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SANTA LETTERS

The Herald asked for letters to Santa and we've got enough to keep him very busy this Christmas Eve. Find out what the children of Howard County want the most in Monday's edition.

COMING TUESDAY

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

The reason why we celebrate Christmas is told in this story from the Bible.

BRIEFLY

WATER WOES

The City of Big Spring Water Utilities Department will be replacing three valves in the water system on Friday from 7 a.m. until the work is completed.

Customers in the following areas will experience low or no water pressure: South Owens from Second to 10th Street, South 10th Street from State to Johnson, State Street from Sycamore to Howell and Sixth Street from Caylor to Benton.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
A Victim Services worker looks closely at silhouettes representing women who have died from domestic violence in Howard County.

Domestic Violence

Peace officers are often caught right in the middle

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

The call comes in: Domestic disturbance. An address is given, but no other details. What's going through an officer's mind?

"It's one of the most volatile calls police can take," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "Emotions. You never know when it's going to go bad or go south or whatever. It's been several years back, but I think we had an officer severely

"People who called the police have been known to assault police officers in defense of the person they called about."



Lonnie Smith, police chief

injured on a domestic violence call. We've had officers injured...mostly we've been

lucky and they've been minor injuries. In fact, the night of the candlelight vigil in the downtown park, Officer Joel Garza got assaulted at a domestic violence call within 30 minutes of the (Victims Services) candlelight vigil happening."

Big Spring does have a major problem with domestic violence, Smith added.

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Family Violence: special insert in today's issue

Festival of Lights

City park is alive with splashes of color everywhere

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Like the kings of the orient following the nativity star, thousands have made the pilgrimage to Comanche Trail Park to lay eyes on Big Spring's annual Christmas lights extravaganza.

The Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
These giant poinsettias along the Comanche Trail Lake dam have been attracting drivers from U.S. Highway 87 to visit the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights for the past week. So far, more than 5,700 visitors have seen the lights. In the background, Big Spring's VA Medical Center shows off its holiday colors.

kicked off a week ago, and already more than 5,700 visitors have gaped in awe at the nearly half a million lights decorating the park.

"I'm really pleased with the turnout," said organizer Pat Simmons. "They really like the poinsettias. We're getting a lot of people driving

down U.S. 87 and they see the poinsettias on the dam and come on in." This year the festival boasts 11 of the giant 20-foot diameter red, gold

and green flowers on the Comanche Trail Lake dam along Highway 87, and nine others scattered

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Chamber declares all holiday decorators winners

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Lights are twinkling throughout Big Spring to brighten the season beautifully, so beautifully everyone who participated in the Big Spring Area Chamber of

Commerce 2002 Christmas Decorating Contest is a winner. "These residents and businesses gave their gifts to the community by decorating their home and we want to take time to recognize them," said Debbye Valverde, Chamber of Commerce executive director. Each year, the chamber holds the contest to encourage area residents

and businesses to decorate festively for the holiday season. "We would like to see everybody in the Big Spring area decorate their homes," Valverde said. "With such a busy season, we know everybody cannot do this." The chamber decided for a change this year and recognize the efforts of all the businesses and residences that participated.

"We encourage the community to take a few minutes to visit each business and residence to show your appreciation for such hard, lovely work," Valverde said. The chamber recommends visiting the following residences and businesses: Big Spring residents, William C. Adams, 4209 Bilger; Charles and Marian Buzbee, 1504

Mesquite; Dr. Ron Cohorn, 702 Avondale Dr.; Mrs. and Mrs. Arnold Collins, 806 San Antonio; Pattie Dickey, 2402 Allendale; Patsy Self, 2408 Allendale; Randy and Katy McKinney, 1314 Monmouth; Jesse Mince, 907 E. 13th; Kay and Rusty Parken, 905 E. 13th; Dale Worthan, 1402 Princeton; George and

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Santas on cycles

Cossacks deliver bicycles, food and other goodies to the needy

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Olajuwon Beltran's eyes glowed like the lights on his family's Christmas tree when he saw the group of leather-clad bikers at his door...or, more importantly, what they had in their hands.

"I got a new bike!" the 9-year-old spouted to a couple of friends who came over to see what all the excitement was about.

The bikers, members of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club of Big Spring, had Christmas bikes for both Olajuwon and his 4-year-old brother around 8:30 Sunday morning, but that wasn't all. The Cossacks carried toys, stuffed stockings and enough food for a Christmas

feast into the family's small apartment.

"I think this is a great...I don't know, I don't even know what to say!" exclaimed Olajuwon's mother, Cassandra.

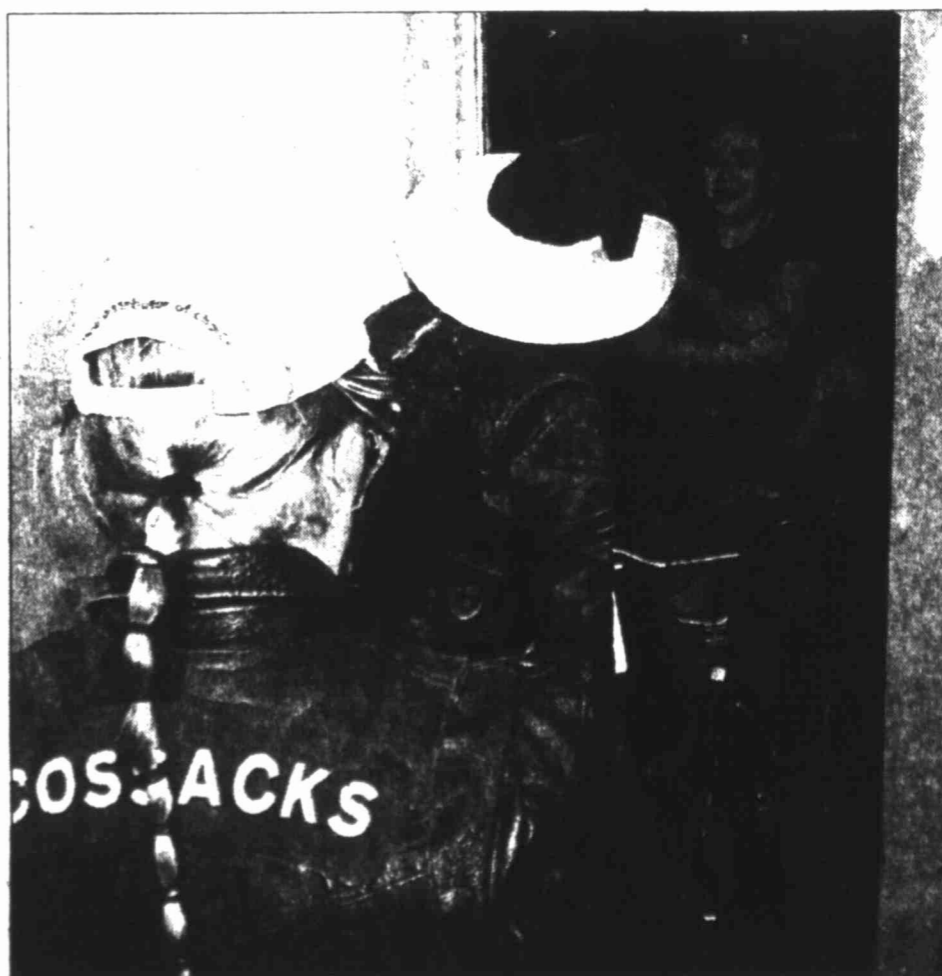
"I think this is a great...I don't know, I don't even know what to say!"
Cassandra Beltran

"It's exciting to have a thing like this, especially at this time of the season."

Despite his enthusiasm, the boy was a bit nervous about talking to reporters so early in the day, but with some prompting from his mom, Olajuwon asserted that his bike is "Great!" and wished everyone "Merry Christmas!"

The Beltrams were the first family on the list for the Cossacks' 10th annual Christmas delivery. By the time

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Cassandra Beltran and her son Olajuwon, 9, are surprised by the Cossacks Motorcycle Club Saturday morning. The benevolent bikers brought Olajuwon and his 4-year-old brother bicycles, toys and stuffed stockings, and dropped off a poinsettia and a holiday feast's worth of food with Mrs. Beltran. The Cossacks delivered similar goodies to 32 area families, including 83 children, Saturday.



Courtesy photo
Salvation Army Capt. Russ Keeney, left, accepts a check from Lt. Farley Hayworth. The Fire Fighter's Association raised \$2,500 while the Big Spring Fire Departments added \$690 to help the corps' Angel Tree program this year.

VIOLENCE

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"In this last month of November, we had eight cases of family violence," he said. "Family violence" is actually where there is physical contact or a physical assault made. That doesn't include regular domestic calls or disturbances. That's just how many family assaults took place in November. In the month of October we had nine family violence cases."

In the year between July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2002, the police actually responded to 426 domestic violence calls, an average of more than one each day.

Why are domestic calls so unpredictable?

"Usually people want help, but when we get there and we find that violence has occurred, someone's going to go to jail," Smith said. "People may be calling for our help and when we start to offer the help, they turn and we're no longer their friend, we're the enemy. People who called the police have been known to assault police officers in defense of the person they called about."

Officers are trained to treat each domestic case with total respect.

"They're trained to approach cautiously, pay attention to what's going on," Smith said. "To pay attention to the noises: What's being said? Their visual observations of the scene: Are there windows broken out? Their audio faculties: What all are they hearing? Are they hearing screaming, are they hearing crying, are they hearing gunshots? Basically, to use their senses to be aware of what's going on around them."

The first thing officers do once contact is made with the parties to separate them, Smith noted.

"They try to separate all the parties involved and talk to each side so they can find out what each person's story was," he

said. "They check to see if there are any signs of physical violence. Verbally: 'Have you been hit, did anyone hit you, what did he use?' Then we use visual observation. You know, 'Yes, I see redness. Yes, I see bruising,' and from there, if they say 'Yes' to those things, then we will make an arrest on that person."

Sometimes parties in a domestic disturbance are hard to deal with, Smith said.

"Usually we have to get louder than what they are," he said. "Then another thing is moving them a distance apart. Usually when we have distance then we are able to get each party to lower their voice. Not necessarily calm down, but we can get them more manageable; to where we can communicate and find out what's going on. If they don't and it continues to escalate, then they may make an arrest on both parties."

Children can make the situation more complicated, Smith added.

"It makes it harder on the officers because if there is physical violence and an officer knows an arrest is going to be made with the children present, they're going to see one of their parents arrested and

taken away by police," he said. "We want them to see police as friends so they know they can talk to us or that they can report things to us. But when we're taking away one of their parents, a lot of times it causes a problem with kids. The parents say, 'Look what the cops did. They did this or they did that.' They instill that fear in their children. That's hard to overcome."

In such cases, Child Protective Services usually helps out with the youngsters.

"If we feel the children are in an unsafe environment, yes, we'll call CPS right then," Smith said. "If we feel like the children's safety is not at immediate risk, we'll document it and we'll pass that information along to Child Protective Services for them to do a home study or a home visit and try to evaluate the situation."

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FESTIVAL

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throughout the park. A collection of six poinsettias graces the rocky ledges surrounding the historic big spring, reflecting their glow in its waters.

The flowers were built by a group of local prisoners enrolled in a Howard College extension welding class.

The festival also includes a giant U.S. flag composed of about 4,200 lights with a banner reading "God Bless America" and some smaller poinsettias beneath it.

One display catching peoples' eyes is the historical diorama.

"I had one woman come back and look at it three times," Simmons said. "She said she just loved it."

The attraction features a timeline history of Big Spring, from buffaloes and Native Americans to exploration by the Spanish, on to cowboys with a windmill and an Old West stagecoach, a bale of cotton, an oil derrick, Air Force jets and a wind turbine. And of course, jackrabbits all along the way.

The festival also features giant Christmas cards from several local organizations.

The Festival will be on display through Dec. 31, 6 to 10 p.m. nightly.

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the Cossacks were done, they had dropped off goodies for 32 families, including 83 youngsters.

"They're really pretty grateful, most of the time," said Cossacks Road Captain Greg Bodin.

"This has really grown. The first time we did it, the American Legion gave us a little bit of food to take and we had nine junk bicycles that were totally refurbished from nothing. We had nine bicycles the first year. This year, we ran out of bicycles. We had to go buy more."

Most of the bicycles are restored from used bicycles, Bodin said.

Sponsors and supporters of the event include the Legion and its Ladies' Auxiliary, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge and its Ladies Auxiliary, Kwikie's convenience store, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the

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James A. Lancaster, 80, died Friday. Services were at 11:00 AM Saturday. Additional services will be at 1:30 PM Monday at Lloyd James Chapel in Tyler. Raymon Barraza, 79, died Saturday. Services are pending

Big Spring Police Department, the Cossack Hens, the Spring Tabernacle, The First Methodist Church of Big Spring, All-American Dodge and Blue Bell Ice Cream.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Take special care while on the roads

With Christmas falling on a Wednesday this year, it's almost certain more people will be hitting the road for a short holiday. Some will leave Tuesday, others not until Christmas Day. That's not bad if you are just going across town, but for those heading to another city, precautions are certainly in order.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of opportunities for distractions. Packages stacked high, thoughts on seeing family and friends, last-minute darting around to find a gift for a forgotten relative — all work to keep our minds off the task at hand.

The return trip could be worse — thousands of vehicles all heading home on Christmas Day, the tired occupants knowing that Thursday is another workday.

Our message is simple. Christmas is a time of joy and a time to give thanks. It's a time to be with family and friends. It's a time for fellowship. For Christians, it is a time to celebrate the savior's birth. So be careful. Be alert. Don't make it a time for sorrow.

Slow down this holiday season. If you get tired, change drivers or pull over and rest. If you decide to drink, make sure you can rely on someone else to drive. Finally, make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly secured.

Have a very merry Christmas... and many, many more to come.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

May we experience pleasure in every area of our lives, Lord, through you and your word.

