

Bush: Troops will stay in Iraq

House spurns calls for immediate pullout of Iraq. See Page 7A.

By JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea (AP) - His war policies under siege at home, President Bush said Saturday there would be no early troop withdrawal because "sober judgment" must prevail over emotional calls to end the military mission before Iraq is stabilized.

"We will fight the terrorists in Iraq. We will stay in the fight until we have achieved the victory that our brave troops have fought for," Bush thousands told of American troops spilling out of a cold hangar at this U.S. military installation 40 miles south of Seoul. "The defense of freedom is worth our sacrifice.'

The speech added the president's voice, from thousands of miles away, to a nasty debate in Congress over his Iraq policies and the timing of

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ANGEL TREES ARE UP



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins Salvation Army Capt. Linda Keeney sets up the Senior Angel Tree in the front lobby of the Herald Friday, as the local charity gets ready to start its annual Angel Tree campaign. In addition to the Herald, trees will be set up at Wal-Mart, the Big Spring Mall and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Closer review

Bill passed Friday calls for more evaluation of **Big Spring VA Hospital**

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor A bill passed Friday by apparently Congress guarantees the Big Spring VA Medical Center will remain open at least until October 2006, while evaluation of the facility continues, but at a slower pace.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey R-Texas, Hutchison, authored the legislation which delays the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) process by encouraging further study of 18 VA facilities across the nation.

"The CARES process began just as our country was mobilizing to fight the War on Terror. We must consider how this war has changed our veterans' health care needs before any decisions are made to close facilities,"



said Sen. Hutchison, chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee. "I am working to ensure the evaluation is completed in the best interests of our veterans and the communities that serve them."

The senator added, "The Big Spring facility has the capacity to grow and

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Salvation Army preparing for huge lurkey Day

TO HELP

 Bring pumpkin or pecan pies or other desserts to the Salvation Army early this week.

 Volunteer to help prepare food, deliver food or clean up following the meal.

TO PARTICIPATE

- Come hungry to 811 W. Fifth St. from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Busy, busy, busy.

That's what it's like at the Big Spring Salvation Army office right now, as the local charity gets ready to serve more than 400 Thanksgiving meals next week.

"This is a pretty frantic time of the year for us," Capt. Linda Keeney said with a laugh. "The biggest thing right now is we

little bit of their time, especial- other types of desserts and ly on the morning before, bring them next week." because that's going to be our really big work day. On to go and start getting the room ready for the walk-ins. We'll also need people to stay until all of these dishes.

unteers to come in and give a pumpkin pies or pecan pies and Thanksgiving meal can just

Keeney said the holiday meal isn't just for low-income fami-Thanksgiving Day we need peo- lies or the homebound, and ple to come in at about 10 a.m. although she certainly hopes to start getting the meals ready -those groups will take advantage of the annual event, the entire community is invited.

"It's open to everyone in the after 1 p.m. and help us wash community," said Keeney. "Anyone — and I do mean any-"We need lots of volunteers. one - who would like to come really need help. We need vol- We also need people to make in and have a great See FEAST, Page 3A

walk in our doors at 811 W. Fifth Street and grab a plate. Bring your family and have a great meal. If you're homebound and can't get to the Salvation Army office, all you have to do is call us and we'll deliver the meal to you.

"We really haven't had as many delivery, requests this year as we were expecting, but I don't think it's because of a

Long-term projects to fill college trustee agenda Monday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

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projects will take up lege's computer convermuch of Monday's regular meeting of the Howard College Board of Trustees, scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. in the East Room of Howard College.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks will update

trustees on progress involving the facilities master plan, a teacher-Updates on long-term recruitment plan, the colsion program, partnership programs with other institutions and an update of the college's Web site.

> The facilities master plan is a long-term project to update facility and

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the Sparks said.

needs for the Odessa junior college district's campus at Big San and South West Collegiate Institute for stages of that program. Deaf,

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access relevant data conrecently announced a partnership cerning admissions, busiprogram financed by fedness office and other coleral education money to lege departments, Sparks recruit more teachers said. from the West Texas area, The partnership programs HC is currently and Sparks will brief trustees on the early involved in include joint deals with Texas Tech

The computer conversion project will eventual-HC and University of ly result in all college

OPTIMIST HONOREES

students have been honored by the Big Spring Optimist Club as part of the Optimist Youth Appreciation' Week.

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by their schools based on outstanding academics, extra-curricular activities and community service.

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infrastructure Texas-Permian Basin in employees being able to tions), Lubbock Christian University (which provides distance learning that allows students to receive an organizational management degree while remaining in Big Spring) and University of Texas-El Paso (a nursing master's degree distance University (a program to learning program).

between the two institu- See COLLEGE. Page 3A

SANTA LETTERS

The dog did it JAMESTOWN, N.D. (AP) - A pit bull left home alone jumped on top of a stove, turned on a burner and started a fire that caused about \$2,000 in damage, officials said. "It's kind of a freak accident," said Fire Department Capt. Jim Reuther. The dog, "Satchel," got on the stove and stepped on a push-button control to turn

on a burner, said the dog's owner, Josh Larson. The burner ignited something plastic on the stove top. Firefighters extinguished the blaze. Larson, who was at work at the time, said his main concern was Satchel. The dog ran off but was found blocks away, shaking with fear.

Eight area OPTIMISTS-BRINGING

facilitate easier transfers

The students

lishes Letters to Santa Claus near Christmas Day as a service to the community. Letters from children in kindergarten. first and second grade, public, private and home schooled, as well as those in preschool, day care and Head Start may be submitted for publication. All letters should

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be received by Friday, Dec. 9. Each letter should contain the child's name as well as school or classroom affiliation.

Submit letters to the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431 or e-mail

composing@bigspringherald.com For more information, call 263-7331.



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Obituaries

J. R. "Buster" Brumley



J. R. "Buster" Brumley, 72, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, at Avalon Place in Odessa. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Rex Clayton officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 20, 1933, in Martin County to Annie "Mae" and Randolph Brumley. Buster married Lois Osburn Jan. 9, 1954, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Feb. 10, 2000. He was a member of the American Legion Post 506 and was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the Army. Buster worked at Webb Air Force Base and then retired from the U. S. Postal Service. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and his favorite hobby was bowling.

He is survived by his daughter, Lavonne Brumley of Big Spring; one son, Tommy Brumley and his wife Kathy of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Stacey Coker and Laurie Burton and her husband Tim; five great grandchildren, Austin Brumley, Anastasia Coker, Kaylee Coker, Jeremiah Coker and Courtney Coker; one sister, Thelma Ditto of Big Spring; and three brothers, William Brumley of Colorado City, Charles Brumley of Rule and James Brumley of Moody.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby and Edward Brumley.

Pallbearers will be Sonny Davis, Jim Sanders, David Campbell, Andy Andrews, Ben Douglass and Lynn Maddox.

The family suggests memorials to the American Legion Post 506, P. O. Box 892, Big Spring 79721.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com Paid obtuary

Richard H. David

Richard H. David, 58, of Perryton, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005. in Pampa. Services will be held at a later date.

Mr. David was born July 16, 1947 in Dunbar. Pa. He had been a resident of Perryton since 1986. He married Netta Avery July 14, 1985, in Midvale, Utah. He was on medical disability with Neighbors Drilling, and retired from Pool Well Services as area manager in 1999. He was a member of the Temple Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife, Netta David of the home; four sons, John Ray David and wife Michelle of Green River, Wyo., Weston Bingel and wife Karen of Uhrichsville. Ohio, Paul Bingel and wife Kayla of Perryton and Tom Bingel and fiancée Venessa Bailey of Riverton, Wyo.; four sisters; Rose Elkington of Spokane, Wash., Patty Chaney, of Yakima, Wash., Vicky Eastridge of Shelton, Wash., and Tami Bort of Pocatello, Idaho; one brother; Tim David of Spokane, Wash.; nine grandchildren, Mercedes Bingel, Layne Bingel and Kacey Bingel, all of Uhrichsville, Ohio, Katie Beth Bingel and Kami Bingel, both of Perryton, and Christal David, Cody David, Megan David and Jasmine David, all of Green River, Wyo.

Jasmine David, all of Green River, wyo. Memorials should be sent to the American Heart Association, 6605 W. I-40, Suite A-6, Amarillo 79106, or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo 79106.

LOCAL

Police blotter

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

• FREDDIE SOSA, 23, 901 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested on a charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

• **ROBERT RAY LOYA**, 18, Weatherford, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

• NICHOLAS LOYA, 26, 711 N. Aylesford, was arrested on three local warrants.

• **RANDY ROBLEDO,** 18, 405 Sunset Blvd., was arrested on charges of failure to identify and resisting arrest.

• JOHN MANUEL SOLIS, 20, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.

• JIMMY WAYNE POST, 46, 2511 Chanute, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid. • MATTHEW O'BRIEN, 26, Robinsonville, Miss., was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a weapon.

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 300 block of 11th Place.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg and the 400 block of Main.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 2500 block of Langley.

• DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID was reported in the 1000 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 7200 block of Interstate 20 South Service Road.

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Light and variable winds.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thanksgiving day...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Lottery

The Jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$16 million Saturday.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email

editor@bigspringherald.com

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6,30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

•DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

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

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

WEDNESDAY

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

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

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

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

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

THURSDAY, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving holiday.

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

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BIG SPRING HERALD

Weekend Edition, November 19-20, 2005

Bernadette Garcia



Bernadette Garcia, 26, of Sweetwater, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, at Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. Funeral service was to be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born May 2, 1979, in Stanton. Bernadette graduated from Big Spring High School. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, moving to Sweetwater

five years ago. Bernadette was a Catholic.

She is survived by her mother, Margie Arsiaga of Big Spring; father, Willie Garcia of California; one brother, Trinidad Rios-Rios of Harker Heights; two sisters, Alyssa Arsiaga and Benjamina Rios-Rios, both of Big Spring; grandparents, Petra and Raul Rios-Rios and Trini and Elvira Arsiaga, all of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Virginia Chappell

Virginia Chappell, 87, of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 18 2005, in a local Hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Cremat y of Big Spring.

Support groups

MOI DAY

• Encourager's Support Group meets the first and third Monday of each month. Monday at 6 p.m. The group has a covered dish Thanksgiving dinner planned. The turkey is furnished. All widows and widowers are invited. For more information, call 398-5522.

Announcing the opening of the law offices of Walter L. Shipman Have you been denied Social Security Disability? • Social Security Disability Claims • Former State Disability Determination Services (DDS) Adjudicator; • Appeals to Federal Court; • 8 years disability experience;

Big Spring, Texas 79720 • B years disability experience; Licensed attorney since 1990; Call (432) 264-6660 or Toll Free (877) 264-6660 Not Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization None of the tickets sold for Friday's \$12 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 8, 18, 21, 42, and 46. The Mega Ball number was 11.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-10-11-31-33. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-3-9

Take note

• FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE needs a cow, sheep, goats and donkeys on loan for the Drive-Thru Nativity. Call Vicki at 263-0203 or 816-9039.

• HOWARD COLLEGE LUMINARIA at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Student Union Building.

• HOWARD COLLEGE JURIED STUDENT ART SHOW COMPETITION Dec. 1 in the Howard College library.

• **BENEFIT FOR GARY DANIELS** is set for Dec. 10 beginning at noon at the Ice House, 1612 E. Third St. Daniels has been diagnosed with cancer and proceeds are to help with medical expenses. The benefit features barbecue plates for \$6, live music, a chance to win a 12-gauge pump shotgun, an auction and a 50/50 drawing. For more information, call Danya James at 816-6141 or Tom Cox t 393-5888.

Getting through the Holidays

Remember to take **ONE DAY** at a time. Remember to be realistic. Recognize that you need to set limits and do those things, which are meaningful to you and your family.

Remember that, whatever you choose to do this year, you may decide to handle things differently next year. Growth and change go hand in hand. Remember that you do not need to feel GUILTY. It is okay to enjoy yourself.



• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

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

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

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Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500
S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.
Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

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Shirley Gay accepts her gift certificate from Allan Johnson, owner of Allan's Furniture, as grand prize winner in the Big Spring Herald Holiday Cookbook Contest.

Gay's Jalapeno Casserole claims top prize in Herald cookbook contest

grand prize winner in the **Big Spring Herald's sixth** contest.

Her winning recipe was Stuffed Jalapeno Casserole.

The cookbook, complete with all of the recipes entered, is inserted into this issue of the Herald.

Below are winners of each of the eight categories in this year's contest, their winning entry and the category sponsor. Allan's Furniture.

Appetizers: Stuffed

Auto Parts, Inc.

Shirley Gay was the Gwen Ray of Big Spring, Lisa Petrowski of Big sponsored by Dominos. Breads: annual Holiday Cookbook Delight Bread, entered by C.M. Calvert of Big Spring, sponsored by

> Blum's. Candies, Cookies, Cakes: Kitchen Sink Crunches, entered by Joyce Ditto of Big Spring, sponsored by Sugg's.

Casseroles: Stuffed Casserole, Jalapeno entered by Shirley Gay of Big Spring, sponsored by

Mushrooms, entered by Lasagna Roll, entered by Hardware.

Spring, sponsored by Hawaiian Higginbotham-Bartlett.

Miscellaneous: Mama's Peach Cobbler, entered by Debbie Newton of Big Spring, sponsored by Gregg's Grill.

Salads: Viv's Salad, sponsored by Jonneal Eshleman of Big Spring. sponsored by Dakota's.

Vegetables: Butternut Apple Soup, entered by Mamie Lee Dodds of Big Spring, sponsored by Entrees: Florentine Harris Lumber and

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lack of need. I think people just haven't had time to start thinking about it. We're definitely going to need volunteers to help with the deliveries."

Keeney said volunteers are an integral part of the Thanksgiving feast, providing everything from kitchen help to delivering meals, and helping out

traditional Thanksgiving it as a family... to get your

VFW Post plans holiday party for area children

Veterans of Foreign Road. Anyone having any Wars Post 2013 will hold a questions should call Post Christmas party Dec. 10 Commander for children of Howard Leonard at 393-5667.

dressing and gravy.", "Delores (Albert) is in

charge of the cooking again this year. She's my right-hand person during this. She'll tell you what you need to do and how to do it, and if it's something you don't know how to do. she will certainly show you. She'll lead you right Army at 267-8239. down the path.

While volunteering may seem like an adult job, Keeney said she hopes people will get their families involved as well.

"The Thanksgiving meal is a wonderful way for families to realize there are those out there who are much less fortunate than they are," she said. "This gives them a chance to give back to meals. It's going to be a much, and it's great to do day meal with turkey, kids involved so they can

David

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MEDIA AWARD

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Herald Publisher Susanne Reed accepts a Media Award from Salvation Army Capt. **Russ Keeney. The** award is for contribution toward informing the public of Salvation Army programs and services.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

see just how blessed they really are."

Meals will be served in the Salvation Army dining hall from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. For more information on how you can help, or to set up a meal delivery, contact the Big Spring Salvation

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@ bigspringherald.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Bill McClellan

News Editor

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OUR VIEWS Salvation Army needs volunteer help for dinner

t's here ... almost. That's right, another holiday season is almost upon us as we begin the week of Thanksgiving. And obviously, most of us are busy, probably very busy.

That's most certainly the case at the Big Spring Salvation Army office right now. Capts. Russ and Linda Keeney are helping direct their staff and all the volunteers they can get their hands on in preparing to serve more than 400 Thanksgiving meals.

The key word there is "volunteers."

The captains admit biggest thing they need right now is help. We need volunteers to come in and give a little bit of their time, especially Wednesday morning, because that's going to be the really big work day.

And on Thanksgiving Day volunteers are needed to come in at about 10 a.m. to start getting the delivered meals ready to go and start getting the room ready for those that will eat at the Corps facility.

"We'll also need people to stay until after 1 p.m. and help us wash all of these dishes," Linda said. "We need lots of volunteers. We also need people to make pumpkin pies or pecan pies and other types of deserts and bring them this week."

The holiday meal isn't just for low-income families or the homebound. The entire community is andom thoughts while thinking about cleaning my desk:

The over-commercialism of the Christmas season is nothing new. **Everyone knows this Most** Wonderful Time of the Year is promoted to death.

But it's getting to the point where the whole thing is getting sort of ridiculous. Last month — that's October, or so the calendar says – I received my first Christmas sale flyer in the mail. I say again — in

October. Before Halloween. And, unless I'm seriously

mistaken, more than two months before Christmas actually arrives. Remember the good ol' days when the Christmas season didn't start until, you know, close to Christmas? When stores at least had the decency to let us celebrate Thanksgiving in peace before bombarding us with Christmas sales ads?

Those were blissful days, indeed. And they're gone forever, boy-o. Now, the Christmas juggernaut rears its ugly head a whole two months before the holiday, telling us it's never too early to start planning your Christmas purchases.

These people obviously don't know me.

TO THE EDITOR:

It has been a long-standing axiom at La Casa de Reagan that

I am currently recovering from a

wreck that happened in January

1999. It has been a long and painful

road to recovery for me. I am learn-

ing to live life with physical limi-

tations, but have been blessed with

different types of machinery to

Recently one of my leg braces lost

two hinge screws at the knee joint.

