of Emmitt," said Dave McGinnis, Arizona's defensive coordinator before he became head coach a year ago. "He wants the ball more, and they'll probably give him the ball more. It's up to us to make sure they

don't continue to hand it to him. We've got to score and possess the ball."

The Cardinals' running game has sputtered, but quarterback Jake Plummer is having perhaps his best NFL season. He and David Boston, who leads the NFL in yards receiving, have become one of the league's most potent passing combinations.

Despite its troubles, Dallas has not lost its national following.

"Every stadium we've gone to Arizona there has been a tremendous contingent of Cowboys fans," Campo said, "and I wouldn't say that this one will be any different. Actually, Cowboys fans on the road are probably more loyal than Cowboys fans at home. The Cowboys fans at home want a winner there, and I don't blame them."

Commerce holds off La Grange for 3A title

WACO (AP) — Commerce withstood a late La Grange rally, preserving a 14-11 win and the Class 3A Division II state championship on Friday night.

"It's an old saying that defense wins championships, and that's certainly true tonight," said Commerce head coach Terry Cron. "We could have used a little more offense, but we accomplished exactly what we needed."

La Grange began the final drive from its own 6 yard line with just over 6 minutes left, moving to the Commerce 29.

"It was almost like last year, and I thought we would do it again," said La

Grange coach. "There were two great teams out here tonight. One team needed to make a big play to get the win, and it wasn't us."

Linebacker Justin Rogers turned in two big plays with the Leopards threatening, tackling quarterback Chase Anderle for a 6-yard loss on second down and pressuring the quarterback on a fourth-down pass that ended the threat with a minute to play.

Anderle's pass to Maurice Bouldwin on fourth-and-14 was complete, but 2 yards short of the first down.

"I was expecting a pass since it was fourth down," Rogers said. "I just blitzed on instinct, hoping for a sack. I didn't get to him, but I think I did enough."

In the defensive struggle, Commerce tallied only four

first downs and 134 yards in total offense but managed to put points on the scoreboard with big plays. La Grange countered with 320 yards, but turnovers and timely defense shut down the Leopards offense.

Burning almost 6 minutes of clock, the Leopards opened the second half and marched from their own 33 to the Commerce 30 in 10 plays. Facing fourth-and-1, the possession ended when Rogers tackled Anderle for a 1-yard loss.

Two plays later, Tommy Wright bolted around left end for a 64-yard touchdown, giving the Tigers a 14-3 lead.

On Commerce's next possession, La Grange responded with a crucial fourth-down stop, holding Shawn Drodgy for no gain at his

own 47. Keeping the ball entirely on the ground, the Leopards needed six plays to score with Kevin Ulrich barreling into the end zone from 12 yards away. Anderle's two-point conversion pass to Lance Schramm narrowed the gap to 14-11.

Despite being held to only two first downs in the first half, Commerce led 7-3, taking advantage of a turnover on La Grange's first possession.

Broderick Hearn forced quarterback Anderle to fumble, and Rogers recovered at the Leopards 39. The Tigers took only four plays to score with Ryan Coffey bursting up the middle for 25 yards.

La Grange answered with two long, time-consuming drives, but on the first, Commerce held on downs at its own 16.

Arkansas assuming NCAA will investigate

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — The NCAA will investigate possible violations of its rules by Arkansas' football and men's basketball programs, the university announced Friday.

"The available information does not implicate any improper actions by any coach at the university and does not affect the eligibility of any current student-athlete," the university said in a news release.

According to the release, the "preliminary inquiry" by the NCAA stems from Arkansas' own report to the NCAA in July 2000, which acknowledged that a Dallas-area booster who employed several Razorback athletes gave them extra benefits.

The school announced it would cut some football scholarships because of the extra benefits, which violated NCAA rules.

Days before Arkansas' Jan. 1, 2000, Cotton Bowl game against Texas, a minority shareholder of a company owned by Ted Harrod Sr. company filed a lawsuit contending that corporate funds had been misused to make payments to Razorback players. At the time, Harrod said Karey Harrod's divorce from his son, Ted Harrod Jr., played a role in the lawsuit.

The university suspended the elder Harrod for five years from his status as a booster.

Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles declined to comment Friday on the announcement of the NCAA inquiry, according to Kevin Trainor, sports information director for the Arkansas men's program.

The UA release said the university was notified of the investigation on Dec. 7, in a letter to UA Chancellor John A. White from David Price, the NCAA's vice president for enforcement services.

The university released a copy of that letter, in which Price said the NCAA intends to complete its probe by Feb. 9.

White wrote to Price on Dec. 14 asking why it had taken so long for the NCAA to act on the July 2000 self-report by the university. The delay and other aspects of the case, White said, "appear to raise concerns of fairness in regard to the investigative process and the timely resolution of this case."

In a letter dated Thursday, Price said the delay "occurred mainly due to the fact that it took some time to locate and interview some principals, and it took some encouragement for others to submit to an interview with the enforcement staff."

Price said the inquiry relates to the period from 1994 through 2000.

"At this time the focus is on the sports of football and men's basketball," Price said.

The suit against the elder Harrod claimed that, over a 10-year period, Harrod gave checks, cash or other gifts to three dozen people, a majority of them identifiable as participants in the Arkansas athletic program.

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SPORTS EXTRA

AP TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 8.

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team. Lists top 25 college football teams including Miami, Oregon, Colorado, Nebraska, Florida, Maryland, Illinois, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, Stanford, LSU, Washington St., South Carolina, Virginia Tech, Georgia, Syracuse, BYU, Fresno St., Louisville, Washington, Florida State, Toledo.

BOWL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 11 a.m. (ABC)
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
\$800,000
South California (6-5) vs. Utah (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)
Thursday, Dec. 27
Seattle Bowl
\$750,000
Georgia Tech (7-5) vs. Stanford (9-2), 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Independence, Mo.
\$1 million
Iowa State (7-4) vs. Alabama (6-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28
Gallagher-Ivanhoe Bowl
At Houston
\$750,000
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. TCU (6-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Musical City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
\$750,000
Boston College (7-4) vs. Georgia (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
\$2 million
Texas (10-2) vs. Washington (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 29
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
\$750,000
Iowa (9-2) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
\$1.2 million
Texas Tech (7-4) vs. Iowa (6-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Inlight.com Bowl
At Phoenix
\$750,000
Kansas State (6-5) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
\$1 million
Washington State (9-2) vs. Purdue (6-5), 11 a.m. (CBS)
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
\$750,000
Louisiana Tech (7-4) vs. Clemson (6-5), 11:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
\$750,000
Iowa State (11-2) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
\$1.3 million
Brigham Young (12-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
\$1.8 million
North Carolina (7-5) vs. Auburn (7-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
\$2.2 million
Iowa State (7-4) vs. South Carolina (8-3), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
\$4.25 million
Michigan (8-5) vs. Tennessee (10-2), Noon (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
\$11.13 million
Colorado (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
\$11.13 million
Illinois (10-1) vs. Louisiana State (9-3), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)
Wednesday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
\$11.13 million
Missouri (10-1) vs. Florida (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)
Thursday, Jan. 3
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
\$11.13 million
Miami (11-0) vs. Nebraska (11-1), 7 p.m. (67)

TOP 25 - MEN

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team. Lists top 25 men's college basketball teams including Duke, Maryland, Kansas, Florida, Virginia, Oklahoma State.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 16.

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team. Lists top 25 women's college basketball teams including Connecticut, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Vanderbilt, Iowa State, Stanford, Purdue, Baylor, Georgia, Louisiana Tech, Michigan, Colorado, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Colorado State, N.C. State, Florida, Tulane, Auburn, South Carolina, LSU, Old Dominion.

SCHOOLBOY PLAYOFFS

CLASS 5A
Division II
Championship
Lufkin vs. Austin Westlake
CLASS 4A
Division II
Championship
Ennis (14-0) vs. Bay City (13-1), late Saturday
CLASS 3A
Division II
Championship
Commerce 14, La Grange 11
CLASS 2A
Division II
Championship
Celina (15-0) vs. Garrison (13-3), late Saturday
CLASS 1A
Championship
Celeste (14-0) vs. Burkeville (9-3), late Saturday

NFL

Table with 2 columns: Conference, Team. Lists NFL teams and their records.

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Saturday's Games
Miami at New England
Philadelphia at San Francisco, (n)
Tennessee at Oakland, (n)
Today's Games
Buffalo at Atlanta, Noon
Chicago at Washington, Noon
Seattle at N.Y. Giants, Noon
St. Louis at Carolina, Noon
Detroit at Pittsburgh, Noon
Cincinnati at Baltimore, Noon
San Diego at Kansas City, Noon
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, Noon
Jacksonville at Minnesota, Noon
Dallas at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Green Bay, 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 29
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