Amen



Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

I have to take a few lines here and say thank you to the many people who were so kind with their contributions to the Salvation Army needy children Toy Drive.

We were very fortunate to be able work with this organization and come in contact with so many willing to give not only their money, but their time in shopping and delivering.

I would like to thank the local radio stations again for their efforts in helping promote this and the other very needy causes through their announcements and promotions.

It makes it all work out so well and this way children do not have to do without. In addition, it offered a lift to many parents who knew weeks ago their children would not get something for Christmas. This drive allowed that to happen.

On another note . . . I was honored to be asked to be guest speaker at the local police association's Christmas party and banquet. The room was full. I had figured on a group of 20 or 25, but there was more like a group of more than a hundred.

I was really nervous with a crowd this large, especially when I started the short speech out with something about donuts. No laughs, just groans. That isn't a good start.

However the truth of the matter is I am very honored to have been asked to speak that evening. I was doubly surprised when Chief Lonnie Smith presented me with a special coin he had struck for the city police. On the back of the coin, the chief had taken it and had my initials engraved as part of the gift to me.

I do hope that should I ever again address this organization I will do a much better job speaking. I did know however that I could speak too long since my appearance had been squeezed in between the door prizes and Santa Claus. Besides I am sure these fine people of the law enforcement community and their children only wanted a minimum of my wisdom.

I did walk to the dinner so no matter what I said I would be some safe. Only kidding you know.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

At the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board luncheon last Wednesday the group bid farewell to President Dr. Cheryl Sparks and welcomed a new President Terry McDaniel. This organization is very important to the vibrancy and growth of Big Spring and Howard County. The group's efforts are very driven, directed specifically toward making the

retail and home-life communities prosper and flourish.

I hope you have a great holiday as I will be with my family.

As a 7-year-old I remember getting my first and only full-size sled. It was a Flyer...I will never forget.

I have been asked many times by my children if there is a Santa Claus. In the truest sense I cannot tell them there is a little man in a red suit flying around on Christmas Eve, but I do believe that as long as you see the glint in someone's eye, or catch a brief glimpse of a smile from a child there will always be a Santa Claus.

To my children and now proudly my grandson I want to tell you there is a Santa Claus and there always will be . . . at least in your heart.

From the Bond family I would like to wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season. It is a gift to be here and to have each other.

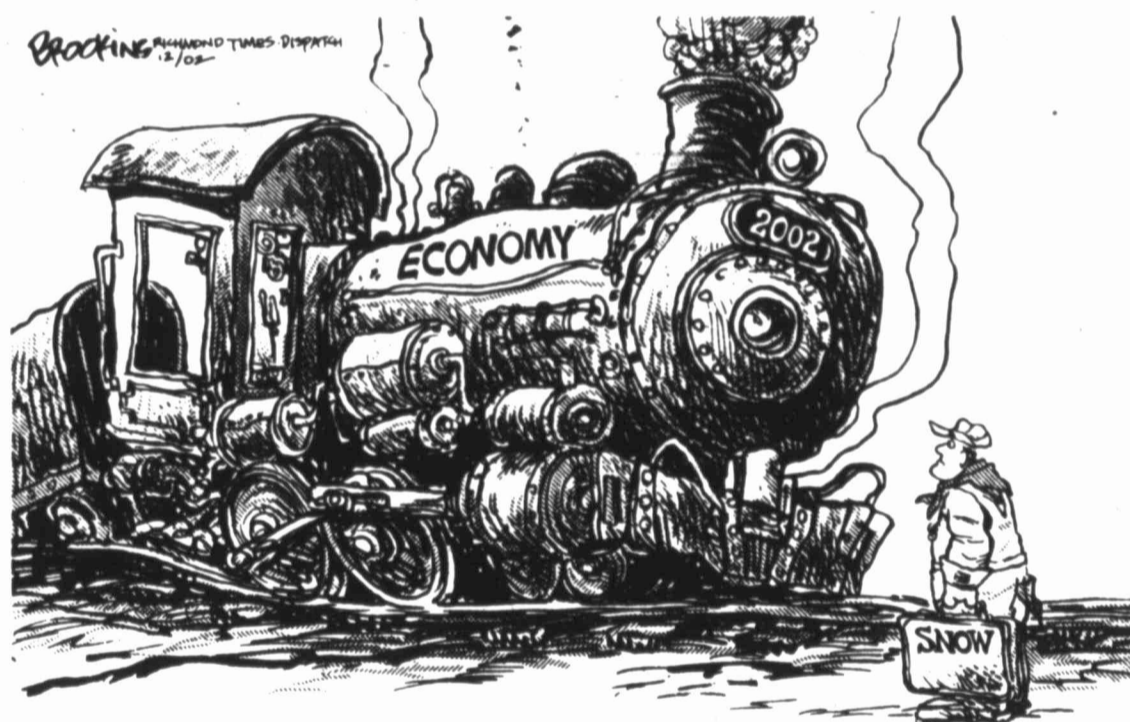
Look on to a new year and start of something good. Merry Christmas.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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THE NEW ENGINEER

Name calling does not constitute evidence

President George Bush has to put up or shut up. If his administration has hard evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, he has to put that evidence on the table for everyone to see.

Otherwise his credibility and the credibility of the United States will be zilch.

It's beginning to appear that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein isn't as stupid as the Bush administration believed him to be. He has readmitted the inspectors, he's cooperating with them, and he's made his declaration: We have no weapons of mass destruction; if the United States and Great Britain have evidence to the contrary, give it to the international inspectors.

So far, the Bush administration has done nothing but indulge in name-calling, like some bratty kid on a schoolyard. It's

not enough to keep calling Saddam a liar; it's time to prove it. And if the United States lacks proof, as I personally believe, then it's time to shut up or else confess the real motives for wanting to go to war. So far, the Bush administration's credibility hasn't been that great itself.

Item: It made much to do about Iraq having drone airplanes. The existence of these planes was made public in 1998. The president even said they could be used in an attack against the United States, which is patently absurd on its face.

Item: Great Britain recently released a dossier on human-rights violations in Iraq. Again, it was all old stuff, 10 or 12 years old, and Amnesty International, which had collected the information in the first place, severely criticized the British government for misusing a report that the United Kingdom had ignored a decade ago when it was first issued.

Demonization and name-calling do not constitute evidence that Iraq is a threat to the United States. The Bush admin-

istration has no hard evidence that Iraq was involved with al-Qaida or any other kind of international terrorism. It has twisted the truth about Iraq's involvement with the Palestinians, implying that Saddam subsidized suicide bombers. The fact is that Saddam was giving a check to the families of any Palestinian killed in the intifada. That, of course, included the families of suicide bombers, but the program was not specifically directed toward them. Don't forget, the Israelis have killed nearly 2,000 Palestinians, most of them civilians. Unlike most Arab governments that only pay lip service to the Palestinian struggle for independence, Saddam has put his money where his mouth is.

If it is true, as Richard Pearle, the chief war-monger in the Bush administration, has said publicly, that Bush will go to war against Iraq even if there are no ties to terrorism and no weapons of mass destruction, the American people had better start raising hell with the administration. A

war without justification can produce catastrophic consequences.

For one thing, with our economy in the shape it is in, much better use for \$200 billion can be found right here at home than to waste it on killing Iraqis. For another, the days when we can inflict death and destruction on other people in other places without paying a price for it are over. Making war against Iraq without justification and international support will produce an enormous increase in terrorism directed at the United States and at Americans everywhere. For still another, it will alienate allies all over the world.

If genuine, publicly exposed proof can be found that Iraq is in violation and if the United States goes back to the United Nations Security Council for a second resolution, then all's well and good. If the president decides to go it alone based on propaganda, he will be making the mistake of his life. The trouble is it will be other innocent lives, both Iraqi and American, that will pay for his blunder.



CHARLEY REESE



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Big Spring High School freshman Justin Cansino, middle, a high school student council representative, poses with several donations of food and items for Howard County Humane Society. Also pictured are Humane Society representatives Susan Vasquez, left, and Susi Garza, manager. The BSHS Student Council held its ninth annual "Christmas for Critters" drive this month and with the help of several classes, collected a total of 1,534 pounds of dog and cat food and 40 pounds of cat litter. The school also donated \$325. Bauer Elementary students pitched in with their own drive by raising 300 pounds of food and donating \$45.



Big Spring Junior High School student Bryan Juan, right, the National Junior Honor Society treasurer, presents a \$300 check to Melinda Hernandez, West Side Day Care director. Also pictured is NJHS parliamentarian Alyssa Rains. The NJHS sold more than 1,200 angels for 25 cents apiece as a fund-raiser for the day care center. Rains was recognized for selling the most angels.

Courtesy photo

Providing a doggone good Christmas

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Honey must feel like she's in heaven. Every day the rescued Golden Retriever mix walks the halls of the KBST office, a pile of dog and cat food gets a little higher.

Those gifts of love are not destined for Honey's stomach but to the animals residing at the Howard County Humane Society. KBST's and the *Big Spring Herald's* annual food drive for the Humane Society brings pickup loads of donated bags and cans of food, kitty litter and treats to the radio's and newspaper's offices each holiday season.

"We started this

because there are so many things to help people during Christmas that everyone forgets about the cats and dogs," said John Weeks, general manager for KBST radio. "We wanted to go a different direction."

Those who make a donation at the radio station, 608 Johnson St., will receive a compact disk for free.

Now in its fourth year, this drive holds special meaning for the KBST and *Big Spring Herald* family.

"Mike Henry (KBST news director) and I were very good friends with Margaret Lloyd, who was very active in the Humane Society," said Cynthia Weeks of KBST. "We wanted to do this as

a sort of memorial to her."

Before her death in April, Lloyd was a dedicated volunteer for the Humane Society and one of the driving forces in the establishment of the no-kill shelter.

KBST will continue to accept donations for the drive through the end of the month.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Honey is in doggone heaven as she gets a scratch from Cynthia Weeks of KBST while posing in front of food donations for the Howard County Humane Society. KBST will continue to accept donations for the drive through the end of the year.

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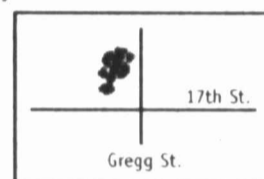


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State and national news at a glance

Lott resigns as Senate leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bowing to harsh criticism from fellow senators and the Bush White House, Trent Lott resigned as Senate Republican leader Friday after colleagues worried about the repercussions of his racially insensitive remarks openly lined up behind Sen. Bill Frist.

"In the interest of pursuing the best possible agenda for the future of our country, I will not seek to remain as majority leader of the United States Senate for the 108th Congress, effective Jan. 6, 2003," said Lott, whose fall was historically unprecedented on Capitol Hill.

President Bush released a statement hailing Lott's service and saying he respected "the very difficult decision" the Mississippian had to make.

Lott himself stayed away from the cameras. At his Pascagoula, Miss., home, his wife gave reporters a written statement from Lott saying, "My official written statement was released from Washington at 11 EST. There will be no underlying statement to the television media. Please go home."

The note, handwritten on U.S. Senate stationery with "Office of the Majority Leader" across the top, was signed "Trent Lott."

With Lott's departure, Frist, a close ally of Bush, was the only publicly declared candidate to replace him and quickly emerged as the favorite to do so, lawmakers and aides said.

The Tennessee lawmaker, a wealthy heart surgeon, revealed his candidacy Thursday evening and had garnered public support from several key senators, including Sens. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, No. 2 Senate Republican Don Nickles of Oklahoma, and John Warner of Virginia.

Frist praised Lott in a statement Friday, but did not address his own candidacy.

Craddick wants changes

AUSTIN (AP) — Senior House members would not be able to claim a seat on the powerful Appropriations Committee under rule changes proposed by Speaker-elect Tom Craddick.

The proposal, one of a stack of changes to House rules submitted by Craddick, would give him the power to make all appointments to the budget-writing panel.

Because the House will be a Republican majority for the first time in 130 years, some veteran Democrats fear they'll be cut out of preparing the two-year state budget, one of the legislative session's top priorities.

The proposed amendments were discussed Thursday at a meeting of about 30 legislators, the Austin American-

Statesman reported in Friday's editions. Craddick's office tried to minimize the proposal, but some legislators saw it as an attempt by the Midland Republican to increase his power.

Inmate found dead in cell

HOUSTON (AP) — A death row inmate from Tarrant County was found unresponsive in his bunk and was pronounced dead Friday at a nearby hospital, a prison official said.

Kenneth Ray Clark, 47, was awaiting lethal injection for the 1991 murder of a Texas Christian University student who was a customer of the auto service garage Clark was robbing.

Polunsky Unit guards found Clark unresponsive on his bunk around 11:30 p.m. Thursday and began CPR before an ambulance arrived and rushed him to Livingston Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead about 1:15 a.m., prison system spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said.

An autopsy will be conducted by a private firm in Houston, Fitzgerald said.

Most banks' cases remain

HOUSTON (AP) — Eight investment banks and brokerages, a law firm and nearly defunct Arthur Andersen LLP lost their bid to walk away from a massive shareholder lawsuit seeking at least \$25 billion from the ruins of Enron Corp.'s collapse.

More than seven months after they filed requests to dismiss the case, U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon on Friday denied all except those from Deutsche Bank AG and Washington, D.C.-based law firm Kirkland & Ellis.

Harmon denied requests from Barclays Bank PLC; Citigroup Inc.; Credit Suisse First Boston USA Inc.; Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce; J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.; and Merrill Lynch & Co. Requests from Bank of America Corp. and Lehman Brothers Holding Inc. were denied in part.

Houston-based law firm Vinson & Elkins, once Enron's chief outside counsel, also remains as a defendant, as does Andersen, Enron's former auditor.

"We clearly must have adopted our rationale that scheme liability exists," said Bill Lerach, the lead lawyer in the suit pursuing dozens of defendants alleged to have contributed to the one-time energy giant's swift failure last year. "That's the only way to keep the banks in. They have very significant resources and we believe they have significant liability to match their resources."

