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# Toy drive organizer seeks donations as time runs out

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

In keeping with other area charity. organization's reports, the annual Big Spring Herald toy drive is experiencing a slump com-pared to last year's donations.

Project coordinator Bob Rumpff said numbers are down somewhat, but he's by no means singing the blues. "I don't think we have as many toys as we did last

year," said Rumpff. "It's hard to gauge. The generosity has been good, but I'd like

to see more, because that means more children get more toys this Christmas.

"I'd like to tell the folks that have brought toys in thank you so very much. If you haven't already made a donation, please make a point of doing so. We'll be

turning them over to the Salvation Army for distribution on Wednesday, so there's still time.'

Rumpff said he under-

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# **Annual Tour of Homes** slated Sunday afternoon

The Big Spring Tour of Homes will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Eddie and Vicki Cole, Morris and Sandra Rhodes and John and Cynthia Marshall have opened their homes for the annual tour, which is sponsored by the Big Spring Symphony Guild.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at either First Bank of West Texas location, Dunlap's, Faye's Flower's, Blum's Jewelers, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Heritage Museum and the Guild office.

There will also be a reception from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth streets.

# REACHING OUT

# Volunteers needed to serve as nursing home advocates

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

An agency is searching for volunteers to serve as nursing home advocates in Howard County.

"A lot of interesting people live in nursing homes," said Cindy Oglesby, managing local ombudsman. "There may be a person who has been on the cover of Vogue or taught your grand-

daughter "It's looking at that your daughter person's eyes, past the in school. wrinkles, past the We have interesting disabilities v e t e r ans...and

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g r a m heart, sharing time." Oglesby oversees is

Cincy Oglesby, part of the ombudsman Area Agency on Aging, Permian Basin

Regional Planning Commission. "We advocate for nursing home residents," Oglesby explained. "I have a group of volunteers who visit facilities. I'm always needing more visitors in Big Spring. I really have only three steady volunteers, but I need two or three volunteers for the (Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez) Texas Veterans Home."

With 1,800 nursing home residents in the Permian Basin and 325 available beds in Howard County alone, Oglesby and her volunteers have their work cut out for them.

As a nursing home advocate, volunteers are not responsible for investi-

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Cathey Construction workers Tony Moran, left, Bobby Lee and Samuel Morales carefully lift the archway for the Festival of Lights display Friday by crane. Also pictured are Festival of Lights committee members Pat Simmons and Bobby McDonald, far right. The annual festive display will begin turned on at 6 p.m. Monday and continue nightly from 6 to 10 through Dec. 31.

# Comanche Trail Park lights to be turned on Monday night

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

150 What started as a few strands of Christmas lights has become a West Texas tradition, as the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights prepares to get underway Monday.

well at this point," festival coordinator Pat Simmons said on Friday as volunteers were details. "I think some of the lights might not be up and running by Monday because of See LIGHTS, Page 3A

"Everything is going pretty the weather and illness has set us back a little bit."

Now several years old, the two-and-half-week attending to last minute blossomed from an idea of illuminating the spring area for

# **United Way** sets luncheon for Thursday

**HERALD** staff report

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will hold an endof-campaign luncheon Thursday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Final campaign numbers will be announced. Volunteers and companies will be recognized and agencies will receive their allocations notifications.

Rhapsody, the choir group led by Big Spring High School choir director Linda Lyndell, will perform Christmas car-

The luncheon is open to everyone but reserva-

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United Way Chairman Charles Myers, left, and volunteer Roy Worthy change one of the campaign total signs at the Howard County Courthouse Friday to Indicate that the 2003 campaign exceeded its goal of raising \$265,000 for area agencies. An appreciation luncheon will be held on Thursday when the allocations committee will announce the allocations. tions for each of the 14-area agencies.

# Report card: **FISD** board to convene

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Forsan Independent School District will be looking at its annual "report card" Monday, as trustees hold a public hearing on the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System report.

FISD Superintendent Wayne Rotan said the public hearing, which is required by state law, is an excellent chance to look at the district's progress.

"The report pretty much takes into account everything that has happened over the past year," said Rotan. "It

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# **Obituaries**

## Oberia M. Parks

Oberia M. Parks, 94, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at her residence. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Dr. Dave Ring , pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Oberia was born to Mitchell and Nellie Lawson, on June 27, 1909, in Baird, and married James Harold Parks on Aug. 7, 1930, in Cisco. He preceded her in death

in January, 1980.

She was raised in Toyah and came to Big Spring after she married in 1930. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Parks was a member of First United Methodist Church. She was a longtime member of the Philathia Sunday School Class. Oberia was an avid bridge player for many years until she became ill.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Pat Parks of Big Spring; three grandsons, Jim Parks and his wife Tracy of The Woodlands, Pete Shaffer and his wife Darilyn of Arlington and Bob Shaffer of Big Spring; one son-in-law, Paul Shaffer of Big Spring; six great grandchildren and a number of

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Rosie Shaffer, and one granddaughter, Stacey Parks.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring 79720 or Home Hospice, 600 Gregg Street, Big Spring 79720.

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

## Jimmie Robertson



Jimmie Robertson, 75, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, chaplain with Home Hospice, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Nov. 27, 1928, in Howard County, and married Morris Robertson on March 29, 1946. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 2002.

Jimmie was a homemaker and volunteered throughout the years for many local charities. She was a Christian.

Survivors include four sons and three daughters-inlaw, Reggy Robertson of Midland, Morris Jr. and Dani Robertson of Weatherford, Randy and Vicki Robertson and Roddy and Lynn Robertson, all of Big Spring; three daughters and one son-in-law, Donna Dement and Jan Woolsley, both of Lubbock and Dixie and Sony Weaver of California; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents. James Holt and Alfa Shumaker Dement; and one son, Ricky Robertson.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 Gregg St.; Big Spring, 79720, or to The American Cancer Society, in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121.

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

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# Robert A. "Buddy" Meeks



Robert A. "Buddy" Meeks, 65, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Meeks was born on Feb. 5, 1938, in Big Spring. He attended Big Spring schools and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1957. He owned and operated Gregg Street Texaco and other businesses at that location from 1970 until September of 2003.

He loved all of his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

He attended College Baptist Church.

Survivors include the love of his life, Estelle Meeks of Big Spring; one son, Tony Meeks of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tamra and Tim Gray of Artesia, N.M., and Tracy and Mike Watson of Big Spring; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beverley and M.R. Naylor of Abilene, and Marsha and Bruce Allen of Coahoma; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tommy and Diana Meeks of Colorado City and Mark and Becky McCraney of Midland; nine grandchildren, Jonathan, Jason, and Dylan Watson, Toni Bracy,

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many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Wade Bledsoe, Gary Goswick, Keith Gill, Ricky White, Tommy Meeks Jr. and David Gillett. Honorary pallbearer will be Kenneth Gillett.
The family will be at 104 Jefferson.

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

## Raymond Arthur Moore

Services for Raymond Arthur Moore, beloved husband, father and grandfather, will be held at First Baptist Church in Big Spring on Monday, Dec. 15, 2003 at 4 p.m.

Raymond was born in Cisco on Oct. 23, 1922, to William and Virginia Moore.

He moved to Big Spring and completed his associate arts degree at Howard College in 1948 and married Barbara Ann (Babs) Snyder on Nov. 6, 1948. Raymond served his country in World

War II as an Army corporal. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring for over 50 years, where he sang in both the adult and senior choirs, taught a children's Sunday School class and served as a church deacon. Raymond was also a member of Ernie Boyd's Bible class, as well as Camper's On Missions and Western Drifters Camper Club. He retired from Fina's Cosden Refinery after 35 years of

Raymond is survived by his wife Babs of 55 years; son Gary Moore of Big Spring; daughter Gayle Abbott of Hobbs; grandsons Kyle Abbott of Hobbs, Brent Moore of San Marcos, Casey Moore and Skyler Moore of Big Spring; sister Marjorie Ray of Hobbs; brothers Freeman Moore of Odessa, Ernest Moore of Lubbock and Willie Moore of Roswell; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, William and Virginia Moore, sister Flora Bell Moore, brother Monroe Moore, and infant Beverly Jane Moore. He lived a faithful Christian life and died completely at peace with the world.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Circle Six Baptist Camp, P O Box 976, Stanton, 79782, or First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring,

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

# Weather

Sunday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds 5 to 10 mph. Sunday night...Partly cloudy, Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Monday...Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the

upper 60s. Southwest winds 20 to 25 mph. Monday night and Tuesday...Partly cloudy and

breezy. Cooler. Highs in the lower 50s. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s

Wednesday night...Clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 60. Thursday night...Clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

# Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 13-15-16-18-31

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-7-9

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

10-13-14-35. Bonus ball 26.

Liten, thirteen, fourteen, thirty-five, Bonus twenty-

Estimated jackpot: \$200,000

The winning Mega Ball numbers drawn Friday: 9-16-32-45-46 Mega Ball = 26

# Take note

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

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# Police blotter

he Big Spring Police Department reported the foling activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m.

KHRISTY MCMAHAN, 36, of 103 Wilson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft.

· CYNTHIA WHITE, 39, of 2101 Allendale, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for forgery.

JOHNNY RAY DUPRE, 34, of 4202 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Friday on a charge of

 SHELITA JEAN DUPRE, 33, of 4202 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Friday on a charge of

 DONALD EDWARD HUFFSTUTLER, 36, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation and a Tom Green County warrant for driving while intoxicated.

 DEBRA CAROL WYLIE, 33, of 1510 Richie Road, was arrested Saturday on a charge or driving while intoxicated.

 MARTIN DOMINGO TORRES, 33, of Snyder, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication. · JOSE ANGEL DELAO, 26, of Snyder, was arrest-

ed Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated. DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM was reported in the 500 block of N. Gregg

Street. · RESISTING ARREST was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 900 block of Willia.

- in the 200 block of Marcy. - in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 2300 block of Wasson. - in the 300 block of Owens.

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place. - in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 700 block of E. 11th Place. - in the 3100 block of Parkway.

 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA LESS THAN 2 OUNCES was reported in the 1200 block of Sixth

ASSAULT CLASS C was reported:

- in the 1900 block of Scurry. in the 600 block of Sixth Street.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg Street.

 CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

# Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

 BLANCA VELASQUEZ, 31, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• ROBERT DARREN MOORE, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• BARNEY KIP EDENS III, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on motions to revoke probation for forgery, theft of services and two counts of

 ROBERT LEE ALVARADO, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance-one gram or less and tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair. • BILLY JOE EDMONDSON, 23, was transferred to

the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest, driving while intoxicated-second offense and forgery. · SABAS TORRES, 68, was arrested Thursday by

the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.

· SHARON D. HARDEMAN, 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of theft and theft by check.

· CARLOS VEGA, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole violation and issuance of a bad

 JAVIER N. ALCANTAR, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a

 LONNIE DONNELL BETHANY, 20, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicat-

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Todd Road. Deputy was dispatched, steps were advised to follow.

 STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 700 block of Rodeo Road. Deputies were dispatched, along with the fire department and EMS. Fire was put out, no

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early (includes 10% discount for yearly). **HENRY BACKES** 



Breezy Fleet, left, Denika Nieto and Makalia Phillips, along with other preschool students from Laveview Headstart, brought the Christmas spirit to Citizen's Federal Credit Union Friday, as the group of carolers sang "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells" for the businesses employees and customers.

