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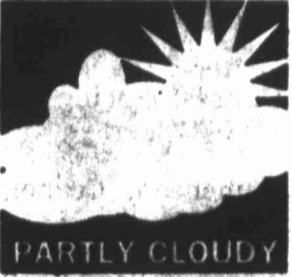
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December 1, 2002

WEATHER

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OUR APOLOGIES

Friday's edition of the *Herald* was late getting to our readers because of problems with the press. We appreciate our customers' patience.

INSIDE



LIFE!

This year's art show at the Howard County Fair was a big success, in part because winning entries were made into a calendar. Here's how to get one.

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BOOMTOWN PARADE

It's still not too late to enter Saturday's second Christmas in Boomtown parade. Retired educators from the Forsan Independent School District will lead the event, which is set for 10 a.m.

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Spirit of the Season: Living Christmas Tree in its 24th year

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

"Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree, how lovely are thy branches!"

The sounds of Christmas are in the air and performers in First United Methodist Church's annual Living Christmas Tree will repeat the sounding joy Saturday and Sunday.

"This year's perfor-

mance will center around music by David T. Clydesdale which is called "Repeat the Sounding Joy," said Director Jim Wright. "It will include traditional Christmas music as well as solos, a children's choir and the lights of the tree."

The "lights" are actually singers in a giant, community-wide choir. "The tree stands about

INFORMATION

What: Living Christmas Tree.

Where: First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry.

When: Dress rehearsal, 2 p.m. Saturday; Performances 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

30 to 35 feet high from the floor," Wright said. "We

really haven't finalized how many we're going to have on the tree this year. The last two years we had 74 and then this last year we had 82 to 86. I don't know how many we're going to have this year. We have an orchestra of 36 that comes from the whole area to play."

Performances are Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and then again Sunday at 8 p.m.

"There's going to be a matinee which is actually our dress rehearsal," he said. "We treat it like a matinee but it is a dress rehearsal, at 2 o'clock on Saturday. No tickets are needed for that performance. We encourage the nursing homes or people who are shut-ins or who can't drive at night very well to come to that."

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Retailers optimistic about holiday shopping

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Early morning sales brought a sea of bargain hunters to Wal-Mart Friday morning to kick-off the holiday shopping season but several other Big Spring retailers reported mixed sales results.

Armed with only two-and-a-half hours of sleep and a credit card, sisters-in-law Kathy and Stephanie Raumbaugh hit the Supercenter at 5:30 a.m., enticed by the early morning bargains.

"We were thinking about coming at midnight," said Kathy as she stood in the parking lot wearing big, furry, bear slippers. "We didn't get to bed until 3 this morning."

After securing both a television set and a dvd, the two faced another problem — how to fit the 27 inch television set into the small, four-door car.

"I expect it to be down with all the economic forecasters projecting a slow season but at the same time I'm optimistic. I don't think it will be as bad as predicted."

Jody Swinney, Sears manager

"I'm going back to bed," Kathy said after the two removed the television from the packaging and stuffed it into the car.

Mary and Martin Larkin, who were shopping for an X-Box gaming console, arrived at the

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Taking a serious look at a pair of blue jeans, Charles Downing, left, his mother Donna Downing and 3-year-old sister Robbie Jean Downing were out shopping at Bealls, inside the Big Spring Mall, Saturday afternoon.

Hot toys!

LeapPads, Chicken Dance Elmos top some 'kids' 'must-have' Christmas lists

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Hot toys are expected to spread magic this season, at least for retail vendors, and many of the gifts can be found in this area.

"So far, the toy showing the most interest by customers is the LeapPad merchandise," said Wal-Mart manager Daryl Holley.

One of the LeapFrog's most popular toys, the LeapPad Learning System uses interactive books to develop basic skills like

reading, spelling and vocabulary through hands-on play.

jure a large profit this holiday season through sales of Harry Potter, Scooby Doo, Spiderman and Star Wars merchandise.

An old favorite is debuting a new model this year. Long-haired Barbie Rapunzel is expected to be one of the hottest selling toys for 2002.

Chicken Dance Elmo is expected to waltz up to the top of the best seller list, too. Dressed in a fuzzy chicken



Lord of the Ring merchandise, above, and Micro Pets are expected to be some of the hottest selling toys for the Christmas season.



Magic from the silver screen is expected to con-

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A white Christmas?

Forecasters won't even think about it yet

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

National Weather Service meteorologists haven't ruled out Christmas snow.

Of course, that's because Christmas is still a little bit too far off to predict the weather, but those dreaming of a white Christmas can still hold out hope.

"Oh, no, there's really no way to tell," said Forecaster Alec Lyster of the NWS office in Midland. "If you just went by a

typical El Niño winter, which we are in the middle of a mild El Niño, we tend to see cooler than normal Octobers and Novembers and then more near normal temperatures and above normal precipitation for December and January. But the answer is no, I couldn't tell you that right now."

A little bit closer to the present, Lyster said cloud cover and a weak cool front should keep the mercury low in the ther-

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Spring registration continues Monday at Howard College Assistance Center

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

On Monday, Howard College will resume classes and registering students for the spring semester at the campus' Student Assistance Center.

Registration will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Student Assistant Center, centrally located in the campus' main administration building at

Registration is held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday.

1001 Birdwell Lane, is where students begin the admission and registration process. Students may also turn in or check on

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Isabel Martinez

Rosary service for Isabel Martinez, 69, of Big Spring was 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, and is at 7 tonight, Dec. 1, 2002, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Funeral mass has been set for 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring with Father Felix Cubelo officiating. Burial will be held at Mount Olive Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Martinez died on Thursday, Nov. 28, at a local hospital.

Born on June 18, 1933, in Austin, she married Pedro Martinez on Sept. 18, 1956, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in March of 1997. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include her four sons, Joe Martinez, Pete Martinez Jr., Demetrio Martinez and Robert Martinez, all of Big Spring; four daughters, Patsy Torres of Vernon, Josie Martinez, Lucy Garza and Virginia Zambrano, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Inez Islas of Coahoma and Rufina Cepeda of Houston; one brother, Cresencio Ontiveros of Sand Springs; and 24 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

James Prescott

Funeral service for James Prescott, 72, formerly of Big Spring, will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Midland with the Rev. Patrick Payton and the Rev. Lee Roy Jones officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. at the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Prescott died on Friday, Nov. 29, at a Temple hospital.

Born on May 23, 1930, in Colorado City, he married Eddie Jo Proctor on Aug. 5, 1950. He served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. He and his wife spent many years in Colorado City, Snyder, Big Spring and in Midland.

He worked as a toolpusher for Robinson Drilling Company for 30 years. He retired as the Drilling Manager in 1997 after 18 years with RK Petroleum of Midland. He was instrumental in the early stages of experimental horizontal drilling techniques as well as being involved in a multitude of wildcat drilling.

He is survived by his wife, Joe; one son, Glenn Prescott and daughter, Shella Martin, both of Midland; three sisters, Mae Bowman of Denver, Colo.; Frances Johnson of Brownwood and Vivian Noel of Fort Worth; one brother, Delmer Prescott of Midland; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Jim King

Funeral service for Jim King, 86, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. King died Saturday, Nov. 30 in a Snyder nursing home.

Violet Lucinda Simonds

View and visitation was held Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, for Violet Lucinda "Cindy" Simonds, 41, of Lahoma, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, at Brown-Cummings Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Salt Plains Lake.

Mrs. Simonds died on Monday, Nov. 25.

Born on Nov. 22, 1961, in Monroe, La., Mrs. Simonds was raised and educated in Big Spring and graduated from Coahoma High School in 1982. She moved to Oklahoma in 1994.

She is survived by two daughters, Samantha Dawn Winn of Albuquerque, N.M., and April Ann King of Big Spring; her mother, Annie Mae King of Big Spring; five sisters, Jeanette Powell and Teresa Martin, both of Eula, Amy Jo Robinson, Iva Lynn Crawford and Rose Pierson, all of Big Spring; and three grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials may be made in Cindy's memory to the Lahoma Emergency Rescue Service with Brown-Cummings Funeral Home serving as custodian of the fund. Memorials may be sent to Brown-Cummings Funeral Home, 400 West Maple, Enid, Okla. 73701.

Tammy Miller

Tammy Miller, 36, of Big Spring, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Bill Banks officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Jan. 6, 1966, in St. Louis. She had lived in Big Spring for three and half years, moving from Wilcox, Ariz. She was manager of the Convenience Store and Travel Store at Rip Griffin's.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Bethel of Big Spring, one son, Bret Bethel of Big Spring; three daughters, Tara Miller of Mesa, Ariz., Keri Bethel of Big Spring and Amber Bethel of Tucson, Ariz.; her mother, Cora Kennedy of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; two sisters, Teresa Gammons and Debbie Wigginton, both of Mesa, Ariz.; two brothers, Mark Ellison and Theodore Ellison, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

The pallbearers will be Mark Ellison, Cody Barnes, Brandon Huggins, Jake Newton, Shane Bethel and Scott Hanson.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. tonight at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- CURTIS PENDLETON, 21, of 810 Crieghton was arrested for local warrants.
- CECIL REED, 42, of Jamaca was arrested for a U.S. Marshal's warrant.
- CHARLIE RYERSON, 56, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CAROL KESLER, 23, of 2620 Dow was arrested for local warrants.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1800 block of South Owens Street.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of Northwest Eight Street, the 600 block of West 16th Street, the 700 block of Crieghton Street, the 2600 block of Carlton Drive, the 1800 block of South Owens and the 1800 block of South Gregg.
- THEFT was reported in the 3300 block of East FM-700 where beer and cigarettes worth \$82 was reported stolen and in the 200 block of West Marcy where merchandise totaling \$53.29 was stolen and later recovered.

Take note

□ THE BIG SPRING HIGH School Key Club is selling poinsettias from Ponderosa Nursery through Dec. 4 to raise funds to attend a Key Club convention in Oklahoma City. The poinsettias are \$10 each and are available in four different colors: White, pink, jingle bells and classic red. The plant comes in a six-inch pot. For more information or to make an order, call Alicia Brunson at 267-6692 or Stacey Vaughn at 268-9430.

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

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

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

□ THE FORSAN STUDENT COUNCIL is currently seeking donations for its garage sale. The sale will be held on Dec. 7 as part of the city of Forsan's Christmas in Boomtown parade. Those wishing to donate items may call Jan Sims, student council sponsor at 457-2223, ext. 445.

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

Support groups

SUNDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1 noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

MONDAY

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ Military Support Group, first Monday of the month, meets at 6 p.m., VAMC, room 212. For more information contact Holly Moore 263-8106 or 263-8574.

□ New Voice Club is a support group for laryngectomees and their families. No dues. For more information, call 267-2800.

□ Encourager's Support Group, all widows and widowers are invited, meets 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. More more information call, 398-5522

□ Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates and times of upcoming groups.

□ Bereavement Support Group meets at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Community Care Hospice.

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles; 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

□ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MONDAY

Sr. Circle, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, Seniors 50 years and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring, 610 Scurry, noon.

Concerned Citizen's, Fiberflex conference room on Bethel St. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 7 p.m.

Howard County ARC, 806 E. Third; Bingo Hall, 264-0674.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance Classes, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, 9 a.m., 267-1628.

Coahoma Senior Citizen's Luncheon, Coahoma Community Center, 11 a.m.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center.

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main, 2 p.m.

VFW Post 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

Sheriff's Posse, Clubhouse on Andrews Highway, 7 p.m.

American Red Cross, Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster, 7 p.m.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Lodge, 219 Main, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

West Texas Opportunities, community meeting, 10 a.m., 208 Ownes St., refreshments served.

Optimist Club, Howard County Cactus Room, 7 a.m.

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, SMMC classroom, 9:30 a.m.

Downtown Lion's Club, Howard County Cactus Room, noon.

Line Dancing, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial park, 1 p.m., 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, Big Spring Country Club, 1 p.m.

Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie, Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

Coffee Club, Gale's, 7 a.m.

Kiwanis Club, Howard College Cactus Room, noon, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, Big Spring Country Club, 1 p.m.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, Howard County Library, 7:15 p.m.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 2101 Lancaster, 7:30 p.m.

Do you have a favorite holiday memory? The Herald is seeking stories from our readers about their most memorable Christmases in their own words.

Send mailed submissions to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720 or by e-mail them to newsdesk@crcom.net or to jmoseley@crcom.net



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SHOPPING

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same time as the sisters-in-law to an already crowded parking lot.

"It looked liked it was daytime," Martin quipped.

The Wal-Mart Store Inc. reported record one-day sales of \$1.43 billion, up from last year's same day sale of \$1.25 billion.

Business was also up at On Cue in the Big Spring Mall.

"It went really well," said Ennett Puentes, acting manager.

The music, books and gaming store reported about a 15 percent increase from last year's

same day sales.

Other retailers reported slight decrease in sales but remain optimistic for a strong holiday season.

"It went pretty good," said Jody Swinney, owner of Sears. "We were a little down for the day but we're way up for the month."

"I expect it to be down with all the economic forecasters projecting a slow season but at the same time I'm optimistic. I don't think it will be as bad as predicted."

Balls manager Jay Howell also predicted a small decrease in same day sales.

"It was a little bit lighter than last year but if fell on a different week and there are other factors," Howell said.

Sales for the year have increased for Elrod's

Furniture, 2309 Scurry, reports co-owner Lynda Elrod.

"We are optimistic for a good sales season," Elrod said. "We have a lot of out-of-town shoppers."

Elrod added the furniture business is less impacted by seasonal shopping and she has seen a trend of people spending more money on home decorations in the past year.

"I think it's from 9-11," she said. "It's definitely a trend industry-wide. People are spending more time in the house and are spending more money on the house than on an airplane ticket."

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PUENTES



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Wal-Mart assistant manager Julian Carrillo checks out a long line of early rising bargain shoppers Friday. Carrillo said shoppers started to arrive about 5 a.m. The Wal-Mart Store Inc. reported a record one-day sales of \$1.43 billion.

TOYS

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suit, the Sesame Street puppet flaps his arms and legs while singing the "Chicken Dance" song.

Other toys expected to be hot this season are Bratz dolls, Fur Real Friends, a line of electronic plush cats that duplicate and mimic a real cat; Micro Pets, a one-inch tall companion that responds to voice commands; Dora the Explorer merchandise; and Disney Princess.

"More for the younger adults, X-Boxes and Sony Playstations are expected to be big again this year," Holley said.

Don't forget to purchase video games to go with those new gaming consoles.

"Vice City" and "Mortal Kombat" for Playstation are selling real well right now," said Melanie McLaughlin, assistant manager for On Cue in the Big Spring Mall. "I'd suggest going ahead and picking up a strategy guide when making a game purchase."

Top selling music CDs for holidays are projected to be Tu Pac and Snoop Dogg as well as the new Match Box 20, said McLaughlin.

"If you can't find anything in the store you can get gift cards," McLaughlin added.

Returning again are the popular Hallmark Christmas ornaments.

"We have collectibles for Disney, Snoopy, Star Wars, Baby's First Christmas are very popular," said Dora Hernandez, manager of Suggs Hallmark, located inside the Big Spring Mall.