I contacted the people who made

the brace in Odessa and their

advice was for me to bring the bro-

help me in my rehabilitation.

it's always too early to start planning your Christmas purchases, and for dang sure, October is no time to start thinking about that computer game little Johnny just has to have this year.

Sleigh bells ring, I'm not listenin'

I have never been big on devising strategies for buying Christmas gifts - unless lastminute panic buying counts as an actual strategy. This may sound somewhat sad, but it's worked for me so far.

In October, my holiday planning can be summed up thusly: I shop for Halloween candy that I like, and then I purposely buy too much. That way, there's bound to be a surplus after the last trick-ortreater has left my porch. And some boob wants me to

start thinking about Christmas? Oh, yeah, that'll happen.

And, while I'm on the subject, don't start hitting me up with Christmas wish lists in November, either. And feel free to ignore me the first couple of weeks of December, too.

Before you think otherwise, this is not a vengeful screed against the over-commercialism of Christmas. I spend just enough time in the real world to realize that that is a regrettable fact of life. Griping about that is about as useful as complaining about the sun rising in the east.

And I have nothing against commercialism. I'm not the most materialistic guy around, but that's simply because of my financial situation. If I had enough money, I'd probably buy every shiny doodad out on the market today.

"Why, yes, I do have a computer

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to make a last minute appeal for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

I know we all have given and given this year because of Katrina and other disasters and charities. However, the United Way annual campaign is nearly over and we have raised about half of our target.

All the money raised in Howard County stays in Howard County. The 15 agencies that are supported by the United Way are going to truly suffer this year if we can't raise our totals.

in my bathroom. Don't you?"

No, gentle readers, this is just a plea to be left alone for a bit. Give me a bit of a breather from the relentless Christmas Merchandising Monster. Allow me to at least digest my Thanksgiving dinner.

Yeah, that'll happen, too. But where does it all end? What's the logical conclusion for this runaway freight train that is **Christmas advertising? Will they** start advertising in July? Or will we get a flyer in the mail on Dec. 27 saying, "You know, it's never too early to start planning for next Christmas?"

Will some genius decide the time is right for a 24-hour, seven-day-aweek, 365-day-a-year Christmas Shopping Network on TV?

Laugh if you want. Declare me a paranoid dunderhead. But, admit it ... you're scared of the same

thing, too. Aren't you?

As an act of protest, I'm seriously thinking about putting Halloween decorations up at my house. If they can advertise for Christmas early, then I can celebrate holidays late.

Join me in this, brothers and sisters. Let's cast off the chains of oppression. Let's show those greedy capitalists that enough is, by gummy, enough. If nothing else, we'll all feel a little better. Besides, it'll give me a perfect excuse to buy more candy.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

be affected by us not making our goal.

If services have to be cut at the agencies due to lack of funding, this will have ramifications that we can't even predict.

The United Way is a way for your donations to help 15 local charities. 1022 010

These agencies depend on the United Way for funds to provide services for the next year.

It is impossible to contact everyone who wants to give, so please make the effort and dig deep and send a check to the United Way at P.O. Box 24, Big Spring 79721. Sincerely,



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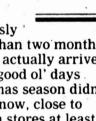
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invited to enjoy the meal and fellowship from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday.

"It's open to everyone in the community," said Keeney. "Anyone – and I do mean anyone – who would like to come in and have a great Thanksgiving meal can just walk in our doors at 811 W. Fifth Street and grab a plate. Bring your family and have a great meal. If you're homebound and can't get to the Salvation Army office, all you have to do is call us and we'll deliver the meal to you."

While volunteering may seem like an adult job, Keeney said she hopes people will get their families involved as well.

For more information on how you can help, or to set up a meal delivery, contact the Big Spring Salvation Army at 267-8239.

How To Contact Us

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

May we take the time to really get to know You. Lord. through Your word.

ken leg brace to their office in Odessa and they would see if they might have the screws on hand. This might seem like a simple thing to some people, but arranging the transportation to Odessa is not easy in my current condition.

I began to try to think of other options for me, and in the process, found one of the lost screws. Desperate for help, I called the Big Spring VA Medical Center and talked to Sammy Dennard in the Prosthectics Department. He asked me to bring it in and within 30 minutes he had found the part I needed and the brace was repaired.

It is my opinion that in these days of indecision about the Big Spring VA Medical Center staying open, we overlook the good citizens and truly caring people that this industry brings to our community. Thank you, Sammy Dennard, for your kindness. I hope that you and the rest of the employees at the Big Spring VA Medical Center will be able to keep your jobs here because you are an asset to the community.

> CHARLES FULESDAY **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

The article: Existing Firms Get Moore Focus interested me enough to respond to the quote, "It is important to quantify what we can do (to attract businesses)... as well as the hope of giving them some direction on what we want the Moore Board to do so they can execute it.'

So with this goal in mind, I am sure every business in Big Spring would be happy to give their encouragement and suggestions.

It is the location of Big Spring that is the key and it is a known fact that this town is ripe for tourism. We are in the perfect location and the perfect stopping distance for travelers. Motels and hotels must know this - look at all we have attracted.

Salinas, Kan., must know what to do as they are a former airbase town that is growing. They also call themselves a "Cross Roads" town. So what is it we can do?

Follow a pattern that has been done already — invest our tax dollars in doing something and not in "findings "that are unrealistic and

This will affect not only the agencies but every individual the agencies serve. Folks, this means us all.

Everyone in our county will truly

have been done many times before; encourage business into town with a three-year property tax deferment; stop trying to sell the abandoned, unsafe buildings and instead demolish them and build a park from the rubble. Maybe it could be named Buffalo Bones Art and expand on the idea from there.

Many want to seek out and receive wildlife grants and set up a tourist attraction for bird watchers and nature lovers. Many want to promote the Wild West background and heritage of our area. Want Moore, or do you, as a business, want More?

Big Spring has so much more to offer the travelers passing our way but recently it has not "boomed "in any way. As you travel what attracts you off to explore a town or an area? This is what my business wants and what many other businesses are hoping will bring about a "boom.'

The economy is down and we as business owners need hope and we need to see action taken toward growth. Tourism could do this but it takes a vision. Who has this vision?

BONNIE LAMBERT **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

Big Spring RSVP and Canterbury Retirement Homes would like to thank the community for supporting and attending our first Senior Fun Fest on Nov. 5-6.

We had 32 booths manned by the following businesses or non-profits: AARP Tax Aide, Accolade Home Health, Advantage Home Health, the American Cancer Society, Area Agency on Aging, Office of the Attorney General State of Texas, Best Home Care, Big Spring RSVP, Big Spring Police Dept./CERT, Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, Canterbury, Caring Hearts Home Health,

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Thanks also go to Rhonda Campbell and the Spring City Senior Center for a tasty lunch and fashion show. Canterbury outdid itself with a wonderful chili supper and dance on Saturday. In all, more than 300 people attended all or part of the Fun Fest. We appreciate the senior adults in our community who came out and attended. We hope you had fun and learned something, too.

A special thank you to the City of Big Spring CVB for the use of the Dora Roberts Community Center; the Big Spring Herald and Marsha Sturdivant for her coverage: **KBST's Kris Moore and KBYG's** A.J. Weaver, for interviews and radio program coverage; and Cox Communications running announcements for several weeks.

This is an awesome community of caring people.

NANCY JONES **RSVP PROJECT DIRECTOR** AND SHANNON NABORS **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CANTERBURY**

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Georgann Waller passed

away this week. And

whether you knew her

personally or not, you

have probably known

Georgann was a grand-

mother. She loved baking

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every kid and grandkid

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Georgann Waller was

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Georgann loved cats

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day and silly the next.

She loved life and she

loved her Lord and

And now she knows the

true meaning of "absent

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KATHY HIGHLEY

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Savior, Jesus Christ.

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TO THE EDITOR:

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House spurns calls for immediate pullout of Iraq YOUR VIEWS

By LIZ SIDOTI

Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON - The

> **Republican-controlled** House spurned calls for an immediate pullout of troops from Iraq in a vote hastily arranged by the GOP that Democrats vociferously denounced as politically motivated.

"To cut and run would invite terrorism into our backyards, and no one wants to see troops fightterrorism on ing American soil," Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said Friday night after the House, as planned, rejected a GOP-written resolution for immediate withdrawal.

The vote, held as lawmakers rushed toward a two-week Thanksgiving break, was 403-3.

Democrats accused Republicans of orchestrating a political stunt that prohibited thoughtful debate on the issue, and nearly all voted against the measure.

That included Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania, the Democratic hawk whose call Thursday for pulling out troops set off a nasty, personal debate over the war.

"Our military is suffering. The future of our country is at risk. We cannot continue on our present course," Murtha said. He said the GOP resolution was not the thoughtful approach he had suggested to bring the troops safely home in six months.

The House action came in a week that also saw **GOP**-controlled the Senate defeat a Democratic push for President Bush to lay out

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any U.S. withdrawal. It also continued a rapidfire White House counterattack against the presiaggressive dent's newly war critics.

a timetable for withdrawal. Instead, senators approved a statement that 2006 should be a significant year in which conditions are created for the phased withdrawal of U.S. forces.

"Congress in strong, bipartisan fashion rejected the call to cut and White House run," spokesman Scott McClellan, traveling with Bush in Asia, said a statement. Earlier Friday, the president called an immediate troop withdrawal "a recipe for disaster."

Murtha, a Marine veteran decorated for combat service in Vietnam and widely respected among his peers, issued his call for a troop withdrawal at news conference Thursday. In little more than 24 hours, Hastert and Republicans decided to put the question to the House.

Republicans hoped to place Democrats in an unappealing position either supporting a withdrawal that critics said would be precipitous or opposing it and angering voters who want an end to the conflict. They also hoped the vote could restore GOP momentum on an issue – the war – that has seen plummeting public support in recent weeks.

Democrats said it was a sham and quickly decided to vote against the resolution in an attempt to drain it of significance. "A disgrace," declared

House minority leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "The rankest of politics and the absence of any sense of shame," added Rep. Steny Hoyer of

whether Saddam Hussein Iraqis nearby. had weapons of mass destruction. Such weapons were Bush's main justification for war, but none were found. An AP-Ipsos poll earlier this month found a signif- affect next year's

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House Democrat. tional debate, Rep. Jean Schmidt, R-Ohio, told of phone call she received from a Marine colonel.

"He asked me to send Congress a message -stay the course. He also asked me to send Congressman Murtha a message - that cowards cut and run, Marines never do," Schmidt said. Murtha is a 37-year Marine veteran and ranking Democrat on the defense appropriations subcommittee.

Democrats booed and shouted her down - causing the House to come to a standstill.

Rep. Harold Ford, D Tenn., charged across the chamber's center aisle screaming that **Republicans** were making uncalled-for personal attacks. "You guvs are pathetic! Pathetic!" yelled Rep. Marty Meehan. D Mass.

Democrats gave Murtha a standing ovation as he entered the chamber and took his customary cor ner seat.

Murtha has proposed his own resolution that would force the president to withdraw the nearly 160,000 troops in Iraq "at the earliest practicable date." It would establish a quick-reaction force and a nearby presence of Marines in the region. It also said the U.S. must pursue stability in Iraq through diplomacy.

The Republican alterna tive: "It is the sense of the House of Representatives that the deployment of United States forces in Iraq be terminated imme-

Some Republicans on Capitol Hill have become willing to question Bush on Iraq -- albeit carefully - amid fears that the public's concerns will icant drop in the share of midterm congressional elections. Earlier this week, the GOP-controlled Senate voted down a Democratic push for Bush to outline b withdrawal timetable, but supported telling the pres? ident to outline a strategy for "the successful com' pletion of the mission" in

diately."

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-At one point in the emo- Calif., chairman of the Georgia, voted for with House Armed Services drawal. Six voted present: Committee, said the reso Reps. Jim McDermott of lution vote was not a Washington; stunt. "This is not an Nadler, Maurice Hinchey attack on an individual. This is a legitimate question," he said

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Bush spoke at the end of a three-day stay in South Korea, laying over here for little more than an hour after meetings with 20 other Pacific Rim leaders in Busan, South Korea. Immediately after speaking, he left for

China - the most anticipated segment of his weeklong Asian swing. Democrats have seized

on the indictment of a top White House aide in the CIA leak case to question whether the president deceptively portrayed prewar intelligence on

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honest. Also, with the U.S. death toll now above 2,080 in Iraq, nearly twothirds of the country disapproves of Bush's conduct of the war.

Underscoring those worries, unwelcome news poured out of Iraq Friday. Suicide bombers detonated explosives at two Shiite mosques in Khanaqin, near the Iranian border, killing at least 74 worshippers during noon prayers. In Baghdad, a pair of car bombs targeted a hotel housing Western journalists and killed several

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Iraq. Washington's weeklong clash over Iraq policy continued Friday, fueled by the call from prominent defense hawk and decorated Vietnam war veteran, Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., for the nearly 160,000 troops to be brought home.

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California civil jury rules Blake was behind killing of his wife

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) -**Robert Blake** lashed out at his critics — including the plaintiffs' attorney - during the wrongful death trial of his wife, but jurors who found him liable in the slaying said the toughguy actor was his own "worst enemy" on the witness stand.

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In a 10-2 decision, the jury ruled Friday that Blake "intentionally caused the death" of Bonny Lee Bakley, who was gunned down May 4, 2001 outside a restaurant where the couple had just dined. Blake was ordered to pay her four children \$30 million in damages.

Jurors said they were swayed by the former "Baretta" star's

eight days of testimony, when he often railed at plaintiffs' attorney Eric Dubin, calling him "cnief," "junior" or "sonny." At one point, Dubin said he felt threatened by Blake's responses.

"We believe that Mr. Blake was probably his worst enemy on the stand," jury foreman Bob Horn said.

Jurors didn't indicate what specific evidence caused them - suit and tie, looked down as the * to find Blake responsible.

"In the end, the evidence that was presented really convinced the jury to the standard that we were set to," Horn said.

in his criminal trial, when 12

combative attitude during his jurors had to decide guilt unanimously and beyond a reasonable doubt. The civil wrongfuldeath case required only that nine of 12 jurors believe by a "preponderance" of the evidence that Blake was responsible for the crime.

pulled the trigger, juror Tony Aldana said, "To this point, who knows. We're not sure."

Blake, 72, dressed in a black verdicts were read. He left court immediately.

None of Bakley's four children were in the courtroom to Blake was aquitted in March Holly Gawron said in a phone interview from Memphis, believe in his innocence."

Tenn., that she was ecstatic.

"It's been a nightmare, but now it's time to repair our lives and move on," said Gawron, 25, who added that the verdict was more important than the monetary award.

"I know there isn't any When asked whether Blake money to recover from him," Gawron said. "I'm not interested in the money."

Blake's criminal attorney, M. Gerald Schwartzbach, spoke to Blake after the verdict and called him "a survivor."

"He's not a quitter. He's 72 years old and he's been through hell for four years," hear the verdict. Daughter Schwartzbach said in a phone interview. "I continue to

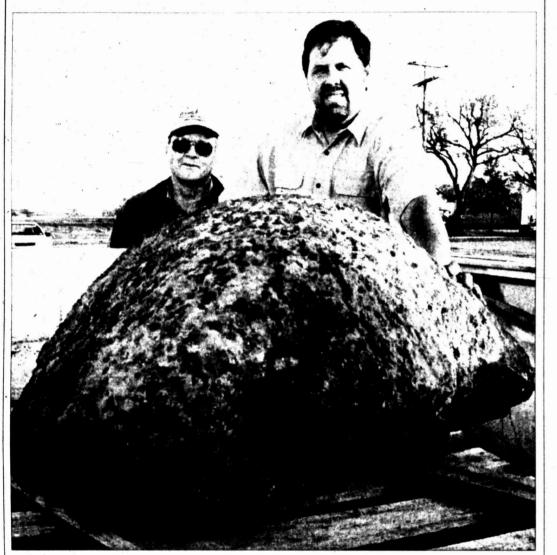
The plaintiffs had argued that Blake either killed Bakley himself or hired someone to do so. The jury was not asked to. decide which theory it believed. However, the panel decided

that Blake's handyman, Earle Caldwell, did not collaborate in the killing.

Attorney Gary Austin, who represented Caldwell, said the justice system "worked for him in the criminal case and it worked here in the civil case."

Dubin contended that Blake despised Bakley, believing she trapped him into marriage by getting pregnant, and that he decided to get rid of her so he could raise his adored daughter, Rosie, by himself.

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KRT photo/G. Marc Benavidez, Wichita Eagle Allen Binford, left, and meteorite hunter Steve Arnold, stand with a 1430-pound meteorite that was discovered on Binford's farm, early in November by Arnold in Haviland, Kan. The meteorite is classified as an "oriented pallasite."

Woman who abandoned kittens in parks

Raid nets 125 illegal workers at Wal-Mart facility under construction in Pennsylvania

center under construction led to the arrests of 125 illegal workers, all of whom will be deported, federal officials said Friday.

The workers from Costa El Salvador, Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico were detained Thursday at the construction site in eastern Pennsylvania, according to Immigrations and Customs Enforcement. Some of the 125 used fake documents to obtain employment with subcontractors, officials said.

The arrests came after search warrants were executed for six companies at the site outside Pottsville, about 80 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

"Employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens, and those who utilize false documents to gain employment, face significant criminal and administrative charges," John Kelleghan, acting special agent-in-charge for ICE in Pennsylvania, said in a statement.

