



WEEKEND EDITION

December 6-7, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



SUNDAY 70°-72° SUNDAY NIGHT 43°-345°

IN BRIEF

Coverage of Saturday evening's activities, including the 5:30 p.m. Herald Community Christmas Parade, the 8 p.m. Living Christmas Tree at First United Methodist Church and others will be highlighted in Monday's edition of the Big Spring Herald.

GIVING



Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate. If your organization has an established program to help others and would like to be included in this list, call Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

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Drugs, sexual assault focus of separate court trials

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer
Trials for the manufacture of methamphetamine and sexual assault of a child will be the focus next week in 118th District Court, as the Howard County District Attorney's office prepares to take action on several indictments.

which will begin on Tuesday," said Wilkerson.
"After that we'll choose the second jury, with that trial expected to begin at the conclusion of the first."
Wilkerson said he expects to begin proceedings in the first case Tuesday, which is a consolidated case involving four Big Spring residents accused of manufacturing methamphetamine.

investigation that occurred on or about April 3, 2003, when the police received information regarding a methamphetamine lab located in Big Spring located at 1707 Donley.
"When they conducted the investigation, they allege they found evidence of a methamphetamine lab at that location, and these individuals were located in the proximity of the residence."
On trial will be Carol Ann Kesler, 27;
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WWII: Homefronts were foxholes, too

Editor's note: As America remembers Dec. 7 as Pearl Harbor Day, Lifestyles Editor Marsha Allen takes a look at World War II from a different perspective.

Sacrifices were many, veteran teacher recalls

By MARSHA ALLEN

Lifestyles Editor
Zimmalew Boeker remembers World War II as a homefront warrior. Family and friends kept the country running while the fellows were fighting, often sacrificing along with their loved ones on the front.
She was six years old when her father, William Lewis Cooper, left to fight in World War II with the U.S. Army. He served as a chaplain with what was then the Army Air Corps, later to become the Air Force.
Cooper settled his young family with Boeker's uncle, D. Cooper, and grandfather, William Hiram Cooper.
She began school in Brady, waiting patiently to hear from her father through letters. Cooper was gone for four years.
Letters arrived at the Brady home with "a lot of the words marked out," she said. "They were greatly censored then. They didn't want us knowing exactly where he was."
She said in a phone interview she could remember she and her



Zimmalew Boeker, longtime public school teacher with the Forsan Independent School District, was six when her father left to fight in World War II. She has many memories of what it was like stateside during those years.

sister didn't know much about father greatly. "We listened to what was going on with the war, but knew that they missed their

With the war, everything changed

Dad was one of the last to be drafted during World War II. He had bad eyesight in his right eye. He couldn't see without glasses. Married men were the last to be drafted, and then married men with conditions such as Dad's were the very last to go.
He entered the U.S. Navy as a chief electrician's mate aboard a "tin can." He was gone two years, until the Japanese unconditional surrender August 1945. He never talked about the war,

When Dad came through the door still attired in his Navy blues, Mom broke into an hysterical moan, tears flowing down her cheeks.



MARSHA ALLEN

only to say the saddest sight he will ever remember were the U.S. Marines going over the

side of the ship to such places as Iwo Jima and Tarawa, knowing many of them would never return to the ship alive.
Mom and the "apple of Dad's eye" were living with grandfather Papa in a small town near Tuscaloosa, Ala., at the time. Papa donated his automobile tires to the war effort. The car sat on wooden blocks until he finally sold it.
Getting nylons to wear with high heels was difficult for all
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SUCCESS!

United Way surpasses \$265,000 goal

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer
The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County concluded its 2003 campaign with good news.
Board president Charles Myers announced Friday that fund-raising efforts yielded \$267,500, exceeding the campaign goal of \$265,000.
"Two hundred-sixty-seven thousand dollars is a lot of money to disburse to the area agencies," Myers said, noting the last minute efforts by Executive Director Cynthia Scott and United Way volunteers to ensure the campaign met its goal.
Now with the annual fund-raising effort finished for the year, allocations committee

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BSHS band to perform for holidays

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer
A rendition of Clement Clarke Moore's Christmas classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas" will be the centerpiece of the Big Spring High School band's December concert.
"It's about a six-minute piece of narration timed to music that fits with what the narrator is reading," said Band Director Rocky Harris. "It's cleverly written for band and orchestra."
The program begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the high school auditorium, 707 11th Place, and features KBST Program Director Tim Knox as the narrator of the classic story.
Moore's famous poem high-
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County in wait-and-see mode on lawsuit action

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer
As Midland County prepares to do battle with several major oil companies over a change of venue motion, local officials say the proceedings have no effect on Howard County's stake in the alleged 11-year stint of under-reporting the market value of oil.
Howard County Attorney Mike Thomas said although Midland is going ahead in its suit against the oil companies, which include Chevron

Texaco, Arco Oil and Exxon-Mobil, Howard County still has a major hurdle to clear before they can move forward.
"The way I understand it, Midland has filed suit," said Thomas. "We have contracted with the same attorneys, but as far as being in the suit, we're not involved with that particular suit at this time. Howard County is sort of sitting on the sidelines because there are a couple of procedural issues that are going to be decided.
"It's really whether the

Commissioners convene Monday morning

HERALD Staff Report

Howard County Commissioners are scheduled to meet Monday. Among the issues currently on the meeting agenda are:
• Jackie Olson, County Auditor
• Invoices
• Purchase requests

• Set the 2004 holiday calendar.
• Teresa Thomas, County Treasurer
• Personnel considerations.
• Payroll report.
• Donna Wright, County Clerk
• Resolution to present to commissioners in regard to unfunded man-

dates.
• Phil Furqueron, Construction Administrator
• Courthouse/Library renovations.
The commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

claim is under the tax code, in which Howard County will never be involved in the suit, or which case Howard it's under the civil practice and remedies code, in See SUIT, Page 5A

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### Obituaries

#### Geraldine "Jerri" Yingst

Geraldine "Jerri" Yingst, 87, of Ackerly, died on Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, in a Stanton nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Derrick Looney, pastor of First Baptist Church in Ackerly and Capt. Russ Kenney, pastor of the Salvation Army, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Big Spring.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1916, in Coffeyville, Kan., and married Paul Leon Yingst on July 12, 1935, in Stroud, Okla. He preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1972.

Jerri was a longtime resident of Ackerly and was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Dan Lafler; a grandson, Danny Lafler, all of Big Spring; one sister, Virginia Bean of Tahlequah, Okla.; two brothers, Bob Crook of Lakland, La., and Henry Crook of Florida; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bruce and Laura Daugherty of Enid, Okla..

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

*Paid obituary*

#### Margaret Louise Touchstone

Margaret Louise Touchstone, 58, of Fort Collins, Colo., died on Dec. 1, 2003. A gathering of family and friends was held Wednesday at Allnutt Mortuary/Drake Chapel.

She was born May 29, 1945, in Big Spring and moved to Colorado in 1976 and Fort Collins in 1987.

She is survived by her husband, John Farrell; daughter, Jana McDowell; a son, Jeffrey Robinson; stepsons, Ian and Nathan Farrell; many grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and sisters JoAnne Low, Georgia, Dumond, Carolyn Walker and Tommie Bronson; and a brother, Jackie Touchstone, all of Texas.

#### Lois Geraldine Burris

Lois Geraldine Burris, 76, of Big Spring died Saturday morning, Dec. 6, 2003, at her home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Support groups

#### FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

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

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

#### TUESDAY

Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

#### THURSDAY

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

### Lottery

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-5-4

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 03-07-08-35-37

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 04-13-30-32. Bonus ball 29.

The winning Mega Millions numbers drawn Friday: 1-12-15-18-44 Mega Ball = 42

### Police blotter

#### POLICE INVESTIGATION

Big Spring police are investigating a possible attempted murder and attempted suicide that occurred early Saturday morning in the 1800 block of Benton. According to unconfirmed reports, the incident involved an elderly couple. Police officials declined to comment on the details of the incident at presstime because the investigation had just begun.

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

• **REBECCA ANN VELA**, 19, of 2005 Monticello was arrested Friday on traffic warrants.

• **ROBERT DWITE SCHAAF**, 19, of 2105 Scurry was arrested Friday on a warrant for minor in consumption.

• **JERRY SCOTT COX**, 22, of 2011 Johnson was arrested Friday on a warrant for theft.

• **TAMMY CUSTER NEWELL**, 46, of 1007 16th St. was being held at the city jail today for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson Street and in the 500 block of Hillside where computer hardware/software equipment worth \$300 and other unlisted items worth \$1,260 were reported stolen.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway and at Wal-Mart.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of west FM 700, the 1100 block of Lamesa, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard, the 900 block of Willa, the 300 block of Gregg, the 1200 block of 11th Street and the 200 block of FM 700.

• **FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT** was reported in the 1500 block of Gregg.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 500 block of Goliad.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 700 block of East 10th St. and at Birdwell Park.

### Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department was reported the following activity:

• **TERRORIST THREATS** were reported in the 3900 block of East Highway 350.

• **SMALL FIRE** was reported in the 500 block of Centerpoint Road. The Sheriff's Department received a call at 4:44 a.m. today of a bale of cotton on fire behind a residence.

• **GAS DRIVE OFF** was reported in the 100 block of Northeast Broadway in Coahoma.

### Take note

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

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

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

### Weather

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs around 70. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday...Partly cloudy then mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. Highs in the lower 70s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 50s.

Wednesday through Thursday...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the mid to upper 50s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the upper 50s.

### Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

#### Monday

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

The public is invited to the evening Lions Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. at La Posada.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. Dinner is held at 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of Beauceant meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden County meets every second Monday in the library basement in the community room at 7 p.m. Call Lane Clawson, 270-2615.

Coahoma's Lion Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave.

#### Tuesday

Intermediate line dance classes meet at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

#### Wednesday

Line dancing meets at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center in Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 1 p.m. at Big Spring Country Club.

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for stretch and tone.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third.

#### Friday

Spring City Senior Citizen country and western dance will be held from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All senior citizens are invited.

AMBUCS meets at noon in La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the HC Cactus Room.

#### Saturday

Dance, 8:30 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults; \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

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### CONCERT

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lights an evening personal music will also feature performance by band members. To end the evening band will marching season forming the award-winning University

### DAV meeting

The executive committee of the American Veterans Spring Chapter holding a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the home, Severn Abrams. The business will form the Big Spring Medical Center.

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**TRIALS**

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Patrick Terrel Kesler, 25, and Grant Cory Perdew, 43, all of 1707 Donley, and Rachel Francis Savala, 18, of 1016 E. 21st Street. All four are charged with possession or transportation of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and manufacture of a controlled substance, a first-degree felony.

"It's alleged that they (law enforcement) found several types of things that in fact indicated a lab was in operation," Wilkerson said. "I don't want to go into any of the specifics. We need to wait for the trial to let these things come out. I can tell you that one of the individuals charged in this case has also been charged with possession

of the drug, the actual methamphetamine product, itself."

Wilkerson said the recent popularity of methamphetamine in Howard County and elsewhere in West Texas is a very dangerous situation, with not only the risk of using the drug, but with the immense risk of making it.

"Methamphetamine, like all drugs, ebbs and flows," he said. "Sometimes it's the drug of choice and sometimes it's not. It would seem over the last several years methamphetamine has become more popular because of its ease of production and the ability to get the materials close by."

"This isn't just a Howard County problem. This has been a problem throughout the state and it's made itself known through the types of cases we receive. We're very

concerned about it. Obviously it's significant. Not only are the products that are produced by these methamphetamine labs questionable, even dangerous for the users, but the mere existence of the laboratory is a danger to the community."

Wilkerson said concern over the number of meth labs popping up in the Big Spring area isn't just a concern for local law enforcement, because the risks involved can affect the lives of uninvolved citizens.

"These are highly volatile chemicals and they can explode, taking out an entire block with them," he said. "The public ought to be concerned that people are going around looking for anywhere with four walls and an electrical socket to set one of these things up. It's an issue we're all concerned about and we're

addressing it accordingly."

If convicted of possession or transportation of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, each of the four individuals could face between two and 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. Manufacture of a controlled substance carries a possible sentence of life in prison, five to 99 years in prison, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Wilkerson said once that case is concluded, Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr will begin proceedings in the week's second scheduled trial. According to Orr, Benjamin Edward Moore, 23, of 3605 La Junta, was indicted on three counts of sexual assault of a child, a second-degree felony.

"It's alleged that on or about May 26, 2001, the

defendant had sexual relations with the victim, who was under the age of 17 years of age," said Orr. "It's a three count indictment, all of which is for sexual assault of a child."

Although the victim's age, which was 15 years at the time of the offense, makes the legality of consent a moot point, Orr said he fully expects it to become an issue during the trial.

"Under the law she's not old enough to give consent. I know there's going to be some discussion about that at the trial," Orr said. "Even in cases where consent is not a defense legally, it is usually brought up to at excuse or mitigate the conduct of the defendant in the minds of the jurors. It's my belief there will be an attempt to bring that in to the picture at some point."

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John Wilson, 40, died Wednesday. Graveside Services were 10:00 AM Saturday at the Cuthbert Cemetery in Mitchell County.

Lois Geraldine Burris, 76, of Big Spring died Saturday morning, December 6, 2003 at her home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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**KBST Program Director Tim Knox, right, practices with the Big Spring High School Band while Band Director Rocky Harris takes the students through the December concert music. The program begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the high school auditorium, 707 11th Place. Knox will narrate the musical rendition of Clement Clarke Moore's Christmas classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas."**

**CONCERT**

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lights an evening of seasonal music which will also feature a performance by beginning band members.

To end the evening, the band will recap its marching season by performing the music to its award-winning University

Interscholastic League marching contest show.

"This is the last time we can do that for our seniors and their parents," said Harris. "It's neat to hear the show music performed when we're not marching. The flags and percussion go up on stage. The band comes down off the stage and lines up around the auditorium, surrounding everybody."

In conjunction with the

holiday-themed program, the band will collect canned food donations for the Salvation Army's canned food drive.

"We ask so much from the community that even if this is just a little bit, we want to give back," Harris said.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

**GOAL**

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members will begin meeting this month to discuss how to distribute the money between the 14-area agencies supported by the United Way.

This process will take two meetings, one to hear presentations by agency representatives and another to determine distribution of the funds.

Myers said the decision process will be wrapped up by Wednesday, Dec. 17, when the United Way holds an appreciation luncheon open to the public.

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is a locally driven campaign to raise funds for agencies that provide services to the area.

Those agencies are the American Red Cross, West Texas Chapter; Boy's Club of Big Spring;

Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; Council on Aging; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Humane Society; Isaiah 58; Northside Community Center; Salvation Army; Victim Services; Westside Community Center; Westside Day Care Center; West Texas Girl Scout Council; and YMCA of Big Spring.