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NHL

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Friday's Games
Toronto 3, Buffalo 3, tie
N.Y. Islanders 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Carolina 5, Atlanta 4, OT
Detroit 3, San Jose 0
Tampa Bay 4, St. Louis 3, OT
Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3
Chicago 5, Edmonton 1
Calgary 2, Colorado 2, tie
Anaheim 2, Phoenix 1
Saturday's Games
Ottawa at New Jersey
Dallas at Columbus, (n)
Buffalo at Toronto, (n)
Los Angeles at Montreal, (n)
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, (n)
Pittsburgh at Washington, (n)
Carolina at Philadelphia, (n)
St. Louis at Florida, (n)
Minnesota at Vancouver, (n)
Today's Games
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, Noon
San Jose at Nashville, 2 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Signed Of Johnny Damon to a four-year contract. Declined to offer 2002 contract to OF Izzy Alcantara, RHP Todd Endo, C Steve Lomax, LHP Allen McMill, 2B Pokey Reese and INF Chris Stynes. Agreed to terms with Lomax on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Acquired OF Scott Bakowski and INF Josh Shaffer from Anaheim for LHP Dan Mozingo and RHP Jim Sweeney.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Jackie Cruz on a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Declined to offer 2002 contract to RHP Paul Byrd and INF Donnie Sadler.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with C Alberto Castillo on a one-year contract. Declined to offer 2002 contract to RHP Paul Byrd and INF Donnie Sadler.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Declined to offer 2002 contract to INF Mike Cunningham, RHP Robert Ellis and LHP Eric Knott.
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Craig Dingman, LHP Pedro Feliciano, RHP Mike Judd, RHP Brandon Klob, RHP Willie Martinez, LHP Trevor Miller, LHP Justin Atchley, RHP Jared Fernandez, RHP Arnie Goinch, LHP Benny Lowe, RHP Scott Matzie, RHP Javier Martinez, RHP Chris Piersall, C Cesar King, C Jesse Lewis, INF Mike Caruso, INF Chris Sexton, 1B OF Kevin Witt, 1B OF Alex Hernandez, OF Anthony Sanders, OF David Miller and OF Paul Gonzalez on minor league contracts. Named Ed Hodge pitching coach of Billings of the Pioneer League.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP T.J. Mathews and LHP C.J. Nixowski on minor league contracts. Declined to offer a 2002 contract to OF Glen Gorbous.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Acquired Of Dave Roberts from Cleveland for LHP Christian Brantley and LHP Neil Hughes.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with RHP Masato Yoshida on a one-year contract and OF Mark Smith on a minor league contract. Declined to offer a 2002 contract to RHP Mike Thuman.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Declined to offer a 2002 contract to RHP Alan Benes, OF Luis Saturna and RHP Clint Wintz.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT—Placed F Anthony Carter on the injured list. Activated F Malik Allen from the injured list.
UTAH JAZZ—Activated F Byron Russell from the injured list. Placed F Quincy Lewis on the injured list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Named executive vice president Roger Goodell chief operating officer.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Placed DE Edemere Eshuban on the injured reserve list. Signed FB Terry Waterspurn from the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Placed CB Aaron Beasley on injured reserve. Signed CB Richard Cox.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed RB R.J. Bowers from the practice squad. Released DL Chris Hoke.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Los Angeles F Adam Mair for 10 games for leaving the bench during an altercation in a game against Ottawa on Dec. 20.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled D Gino Odjick from Quebec of the AHL.

BASEBALL

Transactions continued with more team news and player movements.

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JUSTIN BLALOCK, Plano East, Sr., 6-4, 325. WILLIAM BLAYLOCK, Tyler John Tyler, Sr., 6-2, 290. Top lineman on an offense that averaged 274 rushing yards a game.

RYAN CRUMP, Copperton Cove, Sr., 6-2, 230. 64 catches, 29 touchdowns and didn't allow a sack this season. Graded out at 91 percent for offense that averaged 419.4 yards and 32.3 points a game.

CHAUSTON JONES, Galena Park North Shore, Sr., 6-3, 340. Top lineman on the top ranked offense in the Houston area. The Mustangs averaged more than 367 rushing yards a game.

LEQUALAN McDONALD, Waco, Sr., 6-5, 335. 114 puncares and graded out at 88.8 percent. ENDS/RECEIVERS: SAMUEL HURD, San Antonio Brackenridge, Sr., 6-2, 180. 58.1518.19. Was the leading receiver — yards and touchdowns — in Class 5A.

JOHNNY QUINN, McKinney, Sr., 6-0, 180. 80-1,106-13 receiving. Was the leading receiver — receptions — in Class 5A. QUARTERBACK: DREW TATE, Baytown Lee, Jr., 6-0, 170. 256-403 passing for 3,371 yards, 41 TDs, 3 INTs. Was the leading passer — yards and touchdowns — in Class 5A this season.

RUNNING BACKS: TED BARNHART, Corpus Christi Carroll, Sr., 5-7, 165. 259-1916-21 rushing. Was the third leading rusher in Class 5A. QUINTON BRIGUSSARD, The Colony, Sr., 5-9, 180. 290-2,124-19 rushing. Was the leading rusher in Class 5A this season.

KICKER: RICHARD HAMMOND, San Antonio East Central, Sr., 6-2, 190. 21 of 45 kickoffs went for touchdowns. Averaged 62.4 yards a kickoff, 11-13 field goals, with a long of 42 yards, 25-26 extra points. OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Drew Tate, Baytown Lee.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE: LINEBACKER: BRANDON FALLS, Colleyville Heritage, Sr., 6-3, 300. 36 tackles, 7 for loss and 8 sacks. Top lineman for a defense that allowed a Fort Worth-area best 7.1 points and 53.1 rushing yards a game.

LINEBACKERS: JOHN DE LA VINA, Edinburg North, Sr., 6-1, 215. TYLER GATEWOOD, Austin Westlake, Sr., 6-2, 212; Aaron Harris, North Mesquite, Sr., 6-0, 230.

BACKS (5 due to tie for fourth spot): SCOTT BALLEW, Colleyville Heritage, Sr., 5-10, 175; ANTHONY ARLINE, San Antonio Madison, Sr., 6-2, 180; DOMINIQUE BROOKS, N. Mesquite, Jr., 6-2, 186; BIREN EARLY, Cypress Falls, Sr., 6-4, 185; CHRIS MARROW, EP Franklin, Sr., 5-11, 165.

PUNTER: JEREMY PARKER, Mesquite, Sr., 5-7, 165. HONORABLE MENTION: JARED DUNN, Bryan, Sr., 5-4, 140.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE: LINEBACKER: KURK FRANCIS, Mesquite, Sr., 6-0, 280; TROYDALE GATSONY, Abilene Cooper, Sr., 6-0, 220; TRAVIS LEITKO, The Woodlands, Sr., 6-6, 255; MARCO MARTIN, Mesquite, Sr., 6-3, 300.

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JOHN MCKINNEY, Copperton Cove, Sr., 6-1, 205. 105 tackles, 14 for a loss, 5 sacks, 2 pass-breakups, 4 caused fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries. One of the leaders of a defense that allowed just 87.2 yards and 7.9 points per game. Second-team all-state as a junior.

BACKS: TONY CADE, Lewisville, Jr., 6-0, 170. 6 tackles, 7 INTs, 5 blocks of field goals and punts.

JEROME MILLER, Alier Hastings, Sr., 6-1, 170. 8 INTs for 165 return yards.

BRODNEY POOL, Houston Westbury, Sr., 6-3, 190. 8 INTs, 12 punt returns for 243 yards.

JEFF WALKER, Abilene, Sr., 6-3, 190. 111 tackles, 5 INTs, 8 pass breakups, 3 fumble recoveries, 3 sack.

JOHNNY QUINN, McKinney, Sr., 6-0, 180. 80-1,106-13 receiving. Was the leading receiver — receptions — in Class 5A.

QUARTERBACK: DREW TATE, Baytown Lee, Jr., 6-0, 170. 256-403 passing for 3,371 yards, 41 TDs, 3 INTs. Was the leading passer — yards and touchdowns — in Class 5A this season.

RUNNING BACKS: TED BARNHART, Corpus Christi Carroll, Sr., 5-7, 165. 259-1916-21 rushing. Was the third leading rusher in Class 5A.

QUINTON BRIGUSSARD, The Colony, Sr., 5-9, 180. 290-2,124-19 rushing. Was the leading rusher in Class 5A this season.

KICKER: RICHARD HAMMOND, San Antonio East Central, Sr., 6-2, 190. 21 of 45 kickoffs went for touchdowns. Averaged 62.4 yards a kickoff, 11-13 field goals, with a long of 42 yards, 25-26 extra points.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Drew Tate, Baytown Lee.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE: LINEBACKER: BRANDON FALLS, Colleyville Heritage, Sr., 6-3, 300. 36 tackles, 7 for loss and 8 sacks. Top lineman for a defense that allowed a Fort Worth-area best 7.1 points and 53.1 rushing yards a game.

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Boilermakers say defections aren't a real distraction

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — The regular season was over for Purdue but the losses kept coming — only they weren't showing up on the scoreboard, just in the locker room.

When the Boilermakers (6-5) play in the Sun Bowl against No. 13 Washington State (9-2) Dec. 31 in El Paso, they will be without quarterback Brandon Hance and defensive lineman Matt Mitrione. Both left in the past two weeks.

Tiller said Thursday the timing of the departures was "horrible," but they would not be a distraction. "I think we'll be well prepared by the time the game gets here," he said at a Sun Bowl news conference.

Hance, a redshirt freshman, left after final exams and told Tiller he wanted to transfer to a school closer to his Woodland Hills, Calif., home. Hance had started the first nine games before he was benched in favor of Kyle Orton.

His transfer leaves only Kyle Smith, a 6-foot-4, 205-pound freshman who hasn't taken a snap, as a backup. Orton, a true freshman making his third start, lost his first two games to Indiana and Notre Dame.

While Hance's decision to leave didn't surprise Tiller, he found the timing disappointing.

Tiller said Orton has matured since named the starter nearly a month ago. "He carries himself better. He understands more about the offense today than he did three weeks ago," Tiller said. "He's just a different guy in my opinion."

Orton, who went 69-for-142 for 686 yards, three interceptions and two touchdowns, has played better in practice and shown signs of developing into the quarterback of the future. One practice this week had Tiller impressed.

"He was in a zone," Tiller said. "In our team situation, he was perfect. He made all the right checks, all the right throws, he put the ball on the body. That was his best practice since he's been to Purdue."

If Orton gets injured early against Washington State, Smith will play. The longer the game goes, the less likely Tiller will want to waste Smith's redshirt.

"Kyle Smith is a talented player, but it would be a shame for us to burn his redshirt year because we had to play him in a game," Tiller said.

Orton said he felt more comfortable with the offense.