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sentenced to night alone in the woods

(AP) – An animal rescuer who abandoned 35 kittens in two parks has been sentenced to a night in the woods without food or shelter.

Painesville Municipal Court Judge Michael A. Cicconetti, known for handing out unusual punishments. sentenced Michelle M. Murray to the spend the cold night alone when she begins her 15-day jail sentence next week.

"How would you like to be dumped off at a

PAINESVILLE, Ohio spend the night listening respiratory to the coyotes coming upon you, listening to the raccoons around you in previously said she was the dark night, and sit out there in the cold not knowing where you're going to get your next meal, not knowing when you are going to be rescued?" the judge asked. "That's what you're going

to do.' Murray, 25, pleaded guilty last month to aban-stand on a city sidewalk doning domestic animals, a second-degree misdemeanor.

The kittens were recov-Metropark late at night, ered but many had upper cer."

Former Halliburton employee gets 15 months

infections and nine died.

She apologized and has experiencing family problems when she dumped the kittens.

Murray must report to jail Wednesday where a park ranger will drop her off at a remote location. Cicconetti previously

sentenced a man who called an officer a pig to for two hours in a pen next to a 350-pound hog along with a sign reading, "This is not a police offi-

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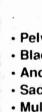
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ROCK ISLAND, Ill. (AP) A federal judge sentenced a former employee of a Halliburton subsidiary to 15 months in prison Friday for accepting more than \$100,000 in kickbacks from an Iraqi company that was awarded a construction contract in Iraq.

Glenn Allen Powell, 40, of Cedar Park, Texas, was also ordered to pay restitution of \$91,000. He pleaded guilty in August to fraud and violating an anti-kickback law.

Prosecutors said he was a subcontracts administrator for Halliburton subsidiary KBR Inc., which provides engineering and other project management services for the military.

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Anti-war protester Cindy Sheehan participates in a candlelight demonstration outside the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005.

Cindy Sheehan's book being released

By ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH After spending scorching August days with hundreds of war protesters at her makeshift camp near President Bush's Crawford ranch, Cindy Sheehan slipped away each night to her tent or RV for a few quiet moments on her laptop.

The words came easily as she opined about the war, U.S. leaders, her critics, her supporters. And the tears started to flow no matter how many times she wrote about her 24-year-old soldier son Casey who died in Iraq last year.

"I miss him more every day. It seems the void in my life grows as time goes on, and I realize I am never going to see him again or hean his voice," Sheehan wrote. "I knew he was going to be a great man. I just had no idea how great he was going to be or how much it was going to hurt me."

year, letters to politicians and new writings since leaving Crawford.

"I never wrote anything more than a note to excuse my kids from school before Casey was killed, so to see something I wrote in print with my name on it is amazing," Sheehan told The Associated Press recently by phone from her home in Berkeley, Calif.

The White House did not return calls seeking comment about the book.

It is the first book published by Koa Books, which printed 20,000 copies, so far. Sheehan was paid a "modadvance and will est" receive royalties from sales, said Arnie Kotler, the Hawaii publishing company's founder.

He said he was moved when he saw news coverage of Sheehan camping out on a rural Texas roadside. refusing to leave until the ended his ranch vacation Kotler, whose company will publish books on progressive politics and personal transformation, then read Sheehan's Internet blog entries from the protest. "I thought, This is

peace groups earlier this already a book. This is come home alive and well, incredible," Kotler said. "We got it done as quickly as we could, and the deepest reason is to stop the war."

Sheehan, who met Kotler through a mutual friend, said she accepted Kotler's offer rather than work with a large publisher because she didn't care about the money and wanted the book printed quickly.

In a chapter called "The Peaceful Occupation of Crawford, Texas," Sheehan chronicles the daily events of the 26-day protest, such as being bombarded with media interviews, the campsite wedding of two peace activists and visits from Martin Sheen, Joan Baez and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Sheehan also writes about her critics and counter protests of Bush supporters, some who set up their own camp in a ditch across the street from the anti-war group in Crawford, about 90 president met with her or miles south of Fort Worth.

that I am somehow not supporting them."

Sheehan shares details about Casey, her oldest child who as a todeler ate the fur off his favorite teddy bear. He grew up to become an Eagle scout, altar boy and considered being a priest.

"My son ... enlisted in the Army to protect America and give something back to our country," she wrote. "He didn't enlist to be used and misused by a reckless. commander in chief who sent his troops to preemptively attack and occupy a country that was no imminent threat or any threat to our country.

Sheehan will go on a book tour, but it will have to wait until she returns from

Crawford. As she promised, she plans to resume the war protest this week as Bush spends Thanksgiving at his

ranch. 'The Camp Casey move-

American Airlines, **Love Field executives** to discuss flights

By DAVID KOENIG

AP Business Writer DALLAS – American Airlines and Southwest

Airlines moved closer to a fight for travelers at Dallas Love Field on Friday.

Congress approved a transportation-spending bill that would change a 1979 law to permit direct flights from Love Field to Missouri.

spokesman for Α Southwest said the carrier would begin flights to St. Louis and Kansas City quickly if President Bush signs the bill.

Southwest spokesman Ed Stewart said the Dallas-based airline is already the biggest carrier at Kansas City and second only to American in St. Louis.

Meanwhile in Dallas. three American Airlines representatives, including its manager at huge Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, met Friday with Love Field officials to discuss resuming service there.

American stopped operations at Love Field shortly after the 2001 terror attacks caused a downturn in travel, but it still leases three gates.

Tim Wagner. a spokesman for Fort Worth-based American, said American would consider flying from Love Field to St. Louis and Kansas City if the 1979 law called the Wright Amendment is changed to allow such flights. He said no decision had been made Friday.

The Wright Amendment limits flights from Love Field to Texas and a few nearby states.

Wagner said American still opposes Southwest's effort to persuade Congress to repeal the Wright Amendment but must be prepared in case the limits on Love Field are eased.

The Wright Amendment bars long flights to or from Love Field except in jets with fewer than 56 seats.

American's sister carrier, American Eagle, could operate long flights at Love Field using smaller regional jets, but Wagner said no decision on such service has been made.

Southwest claimed not to be concerned about competing head-to-head with American at Love Field and said successful service between Love Field and Missouri would build support in Congress to repeal the Wright Amendment.

"This can be a shining example of what everybody else could enjoy if there was no Wright Amendment," said Southwest spokesman Stewart: "The ultimate goal is total repeal."



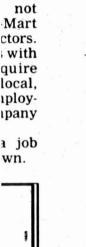
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Now those journal entries are in the new book "Not One More Mother's Child," to be released Wednesday in bookstores nationwide. The \$15 paperback also contains some of her speeches to

"The right-wingers really having a field day with me," she wrote. What really hurts me the most is when people say that I am dishonoring Casey by my protest in Crawford. By wanting our troops to

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Austin officer fired after fatal shooting

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AUSTIN (AP) Austin police chief has fired an officer who fatally shot an 18-year-old during a traffic stop in June, saying in a memo that the officer's action showed questionable judgment.

Police Chief Stan Knee fired Julie Schroeder after a disciplinary hearing at police headquarters Friday.

Schroeder has said that Daniel Rocha resisted arrest and she shot him once. She thought he took her Taser stun gun and ping the sport utility

- The was going to use it against her or Sgt. Don Doyle, who arrived moments after Schroeder. The Taser was later found on the pavement.

Knee suspended Dovle for 28 days without pay for failing to properly use his patrol car video camera during the stop.

The officers, working an undercover drug operation at the time, have said they became involved in a scuffle with Rocha, who was unarmed, after stop-

also said that not only had Schroeder not properly secured her Taser, but she had an opportunity and an obligation to see whether Rocha had taken it before shooting him.

Knee said Schroeder has vehicle in which he was riding after it left a drug the option of appealing, an action Austin Police Knee noted in the memo Association officials said

> she will begin Monday. The announcement of the firing brought a protest from the union, which said it will push to

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Practices are scheduled to begin Dec. 19. Kids who played last season may play on the same team from last year.

All games are scheduled to be played Saturdays beginning Jan. 7.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Green leads Florida past No. 16 Orange

NEW YORK (AP) -**Taurean Green had 23** points and keyed a late second half run to lead Florida over No. 16 Syracuse in the championship game of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic.

Florida (4-0) trailed 62-60 with 6:43 left

Hawk men remain undefeated in South Padre

 Howard women fall to rival South Plains in WJCAC Tourney

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard women's basketball team continued play at the preseason Western Junior College Athletic Conference tournament Friday, while the men's basketball team opened up play in South Padre.

The women struggled to score points in a loss to rival South Plains, while

unbeaten, taking down Bossier Paris in their closest game of the year.

Howard men 68 **Bossier Paris men 65** Charles Sophomore

Burgess scored 17 points, grabbed four rebounds and dished out four assists in leading the Hawks to a narrow win in South Padre.

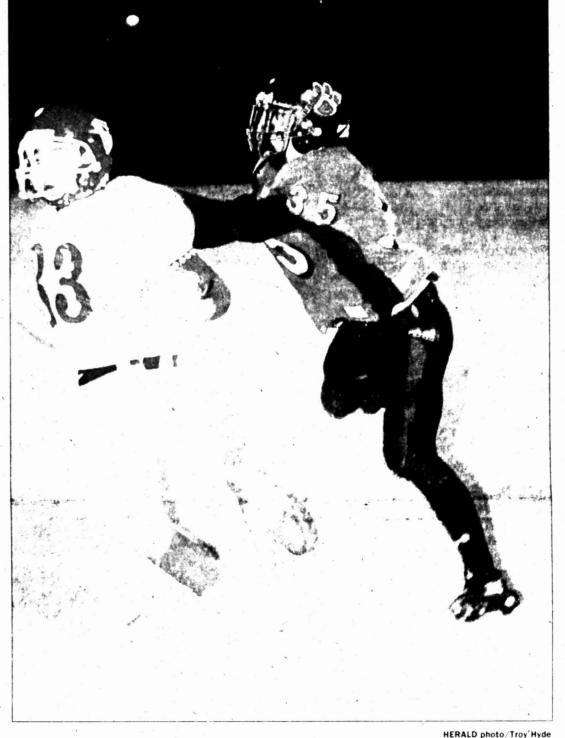
Howard improved to 5-0 with the win, but assistant coach Jason Sautter said the team really didn't play that well.

the Hawk men remained Bossier Paris was defi- unavailable at press time. nitely our toughest match McLennan this season," he said. Howard in this same tour-"They were all over the nament last year and place. We didn't play up defeated Weatherford by to our expectations, but more than 20 points Bossier Paris'had a lot to Friday night. do with that.'

Freshman Benny Valentine had 15 points and eight steals, while freshman Richard Forbes added 10 points.

The Hawks led by one at Hobbs, N.M. against halftime and outscored WJCAC rival South Bossier Paris 40-38 in the Plains as Howard dropped second half.

Howard took on McLennan JC Saturday round of the preseason "We can play better, but night, but results were conference tournament.



Latoya Fairley led the Hawks with 23 points, but no other Howard player reached double figures as sophomore Jennifer Pena scored seven.

The game was tied at halftime, 21-21, but South Plains pulled away in the second half.

The Hawk women took on nationally ranked Midland. College in the third place game Saturday night, but results were unavailable at press time. Midland College suffered 'a 67-65 loss to Odessa College.

Buffaloes sneak by **Bulldogs** at home

 Johnson's big shot gives Forsan victory over rival Coahoma

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald FORSAN -- The Forsan and Coahoma varsity boy's teams met Friday night in Forsan with the Buffaloes earning a hard fought victory, 31-28.

Seth Johnson stepped behind the arch as time was running out and calmly drained a 3-pointer, breaking a 28-28 tie to seal the win.

"We wanted to get the ball inside and draw in the defense," said Forsan head coach Terry McDonald, "and then find the open man and kick it back out. We executed well and Seth made a big shot. McDonald added that this game is sort of a "friendly" rivalry. "They know most of us and we know most of them," said McDonald. "but when they get on the court they come to play each other. We both come to get after it every year and coach [Kim] Nichols does a great job with those kids. The scoring was tight throughout the contest as both teams looked to find an advantage. Adam Bailey led the Buffaloes early as he scored eight of his 10 points in the first half. Forsan also led at the half, 18-17. The third period was slow going, but the Bulldogs were able, to take their first lead of the game and went into the fourth up 23-20. As the fourth opened. Coahoma extended their lead to 24-20, until Tye Baker hit a 3-pointer. drawing the Buffs to within one. With 4:30 left to play. Johnson hit a shot to put the Buffs back on top, but it was short-lived as Coahoma hit a couple of free throws and led 26:25 with 1:27 left in the game. After a Buffalo timeout. Baker hit a free throw tying the game at 26-26. but Coahoma's, Blaine Kirby was left all alone under the basket for a layup to go back out in front, 28-26. As time began' to run down, Baker again found ', the mark as he again tied the score. Coahoma got a nice look at the basket with 20. seconds left, but Gonzales missed a 12-footer as Josh Paredez came down with

Big return

plagues Bearkats against Cowboys

By TROY HYDE Sports Editor

BIG LAKE — The first Grandfalls-Royalty victory over Garden City could have been considered a fluke as the Cowboys scored on the final play of the game to escape in Week 0 at home.

Friday night in Big Lake, Grandfalls-Royalty turned that fluke into a trend as the Cowboys knocked the No. 10 Bearkats out of the sixman playoffs with a 58-49 win.

The Bearkats finished the season with a 10-2 record with both setbacks coming against the Cowboys.

"I guess they are better than us," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins. "We just couldn't stop their offense tonight.' The Grandfalls-Royalty offense was potent, but two non-offensive plays may have hurt the Bearkats more Friday. The Cowboys scored a Garden City's Blaine Walker, left, takes down Grandfalls-Royalty quarterback B.J. Santiago touchdown off a kick return and an interception return and both came at crucial points in the game. "That onside kick end, but we fought hard return was huge for until the end." them," said Hoskins. "That definitely hurt us. 41 with 3:38 to play in the We had just taken the game, but refused at that lead and then we gave it right back up on the kick. Our defense didn't have the chance to get a stop." Garden City's defense didn't get too many stops in the game as the Cowboys punted twice and had two turnovers. "Give Grandfalls credit," said Hoskins. "They came in with a good gameplan and beat us as Garden City turned the

before it went on a 12-0 run. Green, named MVP of the tournament, had eight points during that span, including a 3-pointer with 1:52 left to cap the spurt and give the Gators a 72-62 lead, their biggest of the game.

The defending champion Orange (3-1) were led by Demetrius Nichols, who had a career-high 24 points. He hit five 3-pointers and had five rebounds. Florida opened the second half with a 13-3 run to take a 56-47 advantage. Syracuse answered with a 15-4 run of its own as **Terrence Roberts had** eight points to give the Orange their two-point lead.

New Mexico hands Texas home loss

AUSTIN (AP) Dionne Marsh scored 24 points and New Mexico handed No. 12 Texas a rare home loss as the Lady Longhorns lost 76-68.

New Mexico (3-1) trailed 35-32 at halftime, but rallied by shooting 61 percent in second half. the Brandi Kimble added 19 points and eight rebounds for the Lobos, and Abbie Letz and Katie Montgomery each had 13

Tiffany Jackson and Erika Arriaran each scored 17 points for the Lady Longhorns (0-1), who lost at home for just the second time in 46 games. Carla Cortijo added 15 points for Texas.

point to pack it in. Garden City got a 5-yard

touchdown run by junior Jared Bradford with 2:36 left and then forced a Cowboys fumble inside the 15-yard line with a chance to cut, its deficit to one, but a sack, a short completion and two short runs by junior Alex Halfmann was not enough

The Bearkats trailed 58-

tonight. That's not how ball over on downs. we wanted our season to

"They brought the heat all night long," said Hoskins. "We had our chances in the game, but just couldn't get it done." The two teams traded touchdowns in the first quarter.

The Bearkats started the game off with a 35-yard touchdown pass from Halfmann to senior Cory Multer.

Ron Morales put Grandfalls-Royalty up 8-7 minutes later with a 1yard run, but Bradford gave Garden City the lead back after he caught a

during the Bearkats' playoff loss to the Cowboys in Big Lake. The Bearkats finish their season with a 10-2 record as both setbacks came against Grandfalls-Royalty. short pass from Halfmann and took off for paydirt.

scoring from 50 yards out. Another Cowboys touchdown gave the lead back to Grandfalls-Royalty, but Bradford went back to work again, this time scoring on a 55-yard run as time expired in the first quarter with Garden City up 21-16.

Robby Garcia took charge in the second quarter for Grandfalls-Rovalty as he scored twice for the Cowboys, while Garden City's lone

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Bulldogettes get easy win over Lady Buffs

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald FORSAN - The LadyBuffaloes and the Bulldogettes met Friday night in Forsan as Coahoma defeated Forsan, 51-24.

First quarter action was tight, as both teams sought to find their rhythm with Coahoma taking the early advantage, 8-6.

The Bulldogettes opened the second frame with back-to-back 3-pointers from Janice Gonzales and Shelbi Paige, taking a 14-6 lead.

Forsan's Kimmy Berry answered back with a 3pointer of her own and

the team's traded baskets the rest of the second until Kali Roberts ended the half with another 3pointer, giving Coahoma a 23-14 halftime lead.