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stands the role the sluggish economy has played in this year's toy drive, but said he hopes people will understand that it doesn't take a great deal of money to brighten the Christmas holiday for a needy child.
"I'm sure the economy

has played a part in this year's donations," he said. "I also think a lot of people are so busy just trying to get all of their holiday things done that they just haven't had time to really think about it.

"The toys donated to this drive don't have to be expensive. Just as long as it's a new toy, the kids certainly aren't going to mind. To a child on

Christmas morning, a new toy — no matter how much you spend on it is still a new toy. For them you can't put a value on that. How can you put a price on that kind of joy? That's what I'm getting out of this toy drive, and that's the message I want to share with the people of Howard County.'

While the program hasn't received as much in the way of cash donations this year, Rumpff said donors have gone through a great deal of trouble to help make it a success.

"We had one couple from Big Spring that were in Houston doing their Christmas shopping," said Rumpff. "They went so far as to buy eight toys for the boys and eight toys for the girls, then

box them up and ship them back here.

"It really is wonderful to see people do so much for the people in our area that are in need. It helps you understand what the Christmas season is really all about."

Toys will be collected until Wednesday, with distribution to area children expected to take place through the Big Spring Salvation Army on Dec. 23. Donors can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Big Spring Herald office, located at 710 Scurry Street. For more information on the program, contact Rumpff at 263-7331.

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

home advocate, call

Stephens at 432-563-1061.

Contact Staff Writer

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Oglesby or

# VOLUNTEER

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gating allegations of abuse or neglect but they function as mediators to help resolve minor conflicts as well as become knowledgeable about the residents, Oglesby said.

"It's visiting," she said. "It's looking at that person's eyes, past the wrinkles, past the disabilities and seeing the person

within, sharing some twice a weekly visits to heart, sharing time. It may mean calling bingo numbers, helping someone write a letter, it might be reading a book

to someone. seeing that someone who has had his or her call light on for 20 minutes to go check at the nursing station for that resident."

Although there are no set hours for a volunteer, Oglesby asks for at least a year's commitment and

the nursing home.

"The people begin to bond with our volunteers who are assigned to one facility," she said. "The staff gets to know them "But it also might mean and our volunteers begin to become a part of that world."

> To become an advocate, undergo extensive training, Oglesby said.

"I'm willing to go to Big Spring to train one-on-one or a group of people," she said. "You get skilled training that helps improve communication skills and there's always improvement of selfesteem when someone is helping someone else."

All volunteers are under the guidance of Oglesby.

"As their facilitator, I do the big dog stuff," she at different avenues to volunteers must first said. "In other words, if there is a problem between families and residents, I do what I call conflict resolution and go in and visit with every-

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body sitting at the table. I make it real clear to the family that I'm not paid by the nursing home. I'm an unbiased party and that doesn't mean I'm against the facility. Lots of times there's two or three sides to every story.

"I help all parties look make things better to improve the quality of life for nursing home residents."

For more information about becoming a nursing

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

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Mattie Taylor, 68, died Wednesday. Funeral Services were at 4:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial was at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

# **FISD**

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looks at such things as TAKS scores, drop-out rates, attendance and the ethnic makeup of the district and its schools.

"It's a very detailed report, and it gives everyone a good snapshot of what's been accomplished over the past year."

For parents of FISD students that can't be pre-

sent at the meeting, Rotan said the report will still make its way to them after the Christmas holiday.

"We'll be sending a copy of the report out with the campus report cards after report on facilities. Christmas," said Rotan. "There's also a link to the report on the district's Web site, located at www.forsan.esc18.net. to other area schools as tion instrument.

"The poinsettias

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Also on the agenda for Monday's FISD Board of Trustees meeting: Food service director's

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"I hope for a real good "Come though the beauturnout this year," she tiful archway," Simmons

> said. The display is also accessible for walkers who would prefer to view the exhibits by foot.

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the Christmas holidays to an event with 500,000 twinkling throughout the park nightly. In one of the more

breathtaking displays, large poinsettias decorate the dam in a red and green display. Another is located at the spring. Numerous other lighted exhibits range from patriotic to western themes.

About 18,000 people visited the display last year and Simmons expect an even larger attendance

# **UNITED WAY**

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tions are necessary. The cost is \$10 per person. To RSVP, contact the United Way office at 267-5201.

The United Way had a campaign goal of \$265,000 this year and exceeded it by several thousand dollars. An exact number be announced Thursday.

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In the Sears advertisements for 12/07, 12/13, 12/14, and 12/20, the following DVD players have sold beyond our expects s and may be out of stock in yo local Sears store: #57123 Apex, #57133 Koss, and #57143 Koss. We will hono er orders for these DVD player as advertised, however we cannot o antee delivery before Christmas Additionally, the following items ma have sold out and will no longer be available for sale: #22867 American Ido Caraoke, and #53616 HP Digital Ca indle. These were a special, one tie hase by Sears and available

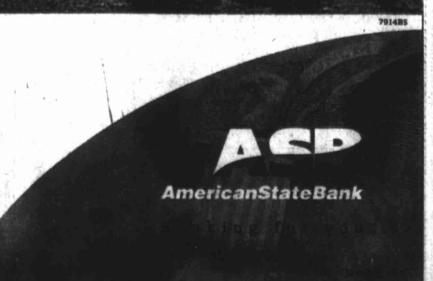
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# Share the magic at Big Spring's **Festival of Lights**

hile workers are still in the process of finishing their displays this weekend, there's little doubt the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park will once again be a major attraction for Big Spring during the Christmas season.

The giant poinsettias that line the Comanche Trail Lake dam are among the most striking displays, but there's much, much more for visitors to the park each night during the festival.

Poinsettias, arranged around and reflected in the waters of the historic Big Spring and those lining the dam along U.S. 87 grab the eye, but they are just a few of the attractions at this year's new and improved Festival of Lights.

This year, businesses, civic groups and individuals were invited to take part in decorating for the festival and they have come through with some magnificent efforts.

The festival begins Monday night and will

continue through Jan 31.

Be sure to take a few moments this holiday season, pack up the family or a few friends and take a tour through the park and enjoy the almost magical display volunteers have

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# A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

With joy and cheer, Lord, may we pray to you and thank you for all your help.

# Gore persona least attract

f ever there was any doubt that Al Gore has lost his mooring since his unsuccessful presidential bid in 2000, he gave proof this week by endorsing Howard Dean for the Democratic presidential nomination. Traveling to Harlem, where he joined Dean at a fundraising event, Gore said he had come to the conclusion that "in a field of great candidates, one candidate clearly now stands out. So'I am asking all of you to join in this great ovement to elect loward Dean presi-

States.



ent of the United Never mind that one of the other "great candidates" is his former running mate, Senator Joe Lieberman. Always a gentleman, Lieberman must be particularly stung by the rebuke, since he waited to announce his own run for president until Gore made it clear that he was not a candidate. To Joe Lieberman, anyway, loyal-

the new Al Gore. And it wasn't just Lieberman that Gore dissed by endorsing Dean. Dick Gephardt — a sometimes rival who ran against Gore in the presidential primaries in 1988 - endorsed Gore over Bill Bradley in the early 2000 primaries. At the time, Gore was by no means the sure winner, and he desperately needed Gephardt's support. But Gore wouldn't even maintain neutrality in the crowded 2004 field, much less return Gephardt's favor.

ty counts, but apparently not to

Most puzzling in Gore's endorsement is the wide gulf that exists between Gore's political record and Howard Dean's.

Al Gore was one of the founding members of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, a group formed to try to reverse the leftward drift of the Democratic Party. As a member of the House of Representatives from Tennessee, Al Gore supported restrictions on abortion, gun owner rights, and made a name for himself as one of the Party's few hawks on national defense. Although Gore later abandoned his pro-life, pro-gun stance, he maintained his centrist position on foreign policy and defense

Dean, on the other hand, has fashioned his entire presidential campaign as the darling of the Left. Dean says he doesn't want to talk about "guns, God and gays," no doubt because those issues have proved losers for Democrats in national elections. But with the exception of gun control — which he thinks is fine for New York City and Detroit, but not for Vermont — Dean embraces every plank in the left-wing's agenda.

It's possible that Al Gore has simply reinvented himself so many times that he doesn't know what he believes anymore, so why not jump on the Dean bandwagon, even if it's headed left?

But I think there's a more Machiavellian explanation. Gore wants Dean to win the Democratic nomination in 2004 because he knows Dean will lose to George W Bush, and that leaves open the possibility that Gore would have a shot at becoming president in

Of course, Gore would have to beat out Hillary Clinton to win the 2008 nomination, and there's little doubt she will run. In fact, Hillary's performance on the Sunday talk shows this past week end may be what drove Gore into the Dean camp.

In every recent public opinion poll in which her name has been included among potential Democratic presidential candidates, Hillary runs away with the nomination. She says she's not running in 2004 - although she refused Sunday to declare she would not accept the nomination if drafted.

But 2008 is an entirely different matter. Both her performance on the Sunday shows - displaying a command of foreign policy issues, an area that could be problematic for a female candidate - and her overwhelming popularity among the Democratic faithful jeopardizes Gore's own ambitions. Maybe Gore's calculation is that the sooner Dean emerges as the party's nominee, the quicker Hillary will disappear from center

Whatever his reasons, principle clearly played no role in Gore's endorsement. Gore's willingness to abandon principle when it interferes with his own ambition, however, will come back to haunt him in 2008. Gore's latest reinvention of his persona is the least attractive yet.

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# The looting of an entire countr

do not think it premature to conclude that the entire financial industry of this country is riddled with fraud. As Allan Sloan of Newsweek observed, this is not a case of "a few bad apples," it's the Cockroach Theory -

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you see one, you know there's a whole nest of the nasty mag-

Jack A. Blum, a Washington lawyer and expert in moneylaundering and other forms of tax evasion, wrote the following for an academic-conference held earlier this year at the University of Texas:

'Corporate managers have spent the last century developing tools for avoiding regulation and taxation. They brag that acts of tax avoidance are part of corporate productivity. For them, each dollar of tax not paid because of their machinations is the added value they bring to a company. Tax avoidance is a profit center. Avoidance of regulation and supervision is an equally high priority. Corporate contributions and the personal contributions of senior corporate managers have funded anti-regulatory think tanks and anti-regulatory scholarship. Political contributions have

turned theory into reality.' Blum points out that the tools used to avoid taxes and regulation shell subsidiaries, partnerships and joint ventures, foreign subsidiaries, special purpose entities and sophisticated transfer pricing techniques - have long been in use, but "the difference is that when they were first used, their purpose was to avoid state regulation and hide from state law enforcement. ... Today ... the techniques are being used to beat what is left of federal taxation and regulation. Corporations have turned international borders into barriers that block national level taxation and regulation. The inter-

national community has failed to produce effective machinery for cooperation in the areas of regulation and taxation, and as a consequence, the social control of corporate behavior stops at the border."