"I see the progress and feel it a lot," he said. "Leadership-wise I'm doing a lot better. Each practice I get in, I have a better handle on what to do."

Mitrione, a senior, was having his best season, despite being bothered by a broken foot that caused him to miss training camp and the season-opener against Cincinnati. He had 40 tackles and four sacks and was an All-Big Ten selection.

Mitrione told Tiller he was too hurt to play, still bothered by the foot. Tiller sent him home. Mitrione was one of the most outspoken Boilermakers. His public criticism of Indiana last month forced Tiller to make him off-limits to the media.

"Any of us that know the personality involved, we're not shocked. So our team isn't in a state of shock," Tiller said. "The timing's horrible, but that's life. There's a time and place for everything. Some individuals make decisions and it's usually made from a selfish point of view. The team is then obviously lost in the equation."

Rangers risk mixing Rocker, Everett?

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON (AP) — Trying to rebuild a team that finished last in its division the previous two seasons, John Hart is taking some drastic steps.

He brought in Carl Everett, who can bash baseballs with the best of them — when he's not bashing his bosses or umpires.

Then Hart added John Rocker, who has one of the best left-handed arms in baseball but also has gotten into trouble with his mouth.

Although he didn't give up much for either, Hart is putting the team's image — and his own — on the line by taking a chance on both.

"I know the perception and what's going to happen, but we're excited about the talent," Hart said. "I think we're prepared to look at a club that has the ability to incorporate a lot of diversity within its clubhouse. We'll see."

The logic behind each deal is debatable. Combined, they're a huge risk, drawing the same charge of "What were they thinking?" a line repeated often since the Rangers signed shortstop Alex Rodriguez to a \$252 million, 10-year contract

last December.

"I feel we will have the ability to provide the right atmosphere, the right leadership, the right support group for a number of players," Hart said.

"You're talking about two different individuals and two different situations. Carl's was more within team boundaries and functions that we didn't have privy to. John's was more of an off-field issue, a social issue, more personal."

The person hurt most by Everett's transgressions has been himself. His team suffered by the absence of his bat and the clubhouse turmoil he created.

It's worth noting that his new teammates and bosses are not holding his past against him. Everyone insists they'll judge him by how he acts here, not based on his reputation or past run-ins.

Rocker probably won't have it so easy.

The mess he's made for himself goes way beyond baseball and can't be easily dismissed.

Many will ignore the word "Rangers" on his new jersey, seeing "Racist" instead. His reputation likely will follow him into the clubhouse and onto the field, possibly making teammates

edgy or cold to him, until he gives them reason to feel otherwise.

The best way he can make peace will be to find the strike zone. Like Dennis Rodman, his antics and attitude are more tolerable when he's playing well, something Rocker didn't do in Cleveland.

Hart is infatuated by the potential reward Rocker offers. If the Rangers can eliminate the personality problems, they'll be left with a 27-year-old lefty who throws nearly 100 mph and has a devastating slider.

Steve Howe had similar ability and the black cloud of drug addiction, yet he kept getting second chances. Rocker probably will, too, which is why Hart said this isn't his last chance in baseball.

"But it is his last chance with me," Hart said, laughing.

"John is at a crossroads in his career. He has a chance to take the good road, the high road, the right road with people who are going to support him, believe in him and lead him, try to direct him to be a better baseball player."

The Braves and Indians tried, but couldn't get through. The only way the Rangers will is if Rocker

wants it to happen.

He showed little interest in changing Tuesday, saying his offensive comments to Sports Illustrated in December 1999 were "kind of a fluke sort of thing where I took myself too lightly" and that "I really think I'm the same person."

"I can't speak for him. I can't figure it all out," Hart said. "But here's what we expect, and hopefully that'll present itself and it'll be a good story — with a good ending and a good meaning to it."

"It could be the other way, too."

The same could be said of Hart, who in his 10 years as the GM in Cleveland rarely shied from talented troublemakers as long as they provided more talent than trouble.

In only a few months in Texas, he's already making with the kind of moves that indicate he'll do anything to turn the club around.

"I've made thousands of trades and you can maybe count on one hand the number of controversial players I've brought in," Hart said. "It's not something you go out and look for, but when you balance all the equations there are times you take a risk."

Or two.

Green plans to return for 20th season with 'Skins

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The farewell tour is over. Darrell Green plans to come back for a 20th NFL season.

The 41-year-old Washington Redskins cornerback says he no longer intends to retire after the season, a change of heart spurred by fans and made possible by an improved relationship with coach Marty Schottenheimer.

"When I announced my plan to retire and devote myself to my foundation, I said I could play for several more years," Green said. "After discussing it with my wife, Jewell, and our family, I decided it was premature to retire this year."

"I don't want discussion of my future to be a distraction as we prepare for our remaining games, so today it is official: I'll be back next year."

The decision came the day after Green extended his NFL record by intercepting a pass for the 19th consecutive season. His interception in the fourth quarter of Sunday's 20-6 loss to Philadelphia was his 54th, a team record.

Green, the oldest cornerback ever in the league, announced Sept. 4 that this would be his last season and that he would devote his final games to raising the profile of his foundation-benefiting inner-city youth.

But fans have urged him to reconsider. They chanted, his name when he walked

off the field with a minor injury Sunday, and banners such as "Make it 20 years, No. 28" were hanging from the stands.

Before he could change his mind, Green had to improve the relationship with Schottenheimer, who was criticized for his cavalier treatment of the player during training camp. The coach gave Green, a seventh-time Pro Bowl player, remedial instruction on how to play the position and at one point refused even to guarantee that Green would make the team.

Schottenheimer gave the starting job to rookie Fred Smoot over Green, but the coach has been won over by Green's steady play and

humble work ethic. Green started three games while Smoot was injured, and there was no drop-off in the secondary's play.

"In retrospect, I would have done it far differently," Schottenheimer said last week. "When I got out there coaching, I've got a message to get across, and that message is going out to anybody that's involved with it."

Green told owner Dan Snyder last week he was thinking of coming back.

"I encouraged him to return for the benefit of the fans, the team and the legacy," Snyder said. "I've said it before and I repeat it today: Darrell is welcome on this team as long as he can play."

Broadcaster Dick Schaap dead at 67

NEW YORK (AP) — Dick Schaap interviewed presidents and pitchers, governors and golfers. He was quite possibly the only person who cast votes for the Heisman Trophy and the Tony Awards.

Schaap, who died at age 67 on Friday from complications after hip surgery, couldn't limit himself to sports. He was much more versatile than that.

He won three Sports Emmy Awards for his work on ESPN and three Emmy Awards for features on "20/20" and "World News Tonight" at ABC, where he worked for 20 years.

Schaap's subjects covered the spectrum — from comedian Sid Caesar, who fought back from drug and alcohol addiction, to Bobby McLaughlin, a young man convicted of a murder he did not commit.

But Schaap always returned to sports, fascinated by athletes and their

accomplishments, intent on trying to find out what made them tick.

"Dick and I have been friends since before the 1960 Olympics," boxing great Muhammad Ali said in a statement. "He was the person who put me on the plane to Rome and he was waiting for me in the airport when I returned. But that was Dick, he was always there — something many of us have always taken for granted."

Schaap's Sunday morning ESPN show "The Sports Reporters" was a lively debate with other journalists. The panelists rarely agreed, instilling the show with an energy he relished.

He received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Sports Journalism from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America in 2001. He won the Northeastern Award for Excellence in Broadcast Sports Journalism in 1986,

and the Women's Sports Foundation award in 1984.

Schaap, who played lacrosse at Cornell, was inducted into the university's athletic Hall of Fame, and he won one of the Columbia Journalism School's 50th Anniversary Awards as well as an Alumni Award for Career Achievement.

"Dick's unparalleled journalistic achievements were exceeded only by his compassion and respect for his fellow human beings," ESPN president George Bodenheimer said. "He lived each day to the fullest, and during the course of an amazing life, encountered almost every major figure that impacted our culture over the last 40 years."

Schaap was a man on the move, from Newsweek to the New York Herald Tribune, where he was city editor and then a columnist. Then he moved to TV as a correspondent for NBC.

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Tonla Sparks

The first Monday of every month a group of people, friends, families, wives, husbands, sons, daughters, sisters and brothers gather together at Hillcrest Baptist Church to pray, offer support or just talk.

Usually during the Christmas season, our conversations are about where to find a certain toy for a child or about the not-so-popular cousin or in-law that may be coming to share the holiday.

However, the members of the military support group are offering each other prayers and a sympathetic ear to help allay the fears that are so prevalent with the current world situation.

"It really helps for these people to have someone to relate to," said Wanda Gamble, one of the support group coordinators.

And in honor of those who serve our country the Vietnam Memorial Committee — which sought out the support group — has donated a display case for photos of local military personnel.

Vicky Osburn has volunteered to make the name tags to be displayed with the photos.

The case will be located in the chapel at the memorial located behind SWCID.

The response to the support group has been overwhelming, but has been a special comfort to those who have friends and family serving here and abroad.

"I had one lady who came to the booth (at Wal-Mart) and was just in tears ... You could really tell that Daddy was missed," said Gamble.

The group got its start from a spiritual source, according to Gamble, "God laid it on my heart

and I didn't know it, but he had done the same for Treva (Hall) and Holly (Moore). It initially was started as a newsletter, then Holly brought the information to the *Herald* to be put in the support groups list. We all knew each other, but we didn't know we all had kids in the military until we started talking about it."

Creating the group has definitely been good therapy for the three friends, according to Gamble.

Especially for Holly Moore who has a son currently stationed in Afghanistan.

"She got a call from him Wednesday which was only about 15 minutes long. But it was the best Christmas present a mom could get," she added.

"They are getting the Dear American Soldier mail," Gamble said, which has been reinstated since its halt due to the Anthrax scare.

"He (Moore's son) said the letters are wonderful even though they are from people they don't know," she commented.