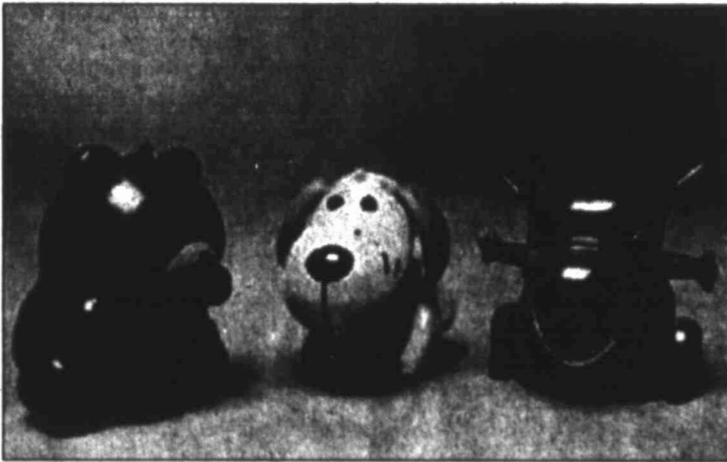
And if ornaments doesn't satisfy the shopper, Hernandez has plenty of other suggestions.

"We have Willow Tree Angels — they're very popular. Department 56 lighted house, Precious Moments, Ty Beanie Babies and Ty Plush are popular for Christmas," she said.

Consumable items make nice gifts.

"We have gourmet coffees, cocoa, cookies, cheese straws, you name it," Hernandez said.

For a not-so traditional gift, Stage Coach Gifts,



Courtesy photo
Micro Pets are expected to be top sellers this season. The one-inch tall companions respond to voice commands and to each other. Other toys predicted to be hot this season are Bratz dolls and Fur Real Friends, a line of electronic plush cats that duplicate and mimic real cats.

6914 S. Service Road, has an alternative.

"We sell a lot of gag gifts for Christmas," said owner Jason Campbell.

Maybe a philanthropic gift will warm the soul.

The South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, the only rehabilitation center within a 350-mile radius of Lubbock, has plenty of fund-raising ideas that may make a creative present. For a donation of \$17, the non-profit organization is selling its 2003 calendar filled with resident animals.

Parents can satisfy their children's demands for a pet without ever having to bring a furry creature home by adopting one of the resident animals at the wildlife center.

A \$30 donation will help feed Ricky the albino Raccoon while \$50 can help to keep enough fish in stock for Percy the

White American Pelican. More information about the wildlife center can be found on the web-site at www.spwrc.com

Looking for a more "pricey" gift? Try Neiman Marcus in Dallas. The store is selling 10 original portraits by pop-culture artist "Andy" Warhol. Commissioned by Richard Weismen, the prints feature the world's top athletes at the time including Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Dorothy Hamill. The set of 10 sells for a mere \$3 million.

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

TREE

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Tickets are required for the evening performances. They are free and can be obtained at the church office.

"We can only hold so many people and we usually run capacity," Wright said. "There's no reserve seating at any time. It's first-come, first-get."

This will be the 24th annual staging of the event.

"This is an annual event that is actually sponsored by the Dora Roberts Foundation," he said. "The Methodist Church has been doing it, sponsoring it here in the community. This will be our 24th year. We have people who have been singing more than 20 years. Every year they've been on this tree. It's actually a remarkable community event. Singers do come from almost every church in Big Spring, so it's well-represented as a community choir."

Local singers can still attend the rehearsals and get a spot on the tree, he added.

"Rehearsals will be all this week," he said. "We

Living Christmas Tree tickets are free but must be obtained in advance from First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry.

will be open to anyone who can make three of the rehearsals."

Rehearsals are from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the

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Tammy Miller, 36, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 9:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

dress rehearsal Saturday at 2 p.m.

For more information, visit the church office at 400 Scurry or call 267-6394.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Angel Trees brighten the holiday time

Salvation Army Angel Trees are up at various locations around the community, in hopes that Howard County residents will once again help some needy youngsters and elderly folks have a happy Christmas.

The program works this way: Based on eligibility requirements which include income and disability, families apply to have the names of their 12-and-under aged children placed into the program. Toy suggestions are included, as well as the child's clothing sizes. This information is then placed on a card and affixed to an Angel Tree with many others. The trees are then placed in various locations around the city.

Members of the public then "adopt" a child by selecting a card from the tree. Gifts are purchased, and the gifts and the card are returned to the tree.

This year, some hundreds of names of children have been placed on the trees, which are located at Big Spring Mall, Wal-Mart, Rip Griffin's Truck and Travel Center, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Gale's Sweet Shop. A special angel tree for senior citizens is located at the Herald office.

The Angel Tree program is an effort to ensure that many of our needy children and seniors have an enjoyable Christmas. We would encourage you to consider "adopting" a child or a senior citizen. There are more than 400 needy residents whose names have been placed on the trees.

We are pleased to say that people are already responding to the need.

This truly is the season for giving, and the Angel Tree program is a wonderful way in which to do it.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
Last weekend, Nov. 1-3, we drove to Big Spring to attend my wife's Big Spring High School Class of '44 reunion. It rained all night. Saturday morning, we left the Great Western Motel to attend the first reunion function of the day. It was still raining. The car windows were fogged. I low-

ered the windows to clear the fog. One window stuck in the down position. Bad news! What to do?
We decided to cross the highway to Denny's to inquire about the possibility of finding a repair shop to fix the window. By luck, a Good Samaritan, Ray
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LETTER POLICIES

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor. Please:

- Limit your letters to no more than 300 words.
- Sign your letter.
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- We reserve the right to limit publication to one letter per 30-day period per author.
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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Today, Lord, let us recognize your presence in our lives in all we see and do. Amen

Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Sometimes it isn't all that hard to be in the newspaper business — then sometimes it's really hard.

This week, as many of you may know, the Herald published the annual Recipe Guide. It didn't take long for people to stop by and begin telling us we had left certain items out of this recipe or that recipe.

It is never easy when we're trying to get things done like a cookbook or something which requires a lot of manual typesetting for it to quickly jump up on the radar screen and tell us how much of a problem we may have made for ourselves.

When I talked with John Moseley out on the newsfloor, Tuesday, he was already telling me of the recipes we would run on Thursday — and possibly later in the week — in an effort to correct some of the mis-information contained in the Recipe Guide.

In case you didn't know it, this business is like that all the time. Very seldom do staff members get to bask in the warmth of what had been done right, but far more like-

ly it is what has been done incorrectly.

It is a challenge to prepare a newspaper of any size every day. Some days, it appears, we're more up to the challenge than others.

There is a weekly newspaper in Pendleton County, Ky. called the *Falmouth Outlook* that publishes an advertisement every week that has touched my fancy. The publisher and editor of the paper is Debbie Dennie, a friend of long tenure and a school classmate, within a year or two, of my wife, Marilyn.

The advertisement addresses the errors that are in the paper on a week to week basis and the problems it causes. It also addresses the angry calls and the demand for corrections.

The ad says not to worry about the mistakes and errors in the paper. That's because the paper is published with the idea of having something for everyone and the mistakes are in there for people always looking for something wrong... or something to complain about.

I can say that at this paper, we make every effort to get the facts

straight and do the reporting correctly. We put the reputation of the paper on the line every day we publish... and that's six days a week.

The people who proudly produce the *Big Spring Herald* each day, do so with the idea of never disappointing our readers.

If you will take note... after some diligent study and we have begun to add some limited summary stories with state and national influence. This allows us to serve in some ways the readership not utilizing other newspaper or media for information outside of our readership area. News Editor Bill McClellan coordinates this information with some input from me. We will tune as time goes on, but it is our sincere effort to maintain a tremendously driven local focus for our content.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Hank Bond is the publisher of the *Big Spring Herald* and can be reached at publisher@bigspringherald.com

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Let's not take Jefferson out of context

A few months before his death, in 1825, Thomas Jefferson received a request from a friend for a letter to the friend's son, offering him advice. Here is Jefferson's letter to that boy:



CHARLEY REESE

"This letter will, to you, be as one from the dead. The writer will be in the grave before you can weigh its counsels. Your affectionate and excellent father has requested that I would address to you something which possibly might have a favorable influence on the course of life you have to run: and I too, as a namesake, feel an interest in that course.

"Few words will be necessary with good dispositions on your part. Adore God. Reverence and cherish your parents. Love your neighbor as yourself, and your country more than yourself. Be just. Be true. Murmur not at the ways of

Providence. So shall the life into which you have entered be the portal to one of eternal and ineffable bliss. And if to the dead it is permitted to care for the things of this world, every action of your life will be under my regard. Farewell."

This short letter is interesting in view of the fact that so many modern anti-religious types have tried to paint some of the Founding Fathers, Jefferson in particular, as agnostics, if not atheists. Clearly, Jefferson shows familiarity with Christian concepts and demonstrates a belief in heaven. These are not the words of an agnostic or of a deist who believed that God created the world and then walked away, leaving it like a clock to run itself.

Part of the problem many Americans have in understanding the Founding Fathers is a general ignorance of America's colonial and revolutionary period. Failed public education is the chief culprit. The other part of the problem is failing to read the words in the context in which they were written. Jefferson grew up with

two institutions with which modern Americans have had no experience — an aristocracy by birth and an official church. The Anglican Church was in his time and is today the official Church of England. In the Virginia colony, people were taxed, and part of those taxes was used to subsidize the Anglican Church. Jefferson believed this wrong, as religion was a matter of conscience, and he did not think government had the right to force a person to support something his conscience did not. Hence, his idea of religious freedom was the absence of an official church or an officially designated religion.

When he wrote in a letter that there was a wall of separation between church and state, he meant just that and only that. He meant that Baptists could not be taxed to support Methodists or vice versa. He did not mean that government must be hostile to religion and ban any display of it from all public places. The same Congress that wrote the Bill of Rights also made provision for chaplains. It was a basic premise of American

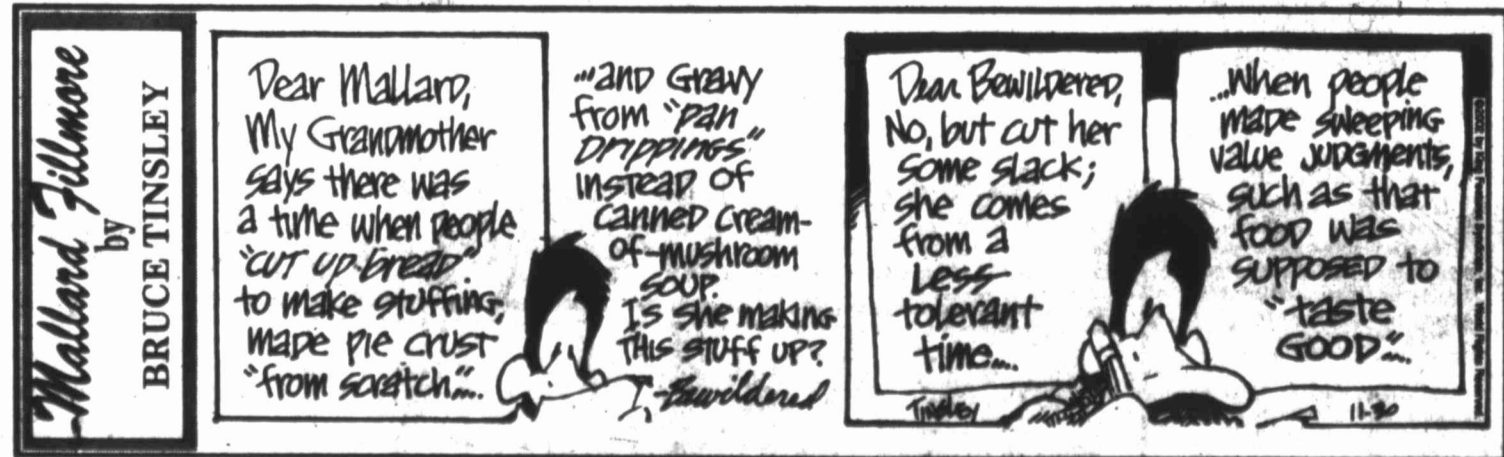
republicans (little R, having nothing to do with the Republican Party, which was not invented until the 1850s) that only a virtuous people, schooled in virtue by religion, could maintain a free republic.

It is worth noting that the people today who so vehemently wish to sweep religion from all public spaces and institutions are also the same people who consistently oppose freedom. They want only one God — the state, which of course they intend to run.

When Jefferson spoke of people being created equal, he had reference to the class system. He did not mean people were equal in talents or other characteristics. He simply meant that God had not created a class system in which privileges were conferred by birth on one set of people and denied by birth to another set of people.

Disregarding the value of religion and believing in egalitarianism are two misconceptions that cause America much trouble today.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.



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TO THE EDITOR:
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LETTERS

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Waight, proprietor of Big Spring Collision Center, was having his breakfast. The manager of Denny's, another Good Samaritan, introduced us to Waight. I explained our problem and he graciously volunteered to fix the window. We followed him to his shop which was normally closed on Saturdays. He spent about an hour and a half of his time fixing the window, and reminiscing with my wife and me about Big Spring. He wouldn't accept any payment for his services, even though we insisted. Waight is a living example of West Texas friendliness and Big Spring's hospitality. He helped turn our trip into a most enjoyable experience, and a more memorable Class of '44 reunion for my wife.

HARRY AND JACQUELINE
RAYZON DOWN
AUBREY

TO THE EDITOR:
I would like to thank the employees of Scenic Mountain Medical Center for their outstanding service to my mother, Lucy Ochoa, during her recent surgery. She was admitted into SMMC on Nov. 13 with extreme heart failure. The ICU staff was wonderful, as were the nurses and caretakers after surgery.

My mother had never been hospitalized for anything other than her one pregnancy. It was a very scary experience for all the family, especially

when we were told that only 20 percent of her heart was working and that she might not have survived another month. But the staff of SMMC and volunteer service helped make the experience less stressful by being very informative and supportive.

I would especially like to thank Dr. Shroff for everything he did for my mother. He made her feel like she was not just another patient. Thank you to Dr. Paul Teveni of Stanton for helping in diagnosing my mother's condition.

I would like to add an additional thanks to the staff at Goliad Intermediate for their caring thoughts and understanding.

Thanks to the Walters' family for taking care of my family while I was at the hospital with my mother.

Mothers are precious gifts and I realize that they are not ours to keep forever. God has lent them to us and I'm very grateful that he decided to let me have mine for a while longer.

This was a reality check for me and on a personal note I want to add, cherish the time you have with your family and make every moment count.

PATSY SANCHEZ
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
On behalf of the Classes of '43, '44, '45 and '46, we would like to say thanks to those that contributed

to help make our homecoming reunion Nov. 1 and 2 a great success.

Thanks, again, to Tommy Churchwell for taking his time when really not well to speak to our exes.

He informed them of the future hopes and dreams for Big Spring, and received some concern and input from the exes.

They indicated they would be sending suggestions from their point of view what could be done.