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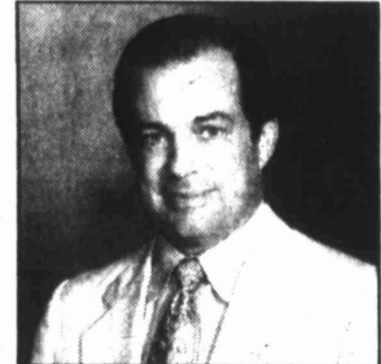
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For early detection, Dr. Robert McFaul and his staff are interested in offering a vascular clinic on Fridays. For an appointment, please call (432) 263-6018.



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**DAV meeting slated**

The executive committee of the Disabled American Veterans Big Spring Chapter No. 47 is holding a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the chapter home, Seventh and Abrams. The order of business will focus on the 2004 DAV Transportation Network as it pertains to the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

### Take precautions against flu's grip by shot or spray

It's back and it's not kidding around. The influenza season is upon us and has arrived packing a punch that has reached epidemic proportions in much of the United States.

And since Texas was one of the first states held in the flu's grip this fall, the Texas Department of Health is recommending the public take precautions against the disease by getting flu shots when possible.

That's particularly important here in West Texas, where local schools have already seen skyrocketing absences.

Young children, the elderly and people with underlying health problems are more susceptible to the disease, primarily because their immune systems have been comprised and they cannot mount the amount of response that most people have to an infection.

The flu is a viral respiratory illness marked by the sudden onset of fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches.

The virus is usually spread through the air by coughing, sneezing or talking, and with the onset of cooler weather, many of us stay indoors, providing conditions that create a highly contagious environment.

In fact, the TDH reports the highest rates of infection occur among school-aged children.

Having the flu can result in loss of time from work or school and can lead to more serious complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis and sinus and ear infections.

The first line of defense against the disease is to receive a flu shot which can be obtained by contacting a personal physician or attending flu clinics.

The TDH in Big Spring is holding flu shot clinics through the month of December or while the supply of vaccine is available.

The cost for a shot is \$10 and no cost to those who qualify for Medicare and Medicaid. Flu shots are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 10 and Dec. 17. Also, a clinic will be held on Dec. 22 and Dec. 23 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

At the same time, the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases is reporting that manufacturers of the vaccine have shipped all they have. Therefore, doctors are urging healthy people age 5-49 to opt for a nasal-spray version of the vaccine and save the traditional one for children and the elderly. The nasal-spray alternative is FluMist, a more expensive, inhaled version of the vaccine.

Remember, millions of people in America become sick with influenza causing thousands of deaths and hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations each year.

So, do yourself a favor and take the time to make sure you've gotten a flu shot or spray for you and others in your family. You'll not only be doing it for yourself, you'll be doing us all a favor.

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## 'The Reagans' is simply Reagan bashing

"The Reagans," the controversial made-for-TV movie finally made its way into American homes — but not nearly as many homes as originally planned after CBS moved it to its smaller, premium cable channel Showtime. I watched the entire three-hour melodrama in order to participate in a special Showtime panel discussion, aired after the movie, along with five other people who were invited to comment.

The other guests included Reagan biographer and former Washington Post reporter Lou Cannon; veteran newsman Marvin Kalb; longtime Reagan advisor Martin Anderson, who is also the editor of three published collections of Ronald Reagan's letters, speeches and radio commentaries; as well as two Reagan critics, AIDS activist Hillary Rosen and the film's co-producer Carl Anthony. Anyone who tuned into the discussion, however, might have thought the panelists had seen two entirely different movies, so little could we agree on what we'd seen.

Cannon, Kalb, Anderson and I agreed that the movie was not only factually flawed but bore the unmistakable mark of deep animus toward President Reagan. I thought the president came off as more or less a dolt, a man easily manipulated by others, indifferent to the suffering not only of AIDS victims but his own children.

It's almost impossible to believe that the director, producers and writers of "The Reagans" didn't intend to portray Ronald Reagan in this way. Indeed, the movie's two most prominent themes were that Reagan was somehow respon-

sible for the AIDS crisis that killed thousands of mostly gay men during his presidency, and that he was so out-to-lunch during his time in the White House that he was nearly impeached over the Iran-Contra scandal.

The movie opens and closes on the Iran-Contra theme. The opening shot is of a stricken Reagan — looking as if he is already in the advanced stages of Alzheimer's, a cruel and vindictive touch — as Nancy and presidential aide Mike Deaver inform him he faces impeachment for selling arms for hostages. "The evidence is overwhelming," Deaver tells a tearful Nancy.

I could hardly believe my eyes and ears. Ronald Reagan never faced any threat of impeachment. Indeed, when I searched a database of articles from major newspapers from November 1986, when the Iran-Contra arms deal story first broke, to January 1989, when President Reagan left office, there were only a handful of mentions of impeachment related to Iran-Contra, and most of these were from columnist Mary McGrory, a famously left-wing partisan.

While Rep. Lee Hamilton, the Democrat who chaired the Iran-Contra hearings in the House, made passing reference in a television interview to the possibility of impeachment if it turned out President Reagan knew funds were being diverted to fund the Contras, but it was an offhand remark from which he quickly pulled back. In fact, Hamilton told veteran reporter David Broder that he would not join those Democrats who say, "a president should not conduct a covert action without approval of Congress. I think a president has to have authority to conduct secret operations, so long as Congress is notified."

Reagan was never in danger of being impeached, and Iran-Contra

did not define his presidency. An ABC/Washington Post poll taken in July 1987, during the height of the controversy and following the televised hearings into the matter, showed that only 40 percent of Americans believed Reagan had made "major mistakes" in the affair, and nearly two-thirds believed that the president should use his pardon authority to prevent prosecution of Ollie North, the White House aide who was at the center of the scandal.

As for President Reagan's putative indifference to the AIDS crisis, it's hard to know exactly what the film's creators believe the president could have done to stop the spread of AIDS. Could he have allocated more money to research? Sure, but we've spent billions in research in the intervening years, with no cure yet in sight. What's more, President Reagan's insistence on faster approval for AIDS drugs from the Food and Drug Administration helped usher in a new era of treatment that has kept many HIV sufferers alive and relatively healthy for years.

Could the president have argued from his bully pulpit for "safe sex"? Yes, but nearly 20 years of constant hammering away on this theme still goes ignored by many gay men. The Center for Disease Control reported this week that new HIV infections among gay men were up 17 percent between 1999 and 2002. Perhaps the makers of "The Reagans" will figure out a way to blame this on President Bush in some future made-for-TV fantasy.

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## Corporate elite blinded by greed

Call them — irresponsible ... Call them — unreliable ... Throw in — undependable, too ... Yes, it's undeniably true — the Congress of the United States makes Bart Simpson look like Averell Harriman.

The grownups have left the building. Good grief, what a horror show.

Thanks to David Chen of The New York Times for catching one little horror that might have gone unnoticed. "Senate Rejects Plea for Extra Year of Filing for 9-11 Awards." Only 60 percent of the families who suffered losses on 9-11 have so far filed for compensation, presumably because of the notorious confusion and difficulty surrounding the process, with massive amounts of paperwork required. The deadline is Dec. 22, and administrators of the Victim Compensation Fund have been scrambling for weeks to encourage families to apply — language difficulties and in some cases lack of citizenship make it even more complicated and frightening for some.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey tried a classic tactic just before adjournment — going to the Senate floor and asking for unanimous consent. Couldn't get it. Republican leaders opposed.

Here's an immortal quote from F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., R-Wisc., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee: "The chairman views the extension as unnecessary and has concerns that it would provide a disincentive for people to file." Uh-huh.

And you may be wondering, given the condemnations of the Medicare "reform" bill from both left and right, which side actually won. It's so fabulous — they both lost. The Wall Street Journal, which is furious about the bill, is

right. So is The Nation, and it's right, too! Hooray! A bill so awful absolutely everyone hates it! Yes, it is a huge new entitlement costing \$400 billion over 10 years. No, it will not help many senior citizens! It's the silliest bill you ever saw — it has a hole in the middle of it just like a doughnut, and it will be used to destroy Medicare. It uses taxpayer money to help drug companies, and insurance companies and HMOs, all the while, running up debt, debt, debt.

And did they win ugly. The Medicare bill went down in the House — it lost. And then the Republicans just held the vote open, for three hours, from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., until Tom DeLay could bludgeon some sleep-deprived members into changing their votes. These guys think nothing of changing the rules in the middle of the game. For that matter, they think nothing of rules.

The same morons who wrote this bill also passed, again this year, for the third year in a row, MORE tax cuts for corporations, so that regular people will have to pay more and we have even less money with which to do anything useful. Not that they let that stop them — they were in there just appropriating pork barrel like there's no tomorrow. Whee, what a giveaway — Santa has nothing on them. All you had to do was be a big special interest donor to the Republican Party, and it was whoopee time at the Capitol. The only bad news for the big corporations is that the Republicans couldn't get the energy bill, the ultimate Christmas gift for the oil, gas, coal and nuclear industries, passed. But wait 'til next year.

Ooops, they also failed to meet their most basic responsibility — the \$820 billion spending bill is two months overdue. The good news is that when passed, the spending bill will gut gun-control law and cut money for AIDS in Africa.

At least we'll never have to lis-

ten to Republicans calling Democrats "big-spenders" again.

To hell with the gag reflex, the laughter alone will be deafening. What a Never Neverland they live in, just like Michael Jackson's. What's so maddening is that we have nothing to show for all this spending — our education hasn't been improved, our health care system is still falling apart, the air is getting dirtier, and we're killing the oceans, lakes and rivers.

There's no planning, no investment, no thought for the future. They're throwing away the seed corn, and we're sittin' here watching it happen. It's not just the money they're throwing away, it's democratic traditions — bipartisanship, compromise, sound public policy.

Am I exaggerating? I don't think so — you look at the legislation and tell me. This country is dirtier, poorer and less fair as a consequence of breathtakingly irresponsible misrule. Twenty-four percent of American workers now make less than \$8.70 an hour, and they have effectively lost their right to unionize.

As Harold Meyerson reported in The Washington Post, "When European employers look to the United States, they see roughly the same thing that U.S. employers see when they look to China: millions of low-wage workers who have all but lost the right to organize and a government intent on keeping things the way they are."

It has been apparent for some time that much of the corporate elite in this country is blinded by greed, not just to long-term interests, but to simple honesty. I think the same thing is starting to happen to our political leaders.

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County has a very good claim and will most likely join the lawsuit at that time. Until the ruling comes out from the courts, probably the supreme court, Howard County will continue sitting on the sideline," Thomas said. Howard

County has contracted with attorneys Susman Godfrey of Houston and Perry and Kellogg of San Antonio, the law firms currently handling the Midland County lawsuit. "We have hired them to pursue our claim, if we have one," explained Thomas. "It's on a contingency basis, so Howard County isn't out any money. What the attor-

neys will do is receive a percentage of our claim if we have a good claim." If able to move ahead with a lawsuit, Howard County stands to gain a considerable sum of money that could certainly help curb the tide of bad-economic times. "They (attorneys) are telling us that Howard County has a good claim, and we're looking at a

total of about \$3 million," he said. "Of course that's if we have a good claim, and that has to be determined first. If it's not good, obviously we're looking at zero. It will all depend on that claim." If the thought of \$3 million sounds good, Thomas said it's wise to hold off on any sort of financial victory dance, as the case

is expected to span a number of years, with the outcome hanging in the balance. "The defendants in this have actually filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit," he said. "At the trial court level it was ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, but they have appealed that decision and it's going up the chain of appeal at this

time. "I think this is definitely going to be a case that's going to go on for a number of years. I think we're looking at around two to three years before anything gets resolved."

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**HOMEFRONT**

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the radio and when we went to the movies there were news reels which showed us what was happening in the war," she said. "Mother kept things connected," she said. "She did the best she could." Rationing of food was a part of the homefront vigil. "I remember rationing,"

Boeker said. "We saved our gasoline coupons to go to Waco to visit relatives. It took a while but we managed to do it." Other items were rationed, such as flour and sugar. Rationing stamps were issued nationwide, and women often wore socks with their pumps because the manufacture of nylon went into the economics of the war effort. "I can remember when oleo margarine was white," Boeker said. "You

had to add a little package of yellow coloring if you wanted it to be yellow. Oleo had just been created." She said she also remembers buying savings bonds. Purchase of these bonds helped create funds for Defense Department revenues. "We had our flag in the window," she said. Small replicas of the American flag were placed in windows to herald that households had family members serving in the mili-

tary. For each household member serving, a gold colored star was placed on the flag. "We prayed everyday that our daddy would come back safely," she said. At war's end her father returned safely and he remained in the Army, continuing to serve as a chaplain. The family eventually relocated to Ft. Levenworth and spent time in Japan during the American occupation.

"I saw with my 12-year-old eyes the devastation everywhere, in the roads. I saw women washing their clothes in rivers," she said. But it was still a beautiful land, she went on to say. There were beautiful areas with lovely, well-cared for grounds. "People were fine to us," Boeker said. "Mom would start a Bible study and the Japanese people would come and take off their shoes and sit on the floor. They ate on little tables. I

learned a lot about finger bowls." World War II was fought for the duration of the war. "You were just in it until it was over," Boeker said. "Then the cold war. The troops get to come home once in a while. I think that's better for the troops, to come back and be with their families for a while." Boeker teaches at Elbow Elementary School, having served 45 years as a teacher at Forsan and Elbow.

**DAD**

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women on the home front. Foot fashion adapted and women often were seen wearing socks with their pumps. Shoes began to come off the manufacturing lines that would look nice with socks. Mom would get so many rationing coupons a month for the purchase of commodities. We lived on a farm, so our food supply was never a problem. We just grew and raised livestock for our food needs. Tucked cozily by the living room fireplace, Mom would read Dad's letters to me and Papa. She often stumbled over words because some of Dad's letters were tattered and torn because Navy censors would cut out words which might be deciphered to give away a fleet position in the Pacific. Troop trains often stopped in the town to fill water tanks with water, for trains then were steam driven. Sailors, soldiers and Marines getting off the train to stretch their legs would hand out candy bars to any children who were curious enough to be at the train station. Unlike today's military personnel who are rotated approximately every 13 months, World War II warriors served for the duration of the war. Many did not see family for as long as two to three years. Many women went to work to fill the void of male workers in such industries as steel and railroads. Mom worked as well, but not in any place as glamorous as a steel mill. She worked in a grocery store. On the day of Dad's homecoming, the story, as told by Mom, is that she was so weak from the emotional situation of seeing Dad come back alive and walking, she went to bed. Dad's brother and her brother met him at the train station. When Dad came through the door still

attired in his Navy blues, Mom broke into an hysterical moan, tears flowing down her cheeks. She

wept for a very long time as Dad held her in his arms. When she regained her

presence of mind, Dad scooped his 5-year old daughter into his arms and she sang to him the

songs Mom had rehearsed for her to sing to him, "Kiss Me Once and Kiss Me Twice" and

"I'll Be Loving You Always." The war was over for the Mize household.