For those who would like to write to one of the soldiers, the letters should be sent to Dear American Soldier, American Family Soldier, Tupelo, Miss. 38803 or go online at www.dearamericansoldier.com

The support group is open to anyone who has a friend or loved one who is currently serving.

For more information about the military support group call Gamble at 263-7180, Hall at 263-8574 or Moore at 263-8106.

"We just hope that we have learned our lesson since Vietnam," said Gamble. "We really need to support our troops... those who were in Vietnam didn't get that."



Jeffrey Rodriguez



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Joseph C. Spindler



Lindsay Hull



Michael Valli



Joe Henderson



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Story by Andrea Medlin. Photos and names were provided by local families and loved ones through the Military Support Group.

The ever controversial 's' at the end of the Spring (Big that is)

The controversy of, is it Big Spring or Big Springs may have its answer in the understanding of the Big Spring itself.

My Dad told me, when I was little, that he and his brothers used to go to the Broken Dam to go swimming.

The Broken Dam as I know it is located just off Goliad Street and FM 700. As a kid my brother, some friends and I used to go there to mess around.

Go exploring and such. During heavy rains, when Cosden Lake (now Comanche Trail Lake) would overflow there would be

a lot of water in the creek going towards the dam.

We could find a lot of interesting things there during that time.

Most times we would find fish swimming around. During those times that I shared my experiences with my Dad, he would tell me of the times that he would go swimming there.

The family home was located at 1900 Runnels and pretty much everything from there South was pasture land.

He would tell me that they would be at the dam swimming. He and his brothers would go hiking in that direction and eventually arriving at their destination.

Once there they would shuck their clothes and dive off into

the cold waters below.

Dad would tell me that they would spend all day there skinny dipping.

I can imagine that it must have been rough climbing back up the steep sides to the top so they could dive off.

I did not think to ask if they wore their shoes or boots.

It is pretty rough country down there, what with cactus, grass burrs and all.

Dad told the story well enough that it imprinted an image on my mind of what they did and how much fun it must have been.

He said by days end they would have to hike back home nude because after swimming all day in the buff they were sunburned from top to bottom.

They could not get back into their clothes and were sore for

what seemed to be weeks on end.

Mother got them into a tub with vinegar and had them soak to relieve the pain.

It was during these stories that he told me that in those days there were two springs.

One located at the present location next to the City Park and the other across Highway 87.

I am not certain of the exact location but am told that it was located close to where the Brandin Iron is now located.

That being the case, the dam retained all of the water that was being produced on that side of the road.

I never did find out what happened to the dam, whether it just eroded or was removed, in later years, to let the water out. Dad said that when they began to work on Highway 87 they

used dynamite to do some blasting for the road bed and to enlarge the traffic lanes.

He thought that in so doing it caused a shift in the rock formation and the water from that spring ceased to flow.

Well, I do not know how much of that is fact but for me, at that age, it was interesting to hear and added to the history of Big Spring for me.

I suppose that perhaps at one time we did have two springs and when one stopped flowing it was easier to change the name from springs to spring than to explain why we have an "s" at the end when we only have one spring.

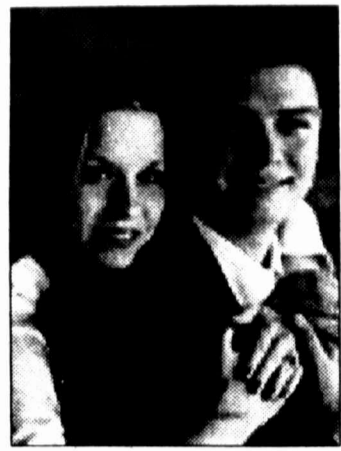
Burr Lea Settles writes a regular column for the Herald.



BURR LEA SETTLES

WEDDINGS

Beemer — Rubio



She carried a bouquet of white roses, lilies and Christmas flowers.

Maid of honor was Kandi King. Matron of honor was Brandy Jackson.

Bridesmaids were Patti Parra and Nichole Hammond.

Cody Rubio, brother of the groom, served as best man. Matt Socha, Leroy Rodriguez and Shawn Huntsman served as groomsmen.

Ushers were Ferrol Voight, Cal Roberson and Matthew Jackson.

A reception and dance was held at La Quinta Inn in San Angelo.

The wedding cake was white with fresh white roses.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Brady High School and a 2001 graduate of Angelo State University.

She is presently employed by Sugar Baker's.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2000 graduate of Angelo State University.

He is currently an ensign in the United States Navy.

Following a wedding trip on a Caribbean cruise the couple will make their home in Hawaii.

Patricia "Trish" Beemer of San Angelo and Gabriel Rubio of Pensacola, Fla., formerly of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows Dec. 22, 2001, at the Christian Church of San Angelo with Carry King officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Pamela Beemer of Brady and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Smith of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The groom is the son of Ben and Jessica Rubio of Big Spring and the grandson of Josephine Rubio of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother and grandfather, Joe Smith.

She wore a gown with a full skirt and a beaded bodice with halter look top.

Hill — Rose



Pattie Hill and Larry W. Rose, both of Big Spring exchanged vows Oct. 20, 2001, in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Lou Hill and the late Jerry B. Hill of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rose of Abilene.

Following the ceremony the couple made their home in Big Spring.

ANNIVERSARIES



Cole

Nile and Barbara Cole celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 22, 2001, with a dinner and reception in Midland. The event was hosted by their daughter, Dianne Posey, and their niece, Lea Gray, of Midland.

He was born in Howard County and later moved to Carroll County, Ga., as a small child with his family. He returned to Big Spring in 1948. She was born Barbara Wright in Glasscock County and moved to Big Spring as a small child with her family.

He worked for the United States Postal Service for 36 years and retired in 1985. He has been associated with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home since July of

that same year. She worked for Hamilton Optometry Clinic and for Hemphill-Wells department store.

They were married on Dec. 21, 1951, at the home of the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Juanita and Milton Lewis.

They have been members of the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church for over 50 years where he serves as a deacon.

The couple has one daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Tom Posey; two grandchildren, Erin and Matthew, all of Big Spring.

They believe the secret to a long and happy marriage is trusting in each other to keep the vows they took as God intended.

Allen

Dr. and Mrs. J. Glenn Allen of Arkadelphia, Ark., will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a champagne/dessert reception at their home.

The event will be hosted by their five children.

He was born in Arkadelphia, Ark and she was born in Mt. Ida, Ark. They were married Dec. 24, 1951, in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Their children and the towns they live in are — Joann and Robert Decker and children, Camille, Glenn, and Meredith, all of Evanston, Ill.; Julie and Gary Bailey and children and grandchild, Chris Bailey, Katie Bailey and Caryn and Danny Hill and Stacie (Caryn and family live in Texarkana and the Bailey's live in Carrollton); Catherine and Tims Edwards, Catherine has two stepchildren and three step-grandchildren. Catherine lives in Oden, Ark. John Allen of Arkadelphia, Ark. and Martha and Paul Bryant and children, Sara, Erica and Emily, all of Arkadelphia, Ark.

The couple have nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

They lived in Houston while Glenn went to dental school.

Then they moved to Big Spring in 1954 where he opened his dental practice.

Wanda was a teacher and a homemaker.

In 1980 they moved to Mt. Ida, Ark., where Glenn continued with his dental practice.

After his retirement they moved to Arkadelphia, Ark.

They are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Arkadelphia, Ark.

He is a member of the Arkadelphia Lions Club and the Arkadelphia Historical Committee

The couple have always loved being involved in the church no matter where they lived.

Glenn and Wanda also stay very busy driving cars for several car dealerships in Arkadelphia.

They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

They have been married for 50 years.

The children would love to invite all those that knew our parents when we lived in Big Spring to please e-mail them your congratulations to anniversary50th@hotmail.com.

Whether you choose to write them, call them, or e-mail them, please do so as they will always fondly remember Big Spring and the wonderful people that made it such a great community in which to live and raise children.

STORKS

Rachel Marie Murphy, a girl, born Dec. 13, 2001, at 1:50 p.m. Weighing seven pounds 14 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Parents are Brant and Stephanie Murphy. Grandparents are Bill and Nancy Murphy of Garden City and Neil and Ticia Anderson of Big Spring.

Spring and Joe and Linda Stilwell of Aledo, Texas.

Braxton Lloyd Chandler, a boy, born Nov. 28, 2001, at 11:25 a.m. Weighing seven pounds and 3/4 ounce and was 20 1/2 inches long. Parents are Michael and Jennifer Chandler. Grandparents are Roylyn and Donnie Reid of Sand Springs, Brenda Chandler of Big Spring, Larry Chandler of Forsan and Roylen Metcalf of Coahoma.

Beatrice Hilario, a girl, born Nov. 22, 2001 at 4:12 a.m. Weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. Parents are Irma and Carlos Hilario. Grandparents are Minnie Martinez and Elviria Hilario.

Abigail Michelle Salazar, a girl, born Nov. 24, 2001 at 3:06 p.m. Weighing 7 pound 3 1/2 ounces and was 18 inches long. Parents are Gabriel Michael Salazar and Misty Michelle Martinez. Grandparents are Joe and Yolanda Martinez, Richard Salazar and Rosa Correa.

Ty Brant Thompson, a boy, born Nov. 26, 2001, at 5:52 p.m. Weighing 8 pounds and 2 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Parents are Tracy and Michelle Thompson. Grandparents are Tom & Berry Thompson of Andrews, Diane Thompson of Andrews, David and Theresa Padgett of Brandenburg, Ky. and Gary and Blanca Goff of Ruidoso, N.M.

Romdo Reece Inez Mosqueda, a boy born Dec. 9, 2001, at 2:02 a.m. Weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Parents are Jesus Mosqueda Jr. and Patricia Rodriguez.