The third frame saw little action as both squads found it difficult to score, but the Bulldogettes man; aged to extend their lead to 29-16.

In the fourth period the Bulldogettes were able to wear down Forsan as they began to find their range and outscored the Lady Buffaloes, 23-8.

"We did a good job tonight following the gameplan, and I thought we still had a good chance at the half," said Forsan

head Hillger. "But in the second they adjusted better than we did and they hit some big shots that really took us out of the game."

Hillger added he was very proud of the effort and said they were going to "get after it" Monday in preparation for next. Tuesday's game with Garden City.

First year Coahoma head coach Chris Sumrall' was also pleased with his team's performance.

"We played better than• week against last Roscoe," said Sumrall. "It was a much better effort and we executed better, as well. Forsan played like I

coach Robert expected them to play, but we were able to make adjustments at halftime that made the difference." Coahoma travels to Garden City Monday night and Forsan hosts the Lady Kats Tuesday before both schools take off. during time Thanksgiving break.

> Coahoma was led by Gonzales, who 'led all scorers with 14 points, **Roberts and Christie Rich** both added 10 for the Bulldogettes.

Tessa Montgomery and Alyssa Hodnett each scored seven for the Lady Buffaloes, while Berry and Kaylon Stanley added four each.

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touchdown in the period was scored by junior Colton Schwartz, who caught a 3-yard pass from Halfmann.

However, the two touchdowns by Garcia gave the Cowboys

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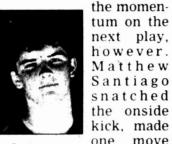
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Eggemeyer's 13-vard touchdown catch put Garden City up 35-30. The Cowboys took back



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side and was gone as he scored from 45 yards out to put Grandfalls-Royalty back on top, 38-35.

Garden City went threeand-out on its next drive and punted.

The Cowboys took advantage of a short kick and scored three plays later on a 7-yard catch by



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Baker, Murray earn spot on first team

Three other **Buffaloes capture** second team honors

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The District 10-A football all-district honors were announced recently and, seniors Tye, Baker and Mitchell Murray were honored as first team selections.

Baker was awarded the first team

in **Buffaloes** but

> Murray was picked as a first team member after a good season at fullback. Junior Newcomb was picked to the second team offensive

Garden City's Cory Multer, left, Cade Doss, #30, and Jason Flores gang tackle a runner 1,000 yard from Grandfalls-Royalty, preventing him from scoring Friday during the Bearkats' Area season 'at running back and Derrick Colegrove and Tyler Phillips

> selected as defensive defensive end.

Sterling City won several of the major district awards. Chris Bearden was honored as the Coach of the Year, while Brian Crooks was picked as the district MVP and Joshua Fitchett was voted as the district offensive MVP.

MVP was awarded to

Coach of the Year: Chris Bearden, Sterling City District MVP: Brian Crooks, Sterling City Offensive MVP: Joshua Fitchett, Sterl Offensive Newcomer Villanueva, Roscoe. Defensive Newcomer of the Year: Adam Muno

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Quarterback: Logan Rawls, Bronte Running Backs: Frank Perez, Winters: Jaylo Saunders, Bronte. Saunders, bronte. Utility Back: Joe Posey, Roby. Fullback: Mitchell Murray, Forsan;

Wide Receiver: Will Martin, Roby: Mark Scates, Wiriters; Tyler Knowlton, Roscoe Tight End: Riley Coalson, Bronte Center: Julian Saavedra, Roscoe Offensive Lineman: Zach White, Bronte: Ryan Rivas, Roby; Matt Tekell, Winters: Neal Anthony Roscoe: Toby Navarro, Sterling City.

Quarterback: Aaron Colburn, Winters

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uentes, Hermleigh; Art Flores, Roby; Armando Nava, Winters; Tanner Joy, Roscoe.

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Defensive Line: Rashad McCalister, Sterling City: Kevin Cook, Winters: Michael Hasty. Sterling City: Derrick Colegrove, Forsan: Frank Sterning City, Central Cores, Roby. Defensive End: Manuel Vega, Winters: Tyler Phillips, Forsan, Robby Anderson, Hermleigh. Linebacker: Keegan Kurtz, Winters: Rasberry, Roby, Johnathon McClure, Hermleigh: Clayton Lord, Careta Cubi Wangara, Parcea Long, Sterling City; Villanueva, Roscoe Secondary: Keenon Garcia, Hermleigh; Phillip Williams, Roby, Colton Daggett, Sterling City; Rawls, Bronte; James Montealeo, Roscoe; James Vasquez, Winters. Punter: Jared Porter, Roscoe Kicker: Posey, Roby. Return Specialist: Baker, Forsan

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Devon Deleon of Roscoe. Roscoe was also given honors as defensive and offensive newcomers of the year. Jacob Villanueva was offensive newcomer, while Adam Munoz was defensive

Second Team Running Backs: Daniel Ruiz, Roscoe; Wesle: Newcomb, Forsan. Utility Back: Villanueva, Roscoe.

Force, Bronte, Tight End; Kyle Mayfield, Roby, Center: Taylor Davis, Sterling City, Offensive Line: Adam Halfacer, Bronte; Y.J.

First Team

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defense came up big with on its next possession. an interception by Jason Garden City, however, Flores. The Cowboys got all the way down to the 13-yard Halfmann followed a 7- quarterfinals line and Flores played the ball perfectly, picking it off at the 4-yard line.

over on downs on its next ed and gave the momen-

Championship loss to the Cowboys.

Bradford turned the ball

drive, but the Bearkat

Three plays later and Bradford again cut into the lead as he raced 64 yards for the touchdown.

yard interception return put Grandfalls up 52-41. Hoskins. "Alex got pres- our favor.

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Stevie Cavazos. The The score cut the sured and made a bad Cowboys led 44-35 with Cowboys lead to 44-41 throw, its a little harder 5:34 to play in the third with 54 seconds to play in to adjust when you got someone in your face all Grandfalls-Royalty punt night long.

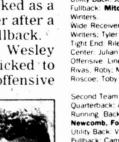
HERALD photo, Troy Hyde

The two teams tum back to Garden City exchanged 5 yard touchdown runs to end the game as the Cowboys won couldn't take, advantage by nune points, and as two incompletions by advanced to the six-man

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District 10-A

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Parcells uses traps

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

Dallas

IRVING – When the

returned to team head-

quarters this week, still

giddy from a thrilling

victory in Philadelphia,

coach Bill Parcells had

something special wait-

Punter: Logan Rawis, Bronte. Kicker: German Aguayo, Roscoe. Return Specialist: Saunders, Bronte



The district defensive

The Buffs called a timeout as they crossed the mid-court line to set up a long 30 seconds can be in basketball," McDonald lead Coahoma, while City next said. "They hung tough at Kerby finished with six week

Gonzales scored 14 to Garden



Coahoma, Forsan JV teams split two

20 behind Evan Burton's and Rusty Gressett, who

23-6.

Anderson added four points, respectively,

By JEFF LANE

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Special to the Herald FORSAN — The Forsan and Coahoma junior varsity teams squared off Friday night. The Coahoma girls defeated

The Forsan eighth-grade

basketball teams came

away with two wins

against Stanton last week.

team defeated Stanton 25-

The eighth-grade white

Bulldogs at home.

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The eighth-grade black

team defeated Stanton 29-

14. Leading the way for

Forsan was Tyler Urbina

The Coahoma girls came away with the win. 56-13, and were led by Chelsea Watts with 13 points and Jessica

Forsan, while the Buffalo Pittman, who scored 10. points, while Jeremy boys doubled up the Forsan's high scorer was Robbins netted seven and Sandi Gollaher with six points.

The Forsan JV boys defeated Coahoma, 42-21. The Buffaloes were led by Nathan Anderson's eight

The seventh-grade black

team lost to Stanton 41-18.

while the white team lost

Monte finished with 10 and nine

Blake Grantham added

point man was Jerrod Smith with six.

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The Bulldogs' high

ing for them. Mousetraps. Everywhere.

Dangling from shoelaces tied to ceiling vents, traps hung inside their main entryway, in their locker room, in the walkway to their lunch room and perhaps elsewhere, too.

Parcells was sending two messages at once. See COWBOYS, Page 4B

He was reminding them "not to eat the cheese," his euphemism for ignoring the hype that comes from winning four out of five games, and warning them that overconfidence will get them "trapped" by the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

"It's cute, it's funny," running back Julius Jones said. "It's a reminder for us to stay focused. We've still got a lot of things to accomplish."

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Arbiter hears T.O. grievance

By ROB MAADDI **AP Sports Writer**

PHILADELPHIA Terrell Owens hopes to celebrate a legal victory instead of a touchdown catch.

The dismissed All-Pro wideout might be closer to returning to the field this season, even though the Philadelphia Eagles still don't want him back. Arbitrator Richard Bloch did not issue a ruling Friday after Owens' grievance hearing lasted more than 13 hours.

Richard Berthelsen, general counsel of the NFL Players' Association, said a decision is expected by Tuesday and expressed optimism that Owens wouldn't have to sit out the remainder of the season.

Owens - who did not speak with reporters after leaving the hearing - is seeking reinstatement and is willing to return to the Eagles, despite contestimony tentious against him.

"This discipline did not meet the legal standards of the collective bargaining agreement," said attorney Jeffrey Kessler, representing the union.

"He wants to play for Philadelphia," Kessler said. "He doesn't have any problem with his teammates, the organization or the fans. He never expected this to be the result."

Berthelsen said that the hearing started at 9:30 a.m. with three hours of opening arguments from the players'_association, followed by eight hours of team testimony, and another two hours from Owens' side.



KRT photo/Clem Murray, Philadelphia Inquirer Philadelphia Eagles suspended wide receiver Terrell Owens, foreground, with the bright lights of the media descending the stairs after him, walks through the terminal at Philadelphia International Airport after arriving on a Delta flight from Atlanta.

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March, when he's due to

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Owens arrived for the

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Drew Rosenhaus, shortly

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would be paid for the would make a decision on games he doesn't play if Owens – either releasing the Eagles deactivate him or trading him - by next as planned once the suspension is up.

The players' association wants Philadelphia to release Owens if he's not going to be reinstated after the four-game suspension is over. Lawyers for the players' union argued Owens' punishment for conduct detrimental to the team was excessive and the suspension should be reduced.

"We believe the evidence showed that if you looked at the conduct here, there was no basis for this discipline," Kessler said.

The Eagles insist the Owens was suspended suspension is justified. on Nov. 5 following a and they could seek to bonus they gave Owens last year because they believe the petulant receiver violated his contract terms when he failed to show up at a mandatory post-draft camp in the spring. Kessler said the Eagles haven't made an attempt to reclaim that money – and if they did, that would require another hearing. Philadelphia most likely

Texans, Chiefs have different motivations in AFC matchup

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer HOUSTON The Kansas City Chiefs and Houston Texans will have two entirely different agendas when they meet Sunday night.

While the Chiefs (5-4) are looking for a win to bolster their playoff hopes, Houston is playing to save the^{*} job of coach Dom Capers.

"I think I'd be lying if I said we didn't think about that," Texans quarterback David Carr said. "He's a guy you want to play for, a guy you want to win for. We've got to win some games for him to help him out."

Houston (1-8) has lost two straight after breaking a seven-game losing streak by beating the lowly Cleveland Browns.

It's pretty much a foregone conclusion Capers won't survive this nightmare of a season, but the players think winning the rest of their games could help his plight.

"Even though our winloss record isn't what he wants it to be, I couldn't imagine having a better coach as far as having a guy to look up to," Carr said.

Meanwhile the Chiefs are hoping to shake off last week's mistake-filled 14-3 Joss to Buffalo. Quarterback Trent Green was sacked a season-high six times and threw three interceptions after entering the game with just three on the season. Kansas City also lost two fumbles and missed as one that we can play." many field goals.

notably to Pro Bowl tackle Willie Roaf, forced his team into relying on the run early and then playing catch up late.

The problems could continue this week as Roaf is listed as questionable, though Vermeil said he is "making progress." Their playoff hopes hinge on They've struggled on getting key players healthy, Vermeil said. The Chiefs are two games behind Denver in the AFC West.

"I think we have a chance, but the tough part of our schedule is these next seven games," he said. "It's tough right now, it will be tough. But if we can get healthy and get everybody back, we can finish stronger than we started. Only time will tell."

Green had just one interception in a 24-21 loss to Houston in 2004, but it was a memorable one. The Texans trailed in the third quarter before safety Marcus Coleman intercepted Green's pass in the end zone and returned it 102 yards for the longest touchdown in Texans history.

Now the Texans hope to erase the bad memories of their last nationally televised game, a 42-10 debacle at Seattle in which the Seahawks piled up 320 yards rushing.

"We just don't want it to be nothing embarrassing this time," running back Domanick Davis said. "We just want to go out there and prove to every-

Vermeil isn't worried Coach Dick Vermeil about his team overlooksaid injuries to their ing Houston and said the See TEXANS, Page 4B

offensive line, most Texans aren't as bad as everyone makes them out to be.

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"I think personally that they aren't so bad, but they are a victim of their schedule," he said. "They played the toughest first nine games in terms of wins/losses than any team in football. ... offense, but the biggest struggle starts on how many great teams you have to play.'

Houston has played Seattle (7-2)and Cincinnati (7-2) and faced Indianapolis (9-0) twice this season.

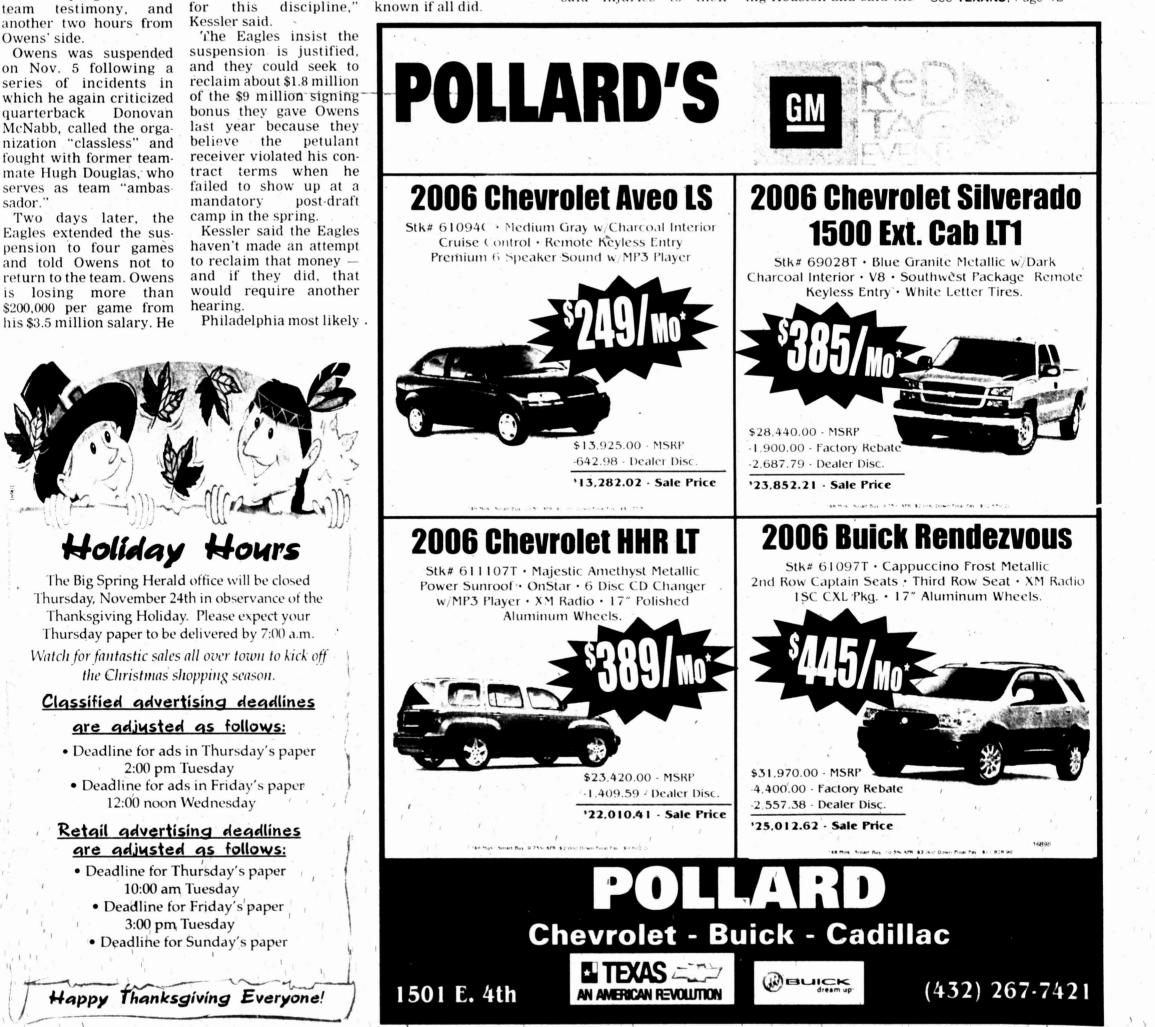
Capers said he's proud of the way his team has dealt with problems this season.

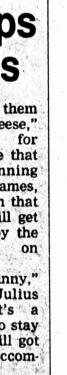
"I can see our team improving," he said. "I think we've faced our share of adversity, and I think our players have done a good job of not making excuses and accepting responsibility for where we are right now.'