Thank you again for your gifts for each of the exes and door prizes. Thanks also to all the committee workers. It was a great reunion in spite of the dreary weather. It was a great time enjoyed by all.

PAT SIMMONS
REUNION COORDINATOR

TO THE EDITOR:

With the start of the holiday, we are being encouraged to shop Big Spring.

We are given many reasons for shopping here, but what incentives do our local merchants give us to stay here and shop? Do they offer us the best prices and the best service? In many cases I think not.

A prime example of this occurred yesterday. Our local "Home Grown Grocery Store" is offering Thanksgiving turkeys for \$.37 a lb. with an additional purchase of \$25. Their sister store in Midland is offering the same turkey for \$.14 a lb.

also with an additional \$25 purchase. When I showed the Midland ad to a worker in the meat market, all I got was a shrug of his shoulders and a hostile response that it was \$.37 a lb. here.

Not satisfied, I asked for the store manager; when he was shown the ad, his response was "I can't give you a satisfactory answer, all I can say is they chose to do it that way." (Ah, the infamous they).

Could the answer possibly be — since there is so little competition here in Big Spring, they felt no need to offer us the same bargain?

One has to ask, is a drive to Midland worth the savings? If this one item is so much cheaper there, I can't help but believe that many more of their grocery items will also be cheaper.

It is not only the price that will have me going to Midland though, it is also the attitude and indifference of the local store manager that is sending me to there.

I believe in our town and I believe in supporting our local merchants, but they must give us reasons to stay here and shop.

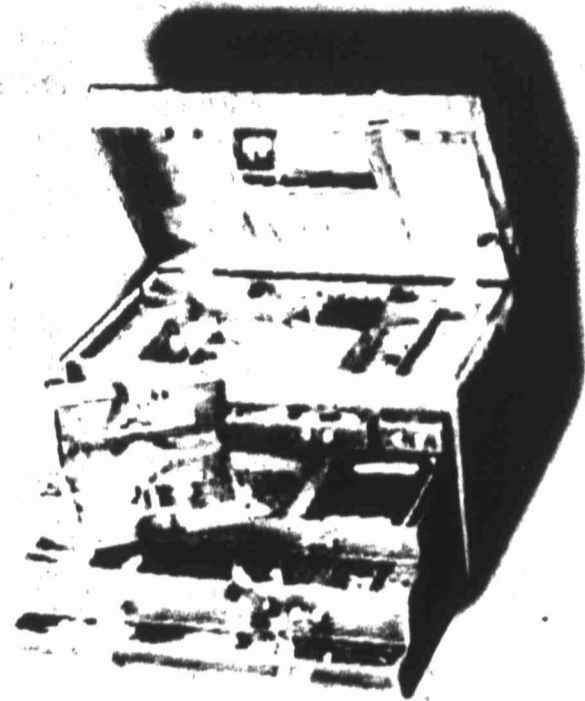
GLORIA JEAN HOPKINS
BIG SPRING

The encounter with the grocery store manager occurred on Friday, Nov. 22. How interesting it was to see in Sunday's Big Spring Herald a two page ad from this grocery

store — advertising turkeys for \$.14 per pound with a \$25 additional purchase. I don't know if I should be laughing about it, or more upset at the manager's indifference. Could

he have not honored the Midland ad on Friday, or informed me that they would be offering the same sale in a couple of days? Goodwill apparently is not a priority.

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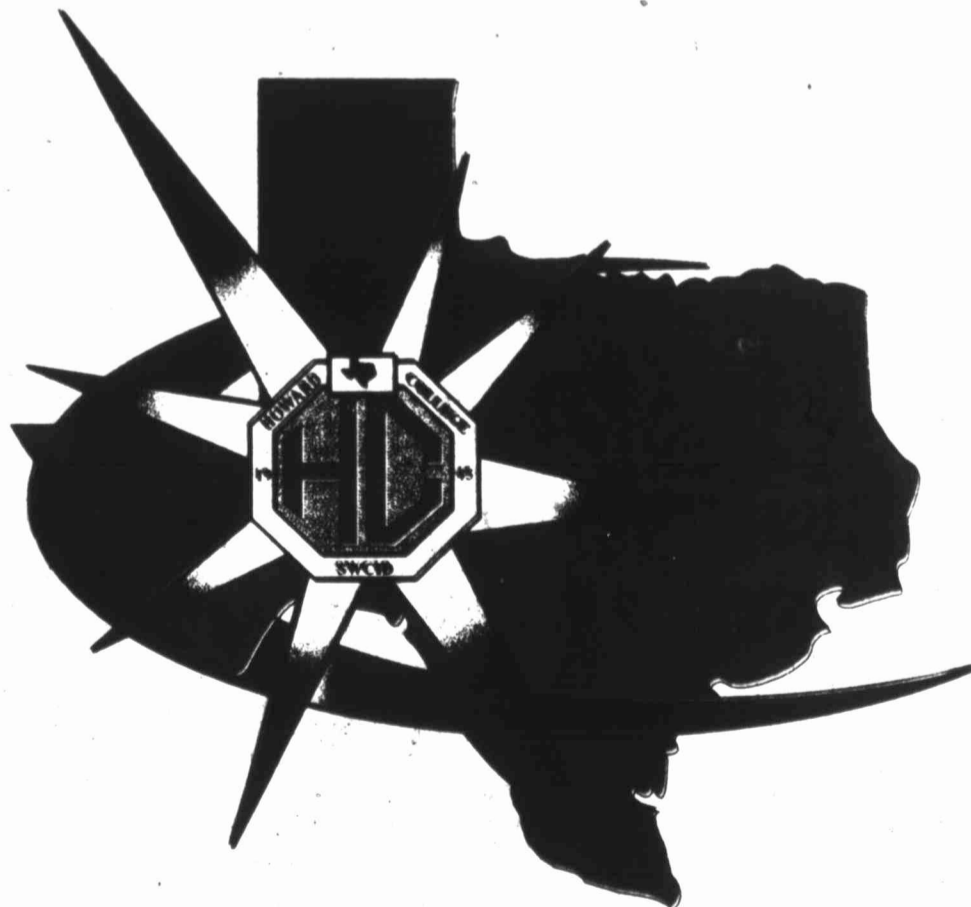
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Boomtown!

Howard County community getting in the holiday spirit in a huge way

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

FORSAN — Retired educators from the Forsan Independent School District will lead Forsan's annual Christmas in the Boomtown parade.

"The grand marshals for the parade will be all retired teachers and administrators from Forsan and Elbow schools," said Jeff Janca, parade committee member. "Our committee member Marie Wilson suggested it at our last meeting and it sounded great to us."

Retired Forsan educators interested in participating are encouraged to call Janca at 457-0303 or show up at 9 a.m. on parade day, Dec. 7.

"We are going to have three buses so we will have plenty of room," Janca said.

Currently, the parade has 20 entries and eight or nine vendors have signed up for booths, Janca said.

"It looks like the vendors will be lined up on Main Street," Janca said.

Vendors will be selling a variety of items from hot chocolate to baked goods and hamburgers. The Forsan High School Student Council will be selling T-

shirts and hosting a large garage sale.

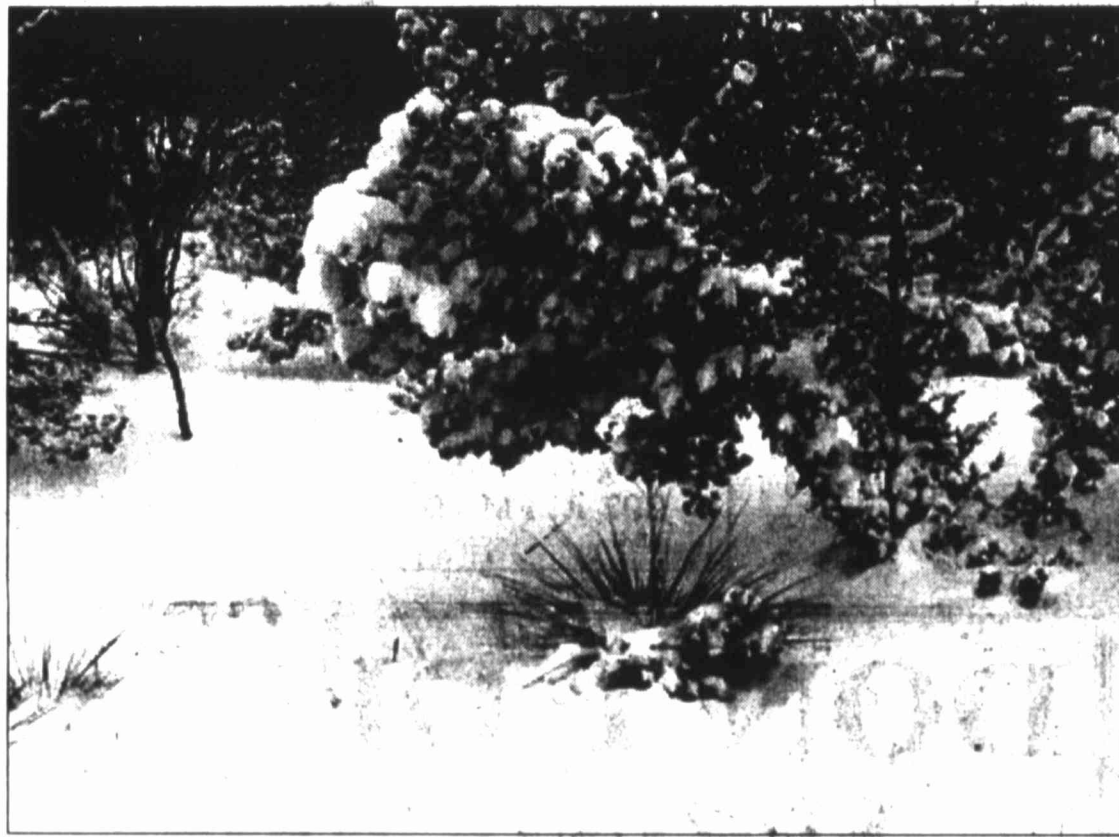
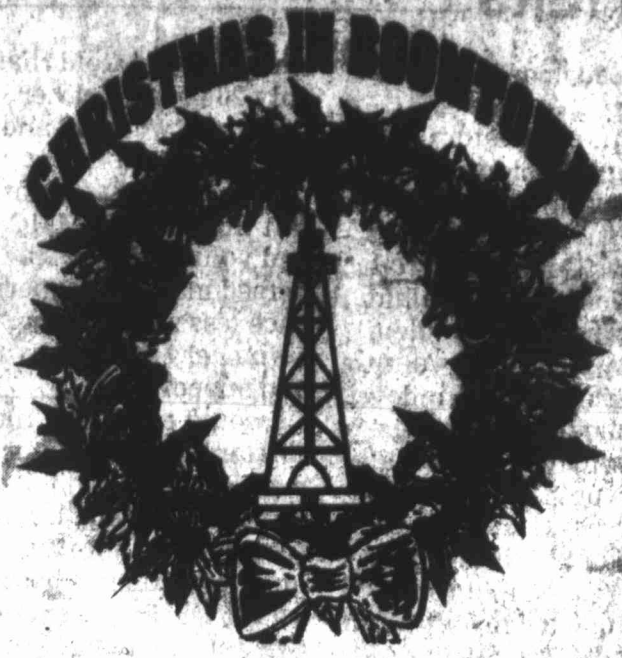
"We're expecting a pretty good turnout," Janca said.

Last year's parade drew almost 500 to the small Howard County community to enjoy the parade of 30 entries and browse several booths.

A new addition to the decorations, the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department helped to string lights on the city's water tower. The tower will be lit every night

"The grand marshals for the parade will be all retired teachers and administrators from Forsan and Elbow schools."

Jeff Janca, parade committee member



Forecasters, of course, won't even discuss the possibility of a white Christmas yet, but Howard County has had its share of snow, even if not always on Dec. 25. Last November, snow turned Comanche Trail Park into a winter "wonderland."

WEATHER

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rometer. "It looks like it's going to stay relatively cool," Lyster said. "A little bit below normal. As you've noticed, we've had quite a bit of mid and high cloudiness over us and I think that's going to continue through tomorrow." A cool front should cool things off a few degrees, he added.

"We also have a front coming in tomorrow," he said. "The two together will probably keep us a few degrees cooler than today. For Big Spring, probably in the low- to mid-50s."

Lyster said he's not predicting any rain or snow along with the cool front.

"We're not expecting any tomorrow with the front," he said. "Sunday I've added a slight chance of rain because we'll still have the mid and high cloudiness coming over us and there's a little disturbance embedded within that moisture. It looks like we might have a slight chance to get some lower-level moisture back into the area by Sunday." Anything that does fall

won't be heavy, he added. "More or less just kind of a nuisance type of rain," he said. "But enough for a slight chance anyway."

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Look for Principal of the Week each Monday and Teacher of the Week each Tuesday in the Big Spring Herald.

End of Game Notice

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- BIG MONEY SPECTACULAR (GAME #717)** OVERALL ODDS ARE 1 IN 3.08
- BREAK THE BANK (GAME #266)** OVERALL ODDS ARE 1 IN 4.34
- HARLEY-DAVIDSON (GAME #277)** OVERALL ODDS ARE 1 IN 3.42
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- FIND THE 9'S (GAME #258)** OVERALL ODDS ARE 1 IN 4.85
- CARD SHARK (GAME #272)** OVERALL ODDS ARE 1 IN 4.71

These games will be closing on December 31, 2002. You have until June 29, 2003, to redeem any winning tickets for these games.

You can claim prizes of up to \$500 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of \$500 or more are redeemable at any one of the 23 Texas Lottery Claim Centers or by mail. Questions? Call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1.800.375.7275 (1.800.375.6888).

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State and national news at a glance



Unions will not strike because President Bush has declared a national emergency, another blow to the civilian-led administration has been the target of sweeping executive orders.

Another blow to congressional leaders, Bush has the authority to change workers' compensation for national emergency or serious economic conditions to 3.1 percent.

Employees also were to receive a second raise, but the director wages earned in metro areas would be too high, said that increase would be too "inappropriate" at this time.

The strike has existed since Sept. 11, 2001, and the threat of increases would threaten our structure or force deep cuts in discretionary federal employment to stay within the budget, he said.

United Airlines will restructure

Wall Street analysts say it appears that struggling United Airlines will soon restructure under bankruptcy-court protection, even as management made a last-minute effort to secure a cost-cutting plan — became dramatic after the carrier's mechanics late last week rejected a key component of the financial plan.

The union is considered vital to United's application for a \$1 billion loan guarantee from the federal government. Without the loan guarantee, United has said it would be forced to file for bankruptcy.

The world's second largest airline, has been struggling since the attacks to reverse multimillion-dollar losses each day. The carrier has reduced service and laid off thousands of workers in the face of a weak economy and sharply reduced spending by business travelers.

Measles virus has killed 100 children

Health experts have begun investigating a mysterious virus that has killed nearly 100 children and sickened hundreds of others over the past two months in India's northern state of Uttar Pradesh, officials said Saturday.