Court nixes Exxon judgement

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The state Supreme Court reversed a record \$3.5 billion judgment against Exxon

Mobil on Friday, ruling in a gas royalty dispute that a confidential legal opinion written for the energy giant should never have been admitted as evidence.

The ruling did not address the size of the judgment, which Irving, Texas-based Exxon argued in its appeal from Montgomery County circuit court was excessive and unwarranted. But it reversed the judgment and sent the case back for a possible retrial.

The \$3.5 billion judgment was the largest ever in a civil damages case in Alabama.

"No other document played such a central role in the State's fraud case, and through the statements of its attorneys at trial the State essentially admits that the admission of the letter prejudiced Exxon," the opinion reads.

States reach \$51 million deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ford Motor Co. will pay \$51 million to settle claims by state attorneys general that the company's advertising fails to disclose the rollover risk involved with driving sport utility vehicles.

The money will be shared among each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Ford also will include a disclaimer in advertising that shows aggressive driving. It will say, "Professional driver. Closed course. Do not attempt."

Texas was one of the lead states in the case and will help oversee the development and implementation of the advertising campaign, said Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

The state looks to gain \$300,000 under the deal, which Abbott said sends "a clear message that we will continue to be a strong advocate for consumer safety and fair marketing practices."

U.S. soldier killed Saturday

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Hours after a top American commander warned that coalition troops face the threat of increased attacks, a U.S. soldier was killed Saturday in a firefight in Afghanistan while another was injured

by rocket fire in a separate incident.

The soldier who died was shot while on a nighttime operation in the eastern province of Paktika, near the border of Pakistan. His name was not released until his family could be notified.

He was the first American soldier killed in combat in Afghanistan since May.

Two other U.S. soldiers were injured in separate incidents and, in a third incident, an American base came under rocket fire — underscoring the continuing danger in Afghanistan.

On Friday, Lt. Gen. Daniel K. McNeill, a top U.S. commander in the region, warned that more attacks on American and allied troops were likely.

"Is there likely to be an increase in hostile acts against the coalition? I think yes," McNeill told The Associated Press in an interview.

Newspapers attack Bush

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi newspapers issued stinging criticism of President Bush on Saturday, when U.N. weapons inspectors made their fourth known visit to a large plant where Iraqi scientists once worked on a nuclear bomb.

The daily Al-Iraq said "the forces of evil and aggression, led by the great Satan — the United States — and its arrogant idiot President Bush" were doomed to fail in what the newspaper said were plans to attack Baghdad under "false pretenses."

Also Saturday, Babil, the newspaper owned by Saddam's eldest son Qdai, was printed for the first time since it was banned for a month without explanation. It accused the Bush administration of "bloodthirstiness" and beating the "drums of war."

The huge al-Qa'qaa complex was visited by inspectors for three consecutive days beginning a week ago and had been under U.N. scrutiny in the 1990s. It was involved in the final design of a nuclear bomb before U.N. teams destroyed Iraq's nuclear program after the 1991 Gulf War.

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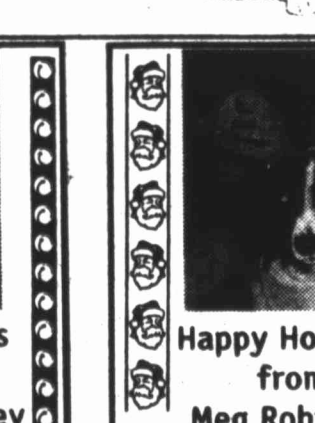
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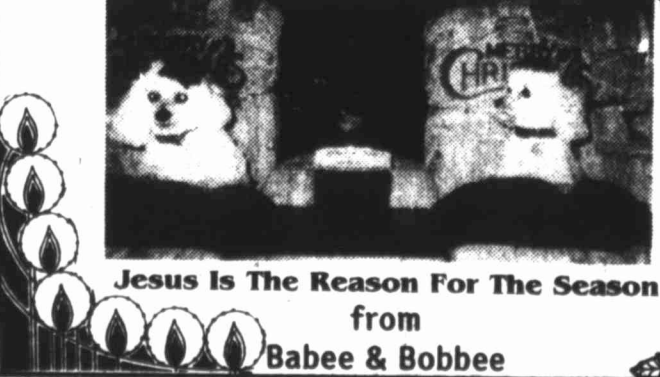
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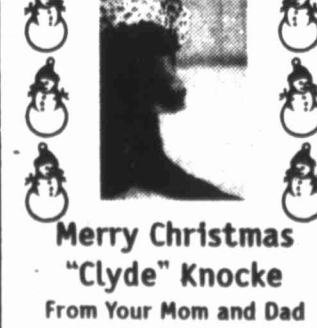
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We're feeling very thankful this holiday season

We are thankful for the area churches, civic clubs and community groups who so willingly offered to provide parties Dec. 17 for patient units at Big Spring State Hospital.

ALON-USA employees were a big help assisting volunteers with last-minute gift wrapping and delivery, as well as packaging fruit and addressing Christmas cards. Gale's Sweet Shoppe employees were a big help, donating their tips for a two-month period to help with Christmas. Their donation of almost \$500 will buy 25 jogging suits. What smiles that will bring Christmas morning. The Salvation Army also contributed to the drive donating gift bags filled with grooming items.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus made their rounds,

BILLIE RUSSWORM

along with the Big Spring Evening Lions Club and a host of volunteers headed up by long time volunteer Muriene Williams. The Ackerly Band entertained, along with Melody McDaniel and Alex Edgemon.

Thank you Suzanne Markwell for crafting the beautiful new Santa suits. Most of all a special thanks to Suzanne for producing a successful Craft Sale to benefit the Christmas Fund. Thanks to Volunteer Dorothy Sheppard's idea to conduct a 'cookie by the pound' sale and Judy Jarmes for chairing the quilt raffle. Along with Suzanne's craft leadership and Ruth Stephenson's jewelry sales the volunteers made more than \$1,300.

This year's quilt for the annual Christmas fund returned back close to home when Ackerly volunteer Bill Wallace was drawn as the lucky winner. The gorgeous puff quilt was made and donated by the Ackerly Baptist Church women. Be watching for you opportunity to own

another of their creations in conjunction with the Denim and Diamonds fund-raiser.

We appreciate the Saints Alive Choir from First Baptist Church presenting their Christmas Program for the patients.

The Chalet Resale Shop volunteers gathered Dec. 11 at Gale's Sweet Shoppe for a Christmas Luncheon and meeting. Hats off to this energetic group who work six days a week to generate more than \$12,000 from donated items sold at the resale shop. These funds are used for special activities and projects for the patients. Don't forget, The Chalet, 1107 E. 11th Place, accepts all types of donations.

Thanks to all of the

Volunteer board members for taking time to meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe for the Dec. 4 board meeting. We are pleased to add Big Spring Herald Publisher Hank Bond to our board. The next board meeting will be Jan. 9 at the Community Relations Office. It promises to be a busy one as we evaluate Christmas activities and continue the volunteers hard work on the upcoming Valentine Fund-raiser and the Denim and Diamonds Gala.

If you are one who likes to plan ahead, go ahead and mark down April 25 on that new 2003 calendar. Denim and Diamonds Chair Carol Scott has set that date for

the Denim and Diamonds Gala at the Big Spring Country Club featuring Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys.

The pillow pals project is moving ahead with the Big Spring High School and Coahoma High School sewing classes lending a hand. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program has been busy producing more than 200 small comfort pillows to give the patients.

The volunteers have several ongoing projects such as the "Pillow Pals", "Operation Cookie", "Everybody Needs a Friend", bingo, "Operation Magazine", "We Care Bags", and "My Own Room Decoration" that keeps them busy as they strive

to make the patients stay at the hospital more pleasant. It's not too early to make your New Year's resolution to join the rewarding experience of being a volunteer. Call me at 268-7535 to find out more about the many volunteer opportunities at Big Spring State Hospital.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all as you spend some time remembering good times of the past and making new memories. Thanks for being a part of assisting those hospitalized with mental illness with your contributions.

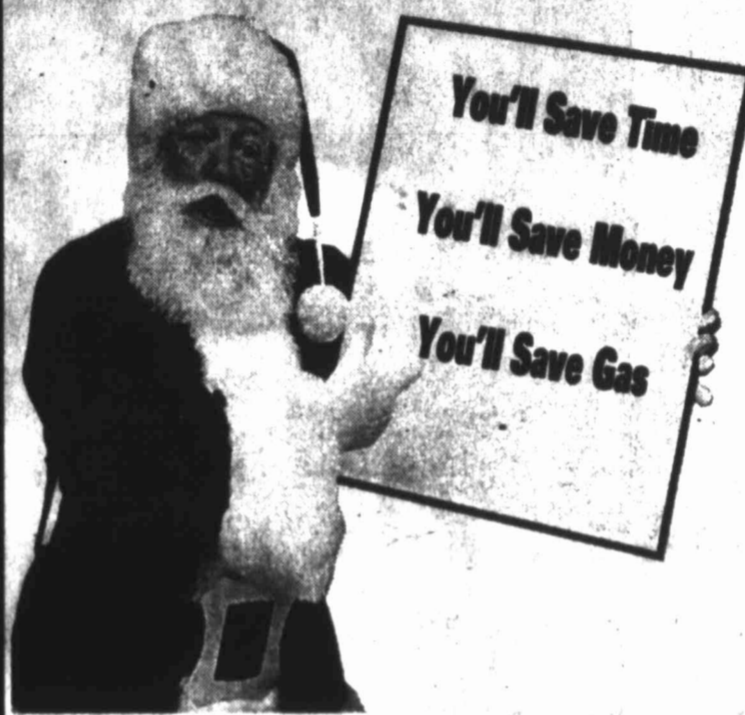
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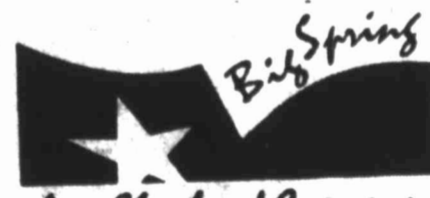
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Greenwood fends off Big Spring threat

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

One, for Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear, really is the worst number.

One period, that is.

Big Spring matched the Greenwood Rangers step-for-step through three quarters Tuesday night, but saw their efforts go for naught as the result of a lapse in intensity in one period. Greenwood used that lapse to rally from a half-time deficit to claim a tough 65-

68 win in the Steer Gym.

"You've got to play with the same intensity you took into the dressing room," Kinnear said to his players during a timeout in the third quarter. "You can't play like this and expect to have a chance."

The third quarter was a nightmare for Big Spring, which was playing at home for the first time in almost a month. The Steers managed just five points in the frame and saw a slim 31-30 halftime lead turn into a 17-point deficit when the fourth

quarter dawned.

Armed with a solid defensive push, Big Spring held its own in the first half. The Steers shot better than 40 percent from the floor in the initial 16 minutes and endured three lead changes before Alvin Russell knocked down a 3-pointer from the baseline with 2:06 left in the half to give the Steers a surprising one-point lead at the half.

Jordan Cobb ignited the Big Spring offense early. After Greenwood's Kris Hatley had opened the game with a 3-point-

er, Cobb lofted up a piece of Steer magic, finding nothing but net from behind the 3-point arc on Big Spring's first possession.

Unfortunately, the magic faded quickly. The Rangers turned five consecutive Steer turnovers into an 8-3 lead.

Big Spring managed to regroup, however. The Steers, courtesy of back-to-back-to-back buckets from Cobb, Nathan Teeter and Josh Pedigo, reeled off an 8-0 run and cut the



Herald Photos/Bruce Schooler
Big Spring dropped a 65-58 decision to Greenwood Tuesday.

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'Dogs get healthy

Coahoma wins first game since epidemic shuts down school

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs found the best cure for what ails them Tuesday night — a good dose of winning.

Chase Davis and Cory Mulkey each sank several key free throws in the closing minutes and helped guide the Bulldogs to a thrilling 61-60 come-from-behind win over the Grape Creek Eagles.

The win caps a tough two week stretch for the CHS athletic programs. School officials were forced to pull out of the recent Hooptown Classic when a influenza epidemic broke out in the community and forced administrators to cancel classes for several days.