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Capt. Russ Keeney accepts a \$400 donation from Teresa Thomas, left, and Hollis McCright, Howard County employees. County employees annually assist organizations and activities through donations and participation. In this instance, the donation was for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.

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# Weather Whys

## Topic: Sleet

Q: What is sleet?

A: Sleet is rain that freezes into ice pellets before it reaches the ground, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "Rain will drop from upper warm air and then falls through a layer of freezing air relatively near the ground," Odins explains. "Further cooling produces ice pellets, which we usually call sleet."

"Sleet" is usually a term used in America, and other countries refer to it in different ways, but it's the same thing: water that starts out as rain and becomes frozen into ice pellets.

Q: What happens when sleet hits the ground?

A: It tends to accumulate like snow and can form a dangerous glaze, says Odins. "Sleet frequently mixes with freezing rain. Sleet forms typically toward the north of a warm front, or in the cool sector, and is often sandwiched in or mixed with areas of snow and freezing rain. All of it tends to stick to the ground, car windshields, trees and just about anything it touches. For years, salt was used — and sometimes still is — to keep roads clear from sleet and ice because it melts the ice and keeps it from refreezing. But salt makes cars rust and over time, can destroy bridges and streets and also can cause damage to trees and water supplies. Sand is now used in many areas to clear away sleet and ice, but in heavy snow, salt is still the best, despite its many drawbacks."

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# TEXAS BRIEFS

## City makes it tough on Girl Scouts

DALLAS (AP) - A North Texas city is making it harder for Girl Scouts to sell cookies door to door under a new solicitation ordinance.

Rowlett city officials recently adopted a stricter ordinance that requires scouts to apply for permits and requires all adults involved, including parents who make the rounds with their daughters, to have a criminal background check.

The policy is one tough cookie to swallow for parents and Girl Scout leaders who are worried that it will hurt this year's cookies sales.

City officials said their intention was to curb solicitation and to protect residents, not to be cookie monsters.

"We have a duty to do background checks on individuals we know are going to be going door to door when there may be kids at home alone from school," said Mayor Shane Johnson. "The intent of this ordinance was to ensure the safety of our residents to the extent that we can."

## Surgeon's license suspended

HOUSTON (AP) - A state regulatory board temporarily suspended the license of a Houston orthopedic surgeon because he reportedly employed or worked with a suspended doctor who was deemed a "continuing threat to public welfare."

Dr. Floyd O. Hardimon, 68, received a temporary suspension from the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners on Friday, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Saturday editions.

Hardimon did not return phone messages left by the newspaper.

A temporary suspension can last indefinitely and eventually lead to a doctor's medical license being

revoked.

Hardimon, who practiced at Vista Medical Center in Pasadena, was cited for "lack of competence or failure to care adequately for these patients," because of an incident on or about Sept. 22, the board said.

## Panel mulls cigarette tax increase

AUSTIN - A proposal to establish a \$1 cigarette tax was presented to a legislative panel as a way to cut state health care costs and to raise revenue to help fund a cash-strapped public school finance system.

Danny McGoldrick, director of research for an anti-smoking group, told the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance on Friday that the tax could also reduce the number of smokers in the state while generating \$986.9 million in new revenues.

"Tobacco taxes are a huge win among voters, probably the most palatable revenue enhancement that you can address here in the state of Texas," he said.

The committee spent Thursday and Friday listening to expert testimony about taxing structures in preparation for an anticipated special legislative session to replace the so-called Robin Hood school finance system.

## Cheney speaks at fund-raiser

ABILENE (AP) - Newly elected U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer won't run again until next fall, but his campaign got a boost Friday night from Vice President Dick Cheney.

Nearly 400 people gathered at the Abilene Civic Center to hear Cheney speak at a fund-raiser for Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, elected in June to fill Texas' 19th district seat after Rep. Larry Combest retired.

Cheney said Neugebauer is "already the best we have" and has helped pass key legislation.

"He's a true man of the West, an independent thinker, a person of good common sense judgment," Cheney said.

## Acquitted officer reinstated

DALLAS (AP) - A three-member panel has been appointed by city officials to investigate the fake-drug scandal that sent dozens of innocent immigrants to jail.

City officials announced Friday that former federal prosecutor and FBI agent Terry Hart will lead the panel. Hart, who is now a Dallas lawyer in private practice, will be joined by former state District Judge Lena Levario and Deputy Chief Brigitte Gassaway, who heads the police department's internal affairs division.

"If heads have to roll, so be it, because somebody has to be brought to accountability for what happened to these people," Councilman John Loza said after the panel was announced.

The panel will focus on following the money trail from the police department to the informants, determining what was wrong with police procedures and how they can be fixed and deciding if anyone should face disciplinary action, said City Manager Ted Benavides.

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1999 Chevrolet S-10 LS - Pewter, only 21,000 miles. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$8,995**

1998 Dodge Dakota - Blue, 4 cyl., air, 53,000 miles. Was \$8,995. **NOW \$8,995**

1998 Nissan Frontier XE - Red, air, 5 speed, one owner w/50,000 miles. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$8,995**

1998 Ford Ranger Supercab XLT - Tan, auto., V-6, locally owned. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$7,995**

1997 Chevrolet S-10 Ext. Cab L.S. - Red, automatic. **NOW \$7,995**

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2002 Dodge Ram 1500 Short Wheelbase - Black, V-8, manual trans., one owner w/20,300 miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**

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2002 Ford F150 S/C XLT Quad Cab - Tan, V-8, all power, 15,500 miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$19,995**

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1998 Chevrolet C3500 Ext. Cab Dually Silverado - White, 454 V-8, automatic, all power, one owner. Was \$11,995. **NOW \$9,995**

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2002 Ford Escape XLS Sport - Yellow, manual, extra clean, 38,000 miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**

2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR - Tan, all power, one owner w/33,000 miles. Was \$19,995. **NOW \$18,995**

2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR - New body style, dk. green, all power, one owner w/17,000 miles. Was \$14,995. **NOW \$13,995**

2003 Chevrolet Suburban LT 4X4 Z-71 - black, fully loaded, local one owner w/50,000 miles. Was \$28,995. **NOW \$28,995**

2002 Ford Expedition XLT - Silver w/cloth, all power, local one owner w/31,000 miles. Was \$22,995. **NOW \$21,995**

2000 Ford Expedition XLT - Blue, all power, dual air, one owner. Was \$17,995. **NOW \$15,995**

2001 Ford Explorer Sport 4x4 - Blue, cloth, nice Explorer, all power, 51,000 miles. Was \$13,995. **NOW \$12,995**

2001 Chevrolet Tahoe L.S. - Red, cloth, fully loaded, one owner w/50,000 miles. Was \$24,995. **NOW \$23,995**

2001 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR - White, all power, local one owner w/57,000 miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**

2001 Chevrolet Tahoe L.S. - Pewter, cloth, all power, 31,000 miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$23,995**

2000 Chevrolet Blazer LS 2-DR - Graphite, cloth, very clean w/58,000 miles. Was \$11,995. **NOW \$10,995**

2000 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer Edition - maroon/tan, leather, 40,000 miles. Was \$22,995. **NOW \$20,995**

1999 Chevrolet Blazer LS 4-DR - Red, all power, locally owned, w/69,000 miles. Was \$10,995. **NOW \$9,995**

1999 Chevrolet Blazer L.S. 4-DR - Red/silver, cloth, nice Blazer w/70,000 miles. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$8,995**

1998 Ford Explorer Sport - Red/silver, all power, local one owner w/54,000 miles. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$8,995**

1998 Ford Explorer Sport 4X4 - Red, all power, one owner. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$8,995**

1998 GMC Suburban L.S. - Tan, dual air, all power. Was \$12,995. **NOW \$11,995**

1998 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer Edition - Green/tan, tan leather, all power, one owner w/65,000 miles. Was \$16,995. **NOW \$14,995**

1998 Honda Passport EX 4X4 - Silver, loaded, 73,000 miles. Was \$12,995. **NOW \$10,995**

1992 Jeep Cherokee - Red. Was \$6,995. **NOW \$4,995**

\*\*\* Motorcycles \*\*\*

2002 Honda Gold Wing - Illusion Blue, cruise, AM/FM, very nice motorcycle, local one owner w/4,300 miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**

\*\*\* VANS \*\*\*

2002 Ford E350 XLT 15 Passenger Van Powerstroke Diesel - White w/cloth, all power, one owner w/26,000 miles. Was \$21,995. **NOW \$20,995**

2001 Toyota Sienna XLE - Tan, all power, one owner w/56,000 miles. Was \$19,995. **NOW \$18,995**

1998 Mazda MPV - Red, all power, 66,000 miles. Was \$10,995. **NOW \$7,995**

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1997 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - White, clean van. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$5,995**

1996 Ford F150 S/C Lariat 4x4 - Blue, leather, 5.40 V-8, nice truck w/79,000 miles. Was \$13,995. **NOW \$12,995**

1997 Dodge D150 Club Cab SLT - White, V-8, all power. Was \$13,995. **NOW \$9,995**

1997 Chevrolet C1500 Ext. Cab Silverado - Black/tan, V-8, all power, extra clean. Was \$11,995. **NOW \$10,995**

1994 Ford F150 - Green/tan, 6 cyl., manual shift. Was \$5,995. **NOW \$3,995**

1997 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - White, clean van. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$5,995**

1996 Ford Windstar GL - Green, one owner, dual air. Was \$7,995. **NOW \$4,995**

\*\*\* CARS \*\*\*

2002 Ford Mustang - Charcoal gray, 5 speed, air, CD, all power, one owner w/23,000 miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**

2002 Honda Accord LX 4-DR. - Silver, all power, one owner w/31,000 miles. Was \$16,995. **NOW \$15,995**

2002 Nissan Altima S - Black, all power, local one owner w/37,000 miles. Was \$16,995. **NOW \$15,995**

2001 Ford Crown Victoria LX - Gray, all power, 59,000 miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**

2001 Lincoln L.S. - Blue, leather, all power, 57,000 miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$20,995**

2001 Ford Crown Victoria L.S. - Silver, leather, one owner w/39,000 miles. Was \$14,995. **NOW \$13,995**

2001 Ford Mustang Convertible - White w/white top, 62,000 miles, nice convertible. Was \$14,995. **NOW \$13,995**

2000 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Gold w/leather, all power, locally owned w/28,000 miles. Was \$20,995. **NOW \$19,995**

Nissan Sentra GXE - Gray, automatic, air, one owner w/only 26,000 miles. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$8,995**

2000 Ford Focus SE 4-DR. - Gold, all power, 46,000 miles. Was \$7,995. **NOW \$6,995**

2000 Ford Focus SE 4-DR. - White, one owner. Was \$7,995. **NOW \$6,995**

2000 Mercury Cougar Special Edition - Red, cloth, V-6, local one owner w/34,000 miles. Was \$10,995. **NOW \$9,995**

2000 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S. - Red, cloth, local one owner w/62,000 miles. Was \$12,995. **NOW \$11,995**

2000 Volvo S40 Turbo - Orchid metallic, all power, nice, 35,000 miles. Was \$16,995. **NOW \$13,995**

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2000 Ford Taurus SE - White, all power, 67,000 miles. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$7,995**

1999 Nissan Maxima GLE 4-DR. - Green, all power, locally owned w/63,000 miles. Was \$13,995. **NOW \$12,995**

1999 Ford Mustang - Red, V6, auto, all power. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$8,995**

1999 Ford Crown Victoria - White, all power. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$7,995**

1999 Mercury Sable GS - Tan, all power. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$8,995**

1999 Pontiac Firebird - White, T-tops, 56,000 miles. Was \$14,995. **NOW \$12,995**

1998 Ford Escort 2x2 - White, local one owner w/41,000 miles. Was \$7,995. **NOW \$6,995**

1998 Nissan Maxima GLE - Gray w/leather, moonroof, 53,000 miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$13,995**

1998 Dodge Neon - White, 57,000 miles, nice car. Was \$4,995. **NOW \$3,995**

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# Border hospitals welcome federal money to help with immigrant care

**BROWNSVILLE (AP)** — Border hospitals lose millions of dollars annually caring for sick or injured illegal immigrants but a \$1 billion federal aid package promises relief.

"The federal government finally realized that there is a huge burden placed on the border hospitals to pay for the cost of the illegal aliens," said Dr. Lorenzo Pelly, a trauma surgeon at Valley Regional Medical Center. "It's a national issue because it is the federal government that has to stop the flow of the illegal aliens and they cannot do it."

A study by the U.S.-Mexico Border Counties Coalition, an American lobbying group, last year found that U.S. border hospitals provide at least \$200 million a year in uncompensated emergency care to illegal immigrants, \$74 million of that in Texas.

When approving the Medicare bill last month, Congress allocated \$1 billion to help border hospitals cover those costs. President Bush is expected to sign the bill Monday.

Texas and California would get the most money, followed by Arizona. The money will be allocated over four years, starting in 2005. By federal law hospitals and doctors must provide emergency care to a patient, regardless of insurance coverage or citizenship.

Most hospitals recoup their losses from caring for the poor and uninsured through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. However, health care providers along the border find most of their patients are illegals who don't qualify for public assistance.

"It's a federal mandate, but an unfunded mandate," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said of the rule

requiring emergency care for all people.

Cornyn and Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., supported the allocation of federal funds to help border hospitals.

Kyl, who asked for the study on how the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act affected hospitals along the border, said hospitals in his state were cutting services or closing altogether because they didn't have enough money or insurance reimbursements to cover the costs of the free care they provided.

"It is a huge step forward and is an important symbol of Congress' growing awareness of the problems we face along our porous borders," Kyl said.

Each state would be eligible for reimbursement, but the funding formula is skewed to help border hospitals that frequently treat illegal immigrants.

# Officials study options for mammoth site

**WACO (AP)** — Curling, fossilized tusks protrude from a stretch of cracked Central Texas dirt, an archaeological treasure that has local leaders pondering the value of ancient bones.

The city of Waco and Baylor University want to preserve the resting ground of a herd of prehistoric mammoths believed to have died in a mudslide there some 28,000 years ago.

"There's a pretty significant community interest to use that site for more than it is being used now, which is research," Waco City Manager Larry Groth said. "But there are reservations on how much it costs."

Since a large bone was discovered 25 years ago in a dry creek bed, the remains of mammoths — warm weather cousins of woolly mammoths — have been found in the thick woods along the Brazos and Bosque rivers. Researchers say the site marks the world's largest known concentration of prehistoric mammoths dying in the same natural event.

Local officials have teamed up to discuss possibilities for the site, including building an educational center and petitioning for national park status.

Building a visitors center and enclosing the area where the bones remain could cost \$5.5 million, according to feasibility study completed in November. A projected 40,000 people would visit the first year, with about 30,000 visiting in subsequent years, the study found.

The site has never been open to the public except for the occasional school group. The city owns the five acres where the remains were found; Baylor bought the surrounding 100 acres surrounding after the discovery.