The social control of corporate behavior also stops with this administration. George W. Bush's first choice for chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Harvey Pitt, famously planned "a kinder, gentler SEC." Pitt proved himself so unable to get tough, even after Enron, that he was replaced with William Donaldson, a former head of the New York Stock Exchange but of course, that was before the stock exchange was hit by its

own scandals. At the Treasury Department, John Snow, master of paying no corporate taxes and the golden parachute, is now in charge. **Bush's Federal Power** Commission, with one member banished by Ken Lay of Enron

and another selected by him, couldn't be bothered to notice the enormous fraudulent "energy crisis" in California until \$30 billion had been sucked out of that state. Talk about the lunatics running the asylum. Former lobbyists for

special interests now dominate the top of the bureaucracies — not to regulate, but to facilitate corporate rip-offs. Michael Powell at the Federal Communications Commission thinks more media mergers will be good for the nation. At the Interior Department, it is rip and run, allout exploitation of natural resources, leaving nothing but a trash heap behind — a trash heap, incidentally, that the taxpayers will have to pay to clean up, since the Superfund for toxic waste cleanups has been allowed to lapse

Richard Todd, writing about the mutual fund scandal in the Times Sunday Magazine, asked: "Were these laws and rules taken seriously by anyone - or was it common knowledge in the industry that they were routinely flouted? Who was in on the deal? Was all

this done more or less in the open with a genial nod and wink among hundreds of guys who understood the game? Or was the money inhaled like cocaine in a surreptitious instant in the back room? Did non-players know? Did ëmy' broker know?"

I don't know about his broker, but try talking to young people in the financial industry, and you will get an earful.

There is a hero in all this. New York State's attorney general, Eliot Spitzer. Spitzer is not only doing a hell of a job on his own patch, he has literally forced the SEC into action. As Spitzer said before breaking the latest financial scandal, the mutual fund mess, "Heads should roll at the

Normally, the press would pick up this storyline: "huge mess, but one honest man fights valiantly against corruption and powerful special interests." But here's an interesting thing abut media in our day: The Wall Street Journal's editorial page — one of the weirdest publications on earth — continually derides Spitzer as "an ambitious politician." No shine, Sherlock? What?! You cry in disbelief. Surely no on in electoral politics is ambitious?! The Wall Street Journal's editorial page itself should get, I suspect, some of the credit for a corporate culture gone mad with greeed (it needs three And the corrupt corporate cul-

ture has in turn bought the political system. Medicare "reform" is huge boondoggle for the drug companies. The energy bill is nothing but corporate subsidies. We have seen people like Dennis Kozlowski and Ken Lay loot their corporations. We are now watching the looting of an entire country.

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# Sul Ross tournamer

The Big Spring High School UIL Team traveled to Alpine to compete in the fifth annual Sul Ross UIL tournament this past weekend.

Regan Creswell, Kelli Warrington and Veronica Villareal led the current events team to a first place finish.

ually in literary criticismand Ryan Yeats placed in ready writing.

The journalism team had an impressive showing with MALLETT several team members placing, includ-

Tony Emerson, second, Creswell placed individ- and Jackie Bowen, third

Alyssa Rains second in editorial writing and third in feature writing. Also placing in feature were Tony Emerson, fourth, and Angela Payne,

"We had a good weekend," Leland Mallett, journalism sponsor, said.

"We are looking forward to more meets and even greater success in the

The Steer speech team won first place in speech sweepstakes.

"This was an unusual tournament because they had an academic sweepstakes and a speech sweepstakes with an overall sweepstakes trophy," said Jennifer Adams. coach of the speech and debate team.

Manoj Thangam was the

outstanding Lincoln-Douglas debater and took first place in informative speaking and fifth in poet-

Darryl Newberry was fourth in LD debate and informative speaking.

Corey Green and Tapley Holguin placed second in cross examination debate. Green also placed fourth

in persuasive speaking Logan Churchwell and

James Clark placed fifth in cross examination debate and Churchwell won first place in persusaive speaking.

And Courtney Hecker placed fifth in prose.

The speech and debate team next travels to Lubbock High this weekend while the rest of the UIL team will travel to Texas Tech University on Jan. 23-24.

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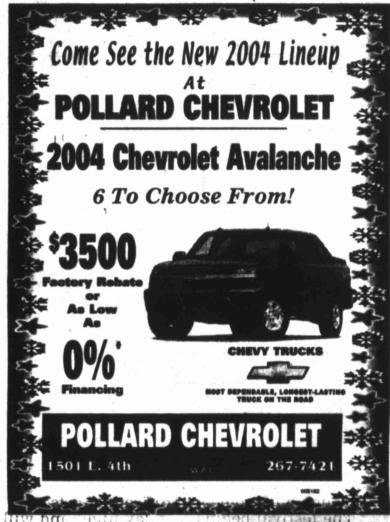
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lain Sloan, right, and Jay Colvin perform a check list during last Saturday morning's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) drill. The team, which began their training nine weeks ago, was the first of its kind to graduate in the Permian Basin. The next round of CERT classes are expected to begin in February.

# Coahoma Choir Kids to perform Christmas concert

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The Coahoma Choir Kids, a select group of fourth, fifth and sixth grade singers, will persent a Christmas con-

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The performance will be

the following morning, Dec. 19, at 8:45 in the cafeteria. At that time, all grade levels will participate in a Christmas sing-

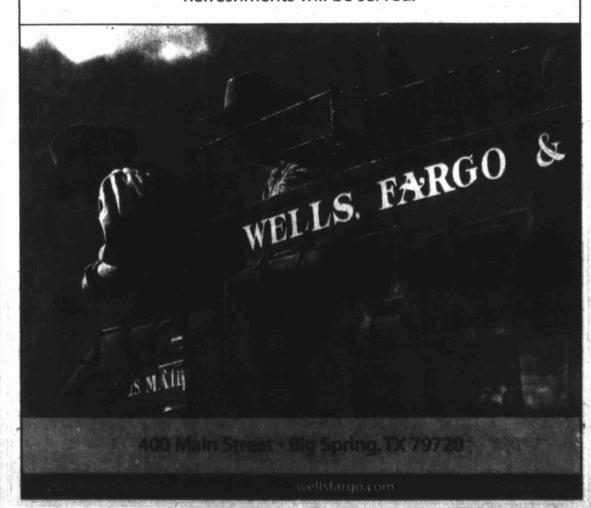
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# Housing ordinance has landlord seein

By BETSY BLANEY

**Associated Press Writer** LUBBOCK - Few would argue it's a house of a different color but there's a purpose to the coat of purple paint on the one-story house in an neighborhood near Texas Tech University.

The landlord painted the house to protest this West Texas city's housing ordinance, and it's an issue filled with shades of

The city allows no more than two unrelated persons to live in a singlefamily residence. That has Texas Tech students and landlords crying discrimination.

"It's the perfect ordinance," said landlord Bill Davis, who for the second time in three years has painted purple the rental house he manages to protest the ordinance. 'You can get rid of anybody you don't like, if there's more than two of them."

Davis, who also added polka dots and huge smiley faces to the home's brick exterior, called the ordinance enforcement selective. He said the city doesn't penalize senior citizens living together, for example. City officials say the ordinance is enforced on a complaint basis.

Tom Martin, a Lubbock city councilman, said the issue is a matter of zoning and land use, not property In Austin, home to the rights.

"Anytime you stuff a bunch of people, college students, in a house, what do college students do?" he asked. "They party and get drunk and they lose their good judgment. They cause problems."

Tech student Joe Biles disagreed.

"The main issue is not students getting drunk and partying all the time," said Biles, a member of Tech's Student Government Association. "The ordinance is an abuse of property rights. There are other ordinances they can use to address problems. The housing ordinance is like sniper gun is all that's necessary."

With Texas universities. raising tuition next fall, students are working to amend the ordinance so they can save money by living together.

The student association and the Lubbock County Libertarian Party plan to begin a petition drive in March to collect 4,500 signatures to take the ordinance issue to voters in a citywide referendum in September. The first step is to register eligible voters on campus so they can sign the petition.

Students in other Texas college towns already have housing ordinances on their side.

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50,000-student University of Texas, the housing ordinance allows for as many as six non-related

"I think it's ridiculous they can't live anywhere they choose and have rights to do so."

people to live in a singlefamily residence. In College Station and where / Texas Denton, A&M and the University of North Texas are located, the limit is four. Bryan, near College Station, has no occupancy limitation rule but the using a shotgun when a city strictly enforces other ordinances to curb loud parties and parking problems.

However, University Park, San Marcos and Huntsville — all communities with universities the non-related roommate limit is two, as is in Lubbock.

Katherine Stark, executive director of the Austin Tenants Council, a renters' advocacy group, said Lubbock officials should use other ordinances to deal with problem renters, such as those for noise disturbance, nuisance and public intoxication.

"This is the most restrictive one we've ever heard of," she said of the ordinance.

Lubbock's housing limitation has been in effect since 1975 and was based on a 1974 U.S. Supreme Court ruling. In that case, the court said the city council of the Village of Belle Terre, N.Y., had the right to limit how many people may live in a single-family home and to define a family as a group

with no more than two unrelated people in it.

Tech students challenged the ordinance two years ago when they gathered about 3,500 signa-tures in protest. They took them to the city council but no action was taken.

A citizen's council is currently reviewing all the city's ordinances and plans to hold public hearings next year to discuss whether amendments are needed.

If the Lubbock ordinance doesn't change, Davis might lose his three student-tenants, he said. The five-bedroom, threebathroom house costs \$1,400 a month to rent.

"I don't see how they could afford it, quite honestly," he said. "I think it's ridiculous they can't live anywhere choose and have rights to

neighbors have filed complaints five times against Davis and he has been cited three times for violating the ordinance, most recently Nov. 11.

Davis, 53, and his renters must prove that at least two people in the house are related. If they fail to do that, Davis must evict at least one of the renters and the tenant cited must pay a \$107 tick-

Jo Stone, editor of Golden Gazette, a monthly newspaper geared to the city's elderly population, said some seniors want to see a change in the ordinance, because they'd like to rent rooms to Tech students to supplement their fixed incomes.

"I don't think the ordinance has anything to do with the number of people in the house," Stone said.

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# Bush expects Halliburton to repay any overcharges for Iraq work

WASHINGTON (AP) —
As Democrats demand
further investigations of
Vice President Dick
Cheney's former company, President Bush says Halliburton Co. should repay the government if it overcharged for fuel in

"If there's an over-charge, like we think there is, we expect that money to be repaid," the president told reporters Friday when asked about the contract controversy.

Pentagon auditors say Houston-based

Halliburton charged up to \$61 million too much for delivering gasoline to Iraqi citizens under a nobid contract to rebuild Iraq's dilapidated oil industry. The company

denies overcharging.

Meanwhile, an Army spokesman disclosed that companies from France. Germany, Russia and Canada won't be eligible to replace Halliburton as the recipient of the oil reconstruction contract.