One of Houston's biggest struggles has been stopping the run. The Texans are last in the league in run defense (153.3 yards per game).

The Chiefs rank seventh in the league (131.2) and don't seem to have dropped off much since Priest Holmes went on injured reserve and was replaced by Larry Johnson.

Johnson had 132 yards rushing against Buffalo and said he is more prepared and comfortable each week. The third-year player has 638 yards and six touchdowns and is





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Donovan quarterback McNabb, called the organization "classless" and fought with former teammate Hugh Douglas, who serves as team "ambassador."

Two days later, the Eagles extended the suspension to four games and told Owens not to return to the team. Owens is losing more than \$200,000 per game from his \$3.5 million salary. He

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Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

KRT photo/Michael Perez, Philadelphia Inquirer

Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter (54) pressures Dallas Cowboys guarterback Drew Bledsoe into throwing an interception to Lito Sheppard in the second quarter at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Penn. The Cowboys defeated the Eagles and have won four out of their last five games.

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tanks and boxing gloves in other motivational ploys. He took a mock stance against this dip into his bag of coaching trick's being anything more than pest prevention.

"There might be mice in the building." Parcells said. "I don't want mice running under the secretaries.

He relented only enough to acknowledge, "There are a lot of vehicles to teach with. They don't have to be all word and pictures.

The stunt seemed to work. Instead of strutting about being 6-3 and leading the NFC East. Dallas players spent the week talking about the things they need to work on. They also built up the Lions (4-5) as a team that seems to be getting healthy in time make a run in the weak NFC North. That angle is helped by Detroit coming will have to run better off a solid performance in and stop the run better a win over Arizona.

The Lions will be closer to having "everybody' back once QB Jeff Garcia recovers from a leg injury that's kept him out of the last two games. Coach Steve Mariucci says Garcia will take over once he's ready. Then again, Joey Harrington threw three touchdown the passeš against Cardinals, so maybe the team can afford to let Garcia rest a few more days so he can play on Thanksgiving.

Dallas is hoping cornerback Anthony Henry can return from the groin injury that kept him out against the Eagles. His size would come in handy against Roy Williams and Detroit's deep fleet of receivers.

The Cowboys are likely to have Jones back as their starting running back. Even if he comes off the bench, as he did Monday against Philadelphia, he'll be sharing carries with Marion Barber III.

To beat Detroit, Dallas than it did against the Eagles. After doing a lot of things wrong for 56 minutes, the Cowboys scored a quick touchdown, got another on an interception return by Roy Williams, then hung on for a 21-20 victory that thrust them among the front-runners in the NFC. Keeping that status will be tough. Five of the seven teams left on their schedule have winning records. The Lions are among the exceptions -and Dallas doesn't play the other, St. Louis, until Jan. 1. The Cowboys also are coming off a short week because they played on the road[°] Monday night, and are going into an even shorter week with the following game on Thanksgiving. "We feel good about where we stand in terms the stretch ahead is that I

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averaging 5.1 yards a carry.

He looks at facing one of the league's worst run defenses for the second straight week in larger terms than simply picking up yardage.

"I look at it as an opportunity for us to try to win the game," he said. "This definitely is a must-win

for us, regardless of how bad any defense is."

Houston should get a boost with the expected return of Davis and kick returner Jerome Mathis, who both missed the last two games with injuries. Houston's often sputtering offense, ranked 31st in the league, and the oft-

sacked Carr will need all the help they can get as the injury decimated line lost vet another starter this week.

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likely miss the rest of the season with a knee injury.

The good news is that right guard Zach Wiegert is expected to return after missing the last four games with a high ankle sprain.

But he'll play at right tackle as Capers tries for some sort of continuity by keeping Victor Riley at right guard, where he

The game can be seen Tackle Todd Wade will on ESPN at 7:30 p.m.

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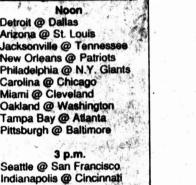
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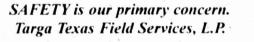
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"We've got a chance to continue to win, but if we start to believe that we're better than we are, then we're going to get quarterback caught." Drew Bledsoe said.

The Cowboys might need to keep reminding themselves of that and not things like having beaten Detroit each of the last two seasons by a combined score of 69-28, or the fact the Lions haven't won consecutive games since being 2-0 last season. Detroit also uncertainty at quarterback.

'This has to be one of those games where we prepare the very best that we can, realizing you have to prepare equally for everyone," Dallas tight end Dans Campbell said. "You can't just say, We're going to go in and win.' That's not going to of our record," Bledsoe happen, especially with said. "But the thing that Detroit having all those makes me optimistic for guys back. They've got everybody healthy and do think that our best they're playing their best football is in front of us.



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Halreton 28, Wolfe City 7 Iola (10-1) vs. Hull-Daisetta (4-5), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Conroe Big Sandy 47, Bogata **Rivercrest 12** Dawson 21, Burkeville 14

Region IV

Chilton 35, Rocksprings 6 Shiner 21, Charlotte 6 Bremond 14, Harper 3 Brackettville 67, Falls City 7

CLASS 2A REGIONALS Region I

Wall (11-0) vs. Early (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium Tulia (8-3) vs. Sanford-Fritch

(9-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium

Region II

Troy 14, Eastland 9

Pattonville 30, Argyle Prairiland 6

Region III

Hughes Springs 25, San Augustine 6 Newton 62, Hearne 13

Region IV Brookshire Royal (9-1) vs. Comfort (7-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Seguin HS Industrial 14, Odem 7

DIVISION II

Region I Crane (10-1) vs. Bangs (9-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium Idalou (8-2) vs. Canadian (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Amarillo's **Dick Bivins Stadium** Coleman 35, Sonora 14 Childress 37, Abernathy 14

Region II

Hamilton 42, Maypearl 6 Celina (11-0) vs. DeKalb (8-3), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Tyler's **Rose Stadium** Crawford 21, Paradise 14, OT Prosper 31, Cooper 14

Region III

Garrison (9-3) 28, Lone Oak (8-4) 16 Kerens 47, Corrigan-Camden 13 Omaha Pewitt (11-0) vs. Arp (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Gilmer's Buckeye Stadium Mart 41, East Chambers 7

Region IV Blanco 27, Little River

Academy 15 Ganado (6-4) vs. Skidmore-Tynan (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Victoria's Memorial Stadium Lexington 21, Poth 14 Schulenburg (11-0) vs. La

Villa (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Robstown

CLASS 3A REGIONALS

* * * * MANAGERS SPECIALS * * * * *

Region I Canyon (10-1) vs. Abilene Wylie (9-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field. ·Gainesville 46, Decatur 0

Region II Kennedale 24, Kaufman 21 Liberty-Eylau 12, Carthage 0

Region III Giddings 57, Waco Connally 36 West Orange-Stark 42,

Palestine 13 **Region IV** West

62, Wimberley Columbia 7 Hondo 55, Hidalgo 45

DIVISION II

Region I Monahans 34, Perryton 21 Breckenridge (7-3) vs. Bridgeport (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Justin Northwest HS Sweetwater 38, Littlefield 20 Iowa Park 30, Little Elm 7

Region II

Emory Rains 29, Bonham 22 Canton 61, Gilmer 58 Dallas Madison 39, Mount Vernon 17 Tatum 42, Jefferson 6

Region III

Robinson (8-3) vs. Cameron Yoe (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium Kirbyville vs. Barbers Hill (10-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Conroe's Moorehead Stadium Marlin (9-1) vs. Hutto (9-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Round Rock's Dragon Stadium Bridge City 23, Jasper 0

Region IV

Needville (8-3) vs. Liberty Hill (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Bryan HS Devine 42, Port Isabel 14 Cuero 49, Llano 7 Ingleside 38, Rio Hondo 19

CLASS 4A

REGIONALS Region I

EP Del Valle (7-4) vs. Plainview (11-0), 1 p.m. MST Saturday, Del Valle Stephenville 45, Azle 21

Region II

Dallas Highland Park 59. McKinney North 17 Ennis 48, Waco Midway 31

Region III Marshall 51, Beaurbont Ozen 29

Houston Yates (7-4) vs. Lamar Consolidated (11-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Pearland

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Region IV

Pflugerville Connally (10-1) vs. Boerne (8-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Seguin CC Flour Bluff 28, SA Harlandale 20

DIVISION II

Region I EP Chapin (10-1) vs. Big Spring (4-7), 3 p.m. MST Saturday, El Paso Andress Aledo 35, Arlington Seguin 7 Wolfforth Frenship 52, EP Riverside 0 Denison 35, Springtown 26

Region II

Hebron (11-0) vs. Terrell (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium Lancaster (8-3) vs. Everman (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Grand Prairie's Gopher-Warrior Bowl Wylie 41, Dallas Wilson 38

Corsicana (8-3) vs. Killeen Ellison (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Baylor's Flody Casey Stadium

Region III

Kilgore (10-1) vs. Nederland (6-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lufkin La Marque 51, Houston Wheatley 14 Brenham 38, Beaumont Central 14 Houston Jones (8-3) vs. Terry (9-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Pearland

Region IV

Austin McCallum (9-2) vs. Austin Lake Travis (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Round Rock CC Calallen 53, Pleasanton 9 New Brauntels Canyon 42, Austin LBJ 21 Edcouch-Elsa 31, Beeville 15

CLASS 5A REGIONALS Region I

BOB BROCK QUALITY PRE-OWNED HOLIDAY RED TAG SPECIAL

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EP Franklin (9-1) vs. Mansfield Summit (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande

Communications Stadium

Euless Trinity (10-1) vs. Plano East (6-5), 3 p.m. Saturday, Irving's Texas Stadium

Region II

Richardson Berkner (11-0) vs. Rowlett (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite's Memorial Stadium A&M Consolidated 31, Pflugerville 26

Region III

Cypress Fairbanks 21, Fort Bend Kempner 6 Spring Westfield 27. Galena

Park North Shore 14

Region IV

Converse Judson 30, SA O'Connor 28 Harlingen 36, La Joya 13

DIVISION II

Region I Abilene 28, Lubbock Monterey 21, OT

Southlake Carroll (11-0) vs. Allen (9-2), noon Saturday, **Texas Stadium**

Amarillo (10-1) vs. Midland (9-2), noon Saturday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

South Grand Prairie (10-1) vs. Plano (11-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Irving's Texas Stadium

Region II

Garland 12, Dallas Carter 7 Copperas Cove (11-0) vs. Leander (10-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Round Rock ISD Stadium

Garland South Richardson Lake Highlands 23 Lufkin (11-0) vs. Buda Hays (10-1), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

Region III

2004 Nissan 350Z Touring - Pearl White, Leather, Loaded, Automatic, Local 2003 Doge Ram 1500 Quad Cab SLT - White w/Cloth, V-8, All Power.

Cypress Creek (8-3) vs. Katy (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Tully Stadium

Beaumont West Brook (7-1) vs. League City Clear Creek (4-7), 2 p.m. Saturday, Galena

Park ISD Stadium Cypress Falls 27, Houston Strake Jesuit 22

Humble (6-3) vs. La Porte (9-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Galena Park ISD Stadium

Panthers have look of winner

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By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

PRAIRIE VIEW Four-win seasons usually lead to speculation about coaching changes at the state's flagship football schools.

But at Prairie View, the fourth victory of 2005 was a clear signal that better days are ahead for the long-suffering program best known for its NCAArecord 80-game losing streak in the 1990s.

The Panthers (4-5) beat Jackson State 27-9 last Saturday, their second straight win in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Prairie View hadn't won back-to-back league games since 1971.

"We made history and made a lot of people proud of us," said senior quarterback Michael Hill. That could be just the beginning.

If 'the Panthers beat Alabama 'A&M this week, they'll match their highest win total since 1988. And if they also beat Texas Southern on Nov. 25, Prairie View will finish 6-5, its first winning season since 1976.

"That would be huge,"

McClelland.

coach

said athletics director

Henry Frazier said a win-

ning season would put

him more than a year

ahead of his schedule for

"I would like to see

what that would mean for

rebuilding the program.

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Second-year

us," he said.

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"Huge."

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N 1 1	2003 Chevrolet Silverado LS Ext. Cab - Blue, All Power, V-8, Nice Truck SALE PRICE \$10,995	2004 Nissan 350Z Touring - Pearl White, Leather, Loaded, Automatic, Local One Owner w/Only 10,000 Miles.	2003 Doge Ram 1500 Quad Cab SLT - white w/Cloth, V-8, All Power. One Owner w/29,000 Miles.
н. а. (⁸¹)	2002 Ford F-350 Lariat Crew Cab 4x4 Powerstroke, Diesel - Black/Tan.	Was \$30,995 - NOW \$29,995	Was \$20,995 2001 Days Ram 1500 Reg. Cab., Marcon, 6 cylinder, 5 Speed, Air, One
	Nice Powerstroke, All Power SALE PRICE \$21,995	2003 Toyota Avalon XL - Seafoam Green, All Power, One Owner w/43,000 Miles	Owner w/39,000 Miles
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		2002 Honda Accord EX Coupe - V6 - Beige w/Leather, Moonroof, All Power, Local One Owner w/21,000 Miles.	1998 Nissan Frontier King Cab XE - Gold, 5 Speed, 4 Cyl, Air, 42,000
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п.	2001 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR White, w/Cloth, All Power w/72,000 Miles. SALE PRICE \$10,995	2003 Dodge Neon SE 4WD - White, One Owner w/68,000 miles. Was \$8,995 NOW \$6,995	2004 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - Red/Tan, Leather, DVD, Power 3rd
	1999 GMC Suburban LT - Tan w/Leather, All Power, New Tires,	2001 Pontiac Grand Prix SE 4WD - Silver, V6, All Power. Was \$9,995 NOW \$7.995	Row Seat, Dual Air/Heat, One Owner w/42,000 Miles. Was \$30,995 NOW \$29,995
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	w/15,000 miles.	Was \$25,995 2003 Ford F-150 Supercab XLT - Black, V-6, Manual Shift, Local One	w/51.000 miles. Was \$16.995 NOW \$15.995
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	2005 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - White w/Leather. All Power, only 9,000 miles.	2003 Ford F-150 Supercab XLT Flareside XLT - Black w/cloth, All Power,	One Owner With 35,000 Miles. Was \$14,995 NOW \$13,995
х -	was \$30,995 NOW \$28,995	Local One Owner w/23.000 miles. Was \$19.995 NOW \$17,995	2001 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - White/Beige, Leather, All Power,
	2000 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Silver w/leather, locally owned	2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT 4X4 - Blue/Silver, 5.4 V-8, All Power, Local	Local One Owner w/77,000 Miles. Was \$15,995 NOW \$14,995
	w/45,000 miles. New Michelins!!	Une owner w/37,000 kmes.	$\star \star \star \pm \underline{\text{Lincoln}} \star \star \star$
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	$\star \star \star \underline{\text{Crown Victorias & Grand Marquis}} \star \star \star$	Owner W/28,000 Miles. Was \$21,995 NOW \$20,995	$\star \star \star GM's \star \star$
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	Was \$11.995	2001 Ford F-150 Supercab XLT - White, V-8, All Power, One Owner	One Owner.
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· ,	w/40,000 miles. Was \$11.995 NOW \$10,995	LOOD D. L. DI SO C	2002 Chevrolet Suburban LT - Pewter w/Leather, Loaded, One Owner w/45,000 Miles.
		Was \$11.995 NOW \$10.995	Was \$21,995 NOW \$20,995
6	2000 Mercury Grand Marquis GS - Red, All Power, Local One Owner w/72,000 miles.	$\star \star \star \underline{GM's} \star \star \star$	2002 Cadillac Escalade 4x4 - Sandstone with eather, Fully Loaded, Local One Owner w/40,000 Miles.
	Was \$9.995 NOW \$7.995	2	Was \$32.995 NOW \$29.995
	1999 Ford Crown Victoria LX - White, All Power, 90K Miles, Nice Car. Was \$8.995 NOW \$6.995	2005 Chevrolet C1500 Shortwide Red. V-6, Automatic, Local One Owner w/18,000 Miles.	
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	miles. Was \$14.995 NOW \$13.995	1999 Chevrolet Silverado C1500 EXT Cab LS - Pewter/Cloth, V-8, All	Was \$19.995 / NOW \$15.995 2004 Ford Freestar SES Van - Arizona Beige, All Power, Dual air/Heat.
111	2004 Ford Mustang - Black, V-6, Prøgram Car W/25,000 miles	Power, Local One Owner w/73,000 Miles.	20,450 Miles.
/	Was \$17.995	Was \$13.995 NOW \$12.995 1999 Chevrolet Classic C1500 EXT Cab LS - Pewter, 350, V-8, All Power.	
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BIG SPRING HERALD Weekend Edition, November 19-20, 2005





Sweetened condensed milk and mincemeat are reliable dessert helpers and key staples in any pantry. At a moment's notice, they're on holiday

Perfect Pumpkin Pie

Prep Time: 15 minutes Bake Time: 50 to 55 minutes mer (9-inch) p

duty and you're ready to greet guests with the sweet aromas of the holidays.