"It's a very fine line between wanting to tell people about it and show it off versus preservation and security issues," said Anita Benedict, exhibits coordinator for Baylor's Mayborn Museum. The museum, set to open in May, will incorporate the school's current science and natural history museum.

Some nearby residents discovered the first bone in 1978 while walking through the woods, and they went to Baylor to get some answers.

David Lintz, who worked 20 years at the university's museum before retiring in 2001, immediately knew that the giant bone belonged to a mammoth — an animal that lived in the Ice Age, was 10-12 feet tall at the shoulder and weighed 6-8 tons.

Lintz scoured the creek bed and found teeth and bone fragments. He initiated an archaeological dig, and over the next several years museum employees, students and volunteers carefully dug

with their hands to reveal more of the remains.

The remains indicated that the mammoths were malnourished when they died. Researchers believe the herd was heading toward a watering hole or trying to find food when a flash flood hit, trapping them in a ravine. One calf was in the tusks of a bull, which likely was trying to save the baby when the herd died, Lintz said.

"Everything collapsed on them. Very few of them are on their side," Lintz said. "But it's still a mystery. We're still trying to determine what happened."

A flash flood in 1984 unearthed three more skeletons, bringing the

number to more than a dozen. As more mammoths were found, Baylor decided to leave the bones in the ground and make casts, which will be displayed at the Mayborn Museum.

If a visitors center is built on top of the site, designs call for a glass floor in one display area so people may look down at the embedded skeletons, Benedict said.

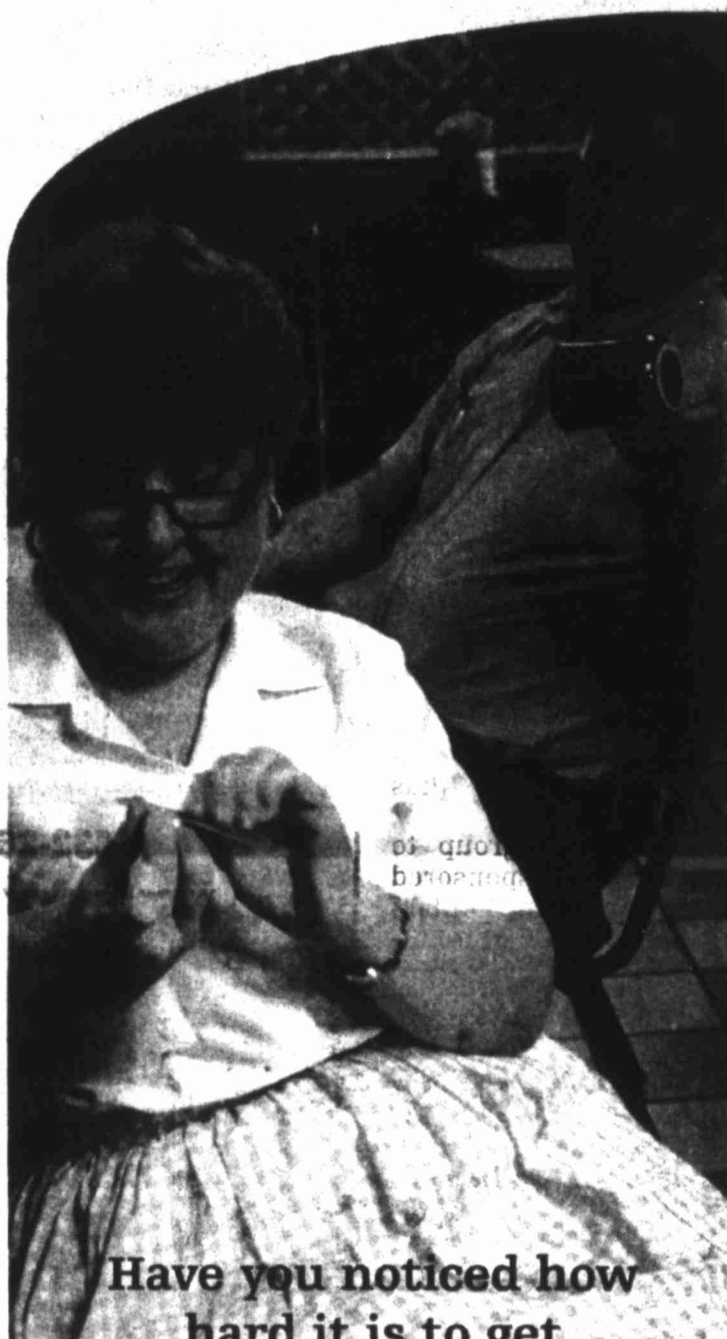
Although the feasibility study showed that revenue generated from visitors likely would not cover operating costs — resulting in a \$185,000 to \$200,000 shortfall annually — the project likely will move forward, Groth said.

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**Major snow storm hits Northeast**

(AP) — The first major snow storm of the season brought blustery winds, rain, sleet and a blanket of snow to the Northeast, delaying flights, wreaking havoc on the region's highways and putting cleanup crews to work.

Forecasters said the system could hit even harder over the weekend, with total snow accumulations of up to two feet in Massachusetts and near-blizzard conditions in parts of Maine and New Hampshire.

Drivers on Friday braved slick highways and commuters faced frozen sidewalks as they tried to make their way home through the wind and snow. In New York City, midtown traffic slowed to a crawl.

The storm was blamed for at least four traffic deaths, including the 74-year-old driver of a van that collided with a school bus in Pennsylvania. None of the three dozen children on the bus was hurt. Two people also were killed in Virginia and one in New Jersey.

Forecasters predicted total accumulations of up to 20 inches in northern Pennsylvania, up to 15 inches in New Jersey, and 12 to 18 inches in New York City and its suburbs. Strong wind gusts were expected to accompany the snow.

**Animal rights group derailed**

ANCHORAGE (AP) — An Alaska judge has rejected an attempt by an animal rights group to stop a state-sponsored program allowing hunters to shoot wolves from air-

planes in Alaska.

The move Friday opens the door to a threatened nationwide tourism boycott targeting Alaska's \$2 billion tourism business, the same tactic that halted a similar wolf eradication effort a decade ago.

Connecticut-based Friends of Animals and seven Alaska plaintiffs asked Superior Court Judge Sharon L. Gleason to grant a preliminary injunction to stop the shooting, part of a wolf control program intended to boost the moose population in some areas.

Gleason refused to grant the injunction and lifted a temporary restraining order that had kept three pilot-and-hunter teams grounded since Nov. 26.

Friends of Animals president Priscilla Feral said she is considering

the possibility of further legal action but declined to elaborate.

**Schwarzenegger runs into a snag**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In a setback for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger,

the Legislature rejected his proposed spending cap and \$15 billion bond measure late Friday. Democratic alternatives also failed to pass.

The Legislature's failure to come up with two-thirds majorities for either proposal by the midnight deadline means the plans won't be on the spring primary ballot as Schwarzenegger had desired.

Schwarzenegger must now seek an alternative to the large bond issue.

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## Kemper, Tindol highlight 3-2A all-district selections

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs, who surprised almost everyone by earning a share of the District 3-2A crown and advancing to the third round of the state playoffs, reaped a heap of accolades for their efforts.

None, however, were as big as those bestowed on wide receiver Kelby Kemper.

A senior, Kemper amassed 93 receptions this fall for 1,925 yards and 26 touchdowns and

was named the District 3-2A most valuable player — as well as making the 3-2A all-district first-team roster at three positions, wide receiver, safety and punter.

Kemper wasn't the only Coahoma receiver thrown a first-team berth. Teammates Adrian Abrego and Lance Roberts also garnered high praise from district coaches. Abrego ended the season with 33 catches for 497 yards and four touchdowns. Roberts hauled in 66 receptions for 927

yards and five scores.

And when you have a trio of first-team receivers, it only goes to reason that the man delivering the ball should join them. Quarterback Sam Tindol did just.

A two-year starter, Tindol enjoyed one of the top seasons by a quarterback in the United States by throwing for more than 3,700 yards and 37 touchdowns. He also doubled as the Bulldogs' top rusher, netting 630 yards.

Like Kemper, Tindol was also

a two-time first-team selection. He was also named to the 3-2A defensive squad as a cornerback.

Sammy Sevey, who anchored the Bulldogs' offensive line, joined fellow senior Korley Bennett in making the first-team defensive team. Sevey earned mention at defensive tackle while Bennett and junior Adam Thompson topped the picks at defensive end.

The Stanton Buffaloes managed to nab three first-team

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
Coahoma senior Kelby Kemper was the District 3-2A MVP this season.

# A Purr-fect Pairing ...

## Garden City, Grady set up 'Kat' fight in Klasic finale

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — The Grady Lady Cats and the Garden City Lady Kats proved one point Friday night — dogs aren't the only ones to have their day.

Grady, courtesy of a last-minute rally, and Garden City both scratched out stunning wins in the second round of the Bearkat Booster Klasic and advanced to the girls' championship game. The first real "cat fight" was set for Saturday night in the GCHS gymnasium.

Making the finals was a major step for Grady, which stunned defending tournament champion McCamey 64-63 in overtime. The finals berth marks the team's first trip to a tournament championship game in several years.

"We're real excited to be here (in the finals)," said Grady head coach Lin Fink. "The team hasn't made it to the finals of a tournament in quite a while so this is something new for us."

Making it to the championship round didn't come easy for the Lady Cats. Grady was forced to rally from a four-point deficit in the final minute to claim a win over McCamey.

"There were so many momentum swings in the game," said Fink, who took over the Grady post this fall after having spent six years at Keene. "They had some calls ... we had some. Luckily we got the last one," Fink said.

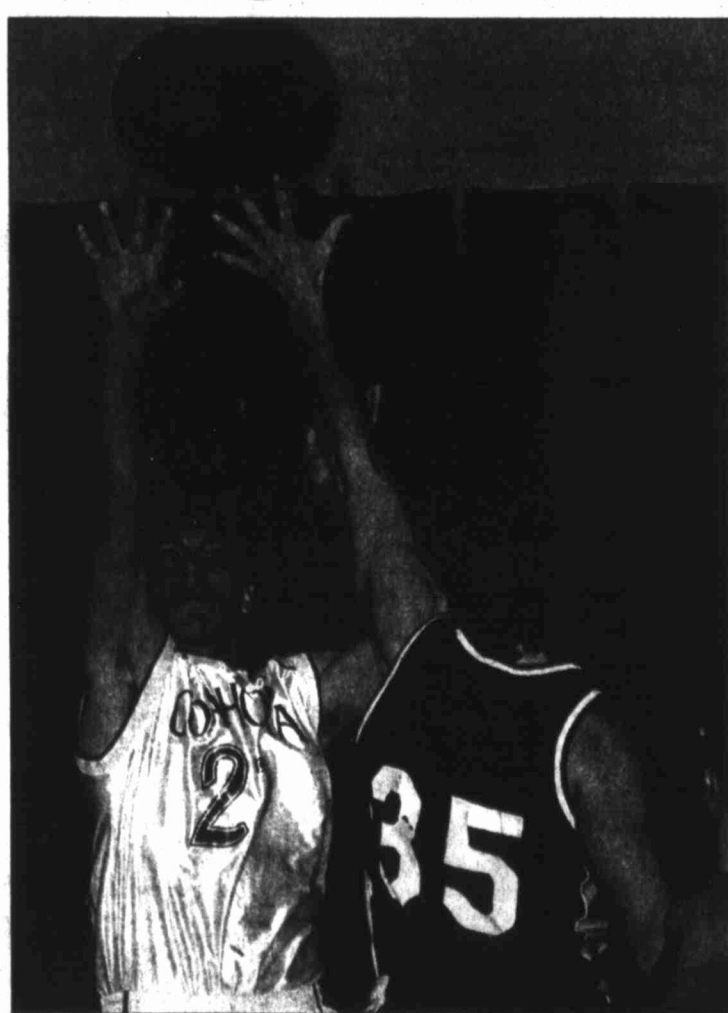
Grady's Kelsey Tubb pushed home a basket late in the overtime period that enabled the Lady Cats to grab the win. Tubb's game-winner came with less than 10 seconds left in overtime.

Tubb finished the contest with 17 points. Teammate Jessica Spradling also pumped in 17.

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HERALD Photo/Tommy Wells  
Members of the Grady Lady Cats celebrate on the court Friday afternoon after their thrilling 64-63 overtime win over the McCamey Lady Badgers. The win sent Grady to the Bearkat Booster Klasic finals to face Garden City.



HERALD Photo/Bruce Schooler  
Coahoma's Clint Walker shoots over the top of a Van Horn player Friday in the Bulldogs' second-round win.

## Loboes edge 'Dogs in 'free throw-for-all'

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Rumors the Coahoma Bulldogs were not in basketball shape were, in the words of Mark Twain, greatly exaggerated.

Unfortunately for Coahoma, good shape — and a bevy of free throw opportunities — didn't equate a win Friday night.

Despite a solid performance by Kelby Kemper in the final quarter, the Bulldogs suffered a 63-59 setback to the Cisco Loboes in the semifinals of the 18th Annual Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament. The two teams combined for 66 free throws.

With the win, Cisco advanced to face Midland Greenwood in the finals Saturday. The Loboes

earned the right to face Coahoma in the semifinals by virtue of a 55-25 victory over the Stanton Buffaloes in their opener.

Coahoma, which went to the charity stripe a season-high 40 times, got off to a quick start, building a 9-2 margin before the Loboes' Joe Petree drained a three-pointer that launched Cisco on a 15-8 run to end the first quarter.

Coahoma held a slim 19-17 lead at the start of the second.

Cisco, which hit seven of 12 3-point attempts in the game, clawed itself into a 25-25 tie midway through the frame when Brad Barton buried a trey. The Loboes gained their first lead moments later when CHS Ryan Barnes was fouled on a three-point try. He sank

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## Lady Steers sail to finals

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers continued to flex their muscles at the Concho River Classic Friday afternoon in San Angelo — and they have a berth in the tournament championship to prove it.

Big Spring, sparked by double-digit performances from Leina Braxton and Raegan Ritchey, moved into the championship game by pounding out a thrilling 54-51 overtime win over El Paso Andress in the winner's semifinals.

The Lady Steers were scheduled to face Hereford in the finals Saturday afternoon.

Andress didn't make getting to the tournament championships an easy endeavor, however. In fact, Big Spring was forced to fight off several deficits.

Andress carried the bulk of the momentum in the first eight minutes, posting a 9-8 advantage.

Braxton and Ritchey managed to get the Lady Steers on track in the second, however. Big Spring outscored Andress by a 12-6 margin in the frame and took a 20-15 lead into the half.

The Lady Steers, 3-4 overall, stretched their lead eight points in the third. Anchored by a 3-point shot by Alex Watkins and solid play inside from Shannon Higgins, the BSHS girls reeled off a 17-14 spree and took a 37-29 cushion into the fourth.

Andress managed to put together a 17-9 run down the stretch to tie the game at 46-46 at the end of regulation.

Higgins finished the game with nine points.