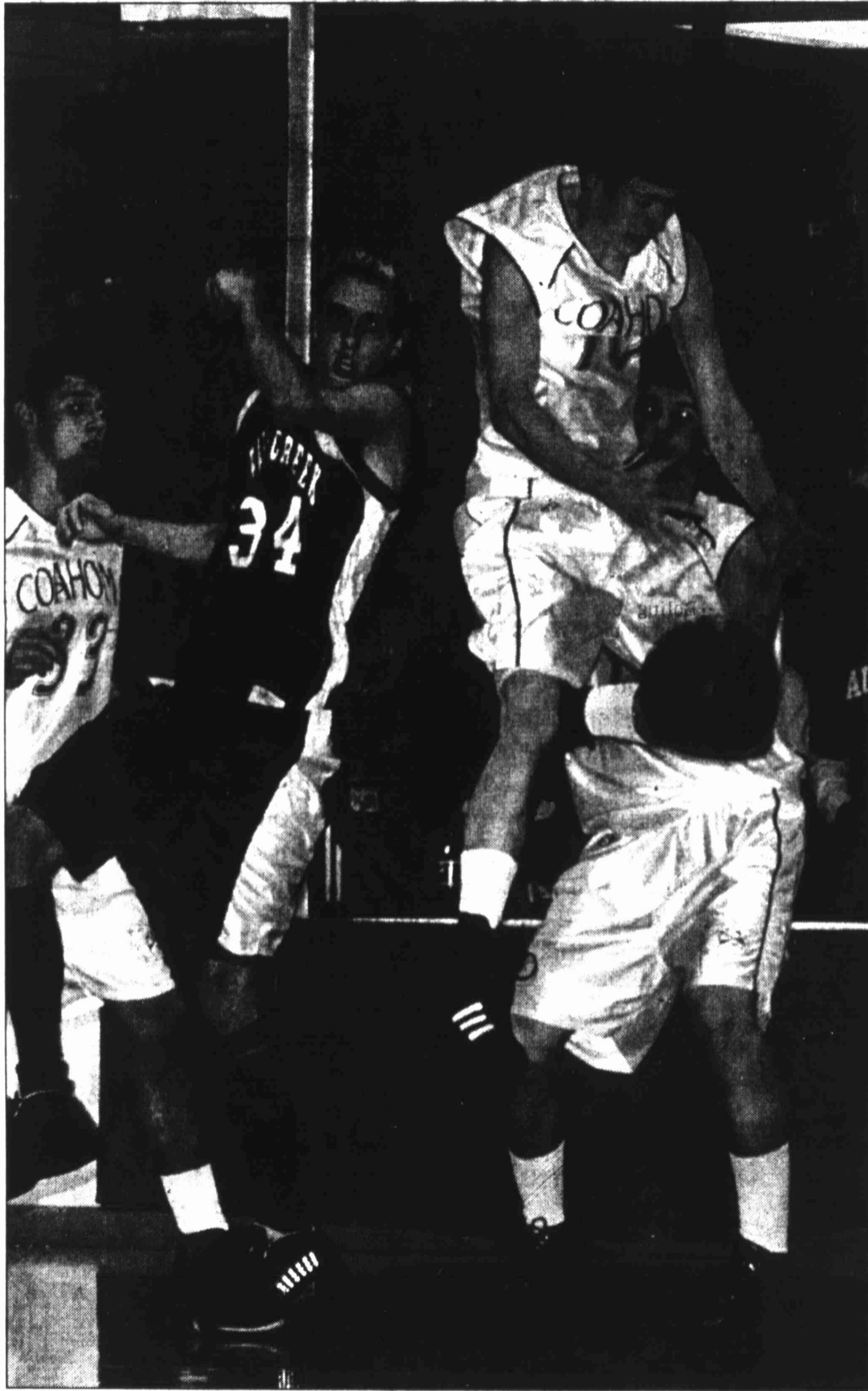
If there were any ill effects remaining from the flu crisis, it didn't show down the stretch for the Bulldogs. Coahoma nailed down the win with an exceptional performance from the free throw line. Led by Davis and Mulkey, the CHS cagers sank 16-of-20 attempts from the charity stripe.

Coahoma, which had entered the fourth quarter trailing by five, dominated the final eight minutes of the non-district contest, outscoring Grape Creek by a 17-11 margin.

The Eagle offense soared in the second and third quarters. Grape Creek poured in 41 points in that span and took a 49-45 advantage into the fourth.

Coahoma, which had two players reach double figures offensively, got off to strong start. They outscored Grape Creek by a 19-8 effort in the first quarter.

Davis paced the Bulldogs offensively, posting 13 points. Mulkey also hit double-digits with 12, while Toby Jackson added nine. Sam Tindol and Adrian Abrego contributed



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Coahoma's Cory Mulkey loses the ball while going up for a shot during the first half of the Bulldogs' 61-60 win over Grape Creek. Mulkey and teammate Chase Davis combined to score 25 points in the contest. Coahoma is 7-4 heading into the Reagan Co. tournament which starts Dec. 27 in Big Lake.

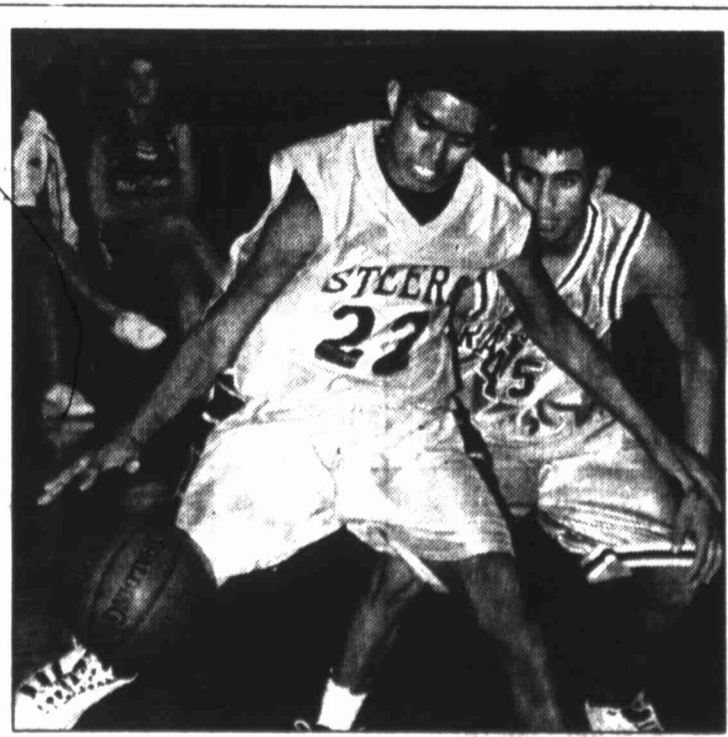
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Lady Steers to participate in Abilene tourney

The Big Spring Lady Steers will continue their preparations for the upcoming District 4-4A slate by participating in the Abilene Invitational Basketball Tournament this weekend.

Big Spring, coming off a strong showing against the Greenwood Rangerettes Tuesday night, will close out its non-district slate beginning Dec. 27 in the 5A-dominated tournament.

The Lady Steers, 12-8 under first-year head coach Gary Miller, open loop play at home on Jan. 3 against the Lakeview Maidens.



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Justin Watson attempts to drive past a Greenwood defender during the fourth quarter of the JV Steers' 55-49 win Tuesday.

Southlake's Wasson picks up top honors in first year at quarterback

By JOEL ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

SOUTHLAKE (AP) — Even as a receiver and running back last year, Chase Wasson was preparing to take over as Southlake Carroll's next quarterback.

"I taught him the offense through the eyes of a quarterback," Southlake Carroll coach Todd Dodge said. "I felt if we could get some consistency at quarterback the next year, we'd be pretty good."

Wasson turned out to be not just consistent, but spectacular, leading

Southlake Carroll to the brink of a Class 5A Division II title and earning offensive player of the year honors on the Associated Press Sports Editors all-state team.

The 13th annual 5A all-star squad, released Friday, was chosen by statewide sportswriters based on regular season performance. Kinny Spotwood, a senior defensive lineman at Abilene Cooper, was the APSE defensive player of the year.

Wasson, at 5-foot-11 and 175 pounds, was as big as any player in the Dragons' first year com-

Stanton girls rip Sterling

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Stanton Lady Bulldogs continued to make a case for themselves as being the best little team in Texas Tuesday night with a dominating performance against the Sterling City Lady Eagles.

The Lady Buffaloes upped their season record to 15-1 by pounding out a 50-36 win in front of a large crowd in the SHS gymnasium.

Ashley Newell led three Stanton scorers in double figures. She finished the non-district matchup with a game-high 16 points. Heather Washington and Kristi Bridges added 12 apiece.

The Lady Buffs, who claimed their record fifth Hooptown Classic title last weekend, didn't waste any time in taking the upper hand against Sterling City. Newell dominated inside and helped Stanton build a 17-11 lead in the first eight minutes of the affair.

The Lady Buffs, who entered the week unranked in the Class 2A polls, stretched their lead to 13 at the half with a 15-8 spree in the second.

The Lady Eagles, who were led in the game by 13 points from Erica Rodriguez, managed to curtail Stanton's offensive push in the third. Sterling City limited the Lady Buffs to 10 points in the frame and entered the final stanza trailing by a 42-29 margin.

Rodriguez sank three of the Lady Eagles' five 3-pointers. Stephanie Gotcher collected the other two.

Stanton, which collected just one 3-pointer (from junior Shelby Sharp), regained the momentum down the stretch. The Lady Buffs closed out the contest with an 8-7 run.

Harp finished the game with six points. Kayla Cook added four.

Stanton is scheduled to return to action on Dec. 26 when they play in the Iraan Invitational Basketball Tournament. They will face Eldorado beginning at 9 a.m.

The Lady Buffalo JV also thumped Sterling City, claiming a 39-26 victory.

Stormie Dugan and Tasha Smith both turned in double-digit efforts in the win. Dugan finished the game with 18 points while Smith chipped in 10.

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completed 67 percent of his passes for 2,964 yards and 36 touchdowns, with only three interceptions. He also ran for 572 yards and eight touchdowns.
With Wasson at the helm of Dodge's no-huddle, spread offense, Southlake Carroll outscored its regular-season opponents by an average score of 50-10.

classification.
Carroll also placed senior defensive back Michael Hoy on the APE all-state first-team.
Smithson Valley had Corey Clark, a 6-5, 315-pound senior offensive lineman, on the first team.
Converse Judson, which won last week's Division I title, placed senior offensive lineman Mark Koalenz on the all-state squad. The loser of that title game, Midland, had senior defensive lineman Tyler Yenzler on the first team.
Joining Wasson in the first-team backfield are senior running backs Andre Booker of Schertz Clemens, Tarell Brown of North Mesquite and Joey Parsons of Leander.

AP Class 5A All-State Teams

- The Class 5A All-State high school football team, released Friday, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular-season performance. Players are listed in alphabetical order at each position.
FIRST TEAM OFFENSE:
OFFENSIVE LINE:
JUSTIN BORDEN, Colleyville Heritage, Sr., 6-4, 285. Graded out at 91 percent, 187 pancake cakes.
COREY CLARK, Smithson Valley, Sr., 6-5, 315. Best lineman on team that averaged more than 35 points and 350 yards per game.
MARK KOALENZ, Converse Judson, Sr., 6-2, 220. Best lineman on team that averaged more than 30 points and 298 rushing yards per game.
JOHN MAHAFFEY, Tyler Lee, Sr., 6-5, 310. Best lineman on District 11-5A champion.
OFA MOHETAU, Euless Trinity, Sr., 6-3, 335. Graded out at 90 percent or better in 8 of 10 games, 104 knockdown blocks, 45 pancake blocks.
ENDS/RECEIVERS:
JERALE BADON, Abilene, Sr., 5-9, 175. 56-97.9 receiving.
DEVIN LOWERY, Grand Prairie, Sr., 5-11, 170. 56-1,121.11 receiving.
QUARTERBACK:
CHASE WASSON, Southlake Carroll, Sr., 5-11, 175. 181-273 passing for 2,964 yards, 36 TDs, 3 INTs. 89-57.2 rushing.
RUNNING BACKS:
ANDRE BOOKER, Schertz Clemens, Sr., 5-6, 150. 232-1,825-21 rushing.
TARELL BROWN, North Mesquite, Sr., 5-11, 178. 154-1,711-25 rushing.
JOEY PARSONS, Leander, Sr., 5-9, 195. 259-2,142-27 rushing.
KICKER:
ZACH MYATT, A&M Consolidated, Sr., 5-10, 165. 43-45 PATs, 15-21 FGs.
OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
Chase Wasson, Southlake Carroll.
FIRST TEAM DEFENSE:
LINEBACKERS:
XAVIER LAWSON-KENNEDY, Duncanville, Sr., 6-3, 305. 43 tackles, 17 for loss, 1 forced fumble, 2 fumble recoveries, 6 sacks.
KINNY SPOTWOOD, Abilene Cooper, Sr., 6-1, 220. 72 tackles, 10 for loss, 6 sacks, blocked 4 punts, blocked 1 FG, 2 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, 1 pass breakup, 1 defensive TD.
ZANE TOMLIN, San Antonio Clark, Sr., 6-4, 280. 90 tackles, 12 sacks, 3 forced fumbles.
TYLER YENZLER, Midland, Sr., 6-4, 225. 49 tackles, 4 for loss, 11 sacks, 2 fumble recoveries.
LINEBACKERS:
TUCKER BROWN, Lubbock Monterey, Sr., 5-9, 157. 121 tackles, 17 for loss. Blocked eight punts/kicks, six that directly resulted in TDs. 15 tackles behind line, 7 QB pressures, 1 INT, 2 knockdown passes, 2 fumble recoveries, 2 forced fumbles.
SCOTT DERRY, Pearland, Sr., 6-3, 225. 152 tackles, 107 solo, 34 for loss, 4 sacks, 4 fumble recoveries, 7 forced fumbles, 4 batted balls.
DAVID NIXON, A&M Consolidated, Sr., 6-2, 210. 32 solo tackles, 71 assisted tackles, 8 for loss, 6 sacks, 4 INTs, 7 fumble recoveries, 17 QB pressures, 4 TD returns (3 INT, 1 fumble).
BACKS:
STEPHEN HODGE, Richardson Lake Highlands, Sr., 6-1, 185. 7 INTs, 21 solo tackle, 4 pass breakups, 1 blocked FG, punt, kick-off and interception returns for TDs.
MICHAEL HOY, Southlake Carroll, Sr., 6-2, 185. 5 INTs, 95 tackles, 5 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, 8 pass breakups, 1 sack.
NORMAN MINGO, Galena Park North Shore, Jr., 6 INTs for team that held opponents to 79 yards passing a game.
LARANDALL MCKIND, Longview, Sr., 5-9, 185. 6 INTs, 49 tackles, 3 forced fumbles, 1 blocked kick.
PUNTER:
WILL ALEXANDER, Richardson Berkner, Sr., 5-11, 209. 40.7 average.
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
KINNY SPOTWOOD, Abilene Cooper.
SECOND TEAM OFFENSE:
LINEBACKERS:
STEPHEN BOTTIS, Grapevine, Sr., 6-3, 260.
CASEY GRAVES, Burleson, Sr., 6-2, 245.
JOSH MORRIS, Midland, Sr., 6-4, 270.
J.B. PHILLIPS, Colleyville Heritage, Sr., 6-4, 255.
ADAM ULATOSKI, Southlake Carroll, Jr., 6-5, 275.
ENDS/RECEIVERS:

- ANDREW HANSEN, Southlake Carroll, Sr., 5-10, 170.
KYLE INGRAM, San Antonio Clark, Sr., 6-9, 230.
QUARTERBACK:
DREW TATE, Baytown Lee, Sr., 6-1, 175.
RUNNING BACKS:
ERIK HARDEMAN, Pflugerville, Sr., 6-0, 210.
DANIEL JOLLY, San Antonio Marshall, Sr., 6-0, 220.
MICHAEL WHITE, Arvin, Sr., 5-10, 210.
GARRETT HARTLEY, Southlake Carroll, Jr., 5-10, 180.
SECOND TEAM DEFENSE:
LINEBACKERS:
PAUL FLORES, El Paso Montwood, Sr., 5-10, 190.
EMMANUEL GARZA, McAllen Memorial, Sr., 6-1, 220.
SETH MILLS, North Mesquite, Sr., 5-11, 223.
JUSTIN WARREN, Tyler Lee, Sr., 6-4, 220.
LINEBACKERS:
JASON BENITEZ, Victoria Memorial, Sr., 5-11, 190.
NICK MOORE, Arlington, Sr., 6-2, 225.
JAMES STEPHEN, Longview, Sr., 5-9, 200.
BACKS:
HERB CITY, Midland, Sr., 6-1, 200.
CHASE HARGIS, Southlake Carroll, Sr., 5-10, 165.
JOHN ERIC MARTINEZ, McAllen Rowe, Sr., 5-9, 175.
CHRIS MOJICA, San Antonio Lee, Sr., 5-8, 185.
PUNTER:
TRISTAN BLAGG, Garland, Sr., 6-5, 180.
HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE:
LINEBACKERS:
Marcus Burdige, San Marcos; Mitch Enright, Southlake Carroll; Brandon Flannery, Converse Judson; Justin Gambo, Lubbock Monterey; Oscar Garcia, Westlaco; Justin Harris, Duncanville; Garrett Mason, McAllen; David Reed, Baytown Lee; Tre Seiler, Pearland; Raymond Serres, Humble; Tres Watson, Midland.
ENDS/RECEIVERS:
Alex Alvarado, San Antonio MacArthur; Danny Amendola, The Woodlands; Scott Chandler, Southlake Carroll; Raymond Cleveland, Baytown Lee; Lee Haughy, Spring; Tony Hills, Alief Elsik; Kyle Leyer, San Antonio O'Connor; Adrian Martinez, Brownsville; Pacer, Michael Reed, Baytown Lee; Tre Seiler, Southlake Carroll; Marvin Sorrell, Victoria Memorial; Doug Tatum, Corpus Christi Miller; Eric Waiz, Keller Fossil Ridge.
QUARTERBACK:
Ishart Bomar, Grand Prairie; Will Galusha, Abilene Cooper; Marcus Johnson, Abilene.
KICKER:
Oscar Arceo, Vincent Briggs.
RUNNING BACKS:
Chris Alexander, Humble; T.J. Barber, Midland; Cermase Barry, Cypress Falls; Derrick Brown, Klein Oak; Brandon Diles, Abilene Cooper; Michael Griffin, Austin Bowie; Jacob Gutierrez, San Antonio Madison; Taurance Rawls, Garland; Ramonce Taylor, Belton; Fred Turner, Arlington Lamar.
PUNTER:
Oscar Arceo, Victoria Memorial; Ryan Havens, Odessa Permian; Brock Johnston, Burleson; Reagan Schneider, Smithson Valley; Nathan Styles, Lubbock Monterey; Steven Torres, El Paso Eastwood; Mark Trevino, Abilene Cooper.
HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE:
LINEBACKERS:
Jeff Akeroyd, Lubbock Monterey; Yaniv Bamett, Schertz Clemens; Tim Crowder, Tyler John Tyler; Chris Cubbe, Smithson Valley; Altonzo Dotson, Alief Hastings; Kenneth Iwebera, Arlington Bowie; Jason Jack, Humble; Desmond Jones, Dallas Carter; Cason Shrode, Irving; Daniel Smith, San Antonio Madison; David Staffey, Lubbock Monterey.
LINEBACKERS:
Oscar Alvarez, Odessa; Ben Borunda, El Paso Socorro; Vincent Briggs, Lubbock Coronado; Rayford Busch, Alief Hastings; Josh Cavantes, El Paso Montwood; Lee Ellis, Lubbock Monterey; Tyler Flynn, Southlake Carroll; Josh Lancaster, Colleyville Heritage; Sidney Miller, Corpus Christi Miller; Demario Pleasant, Lewisville; Nick Serrano-Piche, Eagle Pass; Casey Zachry, Midland.
BACKS:
Chance Beasley, Humble; Cody Drew, Grapevine; C.J. Forest, Fort Bend Dulles; Lamar Morgan, Copperas Cove; Dillon Nealous, San Antonio Madison; Steve Richardson, Garland; Josh Skourup, San Marcos; Terrence Wheatley, Plano East; Zaire Wilborn, Houston Worthing; Zach Zachry, Arlington.
PUNTER:
Fuller Blanchette, Beaumont West Brook; Will Galusha, Abilene Cooper; Jamie McCollum, San Antonio MacArthur; Corey Stansell, Weatherford; Nathan Styles, Lubbock Monterey.



Members of the Crossroads Little Football League Division II Steers celebrated their 2002 season by traveling to see the Dallas Cowboys play the Philadelphia Eagles Saturday. The Steers won the CLFL Division II crown and placed third in the West Texas Area playoffs. Members of the team are Richard Grant, Chris Saucedo, Justin Hernandez, Davion Young, St. John Garcia, Zachary Booth, Anthony Terrazas, Angel Ramirez, Devin Buck, Donte Roberts, Aaron Neefe, Davonte Roberts, Stormy Emery, Cameron Emery, Cameron Carroll, James Fox, Austin Villamont, David Peterson, Luis Olivio and Sawyer Roberts. The team was coached by Bradley Garrison, St. John Garcia, Mike Wilson and D.C. Fulgham.

Steers pound out 55-49 win over Greenwood JV

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor
Erin Partee scored 12 points and Chase Burks added nine more Tuesday and led the Big Spring Steers junior varsity team to a 55-49 win over the Greenwood Rangers.
Sophomore Shamar Myles also helped power the Steer attack. He scored eight points in the contest.
With the victory, Big Spring snapped a 7-game losing streak and improved to 3-8 overall.
Greenwood managed to stay close in the early minutes. The Rangers matched Big Spring point-for-point in the first quarter and sent the game into the second tied at 11-11.
Burks and Brandon Boling broke the affair open from there. The two

combined for three 3-point bombs and sparked a 17-6 run in the stanza.
The Steers took a 28-17 lead into the half.
The Rangers roared back in the third. Powered by six points apiece from Andrew Zachary and Bob Roan, Greenwood outscored Big Spring by a 19-12 clip and went into the fourth quarter trailing by just four, at 40-36.
Five different BSJS players scored in the final period and helped the Steers claim the win. Brandon Gross and Myles led the Steers' 15-point fourth quarter outburst by scoring four points apiece.
Brandon Hughes finished the game as Big Spring's fourth-leading scorer, netting seven points. Watson tallied six, while Boling chalked up five.

Bufs survive SC's 3-point barrage

Tullie Louder scored 12 points and Luis Chapa added 10 more to help lead the Stanton Buffaloes to a 48-31 win over the Sterling City Eagles Tuesday night.
Sterling City knocked down seven 3-point shots in the non-district matchup, including six from Jake Sparks.
With the win, Stanton improved to 4-8 heading into the Iraan Invitational tournament that begins Dec. 27.

Coahoma JV runs past Grape Creek

The Coahoma Bulldogs JV improved to 7-0 Tuesday by downing Grape Creek, 50-37.
Tyler Fowler led all CHS scorers with 15 points. Darrick Shifflett added 12.

Lady Eagles fly by Bulldogettes

Grape Creek scored a 23-4 run in the second quarter and never looked back en route to a 68-38 win over the Coahoma Bulldogettes.
Rachel Gee and Miranda Hester led all CHS scorers with 12 points apiece.
With the loss, Coahoma fell to 2-7 for the year.

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Bandera edges Greenwood, 27-24 in 2OT

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Midland Greenwood Rangers' bid to earn their first state championship came to an end Saturday afternoon courtesy of the right foot of Bandera's Todd Jennings. Jennings booted a 37-yard field goal in the second overtime frame to give Bandera a wild 27-24 win.

The Rangers had an opportunity to take the lead on the opening drive of the second overtime period. Greenwood's attempt at kicking a 32-yard field goal sailed wide left. Bandera's offense didn't help its kicker much. The Bulldogs managed to gain just three yards on their first three plays, forcing Jennings to kick from the 22-yard line.

Both teams scored touchdowns in the first overtime, tying the game at 24-24. With the loss, the No. 8-ranked Rangers finished the season at 15-1. Bandera finished at 13-3. Bandera opened the game with a bang. They drove 80 yards on their first possession to go up 7-0. Greenwood came right back. Running back

Jeremy Audis reeled off a 66-yard run on the Rangers' first play. Bandera capped another 80-yard drive early in the second on a short touchdown run. Greenwood tied the game on a short run by Cody Hollums with 4:53 left in the second quarter. Bandera grabbed a 17-14 lead just before the half. Greenwood tied the game late in the fourth.

Catalanotto becomes free agent when Rangers don't offer deal

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers decided Friday to keep Danny Kolb on their pitching staff and Todd Greene at catcher, but opted to do without the versatility of Frank Catalanotto. Catalanotto was not offered a contract for 2003, making him a free agent. Also freed were pitchers Jovanny Cedeño and Denny Reyes.

Catalanotto was acquired from Detroit in the 1999 blockbuster trade involving Juan Gonzalez. He established himself in 2001 by batting .330 in 138 games, mostly as a leadoff hitter. Injuries limited him to 68 games last season and his average dropped to .269 with three homers and 23 RBIs. Texas signing Doug Glavine on Thursday.

STEERS

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Greenwood lead to 12-11 with 3:27 left in the first quarter.

Cobb looked to give the Steers their first lead of the night less than 30 seconds later off a fast break. After Greenwood's Ky Smith had missed a 12-footer, Wes Smith grabbed the rebound and made a quick pass downcourt to Cobb, who went up for a layup.

The basket — and Steer lead — was waved off, however. Cobb was called for an offensive charge on the play.

The Rangers rode that call to a slim 20-19 advantage heading into the second.

Smith, who poured in a game-high 22 points, gave Big Spring its first lead just 41 seconds into the ensuing frame by putting back an offensive rebound. His second basket of the night gave Big Spring a 22-20 cushion.

Russell stretched the BSHS lead to five, at 31-26 late in the second when he knocked down a 3 from the corner.

The Rangers rallied back, however. They pumped in four unanswered points in the final 1:21 of the half to pull to within 31-30 at the half.

Big Spring went to sleep in the third. Greenwood outscored the BSHS squad by a 23-5 clip in the first eight minutes of the half and streaked to a 53-36 lead.

Big Spring, which has now dropped seven straight games, found its game again in the fourth. The Steers outpointed Greenwood by a 20-7 margin in the first seven minutes. Cobb highlighted run with a 14-footer that trimmed the Rangers' lead to 60-56 with 58 seconds left.

The Rangers managed to preserve the win with a solid performance from the free-throw line in the final minute. Greenwood hit five of its six attempts from the charity stripe down the stretch.

Cobb, who fouled off of the affair with 6 seconds left, finished the game as one of three BSHS starters to reach double figures offensively. He tallied 16 points.

Russell also netted a double-digit night, finishing with 11.

Shane McNeeley led all GHS scorers with 18.

Big Spring, which has played 9 of its last 10 games on the road, will return to play on Dec. 26 when they tip off action in the Lamesa Invitational Basketball Tournament. The team's next home game is scheduled for Jan. 3 against Abilene Wylie.

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eight apiece. Kelby Kemper and Clint Walker also added to the CHS win. They finished with six and five points, respectively.

With the win, the Bulldogs improved its season record to 7-4 heading into the Reagan Co. Invitational Basketball Tournament. Coahoma opens the 3-day event on Dec. 26 with an 11 a.m.