Stephen Rey Velasco, a boy, born Nov. 26, 2001, at 3:30 a.m. Weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. Parent is Sandra Velasco. Grandparents are Alonzo and Eunice Velasco of Big Spring.

Caitlyn Korryn Corley, a girl, born Nov. 27, 2001, at 3:39 p.m. Weighing six pounds 14 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Amy and Lane Corley. Grandparents are Bobby and Jaynie Laig of Big Spring, Linnie Mikeworth of Midland and Bob & Michelle Corley of Big Spring.

Evan Grace Roberts, a girl, born Nov. 25, 2001 at 1:06 p.m. Weighing 5 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Parents are Brad and Joey Roberts. Grandparents are Wayne and Shelane Robert of Big

Sydney Belle Rinard, a girl, born Dec. 11, 2001, at 11:33 a.m. Weighing seven pounds 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Parents are Jim and Tasha Rinard of Big Spring. Grandparents are Jackie and Charlene Rinard of Big Spring and Ronnie and Janice Gaskins of Coahoma. Big brother is 8 year old Austin. Big sister is 4 year old Coley.

NEWCOMERS

Wayne and Sharon Huffman, son, David of El Reno, Okla. He is the superintendent of industry for the Federal Correctional Institution.

Ba and Lillian Han, son, Harry of Highland Hills, N.Y. He is the clinical director of Big Spring State Hospital.

Jamie and KathyJo King of Ruidoso, N.M. He is the manager of Neighbors Auto Sales.

Ruben and Jana Lopez of Lamesa. He is employed by Johansen Landscape.

Hector and Marichy Gimenez of Cebu City, Philippines. He is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Ronnie and Vanessa Lopez of Lamesa. He is employed by 7-Eleven.

Leslie and Mic Quintanilla of Brownfield. They are students at Howard College.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Big Spring Herald

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Olympic figure skater found sl in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) skater Kira bronze medalis Olympic Game slain in her ap body covered wounds, the c the Russian Fig Federation said Neighbors of old Ivanova dis body, said the Valentin Pisey police told h killed several c The door t apartment had down and he found on the bed, Russian r ed. Police put in a category blamed on p putes, telev reported. By winning t the Sarajev Ivanova beca and only wo from the Sov win a medal singles comp came in b German Kat who won th American Summers, who ver.

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WHO'S WHO

Angelo State University announced their fall graduates for 2001 — Alison M. Cooper, BA, magna cum laude; Casey Ray Hayes, BS; Paula Kay Hunt, BS; Michael S. Mansfield, BS; and Trey F. Terrazas, BS.

Amy Dominguez-Miramontes received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from West Texas A & M University School of Nursing on Friday, Dec. 14. She is the daughter of Henry and Leonor Dominguez of Big Spring.

Kimberly Diane Long, an English major from Big Spring was honored as one of the highest ranking December graduates at Texas Tech University.

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THURSDAY - Spaghetti & meat sauce, mixed vegetables, salad, garlic bread, milk, fruit.

FRIDAY - Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, pie.

Olympic figure skater found slain in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — Figure skater Kira Ivanova, a bronze medalist at the 1984 Olympic Games, was found slain in her apartment, her body covered in knife wounds, the chairman of the Russian Figure Skating Federation said Friday.

Neighbors of the 38-year-old Ivanova discovered her body, said the chairman, Valentin Piseyev. He said police told him she was killed several days ago.

The door to Ivanova's apartment had been broken down and her body was found on the bloodstained bed, Russian media reported. Police put the slaying in a category of crimes blamed on personal disputes, television news reported.

By winning the bronze at the Sarajevo Games, Ivanova became the first and only woman skater from the Soviet Union to win a medal in Olympics singles competition. She came in behind East German Katarina Witt, who won the gold, and American Rosalynn Summers, who won the silver.

Ivanova was on the Soviet figure skating roster from 1978-88. Her best career finish was a silver in the 1985 World Figure Skating Championships.

After leaving amateur skating, she performed professionally in an ice show called the Theater of Ice Miniatures, founded by four-time champion of the Soviet Union Igor Bobrin. In 1991, she started coaching children at the Dynamo stadium in Moscow.

She had been battling alcoholism, Piseyev said. "Ivanova became addicted to alcohol in recent years and underwent several treatments, but with no visible results. She quit her coaching for Dynamo in August this year," Piseyev said.

No information was available on survivors or funeral plans.

Microchips reunite lost pets with owners

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Each day, Patrick McCallion takes his 13-month-old dog Stewart to the corner park, where the exuberant yellow Lab mix can run loose with his pooch pals. But the park isn't enclosed.

So McCallion took out a bit of disappearance insurance, getting a microchip the size of a grain of rice implanted under the dog's skin, between the shoulder blades.

In the last few years, millions of dogs and cats — as well as tigers and other unusual pets — have been implanted with these microchips, which are encoded with unique numbers to make identifying lost, stolen or abandoned animals a snap.

When a lost pet is brought to a shelter or clinic, workers can use a hand-held scanner to read the chip's number. A computer database then matches the number with the pet's owner, medical history and other pertinent information.

At Queen Village Animal Clinic, where Stewart got his chip, the injection costs about \$30, plus a one-time registration fee of \$12.

"Probably every day at least one dog runs away from that park," said McCallion, 28, of Philadelphia. "You always see the 'missing' posters on trees and poles around the city."

The chips have been used to reunite thousands of lost pets with their owners. In northeastern Pennsylvania, LeeAnn Perry's dog, a yellow Lab named Sara, has run away three times since getting the chip a year and a half ago.

The pooch last disappeared in November, but was back home two weeks later.

"I know when she takes off, one way or another she'll be back because she's chipped," said Perry, 32, of Dunmore, Pa.

Microchip implantation has been around since the 1980s but was relatively rare until the mid-1990s, when chipmakers introduced a universal scanner that could read every model.

Scanners are now found in most shelters and animal control agencies across the country, according to Mary Madsen, a customer service supervisor for AVID Identification Systems Inc. Norco, Calif.-based AVID is one of two dominant chipmakers. As of last year, 2.5 million pets were listed in the company database.

The American Kennel Club operates the other database, which contains more than 1.1 million pets and is affiliated with Schering-Plough Animal Health, distributor of the HomeAgain chip.

Most of the pets in the AKC database are dogs (842,645) and cats (265,349).

However, HomeAgain chips, made by Destron Fearing Corp., can also be found in birds, horses, rabbits, tigers, monkeys, seals and many other unusual pets.

More than 70,000 lost pets have been reunited with their owners since the AKC program's inception in 1995, said Associate Director Keith Frazier.

Veterinarians say old-fashioned pet collars are fine, but not foolproof. They can come off, fade, or be chewed.

The chips are a boon to emergency room veterinarians, who often treat injured animals that don't have identifying information. Vets then face the tough choice of putting the animal to sleep or administering costly care with no hope of getting paid.

With a microchipped pet, the pet's owner can make that decision.

"For an emergency vet, it's fabulous," said Dr. Jeffrey Proulx of San Francisco. "A lot of ER practices don't

have the funds to go hog wild on these things."

The chips have a variety of applications.

Officials at the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race use them to help prevent illegal dog substitutions. Valuable horses are sometimes injected instead of branded. In Chicago, owners of dogs considered "dangerous" are required to have their pets spayed or neutered and fitted with a microchip for identification.

Professional football player Damon Moore, of the Philadelphia Eagles, was charged last month with abandoning his 3-month-old Rottweiler puppy after police found the dog and the SPCA traced the microchip to the pet shop where Moore made his purchase.

The next-generation microchip will be equipped with a sensor that reads body temperature — eliminating the need for a rectal thermometer.

Down the road, chips will be able to store information useful in an emergency — such as whether a dog has had a rabies shot or is allergic to any medicine.

But chipmakers say it's likely that most information will continue to be stored in a database.

Could human microchip implantation be far behind? Some say it's inevitable.

A British researcher had a chip in his arm for nine days in 1998, and U.S. researchers say a chip attached to the retina could someday give blind patients the ability to see.

Chips could also be used to carry medical information or criminal history, raising privacy concerns.

But for now, it's Rover who has the chip in his shoulder.

"Stewie used to have a tag," said McCallion, rubbing his newly microchipped dog's head, "but his brother Murphy bit it off."

HUMANE SOCIETY

Pictured is Pretty Bow — Chow, 5 yr., spayed.

Jay Lynn — Lab, 2 yr., neutered.

Jack — Chow, 2 yr., neutered.

LuLu — Besnji, 2 yr., neutered.

Dixie — Shepherd, 2 yr., spayed.

Lilly — Rottweiler/Shepherd, 2 yr., spayed.

Barney — Chow, 2 yr., neutered.

Hector — Shepherd, 3 yr., neutered.

Waylon — Heeler, 2 yr., neutered.

Willie — Heeler, 2 yr., neutered.

Many, many more — come see!!

Special note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the Howard



County Humane Society have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

All pets come with a two week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

Hopkins recreates Hannibal Lector in Red Dragon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anthony Hopkins is back for another helping of horror as he takes on the Hannibal Lector character a third time.

"Red Dragon," the Thomas Harris novel that introduced Lector, begins shooting Jan. 7, with Brett Ratner ("Rush Hour," "Rush Hour 2") directing. The movie co-stars Edward Norton, Ralph Fiennes, Emily Watson, Harvey Keitel, Mary-Louise Parker and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

The book previously was adapted for film in 1986 under the title "Manhunter," starring Brian Cox as Lector.

The new script for "Red Dragon" was written by Ted Tally, who won an Oscar for the screenplay of 1991's "The Silence of the Lambs," which won the best-picture Academy Award and earned Hopkins an Oscar in his first Lector outing. Hopkins reprised the role in "Hannibal," released last winter.

"Red Dragon" takes place years earlier, with Norton playing an FBI agent who quit after his near-fatal encounter in capturing serial killer Lector.