Perfect Pumpkin Pie. Almond Prailne Cheesecake, Festive Fudge and **Apple Mince Pie**

Almond Praline Cheesecake

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Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 60 minutes Makes one (9-inch) cheesecake

- 3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted and finely chopped
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- Almond Praline Topping (recipe follows)
- 1. Preheat oven to 300°F. Combine graham cracker crumbs. almonds, sugar and butter; press firmly on bottom of 9-inch springform pan.
- 2. In large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs and almond extract; mix well. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until center is set. Cool. Top with Almond Praline Topping. Chill. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

Almond Praline Topping

- 1/3 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/3 cup whipping cream
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted
- 1. In small saucepan, combine brown sugar and whipping cream. Cook and stir until sugar dissolves. Simmer 5 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in almonds. Spoon evenly over cheesecake

Apple Mince Pie

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook time: 35 minutes Makes one (9-inch) pie

- Pastry for 2-crust pie
- 3 medium all-purpose apples, cored, pared and thinly sliced
- tablespoons flour 3
- tablespoons butter or margarine, melted 2
- (27-ounce) jar None Such Ready-to-Use Mincemeat (Regular or Brandy & Rum)
- 1 egg yolk plus 2 tablespoons water (optional)
- 1. Place rack in lower half of oven; preheat oven to 425°F. In large bowl, toss apples with flour and butter; turn into prepared crust. Spoon mincemeat evenly over apple mixture. Cover with top crust; cut slits near center. Seal and flute. Brush egg mixture over crust (optional).
- 2. Bake 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 375°F; bake 25 minutes longer or until golden. Cool. Garnish as desired.

Tip: To substitute condensed mincemeat for ready-to-use mincemeat, crumble 1 (9-ounce) 'package None Such Condensed Mincemeat into small saucepan; add 3/4 cup water. Boll priskly 1 minute. Cool. Proceed as recipe directs.

From top: Prize Cookies,

- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin (2 cups) (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salf
- 1 (9-inch) unbaked pie crust

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Whisk pumpkin, sweetened condensed milk, eggs, spices and salt in medium bowl until smooth. Pour into crust. Bake 15 minutes.

2. Reduce oven temperature to 350 F and continue baking 35 to 40 minutes or until knife inserted 1 inch from crust comes out clean. Cool. Garnish as desired. Store leftovers tovered in refrigerator



Holiday gifts from your kitchen sweeten the year-round gift of friendship.

- 3 cups (18 ounces) semi-sweet
- chocolate chips 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
 - (NOT evaporated milk) Dash salt
- 1/2 to 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

In heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt chocolate chips with sweetened condensed milk and salt. Remove from heat; stir in nuts (optional) and vanilla. Spread evenly into wax paper-lined

8- or 9-inch square pan. Chill 2 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off paper and cut into squares. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator. Makes about 2 pounds

For more easy desserts, visit www.eaglebrand.com and www.eaglenonesuch.com

FEATURES

Tennie Hays celebrates 100th birthday

celebrates her 100th birth- March of 1981. day with a come and go reception from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Nov. 26 at Marcy House. No presents are necessary, just the presence of her friends and family to wish her happy birthday.

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Tennie Sweatt was born Dec. 2, 1905, in Hodges, Jones County, just north of Abilene. She came to Mitchell County with her family in 1906, one of nine children born to George and Tildon (Franklin) Sweatt.

She married W.D. "Denver" Hays July 26, 1925, in Westbrook. They moved into the Coahoma area in 1926 and stayed in Howard County after Methodist Church.

Mrs. W.D. Tennie Hays 1937. She was widowed in

They have four sons, Dois and Jane Hays of Coahoma; Marion and Charline Hays of Westbrook; Clarence and Mackie Hays of Big Spring; and Billy and Judy Hays of White Oak.

Tennie has nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 14 greatgreat-grandchildren. Her descendants now live in Carolina, South Tennessee, Mississippi, Washington, Virginia, California and Texas.

She is a member of the Eastern Star and a member of Coahoma



Mrs. W.D. Tennie Hays



Births

Weekend Edition, November 19-20, 2005

Logan Briley Reed

ogan Briley Reed was born Nov. 8, 2005, at 2:21 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Parents are Chanz Reed and Amber Bedwell. Grandparents are Denise Reed and Ricky Wallace and Paul and Zena Bedwell.

lma Joselyn Corona was born Nov. 10, 2005, at 10:38 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Maribel Cruz and Juan Corona of Snyder.

Optmist Club names top students include clarinet, voice Eight area students

have been honored by the **Big Spring Optimist Club** as part of the Optimist Youth Appreciation Week at a breakfast Optimist Club meeting Nov. 9.

The students were selected by their schools based on outstanding academics, extra-curricular activities and community service.

Selected were Tye Baker and Kayla Spence of Forsan High School, Mitchell Lowery and **RoChelle McMeans of Big** Spring High School, Hannah Lester and Cevan Smithson of Sands High School and Terrell Bibb and Elizabeth Conley of Coahoma High School.

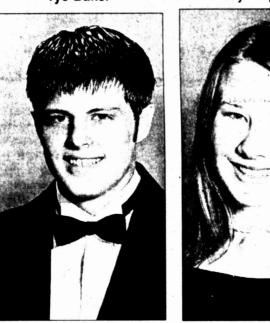
• Tye Baker is the son of Jerry and Carlon Baker. He has served as a member of the National Honor Society as a junior and a senior. He was team captain of the Forsan varsity football team as a junior and senior and was



Tye Baker



Kayla Spence



and puppetry, and she has volunteered for such organizations as Mission Arlington and World Changers.

She participates in tennis at Big Spring High School where she is a varsity team member and is active in the band. She is a member of the 4A All-Region Band, clarinets section leaders, honors band and a member of the school's state award-winning solo and ensemble group.

Her goal is to be a missionary nutritionist and she has written three nutritional skits and a song for young children.

• Hannah Lester is the daughter of Deanne and Tony Lester.

She is student council treasurer and has previously served as the organization's historian and reporter. She has been a member of the National Honor Society since her

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Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, baked fish, tossed Salad, fresh fruit, macaroni and cheese, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, baby carrots, milk.

Wednesday-Friday: Thanksgiving Holiday.

Big Spring ISD Monday: Br Breakfast, cereal, sausage link, apple juice, milk; Lunch, corn chip pie, mixed fruit, ranch style beans, baby carrots (high school second choice, manager choice).

Tuesday: Breakfast, sausage biscuit, fruit punch, milk; Lunch, hamburger salad, French

sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, fresh broccoli with ranch, fruit and crackers.

BIG SPRING HERALD

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, milk or juice; Lunch, tacos with cheese, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce and tomatoes and assorted fruit.

Wednesday-Friday: Thanksgiving Holidays.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, pizza cheese sticks. mixed vegetables, garden salad, pears, ranch dressing.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger, hamburger, French fries, hamBIG SPI Weeke



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named second-team alldistrict quarterback as a junior.

He participated in varsity golf for four years and in band as a freshman and a sophomore. He marched at the state University Interscholastic League (UIL) contest as a sophomore.

As a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ, his youth group went on a wilderness trek and hiked Mount Elbert, the tallest peak in Colorado at 14,433 feet.

• Kayla Spence is the daughter of Paul and Beth Spence. She has been involved in nursing home and apartment ministries with First Baptist Church, where she is a member, and has participated in Project Hope.

She played basketball for four years, including two years on the varsity. She has been a member of the varsity track team since her freshman year and was an area qualifier in long jump as a junior.

She has been a student council member since her freshman year, served as secretary as a junior and as a senior is president. She participated in CX debate for two years and was on the UIL spelling team for three years.

She has been a member of the Forsan High School band for four years and has participated in solo and ensemble since ninth grade. She was in the state marching band her sophomore and senior years and participated in the Washington, D.C., National Independence Day Parade as a junior.

She is serving as band chaplain and was elected sweetheart this band year.

She was elected class

Mitchell Lowery

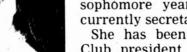
and homecoming queen her senior year. Kayla is a member of the National Honor Society and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

• Mitchell L. Lowery is the son of Liz and Clark Lowery. He has a grade point average of 4.0, ranks first in his class and has taken 14 AP/Honors classes. He is currently taking two Howard College classes through Big Spring High School.

He has lettered twice in academics and is the low brass section leader in the band. He is a four-year member of the school's concert honor band, which ranked 14th in the state this year and is a member of the jazz band. He is a three-year qualifier for the 4A All-Region Band.

He was nominated as the school's "Who's Who in Social Studies" as a junior and to attend the national Youth Leadership forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy in Washington, D.C. He is a second-year member and officer of the National Honor Society and a senior representative in the student council.

He is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. He is a youth soccer and



RoChelle McMeans

duchess her junior year basketball referee and enjoys weight lifting, running, jogging, piano and guitar. He has participated with the Golf Course Road Church of Christ group youth from Midland and the Trinity Baptist Church youth group and made mission trips to Valles, Monclova, Huichihuayan and Axtla, Mexico.

> • RoChelle McMeans is the daughter of Ken and Elesha McMeans. She has volunteered for many projects with College Baptist Church in nursing homes and with children, including Vacation Bible School. Her

sophomore year and is currently secretary.

She has been Spanish Club president the past two years and participated in Future Farmers of America and participated on the Dairy Judging Team, Talent Team, Public Relations Team and was named the Outstanding Spanish Student and Outstanding OAP Participant as a junior. Hannah had the highest grade point average as a freshman, sophomore and junior and has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. She participated in UIL academic events and one-act play.

She has been a varsity cheerleader for three years, including being named captain and All-American as a senior. She has participated in basketball, golf and track.

Hannah was selected Fall Festival Queen and Football Sweetheart as a senior and was chosen

talents See OPTIMIST Page 10 A

fries, pork and beans, Thanksgiving treat. Wednesday-Friday:

Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Monday: Breakfast, sausage and blanket, cereal, fruit, milk; Lunch, tacos with cheese, salsa, corn, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, toast and jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, Frito pie with chili and cheese, pinto beans, pear halves, milk.

Wednesday-Friday: Thanksgiving Holiday.

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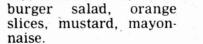
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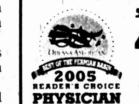
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FEATURES

Anniversary

Thiemes celebrate 60 years

Frank and Thieme of Grants Pass, Ore., recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a twomonth motor coach trip from Oregon to Washington D.C., where they attended a Thieme family reunion.

Frank Thieme married Dema Dolan Sept. 9, 1945, in Forsan Baptist Church. In Texas, he worked as

a rancher and in the oil fields as a pumper and roustabout; in California he built homes as an independent contractor and worked in real estate.

She was a teacher, retiring in 1975, and is a homemaker.

They lived in Texas from 1945 until 1963 and in San Leandro, Calif., from 1963 until 1990.

in Grants Pass, Ore., where they have lived for 15 years.

They have three children, Frank Thieme and his wife, Terri of Grants Ore., Pass, Carol

Dema McDaniel and her husband, Mike of Valley Springs, Calif., and Cindy Ehnes and her husband, Mark of Castro Valley, Calif.

They have four grandchildren and 10 greatgrandchildren.

The Thiemes, who both graduated from Shiloh Bible College in 1972, took many mission trips, teaching and building all over Europe and building churches with Youth With A Mission.

They were also volunteer cooks in all the churches they have attended.

They now attend Christian Parkway Fellowship.

They also enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and great-grand-They are now landlords children and traveling around the country.

> Frank is an avid fisherman and hunter.

Of their 60 years union they said, "Never let the sun go down on your anger."



Frank and Dema Thieme now and in 1945

In the Military

Who's Who

Dorthe McClure of Bronte Mike amd Cindy Seely of Big Spring, Joe and Robbie Grigg of Springtown and the late Russell and Nannette Buske of Big Spring.

Courtney Brock

Air Force Airman Celestino Leal

Air Force Airman Celestino Leal has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

He is the son of Alma and Alberto Martinez of Big Spring.

The airman is a 2005 graduate of Sands High School. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

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Courtney Brock

Courtney Brock, a senior at Hardin-Simmons University, was inducted into the National Honor Society, Delta Mu Delta, Nov. 10. Delta Mu Delta recogrewards nizes and scholastic attainment in buriness subjects. Membership provides recognition for a lifetime. Of more than 300,000 business majors nation wide, only 5,500 were elected to become members of the society. Delta Mu Delta is the highest

recognition a business student can earn. Courtney is the daughter of Rondel and Sherry Brock and the granddaughter of ^{*} Iartha Arons and Bob and Joann

Brock. She is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School and will graduate from Hardin-Simmons University in May of 2006 with a degree in accounting.

Stormy McClure

Stormy McClure, a seventh grader at Copan Junior High in Oklahoma was recently nominated to attend a Junior Leadership National Conference in Washington D.C.

He will travel to Washington D.C. in spring 2006 to participate in the conference.

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I survived Katrina!

And all I got was this lousy T-shirt, a new Cadillac and a plasma TV

By KAY HARVEY

Knight Ridder News

NEW ORLEANS wave of T-shirts inspired by Hurricane Katrina ...as hit this city with a splash.

Displayed in the doorways of shops in the French Quarter, the shirts celebrate surviving the storm and the rebuilding effort. Some are designed to lighten the mood during tough times.

"I survived Hurricane Katrina in New Orlean and all I got was thi, lousy "shirt," one of See T-SHIRTS, Page 5C

them reads. Another adds a bit of dark humor: "I stayed in New Orleans for Katrina and all I got was this lousy T-shirt, a new Cadillac and a plasma

Maria Rodriguez eved the shirt on a rack at Dixieland Factory Outlet. a shop on Bourbon Street. "I think it's funny," said Rodriguez, who's stationed with the Coast Guard in New Orleans. "I'm thinking of buying it.'

Its message is inspired

TV.



KRT photo/Travis Heying, Wichita Eagle

A T-shirt that proclaims the wearer to be a member of the "Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Team" hangs for sale outside a Bourbon Street business. Shirts with similar messages are for sale all through New Orleans' French Quarter and are certain to be popular items when tourists return to the city.

Which checking account is right for you?

As more banks consoli- offered by most banks. date and try te lure new custe ners with "special" checking accounts, be sure to choose one that your specific meets needs.

While the bank may offer you a new toaster television or vacation, take time to study the checking various accounts to find one that matches your monthly banking habits. Many people pay extra fees each year because they choose the wrong checking account.

Before choosing a specific checking account, take into consideration and stop payment orders. how many checks you You do not have to mainwrite each month, whether you want, to balance. maintain a minimum baloccasionally ance. "bounce" checks or prefer online or telephone banking. Let's review some of the vice charge and other checking

DALLAS (AP) – Texas added

14,700 jobs in October and the

statewide unemployment rate fell

to 5.2 percent, the Texas Workforce

The commission said jobs were

added in nearly every sector of the

economy, with the biggest increas-

es in business and professional ser-

Last month the commission

Commission said Friday.

vices.

Basic Checking Account

This account is used primarily to pay bills and some account holders use a debit card to pay daily expenses. This account usually requires a minimum balance in order to avoid a monthly service charge and doesn't generally pay interest to the account holder.

Free Checking Account

Generally there is not a monthly service charge or any per-item fees. However, there are likely to be fees for overdrafts worth having to maintain a minimum balance.

Joint Checking Account With this type of account, two or more people share the account and each person has equal access to the account. However, in order to avoid overdrafts, each person needs to be careful to maintain accurate records.

Express Checking Account This second is geared to the student or younger customer who does not want to pay monthly fees or spend a lot of time bal-

accounts do pay monthly can write a limited numinterest, it is usually at a ber of checks each very low rate and not month. It requires a low minimum balance.

Senior/Student Checking Accounts .

Many banks offer these types of accounts to students or individuals over 55 years of age. The account may include free checks and free ATM use. Many of these types of accounts also limit the number of checks you can write each month.

Consider your financial situation and then visit with your local community banker to find out which account is right for you.

California clears way for SBC to complete AT&T buy

NEW YORK (AP) -California officials approved SBC Communications Inc.'s purchase of AT&T Corp. on Friday, clearing the final regulatory hurdle for the \$16 billion deal and opening the way for the historic telephone merger to close immediately.

The California Public Utility Commission also gave their consent to Verizon Communications Inc.'s planned purchase of MCI Inc: for about \$7.5

in other states. The two deals highlight the fading distinction between local and longdistance calling as separate services, while ushering in a new era dominated by direct competition with cable TV and wireless providers rather than among individual phone companies.

The votes came nearly 10 months after AT&T agreed to be acquired by its former subsidiary and follows approvals by two

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reason that you should be treated like a maid.

Lynda Ford is president

of The Ford Group, a

management and human

resource consulting firm.

She can be contacted at

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Lifeline Checking Account With this account, individuals with low incomes

Compiled by Mae Beth Palone and provided as a public service by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) and the IBAT Education Foundation.

about a month after Katrina, were

evident in the Beaumont-Port

Arthur area. The jobless rate there

jumped from 7.2 percent in

September to 11.3 percent in

About 1,600 fewer people were

unemployed in October, although

an estimated 590,800 Texans

remained actively looking for

billion, though that deal is still awaiting approval See SBC, Page 5C

Workplace Corner

Tired of being maid for the boss

DEAR LYNDA, This may not seem like much of a problem, but

it is really starting to bother me. cup of coffee or go to the



It's not that I'm opposed to doing these things; it's just that he asks me when I'm in the middle of working on something. He expects me to immediately get up and take care of his request. I realize that as his secretary I need to be reponsive, but these requests come five or six times a day. Last week, I heard him make a joke to another manager that I'm better than having a maid. How can I tell him that I don't appreciate the comments and the continual non-work relat-

UPCOMING

The public is invited to a ribbon cutting at the office of Dr. Joseph E. Chavez, M.D. at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. The office is at Malone & Hogan Clinic, Suite 205, 105 W. 11th Place.