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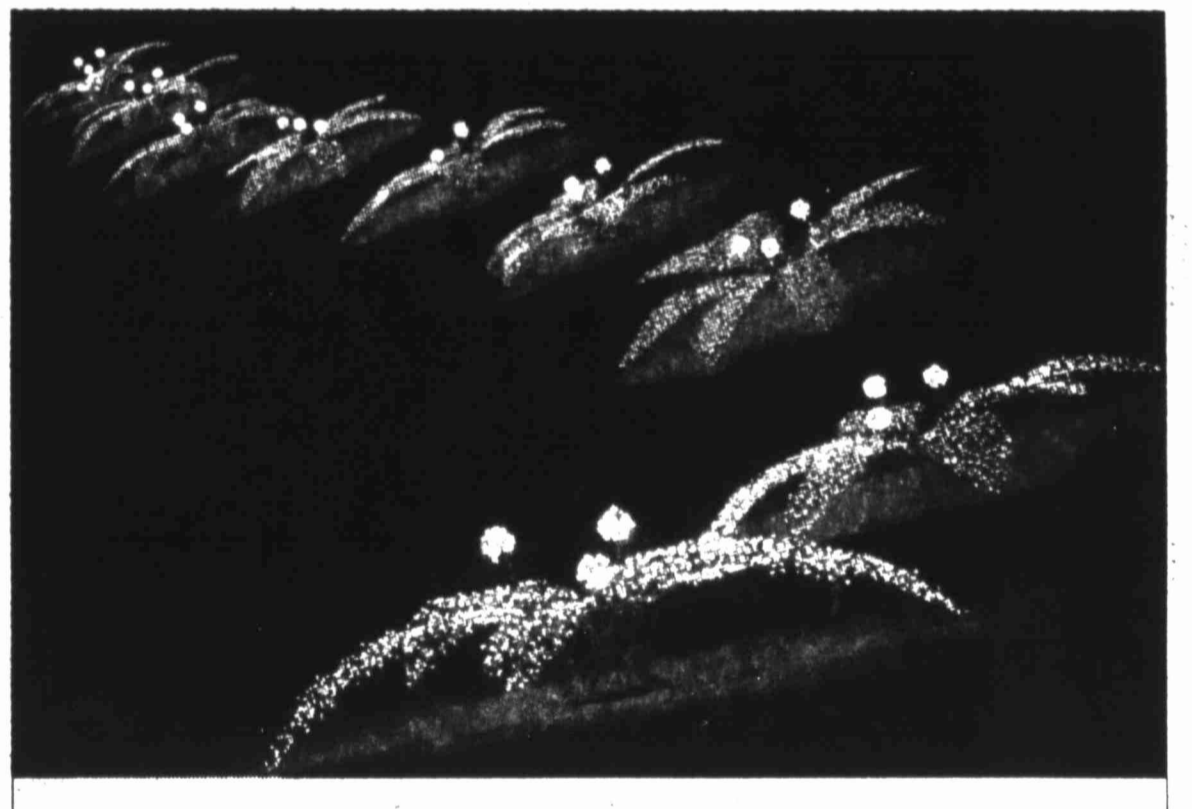
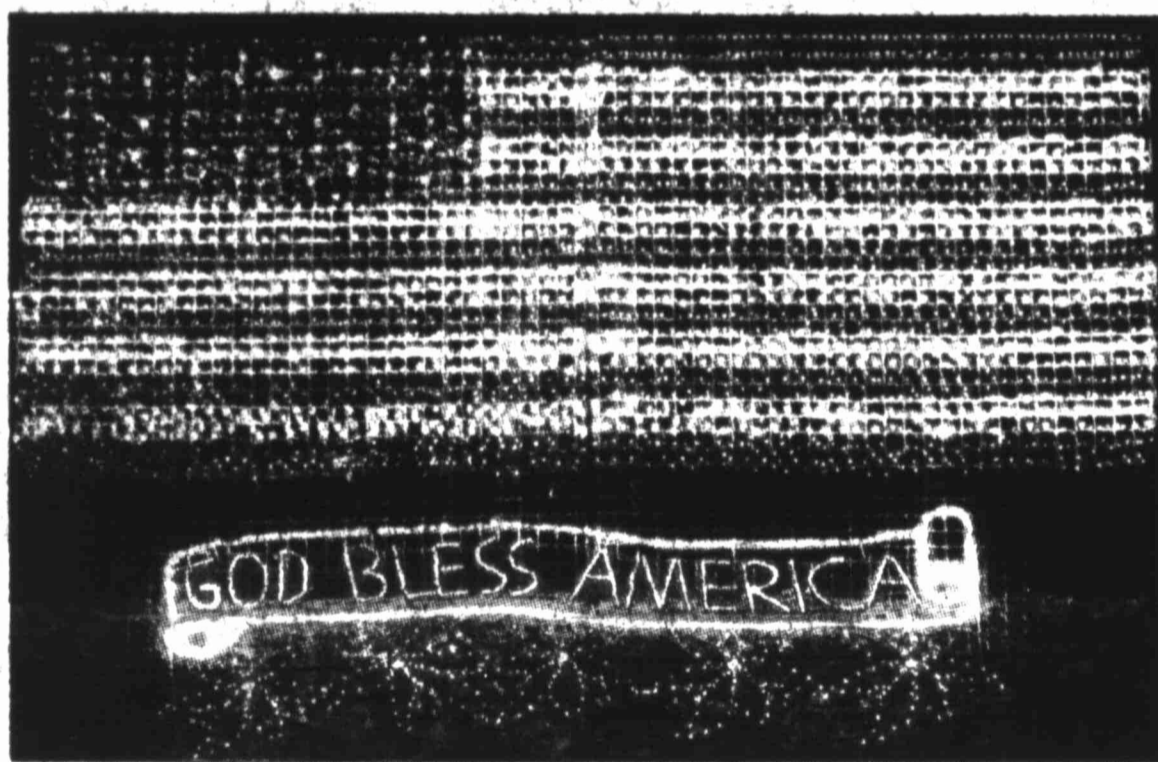
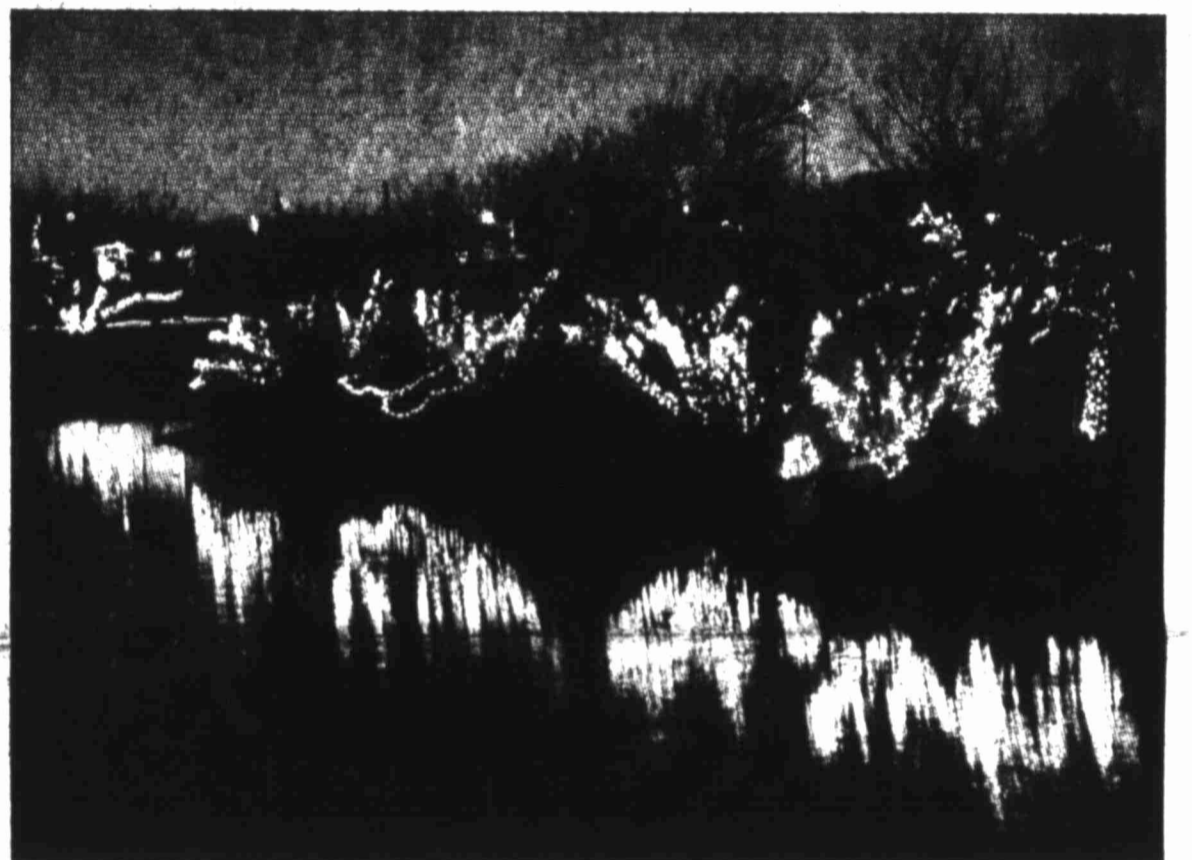
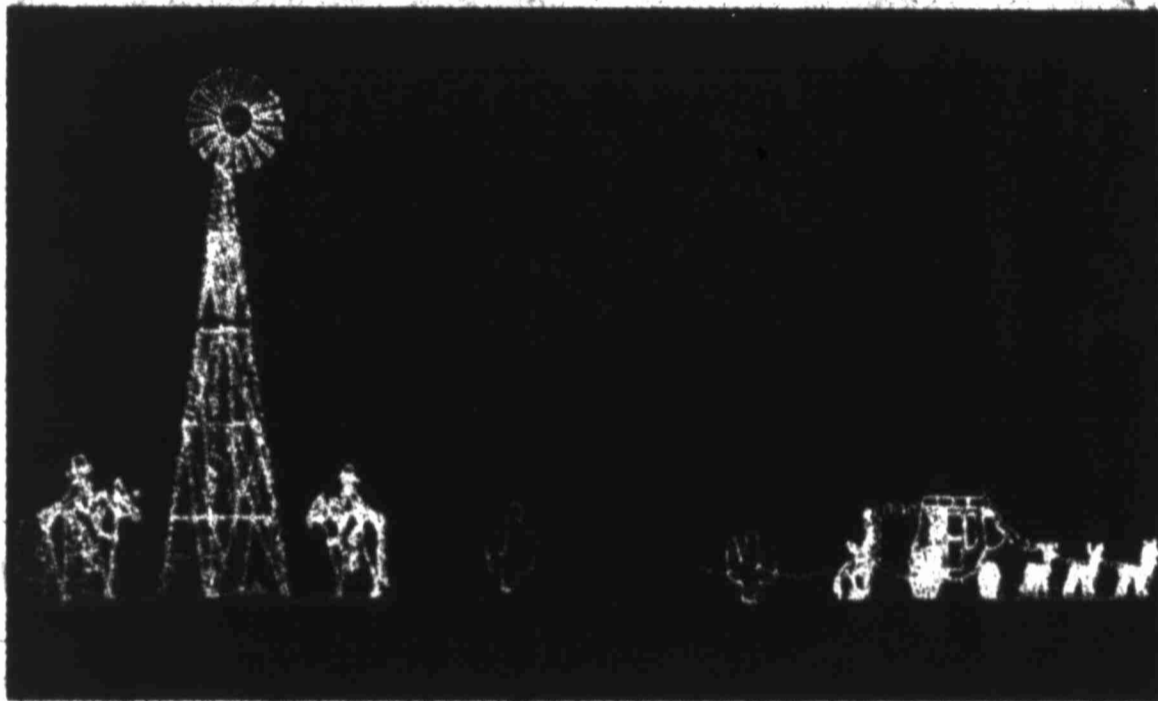
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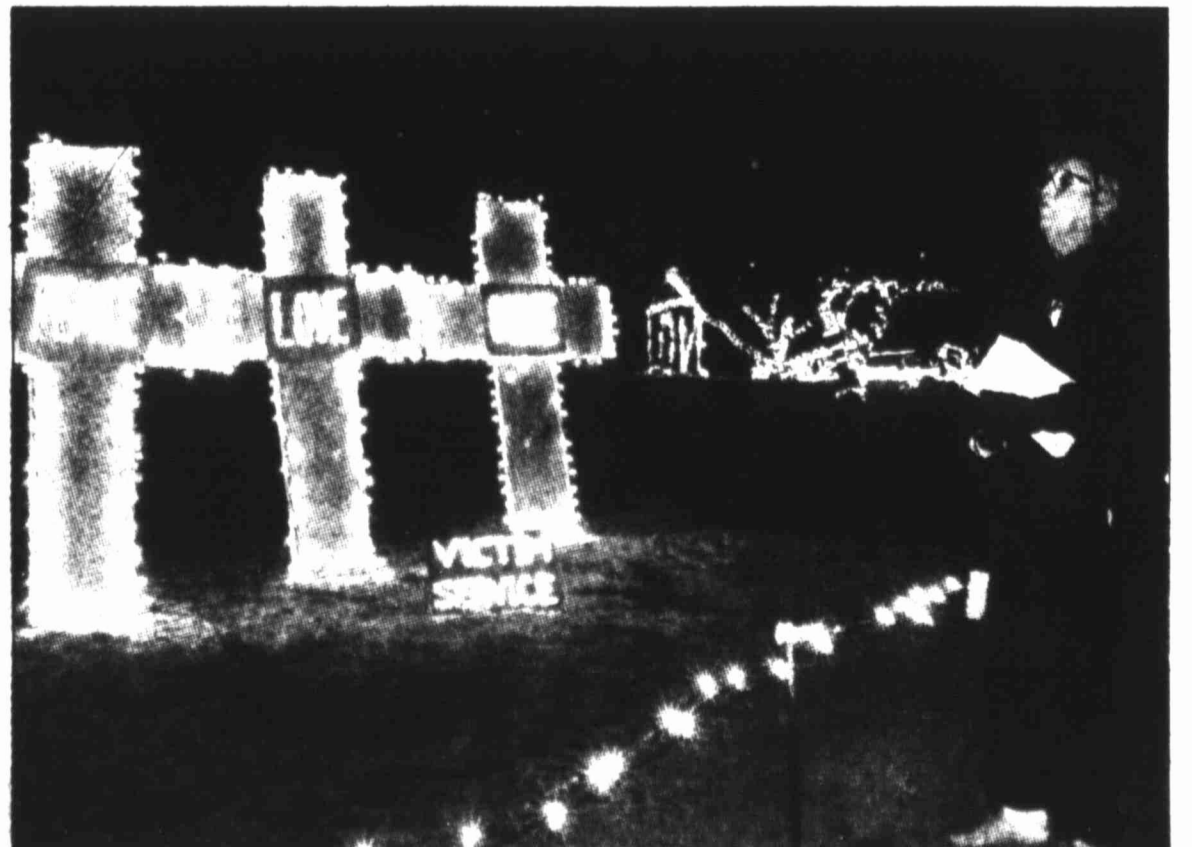
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Members of the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights Committee and inmates at the Big Spring Wilderness Camp have been working for months stringing lights on displays for the annual festival. This year's show includes 20 giant poinsettias, an expanded historical diorama and several new displays. Clockwise from top: Members of Big Spring High School's Interact Club, a Rotary Club extension, roamed the park Thursday looking for burned-out lights. Shown; Alex Watkins, left, Ashley Hodge, Nancy Mejia, Monica Solis, John Solis and group President Corey Green; Lights from the festival reflect in Comanche

Trail Lake, creating a magical glow; 11 poinsettias line the dam along U.S. 87 this year. Other poinsettias are scattered through the park; Event organizer Pat Simmons stands near the display honoring Victim Services of Big Spring; Six poinsettias actually reflect in the clear water of the historic spring itself; About 3,000 lights show off Big Spring's patriotism in this new blazing rendition of Old Glory; The historical diorama includes representations of buffalo and Native Americans, Air Force jets and a wind turbine as well as these cowpokes, windmill and stagecoach.