The children, mostly below 12 years in age, have died in small towns following what doctors and health officials said was high fever brought on by measles.

At least 100 children have died in Saharanpur, the worst-affected district, said Chandan L. Choudhury, the district health officer. The area is 120 miles east of the state capital, Lucknow.

State and public health specialists from Uttar Pradesh and state government have begun investigating Saharanpur to study the outbreak of the disease, said another administrator in Saharanpur.

Another child also died in the neighboring district of Ghazipur, said Choudhury.

Weapons inspectors make surprise visit

UN weapons inspectors paid a surprise visit Saturday to a small, sleepy military post north of Baghdad where they searched for signs of weapons of mass destruction.

The inspectors, as usual, provided no information about their mission to journalists who followed them to the Bahad military base and watched from beyond the perimeter.

Belg Karim Mohsen Alwan, an Iraqi spokesman, said reporters the team had done their checking and they found nothing.

He said the post housed a unit equipped to counter chemical attacks. This raised the possibility the inspectors were looking for signs of reported large Iraqi imports of atropine, a civilian medication that can be used as a nerve agent as weapons of war.

Analysts have suggested such imports might be part of Iraq's plan to use nerve agents against any U.S. troops, while stocking atropine to guard its own troops against any "blowback."

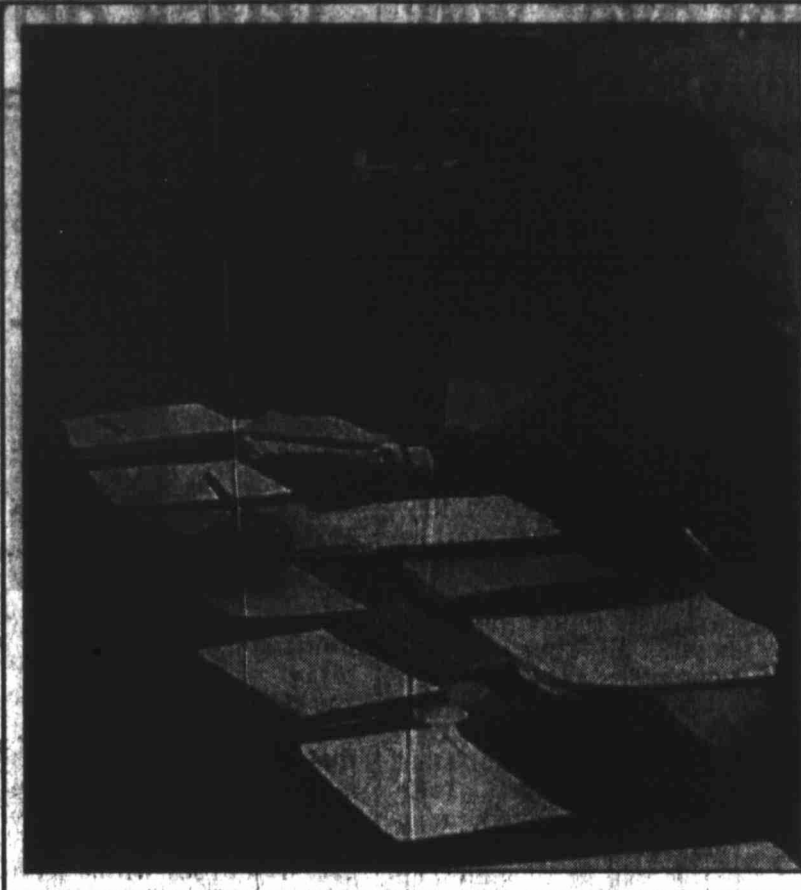
The inspectors also might have been checking for any chemical arms.

Alwan said the carrier had said — apparently incorrect — that the post housed an anti-aircraft unit.

The Living Christmas Tree



First United Methodist Church
December 7th & 8th, 2002
8:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary
 Tickets Available in Church Office
 (FREE) Limited Seating
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COLLEGE

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their financial aid status at the center as well as be advised on a schedule of classes.

Entering college freshmen who have never attended another institution of higher education should bring a copy of their high school transcript or GED. Returning college students who are enrolling at Howard College for the first time should bring transcripts of all institutions of higher education the student has attended.

Those who have not taken the Texas Academic Skills Program test, a requirement for most entering students, can receive assistance at the center on the testing procedure.

Payment arrangements may be made though installment contact, credit card, check or cash at the business office. An average student tuition and fees for one semester is \$550, Duncan added.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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Twins in disagreement over will

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns of the past 47 years. These letters originally appeared in 1996.



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My 55-year-old twin brother and I have been very close all our lives. Now, a family matter is threatening our relationship.

My brother, "John," and his wife have no children. My wife and I raised two wonderful sons, the only two grandchildren of my recently widowed mother.

John has learned that my mother has decided to leave equal amounts to her two sons in her will and a small percentage to each of her two grandsons. John says that this is unfair to him and Mom should leave nothing to my children since he had no children.

My mother doesn't want to proceed as if my sons didn't exist just because John had no children. My sons adore their grandmother and always have been very close to her.

John says any money given to my sons by our mother means he will inherit less. Since he has more money than I do, I can't understand why he is making such a point of this.

He keeps telling my mother that if she leaves money to my sons it will be proof that she loves me more than she loves him and it isn't fair.

Tell me, Ann, what should my mother do? How can I get John to stop nagging her about this? It is creating serious conflicts within the family. — R.B., Fresno, Calif.

Dear Fresno: John's argu-

ment is totally irrational. I suspect the root of the problem is that you had two fine sons and John didn't have any children. He feels that you have outperformed him, and he wants to get even any way he can.

If your mother is of sound mind, she will ignore John's petty, self-serving sniping and proceed with her plan to remember her grandsons in her will. If she is not totally rational, an unbiased family member or friend should enlighten the lawyer who will be handling your mother's estate.

Dear Ann Landers: When we married, my wife, who has a degree in business administration, took over all financial responsibility for the two of us, personally as well as for our company. She was vice president, secretary and treasurer. After 11 years of marriage, we relocated. A couple of years later, she announced she wanted a divorce. It was then that I found out there had been NO company tax returns filed, NO personal returns filed and NO capital gains forms completed. When I asked, "How could this have happened?" she said, "I was busy with other things, and I lost interest. Besides, they will never catch us."

While I believe people should pay as little in taxes as possible, I also believe we all should pay what we owe. I have just finished paying a tax bill of \$132,000, including interest and penalties.

What do you think about this fine kettle of fish? — W.C., Nevada City, Calif.

Dear W.C.: I think you are the sucker in this "fine kettle of fish." Meanwhile, you have learned a very valuable lesson. It goes like this: Never assume anything — especially where money is involved.

In your case, it appears that your wife was not only

flaky but inherently dishonest. P.S.: This is more evidence that a business degree is no substitute for common sense.

Dear Ann Landers: This letter is for those who do not visit relatives with Alzheimer's disease because they can't stand to see them "like that." Yes, it is exhausting to try to converse for an hour with someone who doesn't know if you are his (or her) sister, daughter or next-door neighbor. An hour later, he may not even remember you were there.

So don't plan on staying an hour. Several short visits are better than a long one. Forced conversation is hard on both parties. Substitute activities for conversation. Take him/her for a walk or a ride. A trip to an ice cream parlor will be remembered after you've been forgotten. Or just bring an apple or orange — some Alzheimer's patients are hungry all the time. Bring a manicure set or offer to organize a drawer or closet.

Alzheimer's patients may not remember exactly who you are, but they recognize "family." A family visit helps more than you know. Many patients are aware of what is happening to them, and they feel lost, frightened, angry and embarrassed. Contact with a family member helps them feel anchored to the real world again and brings the joy of belonging, even if only for a few minutes. Please, Ann, tell your readers this. — J.B., Kensington, Md.

Dear J.B.: You have written a letter that will be enormously helpful to a great many people. Thank you on behalf of all of them.

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Truck driver's shirt generates response from readers

Dear Prudie: I read your response to the woman who wrote about her truck driver husband with cologne on his shirt. You shouldn't be so quick to think he's got a girlfriend. He may have a boyfriend... or just like the quickies he can get from men at rest areas and truck stops.

Being gay, I can tell you that just because a man is married to a woman, while he is on the road, he does not necessarily have an aversion to sex with a man or men. They also, more times than not, are the submissive partner. Just thought you should be enlightened to the real world. — Out There

Dear Out: Prudie is fanning herself. Yours was not the only such letter she received. Who would have thought that a truck driver whose shirt smelled of cologne would have generated so much mail? Here's another take on that letter:

Dear Pru: I could not help but notice the quandary you addressed from the lady who suspected her husband was cheating on her. It could certainly be the case. I work as a dispatcher for a long-haul moving company, and, quite frankly, I find more cheating wives than I do husbands. These guys, for the most part, are on such tight schedules, they simply don't have time to fool around, and the money at stake is pretty significant.

It takes a special lady to handle the oddball schedules and husbands who are

away for weeks. Oh, the stories I could tell. I guess the letter you printed really hit home because I am, right now, dealing with a really great guy who found out his wife is cheating on him... yet again. Just one man's thought. — Mark

Dear Prudie: My wife told me the other day that when she called her friend's office (she is the head of a prestigious school), the secretary said "Dr. X" was in a meeting and would call back. When I heard this, I said, "How did she suddenly get a Ph.D.?" I thought perhaps she'd received an honorary degree.

My wife thought maybe her friend had been taking courses and had actually gotten a Ph.D., or at least an Ed.D. I said I hoped that she was right because people who have gotten honorary degrees and start calling themselves "doctor" are usually laughed at... especially at a school where some of the academics have earned their doctorates.

Well, it turns out I was right. The friend had been given an honorary degree at her alma mater's commencement. Do you agree that in the academic world, one opens oneself to ridicule by taking on the "doctor" title when people will know it was not earned (dissertation, defense, etc.)?

I think friends need to advise friends when they're going to be ridiculed. This is especially sensitive stuff in a time when two famous

historians have been found to be plagiarists. What do you think? — Wrote My Own Thesis, Every Word

Dear Prudie: Prudie will go you one better. Being more of a strict constructionist on this matter than you, she thinks only physicians should use the honorific "Dr." Though technically entitled to it, Prudie finds it kind of pompous when Ph.D.s wish to be called "Dr." (Think Henry Kissinger.)

Prudie once introduced someone with a doctorate by using her proper name and was corrected by her: "That's Dr." As for tacking on "Dr." for an honorary degree, that's truly fraudulent, if not laughable, and anybody who figures it out will think your friend is pretentious beyond the beyond.

But... Prudie suggests you say nothing to your friend because it will not be appreciated, and she almost certainly won't knock off the "Dr." bit. While it is true that friends don't let friends drive drunk, when it comes to pomposity, there is no way to set them straight without making a mess. — Prudie, earthily

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Big Spring in second round of Aledo's

By TOMMY WEAVER Sports Editor

IRVING — Spring Steers' season came to an end Saturday in front of a large crowd at Texas Stadium. Aledo Bearcats upset the Steers in the quarter to roll to a 31-21 victory behind a strong performance by quarterback Chris Steers in a regional showdown.

With the loss, Steers closed a remarkable season with a 10-3 record. The Steers finished in front of a large crowd at Texas Stadium in three years now 12-1, advancing to the regional final week.

"We gave up on special teams killed us," said Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "We're hurting right now, but that's the way to be. We'll regroup at it again next week."

Aledo is probably the favorite to win Big Spring does not have a chance to go to the playoffs again this fall. Steers outplayed Bearcats through the first half and took a 14-10 lead in the second half.

Unfortunately, Spring, Aledo's back Broderick managed to get untracked in the second half. He rushed for 100 yards and two touchdowns and then a 30-yard pass to

Simmons to 50-

AUSTIN (AP) — A&M coach R.C. has heard the deal to fire him all over. Losing big to rival won't calm things down.

The 10th-ranked Steers rolled to a 51-14 victory Friday in a redemption for the back Chris Simmons raised even more questions about his future with the Aggies.

Hawks, La

The Howard Hawks will put an unbeaten record line Monday night home against College.

Howard College head coach Chr



Herald Photos/Bruce Schooner
Nate Looney and the Sands Mustangs downed Fort Elliott, 45-41 Friday night in Happy.

Mustangs advance to state semifinals

HAPPY — It just one simple play, but it was the sweetest play in Jeremy Renteria's high school career. He slid under center, took the ball from Catin Barraza and backed up just a bit and then, calmly, took a knee.

He didn't gain a single yard, or score a game-winning touchdown. In fact, in the annals of Sands High School history, the play likely won't even be remembered ... except for the fact it was the play that gave the Mustangs a ticket to the six-man Final Four.

Renteria, after the Mustang defense managed to hold on a

4th-and-20 play, ran off the final five seconds of the game with a simple kneel down and sealed Sands' wild 45-41 come-from-behind win over the previously unbeaten Fort Elliott Cougars in a state quarterfinal matchup. The win was the Mustangs' second straight come-from-behind victory and now puts them within four quarters of a shot at the state title.

"This team just has so much character," said Sands head coach Larry Reid. "After last week's situation, we felt like it wouldn't be over as long as we kept our heads up. They just never quit."

With the win, the Mustangs will now advance to face either Valley or Sanderson in the West semifinals next week. Valley and Sanderson played Saturday night in Gall.

For Mustang fans, the game might have seemed like a repeat of the Hare-Tortoise race. Fort Elliott used its speed to crank out big play after big play in the second half. The Cougars scored on two of the four times they touched the ball in the second half.

Their only misfire came on the game-ending drive when senior Kade Zybach came up two yards short on a fourth

down play at the Cougar 37.

"The key for us was to keep moving the ball offensively. We knew if we could keep moving the ball and stop them once we could put everything together. Once we stopped them, our confidence really went up."

Fort Elliott, which had entered coming off a stunning 28-22 upset of top-ranked Whitharral, gave Sands a scare in the final minute, however. The Cougars forced the Mustangs to punt for the first time with just 35 seconds left. Renteria's punt pinned Fort Elliott at its own 27.

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Steers eliminated

Big Spring stumbles in second half, falls to Aledo's Bearcats, 31-21

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

IRVING — The Big Spring Steers' magical season came to an abrupt end Saturday afternoon in front of a large crowd at Texas Stadium. The Aledo Bearcats used a 14-point run in the third quarter to roll to a stunning 31-21 come-from-behind victory over the Steers in a Class 4A regional semifinals showdown.

With the loss, the Steers closed out a remarkable season, finishing at 6-6 and advancing to the regional semifinals for the second time in three years. Aledo, now 12-1, advances to play Denton Ryan in the regional finals next week.

"We gave up 14 points on special teams and that killed us," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "We're hurting right now, but that's the way it should be. We'll regroup and go at it again next season."

Aledo is probably glad Big Spring doesn't get a chance to go at them again this fall. The Steers outplayed the Bearcats throughout the first half and took a surprising 14-10 lead into the half.

Unfortunately for Big Spring, Aledo quarterback Broderick Newton managed to get untracked in the second half. He rushed for 99 yards and two touchdowns and then caught a 30-yard pass to set up

another.