The Army Corps of Engineers is reviewing bids and hopes to decide

the oil reconstruction deals worth up to \$800 million in northern Iraq and \$1.2 billion in the

The decision means that an additional \$2 billion in contracts in Iraq, not disclosed before, would be forbidden to countries that opposed the war, along with the \$18.6 billion in Iraq work the administration declared off-limits earlier this

The countries that have been left out see the rules

this month who will get as payback, but Bush says limiting contracts to countries that sent troops and money to Iraq makes sense and will encourage

U.S.-led coalition. Democrats have joined the fray, saying the president is needlessly alienating allies and rewarding political supporters. Cheney headed Halliburton from 1995 until he became Bush's running mate in 2000, and other executives from the

to the Bush campaign. 1

"George W. Bush is preventing entire nations from bidding on contracts in Iraq so his campaign contributors can continue more nations to join the to overcharge the American taxpayers," Democratic presidential

candidate Howard Dean said Friday while cam-

paigning in Iowa. The political impact is unclear. As long ago as last May, in a CBS-New York Times poll, about half the respondents said they thought the administration gave contracts to company gave generously companies because they

had close Republican ties. Pentagon officials say they gave Halliburton the prewar oil reconstruction contract' because it was essential to start rebuilding quickly after the U.S.led invasion. Halliburton already had a competi-tively bid contract to provide short-notice logistical help for the Army.

Separately under that contract, Halliburton has been paid about \$3 billion for supporting the military with cafeterias, mail delivery and other services.

# **Hispanics protest in California**

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Hundreds of Hispanics country for opportunity. protested the repeal of a law allowing illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses, taking to the streets Friday in a statewide boycott of

schools and businesses. The boycott was intended to highlight the economic contribution of California's Hispanic community, the nation's largest.

About 400 people marched into East Los Angeles, waving signs that read, in Spanish, "Yes, we can" and "We want licenses now.'

"People come to this That's what we're fighting for," said Pablo Lopez, 44. Lopez said he was an illegal immigrant for 12 years and drove without a license, but was always afraid of getting stopped and deported.

hard and we have family that we have to protect. If we don't have a license, we won't be able to do that," he said.

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## Dean under attack

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) Democratic presidential front-runner Howard Dean is getting the kitchen sink thrown at him, with rivals attacking his record, his temperament and anything else that might knock him from his perch atop the field.

Two candidates, Rep. Dick Gephardt and Sen. John Kerry, accused Dean of catering to corporate interests while governor of Vermont. A third, Sen. John Edwards, suggested that the front-runner is waging a negative, divisive campaign doomed to fail against President Bush. Another rival, Sen. Joe Lieberman, plans to criticize Dean's economic record and policies in a speech next week.

The fresh round of attacks follow former Vice President Al Gore's announcement Tuesday that he is backing Dean — an endorsement that made Dean the undisputed Democrat to beat.

Dean was getting another crucial backer with the endorsement of the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Democratic Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, in Atlanta on Saturday, campaign aides said.

Dean spent Friday campaigning in Iowa, telling audiences that Bush has aided corporate interests while ordinary Americans suffer.

## **Tourist pouring into New York**

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first holiday season since the 2001 terrorist attacks, tourists are pouring into New York in near-record numbers, packing hotel rooms and eating out in droves.

Cristyne Nicholas, head of the city's tourism agency, said this holiday season is the first since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in which the city has experi-

enced "true growth" in tourism. Although visitors from out of town now walk the packed sidewalks under the watchful eyes of heavily armed antiterrorism teams, Nicholas said, "people feel good about coming to New York and they feel more secure about spending with the economy looking up. There's a renewed sense of optimism.'

Tourism officials expect the total number of tourists this year to at least match the 35 million recorded in 2002 - and possibly come close to the record 36.2 million who came in 2000.

By year's end, hotel occupancy will reach 84 percent, close to peak pre-attack levels, Nicholas predicted. Lower prices are an incentive, with a room's average nightly cost of \$216 - \$55 less than during the 2000 holiday season.

## Bush works on next budget

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's next budget will propose spending restraints and other steps as part of a plan to slash federal deficits in half in the next five years, a White House budget official says.

The election-year goal, which the Bush administration has been touting for months, will be featured at a time when conservatives have been chastising the White House for allowing too much spending.

It also comes as the government reported a \$43 billion deficit for the month of November. A month earlier. the red ink totaled \$69.5 billion.

Bush's predecessor, President Clinton, presided over four straight years of budget surpluses.

White House budget officials have said they expect this year's deficit to be around \$500 billion — shattering last year's record shortfall of \$374 billion.

## Keiko the whale dies

OSLO, Norway (AP) - Keiko, the killer whale made famous by the "Free

Willy"- movies, has died in the Norwegian fjord that he made his home after a multimillion dollar campaign failed to coax him back to the open seas.

The whale, who was 27, died Friday afternoon after the sudden onset of pneumonia in Taknes Bay, 370 miles northwest of the capital, Oslo. He was old for an orca in captivity, though wild orca live an average of 35 years.

David Phillips, executive director of the San Francisco-based Free Willy-Keiko Foundation, said Keiko had been in good health but started showing signs of lethargy and loss of appetite on

Keiko — which means "Lucky One" in Japanese — was captured in Iceland in 1979 and sold to the marine park indus-

Starting in 1993, the six-ton mammal starred in three "Free Willy" movies, a box-office franchise from Warner Brothers in which sympathetic humans help set a long-captive killer whale free.

The drive for the real-life reintroduction of the movies' star started after he was found ailing in a Mexico City aquarium. The project — to reintegrate

Keiko with a pod of wild killer whales

## Jean Chretien steps down

OTTAWA (AP) - Jean Chretien stepped down Friday after 10 years as Canada's popular and often combative prime minister, giving way to Paul Martin, a former finance minister who has pledged to seek smoother ties with the United States despite strains over

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In his first major act, Martin appointed an array of new ministers to the Cabinet and created a new department of public security that will group together the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the national intelligence service, disaster response agencies and the agencies overseeing border control and ports.

Martin, 65, has been a powerful figure for years in the governing Liberal Party and overwhelmingly won a leadership election after Chretien announced his retirement plans earlier this year.

"We are going to change the way things work in Ottawa in order to reengage Canadians in the political process," he said.

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# Iowa judge grants lesbian divorce DES MOINES, Iowa unions, which are not ting people go their ways,

(AP) — An Iowa judge's divorce decree for two women has sparked a legal challenge that could help decide whether some states can bar same-sex unions while others permit it.

divorce between Kimberly J. Brown, 31, and Jennifer S. Perez, 26, not immediately return a does not open the door to phone call seeking comrecognition of same-sex ment friday. Perez was his mind but decided relationships, but a con- not represented by an against it because a conservative group said attorney. A listed tele-Friday it will ask the Iowa Supreme Court to overturn the decree.

exceeded his authority," said Chuck Hurley, president of the Iowa Family Policy Center, a family advocacy group.

Hurley and other conservatives fear the judge's decree, which refers to legitimizing

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permitted under an Iowa we'll recognize the relalaw passed in 1997.

Brown and Perez, both orderly way." of Sioux City, entered into a civil union in Vermont in March 2002. Their divorce was granted Nov. 14 in Woodbury County District Court

Brown's attorney. Dennis Ringgenberg, did phone number for her requires states to recogcould not be located.

"I don't think this case "We believe the judge sets the basis up for a challenge to Iowa's refusal to marry same sex couples," said Matt Coles, director of the American Civil Liberties Union Lesbian and Gay Rights and AIDS projects.

"What the judge did the union as a marriage, here was he effectively could be a step toward said for the purposes of same-sex sorting this out and lettionship and end it in an

Judge Jeffrey Neary, a district judge Woodbury County, signed the decree without a hearing and has said he did not initially realize he was granting a divorce to two women.

Neary has said he had the opportunity to change stitutional nize laws of other states.



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## Woman arrested in adoption scheme

DALLAS (AP) - An adoption agency receptionist; who persuaded couples to give her thousands of dollars with false promises that she could help them adopt a baby has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Carmen Woods, 41, was sentenced Friday for felony convictions of sale of a child and theft of more than \$20,000.

Woods, a receptionist at the Children and Family Institute in Dallas, convinced childless couples she was qualified to help them secure adoptions, even though her job was limited to answering calls.

She even persuaded a young pregnant woman to give her her baby and then showed off the baby at meetings with couples wanting to adopt the child.

Court documents show at least 16 people gave Woods more than \$45,000 in payments. In return, Woods produced receipts on company letterhead, further convincing couples that her claims were legitimate.

## Pastor, brother sentenced to prison

AUSTIN (AP) - A church pastor was sentenced to 26 years in prison Friday for severely beating a Bible studies student with a tree branch after the child misbehaved during a summer class.

The pastor's twin brother received a 14-year senence for his role in the

"Justice was served," rosecutor Beth Payan

Joshua Pastor Thompson, who minis-tered to the Spanishspeaking congregation at fundamentalist Capitol City Baptist Church, was ordered to serve 26 years for injury to a child and 20 years for aggravated assault of Louie Guerrero.

His twin brother, Caleb, 23, was sentenced to 14year sentences on the same convictions.

## Shoshana Johnson leaves the Army EL PASO (AP)

spent 22 days imprisoned in Iraq after being shot during an ambush, was discharged from the Army on Friday.

"Although I am now leaving the Army, I in no year regret my time in the

way regret my time in the military," Johnson said in a statement.

Johnson was a cook for the 507th Maintenance Company based in El Paso when it was ambushed in Iraq in March. She was shot in both ankles and captured with five other soldiers, including Jessica Lynch. Nine soldiers died in the ambush.

## Congressmen testify in trial's second day

AUSTIN (AP) - A proposed plan to put more Texas Republicans in

Shoshana Johnson, who Congress would be detrimental to the seniority of the state's congressional delegation, veteran Democratic incumbents testified in federal court

> In the second day of testimony in the redistricting trial, Democratic Rep. Chet Edwards of Waco and Rep. Max Sandlin of Marshall each described to a three-judge panel the influence wielded by senior members Congress from either party.

'Seniority is everything in the U.S. Congress,' said Sandlin, chief deputy whip for the Democratic Caucus.

Edwards, a 13-year House veteran who is the ranking member of the Appropriations Military Construction subcommittee, described how senior-

ty dictates power to pass legislation in Congress. He said as a senior memveteran ber of Congress, he's been able to pour more federal dollars into better housing, health care and daycare on military installations in Texas.

Eliminating the seats of senior Democratic members from Texas and replacing them with rookie Republicans . would strip the state delegation of much of its influence in determining policy that affects Texas, he

## Texas part of new interstate on track

HOUSTON (AP) - The Texas portion of a proposed highway running from Mexico to Canada is on track to become a reality within the next decade even though it still needs substantial funding and environmental studies, state and federal officials said Friday.

Interstate 69, which would enhance trade opportunities created by the North American Free Trade Agreement, would Texas connect Michigan, mainly through existing roadways. It would be the shortest route Mexico to Canada.

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# IN BRIEF

**BSYBL** registration now under way at 'Y'

Regular registration for the Big Spring Basketball League is now under way and will end this evening at the YMCA. Youths between the ages of 5 and 14 are eligible to participate. Late registration will

begin Monday.
Players will be divided into age groups based on the eligibility date of Aug. 1, 2004. The registration fee is per player. Financial assistance is available for those unable to afford the fee.

Boys and girls must participate in a skills evaluation and player draft on Dec. 20. Games will begin Jan. 17

Adults interested in volunteering as a coach or referee should apply at the YMCA.