The story brings the agent out of retirement, using the imprisoned Lector to help catch another mass murderer.

White Christmas in many U.S. cities becoming rarer

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP) — It's not just a case of nostalgia distorting one's childhood memories — for many Americans, white Christmases really were more common back when they were kids.

A study of four decades of Dec. 25 statistics in 16 U.S. cities found that Christmas Day snows of at least an inch have declined since the 1960s.

Altogether, the number of white Christmases per decade dropped from 78 in the 1960s to 39 in the 1990s, according to researchers at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Oak Ridge meteorologist Dale Kaiser said the findings confirm what many people probably suspected.

"If we think back to Christmas mornings through our lives, I wouldn't be surprised if a lot of us didn't say, 'Gee, I don't remember white Christmases since I was a kid,'" Kaiser said. "Yes, we are experiencing fewer white Christmases than we did 40 years ago."

Kaiser, who ordinarily spends his time studying climate change over the United States, Russia and China, cautioned against reading too much into the survey. He said global warming might be a factor, but the survey did not look for causes or consider longer-term trends.

Seattle had two snowy Christmases in the 1960s while Washington, D.C., had four, but neither has had one since. New York had five in the '60s and only one in each of the last three decades. Boston had eight white Christmases in the '60s, but only two in the '90s.

Chicago recorded seven in the decade 40 years ago, falling to five in the '70s, four in the '80s and two in the '90s. Detroit dropped from nine in the '60s, to seven, then five, then three.

The survey revealed the most reliable places to find snow on Christmas Day were Tahoe City, Calif.; Salt Lake City; and Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn. Each had seven or more white Christmases in each of the past four decades.

The researchers gave little attention to Southern cities. Weather records dating to 1896 show Atlanta has never had a white Christmas.

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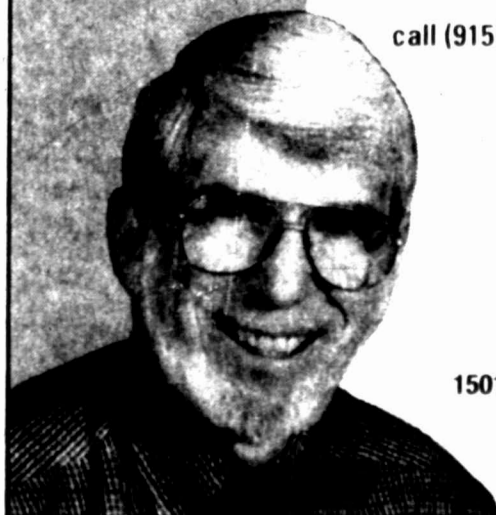
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Alan E. Abel, M.D. Joins Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic

The physicians of Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic welcome Alan E. Abel, M.D., a board certified General Surgeon, effective January 1. Dr. Abel brings years of experience, serving as Chief of Surgery at Covenant Hospital Plainview and as part of the medical staff at Covenant Family Healthcare Center in Plainview. He specializes in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of breast cancer, gallbladder disease, colo-rectal disease and other health problems that require surgery. Dr. Abel received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and completed his residency in general surgery at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. For an appointment with Dr. Abel, call (915) 267-6361.



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Economic woes mean fewer options, higher costs for farmers

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Tim Gubbels, who operates a small grain elevator in Laurel, Neb., is worried about getting insurance. "I've been hearing that our premiums are going to double," said Gubbels, who also is president of the Nebraska Grain and Feed Association.

Grain elevators, fertilizer dealers, feed mills and refined fuel dealers all report having trouble obtaining insurance — or at least affordable insurance — as financially troubled insurers hike pre-

miums or pull out of the agriculture market.

Over the last several years, a competitive market had driven agriculture insurance rates down. Insurance companies made up losses by investing in the high-flying stock market, said Gale Squier, owner of Anchor Insurance in Lincoln, an independent insurance agency.

But the stock market's fall this year — along with Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which rocked the insurance industry — have made

insurers scrutinize all of their policies and the risks they carry, Squier said.

One insurer, Grain Dealers Mutual Insurance Co. of Indianapolis, said it has stopped insuring grain elevators and other agriculture businesses.

The company has been losing money for several years in the industry.

The Nebraska Grain and Feed Association estimates that more than one-third of Nebraska grain elevators, feed mills and chemical

dealers could be affected by insurance companies dropping coverage or charging dramatically higher rates.

The association plans to focus its Feb. 19-20 winter convention in Kearney on the problem.

Tim Wagner, director of Nebraska's Department of Insurance, said the problem of insurance availability extends to agriculture and other businesses around the country.

"I don't blame the whole market problem on Sept. 11," Wagner

said.

"A number of companies have sustained losses and today are looking at what they should underwrite."

Gubbels said he had just begun a search to renew his policy, which expires July 31. And as he worried about the prospect of finding an insurer he could afford, he thought back to a time when coverage was much easier to come by.

"It used to be every third year they'd fight for my business," Gubbels said.

Garden checklist for holidays

Here's a garden checklist that you may find useful this time of year.

- Place orders for seeds this month so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. By ordering early, you will be more certain of getting the varieties you want.
- Don't get in a hurry to prune woody plants. Late December through February is usually the best time to prune them.



DAVID KNIGHT

- Reduce the fertilization of indoor plants from late October to mid-March. Exceptions would be plants in an atrium or a well-lighted window.
- Drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the carburetor is used up.
- November through February is a good time to plant trees and shrubs.
- Continue to set out cool-season bedding plants, such as pansies, violas, stock, snapdragons and Dianthus.
- Prepare beds and individual holes for rose planting in January and February. Use composted manure, pine bark and similar materials mixed with existing soil.
- Use good pruning practices when selecting Christmas greenery from landscape plants. Don't destroy the natural form and beauty of the plant.
- Protect your lawn from excessive winter damage by providing irrigation during dry periods.
- Plant spring-flowering bulbs if you haven't already done so.
- Prolong the life of holiday-season gift plants by providing proper care. Check to see if the pot wrap has plugged up the bottom drainage. Don't over water. Keep out of drafts from heating vents and opening doorways. Fertilizer is seldom needed the first few months.
- Take advantage of good weather to prepare garden beds for spring planting. Work in any needed organic matter, and have beds ready to plant when needed.

- Don't forget tulip and hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator. They can be planted after they have received 60 of more days of chilling.
- Want to start cuttings of your favorite Christmas cactus? As soon as it has finished blooming, select a cutting with four or five joints, break or cut it off, and insert the basal end into a pot of moderately moist soil. Place it on a windowsill or other brightly lit area. The cuttings should be rooted within three to four weeks.
- Don't spare the pruning shears when transplanting bare-rooted woody plants. Cut the tops back at least

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Earthco begins to demolish this old SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf dormitory on Thursday. The dorm, which was given to SWCID by the United States Air Force, was replaced in 1998 with the opening for the Burke-Mehan residential complex. HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

2001 started with a bang but it's not ending that way

By MORRIS BURNS
Vice President, PBPA

The year 2001 started out with a bang for the oil and gas industry. We had more rigs drilling for natural gas than ever before because the price was in the \$4 to \$5 range per mcf (thousand cubic feet). By September, that price had dropped to about \$1.75. That caused the expected result of operators canceling rig orders.

Since late 2000, the Permian Basin

had been in a drilling boomlet if you will, but Sept. 11 exacerbated the economic downturn the country found itself in and when all airplanes were grounded, thousands of gallons of jet fuel went unburned. Manufacturing slowed down, trucks were not needed to deliver goods and so the downward demand spiral went until we find ourselves stacking rigs again.

To make the glut of oil and natural gas even worse, the United States is experiencing a very warm winter

so far. A few weeks ago when we woke up to snow, ice and 11-degree temperatures, New York City was basking in 67-degree sunshine. Chicago, where a large amount of Texas natural gas is sold, had its first snow only a few days ago. Gas suppliers started the winter with more gas in storage than ever before, and the mild temperatures have caused most of it to remain there.

What will get oil and natural gas prices out of the doldrums are cold

weather in the population centers and economic recovery, both of which are predicted in the near future.

For many years, oil and gas prices were on about a seven-year cycle. Now it is more like a two-to-three-year cycle. In late 1998 and early 1999 we saw oil prices at the lowest since the Great Depression. By late 2000 and early 2001 we saw a nice rebound in oil price to the \$28

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GM asks government to require daytime running lights on U.S. vehicles

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. has asked the federal government to require daytime running lights on all vehicles sold in the United States.

GM said Thursday that the headlights — which shine at low intensity during the day — improve safety by making vehicles more conspicuous to other drivers and pedestrians. The automaker began installing daytime running lights in 1995.

A study last year, funded by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, found 3.2 percent fewer multi-vehicle daytime crashes for vehicles with running lights.

"They are not a miracle cure, but have been shown

to be effective at reducing crash risk during the day because they do make vehicles more visible," institute spokesman Russell Rader said.

However, Clarence Ditlow, who heads the Center for Auto Safety, said running lights are only marginally beneficial.

"It's just another PR and marketing ploy by GM. It's not coincidental their vehicles already have them," Ditlow said.

"I would just as soon see GM put stronger roofs on their SUVs than DRLs," he added.

GM requested the lights in a letter to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration administrator Jeffrey Runge.

Ming Taylor named to TDMHMR Institutional Review Board

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Big Spring State Hospital Clinical Nurse Specialist Ming Taylor, M.S.N., has been named to the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation's central office Institutional Review Board.



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Board members will monitor ongoing research, investigate and act on any complaints related to research subjects' participation in approved activities, and ensure protection for research subjects.

The central office Institutional Review Board will be responsible for research activities occurring at, or involving staff from Central office and other TDMHMR facilities who elect to use this IRB. "The hospital recommend-

ed I serve on the board," Taylor said. "It is a huge honor for me. They were looking for different disciplines to serve on the committee. With my cultural background and some research studies with my master's program, I can provide input not only from nursing but from a different cultural perspective as well."