The Big Spring defense set the tone early for the Steers. Senior linebacker Dustyn Beauchamp and Jeremy Cerda combined to squelch the Bearcats' first drive.

After forcing the Steers to punt on the game's first series, Aledo seemed poised to put Big Spring on its heels. The Bearcats marched to the BSHS 3 before the Steers managed to rise to the occasion. The Steers ripped the ball loose on a 1st-and-goal play. Defensive end Jeremy Cerda recovered the ball at the Big Spring 4.

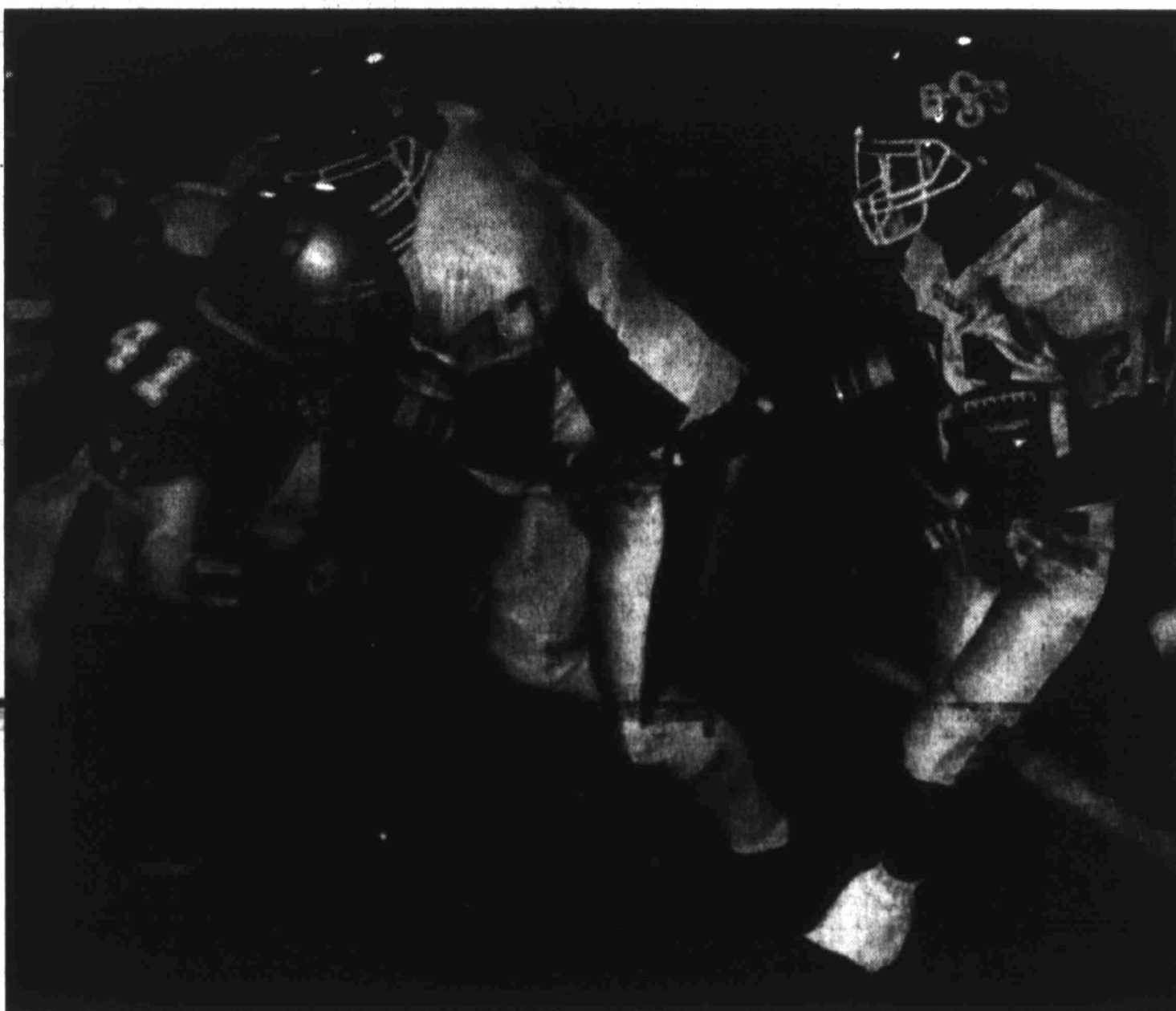
The BSHS defense came back to haunt Aledo again minutes later. The Steers forced a bad snap of a punt attempt and then hauled down AHS punter Jarod Tracy down at the AHS 18.

The Big Spring offense wasn't able to convert the opportunity in points, however. The Steers held the ball just three plays before calling on Mike Ornales to punt the ball away.

Ornales uncorked a solid punt, a 34-yarder, that pinned the Bearcats at their own 8.

The news didn't didn't get any better for Aledo from there. Defensive back Wes Smith stripped the ball on the Bearcats' first play. Cobb recovered the fumble, giving the Steers the ball at the Bearcat 18.

Big Spring quarterback Tye Butler made sure the latest opportunity would



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Big Spring's Steers were defeated 31-21 by Aledo at Texas Stadium Saturday afternoon. Above, Josh Mathews makes good yardage in an earlier playoff game with Canyon Randall. On Saturday, however, Mathews managed just seven yards on six carries. Despite managing just 21 yards on the ground for the game, Big Spring led at halftime. Giving up 14 points on special team play hurt the Steers, however.

n't get away. After a short 7-yard pass to Brandon Mendoza had moved the ball to the AHS 11, he scrambled around the left side for 11 yards and a touchdown.

Cobb's ensuing PAT kick gave Big Spring a 7-0 lead with just 54 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Aledo stormed right back. The Bearcats reeled off 10 points in the first six minutes of the second quarter. Aledo scored on a 44-yard field goal by Tracy that just barely cleared the uprights and then, following a fumble on a kick-

off, punched the ball in on a 24-yard run by Newton.

Newton finished the game as the Bearcats' top offensive weapon, leading the team in rushing, passing and receiving. In all, the 6-foot-1, 170-pound senior rolled up 233 yards, including 170 via the ground.

Big Spring didn't let Newton's heroics faze them, however. The Steers roared back on the first drive of the second to regain the upper hand.

Following a 29-yard kickoff

return by Mike Ornales, Butler went to work picking apart the AHS secondary. He completed three passes for 35 yards and engineered a 7-play, 60-yard drive that was capped by a 22-yard strike to Mendoza at the 5:23 mark of the period.

Mendoza's touchdown — the first of two he would catch in the game — sent Big Spring into the half holding a 14-10 cushion.

Mendoza finished the game with

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Simms, Williams lead Texas to 50-20 rout of Texas A&M

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum has heard the drumbeat to fire him all season. Losing big to rival Texas won't calm things down.

The 10th-ranked Longhorns rolled to a 50-20 victory Friday in a game of redemption for quarterback Chris Simms that raised even more questions about Slocum's future with the Aggies.

While Simms was passing for 278 yards and three touchdowns, Slocum had to be wondering if his 14-year tenure at A&M will soon end.

"Anytime you lose a game by that score it stinks," Slocum said.

The Aggies committed a season-high six turnovers in the 109th meeting in the rivalry.

Slocum's 123 wins are

the most in school history but the Aggies (6-6, 3-5 Big 12) are just 29-23 over the last four years. They finished with their first losing season in league play since 1984 and the days of the old Southwest Conference.

Slocum has said he won't quit. University president Robert Gates gave Slocum a vote of

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Hawks, Lady Hawks host Hill College Monday

The Howard College Hawks will put their unbeaten record on the line Monday night at home against Hill College.

Howard College, under head coach Chris Jans,

enters the game sporting a perfect 9-0 record.

The Lady Hawks will also host Hill College, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Howard College women, who just completed a strong performance

at the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Pre-Season Tournament, are 7-3 on the season.

The Hawks' game with Hill is scheduled to begin at approximately 8 p.m.



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The Forsan Junior High School Buffaloes will return to action Monday night with games against rival Coahoma.

Coahoma 7th graders edge CC, 30-29

Logan Stone buried a shot at the buzzer Tuesday afternoon and helped carry the Coahoma Junior High School Bulldogs to a 30-29 win over Colorado City.

Overall, Coahoma took two of three games from the Wolves.

Stone led all Coahoma scorers in the seventh grade matchup, scoring 18 points. Colter Morgan added four.

Kamrun Green and Jason Gonzales each scored six points in the eighth grade's 32-8 win.

Kurt Lang and Matthew Earhart added five.

Colorado City, despite seven points from Steven Stiller, won the seventh grade B game, 19-15.

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JH cagers rally for 37-32 OT win over Denver City

The Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade Black team knows all about dramatic endings.

The Steers, behind 11 points from Chris Martinez, rallied from a 12-point halftime deficit Monday to claim a 37-32 win over the Denver City Mustangs.

With the win, the Steers opened the 2002 season with a perfect 2-0 record.

Denver City looked to have Big Spring on the ropes in the first half. The Mustangs outscored the Steers by an 18-6 clip in the first two quarters.

The Steers, who had seven points from Lance Tissue and Caleb Choate and five more from Rondell Trevino, caught fire in the second half, however. The BSJHS cagers posted a 24-12 run in the final 12 minutes and tied the score at 30-30 at the end of regulation.

Scott Fankhauser and Ryan Tannehill each scored two points in the contest.

The Steers didn't have any trouble posting a win over Snyder, claiming a 44-26 victory.

Tannehill led all BSJHS scorers with eight points. Martinez and Tissue finished the game as the second-leading scorers, pushing in seven apiece. Choate and Trevino added five, while Jake Truelove contributed four.

Richard Anderson, Fankhauser, Nick Ross and Michael Green all chipped in two.

The eighth grade White Steers finished the first week of the year with a 1-1 record. They downed Denver City by a 29-24 mark in their latest outing.

The Steers enjoyed solid performances from Bryan

Mitchell and Raymond Porter. Both pushed in nine points in the victory. Jarell Williams added five, while Ryan Harris netted four.

Snyder narrowly escaped Big Spring in their other outing, winning on a late shot, 29-28.

In the loss, Mitchell tallied a game-high 11 points.

Michael Rodriguez finished the contest with five points. Julian Garcia tallied three, while Taylor Parks, Matt Lozano and Demar Byrd chipped in two apiece. Porter and Harris each hit once from the free throw line.

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade White team improved to 1-1 by pounding out a convincing 40-19 win over Denver City. Dimas Valles led all Big Spring scorers in the team's 21-point win, pumping in 18 points. Chad Chalker scored six points, while Logan Pierce, Terrance Clemmons, Thomas Cooks and Jacob Cerda all pitched in four.

Snyder dealt the Steers their only loss, taking a 25-19 win.

Valles was the Steers' top scorer in the game with eight points. Rudy Granados had five.

The seventh grade Black team began the year at 0-2, dropping games to Snyder (49-29) and Denver City (40-39).

In their loss to DC, Jason Walker keyed the Steers' efforts, scoring 13 points. Jordan Kinnear added nine while Lance Gross and Zack Dawson threw in eight. Hayden Phillips contributed one.

Kinnear was the team's top scorer against Snyder, pushing home 10 points.

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On first down, Cougar quarterback Jason Hathaway misfired, over-throwing his intended receiver at the SHS 31. One play later, Renteria prevented a touchdown pass by batting down a pass at the Mustang 9.

From there, Heath Webb came up with a stellar defensive push. After an illegal blocking penalty had backed the Cougars to the 22, Webb blitzed from his line-backer position and forced Hathaway to throw the ball before he was ready, resulting in an incomplete pass — and setting up the drive-killing fourth-down play.

Sands took a 10-point lead early in the final period, scoring on their first possession of the final 10 minute frame. Jeremy Renteria capped the 3-play, 67-yard drive with a 16-yard touchdown strike to Nate Looney on a 4th-and-5 call. Looney helped set up the touchdown four plays earlier at the SHS 36 when he pulled in an 18-yard pass on a third-and-long play.

Looney's touchdown reception put Sands up 45-35 with 6:04 left in regulation.

Hathaway, who completed 20-of-29 passes for 250 yards and 5 TDs, brought Fort Elliott back. He completed passes on six of the Cougars' next seven plays, driving the team 34 yards before capping the effort with a short 1-yard toss to Caleb Kirkpatrick.

The Mustangs' Nedy Flores stole the Cougars' thunder, however. He blocked Fort Elliott's ensuing extra point attempt, leaving Sands holding a slim 45-41 cushion with 3:05 to play.

The Mustangs, much as they did a week ago in their 46-44 overtime win over Ira, set the tone for the second half early in the third quarter. The Mustangs used their size advantage to perfection, driving 65 yards on seven consecutive rushing plays.

Looney, who surpassed the 100-yard rushing barrier for the 11th time this year, led off the drive with back-to-back runs of 6 and 11 yards that took the ball to the Cougar 38. From there, junior Brandon Woods reeled off a 17-yard gain and set the stage for the Mustang power game.

Heath Webb capped the drive by crashing in from the one and giving the Mustangs a 31-28 lead.

Sands' lead was short-lived. Fort Elliott scored just 1:21 later on a 20-yard touchdown pass from Hathaway to Wesley Hathaway.

Hathaway's reception staked the Cougars to a 35-31 lead with 6:10 left in the third.

Julian Mojica, the Mustangs' backup center, helped Sands erase Fort Elliott's momentum from there. Facing a 4th-and-16 situation from the FEHS 27, Reid elected to take his chances offensively and called for a pass.

Mojica answered the call, hauling in a 21-yard strike over the middle from Renteria.

Three plays later, Renteria hit Webb in the end zone with a 15-yard pass that gave the Mustangs a 37-35 lead.

Woods made sure it was a lead Sands would never relinquish less than three minutes later.

Fort Elliott attempted to rally back, driving to the SHS 13 before Woods batted down a Hathaway pass at the goal line on fourth down.

Woods' defensed pass proved to be the stop Sands needed. Nine plays later, Looney scored to stake the Mustangs to a 10-point lead.

Fort Elliott looked unstoppable in the second quarter. The Cougars scored on three of their four drives in the period and outscored Sands by a 21-15 clip.

The Cougars took the lead on the third play of the second period when running back Larry Lee Horn scored on a 3-yard run. His touchdown run capped a 41-yard drive and gave Fort Elliott a 15-8 lead.

Following a 5-yard scoring run by Webb that briefly gave Sands a 16-15 lead, the Cougars flexed their claws. Fort Elliott seemed to hit high gear. The Cougs reeled off a pair of quick touchdowns and took a 28-16 lead. Hathaway passed 23 yards to end Junior Gonzales for the first score and then watched on as

Zybach barreled his way into from the one 2:38 later.

Sands, now 12-1, ended the half on a positive note, scoring with 49 seconds left on a 50-yard reception by Woods. Chance Grantham, despite falling down in the end zone, hauled in a pass from Renteria on the extra point attempt, cutting the Cougars' lead to 28-23 at the half.

Fort Elliott, which had scored more than 550 points in its first 12 games, drew first blood in the contest, going 37 yards in four plays to take a 7-0 lead. Hathaway highlighted the game-opening drive with a 30-yard TD pass to junior end Junior Newman on a fourth down play.