## Steers light up Lubbock for 81

The Big Spring Steers bounced back from an opening-round loss at the Brownfield Tournament in grand fashion Friday by roasting the Lubbock Warriors 81-51.

Big Spring, anchored by solid performances from seniors Wesley Smith and Jordan Cobb, put Lubbock on the defensive quickly. The Steers opened the contest with a staggering 23-7 run.

Big Spring, which matched last season's win total in just its seventh outing, drove the final nail into Lubbock's coffin with a strong second-half push. The Steers outscored Lubbock by a 47-27 clip in the final 16 minutes.

## Rangers and Red Sox talking about A-Rod for Ramirez trade

NEW YORK (AP) — A-Rod playing alongside Curt Schilling in Fenway Park next season — it could happen as the Boston Red Sox try to beat the New York Yankees in a heated game of "Can you top this?"

The Red Sox are discussing acquiring the AL MVP Alex Rodriguez from the Texas Rangers for Manny Ramirez in

what would be a swap of the only \$20 million-a-year players in baseball history.

"There seems to be a focus that often leads to successful deals," Ramirez's agent, Jeff Moorad, said Friday.

Moorad confirmed that Boston and Texas are talking. But he added: "I've stayed in touch with both clubs over the last

few days, and neither seemed optimistic today that a deal was imminent."

Rodriguez told Texas last month before he won his first MVP award that he was open to having the Rangers explore a trade.

The shortstop has reached 47 homers and 118 RBIs in three straight seasons. Ramirez, an outfielder, had at least 33

homers and 104 RBIs in each of his three years in Boston.

"A-Rod's the best player in the game, and he plays a premium defensive position," said Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras. "He certainly brings a moniker to a franchise. When a player like that is available, there are teams that are certainly going to do

everything they can to pursue him."

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino wouldn't confirm or deny any talks.

"All of these trade rumors come from Texas, not from us, and we aren't going to have any comment on any of them," he said.

Texas spokesman Gregg Elkin said there were no developments to report.

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two of the ensuing three free throw attempts and staked Cisco to a 30-28 halftime advantage.

Cisco wasted little time in widening the gap in the third by tearing off a 10-2 run in the first three minutes of the stanza. Barton and Petree carried the bulk of the offense by ripping back-to-back 3-pointers.

With Cisco holding a 54-45 lead with just under six minutes remaining, Coahoma found its game. The Bulldogs reeled off a 13-3 spree that ended with Kemper slicing through the middle for two defenders for shot that gave the Bulldogs a 58-57 lead with a minute and a half to go.

Cisco, however, was not to be denied. Barnes nailed a short jumper with 55 seconds left to give Cisco a 60-59 lead.

Adrian Abrego and Tyler Fowler both finished with 14 points in the loss. Aaron Mellete paced Cisco with 15 points while Petree ended the night with 13 points.

**Cisco 55  
Stanton 25**

Joe Petree scored a team-high 11 points and helped Cisco overpower Stanton, 55-25, in first-round action.

Joe Castillo paced the Buffaloes with six points. Stanton fell into a Saturday matchup with Van Horn.

**Greenwood 85  
Presidio 52**

The Presidio Blue Devils opened tournament play with the daunting task of trying to slow the Greenwood Rangers' offense. They didn't succeed, falling 85-52.

Presidio's Jacob Ramirez led all scorers with 21 points.

**Greenwood 91  
Seminole 69**

The Greenwood Rangers downed the Seminole Indians in convincing fashion Friday, taking a 91-69 win.

The Rangers etched themselves into tourna-



A Coahoma player leaps over a fallen Fort Stockton player to try and get to a loose ball during the semifinals Friday evening. Coahoma suffered a 57-56 setback.

ment history in the win, besting the previous tournament record for most points scored in a game set in 1999 when the Merkel Badgers hit 86.

**Coahoma 38  
Van Horn 33**

Kelby Kemper and Lance Roberts combined to score 20 points — with 10 apiece — and helped the Coahoma Bulldogs claim an ugly 38-33 victory over the Van Horn Eagles Friday afternoon.

Coahoma, which trailed by a 15-8 clip after one quarter of play, clawed its way back in the second period on the strength of a 9-2 run that tied the game at 17-17 at the break.

**Valley Christian 43  
Van Horn 40**

The Roswell (N.M.) Valley Christian Lions got 13 points from Patric Silvas and Keenan Schertz and battled to a tough 43-40 victory over the Van Horn Eagles Friday.

**Presidio 53  
Stanton 45**

The Presidio Blue Devils opened up an eight-point lead in the first half and then fought

off a Stanton push in the second half to escape with a 53-45 victory.

Stanton's Louis Chappala led all scorers with 21 points. Jacob Ramirez paced Presidio with 19.

**Fort Stockton 57  
Coahoma 56**

The Fort Stockton Lady Prowlers flew out to an 18-8 lead after one quarter

of play and then held off a torrid comeback attempt by the Coahoma Bulldogettes Friday to claim a 57-56 win and earn a berth in the Coahoma Invitational championship game.

Sterling Gee paced the Coahoma attack with 13 points. Erika Munoz poured in a game-high 16 for Ft. Stockton.

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selections as juniors Alex Shafer and Joey Hinojosa were named to the offensive and defensive lines, respectively. Senior Daryl Williams received accolades for his play in the defensive secondary.

The Forsan Buffaloes managed to snare some recognition as senior safety Josh Helmstetter — the district leader in interceptions — was named to the first-team defensive secondary.

Forsan's Ben Breyman joined Coahoma's D.J. Allen and Stanton's Tanner Riley as first-team special teams selections.

Colorado City claimed two of the top three awards handed out this fall as running back Jacobie Russell garnered the offensive MVP award. Sophomore Kenneth Scott followed up last year's Newcomer of the Year award by sharing the defensive MVP honors with Seagraves' Kyle Wilson.

2003 ALL-DISTRICT SELECTIONS	First Team	Second Team
Superlatives	Daryl Williams	Ben Breyman
District MVP	Ben Breyman	Ben Breyman
Offensive MVP	Jacobie Russell	Jacobie Russell
Defensive MVP	Kenneth Scott	Kenneth Scott
Offensive Line	Alex Shafer	Joey Hinojosa
Defensive Line	Josh Helmstetter	Josh Helmstetter
Quarterback	Joe Castillo	Joe Castillo
Running Back	Kenneth Scott	Kenneth Scott
Wide Receiver	Joe Castillo	Joe Castillo
Tight End	Joe Castillo	Joe Castillo
Offensive Back	Joe Castillo	Joe Castillo
Defensive Back	Josh Helmstetter	Josh Helmstetter
Linebacker	Josh Helmstetter	Josh Helmstetter
Cornerback	Josh Helmstetter	Josh Helmstetter
Safety	Josh Helmstetter	Josh Helmstetter
Kicker	Joe Castillo	Joe Castillo
Punter	Joe Castillo	Joe Castillo
Special Teams	Ben Breyman	Ben Breyman
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**Wildcats dump McCamey, earn return trip to finals**

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

**GARDEN CITY** — The Grady Wildcats moved a step closer to nailing down their second consecutive Bearkat Booster Klassic title Friday night by dealing the McCamey Badgers a 57-54 setback in the semifinal round.

With the win, Grady moved into the finals to face Midland Classical

Academy.

The Wildcats, a regional qualifier last year, built a 10-point lead, at 37-27, in the first half thanks to the hot hands of Jason Pribyla and Brent Madison. The two combined for 26 points in the first 16 minutes of play.

McCamey, which was led by Jamei Brown's 18 points, fought back to within three with a 27-20 effort in the second half.

Pribyla led all scorers with 30 points. Madison finished with 13 despite getting into foul trouble.

In other boys' action:

**Midland Classical 72 Garden City 55**  
Midland Classical reeled off a 21-4 run in the first eight minutes of play and cruised to a 72-55 win over the Garden City Bearkats.

The loss dropped GCHS

into a third-place bout with McCamey.

Wally Dunn led MCA scorers with 19 points. Eric Deshan and Pete Stanifonis each contributed 11.

Chas Goodwin led Garden City with 21. Blake Chudej added 17.

**Crane 84 Sands 33**  
The Crane Golden Cranes reeled off a 44-9

run in the second half Friday and took an 84-33 win.

Brandon Woods led all Sands scorers with 12 points. Santos Ybarra had eight.

**Christoval 79 Jesus Chapel 58**  
The Christoval Cougars outscored Jesus Chapel by a 31-10 clip in the first quarter and rolled to an easy 79-58 victory.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells  
Grady's Jason Pribyla drives past a McCamey defender.

**KLASSIC**

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Grady, now 7-1 for the year, took the game to the Lady Badgers in the first quarter. They outscored McCamey by a 13-8 clip in the first eight minutes.

The Lady Badgers managed to stay close, however. Jasmine Martinez scored four of her team-high 16 points in the second and enabled McCamey to go into the half trailing by a 21-16 clip.

The Lady Badgers outscored Grady by a 37-32 margin in the second half to tie the score at 53-53 at the end of regulation.

Garden City didn't have any trouble in nailing down its second straight trip to the Bearkat Klassic championship game. The Lady Kats collected double-digit efforts from Megan Niehues, Leslie Jansa and Jessica Hoch en route to gunning down the Midland Classical Academy Lady Knights by a 44-22 margin.

Garden City, anchored by a dominating effort inside by Niehues and Amanda Henson, wasted little time in putting Midland Classical on its heels. The Lady Kats opened the game with a 14-0 run over the first eight minutes.

Niehues led the GCHS first-quarter surge by scoring eight of her team-high 14 points in the frame.

Jansa, who tallied 12, took over in the second. She knocked down a pair of three-pointers and spearheaded a 14-8 spree that sent Garden City into the half holding a 28-8 advantage.

Hoch, who nailed two treys in the third, finished with 10 points, while Henson added eight.

In other girls' action:

**Christoval 69**

**EP Jesus Chapel 37**

The Christoval Lady Cougars broke open a tight game with a 17-3 run in the third quarter and then cruised into the consolation finals with a 69-37 win over the El Paso Jesus Chapel Lady Chargers.

With the win, Christoval advanced to play the Sands Lady Mustangs Saturday afternoon for fourth place.

The Lady Chargers managed to stay close early in the game. EPJC, behind a strong effort from Chrissy Kemp, trailed just 16-12 at the start of the second quarter.

**Sands 43**

**Wink 38**

Krista Blagrove and Tawna Reed each pushed in 13 points Friday and helped carry the Sands Lady Mustangs to a 43-38 win over the Wink Lady Wildcats in the consolation semifinals.

Sands used the free-throw to near perfection in the affair, turning 22 Wink fouls into a 13-for-21 performance from the charity stripe.

Blagrove helped power Sands to an early lead. She scored 10 of her total in the first half and keyed a 21-15 spree.



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# Leading a volunteer brigade

## Nancy Jones heads RSVP volunteers

By Marsha Allen  
HERALD Life Editor

*There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.*

Col. Jimmy Doolittle,  
WWI ace pilot

She comes from a background of service to community. As head of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in Big Spring, Nancy Jones keeps track of approximately 348 senior age volunteers.

As a child she helped her parents with ministry work in Amarillo. Born to Dick and Joyce Raymond in 1950, Mrs. Jones was the oldest of four children, a sister and two brothers.

Jones' mother was blind for a significant part of her childhood. Her mother underwent a corneal transplant in 1961 when Jones was 11 years old.

"I helped raise all my brothers and sister," Jones said. "She couldn't see us as children, so I had to grow up quickly."

She took care of the house, doing most of the cleaning and cooking. "I saw that the kids were clean, because, you know, Mom couldn't see about that."

Mrs. Raymond underwent several experimental procedures to help correct the sight problem, and even learned to use braille. "You know back in the 50s and 60s they didn't know or have the technology like they do now."

Her mother successfully completed a procedure to remove scar tissue a few years ago, "and she is just doing wonderful," Jones said. "She was kind of a walking miracle."

She graduated from Panhandle High School in 1968 and married her husband, Wayne, a month after graduation.

Shortly after their marriage her husband was drafted and was dispatched to Germany. He spent 15 months abroad while she remained at home to give birth to their son Stephen.

"I rented a small apartment across the street from my parents," she said.

When her husband



HERALD photo/cover design Marsha Allen  
Nancy Jones, director of RSVP in Big Spring

returned to the States they relocated to Lubbock. He attended college and earned an associate degree in electronics.

Once again they moved, back to Amarillo and Jennifer Jones was born in 1973. "Yes, she was named after the movie star, Jennifer Jones," she said.

"We did a lot of mission work through our church," she went on to say. "Through the Baptist church, Coulter Road Baptist, in Amarillo."

The church built small missions in rural communities. They worked in the program of the church. "Wayne led the singing and I played piano," she said. "And we worked with the youth. We did a lot of nursing homes. And that's where I realized I loved old people. I loved working with them."

The couple worked in this type of service for approximately 10 years.

"At one time we were doing three nursing homes a Saturday," she said. "The kids were the choir."

During this time Mr. Jones was working for a convenience store. They spent a couple of years in Lubbock before relocating to Big Spring when Mr. Jones was transferred within the chain operation.

In Big Spring he went to work as a dispatcher for the Big Spring Police Department. She started work at a local bank.

"I kept getting all these old people in my line," she said.

In 1993 she was approached to work at Canterbury, a local retirement center. "I didn't know, and this is the truth, that there were a

lot of, well, old people. I thought all the old people were in nursing homes and had a lot of illnesses, and everything. I just didn't know many still lived in their own housing, were active and healthy seniors."

After a year, the director job at RSVP became available, so she took over the directorship position in 1994.

"I have 348 volunteers that serve in 48 different places in Big Spring," she said. "What we do is take seniors who want to use

their experience and their time and to give back into the community. They really are good citizens."

"We look for opportunities to use those treasures they possess and put them to use for the betterment of our community."

For instance, Pat Simmons, a volunteer at the center, had a desire to light up the park [Comanche Trail Park] during the Christmas season. "I just encouraged her to go on and do something she thought of," said Jones.

Mobile Meals "is a program to make sure that homebound seniors, for whatever their reason that they can't get out, we make sure they have a nutritious meal brought to them once a day."

During the tax season VITA volunteers familiar with accounting procedures assist with preparing income tax returns.

Individuals serve as drivers for those who have to go for cancer treatments in Midland. Road to Recovery is headed by Lewand Hamm. "They always stand at the ready, because they never know when there will be a need," she continued.

"There are so many things going on sometimes," she said, "by the time you rustle up the volunteers needed it can get pretty hectic around here. I have no idea what a slow season is. I've never had one of those."

April is Volunteer Month and RSVP will celebrate by recognizing volunteers with a banquet.

"Every time I can go out and play with the volunteers, I am very happy," she said.

### RSVP: community helping community

Just because one might reach an age of elderly countenance is no reason to quit on life.

That about sums up the beliefs of the volunteers of Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Volunteers recently organized the project "Snow Days Back" collecting food to put into decorated sacks prepared by Hillcrest Daycare Center, and assembled by area junior and elementary schools.