Taylor is a 17-year veteran of Big Spring State Hospital. She began working as an LVN on the Substance

Abuse Unit in 1984. She recently became the first Clinical Nurse Specialist Advance Practice Nurse at Big Spring State Hospital.

Her new role allows her to carry a caseload of 20 chronic patients. She evaluates patients' psychiatric conditions and writes prescriptions under the supervision of Clinical Director Dr. Ba Han.

"Serving on the committee will be a challenge and a learning experience," Taylor said.

"I think it is important to have an IRB Committee in the central office to oversee any research project. It is an honor to be able to represent Big Spring State Hospital on the IRB board and I am looking forward to working in collaboration with TDMHMR Central office and the other disciplines."

Big Spring State Hospital is a 187-bed psychiatric hospital treating people in 78 counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

Heart and home products are big sellers this year

NEW YORK (AP) — Products related to the heart and home — from lockets and pajamas to DVD players and kitchen appliances — are selling well amid what is otherwise expected to be the weakest holiday season in a decade.

Although huge amounts of marked-down goods are languishing on shelves, certain items have had appeal among people who are re-evaluating priorities and spending more time at home in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

"I am trying to spend more time with my family," David Conti, 41, of Boxford, Mass., who has cut back on holiday spending by \$300 to \$700 but is buying DVDs for his children and regional Italian cookbooks and kitchen appliances for himself because he is cooking more and dining out less.

Wal-Mart has seen sales of pajamas and chicken roasters double from a year ago. Game consoles and other

home electronics are doing well, along with arts and crafts, said spokesman Tom Williams.

Amazon.com expects to sell 100,000 DVD players, more than double last year's total. And its sales of George Foreman and Weber grills are expected to triple to 45,000.

Sales of fitness and game equipment are up triple-digits at Sears.com from a year ago, said Chuck Cebuhar, vice president. Sales of housewares have more than doubled.

The terrorist attacks and the recession have led many shoppers to pull back on their spending, particularly on clothes and jewelry.

Even in the jewelry business, though, there have been some bright spots. Jewelry e-tailer Bluenile.com said lockets, priced from \$50 to \$425, are among its top sellers. Diamond sales, including engagement rings, are up 25 percent.



Randy Paigo shows Lexie Trevino how to put icing on the roof of a gingerbread house. Rainbow Christian Preschool students from Joyce Jordy's 4-year-old class decorated the treats at Gale's Sweet Shop and got to take them home.

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District Court Filings:

Lena Flores vs. Steven Magana, family paternity and legitimation

Sharon DeLone and minor child vs. Michael Self and Christi Self, injuries and damages — motor vehicle

Estate of Margo Whittington, deceased, other

Big Spring Hospital Corp. d/b/a Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Luis Perez and wife Katherine Perez, accounts, notes and contracts

Big Spring Hospital Corp. d/b/a Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Amanda Eggleston, accounts, notes and contracts

Household Bank vs. Douglas G. Clinton and Danne D. Clinton, accounts, notes and contracts

Melvin Duane Boggs vs. Penny Renee Hamilton Boggs, divorce

Brookstone Fund Ltd vs. Martin James Capital Management Inc. and Martin James Allaman, injuries and damages

Kathryn Gray Broughton vs. George Thomas Broughton, divorce

Laura Coker and Stacy Coker vs. Gary Howard Johnson, injuries and damages — motor vehicle

WFS Financial Inc. vs. David Henson, accounts, notes and contracts

Dennis Stape vs. Rip Griffin Travel Centers Inc., injuries and damages

Ryder Truck Rental Inc. vs. Co-Ex Pipe Company, Parks Agency Inc. and Highlands Insurance Company, accounts, notes and contracts

Cristobal Hernandez Mondragon vs. Lisa Mondragon, divorce

Angel Messick vs. Anthony Scott Wells, family paternity and legitimation

Amy Gilbert vs. Darrett Dewayne Sherman, family paternity and legitimation

Brenda Lee Perez vs. Robert Gonzales, family paternity and legitimation

Alfredo Garza vs. Atofina Petro Chemical Inc., I/A Jina Oil Chemical Company, injuries and damages

Audrey L. Freitag vs. Lorenzo Oniveros, family non-support

Meilissa Ann Hernandez vs. Jesse Hernandez, family non-support

Inez Rocha vs. Michael Ray Hernandez, other

Dondi Leigh Dimock vs. Bradley Kent Dimock, divorce

Olga Rios Perches vs. Andres Reyes Perches, divorce

Pam K. Grus vs. Ronnie Sinclair Rutledge, family non-support

Becky Jean Licantant vs. Paul Ramirez, family non-support

Christina Jean Canales vs. Oscar Canales Jr., family

Linda Ann Wilson vs. Danny Frank Wilson, divorce

Marriage Licenses

Carl Dean Hart, 48, and Shawn Ann Simpson, 38, both of Big Spring

David Howie Dunn, 35, and Michelle Mae Garrett, 26, both of Big Spring

Jesse Talamantez, 19, and Brandy Antuna, 24, both of Big Spring

Warranty Deed

Grantor: Lonnie F. Anderson

Grantee: Mary Anderson

Property: 1.55 acres in NE/4 of Sec. 47, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey

Date filed: Dec. 10, 2001

Grantor: Frederico and Enemencia Moreno

Grantee: Estella A. Ortega

Property: Lots 11 and 12, Blk. 10, Earles Addition

Date filed: Dec. 11, 2001

Grantor: Richard J. Maloney

Grantee: Candant Mobility Services Corporation

Property: Lot 12, Blk. 3-B, Belvue

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Co-workers have selected **Monico Quiroz** as 2001 employee of the year at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. His co-workers nominated



him on his dependability, hard work and ever-present positive attitude. Quiroz, who has been employed at SMMC since August 1999 and is responsible for the upkeep of the hospital grounds. He will receive a cash award and a weekend getaway for two to Nashville, Tenn.

TIPS

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one-third to one-half, to compensate for the roots to a lost when digging the plant.

- Take advantage of bad weather and holiday time to study seed and nursery catalogues as well as good gardening books.
- Berry plants, such as holly and yaupon, may be pruned now while they can be enjoyed as cut material inside the house.

These are recommendations for December lawns and gardens.

For more information, contact the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236.

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range. Now the prices are \$10 lower than at the first of the year. That's great news at the gas pump but bad news at the unemployment line.

In the oil patch, drilling rigs create jobs.

One rig running for a year will create about 100 jobs. Most people think only of the workers on the drilling rig itself, but a well requires services, supplies, bulldozers, truck drivers, geologists, landmen, engineers, consultants, welders — the list goes on.

Unfortunately, it seems every time we reach full employment in the oil patch, a downturn occurs, causing lost jobs. Those who have lost jobs in the oil patch two or three times look at other areas of employment.

Then when the activity turns up again, new inexperienced workers have to be hired and trained.

It becomes harder each time to lure workers into such a volatile industry.

This industry is resilient and has always managed to recover from price collapse. We will weather this storm, but no one ever said it was going to be fun.

Pray for snow in the northeast!

Morris Burns is the executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Addition

Date filed: Dec. 11, 2001

Grantor: Frances Furrh Restelle

Grantee: Baptist Temple Church of Big Spring

Property: Lot 9, Blk. 5, and Lot 16, Blk. 1, Furrh Addition, Coahoma

Date filed: Dec. 11, 2001

Grantor: Derle Ray Harbuck

Grantee: Michael S. Roaster and James A. Clark

Property: 2.0 acres out of 6.8 3/4 acre tract in the SW part of Sec. 46, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey

Date filed: Dec. 12, 2001

Grantor: Sherri D. Daniels and Terry and Angela Payne

Grantee: Clifford Hart

Property: 2.50 acres in Sec. 43, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey

Date filed: Dec. 12, 2001

Grantor: David and Janet Higgins

Grantee: Tina Lynne Junkin

Property: 8.66 acres in Sec. 1, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey

Date filed: Dec. 12, 2001

Grantor: Mark and Christina R. Gayton

Grantee: Candant Mobility Services Corp.

Property: Lot 14, Blk. 5, Amended Plat of Muir Heights Addition

Date filed: Dec. 14, 2001

Grantor: Thomas F. Conway II

Grantee: A.A. Cooper and Tommie Cooper

Property: W/2 of Lot 6, Blk. 2, Worth Peeler Subdivision, out of Sec. 4, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey

Date filed: Dec. 14, 2001

Grantor: Ricky L. Spencer

Grantee: Ron Brooks

Property: 18 acres in N/2 of NE/4 of Sec. 22, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey

Date filed: Dec. 14, 2001

Warranty Deed With Vendors Lien

Grantor: Kenneth and Lynn D. Gaston

Grantee: William R. and Nancy J. Bond

Property: 1.0 acre out of 2.1 College Park Estates, Blk. 11, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey

Date filed: Dec. 10, 2001

Grantor: Lonnie F. Anderson and Mary Anderson

Grantee: Warren McCrea and Leola McCrea

Property: 0.39 acres in NE/4 of Sec. 47, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey

Date filed: Dec. 10, 2001

Grantor: Edward Cole

Grantee: Beachamp Properties and Management

Property: Lot 11, Blk. 2, Wasson Place Addition

Date filed: Dec. 11, 2001

Grantor: Charles Chambers and Karen Chambers

Grantee: Julie and Santos Lopez

Property: E/60 feet of Lot 6 and W/55 feet of Lot 7, Blk. 1, Belvue Addition

Date filed: Dec. 14, 2001

Grantor: Ron Brooks

Grantee: Ricky L. Spencer

Property: 0.52 acres in SW/4 of Sec. 48, Blk. 31, T-1-N T&P RR Co. survey

Date filed: Dec. 14, 2001

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HOROSCOPE

Remember, people count ... especially at this time of year. Lighten up about responsibilities. Tonight: Be vulnerable with someone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Your energy peaks as you charge around visiting, cheering in the holidays and possibly getting an extra gift or two. Someone might confuse you with instructions. Confirm a get-together. Friends change plans at the last minute. Tonight: It gets better and better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)*** Take care of necessities before it's too late. Check in with a loved one and a friend. Plans could become messed up at the last minute. A parent or older relative needs your time and attention. Please don't forget this person. He or she depends on you. Tonight: Indulge someone.