A turnover midway through the frame enabled Sands to get its offense untracked. The Mustangs, who had turned the ball over on downs in their first possession, stripped a Fort Elliott receiver of the ball with just under five minutes to play and set up their first scoring drive of the night at the FEHS 25.

Five plays after the fumble, Looney raced around the right end for nine yards and an 8-7 lead.

For the game, Sands rolled up more than 500 yards of total offense, including a 218-yard performance by Renteria on a 12-of-22 performance. Woods was his top receiver hauling in three passes for 89 yards and a TD.

Youth basketball registration deadline scheduled for Dec. 7

The Big Spring Youth Basketball League has started taking registration for boys and girls, ages 5-14, who desire to play basketball this winter.

The registration fee is \$20 and includes a team t-shirt and award. The deadline date to register is Saturday, Dec. 7. All registration is taking place at the YMCA.

Boys and girls will be divided into one of several divisions based on their age as of Aug. 1, 2003. Player evaluations and a player draft will take place Monday, Dec. 9 for players in the 10 & Under Division, as well as the 12 & Under and 14

& Under divisions. Time and place will be announced.

Adults interested in coaching a team should attend one of two mandatory meetings for coaches scheduled for Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. Both meetings will be held at the YMCA.

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Packers close out '02 season with 32-0 rout of Andrews in title game

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
Nathan Doporto ran from one touchdown, threw for another and returned an interception for a third last weekend and helped the Big Spring Packers roll to a 32-0 win over the Andrews Mustangs in the West Texas championship.

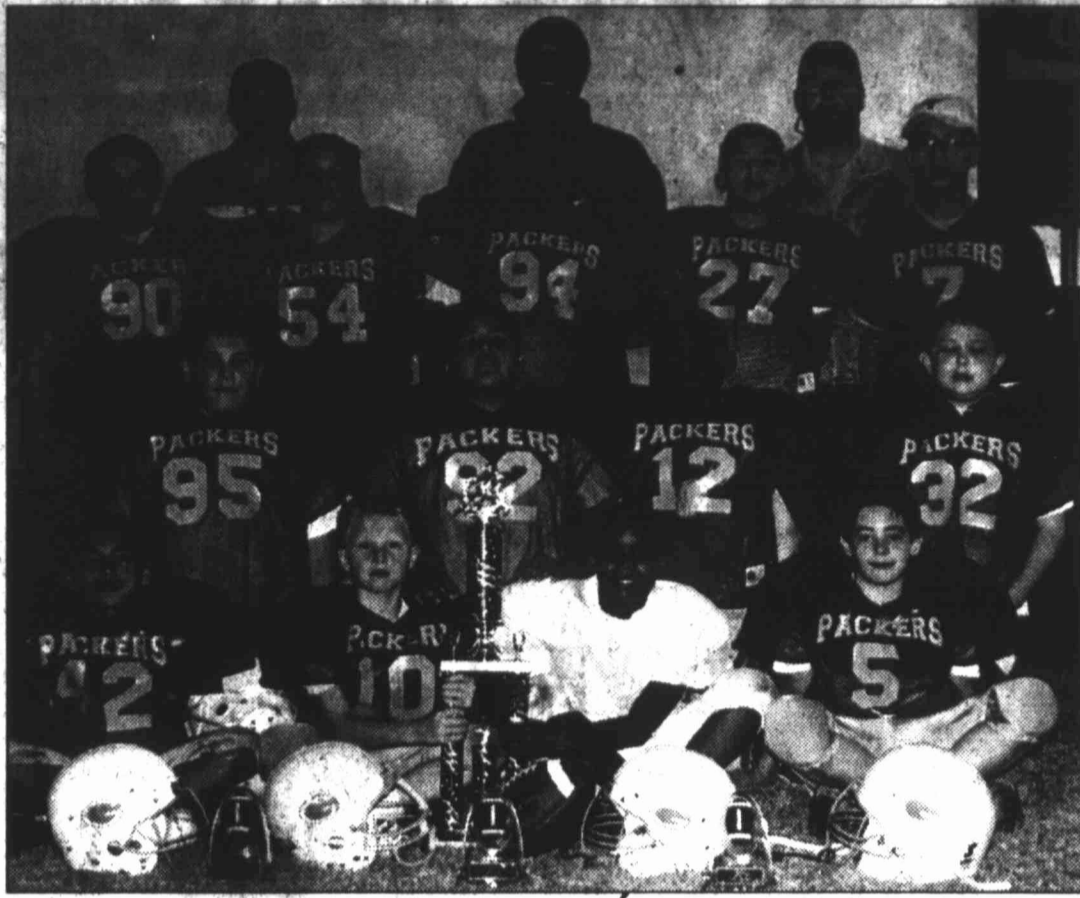
"They played like champions," said head coach Robert Esparza. "As the season went along, they played better and better. It was pleasure to have these young men on the team. They never quit."

Andrews probably wished they had — really early.

The Packers, who finished the year with a 10-3 record, began their domination of Andrews early — like on the first play of the game. Doporto intercepted an Andrews pass and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown.

It didn't get any better for the Mustangs from there. Sidney Parker inflated the Packers' lead to 12-0 on the team's ensuing possession by breaking free on a 58-yard touchdown romp.

Big Spring, which placed third in the Crossroads Little Football League final standings, saw its lead balloon to 18-0 in the second



The Big Spring Packers closed out their 2002 football season Saturday with a 32-0 win over Andrews in the West Texas Area championship game.

quarter when Doporto hooked up with Tyrone Clemmons on a 25-yard pass-play.

Doporto added an 18-yard TD run on a quarterback sneak just before the half. Ryan Klaassen added the two-point conversion, sending the game into the half with Big Spring holding a commanding 26-0 lead.

Daniel New closed out the Packers' rout in the fourth period. New carried the ball on four

straight plays — rolling up 27 yards — before plunging into the Andrews end zone from five yards out.

Doporto, who passed for 87 yards in the game, was one of five BS players honored with MVP accolades. Joining Doporto in receiving championship honors were Josh Urias, Clemmons, Klaassen and Ernest Saiz, who sparked the Packer defense with a team-high 12 tackles.

Clemmons had two interceptions in the affair.

The Packers, who are also coached by Kevin Klaassen and Mike Groves, consist of Ausbie, Parker, Doporto, Tyrone Clemmons, John Groves, Chris Hale, Ryan Klaassen, Ronnie Leal, Daniel New, Jonathan Nieto, Daniel Painter, Tevian Parnell, Xerian Parnell, Ernest Saiz, Bo Shorts, John Speck, Carl Storey and Josh Urias.

STEERS

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eight receptions for 106 yards — a total that enabled him to surpass the 1,000-yard receiving plateau in his final prep season. He finished with 1,007 yards.

Aledo used a bit of misfortune on the Steers' part to take control in the third.

The Bearcats opened the second half with a bang. On the second play of the third quarter, Newton staked the Bearcats to a 3-point lead by taking the snap from center, danced through two would-be tacklers at the line of scrimmage and then outraced the Steer secondary for 73 yards and a touchdown.

Tracy's extra point gave Aledo a 17-14 cushion just 1:06 into the third.

The news went from bad to worse for Big Spring from there. The Steers fumbled the ensuing kickoff at their own 36.

Eight plays later, Newton kept the ball on an option play around the left end and scampered 19 yards for a 24-14 lead. Newton's third touchdown of the night capped a dramatic 14-0 run in 5:29 by the Bearcats to begin the second half.

Big Spring, which rolled up more than 300 total yards in the game, threatened to nullify the Bearcats' run on their first drive of the third. Sparked by two receptions apiece from Mendoza and Curtis Woodruff, the Steers marched to ball Aledo 19 before stalling on a fourth-and-1 try.

Aledo all but salted the game away from there.

After taking the ball over on downs, tailback Ryan Christian put the Bearcats into scoring position with a 49 yards run to the Steer 33. Three plays later, Newton lined up at wide receiver and hauled in a 32-yard reception to the BSHS 1. Two plays later — after an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty had moved the Bearcats back to the BSHS 16 — Christian took a pitch off the right side for five yards and a touchdown.

Christian's second TD of the game gave Aledo a 31-14 lead with 11:16 left in the final quarter.

Big Spring found its offense in the fourth quarter.

The Steers, who managed just 21 yards rushing in the game, put together a 3-play, 29-second drive on first possession of the quarter and pulled to within 31-21 on a 41-yard touchdown pass from Tye Butler to Brandon Mendoza. The Steers' senior wideout beat two defenders for the ball at the AHS 2 and then dove into the end zone with 7:13 remaining to play.

The Steers were unable to get any closer, however. Aledo foiled the Steers' final threat by forcing an incomplete pass on a 4th-and-3 play from the BSHS 43.

Scores by Quarter
Big Spring 7 0 7 21
Aledo 0 10 14 7 31

Game Statistics	Steers	Aledo
15 First Downs	18	
17-21 Rushes-Yards	45-290	
21-34-1 Att.-Comp.-Int.	3-9-0	
282 Passing Yards	62	
3-1 Fumbles/Lost	4-3	
4-27-0 Punts-Avg	3-34.0	
5-60 Pen. Yards	8-64	

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Calendars with a local touch

Fair board offers artwork publication

The Howard County Fair Association wants to let the public know about a calendar they published featuring work of local artists and photographers. The calendars have been distributed to select businesses in Big Spring and may be purchased for \$5 each.

The Art Department of the Howard County Fair Board was looking for a way to encourage art and photography entries.

"We thought the possibility of an entrants work being published in a calendar might be appealing," said Rick Liles, fair board member.

Top award-winning entries were compiled into a calendar. The idea worked as art entries increased significantly from year 2001 to 2002.

The calendar includes work from local artists and photographers:

Estelle Howard, Tony Emerson, Kay Smith, Arlys Scott, D W Overman, Sandee Lockhart, Judy Gibbs, Paul Nabors, Pam Crouch, Bonita Light, Kacy Liles, Charlene McKinnon and Michelle Pepper.

Some of the featured paintings include floral arrangements, chickens, a raccoon and a Native American child. Some of the featured photographs include a boy on a skateboard, Indian cliff dwellings, and a Christian rock star.

"The most difficult part of putting the calendar together was limiting the number of entries. I thought there were numerous deserving paintings and photographs to choose from," said Liles. "I was so impressed by the artistic talent of participants. For every painting or photograph included I thought there was one just as deserving that had to be left out."

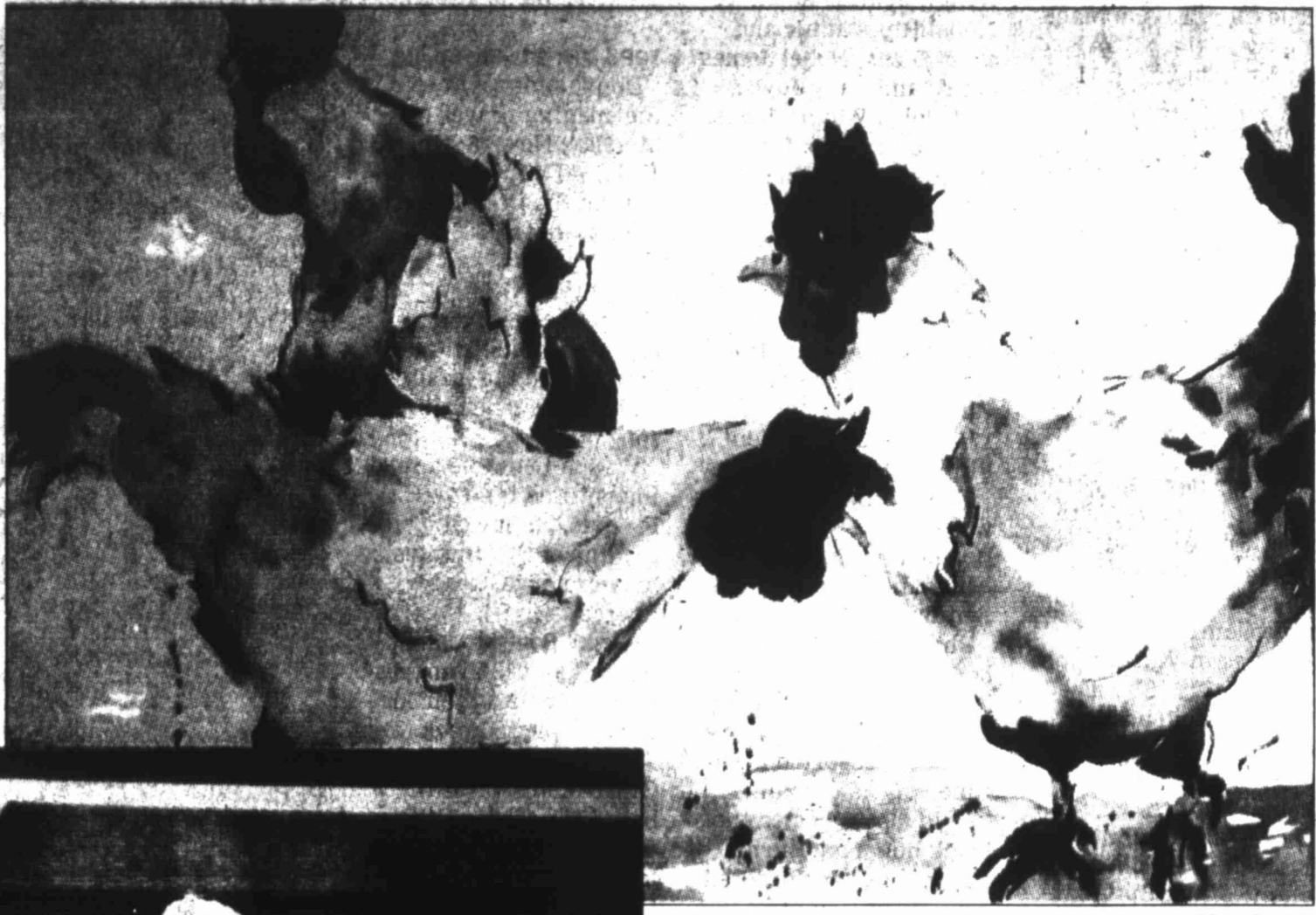
Pictures were taken of the winning entries with a conventional camera. The film was developed and the images transferred to compact disk.

That data was used to print the pictures utilizing a color copier.

"I think several of the pictures/photographs included in the calendar are suitable for framing," Liles noted.

"We had 500 of the calendars printed so we could offer people a taste of local artistic talent. We asked selected businesses in Big Spring to take a supply of the calendars and sell them for us. There were several business gracious enough to help us out.

Proceeds from calendars sales will go to pay for expenses associated with printing the calendars and also towards support of the Howard County Fair Art Department.



Kay Smith



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Arlys Scott



Sandee Lockhart



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- Calendars may be purchased from:
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Club News

Capt. Elisha Mack

The Capt. Elisha Mack chapter of the NSDAR met Saturday, Oct. 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. Thirteen members and four guests were present. Guests were Amanda Schafer, San Angelo; Sara Pavlovsky, Snyder; Ashly Pavlovsky, Snyder; and Freda Johnson of Maryland, here visiting her daughter, Sue Ann Damron, chapter registrar.