RSVP travelers receive discounted road and touring trips throughout the year.

Trips include concerts in Dallas, road trips to New Orleans. Most recently RSVP participants attended a Branson Thanksgiving Tour.

Volunteers are always needed for the Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children (CASA) program, Hanger 25 needs volunteers and Project LIFT needs volunteers to work with children at Howard Cottage in a family literacy program.

There are volunteer opportunities with Isaiah 58, a volunteer station providing food and clothing to those who need these items.

### Mobile Meals delivers

Mobile Meals is a vital service of the program. The service was created more than 28 years ago in Howard County. An average of 100 low-income elderly adults are fed a balanced, nutritious meal five days each week.

The program is funded locally through Dora Roberts Foundation, United Way and individual donations.

Volunteers deliver meals and observe the welfare of meal recipients, who often are handicapped and have mobility or sight problems.

Call 264-2397 for registration to receive Mobile Meals.



Courtesy photos  
Above, high school student Nancy Jones was involved in many community activities. Her mother, Joyce Raymond, was blind until she was 33 years of age. Left, a young Jones in her Sunday best attire.

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### Was 'YaYa' before movie

Yaya is Greek for grandmother. The spelling is a little different, but this is the spelling that works on the automobile license plate.

Granddaughter Teagan anointed this grandmom with this name when she began to utter syllables.

Daughter Brandi tells the story thusly. Teagan's friend in day care at the Vandenburg AFB in Lompoc, Calif. had a Greek grandmother who often came to the day care center to pick up her granddaughter. Brandi says the grandmother looked a lot like "wah".

"This is probably how Teagan got the name, Mom", said daughter Brandi, for you look exactly like that woman. "Oh, dear, I'll pray for that lady," came the response.

Time was when daughter Brandi believed her mother was a bit eccentric, actually a lot eccentric. Having been an art student when premier effort at college was ensuing, Brandi's mother, years before Brandi was born, was one of the first among a handful of students on campus to demonstrate to wear shorts and halter tops during the summer. Long cylindrical hair often was worn in braids, sometimes with daisies intertwined amidst the tri-corded blonde coiffure; more often gathered with a rawhide string. YaYa was, at one time, very much a "hippie".

When years later an added degree was being completed at Pepperdine Malibu, often classes were attended where students were clad with little more than a bikini and swim trunks beneath a tee-shirt, the ensembles accessorized with only thong sandals. But then just about every student

### Master Gardeners class organizing

A new class of Howard County Master Gardeners will begin in early January. An orientation for new class members will be held Dec. 9 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Classes meet one day a week through April 27 and is open to anyone with an interest in flowers, lawns, shrubs, trees, water conservation or landscaping. The cost is \$75 for a four month course. Call 267-3853 for details.

### Win a free ticket to the Symphony's Christmas concert

Free tickets will be given to the first 12 callers to Marsha Allen of the Life desk at The Big Spring Herald answering this trivia question: In what country was the premier Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet" first performed? Call 263-7331, ext. 236. Callers must connect with Ms. Allen and not a voice mail. Winners may pick up their tickets at The Big Spring Herald. The Symphony is Christmas will be held Saturday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. (As of Friday, six tickets are left.)

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enjoyed the waves at Malibu Beach before, or between, classes.

Then there are hats. Hats are one of YaYa's fetishes. There is a hat for every occasion.

But this is not so much a style as a habit. Working adult women in the

sixties wore hats, gloves, garter belts and stockings...not panty hose, for these nylon contraptions were just being introduced at that time.

Hats, as can be remembered with Jackie O's stylish pill boxes and Queen Elizabeth's primpy cloches were what women wore.

And in those days a female always did her downtown shopping dressed up in the latest coat dresses with long leather gloves, accented with a chic hat. So hats are a noticeable pleasure for 7-year-old Teagan; the love of hats appears to be in the genes.

Brandi has now come full circle with her mom's eccentric mannerisms. For, you see, my friends, Teagan, at age seven, enjoys dressing offbeat, and loves hats, too. She very seldom leaves the house without a hat.

She is going to be an artist, just like her Yaya, for she already is putting together clothing in bright colors and flair, and she has a keen sense of observation and reflection about incidents, buildings and people around her.

The once snubbed eccentric mannerisms of mom coming from daughter Brandi have now become proud exclamations about Teagan's young, eccentric personality. "She's just like my mom", Brandi will say.

She admits Teagan likes goofy clothes, shoes that don't match anything, and Teagan has a hat fetish, just like YaYa.

It is quite touching to watch as Brandi witnesses the demurely reenacted personality traits which her daughter have borrowed from Yaya.

She no longer moans over Mom's eccentricities as she did when she was a young woman, embarrassed at her mom's unconventional clothing favorites and mannerisms.

For, my friends, those traits are resurfacing in daughter's daughter, YaYa's granddaughter. Being Yaya is great.

### Liberty Kids on the march armed with quizzes



Preparing for Liberty Day with quizzes are retired teacher, Loma Jean Wynn and students from left, Tyler McKinley, Andrew Fillingim, Adrian Aguilar, Austin Sharp and Jackson Watkins.

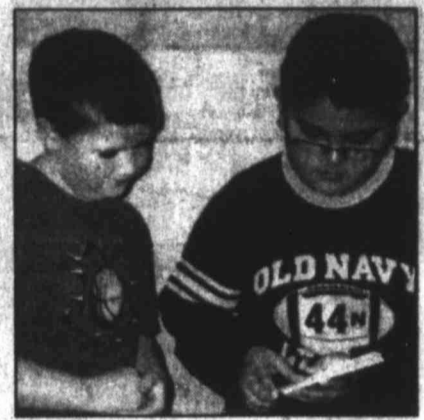


Fifth graders Allison Platte, left, and Jessica Rubio check out Liberty Kids t-shirt.

What are the first three words of the United States Constitution? How long is one term of office of a member of the U.S. Senate?

Five teams of local fifth graders are hard at work learning the answers to these and 22 other questions about the our constitution.

It is all part of "Liberty Day Kids", a program sponsored by the Howard County Unit of Texas Retired Teachers.



Fifth graders Blake Borman, left, and David Rios study quiz cards.

Students will have an opportunity to display their knowledge on Saturday morning, Dec. 13, at the Big Spring Post Office. After first receiving permission, they will ask adult postal patrons a question about the U.S. Constitution. Each adult questioned will receive a copy of a pocket-sized booklet containing the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

Participating in the event are three teams from Big Spring, one from Coahoma and one from Elbow. Students will wear bright red "Liberty Day" T-shirts and will be accompanied by adult sponsors.

Five teams are sponsored by the Coahoma Lion's Club, the Sand Spring's Lion's Club, the Goliad P.T.A. and the Howard County Retired Teachers Association. Bo Fryar is "Liberty Day Kids" chairman. Liberty Day was founded seven years ago by a Lion's Club in Denver. It fosters understanding of America's founding documents. Liberty Kids is a national event.

### Menus

#### New Hope Christian School

**MONDAY**-Grilled cheese, tomato soup, pickle spear, pineapple, fruit punch.

**TUESDAY**-Mini pizza, salad, cherry Jello, lemonade.

**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken & rice, green beans, applesauce, fruit punch.

**THURSDAY**-Corn dogs, baked beans, peaches, lemonade.

**FRIDAY**-Fish sticks, French fries, green beans, applesauce, fruit punch.

#### Sands CISD

**BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY**-Journey bars

**TUESDAY**-Muffins

**WEDNESDAY**-Pancakes & sausage

**THURSDAY**-Breakfast pizza

**FRIDAY**-Cereal

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**-Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pudding, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, mixed fruit, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Frito pie, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, cobbler, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Steak fingers w/gravy, sliced potatoes, peas & carrots, cookie, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Lasagna, batterbread, green beans, peaches, milk.

#### Big Spring ISD

**MONDAY**-Mexican jambayla, salad, corn, orange wedges.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken

spaghetti, green beans, pineapple jello, fruit juice, roll.

**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, pears, roll.

**THURSDAY**-Oven fried chicken, mac & cheese, mixed fruit, peaches, roll.

**FRIDAY**-Cheeseburger, salad, French fries, pork & beans, chocolate pie.

#### Coahoma ISD

**BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY**-Waffles, sausage, juice, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-French toast, sausage, juice, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Oatmeal, juice, sausage, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Pancake sausage on a stick, fruit, milk.

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**-Tacos (corn dogs), mixed fruit, salad, ranch beans, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Spaghetti w/meat (chili dogs), corn, Jello w/fruit, bread, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Beef quesadillas (burritos), salad, pinto beans, cookies, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Pizza, apples, tater tots, milk.

#### Forsan ISD

**BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY**-Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Biscuit,

sausage, juice, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Breakfast burrito, juice, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Donuts, juice, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Toast, peanut butter, jelly, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**-Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Buffalo burgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, chips, peaches, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Sloppy joes, French fries, pears, cookies & cream, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Turkey, dressing w/gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit salad, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Spaghetti, green beans, peaches, breadsticks, milk.

**Center**  
**MONDAY**-Chicken fried steak, macaroni and tomatoes, carrots, salad, milk, rolls and fruit.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken and dumplings, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, crackers and cake.

**WEDNESDAY**-Meat loaf, potatoes, blackeyed peas, salad, milk, cornbread and fruit.

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## Anniversaries



Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Reed

### Celebrating a golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Reed of Ackerly will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 14 with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. in their home. The celebration will be hosted by their children, Billy and Sherry Reed and Don Reed of Ackerly; Guywalt and Jan Via of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Reed is the former Mary Oaks. The couple was married Dec. 20 in Ackerly. They have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caffey

### Celebrating 60 years together

Ralph and Ladie Fred (Crain) Caffey of Midland celebrated their wedding anniversary at a family reunion August 2003.

The Caffey's met while attending school at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. The couple was married in the home of the bride in Trent Dec. 7, 1943.

Daughters of the couple, Linda Russell of Midland, Deborah Heath of Rawlins, Md., and Dianne Haun of Irving hosted the event.

Mr. Caffey was born in Truby (Anson) and Mrs. Caffey was born in Trent. He served as a Southern Baptist minister for 45 years and she as a school teacher and librarian.

They lived in numerous locations throughout their marriage, Cherry Point, S.C.; Truby, Abilene, Merkel, Trent, Pyote, Stanton, Tarzan, Greenwood, Truth or Consequences, N.M.; Prunedale, South San Francisco, Sonoma, Norco, Calif.; Walhalla, N.D., and Big Spring from 1991 to 2003, relocating to Midland in June 2003.

He enjoys gardening and she enjoys reading. "Our marriage has been extraordinary, blessed by God, immeasurably," Mrs. Caffey said.

The couple has seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



HERALD photo/Chris Moore

Gringott's Investment Club held a luncheon meeting Thursday at the Big Spring Country Club. Club members recently elected new officers. Handing off the gavel to vice-president-elect Jan Foresyth is past president Pat Porter, right. Foresyth accepted the gavel exchange for president-elect, LaNeil Witt, who couldn't attend the meeting due to illness. Other newly elected officers include Sandra Green, secretary, and Karen Fraser, treasurer.

## Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lee Rose

### Williams and Rose

Kimberly Dawn Williams and Nathan Lee Rose of Abilene were married Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. in Ovalo Baptist Church in Ovalo. She was given in marriage by her father, with Pastor Greg O. Rake officiating the exchange of marriage vows. A reception for the couple was held in Buffalo Gap.

The bride is the daughter of John and Sharon Williams of Lubbock. She graduated from Burleson High School and works as a hair designer at Avantis Salon in Abilene.

The groom is the son of Rolland and Lisa Rose of Big Spring and Donald and Trina Lee of Brackettville. He is a graduate of Forsan High School and serves as a prison guard at the Robertson Unit in Abilene.

After a honeymoon to Cozmel, Mexico, the couple resides in Abilene.

### Tasty tips for holiday cooking or baking

These tips for better cooking for the holidays are from the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

Try mashing potatoes with chicken broth and canned, evaporated, skimmed milk. No one will notice no butter.

Use pineapple or orange juice thickened with corn starch as a glaze for carrots or sweet potatoes. Add a pinch of pumpkin pie spice to the glaze.

Sprinkle hot vegetables with dill flavor instead of butter. Use low fat canned cream soup in the traditional green bean casserole.

After dinner, go for a long walk.

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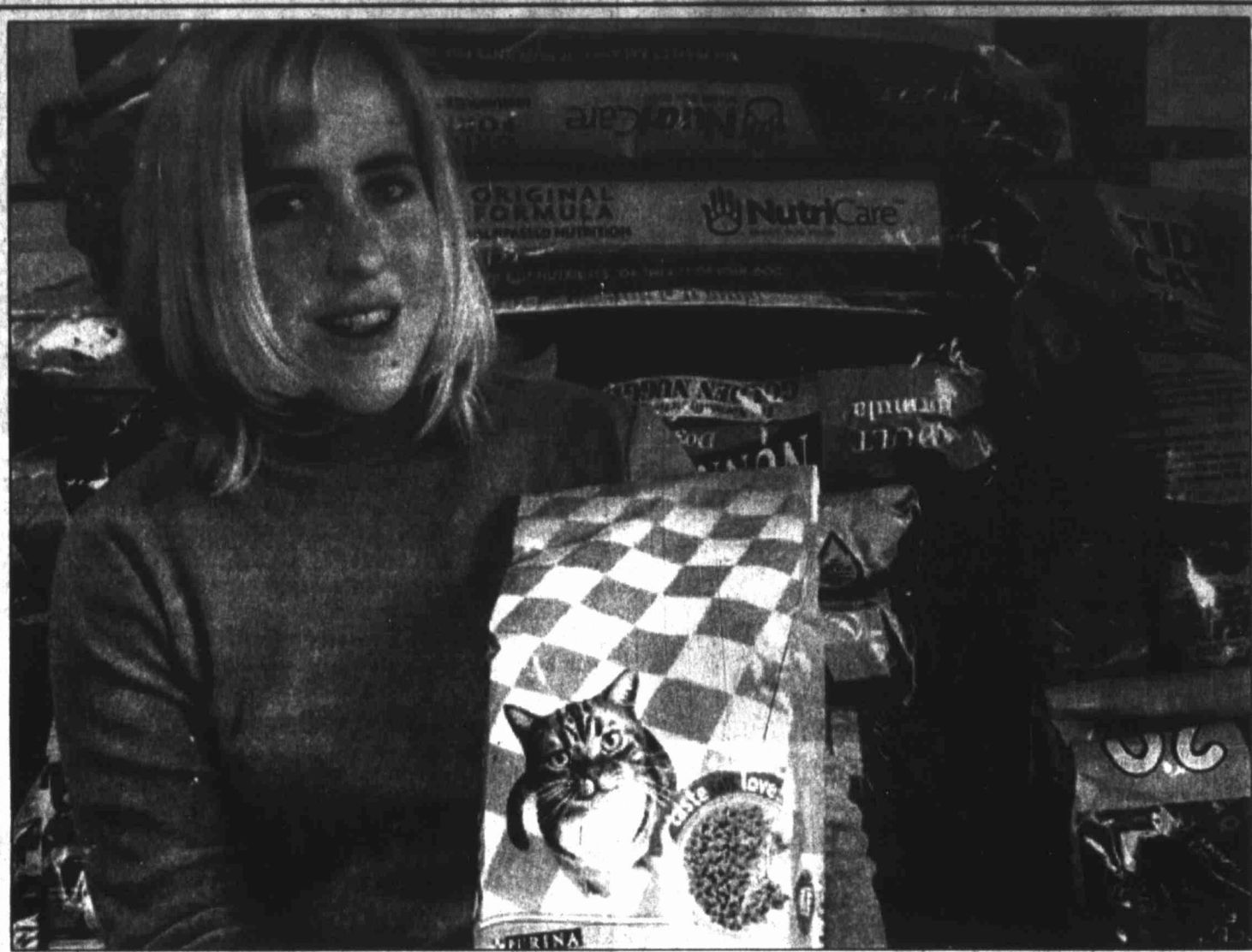
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Do you have an interesting item for the Business and Agriculture pages? Call John Mosley, 263-7331, ext. 230, or leave a voice mail.