The VA Task Force will meet at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

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TRINITY MEMORIAL PARK

reported that unemployment in Hurricane Rita, which hit Texas See JOBS. Page 5C



Trinity Memorial Park Director Phillip Welch, with scissors, is joined by cemetery employees, Chamber of Commerce officers and Ambassadors during an open house to mark the new Meditation Estates section of TMP. Meditation Estates will feature two-space family estates, sidewalk access, a meditation bench and granite family monument.

Texas unemployment rate falls to 5.2 percent

September had been 5.7 percent,

which economists attributed to an

influx of refugees who fled

Hurricane Katrina in late August

and filed for unemployment bene-

fits. But on Friday, the commission

revised the September rate down to

5.3 percent, meaning that the

improvement in October was

Still, the lingering impact of

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My boss constantly asks me to do little things, like get him a

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Marriage Licenses:

Ray Ernesto Rodriguez, 25, of Big Spring, and Maria Guadalupe Torres, 25, of Luther.

Justin Ray Barnes, 20, and Miranda Nicole Bale, 19, both of Stanton.

Glen Mark Bryan, 22, of Lubbock, and Jennifer Ann Ledesma, 22, of Odessa

SBC

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federal agencies, 36 other states and 14 other countries. SBC originally predicted the entire regulatory process might take ilmost a year and a half. The CPUC extracted concessions similar to those imposed on the companies by the U.S. Department of Justice the Federal and

T-SHIRTS

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the looting 'that by message immediately occurred FEMA? after the hurricane hit Employees and by public allegations Again," shop owners said. that New Orleans police Others, officers took dozens of Cadillacs from an area dealership after the storm. Some shirts blare other bold messages, such as "Forget Iraq — Rebuild at Home in New Orleans." Another displays the words "Girls Gone Wild" above a pair of bright orange swirls, each shaped like the eye of a Labeled hurricane. "Katrina" and "Rita," each swirl is placed on the shirts you-knowwhere. Shirts touting messages with attitude are selling to some locals, to tourists who are trickling back and to construction and rescue workers who frequent the Quarter these days, shop owners said. "On Bourbon Street, you can't sell anything serious," said Sadiq Kahn, Dixieland Factory Outlet's owner and manager. "People get a laugh. They need one. If you talk to people in New Orleans,

Commission to make sure the deals don't hurt marlines.

ket competition. The various regulatory agencies have won agreements from SBC and Verizon to stop requiring customers who want high-speed DSL Internet access to buy local phone service as well. Before granting its approval, the FCC required that SBC and Verizon freeze for 30 month's the wholesale prices they charge com-

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Communications petitors to lease certain which is investing bilhigh-capacity business

> The companies also have promised not to hinder Internet access to consumers or the free flow of Internet traffic on their networks - a topic that Congress is debating as lines. part of a new bill governing the telecommunications industry.

SBC Chief Executive Edward Whitacre recently drew criticism by suggesting his company

for \$6.99 to \$12.99, landed

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said. That's when sales-Katrina-related with themes and posters also people for the screen are available in some printers who created the Quarter's mid-October shirts showed up to marstores. shirts inscribed with the reopening, shop owners ket their wares. Caps

completion of the deal.

Before the deal closes,

AT&T will be paying a

special dividend of \$1.30

per share to its 2.3 million

stockholders under the

terms of the agreement.

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0 a.m. Medical American Red Cross workers, tend to choose shirts with a tamer message, such as "Rescue, Relief and Disaster Support." One with a cleanup-crew theme features a colorful drawing of the cartoon character SpongeBob SquarePants.

Virginia Cantor, who runs J&J Gift Shop on Decatur Street with her husband, has noticed that most New Orleans residents like the shirts with the simple "I Survived Katrina" message. It's the hard partiers in the Quarter who like those that add, "and all I got was this lousy T-shirt,"

Jesus Cantor said. Katrina-related shirts are sold at stores and gas stations in other parts of the city, too, vendors said. Others are offered on Web sites, and some sellers are promising that part of the purchase price will go to hurricane disaster relief. The shirts, which sell

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JOBS

work, the state agency reported.

The figures were based on two government surveys of employers and households. They were adjusted for seasonal trends in hiring and firing, which most economists believe gives a better picture of the job market.

"Job growth continues at a modest yet constant pace," said Diane Rath, the chairwoman of the Workforce Commission. She said the October figures were "more realistic" than the initial September unemployment estimates and noted that the jobless rate is

below the 6 percent clip of a year ago. Professional and busi-

ness services added 5,300 jobs in October, and construction added 1,200 jobs after a gain of 3,100 in September. Trade, transportation and utilities lumped into one sector for statistical purposes – reversed a small decline in September by adding 2,800 jobs in October, the commission estimated.

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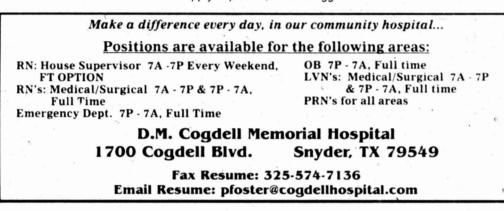
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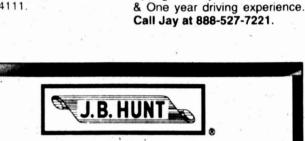
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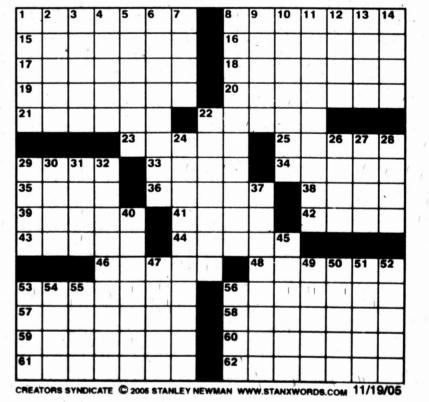
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Annie's Mailbox .: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have to pay restitution for a crime I committed, along with court fees and attorney fees. How in the world am I to get a job to do that? I know I should have thought of that before committing the crime, but I didn't. It was a non-violent crime, and I just wasn't thinking. And there is nothing I can do

about that now. The detectives arrested me at my job, so I lost my excellent-paying position. I currently am out on bail and hoping to get work so I can defer some of the costs, but when prospective employers do a background check, it shows that I have charges pending. When I am convicted, which is likely, the background check will be even worse.

I have never done anything like this before, and don't plan to again, but for the moment, I have no idea how to handle it. I am lost and — All Alone Out There

Dear All Alone: While a criminal record is hardly a good recommendation to an employer, you might be surprised to know that many employers are willing to hire someone who has served his sentence or who is trying to make amends. For assistance and information, contact the Safer Foundation (saferfoundation.org) at 571 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60661.

Dear Annie: I am a 28year-old woman and about to be married to my boyfriend of six years. My parents have said repeatedly that they are very excited for us and want to pay for our wedding. However, when we start-





KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

ed talking about the details, we ran into some problems.

We wanted a small wedding, but my mother wants to invite 30 of her friends, which doesn't leave space for any of our friends. The main problem, however, is that my fiance and I are both vegans and want to have a vegetarian wedding. We are willing to provide fish for my parents and their friends, but that's it. We are absolutely appalled by meat eating and don't feel we should serve meat just to make my parents

happy. Now my parents are saying they won't pay for the wedding if meat is not on the menu and they cannot include all of their friends.

Shouldn't a wedding ceremony be a celebration for the two people who are getting married? I think my parents are being unreasonable and disrespectful to me. My fiance and I are now thinking of eloping and not inviting my parents. Any advice would be much appreciated. **Frustrated Daughter**

Dear Daughter: Yes, your parents should take

menu, you and your fiance should pay for the wedding and have whatever modest affair you can afford, even if that means tea and tofu in your apartment.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Irritated in Tennessee." I'm a jogger, and I often run in the street, even when a sidewalk is available. The reason? People's trees and bushes are overgrown, and their cars overflow the driveway.

My subdivision has no sidewalk or shoulder. If I jog on the manicured lawn, I get fists shaken at me. If I veer onto the grass by the street, I step in dog doo. I'd love to start biking to work, but I'd be endangering my life.

I understand that bikers and joggers can be a surprise and a nuisance. Runners should wear visiclothing, drivers ble should pay more attention, and everyone should write their local politicians about creating biking/jogging paths. That way, we all win — less traffic, less pollution and better health. - Cautious in Kentucky

Dear Cautious: We agree. Thanks for your input.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writ-

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The solar reign of Sagittarius begins tomorrow, and it's all about going places.

As much as we'd like to travel light, the Cancer moon ushers out the last of day Scorpio with the kind of heavy emo-HOLIDAY tional inten-

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for. Reflect on your experiences over the last month, and see if there's something buoyant to carry with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Underneath your shroud of insecurity and doubt is a perfectly phosphorescent talent. You will shine again! Let a Sagittarius or a Leo chide, prod and cheerlead you to break free of a negative thought process.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A persistent problem is like a child's beloved "blankie." No matter how dirty and threadbare it gets, somehow life seems better while holding on to it. Take baby steps. For now, just refrain from dragging it out in public.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're bigger and brighter now. Family and friends go through an period. adjustment Though they misunderstand you at first, do not allow yourself to flirt with the slippery slope of selfpity for one minute!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Daily bad news reminds you that there will always be a colorful array of potential catastrophes available for your panicking pleasure. Optimism is a rebellious choice. The stars indicate

endless responsibilities that seem to fall to you and you alone. Take yourself lightly, and you'll fly like the angels.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You need praise and affection. Write yourself a love letter enumerating your good deeds of late. For starters, you remembered a birthday, took the high road in that business deal and cared for that certain troubled being.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Going after what you want is difficult when you don't know what that is. You probably have too many wants, and they all seem to be canceling one another out. Write them out - all of them - so you can prioritize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Others feel the need to sugarcoat things, but not you. If someone is asking for your opinion, they pretty much know you're going to give it to them straight. Offering opinions that were not asked for, however, is dangerous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're powerful because you have come to terms with this fact: Blaming others won't make you more innocent. You're taking responsibility for all you can. Don't you wish the rest of the world could figure this out?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As usual, you're looking good in the eyes of others. Check in to make sure that you're also looking good in your own eyes, which is what

really matters, of course. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're content to do good deeds anonymously. But sometimes recognition is important to you as well. This doesn't make you vain! Make it easy for people to give

assert yourself, even if it doesn't come off perfectly, you're amazed by your own clout!

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FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The sun's entrance into Sagittarius marks the final days of autumn and one of the most exciting cycles of the year. In mythology, Sagittarius is a centaur half man and half horse. The centaur race was created as a result of a trick of the gods. The creature is descendant from Ixion, a mere mortal who had designs on the wife of the god Zeus. Zeus sent a cloud in the shape of his wife to fool Ixion, and the offspring of their tryst was rejected by both humans and gods. This shunned son coupled with a mare and began the race of centaurs. Sagittarius was a fierce centaur whose bow and arrow was always drawn, ready to go off at a moment's provocation. Sagittarian astralenergy, which we will be experiencing over the next four weeks, contains elements of its myth. Just as Ixion jealously desired the wife of a god, we humans have a tendency to explore new work, living arrangements and love options (some of them off-limits) under the Sagittarian sun. Also, the idea of an amalgamation of influences forming onefierce and magnificent creature applies. The next four weeks represent a time of many influences fitting together to help us redefine ourselves and

strengthen our purpose. If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past the Creators Syndicate Web at

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Most Beautiful, Prettiest Eyes, Best dressed and Most Outgoing as a junior. She is a previous **Class Favorite and Most** Talented and was selected queen of the Howard County Fair.

· Cevan Smithson is the son of Deanne and Tony Lester.

He has maintained the highest grade point average among boys at Sands High School for four years and is a four-year member of the National Honor Society.

He has participated in **UIL** academic activities for four years and was a regional qualifier as a freshman and junior. Cevan has participated in one-act play since he was a sophomore.

He has been in the FFA for four years and has served as student council vice president four years. He is listed in Who's Who and was selected for the Best Smile and was Most Outgoing.

Athletically, he has participated in football four years and was all-district and all-region as a junior.

He participated in basketball as a freshman and sophomore and has been on the track squad for four years.

He has also participated in tennis for four years,



Hannah Lester

golf for three years and cross country one year.

Trevor Bibb is the son of Donna and Steve Bibb. He currently ranks first in his graduating class at Coahoma High School.

He is a Congressional Student Leadership Conference nominee who has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

He is vice president of the National Honor Society, was vice president of his class as a freshman and class president as a junior.

He has been a class representative on the student council for four years.

Trevor has been a Howard County 4-H club officer for five years and has participated in the



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Cevan Smithson

livestock judging team four years. He has shown pigs and steers in livestock shows' for nine years. He received the 4-H Gold Star Award in 2003 and has been a member of the 4-H State Round-Up 2002-2005 livestock judging team. He was chosen **Outstanding 4-H Member** this year.

An athlete as well, he was chosen most valuable defensive player of the year at Coahoma this year, was second-team alldistrict as a defensive end in 2004, second-team alldistrict as a center in 2003, and received honorable mention all-district center in 2004.

He was second-team alldistrict in basketball for the 2004-2005 season. Trevor has been



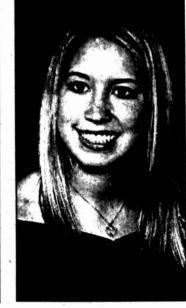
involved with Relay for Life and the Howard County Trash Off for eight years.

He has participated in See You at the Pole, School Wide Community Service Day and the student council's canned

In addition, he has mowed and cleaned at homes with a youth group, served as a Vacation Bible School group leader, participated in the Little Angel program at Coahoma Elementary, donated care packages for active troops, veterans and the sang needy. and Christmas carols at a local retirement center.

· Elizabeth Conley is the daughter of Mike and Carrie Conley.

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Elizabeth Conley

She currently ranks in the top 10 percent of her graduating class.

She is co-president of National Honor the Society.

She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who Among Who's American High School Athletes.

She is president of the senior class, vice president of the student council, head cheerleader,

Weekend Edition, November 19-20, 2005 drum major and yearbook

editor. She was also vice president of her class as a junior and class secretary as a freshman.

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received She the Principal's Leadership Award and a National **Cheerleading Association Outstanding Leadership** Award this year.

She was also selected as an All-American cheerleader this year and was Homecoming Queen and Band Sweetheart.

Elizabeth was an honorable mention all-district basketball player as a junior and was an all-district softball player as a sophomore and junior.

She was a Texas Girls Coaching Association All-State Softball Team selection as a sophomore.

She has also participated in track and cross country.

received the She President's Gold Award as a sophomore and has received the Washington, D.C., Leadership Award.

She has participated in after-school tutoring, the student council's canned food drive and Relay for Life.

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Have your turkey and eat it, too Crafted center-piece sets holiday table

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI

(KRT)

Generally, I don't like to ignore tradition.

When we share certain activities with loved ones on holidays, those things take on special meaning to us. When we do them year after year, they become traditions.

Traditional Thanksgiving activities may include family gath erings with football games and pumpkin pie. But the true symbol of the holiday is the turkey - and with good reason. Ninety percent of American homes serving a Thanksgiving meal this year will feature a delicious, golden gobbler on the table. But American humorist author and Shel Silverstein may give us pause as he sees the tradition a bit differently in his poem, titled "Point of View."



food drive.

"Thanksgiving dinner's sad and thankless

Christmas dinner's dark and blue

When you stop and try to see it

From the turkey's point of view."

Now, that might make you sad for the entree, but unless my bird gets a pardon from the White House, I'll be serving him this year. After all, without turkey, it just wouldn't be Thanksgiving. It's tradition.

Bring a bit of autumn color to the table with this turkey planter that can double as a centerpiece with instructions I found at www.familyfun.go.com.

You can make it as large or small as you'd like. If you decrease the size of the pot, adjust the dimensions of the clay balls, as well. I modified the directions for our use.

Supplies you will need: Self-drying modeling clay (brown).



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Turkey planter table arrangement.

 Butter knife. • 7 and one-half inch terra cotta pot. • 2 small white pebbles.

 Black permanent marker.

- 1 walnut in the shell.
- 1 red pipe cleaner.
- Low-temp glue gun.
- · Silk flowers.
- · Plastic foam.

To fashion the head, shape two balls 3 inches in diameter and one ball half the size of the other two. Sandwich the balls together with the smallest one in the middle and press together. Smooth the balls to form a head, neck and chest. Use a butter knife to cut a vertical slit halfway up the center of the bottom ball. Slide it rear for feathers.

over the rim of the pot. Make two three-toed turkey feet with clay and press onto the front of the pot.

Press and glue a walnut into the center of the head for a beak. For a wattle, fold the pipe cleaner in half and twist the ends together. Glue the pipe cleaner just above the beak.

Draw black dots in the center of each pebble and glue them above for eyes. Glue a block of plastic foam onto the bottom of the pot.