Regent Sherri Key brought the meeting to order. Sue Ann Damron presented the program. She reported on her trip to the Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., July 2-6. She also told the chapter about the President General's project for the next three years. President General Linda Watkins Tinker is involved in getting 70,000 volumes from the DAR library in Washington D.C. indexed, digitizing applications and supplements, indexing the children and grandchildren of patriots and digitizing supporting documents that are sent in with applications for membership.

Mrs. Damron also reported on the marking of her ancestor's grave. Our chapter is the only DAR chapter in the state of Texas to have a patriot's grave marked this year. This is a great honor for her patriots, her family and our chapter. Her patriot, John Stoutsenberger and his wife Margaretha Kitchen Stoutsenberger, are buried in Virginia. John Stoutsenberger was a drummer during the Revolutionary War.

For anyone wanting more information about becoming a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution please contact Mrs. Bill Pollard at 915-263-6473, Mrs. John Damron at 915-393-5790 or Mrs. Jimmie Schuelke at 915-353-4337.

Big Spring Shrine Club

The Big Spring Shrine Club met at 5:30 on Saturday, Nov. 16, with 41 Nobles, Ladies and guests.

A turkey dinner was prepared by Nobel John Keller Jr. and Lady Sue with ladies from the club bringing the fixings and desserts.

The tables were decorated for Thanksgiving by Lady Joyce Jones.

Guests attending were Past Potentate Bernie Johnson and his Lady Betty, Past Potentate O.L. Calk and his Lady Lema, all from San Angelo. From Midland Nobel Gary Anderson and his Lady Sue, also at the dinner were the inspectors that were to do the inspection for Commandry.

Past Potentate Bernie Johnson gave a presentation E.W.G.

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Upcoming events for the Big Spring Shrine Club are: Nov. 30, parade in Ballinger and Dec. 7, Christmas parade in Big Spring.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday, Nov. 17, with Past President Phillip Reid presiding. The opening prayer was worded by Madeline Boadle and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ben Boadle.

Phillip reported the booth at the Coahoma PTA Fall Festival earned a \$70 profit. All working members reported a good time was had by all.

Reid also reported the brick honoring Burnis Mason has been ordered. Also anyone wanting more raffle tickets, they are available. Marjorie and Neal Squires will be responsible for buying things for the Christmas basket to be given away. They will give tickets to the treasurer to be reimbursed for the purchases.

Thank you letters were read for the Texas Lions Foundation, the Acuna Eye Clinic, Texas Lions Camp and Leader Dog for the Blind for the Club's 100 percent donations.

The next meeting will be Dec. 16 when we will draw for the winner of the Christmas basket.

The meal was furnished by Laura Thompson and Jarrell Barbee.

In new business, the annual Christmas dinner will be held at the Brandin' Iron on Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. After the dinner we will go to Ben

and Madeline's for coffee and dessert and the exchange of gifts.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Community Building on Scout Hut Road in Sand Springs.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

TOPS #TX 21, Big Spring

Donna Menges voiced the opening prayer on Monday, Nov. 25, when TOPS #TX21 met at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. Third.

both the TOPS and KOPS pledged were repeated and Shirley Jenkins led the group in singing the fellowship song. Wanda Lee gave a reading entitled "Old Friends," followed by the reading of the minutes by secretary Gladys Russell.

Genay Bertran called the roll and 13 members answered with their loss or gain for the week. Ten TOPS weighed in and Olnee Menges was the best loser. Three KOPS weighed in and the best loser was Lynne Criswell. Each one received the weekly award and certificate.

Leader Hughetta Roberts reminded members of the Christmas party on Dec. 16 and that gifts would be exchanged. It was also disclosed that a drawing would be held to see who would win the table decoration.

Olnee Menges presented the program, taken from an article "How I Did It," in the May issue of the TOPS magazine. The article was the success story of a male member of a TOPS club in Farmington, N.M. who had 280 weigh ins with no gains and the steps he followed to success.

Anyone interested in learning more about TOPS can call 1-800-932-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Low-fat meal for the whole family

Making a decision about what you're going to eat is one thing, getting the entire family onto a healthy diet regimen can be something else entirely.

Many youngsters can have an almost knee-jerk "ewwww!" reaction to the mere mention of the word "healthy," which can make getting them to eat a real problem, but that's where clever menu-planning comes in.

Low-fat doesn't mean low-flavor, and nothing gets the point across better than a delicious example that the whole family can dive right into, like these no-fuss "Barley-Stuffed Peppers," courtesy of "More Healthy Homestyle Cooking: Family Favorites You'll Make Again and Again" (Rodale), by Evelyn Tribble. Quick to prepare, and packed with rich-tasting barley, this dish is sure to win even the pickiest eaters over to your side, just in time for dinner.

BARLEY-STUFFED PEPPERS

Be sure to boil the pep-



pers for a few minutes so they will cook thoroughly when baked with the stuffing.

- 22/3 cups fat-free chicken broth or vegetable broth
- 1 cup pearl barley
- 6 red, green and/or yellow bell peppers
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 carrots, finely chopped or shredded
- 2 celery ribs, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 1 cup shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese (4 ounces)

In a three-quart saucepan over medium-high heat, bring the broth and barley to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover and cook for 40 minutes, or until the liquid is absorbed. Preheat

the oven to 375 F. Lightly coat a 13- by 9-inch baking dish with nonstick spray.

Slice off the top stem ends from the peppers and scrape out the seeds and membranes, keeping the peppers intact.

Bring a large stockpot of water to a boil over high heat. Submerge the peppers in the water and cook for 3 minutes, just to soften. Lift from the water with tongs and drain, inverted on paper towels.

Coat a large nonstick skillet with nonstick spray and warm over medium-high heat. Add the onion, carrots and celery and cook, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes, or until tender. Remove from the heat. Stir in the salt, parsley, barley and all but 6 tablespoons of the cheese. Spoon into the peppers, filling each evenly. Top each with 1 tablespoon of the remaining cheese.

CAPTION
TASTY DELIGHTS like these "barley-stuffed peppers" make for low-fat meatless meals the whole family will love.

FRIDAY-Catfish, French fries, blackeyed peas, salad, milk/combread, cake.

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- BREAKFAST
- MONDAY-Cereal, Nutrifrain, juice, milk.
- TUESDAY-Eggs, biscuits, juice, milk.
- WEDNESDAY-Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.
- THURSDAY-Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.
- FRIDAY-Biscuits, gravy, juice, milk.
- LUNCH
- MONDAY-Corndogs, chips, California veggies, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Fish nuggets, mac & cheese, peas, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sloppy joes, fries, corn, fruit, cookies n creme, milk.

THURSDAY-Fried chicken, pinto beans, fruit, salad, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.

STANTON ISD

- BREAKFAST
- MONDAY-Cinnamon roll, cereal, buttered toast, fruit

See MENUS, Page 3B

Menus

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

- MONDAY-Steak fingers, potatoes, creamed corn, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.
- TUESDAY-BBQ chicken, noodles, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, pie.
- WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk/combread, fruit.
- THURSDAY-Meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, gelatin salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

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• A need to urinate more often, especially at night
• Trouble starting urination
• Difficulty holding urine back
• An inability

MENUS
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juice, milk.
TUESDAY-Panc cereal, buttered juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY-S eggs, hash brown buttered toast, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Bis sausage, gravy, tered toast, fruit
FRIDAY-Breakf cereal, buttered juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY-Pepp (corndog), mixed vegetable sticks, dressing, pear s
TUESDAY-Chick (steak fingers), potatoes, brocco peaches, hot ro
WEDNESDAY-H cheeseburger on French fries, har

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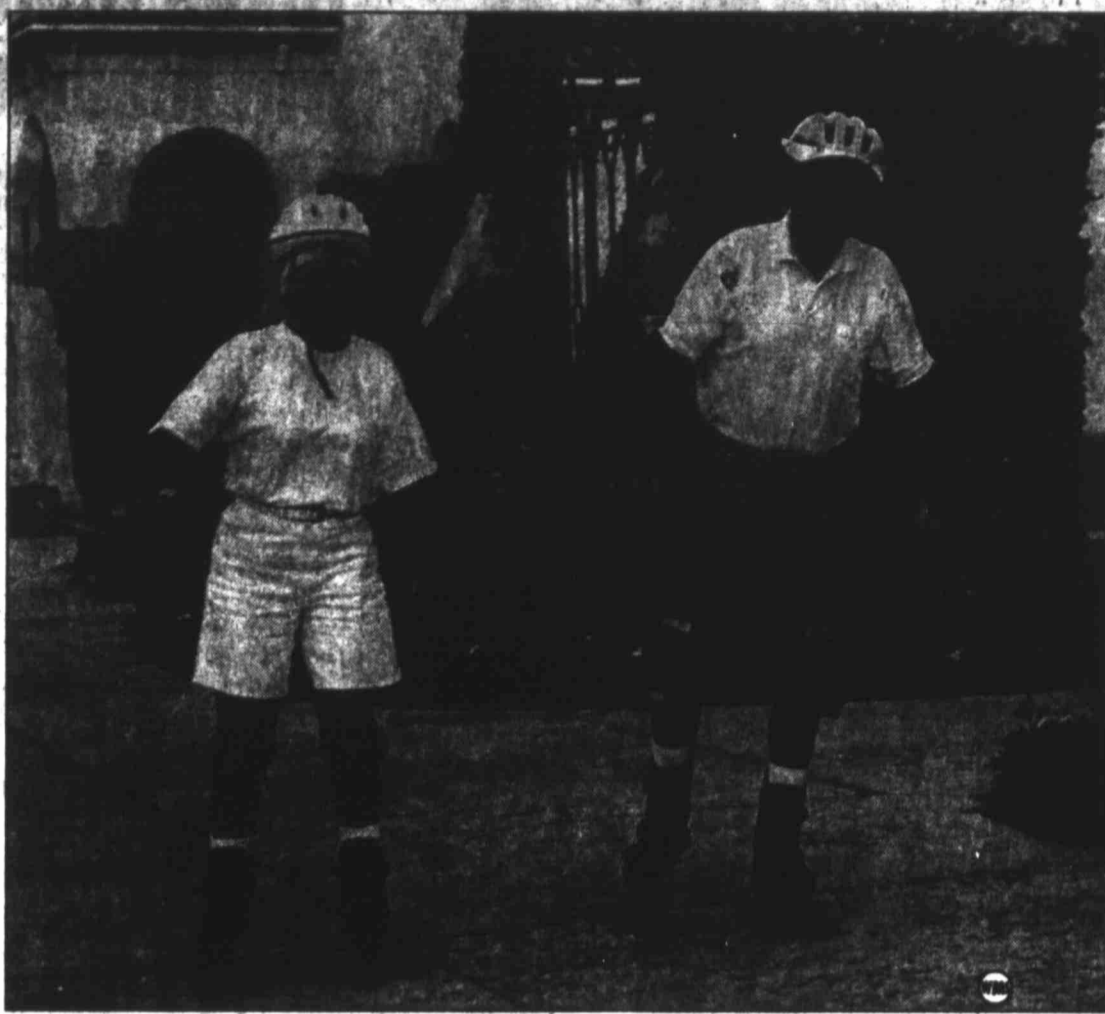
Be sure and get screened for prostate cancer

The Kidney & Urology Foundation a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping people avoid the debilitating effects of kidney and urologic diseases — disorders affecting as many as 70 millions Americans today — is urging men to get screened for prostate cancer if they suspect they may be at risk for the deadly disease.

Men who are 50 years and older, who have a relative with prostate cancer, are of African-American descent or eat a lot of animal fat are at an increased risk for the disease.

Although early prostate cancer does not typically cause symptoms, some of the following conditions may indicate that you could be suffering from the disease:

- A need to urinate more often, especially at night
- Trouble starting urination
- Difficulty holding urine back
- An inability to urinate at times
- Weak or interrupted flow of urine
- Painful urination or a burning sensation when urinating
- Difficulty in experiencing an erection
- Painful ejaculation



Don't let prostate cancer keep you from getting the most out of life. Get screened and get help.

STORKS

Emily Paige Spencer was born to Chris Spencer on Nov. 12. Emily weighed five pounds, five ounces and was 18 1/2 inches in length.

Zadie Kate was born Nov. 22 in Midland to Guy Will and Amy Zant of Big Spring. She weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was 19 inches long.

WHO'S WHO

Big Spring's Zachary R. O'Dell, junior studio art major was inducted into West Texas A&M University's Texas Zeta Chapter National Honor Society in ceremonies Sunday, Nov. 10.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation only and is limited to juniors and seniors with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher who rank in the top 10 percent of their class.

MENUS

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juice, milk.
TUESDAY-Pancakes, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs, hash browns, cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk.
THURSDAY-Biscuits, sausage, gravy, cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk.
FRIDAY-Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY-Pepperoni pizza (corn dog), mixed vegetables, vegetable sticks, ranch dressing, pear slices, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets (steak fingers), mashed potatoes, broccoli & cheese, peaches, hot rolls, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hamburger or cheeseburger on bun, French fries, hamburger

salad, orange smiles, peanut butter cookies, mustard, mayonnaise, catsup, milk.
THURSDAY-Beef nacho grande, baked potato, refried beans, lettuce & tomato salad, pineapple chunks, combread, milk.
FRIDAY-Sub sandwich, toasted ham & cheese sandwich, potato tots, chicken noodle soup, sandwich salad, vanilla pudding, milk.

COAHOMA ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY-Donuts, ham, juice, milk.
TUESDAY-Sweetened rice, sausage, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk.
THURSDAY-Eggs, sausage, toast, juice, milk.
FRIDAY-Poptarts, ham, juice, milk.
LUNCH

MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.
TUESDAY-Homemade burritos (corn dogs), fries, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken spaghetti (sub sandwiches, salad tray), peas, peaches, bread, milk.
THURSDAY-Tacos (burritos), fruit, salad, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, oranges, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD
MONDAY-Fish strips (breaded pork patty), macaroni & cheese, blackeyed peas, mixed fruit, roll.
TUESDAY-Rib sandwich (Popcorn chicken), potato rounds, ranch style beans, peaches/
WEDNESDAY-Chicken spaghetti (Steak sandwich), green beans, rosy apple sauce, jello, roll.

THURSDAY-Steak fingers (chili dog), mashed potatoes, English peas, pineapple tidbits, roll.
FRIDAY-Green enchiladas (hamburger), border beans, corn on cob, strawberry bar, combread.

WESTBROOK ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY-Oatmeal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
TUESDAY-Cinnamon rolls,

fruit juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Pancake on stick, syrup, fruit juice, milk.
THURSDAY-Cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
FRIDAY-Breakfast burritos, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY-Chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, honey, milk.
TUESDAY-Frito pie with cheese, lettuce wedge with

ranch dressing, pineapple chunks, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti with meat sauce, fried okra, blackeyed peas, garlic bread, jello, milk.
THURSDAY-Green enchiladas, Mexican salad, corn, peaches, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburgers with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, French Fries, goodie bar, milk.