Pictures by Bruce Schooler - Merry Christmas!



WEDDING



Herrley-Smith

Kara Rebecca Herrley of Snyder and Justin Daniel Smith of Big Spring exchanged vows on Sept. 21 in the home of Jack Greene, grandfather of the bride. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, officiated.

Keith and Karen Herrley of Snyder are parents of the bride. Her grandparents are Jack Green, Bobby Green and Dillard Herrley, all of Snyder. The groom's parents are Don and Sandy Smith of Big Spring. His grandparents are Ron and Doris Booth and Lavelle Armstrong of Big Spring and Don and Jeri Smith of Kerrville.

Violinist Valerie Greene, aunt of the bride, and Judy Brown, accompanist on keyboard, played music for the ceremony.

The maids of honor were Whitney Graham of Denton and Lindsey Ornelas of Snyder. Bridesmaids were Leslie English of Snyder, Natalie Alexander of Dallas, and Claire Cotton of Austin.

The flower girl was Chloee James, cousin of

the bride.

The bride wore a strapless white satin dress adorned with cut lace and pearls. She was escorted down the aisle by her father.

The reception was held under a tent immediately following the ceremony.

The bride's cake was a tiered, cascading cake decorated with fresh flowers of matching roses, fern, caspia, plumosa, pink waxed flower, stargazer and baby's breath.

The groom's cake was a three-layered red velvet cake topped with strawberries dipped in white chocolate.

The couple flew to Cozumel for their honeymoon and they have made their home in Snyder. The bride is a Pizza Inn employee. She is a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School. She is involved in managing and marketing and has worked in the family business for five years.

The groom, a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School, is employed in the off-shore oil industry.

ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Broughton

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Broughton request the company of friends and family for the joyous celebration their parent's 50th Wedding Anniversary. The celebration will be held on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, from 2-4 p.m. at Midway Baptist Church. The couple will renew their vows at 3 p.m.

Harold Broughton and Juanez Rogers were married on Dec. 28, 1952, in her parent's home in Fairview. Shortly after

their marriage, Harold served in the Army. The couple lived in Gaines County and Austin before making their home in Coahoma. Harold was employed by Cosden Refinery for 30 years. Juanez is a homemaker. Her hobbies include cooking, handcrafts, and reading.

Harold and Juanez both enjoy hunting, fishing, and church activities. They, especially enjoy spending time with the grandchildren. Harold is



a member of the Masonic Order. They are both active members of the Midway Baptist Church. They have three children, Jack Broughton of

Coahoma, Lori Johnson of Roswell and Bruce Broughton of Coahoma. They have been blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

STORKS

Sebastian Daniel Stokes, boy, born Nov. 27, 2002, at 10:18 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. Parent is Danielle Stokes. Grandparents are Danny and Melody Stokes.

long. Parent is Alyssa Lopez. Grandparents are Adolfo S. and Patricia Lopez.

Joshua Matthew Salazar, boy, born Dec.

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Jaiken Anaunti' Smith, girl, born, Dec. 1, 2002, at 5:09 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 10.9 ounces was 19 1/4 inches long. Parents are Linda Foster and Jason Smith. Grandparents are MaryAnn Foster and Albert and Fern Smith.

Angelica Deanna Lopez, girl, born Dec. 10, 2002, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 23 inches

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WEDDING



Weeks-Walker

Lacy Dawn Weeks and Robb Stuart Walker, both of San Angelo, exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 2, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Abilene with David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stanton, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and Sharon Weeks of Hudson Oaks and the granddaughter of Bill and Joyce Comeaux of Merkel and George and Margie Weeks of Putnam. The groom is the son of Ryan and Pam Walker of Stanton and the grandson of Ray Walker and Jo Ann Turner of Garden City.

Maid of honor was Ariane Hollub of Austin. Bridesmaids were Amy Loflin, sister of the bride, of Midland; Tracy Bailey, sister of the bride, of Brownwood; and Becky Walker, sister of the groom, of San Angelo. Flower girl was Alyssa Harrison of Clyde. Ring bearer was Bubba Bailey, nephew of the bride, of Brownwood. Best man was Adam

Batson of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Jesse Cortez of San Angelo, James Guadarrama of San Angelo and Aaron Barr of College Station.

Candle lighters were Ashton Bailey, niece of the bride, of Brownwood and Katy Harrison of Clyde.

A reception was held at the Aldersgate UMC Fellowship Hall.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Wylie High School and a December 2001 graduate of Texas Woman's University. She is employed by Early Childhood Intervention-Education Service Center, Region XV, San Angelo.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 2000 graduate of Odessa College. He is employed by West Texas Rehabilitation Center, San Angelo.

Following a wedding trip to the Mayan Riviera, Mexico, the couple have made their home in San Angelo.

Cody McCutchen and Justin Burks, 2002 Crane High School graduates, graduated from Navy Basic Training on Friday, Sept. 6, at the R.T.C. in Great Lakes, Ill.

Justin graduated as an E-3 and Cody as an E-2. The brothers enlisted in the Buddy Program, so they could stay together.

They flew out on Friday, Sept. 13, to Pensicola, Fla., for their A School — Naval Aviation Technical Training Command.

The class was separated into two classes. Justin was No. 1 and Cody was No. 2 in their class. Their grades were based on written tests over basic

mechanics of aircraft and performances on sheet metal and trainer planes. They had to build a little wing out of sheet metal and they had to troubleshoot on the trainers.

Since Cody and Justin were first and second in their class; they were chosen to receive mandatory advancement to E-4, which would be a bump up two pay grades.

All paperwork is given to their commander and he decides if they deserved the increase.

Cody's next command is Oceana, Va., and Justin's is Key West, Fla.

Justin and Cody are the sons of Guinn and Brenda Burks and Justin is the

son of Jincy Burks, all of Crane.

Army Spec. Jeremy D. Clanton has deployed to Southwest Asia assigned to the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility to support Operation Southern Watch.

Operation Southern Watch conducts numerous coalition flying missions to ensure Iraq's compliance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions.

The forces assist in monitoring the no-fly and no-drive zones in Iraq to prohibit Iraqi military flights and ground troop movements. The specialist is a network switchboard system operator regularly assigned to Task Force Iron Horse at Ft. Bliss in El Paso.

His wife, Summer, and two children will reside in Stanton, with her mother, Peggy Smith,

until his return.

He is the son of Jimmy Don Clanton of Big Spring and Phyllis Franks of Stanton. Grandparents are Helen Glaspie of Midland, Wilma Walker of Big Spring and J. Clifton Clanton Jr. of Snyder.

Richard Blake Wright of Big Spring graduated from Texas A&M

University in May 2002 and reported to Naval Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. in August. Wright was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy on Nov. 22, 2002. He will commence training as a Naval Flight Officer in Pensacola.

He is the son of Richard and Clarinda Wright of Big Spring.

ENGAGEMENT



Sosa-Fernandez

Diane O. Sosa and Joey Watts Fernandez of Dallas will exchange wedding vows in June 2003 at First United Methodist Church with Manuel Nabarette officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sosa Jr. and the grand-

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Ortega and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sosa Sr.

He is the son of Sonny Watts and Helen Fernandez and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Joseph Watts and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Lopez.

STORKS

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12, 2002, at 2:47 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. Parent is Susan Salazar. Grandparents are Pete and Cathy Salazar.

Kymbry Nicole Ford, girl, born Nov. 27, 2002, at 12:26 a.m. weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Priscilla Cortez and Rayone Ford. Grandparents are Rosemary Cortez, Lee Cortez Jr. of Lamesa, Raymond Ford of San Angelo and Charlotte Campbell of Dallas.

Jordan Michael Wayne Bailey, boy, born Nov. 20, 2002, at 6:17 a.m., weighing 8 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces and was 22 1/2 inches long. Parent is Tressa Bailey. Grandparents are Dale and Barbara Carey and Donny and Joann Bailey.

Alyssa Renee Soto, girl, born Nov. 21, 2002, at 11:33 p.m. weighing 5 pounds 6 1/2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Parents are Gabriel and Delilah Soto. Grandparents are Maria Elva and Jose Luis Salazar and Gabriel Soto Sr., all of Del Rio.

Joshua Allen Sandoval, boy, born Dec. 13, 2002, at 7:28 p.m. weighing 8 pounds 12 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 long. Parents are Adrian and Virginia Sandoval. Grandparents are Patsy Vasquez and Margarito and Eustolia Sandoval of Jalisco, Mexico.

Ely Dylan Matthies,

boy, born Nov. 19, 2002, at 2:25 p.m., weighing seven pounds, one ounce and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Jimmy and Misty Matthies. Grandparents are Kenneth and Donna Franklin and Allan and Pam Matthies of Mesquite.

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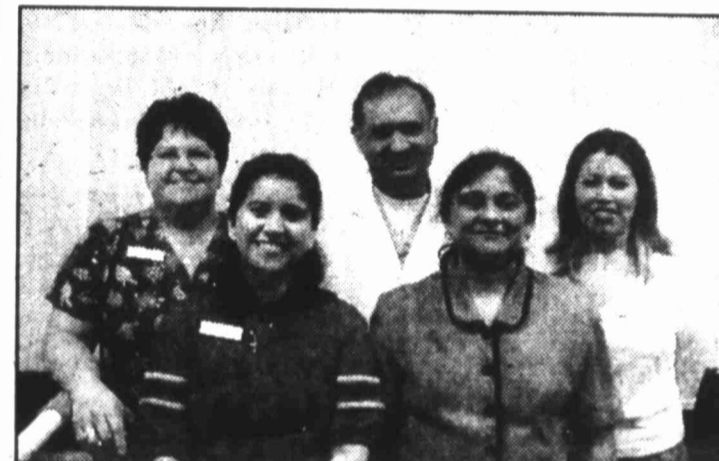
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Extending a helping hand

Home Hospice spreads some good cheer

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Home Hospice's Big Spring office got to spread a little Christmas cheer last week by distributing donations to five area charitable agencies and a county volunteer emergency service entity.

"These guys (the owners) just really believe in a small town, family-oriented company," said Debbie Read, patient care coordinator for the Big Spring Home Hospice office.

Owners Skip Hedgpeth, Grayson Hankins, Debra Bridges and Hilton Chancellor gave the go-ahead to allocate \$2,500 in donations to the Big Spring community.

The Big Spring staff of Home Hospice decided to donate the money to the Salvation Army Angel Tree project, Child Protective Services Giving Tree, the Big Spring Humane Society, the Boys Club, Mobile Meals and the Howard County VFD.

"With this time of year, we knew we wanted to help the Salvation Army's



Debbie Read, middle, patient coordinator for Home Hospice, poses with representatives of six area agencies which are the recipients of donations from the Big Spring business. Also pictured from left are, front, Susi Garza of the Howard County Humane Society, Kathy Kremsky of Mobile Meals, Capt. Russ Kenney of the Salvation Army, and back, Tony Gonzales of the Boys Club, Justin Ternigan and Terry Rumpff, both of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, and Lori Conerly of Child Protective Services.

Angel Tree and CPS's Giving Tree," said Read. "One of our patients was a volunteer with the Humane Society and we wanted to do this as a sort of memorial to her," Read said.

"We have had to call the Howard County Volunteer Department from time to time to assist with a patient so we wanted to give back to them," she continued. "We thought of the Boys Club

because they primary help keep kids out of trouble and Mobile Meals has served many of our patients."

Donations were allocated to meet with him to discuss what appears to be a

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State Farm

Texas' largest insurer raising rates for auto, home policies

AUSTIN (AP) — State Farm Insurance Co., the state's largest insurer, is raising rates for its automobile and homeowners policies, a move that will affect 3.1 million drivers and 1.6 million homeowners.

Auto rates will increase by an average of 9.2 percent statewide, while homeowners insurance rates will increase by an average 5.2 percent, the company said.

State Farm spokesman Keith Androff said the auto insurance increases come because of an increase in costs of weather-related and other types of claims. Homeowners insurance rates are going up in part because the cost to replace and repair property is increasing, Androff said.

The company is not required to get state permission to increase its rates, but Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor has asked company executives to meet with him to discuss what appears to be a

very excessive increase," department spokesman Robert Black said.

The department in March approved allowing State Farm to offer an all-risk policy that lets customers tailor their coverage. Customers have to pay extra for some types of the coverage, such as foundation repair.

"Our intention in approving this national form was to provide consumers with greater choice with less expense. By increasing rates, State Farm is running contrary to our intent," Black said.

The increase is set to take effect Jan. 15, a day after lawmakers meet in Austin for the start of the legislative session.

Insurance reform is expected to be a top issue. Several lawmakers already have called for changes to the way insurance is regulated and priced.

Some consumers have seen their homeowners insurance rates increase

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Big Spring State Hospital honors host of employees

Special to the Herald

Six Big Spring State Hospital employees were honored as the facility's top employees during Friday's 33rd annual awards ceremony.

Elizabeth Gent, Quality Oversight Department secretary; Herschell Lewis, Male Acute Psychiatric Services direct care worker; Robin Nelles, Youth Services direct care worker; Orlando Tercero, Plant Management groundskeeper; Lela Thompson, Operations and Marketing secretary; and Kathy Yarbrough, Activities Therapy Department therapist were recognized with commendation awards.

A seven-member committee of past commenda-

tion award winners selected the top workers from the hospital's nearly 700 employees.

The ceremony was dedicated to Assistant CEO W.C. Earnst for his dedicated service to the hospital for the past 15 years. Earnst is respected at the state level for his honest, straightforward approach to daily hospital businesses, said Ed Moughon, CEO.