Nicole Gibson, KBST traffic director, sits among many donated bags of animal food for the radio station's annual dog and cat food drive for the Big Spring Humane Society. Donations can be dropped off at the radio station's office, 608 Johnson St., between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. The drive will wrap up at the end of December.

# MEOWY CHRISTMAS

## KBST collecting food for the Humane Society

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring business is in the midst of a special food drive to make sure our four-footed friends are remembered this holiday season.

KBST is sponsoring its fifth annual dog and cat food drive for the Howard County Humane Society.

"We're accepting canned food, bags of dry food for both cats and dogs, treats — any type of dog or cat items," said Nicole Gibson, KBST traffic director.

Donations can be dropped off at the radio station's office, 608 Johnson St., between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

"We'll even get the bags out of the car for you," said Gibson, who added that past drives been very

**All types of cat and dog food can be taken to the radio station at 608 Johnson St.**

usually take four to five trips to the Humane Society each year. Sometimes, we have so many donations we can't hardly walk around in the office."

The Howard County Humane Society, located at on the service road of Interstate 20 west of Big Spring, houses and cares for 129 dogs and 30 cats and it takes about 2,000 pounds of food to feed the animals monthly, said Humane Society Shelter manager Jo Stone.

Stone said every donated bag of cat or dog food is welcomed and

needed.

"Everything we do out here is funded through donations," said Stone. "The more food donated to us means we can use that money toward something else. We can buy more medication or have more veterinarian visits, take care of maintenance around the area."

Already, KBST's drive, which will be wrapped up at the end of December, has netted an estimated 100 pounds of food. However, food isn't the only important gift an sheltered dog or cat could receive. "An adopted pet from the Humane Society makes a good Christmas gift," Gibson added.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

## Howard College judging team takes fourth in Louisville, Ky.

Special to the HERALD

The Howard College Livestock Judging Team coached by Vance Christie and Cash Berry came close to repeating its win last year in the Sheep Division of the North American International Livestock Exposition.

The event was held in Louisville, Ky., on Nov. 19. The team placed fourth in the division, with eight points separating the winning team from Lakeland Community College of Mattoon, Ill., and the Hawks.

Howard College also finished 14th in the Swine Division, 13th in Beef Cattle and 13th overall.

There were 27 colleges from across the country representing states from Illinois to California competing in the contest.

Team members for Howard College included Riley Barnett of Tahoka, Cole Dame of Brownwood, Chase McPhaul of Big Lake, Garrett Gilliam of Quanah, Jake Terrell of Stamford and Mitchell Williams of George West. The team is in action at the OPSU and West Texas A&M contests this weekend.

## IRS auditing companies pertaining stock options

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service wants to make sure companies are adhering to the rules for granting their chief officers stock options, fringe benefits and other perks.

The agency is auditing the two dozen companies to find out whether their executive compensation practices followed the letter of the law. The program will be expanded to more companies. In cases where the exams show the law to be hazy or vague, they plan to issue clarifications and guidance.

"Executive pay packages have become much more complex. We're taking a close look at these vehicles to make sure they fully comply with the law," IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said.

The program started this summer and intensified this fall, said Keith Jones, IRS director of field specialists. "We clearly increased our focus around these executive compensation type issues," he said.

The examinations may also lead to audits of some top officers' personal tax returns, Jones said. Tax laws, in some cases, link the way certain benefits are treated on corporate tax returns and individual tax returns. The audits would make sure those rules were followed.

The expansion of corporate audits into personal examinations raises significant questions for some executives, who might see a detailed audit of their entire return, said David Fuller, a former IRS official and now tax partner at the law firm McDermott, Will & Emery.

Fuller, who first detected the IRS audit program in April, said he views the expansion from company to personal audits as "a stealth audit of the executives."

His firm is advising his corporate clients to do an internal checkup to make sure their practices follow IRS guidelines. An internal audit can protect the companies from some aspects of an IRS audit, he said.

## North Dakota Farm Bureau launching farm policy study

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**  
Associated Press Writer

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The North Dakota Farm Bureau is embarking on a two-year study of agricultural policy in the hopes of giving producers in the state a stronger voice on national issues.

"We'll try to put together a pretty comprehensive package of things that need to be done at the federal level to benefit North Dakota agriculture," said Devils Lake farmer Eric Aasmundstad, the group's president.

A nine-person committee that will be formed by early next year will meet about a dozen times and also hold public hearings, Aasmundstad said. The

goal is to have a final report compiled in late 2005.

"They're going to be looking at tax issues, regulatory issues, transportation issues, whatever they think may have a direct or indirect effect on the business of agriculture," Aasmundstad said. "The more information we can give the folks in Washington to make the right decisions, the more confident we are they'll make the right decisions."

The Farm Bureau supported the federal farm bill that President Bush signed into law in May 2002, but the legislation is far from perfect, Aasmundstad said.

For example, he said, the North Dakota Farm Bureau

believes more federal subsidy money will shift from small grains states such as North Dakota to Corn Belt states such as Iowa under the bill, which expires in 2008.

"We have no interest in shorting anyone in another state, (but) we deserve a fair shake," Aasmundstad said.

The farm bill also increases emphasis on land-conservation programs that some say will benefit ranchers and fruit and vegetable growers.

"We think that North Dakota got shortchanged in some ways," Aasmundstad said. "Agriculture in North Dakota is quite a bit different than it is in the Corn Belt or the South," he said. "We have unique condi-

tions and circumstances."

### Texas pecan crop

ABILENE (AP) — Although Texas is expected to be the nation's top pecan-producing state this year, some growers say the crop could have been even better.

Bob Childress, who runs Childress Farms in Cottonwood with his brother, said they lost about half of their crop in an April freeze. Childress Farms harvested 25,000 pounds of pecans in 28 varieties from 2,300 trees in a 65-acre orchard.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that Texas will harvest 70 million

pounds of pecans this year, said Scott Jennings of the Texas Pecan Growers Association in College Station.

Texas is expected to surpass Georgia, usually the top pecan producer, where heavy rains caused a fungus to attack the crop.

According to the Texas Pecan Growers Association, pecan prices are up this year, fluctuating from about \$1.50 to \$2.50 per pound for in-shell pecans, and from \$4.50 to \$7.50 per pound for shelled pecans.

Price depends on the quality, size and time of year, Jennings said.

"Consumers will see slightly higher prices this year, but nothing outrageous," he said.

## Nation's unemployment rate slips to 5.9 percent in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate slipped to 5.9 percent in November, the lowest level in eight months, but employers added new jobs at a slower pace than expected.

The Labor Department reported Friday that the rate fell from 6 percent in October. The last time it was lower was in March, at 5.8 percent.

U.S. companies added 57,000 new jobs in November, boosting payrolls by 328,000 during the past four months following a half-year hiring drought. But analysts had predicted that about 150,000 new jobs would be added in November.

The jobs market "is not

improving as fast as we thought it was," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard and Poor's DRI. "It's true we've had four consecutive months of payroll growth, which is a start. But it's only a bare start."

Economists are looking for monthly payroll gains of 200,000 to 300,000 to significantly lower the unemployment rate and sustain a labor market recovery.

Stocks retreated on the report. In midmorning trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was off 43 points and the Nasdaq was down 17 points.

Holding down overall payrolls last month were the grocery store strikes in California,

Missouri and elsewhere. The strikes accounted for 23,000 jobs being lost last month, the government said. The hiring of replacement workers helped offset those losses a bit.

The nation's factories continue to struggle. Job losses continued for the 39th consecutive month in November, with payrolls falling by 17,000. But the pace has slowed significantly.

In a sign of possibly better days ahead for manufacturing, the Commerce Department said Friday that new orders to U.S. factories rose by 2.2 percent in October, the strongest increase in 15 months. The gain, the fifth increase in the past six months, was led by strong

demand for military hardware and transportation equipment.

Analysts believe that strong overall economic growth in recent months and fatter orders books may finally persuade manufacturers to begin rehiring laid off workers.

But hope for some stabilization could be dashed, with President Bush's move Thursday to scrap tariffs on imported steel that he had imposed last year to help the battered industry.

The decision sparked anger from steel companies, workers and their political supporters, who accused Bush of breaking a campaign promise and turning his back on an industry

that was still in need of protection from unfair foreign competition. Critics said Rust Belt and Midwestern states would be hard hit by Bush's decision. Bush said he had given the industry the time it needed to regroup.

Democrats blame the loss of some 2 million jobs since January 2001 on Bush's handling of the economy. But the Bush administration credits tax cuts with helping energize the recovery.

Four straight months of job growth could benefit Bush's reelection effort and hurt Democrats' plans to use the

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**Marriage Licenses:**  
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**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Ella Lavelle Armstrong  
Grantee: Zane Neal Bobbitt  
Property: Lot 16, Block 10, Kentwood Addition Unit No. 1  
Date filed: Nov. 14, 2003

Grantor: Charles Ogle  
Grantee: John S. Flores  
Property: Lot 4, Block 4, North McEwen Addition

Date filed: Nov. 14, 2003

Grantor: Daniel O. Perez  
Grantee: Juana Perez  
Property: Lot 4, Block 7, Bauer Addition  
Date filed: Nov. 17, 2003

Grantor: James E. Boyd and Neida J. Boyd  
Grantee: Kathleen S. Brown  
Property: Lot 20, Block 6, Kentwood Unit No. 1  
Date filed: Nov. 17, 2003

Grantor: AGA Properties Inc.  
Grantee: Jack R. Cathey  
Property: The SW corner of a 2.31 acre tract in the SW/4 of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
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Grantor: Toby Louis Clanton  
Grantee: Ron L. Clanton, Paula K. Hunt and Rhonda Kim Ransleben  
Property: A tract out of Lot 4, Block 93, in the Original Town of Big Spring  
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Grantor: Lena M. Lawson  
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Property: Lot 6, Block 2, Original Town of Big Spring  
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Grantor: James D. Milner  
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Grantor: Chin Ping Inc.  
Property: A portion of Block 98 in the Original Town of Big Spring  
Date filed: Nov. 18, 2003

Grantor: Autozone Inc.  
Grantee: Autozone Texas L.P.  
Property: All of Block 7, Original Town of Big Spring  
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Grantor: Juan Palacios and Elniede Palacios  
Grantee: Juan V. Silva  
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Grantor: Kyle Cook and Melody Cook  
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Date filed: Nov. 20, 2003

Grantor: Alex Rodriguez and Sharon Rodriguez  
Grantee: Cindy Karns  
Property: Lot 12, Block 3, Hall Addition  
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Grantee: Matt Scroggins and Leslie Scroggins  
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Grantee: Security State Bank  
Property: Lots 7 and 8, Block 60, Original Town of Big Spring  
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Grantor: Jerrod P. Beal and Stacy L. Beal  
Grantee: Rebecca Suzanne Smith  
Property: Lot 2, Block 8, Coronado Hills Addition  
Date filed: Nov. 19, 2003

Grantor: Birdwell Lane Church of Christ  
Grantee: Josephine Sarmiento  
Property: Lots 17 and 18, Block 18, Washington Place Addition  
Date filed: Nov. 20, 2003

Grantor: Henry Franco and Lisa Franco  
Grantee: Michael V. Creel and Joye Jayne Creel  
Property: A 0.56 acre tract out of the NW/4 of Section 7, Block 32, and the NE/4 of Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
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Grantor: Duane Norgren and Monica Norgren  
Grantee: Cendant Mortgage Corp.  
Property: Lot 27, Block 1, Highland South Addition  
Date filed: Nov. 20, 2003

Grantor: Donna A. Earnest  
Grantee: Fred Olivarez and Gwen Olivarez  
Property: Lot 9, Block 1, Jerald Smith Addition  
Date filed: Nov. 21, 2003

Federal program protects farm.

By **CONNIE FARROW**  
Associated Press Writer  
BATTLEFIELD, Mo. — Bill Kary was torn between his love of running cattle and the comfortable retirement that could come from selling his southwest Missouri farm to developers. Officials working to protect a relatively untouched Civil War battlefield from encroaching subdivisions convinced him a federal farmland protection program offered both. Kary agreed to preserve two parcels of farmland totaling 102 acres that adjoin Wilson's Creek National Battlefield under an agreement with U.S. Department of Agriculture and Ozark Greenways, a not-for-profit conservation organization. Kary's farm is now recognized as the first conservation easement site in Missouri. It also marks the first time the program was used to protect a historic battlefield. "I may have made more building houses out here

on this property, but building houses and making more money is not always the answer," Kary said before signing the final paperwork during a ceremony Nov. 25. Under the agreement, Kary retains ownership of the land and will continue tending to his more than 100 head of cattle, as well as growing hay and fescue. Ozark Greenways holds the development rights to the two parcels, meaning the organization is charged with ensuring it forever remains agricultural land. The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program was established as part of the 1996 Farm Bill to provide money to help buy rights to keep productive farmland in agricultural use. But it allowed the USDA to partner only with state, tribal or local governments. Because Missouri did not enact a farmland protection program, it was not eligible for federal funds. The voluntary program expanded under the 2002

Farm Bill to allow non-governmental organizations with existing farm and ranch land protection programs to purchase conservation easements. As a result, Ozark Greenways was able to work with Kary and the USDA to ensure development won't encroach on the edges of the battlefield, situated in a metropolitan area that is home to about 380,000 people. "The benefit is that it protects the cultural landscape for visitors to the battlefield, instead of seeing it all eaten up by roads, houses and shopping centers," said Terry Whaley, executive director of Ozark Greenways. "It also keeps agricultural land within the realm of an urban area, so families can continue to farm." Here's how it works: Kary's land has an agricultural value of \$1,000 an acre, but a developer was willing to pay \$9,000 an acre. The \$8,000-per acre difference is considered the "development rights." That amounted to \$816,000 for the 102 acres, which was paid to Kary in a

lump sum. The USDA pitched in half of the money, or \$408,000. Ozark Greenways raised \$202,000. Kary agreed to donate the remaining \$202,000 to Ozark Greenways in exchange for tax credits. Ted Hillmer, superintendent of Wilson's Creek, said the easement will help keep the view similar to Aug. 10, 1861. That day, 5,400 Union troops battled 12,000 Confederates. Nathaniel Lyon became the first Union general killed in combat during the bloody battle.