## Quarterback Club to sell banquet tickets

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is selling tickets to the BSHS football banquet, which is slated for 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 15, at the BSJHS Cafetorium.

Only 350 tickets will be sold for the event. Ticket prices are \$10 each and can be purchased at Sparenburg Building at 309 S. Main in Big Spring.

## Basketball officials needed for season

Basketball officials are needed for the

upcoming season.
Persons interested in officiating local games this fall should contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 (home) or 517-0300

## Former Lady Steer to be enshrined in Hall

Former Big Spring High School standout Magers-Powell will be inducted into the Huntsville Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame.

Magers-Powell, the aunt of current BSHS Karissa standout Magers, is slated to be inducted on April 19.

## McCourt may finalize deal for Dodgers

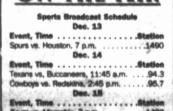
NEW ORLEANS (AP) Frank McCourt has completed the application for his proposed \$430 million purchase of the Los Angeles Dodgers from News Corp., and the deal could be put to a vote by baseball owners next month.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said McCourt submitted the papers to baseball on Dec. 5.

## Alamaba QB chosen as top Div. II player

FLORENCE, (AP) - University of North Alabama quarterback Will Hall was chosen as the nation's top Division II player. • Hall received the Harlon Hill trophy during a ceremony on the eve of the Division II

national championship.



# Steers open Shootout with loss to Odessa

By TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor

ODESSA — Wesley Smith and the Big Spring Steers didn't get off to quite the start they had wanted Friday night at the West Texas Shootout, dropping their openinground matchup with the Odessa Bronchos, 83-57!

Smith turned in a stellar outing in the loss, scoring a team-high 19 points - 10 of which came in the final eight rebound nicely in the secminutes.

The Bronchos, now 8-4 overall, took advantage of a slow start by the Steers to grab an early lead. The Bronchos turned several **BSHS** turnovers into easy baskets and a 24-14 cush-

Senior Jordan Cobb sparked the Big Spring offense in the first, netting eight of his 12 points in the stanza.

Big Spring managed to 'scoring 10 points.

ond. Led by baskets from Smith, Michael Ornales-Doporto and Kyle Flenniken, the Steers matched Odessa shot-forshot in the frame.

Odessa held an 11-points lead at the half, at 39-28. The Bronchos' Carlos

Barrera took complete control in the third. The OHS guard helped the Bronchos open the second half with a 17-4 run by

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Smith dominated the game in the final eight minutes. The BSHS senior knocked down five shots from the field in the final period and helped the Steers' grind out 17 fourth-quarter points.

Ornales-Doporto just missed double figures offensively, scoring nine points. C.J. Lowery and Flenniken each pushed in

# Hooptown Heroes

# Stanton girls net 48-40 win over Coahoma

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

STANTON — If you weren't a believer in the advantages of having senior leadership, you need to have a talk with Stanton head coach Tim Van Hecke. He has a story or two to share.

The latest chapter in Van Hecke's "Senior Leadership 101" was written Friday night as Kristi Bridges and Shelby Harp combined to score 34 points and led the Stanton Lady Buffaloes to a thrilling 48-40 victory over Interstate 20 rival Coahoma in the quarterfinals of the Stanton Hooptown Classic. Bridges and Harp are the only two seniors on the Lady Buffs' roster.

With the win, Stanton earned a measure of revenge over the Bulldogettes by atoning for a 58-51 setback last weekend in the thirdplace game of the Coahoma Invitational. The victory also moved the Lady Buffs to within two wins or successfully defending their 2002 Hooptown crown.

The contest looked as if it would be a blowout early on. Harp and Bridges came out smoking in the first quarter, scoring 24 of Stanton's first 28 points and staking the Lady Buffs' to a 15-point lead, at 28-13 at the half. Harp and Bridges both finished

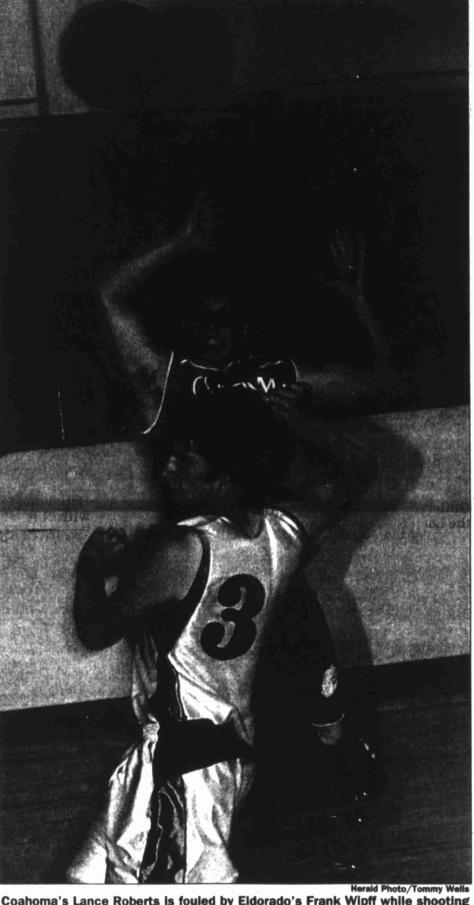
the game with 17 points.

Coahoma's Mendy Morgan, a 5foot-8 junior, decided to take things into her own hands in the second half, however.

Morgan proved to be too much for the Lady Buffs' defense to handle in the third quarter. She scored all 11 of the Bulldogettes points in the period and singlehandedly outscored Stanton in the

Sparked by Morgan's offensive surge, Coahoma managed to slice its deficit to 12 heading into the

See GIRLS, Page 11A



Coahoma's Lance Roberts is fouled by Eldorado's Frank Wipff while shooting in the fourth quarter. Roberts and the Bulldogs rallied for a 67-61 win in the second-round of the Hooptown Classic.

# Late surge lifts Coahoma past Eldorado

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

STANTON — The Eldorado Eagles found out first-hand it isn't who leads longer but who leads last that matters most.

Kelby' Kemper sank five-of-six attempts from the free throw line in the last 40 seconds Friday afternoon and led the Coahoma Bulldogs to a thrilling 67-61 comefrom-behind win over Eldorado in the second round of the Hooptown

With the win, the Bulldogs advanced to the consolation semifinals to face the rival Stanton.

The Bulldogs weren't in such a joyous mood early in the contest. The Eagles, anchored by a stellar effort from behind the 3-point arc, dominated the contest for much of the first two quarters. Jarred Grubbs buried a field goal with 7:25 remaining in the first half and staked the Eagles to a 19-11

Coahoma didn't roll over and die, however. The Bulldogs managed to reel off an 8-0 run late in the frame and knotted the score at

Eldorado responded to the

Bulldogs' run with a spree of their own. The Eagles ripped off a 14-9 run over the remainder of the first half and took a slim 33-28

advantage into the locker room. Eldorado's John Fay opened the second half by adding to the Eagles' lead wit a three-point bomb, giving Eldorado a 36-28 cushion just 30 seconds into the second half.

After a basket by Kemper, Eldorado's Terrel Boysaw and Fay hit from long range to boost the Eagles' advantage to double fig-

See COAHOMA, Page 11B

# Wildcats improves to 13-0 with victory over Lubbock Christian

By TOMMY WELLS

**Sports Editor** 

O'DONNELL - The Grady Wildcats improved their season record to 13-0 Friday night and moved into the finals of the O'Donnell Invitational Basketball Tournament with a 65-57 victory over

Lubbock Christian.

The Wildcats dominated the first period of play, reeling off a 22-12 margin in the first eight minutes. Lubbock Christian rallied a bit in the second, pulling to within 30-24 at

The Wildcats, who com-

mitted 17 turnovers.

sealed the win with a 35-33 victory over the final 16 minutes.

Jason Pribyla led all Grady scorers with a game-high 24 points. **Teammate Brent Madison** also hit double-digits with the half with a 12-8 spree.

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Wolves found out what

the rest of West Texas

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They also learned

Greenwood used first

half runs of 24-7 and 21-9

to open up a 29-point lead

The win propels the

Rangers, 9-0, into a semi-

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Patrick Spear led the

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answered Coahoma right back. The Bulldogs responded by tearing off a 9-4 run late in the period to cut the Eagles' lead to six at the start of the fourth quarter.

Kemper took over from

The 6-foot-3 senior put the Bulldogs on his back, outscoring Eldorado 8-3 to begin the fourth and pulling Coahoma even, at 19-49.

Fay put the Eagles back in the lead seconds later, launching a three-point bomb that found its target and pushed the score to 52-49.

The Eagles' lead didn't though. last long, Kemper, on the Bulldogs. ensuing possession, drove the length of the court to hit a layup and a foul. He sank the freethrow opportunity to tie the score again.

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Adrian brego joined the fray, slicing through the Eagles' defense for a shot. He sank a 3-pointer minutes later to tie the score Kermit.

at 57-57. Chavez Trey Eldorado on top with 2:13 remaining by hitting two free shots. He then watched on as Abrego who scored 16 points in the contest - scored just 20 seconds later to tie the

score for a fourth time. Frank Wipff gave the Eagles the lead for the last time late in the fourth by hitting a layup and drawing contact with just 40 seconds. He was unable to bag the free throw, however, and set up the final free-throw

run by Kemper. Kemper lead all scorers hitting for 24 points. Teammate Ty Fowler added 11.

Fay tied Kemper for high-game honors with 24. Boysaw added 16. Kermit 62

**Grape Creek 34** 

Kermit The Yellowjackets exploded to an 18-4 lead in the just five minutes of play

County advanced to the tournament semifinals against Kermit Saturday. Borden County fell into a third-round

bout with Rankin. Greenwood 37 Iraan 20

The Midland Greenwood Rangerettes continued to roll toward a possible berth in the Hooptown finals Friday afternoon by downing the Iraan Bravettes, 37-20, in the second round.

Katie Howard lead the way for the Rangerettes, netting 10 points in the win.

Brittany Granger led Iraan with four. Kermit 49

Rankin 39 The Kermit Lady Yellowiackets used a 15-5 run in the fourth quarter to break open a tight game and roll to a 49-39 win over the Rankin Lady Devils.

The win sent the Yellowjackets into a showdown with Reagan County in the championship semifinals.

Amber Broadway ignited Kermit pouring in 18. Chelsea Brooks paced Rankin with 13.

Midland Christian 65 Alpine 38

The Midland Christian Lady Mustangs opened up a 38-18 lead after two quarters of play and cruised to the easy 65-38 victory over the Alpine

Lady Bucks. Alpine managed to make the score a bit closer with a solid effort in the fourth quarter. Alpine outscored Midland Christian by a 12-2 clip in

the final eight minutes. Midland Christian's Kresha Adams lead all scorers by pumping in 15 points.Christina Ruiz sparked Alpine with 14.

# Yanks get tentative approval to trade

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Far from Bourbon Street, the New York Yankees still managed to join the party at the baseball winter meetings Friday, trying to complete the trade for Kevin Brown and zeroing in on Kenny Lofton.

Toronto made the first move of the annual swap session, agreeing with free agent pitcher Miguel to Boston.

Batista on a \$13.1 million, three-year contract. Yet that deal was overshadowed by the possibility of bigger things.