The Friend of the Hospital Award — given to individuals, businesses or organizations which have made significant contributions to benefit patients — was awarded to volunteer Karen Brewer, Howard College and ALON USA Refinery. Brewer has been instru-

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At left, Big Spring State Hospital commendation award winners include Elizabeth Gent, Quality Oversight Department; Lela Thompson, Operations and Marketing; Orlando Tercero, Plant Management; Kathy Yarbrough, Activities Therapy Department; and Robin Nelles, Youth Services. The awards were presented Friday during an awards ceremony. Above, CEO Ed Moughon congratulates Herschell Lewis, Male Acute Psychiatric Services.

IN THE NEWS

Judge Kathryn Wiseman was certified at the 20-hour justice of the peace orientation seminar Dec. 10-13 in Austin. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State University. The seminar is the first of three held for newly elected justices of the peace so they can fulfill their continuing judicial education requirements of obtaining 80 hours of training within one year of taking office.



WISEMAN

Home for the Holidays winners Brenda Mault, The Harley Davidson Shop; Lucio Vasquez, (\$400 gift certificate), Hillside Properties; Vickey Bloodworth, The Master's Touch; Tina Earls, Culligan; Patsy Wilkerson, Harris Lumber; Beth Roman

(\$25 gift certificate) Gale's Sweet Shoppe; Ron Stephens (chainsaw), Higginbotham Bartlett; Carmen Rodriguez, (washing machine), Sears; Loyce Phillips (gift basket), Merle Norman; Patricia Morales (picture), Suggs Hallmark; Jamie Hoover (pearl earrings), Blum's Jewelers; Gary Cole, Teal Carpets; Teresqa Porras, Cellular One; Delinda Reid, Halfmann's Creations; Martha Beene, Warren Chiropractic; Rubio Ramirez, C-G Western Wear; Vicki Hector, Vision Makers; Perry Hall (dinner for 2), Red Mesa Grill; Shelley Parker, A Timeless Design; Vanessa Billalba, Dakota's Flowers; Cindy Martin, Ward's Western Wear; Rosalinda Lopez, Kisiah Imports; and Jana Terry, Parks Convenience Store.

Winners receive Chamber Bucks from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Crop year 2002 almost over

Crop year 2002 is almost over and a substantial percentage of crops in Howard County have been harvested and marketed. There have been reports of some drip irrigated cotton yielding as much as 3 bales per acre while dryland cotton yields are reported to be ranging from 1 1/2 bales per acre to 1/4th bale per acre. There are a large number of cotton acres yet to be harvested in the Knott and Vincent communities.



RICK LILES

Howard County producers planted approximately 128,000 acres of cotton this year and apparently will carry about 75,000 acres to harvest. Some 53,000 acres of cotton were lost early due to drought.

Some producers who lost their cotton planted subsequent, or secondary crops such as grain sorghum, black-eyed peas, hay grazer, and guar.

There were approximately 15,000 acres of grain sorghum reported planted in Howard

County with some 13,000 acres expected to be harvested. There has been one report of a 3,000-pound per-acre grain sorghum yield. Some estimate much of the grain sorghum in Howard County will yield around 1,500 pounds per acre.

There were more than 11,000 acres of hay grazer planted in Howard County this year. Some of the acres were planted for livestock to graze while the bulk of the acres were planted to bale for livestock feed.

Depending on when crop was planted and geographic location of the farm, hay grazer yields were poor to good. Producers hope for production of 2 tons per acre. Many Howard County producers experienced yields of near 1/2 ton per acre, however.

Guar is a relatively new crop to Howard County. There were several hundred acres of guar planted in the county in 2000. Due to extreme drought, guar was not a very high yielding crop that year. Year 2002, there were 3,700 acres of guar planted. There have been guar production reports ranging from 600 to 1,200 pounds per acre. Based on my limited knowledge of the

crop, these yields sound fairly high.

More than 300,000 acres of Howard County is devoted to native grass and used for grazing of livestock. Drought in early spring 2000 had catastrophic effect on our grasslands. These acres were already decimated from prior years of droughts. Through much of the summer there was little or no grass production and not much improvement during late summer/early fall.

Recent rainfall has really not helped the grass because of cool temperatures. Estimates are that in year 2002 native grass in Howard County experienced a 90 percent production loss. Recent rainfall has benefited grazing conditions by stimulating growth of winter weeds and winter rye, both of which can help sustain livestock. We hope for some timely rains in the spring to help grow grass and start off a good row crop year.

Rick Liles is executive director of the Howard County Farm Service Agency.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Hot Checks/Warrants issued:
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Bosley, Bryan D., 103 Collins Road, Sand Springs
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Curfman, Charles N., 3307 E. 11th Street
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Fryar, Cynde, 2517 Hunter, Big Spring
Gamboa, Steven Valencia, 1809 Johnson, Big Spring
Garrett, Kay L., P.O. Box 807, Coahoma
Gray, Kimberly, 1905 Wasson Road, No. 37, Big Spring
Hanke, Earl Perry, 704 Borden, Big Spring
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McDonald, Roger L., No. 1 Courtney Place No. 404, Big Spring
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Rodriguez, Consuelo, P.O. Box 40, Coahoma
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Thigpen, Gary D., 105 W. Eighth St., Apt. C, Big Spring
Thomas, Wendy, 504 E. 16th St., Big Spring
Trevino, Alicia A., 1609 Harding, Big Spring
Triche, Russell, 4307 Wendover, Odessa
Walker, Dennis Sylvester, 603 S. Adams, Midland
White, Billy Bob, 3610 Dixon, Big Spring
Willhite, Jerry W. Jr., P.O. Box 387, Fort Bliss
Yardley, Jennifer, 3305 Cornell, Big Spring

Warranty Deed:
Grantor: Sue Ann Born
Grantee: Revocable Living Trust of Edward Eugene Jones and Dorothy R. Derr Jones
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 5-A, Central Park Addition
Date filed: Dec. 3, 2002
Grantor: Sue Larrimore
Grantee: Carl Condray
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 1, Abernathy Addition
Date filed: Dec. 5, 2002
Grantor: Sonja Patterson and Phillip Patterson
Grantee: Carl Condray
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 1, Abernathy Addition
Date filed: Dec. 5, 2002
Grantor: Sherri Wisener and Charles Wisener
Grantee: Carl Condray
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 1, Abernathy Addition
Date filed: Dec. 5, 2002
Grantor: Bonnie Burris and Darrel Burris
Grantee: Carl Condray
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 1, Abernathy Addition
Date filed: Dec. 5, 2002
Grantor: Mary McCullough, Claude H. Arrick Jr., Jerry R. Arrick and John R. Arrick, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Jewell Arrick, deceased
Grantee: Carl Condray
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 1, Abernathy Addition
Date filed: Dec. 5, 2002

Grantor: Billy Massingill
Grantee: Jack L. Newburn
Property: Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Blk. 9, South Haven Addition
Date filed: Dec. 6, 2002
Grantor: Lana Salter
Grantee: Lana L. Salter and David E. Salter, trustees or their successors under the Lana L. Salter Living Trust
Property: Tract 1: 80 acres in SW/4 of Sec. 48, Blk. A, Bauer and Cockrell survey, Martin County. Tract 2: 159.725 acres in the SW/4 of Sec. 51, Blk. A, Bauer and Cockrell survey, Martin County. Tract 3: 326.229 acres in Sec. 42, Blk. A, Bauer and Cockrell survey, Martin County. Tract 4: 166.45 acres in NE/4 of Blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey.
Date filed: Dec. 6, 2002
Grantor: David Taylor and Barbara Taylor
Grantee: Clayton W. Durbin and Salina M. Durbin
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 4, Sunset Place Addition
Date filed: Dec. 6, 2002
Grantor: Winfred R. Campbell and Ann K. Campbell
Grantee: Bobby Doe
Property: Lots 3 and 4, Blk. 3, Subdivision D, Fairview Heights Addition
Date filed: Dec. 10, 2002
Grantor: Ricardo Beltran and Lisa Beltran
Grantee: Velma P. Trimble
Property: Lot 33, Blk. 3, Belvue Addition
Date filed: Dec. 10, 2002
Grantor: Devon SFS Operating Inc. and Devon Energy Production Co. L.P.
Grantee: LCS Production Co. Inc. - 1 percent and S&E Holdings L.P. - 99 percent
Property: Lots 19 and 20, Tract 2B, Foster Subdivision
Date filed: Dec. 11, 2002
Grantor: LCS Production Co. Inc.
Grantee: S&E Holdings L.P.
Property: Lots 19 and 20, Tract 2B, Foster Subdivision
Date filed: Dec. 11, 2002
Grantor: S&E Holdings L.P.
Grantee: SPA Production Signal Peak, L.P.
Property: Lots 19 and 20, Tract 2B, Foster Subdivision
Date filed: Dec. 11, 2002
Grantor: Kevin Pirkle and Jessica Pirkle
Grantee: A.J. Pirkle and Debbie Pirkle
Property: Lot 10, Blk. 37, Original Town of Big Spring
Date filed: Dec. 12, 2002
Grantor: Terry and Rebecca Stiller
Grantee: Cendant Mobility Government Financial Services
Property: Lot 4, Blk. 3, Clawson Subdivision, Coahoma
Date filed: Dec. 12, 2002
Grantor: Inez H. Owen
Grantee: Jimmy Lynn Harvell and Fay Harvell
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Denton Subdivision
Date filed: Dec. 13, 2002
Grantor: Gloria V. Gonzales
Grantee: Swartz and Brough, Inc.
Property: Lot 6, Blk. B, Earle

Addition
Date filed: Dec. 13, 2002
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Grantor: Josephine Lanspery
Grantee: Juan Cervantes and Martha Cervantes
Property: Lot 39, Blk. 8, Suburban Heights Addition
Date filed: Dec. 3, 2002
Grantor: Max Moore d/b/a Moore Properties
Grantee: Elias Gamboa Jr. and Donna Gamboa
Property: The E/53.5 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 13, Original Town of Big Spring
Date filed: Dec. 4, 2002
Grantor: Joe H. Ratliff
Grantee: Billy M. Logsdon and Virginia A. Logsdon
Property: E/80 feet of the W/160 feet of Lot 6, Blk. 2, Lockhart Addition
Date filed: Dec. 5, 2002
Grantor: Addie Peterson
Grantee: Mary Mitchell

Property: A 0.363 acre tract in S/2 of Sec. 26, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Dec. 9, 2002
Grantor: Addie Peterson
Grantee: Bobby Ray Newton
Property: Tract 1: 0.366 acres in S/2 of Sec. 26, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey. Tract 2: 0.869 acres in south part of a 1.52 acre tract in the S/2 of Sec. 26, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Dec. 9, 2002
Grantor: Addie Peterson
Grantee: David Burciaga and Angelica Burciaga
Property: A 0.327 acre tract in S/2 of Sec. 26, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Dec. 9, 2002
Grantor: Michael L. Seal
Grantee: Jeffrey D. Price and Tamara J. Price
Property: A 2.57 acre tract in the west part of Sec. 48, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Dec. 10, 2002

Grantor: Michael L. Seal
Grantee: Hipolito Morin Jr. and Monica Morin
Property: E/2 of a 1.0 acre tract in SE/4 of Sec. 14, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Dec. 10, 2002
Grantor: Melvin Gregg Ryan
Grantee: Dan Lusk and Kathy Lusk
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 5, North Bellview Addition
Date filed: Dec. 10, 2002
Grantor: Bobby Joseph McCracken, individually and as trustee of the Bobby Joseph McCracken Trust
Grantee: Paul Cline and D'Andra Cline
Property: Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block and Earles Addition
Date filed: Dec. 12, 2002
Grantor: Patricia Wright
Grantee: Roxanne Ybarra
Property: S/50 feet of SE/4 of Blk. 20, College Heights Addition
Date filed: Dec. 12, 2002

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Red Mesa Grill - Perry Hall
A Timeless Design - Shelley Parker
Dakota's Flowers - Vanessa Billalba
Ward's Western Wear - Cindy Martin
Kisiah Imports - Rosalinda Lopez
Parks Convenience Store - Jana Terry

Winners may contact participating merchants for prizes

AWARDS

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mental in the vigorous growth of many volunteer activities, particularly the Valentine's Day fundraiser. Howard College was honored for the increased presence of many of its students in patient activities. And ALON USA was cited for calling the community relations office the past two Christmases and lending dozens of employees to assist with last-minute holiday tasks.
Moughn delivered special awards to Shirlene Sulatan, RN of the Year; Roger Powell, LVN of the Year; Jr. Mathews, Psychiatric Aide of the Year; Claudette Forward, Activities Therapy Department Employee of the Year; and Jessica Rubio, Social Worker of the Year.
State hospital Chaplain Rick Foster remembered Eboni Wakefield and Irma Medrano with a special memorial during the afternoon gathering. Wakefield was the administration assistant to the medical clinical director and medical staff coordinator until her death Sept. 4. Medrano was a therapist in the Therapeutic Arts and Crafts Department when she died Dec. 20, 2001, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

AWARDS

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Earnst and Director of Human Resources Dennis Warrington presented 66 service pins. Longtime direct care worker Arturo Garcia was recognized for 30 years of service. He recently retired. One-time merit or bonus awards were given to 53 employees for providing exceptional service to patients.
HOSPICE
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ed in the following amounts: Mobile Meals, \$500; Big Spring Boy's Club, \$400; the Salvation Army's Angel Tree project, \$500; Child Protective Services' Giving Tree project, \$500; the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, \$450; and the Big Spring Humane Society, \$150.
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as much as 200 percent. Texas has no control over most homeowners insurance rates because many policies are written under

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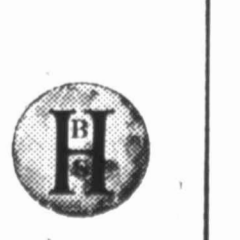


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