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Worry less about a loved one. Tonight: Get extra sleep, if possible. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)*** Last-minute details could have you frazzled. Don't take your frustration out on a parent or someone around you. Recognize your limits, but also realize that others could be having a hard time with last-minute details. Join friends, but invite a loved one. Tonight: Party the night away with favorite people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)*** Bring others together, even if it is only for a shopping break! Confusion surrounds your plans for the next few days. Your efforts to straighten out who is where and when work to your satisfaction - finally. Again, you absorb more responsibility than you would like to. Tonight: Let someone praise you. You deserve it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)*** Plans to take off for the day or perhaps the holiday might need to be changed at the last minute. Realize what you expect from a friend, and let him or her know. Emotionally you work better as a duo. Clear out last-minute details - pronto! Tonight: Escape ASAP.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*** Others might be quick to judge exactly what is going on. Lighten up, because you aren't going to change them. You see through an act, but you might be wise to say little and keep smiling for now. Reach out to a neighbor or sibling who counts on you. Tonight: Let someone make an offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*** Last-minute details keep you busy, though you do stop to send cheer to someone at a distance. Communication goes haywire. Take your cell phone so others can reach you, as a last-minute change is more than possible. Revise costs. Tonight: Go out for dinner. Make it easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*** Your ability to read between the lines helps you sort out a potential problem with a lot of caring for those involved. Indulge a partner or dear friend in his or her eccentricities, as you aren't going to change this person. Warm up to another style. Tonight: Play away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*** Start pulling last-minute details together on the home front. Someone goes out of his or her way for you. Stop and enjoy this person's efforts, even if you're in a rush.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 23: You swing from security concerns to wanting to live your life to the max this year. Though to some, these two concepts could appear irreconcilable, you will learn to merge the two. Relationships and partnerships hold a special allure. You might want to limit your risk-taking to emotional matters and not financial. You will gain if you're careful. If single, you will develop an important relationship this year. Summer stokes the fires of love. If attached, work on your communication. Words can mean different things to different people. Count on liveliness when you deal with ARIES.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult. ARIES (March 21-April 19)**** Your playfulness delights you but easily could be misunderstood by someone. Once this person "gets" it, you help him or her lighten up. Confusion about plans might be the natural result of the last-minute holiday pressure. Make a call to a loved one. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Take your time, as you might be pressed way beyond your limits. Fatigue marks your decisions. You might have had enough or pushed way too hard. A friend or loved one tries to tease you into lightening

two cows. Give both cows to the government, and they may give you some of the milk.

Fascism: You have two cows. You give all of the milk to the government, and the government sells it.

Nazism: You have two cows. The government shoots you and takes both cows.

Anarchism: You have two cows. Keep both of the cows, shoot the government agent and steal another cow.

Capitalism: You have two cows. Sell one cow and buy a bull.

Surrealism: You have two giraffes. The government makes you take harmonica lessons.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing in response to "Wrong Side of the Tracks in New York." She is the woman who felt uncomfortable attending social events with her fiancé because her family was not in the same financial bracket as his. You told her to put a smile on her face and go. That was great advice, Ann.

I attended a military academy with many students who came from old money and whose families had rich military histories. My background is working class. Some people made snide comments about my clothes or the lack of prestige surrounding my family lineage. My fiancé, who comes from a long line of military elite, did not insist that I attend events with him because he knew I felt inadequate. I now regret

that I didn't have the courage to go. It would have been a real victory.

Whether or not she realizes it, "New York" is superior to those snobs. She should hold her head up high and show them what real class is. She will discover that it is only the ignorant few who do not have the social skills or grace to behave in a civil manner toward her. And she will make some good friends in the process, like I eventually did.

Remember everyone had to make their money somewhere. Those wealthy families didn't suddenly become rich overnight. Someone in the family started from scratch. That's why they call America "the land of opportunity." - No Name, USCG

Dear USC: People are paying less attention to the "family background," and this is a good thing. After all, we cannot choose our ancestors. I believe in the aristocracy of achievement. It's not who your ancestors were that matters, but what you can achieve on your own that counts.

Gem of the Day (sent in by E. Larson in El Paso, Texas): If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been married to "Judd" for four years. He was the man of my dreams. We live comfortably in a lovely new home. I have all the money I need and a husband who is attentive and loving. I thought my life was perfect.

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CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date for the purchase of the below listed items: A. Date/Time: Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in the following: 1. Equipment: a. 1 Each: Vibratory Tandem Roller b. 1 Each: Powered Rescue, Tool System c. 1 Each: Compact Front Loader Utility Tractor d. 5 to 13 Each: Laptop Computers e. 100 Each: 96 Gallon Curb Side Dumpsters f. 50 Each: 1 1/2 Yard Dumpsters g. 75 Each: 3 Yard Dumpsters

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CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date for the purchase of the below listed items: A. Date/Time: Tuesday, January 8, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in the following: 1. Each: 100 Gallon Curb Side Dumpsters 2. Each: 1 1/2 Yard Curb Side Dumpsters 3. Each: 3 Yard Curb Side Dumpsters 4. Each: 100 Gallon Curb Side Dumpsters 5. Each: 1 1/2 Yard Curb Side Dumpsters 6. Each: 3 Yard Curb Side Dumpsters 7. Each: 100 Gallon Curb Side Dumpsters 8. Each: 1 1/2 Yard Curb Side Dumpsters 9. Each: 3 Yard Curb Side Dumpsters 10. Each: 100 Gallon Curb Side Dumpsters 11. Each: 1 1/2 Yard Curb Side Dumpsters 12. Each: 3 Yard Curb Side Dumpsters

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 0020 ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS The City of Big Spring, Texas will receive bids for the project as follows: Sanitary Sewer Improvements - Capehart Addition - Phase 2, TCDP Project No. 720061, until 2:00 p.m. on January 15, 2002, at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after closing time for receipt of bids. Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423. Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents for "Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Capehart Addition - Phase 2, TCDP Project No. 720061" may be obtained by depositing \$40.00 with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. The entire deposit will be refunded if each set of the documents and drawings are returned in good condition within 15 days following the bid opening. The project "Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Capehart Addition - Phase 2, TCDP Project No. 720061" includes furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, subcontractors and labor for the following: Rehabilitation of existing 6" and 8" sewer by the trenchless technology cured-in-place pipe (CIPP). Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions. A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid for each project. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Big Spring, Texas, in the amount of the bid, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety of Sureties, shall be submitted with each bid. The successful bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond in the amount of the bid, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety of Sureties, shall be submitted with each bid. After the bid opening, the City of Big Spring, Texas, will not be bound by the bid. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing Davis-Bacon wage rate as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents must be paid to all project employees. The successful bidder must ensure that all project employees are paid the prevailing Davis-Bacon wage rate as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and as set forth in the Contract Documents. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, sex or national origin. The City of Big Spring, Texas, reserves the right to reject any bid, to open and to waive any or all formalities. #407 December 23, 2001

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ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS Glasscock County (hereinafter called the OWNER) will receive Bids for WATER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PHASE IV Elevated Storage Tank, TCDP Contract No. 721289, until 1:30 PM (Local Time), WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2002, in person at the Commissioners Court Meeting, District Courtroom, Glasscock County Courthouse, Garden City, Texas or by mail to Wilburn E. Bednar, County Judge, Glasscock County Courthouse, Garden City, Texas 79730. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:30 PM (Local Time), WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2002. Consideration for award of the Bid will be made at 10:00 AM (Local Time), MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2002, at the Commissioners Court, Glasscock County Courthouse, Garden City, Texas. Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows: Base Bid - Single Pedestal Elevated Storage Tank: Furnish materials and construct a 50,000 gallon welded steel elevated storage tank including foundation, protective coating piping, miscellaneous valves and fittings, electrical lighting including obstruction lighting and control system. Bid - Multi-Legged Elevated Storage Tank: Furnish materials and construct a 50,000 gallon welded steel elevated storage tank including foundation, protective coating piping, miscellaneous valves and fittings, obstruction lighting, control system and chain link fencing. Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of Gutierrez, Smouse, Wilmut & Associates, Inc., 1030 Andrews Highway, Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701. The contract Documents may be purchased for \$100.00 from Gutierrez, Smouse, Wilmut & Associates for each set of documents. Bids/No refunds will be made. A certified check or bank draft payable to the order of the OWNER, negotiable U.S. Government bond, at par value or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable Surety in an amount equal to the Bid, plus 5% of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing Davis-Bacon wage rate as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project and the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, sex or national origin. The Bid that awards at the previous mentioned meeting of the Commissioners Court on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2002 may be rejected. The OWNER reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to open and to waive any or all formalities. #410 December 23, 2001

'Isms' simplifies explanations of governments

Dear Ann Landers: I am an inner city English teacher, and my students are reading George Orwell's "1984." I am having a difficult time explaining communism, socialism and fascism to my students without giving a full blown, time-consuming history lesson. I recall you printed a humorous column some time ago explaining these concepts using cows as examples. Will you please print it again for my students? A Teacher in Mississippi



ANN LANDERS

Dear Mississippi Teacher: Thank you for asking. It's an "oldie," but a "goldie." Here it is: -ISMS Socialism: You have two cows. Give one cow to your neighbor. Communism: You have

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