Texas and the Red Sox kept talking about their potential blockbuster -Alex Rodriguez for Manny Ramirez - and free agent Keith Foulke was trying to decide between Oakland or going

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# Cowboys need win against 'Skins

How does 8-5 feel? Not good at all when the last two games were lost by a combined 45 points.

And when the coach is Bill Parcells, it feels downright miserable.

"It makes for looooooong week," safe-ty Darren Woodson said. 'You can't wait until they blow that whistle for the Washington game. That's the kind of week this is ... a lot of yelling, a lot of Nothing's screaming. going to be right no matter what it is. He's a sore loser, and I think that's what he wants us all to be, sore losers.

"He's doing a good job of that.'

After going 1-3 through a tough November schedule, the Dallas Cowboys

their grip on the improbable playoff run they crafted with a 5-1 start. Their final three games, all against teams currently with losing records; will determine whether the quick start in Parcells' first year was just an early fluke.

The homestretch starts Sunday against the Washington Redskins (5-

"I'm glad that we have something to play for. That's very important, particularly in your first year," Parcells said. "This is a key game for us."

If other results fall just the right way, the Cowboys can even clinch a playoff berth with a victory. The NFC East title looks out of reach, howev-

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) are in danger of losing er, following last week's loss at Philadelphia.

But the trip Washington is no gimme. The Redskins have lost seven of their last nine. but most of the games have been close. A weight was lifted when they beat the New York Giants last week, ending a threegame losing streak and giving quarterback Tim Hasselbeck his first NFL

"It feels really good," Hasselbeck "Obviously it feels good for me in terms of proving that we can win games with me in there, but more importantly in terms of the team, we needed this bad. Week after week of just losing, being close, just gets frustrating."



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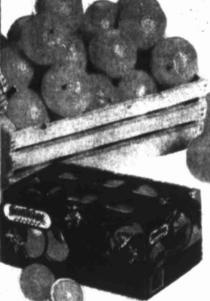
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School classmate stone marker ded was killed while people attended was held at Coah



As Mary Frances Malone plays the harp Ashley Ferguson performs as an angel in the First United Methodist Church's 25th Anniversary presentation of the Living Christmas Tree.



Six-year-old A.J. Gonzalez whispers his Christmas wish list to Santa at the Howard College annual Euminaria Thursday. A long line of children waited to visit with Santa during the program. The evening's festivities also included caroling by Howard College students and a performance by the NightHawk jazz band.



A Howard County Sheriff's Posse member carries the U.S. Flag during the annual Forsan's Christmas in Boomtown parade held Saturday morning.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody, Thomas Jenkins and Bruce Schooler Page design/Marsha Allen



Above, several colorfully decorated floats helped make the *Big Spring Herald's* Community Christmas Parade held Saturday another success.

Right, Marianne Mullins, a 2001 Coahoma High School classmate of Chad Metcalf Bales, views a stone marker dedicated to the young Marine who was killed while serving in Iraq. More than 130 people attended the dedication ceremony which was held at Coahoma High School Saturday.



Vendor Jane Rogers of Big Spring, right, explains the workings of this Christmas decoration to Debbie McCain of Big Spring at the Canterbury Bazaar Saturday. Hundreds of would be Christmas shoppers attended the one-day event.

# Anniversaries Menus



Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Gibbs

# Celebrating 55 years of marriage

L.C. and Zelda (Riddle) Gibbs celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Nov. 12 with a party held in their honor at K.C.'s Steak House. Their children and grandchildren hosted the

The couple was married Nov. 12, 1948 at West Side Baptist Church in Big Spring. They met through a mutual friend and it was later learned he was her milkman.

Mr. Gibbs is a retired farmer and worker at Gillihan's Motors. He was born in Knott. His wife has served her family as a housewife. She was born in. Gainesville. They are active members of Salem Baptist Church.

She enjoys sewing and baking and they enjoy game activities and spending time with family and friends. Their children, L.C. Gibbs III and Paul Gibbs, live in Big Spring. They have eight grandchildren and two great-grand-



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Long

# Celebrating a golden anniversary

among

marriage.

who was present at the

wedding 50 years ago. Jim's

brother, Bob and wife Alma

of Big Spring were also

the

Assisting as hosts were

Keith and Beckie Crane of

Big Spring. Jim and

Bonnie are members of

First United Methodist

Church in Big Spring and

reside at 1603 Jim Long

Road. They state that

through their hard work

together, with love and

understanding and help

from the Good Lord goes

the credit for their long

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Forsan ISD MONDAY-Cereal, toast

TUESDAY-Cinnamon roll, juice, milk WEDNESDAY-Eggs, bis-cuit, juice, milk. THURSDAY-Grilled

heese, juice, milk. FRIDAY-Donuts, juice,

MONDAY-Corn dogs, baked beans, spinach, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, peaches,

WEDNESDAY-Beef stew, cornbread, fruit salad, Otis Spunkmeyer cookie, milk.

THURSDAY-Chili dogs, chips, pickle spears, banana pudding, milk. FRIDAY-Pizza. mixed fruit, milk.

**Big Spring ISD** MONDAY-BBQ on bun, French fries, ranch style beans, peach cobbler.

TUESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, mandarin oranges, roll.

WEDNESDAY-Burrito, potato rounds, corn on cob, pineapple tidbits. THURSDAY-Roast

## The Mary Jane Club meets

The Mary Jane Club met Oct. 9 in Stanton with Gean Cauble and Sammie Kingston to tour the interesting areas of Stanton.

The Mary Jane Club met for their Nov. 14 gathering at Gale's Sweet Shoppe with hostesses Diane Wood and Marie Ethridge. Gale gave a very entertaining program on how to decorate a gingerbread house. Each member of the lcub brought a gift for state hospital patients.

Fifteen members and a guest. Stephanie Ferguson met at the home of Joyce Choate for the annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange. Serving as cohostesses were Bobbie Nix and Nan McKinney.

turkey, cornbread dress-ing, English peas, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, roll. FRIDAY-Ham/cheese sandwich, potato chips, ickle spears, raisins, Christmas treat.

Sands CISD BREAKFAST MONDAY-Biscuits

TUESDAY-Breakfast pockets **WEDNESDAY-Pancake** on a stick

**THURSDAY-Nutri** bars **FRIDAY-Poptarts** LUNCH

MONDAY-Hot w/chili, fries, cheese, fruit, milk. TUESDAY-Chicken

fajitas, salad, corn, cheese, pears, milk. WEDNESDAY-Enchilada casserole,

pinto beans, cornbread, pudding, milk. THURSDAY-Sandwiches, potato

chips, ice cream. To Go FRIDAY-Lunchables. **New Hope Christian** 

School MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, tater tots, corn, pineapple, lemonade.

TUESDAY-Chili, cornbread, carrots, applesauce, fruit punch.

WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, salad, peaches, lemonade. THURSDAY-Mini pizza, salad, cookie, fruit punch. FRIDAY-Chili dogs, French fries, apple, chocolate cup, cake, lemonade.

Coahoma ISD BREAKFAST MONDAY-Poptarts,

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

WEDNESDAY -Sweetened rice, sausage, juice, milk. THURSDAY-Waffles.

sausage, juice, milk. FRIDAY-Donuts, sausage, fruit, milk. LUNCH

MONDAY-Smothered steak (BBQ beef on bun). creamed potatoes, apples,

Hamburgers, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Pizza salad, bananas, milk.
THURSDAY—Burritos

(corndogs), chips, pickle spears, apples, milk. FRIDAY—Ham cheese sandwiches, chips baby carrots, oranges

Spring City Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY-Smothered steak, macaroni and tomatoes, carrots, salad, milk, rolls and fruit.

TUESDAY-Liver and onions, potatoes, squash, salad, milk, rolls and pie. WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips, noodles, peas and

and fruit. THURSDAY-Stew. salad, cornbread, milk, cobbler.

carrots, salad, milk, rolls

FRIDAY-Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk, rolls, pumpkin pie.

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weekend purchases.

(NAPSI)—It's one thing to get someone a great gift. It's another to get that gift to them on timeespecially during this shorter-than-usual holiday season. Following these tips should make the holiday shipping rush easier for you:

Avoid long lines by shipping on Tuesdays through Saturdays. Mondays are quite often busiest, as shoppers hurry to send off their

**Art Association to** hold a special organ Christmas party

A Big Spring Art Association special Christmas party will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 16 in The Spanish

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Purchased gifts should not exceed \$10.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Hodnett

# Thompson and Hodnett

Tonja D. Thompson and Russell D. Hodnett, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 17, 2003 at the Excalibur Hotel, Canterbury Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. with the Rev. William M. Shumate presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Mary McCullough of Sand Springs and the granddaughter of the late

Jewell Arrick. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hodnett of Big Spring d the grandson of Ross

and Louise Boykin, also of Big Spring.

The bride chose a white satin three-piece gown and carried a cascade of peach roses.

Matron of honor was Stacey Kushaney. The best man was Jim Kushaney. A reception was held at

Stratosphere in Las Vegas following the ceremony.

After returning from their wedding trip the couple have made their home in Big Spring.

# Wright and Kitten

Katherine Arlene Wright of Big Spring and Lloyd Thomas Kitten of Slaton were married Nov. table 1, 2003, at 7 p.m. in First Christian Church of Lubbock.

Michael Passmore officiated the exchange of friend of the bride and marriage vows.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She is the daughter of Ed and Mildred Wright of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Ada May Culpepper of Slaton and the late Bud Kitten.

Deborah Hanson, lifelong friend of the bride, served as her matron of honor. Landon Kitten, son of the groom, served as the best man.

Nephew of the groom, Wesley Kitten, provided vocal music for the ceremony.

A reception followed the ceremony

Kuykendall Hall of the church.

Serving at the bride's were Valeria Edwards and Rebecca Bartlett, friends of the bride. At the groom's table were Sharon Hatch, Gretta Kitten, sister-inlaw of the groom.

# Hmm, pass the chocolates, please My friends and fellow Americans, choco-

studies are revealing that it's good for vou. Chocolate that is. Why I could have told them that. Many

SEASONINGS MARSHA ALLEN reports on

the internet actually document that chocolate contains some good things for one's health.

# Make holiday decorating fun but safe

(NAPSI)-Decorating your home can brighten the holiday season, but misusing or using damaged decorations and other electrical products might lead to injuries or even fires.

The safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) encourage you to refer to this handy checklist when decorating your home this holiday season.

Does your live tree have fresh, green needles? Dry trees increase your risk of fire. Remember to keep your tree watered at all times.

Is your tree at least three feet from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, heating vents and other sources of heat? Is it blocking an exit?

Do you use light strings that bear the UL Mark? The familiar UL Mark on a product means that UL engineers have tested samples of the product for risk of fire, electric shock and other hazards. Use light strings with UL's green holographic label indoors; use light strings with UL's red holographic label either

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Seasonings' opinion. Fellows, what's a good gift for the little lady after a nasty spat? She can't nag too much more with a mouth full of choco-

And what about those first dates, ladies? When a guy showed up at our front door, after passing a spit-shine inspection from Pop, if he had a box of chocolates, he made a definite, good impression, not to mention a way to share first desires!