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dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu  
Sealed bids will be accepted  
through 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday,  
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thru Friday, 8:00 AM to  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that  
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MERRITT, Deceased, were  
issued on December 2, 2003, in  
Cause No. P-13086, pending in  
the County Court of Howard  
County, Texas, to Jane  
Hammond.  
All persons having claims  
against this Estate which are  
currently being admitted are  
required to present them to the  
undersigned within the time and  
in the manner prescribed by  
law.  
-/o Jane Hammond  
200 Lincoln Ave.  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
DATED the 3rd day of  
December, 2003.  
C. E. (Mike) Thomas, III  
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501 Gregg Street  
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
NOTICE TO:  
The Unknown Heirs of  
Myrtle McMaster, Deceased.  
Defendants in the Cause  
Number and Entitled Below.  
You have been sued. You  
may employ an attorney. If  
you or your attorney do not  
file a written answer with  
the Clerk who issued this  
citation by 10:00 a.m. the  
Monday next following the  
expiration of 42 days after  
issuance of this citation, a  
default judgment may be  
taken against you.  
The application to determine  
heirship by Cassandra  
Fillingham and Arnie C. Clark,  
applicants, was filed in the  
Probate Court at Howard  
County, Texas on the 10th day  
of November 2003, for the  
Estate of Myrtle McMaster,  
Deceased, number P-13229  
and entitled "In RE Estate of  
Myrtle McMaster, Deceased."  
The application requested the  
court to determine heirs of the  
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The property in the estate  
includes Section 4, Block A,  
E.L. & R.R. Survey, Reagan  
County, Texas, containing  
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Section 15, Block 2,  
Co. Survey, Reagan County,  
Texas, containing approximately  
140 acres, certain mineral  
rights, certificates of deposits,  
an annuity, and furniture and  
person effects. The interest of  
any unknown heir is unknown,  
and depends on their  
relationship to the deceased.  
The Court will hear such  
application to 10:00 AM on the  
first Monday after the expiration  
of 42 days from the date this  
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Monday, the 8th day of  
January, 2004, in the County  
Courtroom in the County  
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in Big Spring, Texas.  
The parties include Cassandra  
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and the known heirs Dale Bond,  
Lee Roy Clark, Betty Sue Mize  
Guardian of Lee Roy Clark, Earl  
Cook, James Cook, W.G.T.C.  
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Thomas M. Cook, William C.  
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for said hearing by filing a  
written contest or answer to  
said application should they  
desire to contest it.  
Said written contest or answer  
shall be filed in the office of the  
County Clerk of Howard  
County, Texas in Big Spring,  
Texas.  
If this citation is not served  
within 90 days after the day of  
said written contest or answer  
shall be filed in the office of the  
County Clerk of Howard  
County, Texas in Big Spring,  
Texas.  
If this citation is not served  
within 90 days after the day of  
issuance, it shall be returned  
unused.  
ISSUE AND GIVEN under my  
hand and seal of office this 20  
day of November 2003, at  
office in Big Spring, Texas.  
DONNA WRIGHT, COUNTY  
CLERK  
Howard County, Texas  
By Pat Anderson, Deputy  
#4045 November 30 &  
December 7, 14, 21, 2003

**BY JOYCE JILLSON**  
Action isn't so difficult  
to take once you make the  
first move.



Joyce Jillson

W i t h momentum  
on our side,  
incredible  
strides can  
be made  
rather  
quickly —  
so much so  
that there's  
no time to  
alert the  
people who  
might be affected. Today,  
the moon enters communica-  
tion specialist Gemini,  
which helps make that late  
announcement easier and  
better received.

**ARIES** (March 21-April  
19). Indecision in a rela-  
tionship prolongs your dis-  
comfort. Make a commit-  
ment; it's exciting! Nostalgic  
dreams remind you what you  
wanted way back when. Chil-  
dren's activities are fun for all.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May  
20). The mystery surround-  
ing romantic love and enchan-  
tment will puzzle. What is cer-  
tain is that love isn't tangible  
and can't be bottled and sold,  
yet you feel the magic in an  
undeniable way tonight. Ex-  
press yourself freely.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June  
21). Minimal effort is need-  
ed on your part to make  
money. Lucky you! Teach  
others your success. Confi-  
dence is the winning  
ingredient. Tonight, some-  
one who's always been  
"cool" shows vulnerability.  
This is a sign you've won.

**CANCER** (June 22-July  
22). Your fear of commit-

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

ment may come into play,  
but don't fret. You're not  
running from being loved,  
only from being boxed in.  
The longer a relationship  
has to grow and mature,  
the stronger the bonds of  
emotional attachment.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).  
Improved family relations  
set you free of old restric-  
tions. Parents reignite  
romantic sparks because  
children's needs bring  
them together. You'll enjoy  
good health, so exert your-  
self to expand the limits of  
your strength.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).  
Nobody else can define  
you. It's what you think of  
you that matters. Be  
lenient with those who  
make stupid mistakes. Run  
the figures for the thing  
you've been wanting to  
buy. You can get it soon-  
er than you thought.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).  
When you feel obligated to  
return someone's love,  
your instinct is to turn  
away instead. Fight it.  
When you go forward to  
embrace this persistent  
and needy soul, he or she  
will back off, giving you  
a bracing room.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-  
Nov. 21). Words are cheap.  
Consistently prove your  
love with actions. Also,  
take your time with a  
developing friendship, just  
as you do with a develop-  
ing love. A shopping trip  
leaves you empty-handed,  
but later, you are thankful.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-  
Dec. 21). Don't fret about  
what to do next. Choices  
are opportunities, and  
recent romantic changes  
are a chance to move on  
from the past. Romantic

note: The one you want is  
waiting for you to call.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-  
Jan. 19). Allow a loved one  
to get personal sentiments  
out in the open, and be  
completely accepting of  
them. For now, bonds that  
last are built over months  
and years, not hours and  
days.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb.  
18). It may seem that the  
one you want doesn't wish  
to be won over, at least not  
by you. Don't be fooled by  
such deceptive appear-  
ances. He or she is playing  
hard to get. A Scorpio has  
a money tip worth follow-  
ing.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March  
20). The best moneymak-  
ing ideas now are collabo-  
rations. Your willingness  
to learn makes those with  
something to teach very  
excited to gift you with  
their knowledge. Loved  
ones also feel encouraged  
to rely on you.

**FORECAST FOR THE  
WEEK AHEAD:** The moon  
slips into Gemini and on  
Monday shows its full  
glory. Much is released  
when the moon ripens,  
and in Gemini, the libera-  
tion comes in an intellec-  
tual form. Whether it's  
new tidbits of information  
that help us understand  
our lives better or finally  
having the right words to  
describe a notion that's  
been indefinable for  
months, Gemini provides  
just the missing piece.  
Also, tensions that have  
been building find resolu-  
tion on Monday. On  
Wednesday, the sun and  
Jupiter duke it out in the  
conference room and come  
to a conclusion, too. If you

take action, the universe  
will help you big time —  
not just a little — to really  
let you know what you're  
in for. Thursday features a  
lucky aspect involving  
love planet Venus and fat  
cat Jupiter. Flirting goes  
out of control, and your  
intentions will be in ques-  
tion. Is this fun or a seri-  
ous thing? The lines are  
deliciously blurred. At the  
end of the week, Pluto  
transits bring this ques-  
tion to a more deliberate  
tone, and those who aren't  
inclined to answer straight  
will be called on the car-  
pet. Saturday, the moon in  
fun-loving Leo urges us to  
strike up the band and  
shake it up!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:**  
Daryl Hannah added  
"provocateur" to her list of  
on-camera personalities as  
her sexy spread in Playboy  
caused an industry stir.  
Will this hurt her credibil-  
ity as an actress? Quite the  
opposite, as this adventur-  
ous Sagittarius probably  
sees this pinup adventure  
as just another role. Sagittarius  
people are thrill seekers  
who might ask, "Why pose  
in a bathing suit when you  
could pose in your birth-  
day suit?"

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**Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: I am a moth-  
er who lost a son last year.  
I remember reading one of  
your columns in the  
Lubbock (Texas)  
Avalanche-Journal about  
an organization where peo-  
ple all over the world light  
a candle in memory of  
children who have died.

After seeing that column,  
my neighbor brought a  
candle over to my house  
with a note saying she  
would be lighting her own  
candle at 7 p.m. in memo-  
ry of my son. I lit the can-  
dle she brought, and I  
knew people around the  
world would be lighting a  
candle on the same date. It  
was such a wonderful  
memorial for me.

I am trying to locate this  
information so I can find  
out if they are doing it  
again. It is so important to  
continue this tradition. —  
S.D., Lubbock, Texas

Dear S.D.: The same day  
that your letter arrived, we  
received this one in the  
mail. It will answer all  
your questions:  
Dear Annie: We are once  
again moving into a sea-  
son that for most people is  
filled with happiness and  
joy. But for families deal-  
ing with the death of a  
loved one, this can be a  
particularly difficult time.  
When that missing family  
member is a child, the  
emptiness can be smother-  
ing. I want to make your  
readers aware of a way  
they can remember and  
honor children of any age  
whose lives have been cut  
short.

The Compassionate  
Friends, a national self-  
help organization for fami-  
lies that have experienced  
the death of a child,  
invites everyone to light  
a candle for one hour at 7  
p.m. local time next  
Sunday, Dec. 14, during  
The Compassionate  
Friends Worldwide Candle  
Lighting. The remem-  
brance is held the second  
Sunday in December each  
year.  
Candles are first lit west  
of the International Date  
Line, and then an hour  
later in the next time zone,  
eventually encircling the  
globe in a 24-hour wave of  
light.

With nearly 600 chapters  
in the United States, and a  
national presence in 30  
countries around the  
world, The Compassionate



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Friends expects hundreds  
of organized memorial ser-  
vices on that day, open to  
all those who grieve for a  
child. A listing of many of  
these can be found on The  
Compassionate Friends  
national Web site at  
www.compassionate-  
friends.org.

Those remembering a  
child who has died are  
invited to share their  
thoughts Dec. 14 on the  
memory board at the  
national Web site. For  
more information, your  
readers are welcome to  
call the national office toll-  
free at 1-877-969-0010. We  
do this in remembrance of  
our children... that their  
light may always shine. —  
Patricia Loder, Executive  
Director,  
The Compassionate Friends,  
USA

Dear Patricia Loder:  
Thank you so much for  
reminding our readers  
about the Worldwide  
Candle Lighting, in memo-  
ry of all the children who  
have died. Please, folks,  
join us in lighting a candle  
next Sunday at 7 p.m.,  
local time, and add your  
flame to the wave of light  
around the world.

Dear Annie: I am a col-  
lege sophomore and a regu-  
lar reader of your colu-  
mn. Over the past few  
months, I have noticed  
that some of my friends  
are compulsive liars. They  
lie about everything,  
important or trivial, or at  
the very least, exaggerate  
details in their stories.  
What compels them to act  
this way, and how should I  
react? — Auburn, Wash.,  
Student

Dear Student: People  
who lie about trivial  
things and exaggerate  
details do so because they  
need attention and want to  
feel important. They

believe an embellished  
story makes them more  
interesting to others. Feel  
free to correct them (be  
gentle), or simply plaster a  
tight smile on your face  
and change the subject.

Dear Annie: My hus-  
band, "Dawson," has one  
sister, "Liza." There always  
has been friction between  
them. Liza has not seen  
our 2-year-old daughter,  
"Cathy," in over a year,  
even though Liza is  
Cathy's godmother as well  
as her aunt.

Liza had a baby in the  
spring. Before the baby  
was born, my father-in-  
law, "George," informed  
me that his new wife was  
going to the baby shower. I  
never received an invita-  
tion. Despite this slight,  
Dawson visited Liza in the  
hospital when she had the  
baby.

A few weeks later,  
Dawson asked when it  
would be convenient to  
bring Cathy over to meet  
her new cousin. Liza told  
him her pediatrician  
wouldn't allow any small  
visitors until the baby was  
6 months old. That was  
seven months ago, and we  
still haven't heard back  
from her.

Several weeks ago,  
George mentioned that he  
and his wife had attended  
the baby's christening,  
although that was the first  
we'd heard about it.  
Naturally, we are upset,  
but one other thing both-  
ers me. George likes to  
cause trouble and may be  
playing a game I call  
"divide and conquer." It's  
quite possible Liza invited  
us verbally through  
George, but he decided not  
to mention it to us. If that's  
the case, we'd like to cor-  
rect her misimpression.

I want to confront Liza  
and ask her why we were  
not invited to the christen-  
ing. If she wants us out of  
her life, I'm more than  
happy to oblige. Dawson  
says enough is enough,  
and not to give her the  
opportunity to be rude to  
us again. Annie, what  
would you do? — The  
Sister-Out-Law

Dear Sister: If Liza want-  
ed you to be part of her  
life, she would have con-  
tacted you by now. How-  
ever, there always is the  
possibility of a misun-  
derstanding, especially  
with a father-in-law who

likes to cause trouble.

You ought to clear the  
air. Buy a present for the  
new baby, and then call  
Liza and say, "We heard  
you had a christening, and  
we wanted to wish you  
well and drop off a baby  
gift." Then tell her you  
would like your families  
to be closer. Ask her point-  
blank if there is anything  
you have done to offend  
her. Her answer will let  
you know if you can drop  
the gift off in person or  
just stick it in the mail.

Dear Annie: My ex-hus-  
band has remarried, and I  
am on good terms with  
him and his new wife.  
Here's my question: If he  
should die before I do, is it  
acceptable for me to attend  
his funeral? He and I were  
together for 23 years, and  
we have a daughter we  
both adore. I would like to  
pay my last respects to  
him and also be support-  
ive of our daughter. Is this  
appropriate? — Kansas

Dear Kansas: Absolutely.  
Unless the funeral is by  
invitation only, or your  
presence would be terribly  
upsetting to the new wife,  
by all means go. It's nice  
that you consider him to  
be a friend.

Dear Annie: This is for  
"Ready to Flush in  
Massachusetts," whose  
neighbor decorated the  
lawn with religious fig-  
ures and then added a  
commode which she  
turned into a flower pot. If  
her neighbor likes recy-  
cling stuff, I have a better  
idea.

A friend of mine took an  
old, metal bedframe and  
buried it up to the sides.  
She then planted flowers  
where the mattress would  
be, making a truly unique  
"flower bed." It was quite  
attractive. — A California  
Reader

Dear Reader: It certainly  
would be less offensive  
next to those religious fig-  
ures than an old toilet.  
Thanks for the good sug-  
gestion.

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