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Fruitcake

Holiday dessert loved more than you know

CORSICANA (AP) — The way Bob McNutt sees it, there are two kinds of fruitcake people.

The naysayers see fruitcake as the Rodney Dangerfield of desserts. It gets no respect, and nary a nibble.

The "dee-vo-tees," as the Collin Street Bakery president calls them, order early and often, shipping fruitcakes around the world and savoring the sweet dessert like a fine wine.

"It's got a wonderful long finish, which is unusual for food," said McNutt, who prefers an after-dinner slice with a glass of port.

And he's not the only one to elevate fruitcake to gourmet status. He says "foodie" magazines also are showcasing the deserts made in Corsicana and elsewhere.

So why the bad rap for such a culinary delight?

Maybe the critics have only tried inferior varieties, McNutt said.

"It's like picking a steakhouse," he said. "You can get a steak as tough as leather or a prime piece you can cut with a fork."

McNutt says his bakery's original Deluxe fruitcake, made with the same recipe bakery founders brought from Germany more than a century ago, is the top chop — with a price tag starting at about \$18.

The bakery produced 1.5 million cakes last year, each made within days of shipping.

One style is made of 30 percent Texas pecans, along with pineapple and papaya grown by the bakery in Costa Rica.



Collin Street Bakery, located in Corsicana, runs at full throttle each fall, with more than 700 workers on three shifts.

Other varieties are pineapple and pecan; apricot and pecan; and apple cinnamon and pecan. The bakery uses a million pounds of pecans each year, McNutt said.

The company, which also makes cookies, pies and breads, had sales of \$39 million last year, most from mail-order fruitcake sales.

The company expects to do slightly better this year.

For many customers, a good fruitcake harkens back to earlier days, when their mothers and grandmothers baked the treat as a holiday tradition.

"Fruitcake is a comfort food," McNutt said. "When you talk about Christmas and the holi-

days, you get warm and fuzzy feelings."

The bakery recently commissioned a telephone poll of 804 people, who said the dense dessert conjured up thoughts of home, hearth, family and friends. More than one in four said they have given a fruitcake, and many of those sent more than one. High-volume givers were much more likely to be men.

Verna Rogers of Athens sends fruitcakes each year to her sister in Austin and daughter in Montana. Though her grandson didn't care for the cake, the rest of the family is hooked, she said.

"You couldn't make a better cake," she said, peeking through a view-

ing window to the Corsicana bakery's production floor. "The ingredients are always perfect."

The bakery runs at full throttle each fall, with more than 700 workers on three shifts.

Lined at long steel tables, the workers are mostly women wearing aprons and hair nets. Working quickly, they place an exact number of red cherries and green-dyed pineapple to cakes on conveyor belts to huge ovens.

McNutt and other administrative staff taste samples each day, a quality-control bonus that none seem to mind.

By the way, fruitcakes

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Texas feeder cattle will leave the state without restrictions

Special to the Herald

The holidays may be brighter for the Texas cattle industry, since federal officials on Wednesday gave notice that Texas feeder cattle will not have to meet additional movement restrictions as of Jan. 1, 2003.

Representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS), meeting with state animal health officials, announced a delay of at least nine months for any new movement requirements that would impact the interstate movement of Texas feeder cattle.

"The Texas cattle industry has been extremely worried for several months, because after finding two infected cattle herds since summer 2001, Texas lost its 'free' status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication," said Dr. Linda Logan, executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

"During the spring and summer, a TB working group comprised of representatives from Texas cattle businesses met with USDA representatives repeatedly to seek relief from unnecessary burdensome restrictions on feeder cattle movement."

Included in the TB working group were leaders of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, Independent Cattlemen

Association, Texas Cattle Feeders, Livestock Marketing Association, Texas Veterinary Medical Association and Texas Farm Bureau. Dr. Logan applauded the livestock industry for their teamwork to minimize the federal regulatory impact on the cattle producers.

"Our livestock industry moves about 1.5 million feeder steers, feeder bull calves and feeder heifers out of state each year. Had the movement restrictions been imposed, we would have been required to identify feeder steers with an official ear tag, and not only tag, but also TB test all feeder heifers and feeder bull calves," said Dr. Logan. "These requirements would have cost millions, not only for the ear tags, which would have been provided by the USDA, but also for the industry's labor costs to handle each feeder animal individually. The cattle industry's ability to move feedlot cattle efficiently would have been damaged."

"I expect that, by late January, the USDA-APHIS staff will complete its risk assessment to determine if Texas feeder cattle pose a health danger to other states' cattle," commented Dr. Logan.

"According to our cattle TB records, less than one in three million Texas feeder cattle have been found to have TB, so we see these animals as a negligible risk for the disease."

Howard County Pecan Show scheduled for Thursday

The 2002 Howard County Pecan Show will be held on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Howard County Courthouse. The entries must be in the Howard County Extension office no later than 5 p.m. Monday.

Rules for the show are as follows:

1. Exhibitors are limited to one entry of each named variety they grow.

2. The grower may enter as many seedlings, known hybrids or natives as they wish.

3. Pecans must be grown in Howard County.

4. The exhibitor must be the grower.

5. An entry must consist of at least 40 whole and unaltered pecans (several extras is helpful).

6. Entries containing more than one variety will be disqualified.

7. Nuts which are cut, sanded, polished or otherwise altered will be disqualified.

8. Pecans must be from the 2002 crop.

9. Whole pecans must be entered in a bag with the name of grower and variety (if known) on it.

All varieties will be judged separately and will be awarded 1st place (blue), 2nd place (red), and 3rd place (white) ribbons.

In addition, plaques and

rosettes will be awarded to the Grand Champion in the Commercial, Classic and Variety Seedling divisions (rosettes will also be awarded to the Reserve Champion in each of the above divisions).

Also, the Howard County Master Gardener program will begin in January, 2003 - April, 2003.

The classes will be held one day a week (Tuesdays) from 9 to 3 p.m., breaking for lunch.

There is a one-time fee of \$75

that helps with travel expenses for the speakers and the Master Gardener handbook.

If you are interested in learning more about the Master Gardener program, please attend the orientation meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 at the Big Spring Mall.

For more information about the Howard County Pecan Show or the Howard County Master Gardener program, please give the Extension office a call at 264-2236.

Truckers on both sides of border wary of allowing trucks into U.S.

NUEVO LAREDO — American truckers are worried about losing their jobs to Mexicans under Washington's new motor freight policy while companies in Mexico are just as concerned about where they'll find the money to upgrade aging fleets to pass tougher U.S. border inspections.

President Bush on Wednesday approved opening U.S. highways to Mexican trucks beyond the 20-mile commercial border zones where Mexican rigs now transfer their cargo onto U.S. rigs heading to the American interior.

The decision comes nearly a year after Bush promised to do so in compliance with a provision of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

In a statement Thursday, the Mexican government welcomed Bush's decision, but criticized the new regulations. Officials argued that Canadian truckers don't face the same requirements.

"An opening under such conditions is unfair for Mexican truckers, which are at a disadvantage compared to their counterparts in the United States and Canada," the statement said.

Truckers along the border have been hotly debating the issue in both English and Spanish over the crackle of CB radios and at times have threatened to come to blows over who can do the job better.

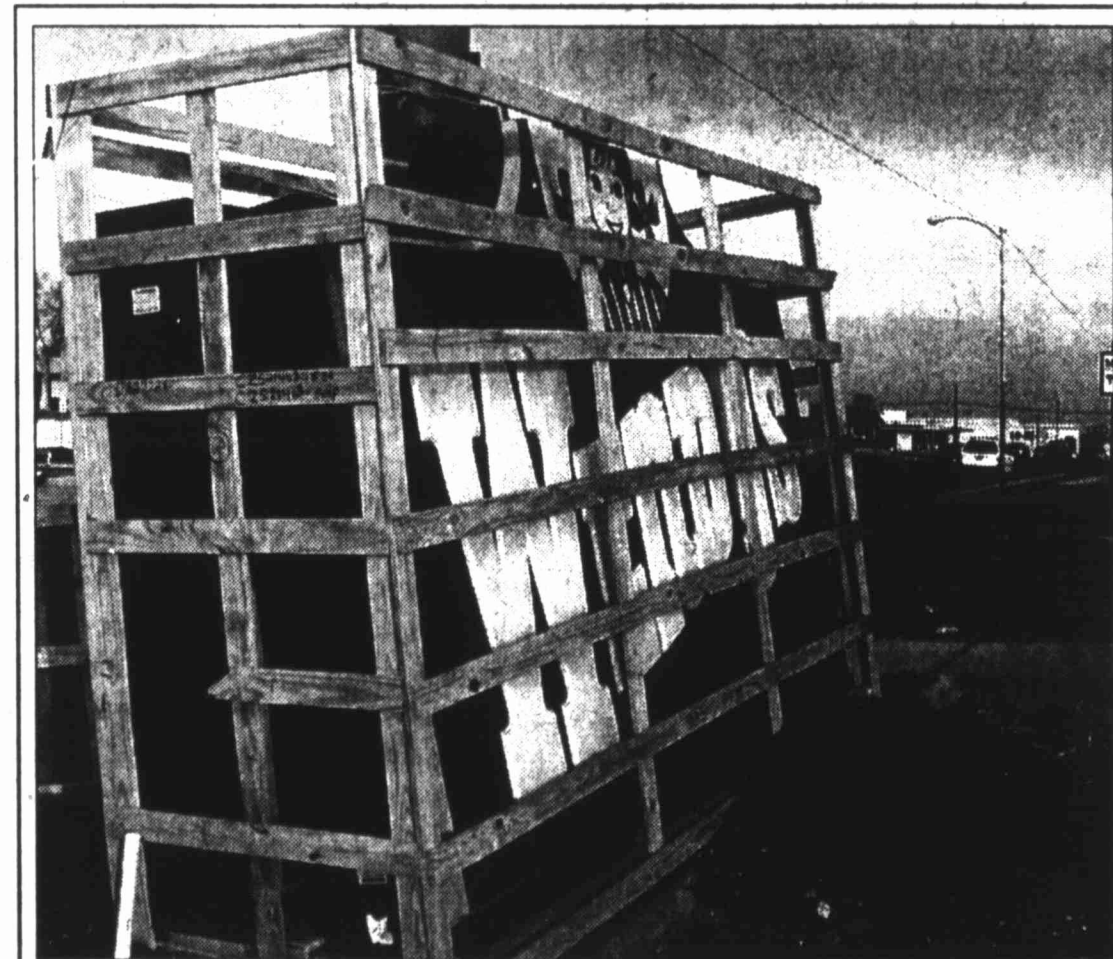
U.S. truck drivers fear the new policy will

prompt their employers to replace them with Mexican drivers. U.S. truckers on average earn about 32 cents a mile while their Mexican counterparts make about half that.

U.S. companies have been allowed into Mexico since NAFTA went into effect in 1994, but few have ventured south. Most companies prefer to hire cheaper Mexican drivers who haul cargo to the border and then transfer it to U.S. rigs.

"A lot of American truckers believe that this will threaten their jobs," said Dan Allison, 57, a Texas truck driver who hauls goods from the border to 48 U.S. states. "A company, for half the cost

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Where's the beef? It's gonna be in Big Spring soon. Wendy's Restaurant is nearing completion at 2311 S. Gregg in the building formerly occupied by Taco Bell. Wendy's offers trademark square-patty hamburgers, chili, salads, and other fast food favorites.

Do you have an interesting item for the Business and Agriculture pages? Call John Mosley, 263-7391, Ext. 230, or leave a voice mail.

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COLLINS

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don't last forever, McNutt says: The Deluxe cake will keep up to 6 months refrigerated and a while longer frozen.

On the Net: Collin Street Bakery: http://www.collinstreetbakery.com

TRUCKS

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of an American driver, now can hire a Mexican to drive to Dallas, Missouri or Chicago.

Mexican truckers, however, say they fear U.S. inspections will keep them from even having the chance to compete against U.S. truckers.

Sitting in his rumbling 1988 rig waiting to cross at Nuevo Laredo's World Trade Bridge, the border's busiest truck crossing, 38-year-old Jose Ramirez said he already gets turned back about once a week by U.S. border officials.

"They barely let us cross over into Laredo; I can't imagine what the inspections will be like to go farther into the country. They'll probably expect us to speak perfect English," said Ramirez, who has been driving goods back and forth across the border for 12 years.

Mexican trucks won't be on U.S. highways until the Department of Transportation can review applications from carriers. It must then grant qualifying carriers provisional operating authority, the department said in a statement.

So far, 130 Mexican-based carriers and bus companies have applied to move cargo across the border. Carriers will only be allowed to make international trips and not trips between U.S. points.

Mexican trucks were supposed to gain full access to U.S. roads beginning in 2000 after the United States, Mexico and Canada signed the NAFTA agreement.

But Congress delayed their entry twice amid concerns about safety and pressure from labor groups. Before allowing the trucks, Congress required more inspectors to be hired and inspection sites be built. It also required Mexico to limit truckers' driving hours and create a database of commercial driver's licenses.

The transportation department's inspector general also had to certify that safety measures were in place. Mexican truckers say such practices are discriminatory and have made them reluctant to accept Bush's invitation to roll into America.

"American laws are applied for the benefit of Americans, which is unfair," said Arturo Hernandez, 42, a border-area trucker since 1982. "Our fleets are in perfectly good condition and are able to enter the United States, but according to them that's not good enough. So even though the United States is opening the door, we prefer to stay on this side."

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Archer's partner
 - 6 Takes to a higher power
 - 11 Freer things
 - 14 Restrict
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 - 17 Unable to act
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 - 19 Eiger, e.g.
 - 20 It may be underfoot
 - 22 Buffalo
 - 24 Where Have I Been?
 - 25 Feeds (on)
 - 26 Varnish resins
 - 27 Dorm sharer
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 - 31 Give and take
 - 35 Wind formations
 - 36 Trails
 - 37 Play set in Lichtenburg
 - 40 Confederate
 - 41 Glass flaw
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 - 47 Type of fruit
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 - 50 Goodman's theme
 - 51 Paul Newman role of '60
 - 52 One way to cope
 - 54 Alternate handle

- 55 Cuban rum
 - 56 Petrol unit
 - 57 Worked up
 - 58 Miscreant
 - 59 The Great Lie Oscar winner
 - 60 Skirts
- DOWN**
- 1 Mideast belief
 - 2 Erstwhile Helsinki coins
 - 3 Remedy of a sort
 - 4 Run
 - 5 Get on, in a way
 - 6 Famous amphitheater

- 7 Pharynx neighbor
- 8 Plant pest
- 9 Clockmaker Terry
- 10 Malt-shop order
- 11 Dean's world
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- 13 Composes a work
- 21 Left
- 23 Betray one's enthusiasm
- 27 Business from loyal customers
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- 30 Woody Guthrie mentor

- 31 Pirate accouterment
- 32 Aussie jumper
- 33 Winsome
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