America's Armed Forces personnel made worthy ambassadors during our victorious wars with bits of chocolate bars. I'm sure you military veterans can pin point a time and place during your service to the land of the chocolate ice cream and home of

the chocolate bars when chocolate given to a child in a war zone caused gleeful giggles from the youngsters..

Just about anybody knows that the best substitute for sex is a big chunk of chocolate. (Tell me if this one works. It sounds like a political poll question to me.)

Just thinking about a hefty slice of chocolate meringue pie for lunch makes one's mouth water, doesn't it?

And on those long drives to visit with a cranky in-law, just eat several chocolate bars before you get there. Your energy level will be really high when greeting that cranky in-law, he or she will think you're really glad to see him or her-ness. After a chocolate energy influenced greeting, and after the sugar level has dissipated, you can fall asleep for the rest of the visit.

Hershey bars and eat them as iced chocolate. Also she poured melted Hershey bars over our

Mom would freeze her

peanut butter sandwich-

Instants before college exams, a stout dose of a Snickers bar created energy long enough to get through the grueling

**Our Marine Corps legal** beagle at HQMC tried to keep on his desk a giant jar full of chocolate covered raisins. He was forced to start taking donations to keep up the stock we Marines avidly pilfered. We gladly obliged with donations to keep the chocolate cason rolling along.

So, Seasonings advises that with forthright morsels of chocolate there are ambassadorial, sacrosanct, socially invigorating aid, as well as mental health benefits from chocolate.

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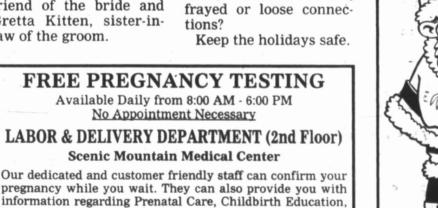
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Elbow Elementary rifth grade president Zane Herrin accepts donated coats from Scenic Mountain Medical group doctor Juan Carlos Gonzalez and his wife, Yuka. Also picured are Elbow Principal Randy Johnson, right, and Forsan High School/Junior High Principal Steve Stone. A number of doctors in the Scenic Mountain Medical Group voluntarily participated in a program to donate a total of 89 coats to the three Howard County school districts. The coats were passed out this week to students in grades kindergarten through 12.

# Local docs cure the 'cold'

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Eighty-nine areas students are able to brave the cold weather this week with brand new coats thanks to the efforts of a number of doctors in the community.

Doctors in the Scenic Mountain Medical Group voluntarily participated in a program to donate a total of 89 coats to the three Howard County school districts. The coats passed out this to students in grades kindergarten through 12.

"Tim Schmidt, (Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO) originally conceived the project and presented it to the docsaid **SMMC** Assistant CEO Derrick Yu. "It's a worthy project kids and we can really appreciate this now that we're in the winter

months." According Washington Elementary School Principal Steve Waggoner, the donation helps to fill a very large need in the school discoats," Waggoner said. "This has a major impact on those children's lives." Elbow Elementary

School Principal Randy

Johnson agreed. [I was lucky enough to deliver a coat to one the little girl," Johnson said, "I told her I had a surprise for her. She was collected several coats for called her out of class. I

about how soft it was. "This time of year we for

gave her the jacket and

"We have kids that need to get by with hand-medowns or jackets that are two or three years old," Johnson continued. "It always helpful to have donated coats and there seems to be a need. We're just pleased to have the

idly nonula - ier Lalen. In an unrelated drive, First Baptist Church also curious why the principal Big Spring school chilaren.

"Some kids in the comshe was smiling from earmunity need a little help and we are lucky to have to-ear and kept going on people willing to do that our children," always have kids trying Waggoner said. "We are



Coahoma Independent School District Superintendent Dr.

Bill Kingston, left, accepts donated brand new coats from

Scenic Mountain Medical Group doctors Donald Ferguson

and his partner and wife, Lorna, picture far right. Also pic-

tured is Patricia Bennett, Coahoma Elementary soon-to-be

interm principal.

**HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody** 

Scenic Mountain Medical Group doctors John Farguhar and Cynthia Rutledge pose with coats that will be donated to area public school students.

really thankful to Scenic Mountain and First Baptist for helping our children."

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

# Range restoration tour, workshop slated Wednesday

AN ANGELO — Cooperative Extension and the Texas Agricultural

Experiment Station (TAES) are sponsoring "Rangeland

Restoration Tour" on the San Angelo State School lands at

Carlsbad beginning at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. The tour is designed to show the restorative effects of ripping, seeding and weed control on severely degraded rangeland.

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The tour will start from the white barn located across U.S. Highway 87 from the state school. Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

Dr. Darrell Ueckert, TAES range researcher and the day's speaker, said anyone interested in economically and ecologically feasible methods for improving degraded rangeland is

invited and encouraged to attend.

"Rangeland ripping, wing ripping and disk diking are mechanical soil disturbance practices installed on the contour 15 to 30 feet apart," said Ueckert. "These treatments increase surface roughness which slows runoff thus helping water soak into the soil. Ripping alone increased the 2003 grass production threefold on the site we'll visit during the tour. Ripping and spraying for weed control increased grass production 18-fold.

"The tour will show vegetative responses on areas ripped and seeded in 1996 and 2002. We'll also have the equipment we used onsite and have information on the costs of implementing these

practices." The Texas Cooperative **Extension offices** involved with the tour include those in Glasscock, Sterling, Irion, Coke, Concho, Tom Green and Schleicher counties.

For further information contact the Extension office in any of the sponsoring counties or call Dr. Darrell Ueckert at (325) 653-4576.

# Extension office announces Pecan Show winners

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**HOWARD COUNTY PECAN** 

SHOW AND FOOD SHOW

**PECAN SHOW RESULTS** CHOCTAW: 1. Roy

Simmons, 2. Judson Chevalier, 3. Harrison Chevalier.

DESIRABLE: 1. Juan Palacios.

MOHAWK: 1. Kelsey Jones.

STUART: 1. Juan Palacios, 2. Shelby Jones. WESTERN: 1. Nathan Hughes.

WICHITA: 1. Nathan Hughes, 2. Wayne Johnson, 3. Juan Palacios.

BURKETT: 1. Nathan

Hughes. MAHAN: 1. Pat Howell, 2. Orville Spradling, 3. Deanie Hughes, Honorable Mention,

Wayne Johnson. SUCCESS: Rusty Martin

# **VARIETY SEEDLING**

(NATIVES) 1. Juan Palacios 2. Juan Palacios 3. Sara Thixton

**GRAND CHAMPION** 

**WINNERS** Roy Simmons -Commercial Division Rusty Martin - Classic Division

Juan Palacios - Native

There were seven entries chosen to go to the Regional Pecan Show in Abilene. They were Roy Simmons - Choctaw, Juan Desirable. Palacios -Nathan Hughes - Wichita, Nathan Hughes - Burkett, Pat Howell . - Mahan, Rusty Martin - Success, Juan Palacios - Variety Seedling.

**FOOD SHOW RESULTS** 

PEE WEE DIVISION 1. Austin Mize, Honey Cinnamon Nachos.

YOUTH DIVISION CANDY: 1. Shelby Jones, Pecan Pralines; 2.

Kelsey Jones, Spiced Pecans; 3. James Turner, Nutty Chocolate Fudge.

BREAD: 1. Kelsey Jones, Butter Pecan Muffins.

1. Deanie Hughes, Chocolate Pecan Softies.

"The Howard County Extension Office would like to express a special thank you to all who participated in the Howard County Pecan Show and Food Show and for making is a great success," said Tommy Yeater.

# Bertlesmann AG, Sony Corp. finalize merger

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) -Beyonce and Christina Aguilera will be singing for the same label under a final merger agreement announced Friday by Bertelsmann AG and Sony Corp., which will create the world's second-largest music company.

As the music industry struggles with losses blamed on widespread file-swapping on the Internet, the two companies announced nearly a month ago their intention to merge their recorded music divisions. Sony's music company is No. 2 in

he world behind Universal Music Group, a part of Vivendi Universal A, and Bertelsmann's BMG music livision was No. 5.

The new company, which merges the record labels and music pro-duction, is to be called Sony BMG nd will be equally owned by Sony and Bertelsmann, the two compaes said in a statement.

GM has high hopes for U.S. pension plans

DETROIT (AP) - General Motors Corp. expects its once lagging U.S. hourly and salaried pension plans to be nearly fully funded by the end of the year, reflecting the improved performance of financial markets and cash contributions.

GM also will contribute another \$4.1 billion in cash to the plans by the end of 2003 if it is able to complete the planned sale its Hughes electronics Corp. subsidiary by ear's end, the automaker said

That would bring GM's 2003 conributions to \$18.5 billion. The world's No. 1 automaker said nake additional cash contributions

t doesn't expect to be required to to the pension plans until at least

GM has moved aggressively to

address its pension funding deficit in 2003," John Devine, GM vic chairman and chief financial offi cer, said in a statement. "Thes actions provide GM with signif cantly improved financial flexibili ty going forward to continue to exe cute our business strategy.'

## Report: Health care spending growth slows

NEW YORK (AP) - Health car spending growth slowed to its lovest level in three years as people had higher out-of-pocket costs for medicines and services previousl covered by insurance, a new stud

Experts believe those confront with higher co-payments as deductibles often chose to go wit out care - depressing overs

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**County Court Rulings:** Probated Judgment: Mary Ann Rodriguez, theft more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, \$100 fine, \$311 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation). Judgment and Sentence: Cimmaron Y. Parker, theft more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$311

court costs, 90 days in jail. Probated Judgment: Erica M. Ochoa, theft more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$100 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation). Probated Judgment:

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Gordon, accounts, notes and contracts. Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Stoni Malone, accounts, notes and

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Marriage Licenses: Marcus Lyle Hyatt, 24, and Jackie Natasha Martin, 27, both of Big

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Katrice Mince, 32, both of Big Spring.

T-1-N, T&P RR Co.-Survey. led: Nov. 21, 2003

nnifer D. Stephens obert D. McCullouogh ty: The S/2 of a 4.19 acre ract out of the NW/4 of section 20, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey. Date filed: Nov. 21, 2003

Grantor: Paul C. Larimer, trustee of the Elsie Kibell Merrell living trust. e: Paul C. Larimer, trus of the Paul C. Larimer and Donna R. Larimer Living trust.

Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Avion illage. Date filed: Nov. 24, 2003

Grantor: David Herrod Grantee: Larry Pew and Sharon

Property: Lot 16, Block 7, Stanford Date filed: Nov. 25, 2003

Grantor: Robert E. Kennedy and Lisa Kennedy Grantee: David L. Rankin and Martha Jane Rankin

Property: The south 10 feet of Lot 3 and the north 70 feet of lot 4, Block 2, lighland South Addition Date filed: Oct. 31, 2003

Grantor: Richard Parker and Marion Jean Parker Grantee: Parker Family Farms LTD Property: The SE/4 of Section 41, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Grantor: Sam O. Matthews and Valeta A. Matthews Grantee: A.C. Mize Property: The east 60 feet of lot 1

Date filed: Nov. 25, 2003

and the east 60 feet of lot 2, Block 1, Stripling Addition. Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003

Charles Clanto perty: Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 3.

ntor: Cecil Ray Bills ntee: Clara Linn nons, Sharon Ruth wers, Bobby Darren Bills and yton Lynn Bills Fritsche Property: Unknown Date filed: Dec. 1, 2003

Grantor: Ollie M. Henry Grantee: Robert Neal Henry Property: A .91 acre tract out of the west part of section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date filed: Dec. 1, 2003

Grantor: Joann Broussard Miears Grantee: Luis Pena and Margarita

Property: Lot 10, Block 33, Cole and Strayhorn Addition Date filed: Dec. 2, 2003

Grantor: Cendant Mortgage Co. Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Property: A .5 acre tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date filed: Dec. 2, 2003 Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien: Grantor: Joey Herrera and June D. Herrera

Grantee: Susan Sutton Property: Lot 28, Block 4, Douglas Date filed: Nov. 21, 2003

Grantor: Tommy Gartman and Kathy Degensteen Gartman Grantee: Buster D. Gartman Sr. and Carolyn S. Gartman Property: Lot 4, Block 1, Ridgelea

Addition Date filed: Nov. 24, 2003 Grantor: B.G. Badger

Grantee: Clarence Shairrick Property: Lot 5 out of NE/4 of Section 3, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR

Date filed: Nov. 24, 2003

Grantor: Dorothy L. Rogers and G.R. Rogers
Grantes: Phillip Anderson and Property: Lot 13, Block 2, Colonial

Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003 Grantor: Edsel Warren McCres and Leola Fay McCrea
Grantee: James Grantom II and

Julia Grantom Property: Lot 26, Block 8, Suburban Heights Addition Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003

Grantor: Charles D. Rosenbaum Grantee: Loretta Sundy Norwood Property: North 70 feet of lots 16 and 17, Block 4, Central Park Addition

Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003

Granter: Ruth Williams Grantee: Alberto M. Morales Property: Lot 4, Block 40, **Government Heights** Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003

Grantor: Weldon Eugene Allen and Mary Francis Pierce Grantee: Benjamin R. Luna and Clara Luna

Property: Lot 29, Block 3, College Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003

Grantor: Moses Accosta Barraza and Lupe N. Barraza Grantee: Randall Scott Johnson Grantee: Randall Scott Johnson and La Donna Dale Johnson

Property: A 5 acre tract out of Section 3, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date filed: Dec. 01, 2003

Grantor: Charles D. Rosenbaum Grantee: Loretta Sundy Norwood Property: Lots 16 and 17, Block 4, Central Park Addition Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003

Grantor: Richard G. Newell and Connie Newell Grantee: Jeff Barber and Lisa Barber

Property: A 3.13 acre tract out of the NW/4 of Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Date filed: Dec. 3, 2003

Grantor: Crossroads Housing Development Corp. Grantee: Gary B. Zonsa Property: A .095 acre tract out of the NE/4 of section 2. Block 33, T-1-S. T&P RR Co. Survey Date filed: Dec. 4, 2003

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Spending eased in all major health care categories: inpatient hospital care, out patient care, pre-

scription drugs and physicians services. Prescription drug spending lost the most momentum, rising only 8.5 percent in the first half of 2003, or nearly 5 percentage points less than the 13.4 percent increase in the second half of 2002.

"As patients are having to share more of the costs, the fact is that more and more patients go without care." said Paul Ginsburg, president of the Washington D.C.-based

Ginsburg attributed tapering off in drug spending to several factors, including the wildly popular allergy medication Claritin becoming an over-the-counter product. Insurers don't pay for nonprescription medicines.

He also said drug copayments had been increasing longer and more dramatically than other types of deductibles.

Ginsburg said it is too early to determine if the trend is adversely affecting patients' health because some drugs or services a patient chooses to skip might not have been necessary. However, he said "there will come a point when you won't want to go any further with cost sharing" because if eare becomes prohibitively expensive, patients' health will suffer.

However, experts agree that as health care costs continue to rise, cost sharing will continue.



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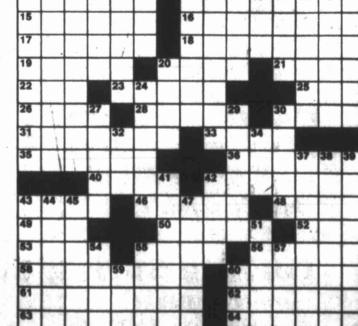
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20). Change beliefs that

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you're introspective, you can see how to dissolve problems around the issue of romance. After all, you have a life and a way of being that make people want to be around you. It's that simple.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are easily influenced by others now and need to take time to tune in to a vision of your own. Employ all of your senses to create a vivid image of you accomplishing your goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Put family first — the result will be far more rewarding than if you had kept working. This evening, you are impressively articulate, so help out your less-than-comfriend! municative Singles snuggle up with someone new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Life is full of plights and predicaments, but you couldn't give a care! You're so bubbly! Your company will be enjoyed and sought after. Romantic competitors back down, seeing that they can't hold a candle to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your power rises as your financial burdens drop. Decide you can live without those extras that strain you month to month. Lack of harmony at home can be easily remedied — stay open to more than a couple of possibilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your extensive effort is beginning to pay off, so stick with it. Get a family member to back your idea (this doesn't

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

PUBLIC NOTICE
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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. It you or your attorney do not file a written answer with

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 Arvie C Clark, applicants, was filed in the Probale Court of Howard County, Texas on the 10 th day of November 2003, for the Estate of Myrtle McMaster, Deceased, numbered P-13029, and entitled "In RE Estate of Myrtle McMaster, Deceased The application requests the court to determine heirs of the estate of Myrtle McMaster The property in the estate includes Section 4, Block A, EL & RR Survey, Reagan County, Texas containing approximately 645 acres, Section 155, Block 2, T&P Ry, Co Survey, Reagan County, Texas containing approximately 640 acres, certain mineral royalty interests in Reagan County, Texas, cash on deposit with financial institutions, mutual lunds, certificates of deposits, an annuity, and furniture and

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an annuity, and furniture and person effects. The interest of

person enects. The interest or 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 citation is issued, which will be Monday, the 5th day of January, 2004, in the County Courthouse of Howard County in Big Spring, Texas. The parties include: Cassandra Fillingim and Arive C Clark, Co-Administrators, Plaintiffs, and the known heirs Doise Bond, Lee Roy Clark, Earl Cook, James Cook, VYFGTC Conservator of James Cook, VYFGTC Conservator of James Cook, Millione.

Cook, James Cook, VVFGTC Conservator of James Cook, Thomas M. Cook, William C Cook, WYFGTC Conservator of Willard Cook, Brian Davis, Mike Davis, Steve P. Davis, Gayla Henderson, Laura McDermott, Arthur Jerry McDowell. Tracy Ellen McDowell. John Le

McDowell. Tim McDowell. Tracy Ellen McDowell, John Lee McMaster. Jr., Margie Dell Stephens, Verna Sunday, Vada Wilkowski and all unknown heirs of Myrtle McMaster, Delendants. All of the persons named or.

All of the persons named or identified above and all person interested in the aforesaid estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set

appear at or before the time set 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.

County Clerk of Howard County, Texas in Big Spring,

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DONNA WRIGHT, COUNTY CLERK

GLERK Howard County, Texas By Pat Anderson, Deputy #4045. November 30 December 7, 14, 21, 2003

necessarily mean giving you money). Tonight, whatever the problem, it's not worth fighting with the neighbor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No more letting people use you - exceptional friends are worth looking for. Family needs may keep romantic ones light and on the back burner, but at least you're the one in control! FORECAST FOR THE

WEEK AHEAD: During the last week of the sun's annual visit through the territory of the pioneering Sagittarius, energy is high — perhaps even to the level of frustration. It's hard to keep up with all that we desire, as the "fire in the belly" burns hotter than the fuel in our bank account, time in our schedule books and so on, yet we can't stop. Like a child searching for more holiday presents to open, we are greedy for life experiences that seem to be deliberately kept from us. Don't get mad; get organized. The Virgo moon at the top of the week helps.

Then, on Tuesday, Mars ventures through its native Aries, and once again, the aggressive energy is a lot to manage. It's extremely important that you get exercise, as this will help you stay on top of your game. Wednesday, Mercury gets ready to embark on the last retrospective action of the year. This is no time to be nervous about it. Instead, occupy yourself with thinking ahead. Whatever might go wrong needs a backup plan. Make sure you've got supplies like paper towels, carpet cleaner and stamps around. On Saturday, Venus sets sail in lovely Aquarius, introducing spontaneity to our romantic realm.

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# **Annie's Mailbox:**

Dear Annie: I love your column and need your help. My husband and I purchased a cozy new home a few years ago. I spent a great deal of time painting and decorating. and finally have it just

We also own a small cabin in the country. My husband, an avid hunter. keeps a lot of mounted deer heads, turkeys and caribou at the cabin. Now he wants to bring them all to the new house and turn our spare room into a hunting den.

This is a room that is visible to anyone who drops by. I am truly against hunting and have tolerated his passion only because it has been kept separate from our home. I am not unreasonable about his hobby. I offered the entire second floor of the house for him to use as a hunting room. He says it is not noticeable enough. He doesn't think people should have to go upstairs in order to see his trophies.

This is not a small thing to me. I do not want to pass by a room full of heads and staring eyes every time I use the bathroom. Help! — No Trophy Wife in Nevada

Dear Trophy Wife: Is there a door to the spare room that can be closed? Can a door be added? If not, you have offered a reasonable compromise. Your house is a reflection on both of you, and his demands should not crowd you out of your own home. If the room cannot be closed off, tell Hubby the trophies should go upstairs, and assure him that his guests won't mind the climb to see his collection.

Dear Annie: I am a 17year-old boy and have been good friends with "Tommy" for four years. Tommy lives with his dad. His mother has been in and out of drug rehab for the last 10 years. She will be released soon, and his father has agreed to let her stay with them.

Tommy's mother has been released a few times before, and each time has nightmare. been a Tommy wants nothing to do with her and has tried talking to his father, but he gets nowhere. I am worried about my friend. I made an attempt to things explain Tommy's dad, but he told me to stay out of his family's business.

Please, Annie, is there anything I can do? -



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Concerned Friend in New York

Dear New York: You're a good friend to want to help, but this situation is complicated, and it would be best if someone with authority handled it. Suggest to Tommy that he talk to the school counselor about the situation at home. The counselor can then contact Tommy's father and intervene on his behalf, if necessary.

Dear Annie: Fifteen years ago, I had a daughter, fathered by a man in the military. I was head over heels in love with him, but as is so often the case, he didn't feel the same way about me, and I decided to raise my daughter as a single mother. I have not seen or heard from him since my little girl was 9 years old.

I never asked for child support, and he never offered, but now, 15 years older and wiser, I am wondering if this was the right decision. My daughter carries his last name, and he signed an affidavit stating he is her father. Is it too late to demand child support? — Wondering in Illinois

Dear Wondering: No, it is not too late, especially since your daughter is still under 18. It's quite possible the girl's father will pay child support willingly, and you should give him the opportunity to do so. If he refuses, contact a lawyer who is knowledgeable in the field and ask what your next step should be. Good luck.

Dear Readers: Tonight is The Compassionate Friends' Worldwide Candle Lighting for children who have died. Please light a candle this evening at 7 p.m., local time, and remember them with love.

Annie's Mailbox is written Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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