Arrange flowers behind the turkey's head. Use longer, straight items, such as cattails to the

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A record year for cotton?
Oil business ins and outs
Holiday business outlook
Local economy encouraging

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record year. That's what ginners throughout the Crossroads area are thinking when it comes to this year's cotton crop.

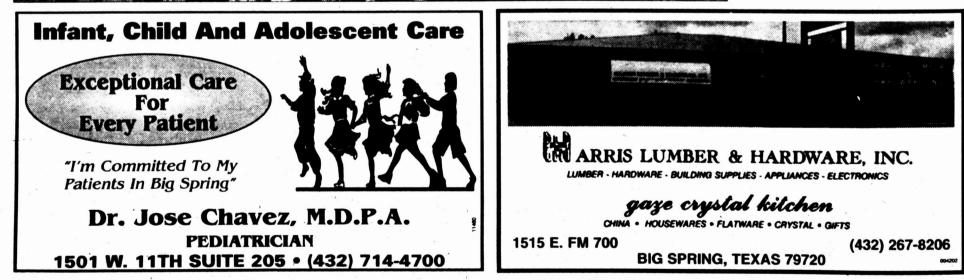
"I think we'll get at least 27,000 bales; we may get 30,000. We've never done that much before, said René Beall, bookkeeper at the Big Spring Gin off U.S. Highway 87 on Leatherwood Road. "For this little gin, that's going to be big."

From Big Spring to Ackerly, Stanton to Garden City, gins are running constantly, and happily. They are all predicting their best in year a long time, and probably the best they've ever had.

Some might argue that the closing of a number of gins in the past decade means more cotton for fewer gins to process - thus increasing the bale count for those still in operation. However, ginners and producers agree that this year's crop is above average, both in height and yield.

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<u>No joke</u> Plastic bags cotton-pickin' headaches

By TODD C. FRANKEL

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

MALDEN, Mo. - The hunt for plastic bags didn't take long.

Five minutes down a gravel road in Missouri's Bootheel, cotton farmer Chuck Provance stopped and pointed out his truck window at the neat rows of a recently-harvested cotton field. And there they were: a half-dozen plastic bags fluttering among the remaining cotton stalks like puffs of cotton missed by the mechanical picker.

Those plastic bags, "they will wreak havoc," Provance said.

Plastic bags are more than just an eyesore in the Cotton Belt. A single plastic bag that ends up in the picked cotton can ruin thousands of yards of finished fabric. The cotton industry estimates that so-called lint contamination, which comes from a variety of sources, causes \$200 million in losses each year worldwide.

But unlike that traditional threat to cotton, the boll weevil, which is fading, the small threat posed by plastic bags appears to be growing. And the plastic bag problem is stuffed with irony: The same bag that might've carried home a cotton T-shirt or pair of dungarees could end up damaging a new cotton crop.

"You want the shirt to be in the bag instead of the bag being in the shirt," said Bobby Phipps, a cotton consultant.

Avoiding plastic bags is part of the routine in Dunklin County, where cotton is king and the county regularly ranks in the nation's top 10 for cotton production. Provance farms 2,400 acres of cotton here.

"We avoid what we can," Provance said. "But some we can't because everybody's Wal-Mart bags are blowing all over the fields."

Plastic bags are not a major concern during the harvest of other

KRT photo/Andrew Cutraro/St. Louis Post-Disc

Cotton farmer Chuck Provance stands outside of his truck in his cotton field in Dunklin County, Mo. A threat unique tc cotton is plastic bags. A single plastic bag that ends up in picked cotton can ruin thousands of yards of finished fabric.

crops, such as wheat or soybeans. And a plastic bag's threat to cotton is unique among other kinds of roadside litter.

It is difficult to detect shredded pieces of plastic bags during the highly automated process that moves cotton from field to finished product. Plastic acts like a cotton fiber. The plastic bits can end up being spun into cotton yarn and woven into fabric. But those bits don't accept color dye, ruining the entire fabric. Tainted cotton is either discarded or sold at a steep discount. The loss is often absorbed by the cotton gin or farmer.

Phipps, who until this summer spent a decade as Missouri's state extension cotton specialist, said he first heard about the problem five

or six years ago. "One of the mills in the U.S. had quit buying Southeastern cotton because so many plastic bags kept showing up in the lint," Phipps said.

Despite the problem, American cotton is considered among the cleanest in the world, according to the National Cotton Council, an industry trade group. But the council works to maintain American cotton's reputation in the face of increased competition from overseas growers.

The council has launched an industry campaign to raise awareness about preventing plastic bags, plastic tie-downs, grease and farm engine parts from getting into the picked cotton crop. The effort's slogan: "Cotton: Keep it clean and pure.

"We think the United States in, making headway," said Andy Jordan, the council's vice president of technical services. "But whenever there's a highway near a cotton field, unfortunately, people do throw out plastic bags.'

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That's the part that confounds farmers and officials. Where do all those plastic bags come from?

"I came to the conclusion that people, when they shopped in town at some of the stores, they must look at the merchandise on the way home and throw all the bags out the car window," Phipps said. "Because I don't know how all those bags get there otherwise.'

Robbie Seals, U.S. Department of Agriculture cotton grading branch

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Merchants find 'tis the season to be very jolly

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Retail

The 2005 holiday shopping season brings smiles to the faces of local merchants, as several managers report beginning sales at an optimistic high.

"I'm seeing lots of happy people and our sales so far have been really great," said Bealls assistance store manager Sharon Cofferen.

"Sales have already been better than they were this time last year and we're seeing lots of traffic. We're getting lots of feedback from customers and we really think this season is going to be good."

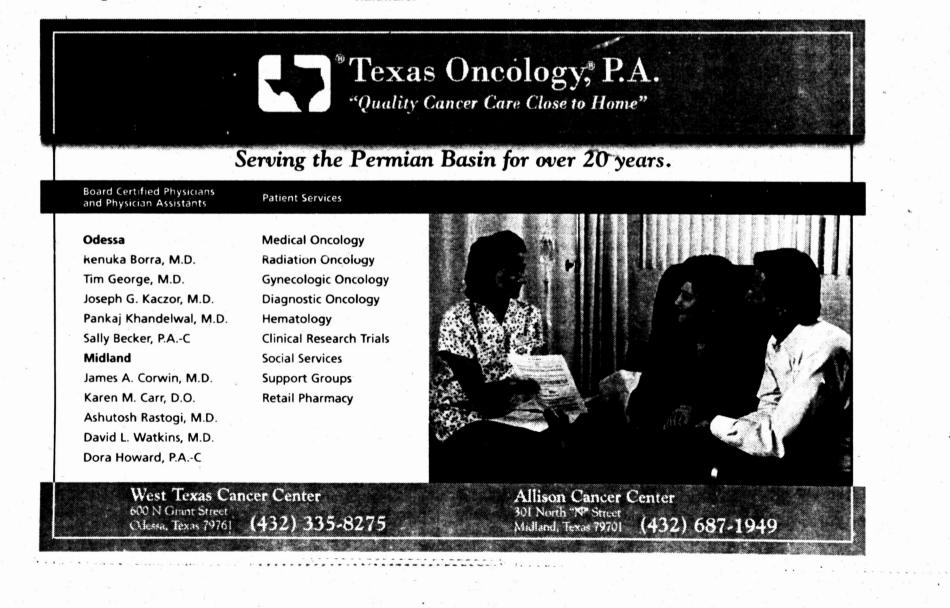
Bealls has several holiday items available or purchase, and a large stock of junior clothing that Cofferen said is proving quite popular as gift items.

"This season will be good for the local economy," she said.

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Stephanie Hopper prepares a display for Gaze Crystal Kitchen inside Harris Ace Lumber and Hardware.



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Oil & Gas

Concienne's take on the oil industry

Joe Concienne is vice president of Refining and Transportation for ALON USA and serves as manager of the Big Spring Refinery. A native of Nederland, he attained his bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from Lamar University. He has more than 30 years of experience in refining and petrochemicals.

Concienne recently responded to questions asked by ALON's Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP), a group of Howard County business men and women, teachers, ministers and others who serve as a liaison between the refinery and the community. The following are some of those questions and answers, plus a few Concienne addressed which came from the *Herald*.

What is the relationship of the Texas Railroad Commission and refinery operations?

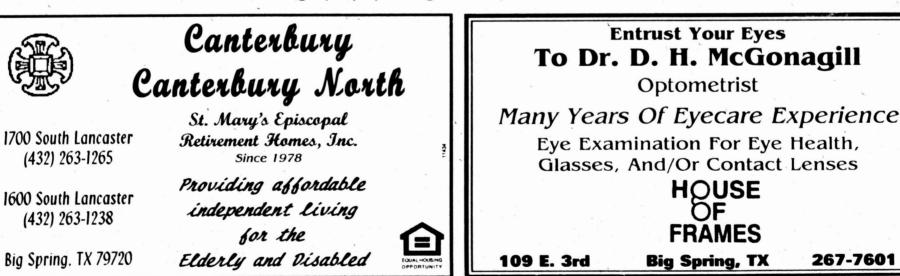
The Railroad Commission regulates all pipelines into and out of the refinery.

The Commission also regulates all underground storage of hydro-

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Joe Concienne, vice president of Refining and Transportation for ALON USA and manager of the Big Spring Refinery, addresses a group of people during the refinery's 75th anniversary in 2004.





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All local sectors appear promising to Moore Board's executive director

ood news for Howard County. The Howard County economy is looking up for 2006, with elevated oil and gas prices expected to boost all sectors of business, according to Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

"I think things look much better for Howard County and for the region as a whole," said Sharp. "Although energy is starting to come down a little bit, the energy boom we've seen — especially in the last 12 months — always helps our region. The Permian Basin is so entrenched in the energy sector, and that always trickles down. Prices of oil and gas translate into higher margins for the refinery and all the service sector companies that service the wells. They have a much better climate to operate in the past 12 months, and probably will continue as oil prices stay higher. The energy sector is really driving the private side of the economy, which also trickles down into retail as well."

And while the private sector is looking "up" for 2006, Sharp said the other half of the Big Spring economy is also showing promise for the coming year.

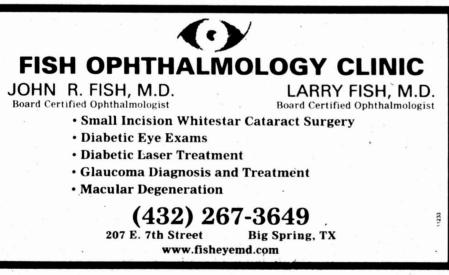
"Big Spring's economy is as much government as it is private sector," said Sharp. "The state hospital is adding jobs and expanding their capacity, which is approach-

ing 200 from the 150 they had last year. New bed capacity translates into new jobs.

"The Big Spring VA Medical Center - which is kind of up in the air until the CARES (Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services) process is complete has added new jobs and is doing collections and payments through its new department. And I think the CARES commission will see, through the data we've presented, that not only do they need to keep the VA Hospital here, they need to expand its mission to include domicillary and psychiatric care. That will translate into much higher paying jobs at that facility."

Sharp said the Big Spring Independent School District is also showing some promise for 2006, having exceeded last year's enrollment numbers this year when many were projecting a 100 student shortfall.

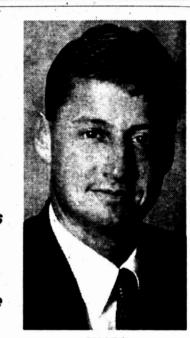
"The Big Spring School District has seen an increase of about 50 students this year versus this time last year," said Sharp. "Obviously that accounts for some transfers in from school districts like Coahoma and Forsan, but it also accounts for new growth and new people moving into the county that weren't here previously. There are several thousand dollars a year that goes with those 50 students in funding from the state. That means more dollars for the school budget, and about any school



"Hopefully the economy in 2006 will improve over what we've seen in 2005. And I think 2005 improved over 2004. Average weekly wages during the second guarter of 2004 was \$543, and that was up from \$513 a week in 2003. The second quarter of 2005 the weekly average wage was \$554, so we're going up. We hope to see it reach close to \$570 to \$580 by the second quarter of 2006. That will give people more disposable income to spend locally."

budget in the state of Texas is about 80 percent of higher is salaries."

And while many local businesses and agencies are posed to growth in the coming year, Sharp said there are several problems with the local economy that are in seri-



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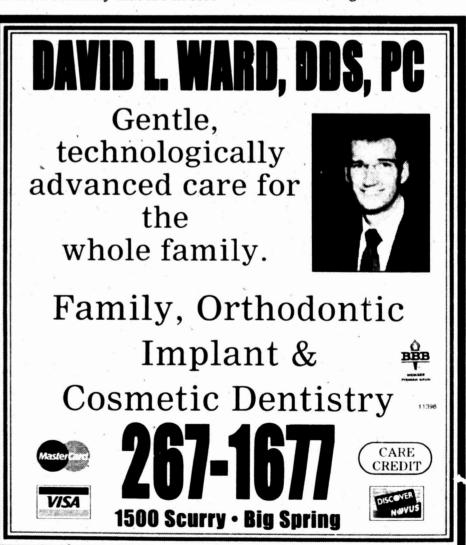
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ous need of a solution. "Just from a cursory review

right now, I think some of your anchors of the economy in 2006 are positioned to see some growth, especially over the next year," said

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There are numerous reasons for everyone to 'Think Texas'

etirees are a significant force in the economic progress of many small towns, and the 79th Texas Legislature recognized this fact by passing HB 1982, which bodes well for rural development.

The bill creates a certified retirement community program to be administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The program is actual-

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local economies. Retirees provide a stable source of demand for local goods and services, and they tend to have more disposable income than younger households.

Retirees own 77 percent of privately held financial assets, and 80 percent of all money in U.S. savings and loan institutions. Retirees' savings deposits in local banks provide a large source of investment funds for local business expansion.

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A gift box or basket of citrus fruit also makes a great gift idea. There are a number of fruit shippers in Texas, and the TexaSweet Web site has a list that includes phone numbers and Web site links. Just go to

www.texasweet.com and click on the "Find Out About Ordering Texas Grapefruit Here!" link,

What do a foundry in Corsicana, a hotel in West and a manufacturing company in Harrison County all have in common? They are all connected to the Texas Capital Fund, an economic development program that spurs big growth in small towns by supporting the visions of local communities.

These entities will be able to start or expand operations in rural Texas thanks to financial awards to the local communities for things like sewer lines or pavement or rail construction. Other projects focus on beautifying downtown areas by adding street lights, improving sidewalks or adding ramps for the disabled.

This innovative program has approved 107 contracts worth more than \$54 million, creating more than 4,500 jobs and retaining another 1,410 jobs in rural Texas. Clearly the Texas Capital Fund is an excellent tool to help close the economic gap between urban and rural Texas.

The program is part of the federal Community Development Block Grant program. It provides about \$12.5 million in competitive awards each year to small Texas cities and counties for economic development and is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Office of Rural Community Affairs. The Texas Capital Fund

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Jennifer Darrow took the photograph used on our cover near Knott on the Shaw Cotton Farms. She originally entered it in our Photo of the Week contest, but gave permission for us to use it in this special section. In doing so, she noted this is the begining of a real West Texas season ... the cotton stripping season.







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carbons and our rail loading and unloading activities.

What are the effects of the recent large fluctuations in crude prices on the refinery?

Crude is our raw material, so when crude goes up in price, our cost goes up. However, normally, when crude prices increase, gasoline and diesel prices increase, leaving the refinery with about the same difference between crude and products prices. The 2005 increase in crude and products prices has not been driven by a shortage of crude but rather by a demand for and shortage of products, especially since the two hurricanes.

How much gasoline does the refinery sell and where is it sold?

Gasoline production at the Big Spring Refinery is approximately 1.26 million gallons a day. If every fill-up were 14 gallons, that would amount to filling up about 90,000 vehicles a day.

About 420,000 gallons of gasoline per day leaves at the Big Spring truck rack; the rest goes out by pipeline.

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West and North Central Texas. We the refinery in 2000. have had deliveries as far east as Fort Smith, Ark., and as far west as Phoenix, Ariz.

Why are gasoline prices different in Lubbock and Big Spring? The prices in each local market are set by market forces. Each retailer must decide on their price based on their cost of supply, location and other factors. The Big Spring and Lubbock market are far enough apart not to react directly to each other. It's pure local market dynamics. I can say that the price paid at our refinery gasoline rack is essentially the same for all customers.

What products does the refinery make from the crude oil it processes?

Propane, propylene, benzene, toluene, all grades of gasoline, jet fuel, diesel fuel, all grades of paving asphalt and carbon black oil

Are there any plans to expand the ALON Big Spring Refinery? The Big Spring Refinery was expanded from 64,000 BPD (barrels per day) to 70,000 BPD crude capacity (about a 10 percent increase) in early 2005. We are looking at the feasibility and cost of expanding the refinery to 75,000 BPD at our next turnaround in 2010. This would be a 20 percent increase over the crude capacity of

must for many families across Texas. Thankfully, Texas growers produce 5 million turkeys each year. McLennan and Milam counties are Texas' top two producers, and Texas has typically ranked as one of the top 10 states nationally in terms of production.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs is a fourth generation Texas rancher and a former state representative.



Are any new refineries being built or planned to be built? If not, why?

I know of no new refineries being built in the U.S. I only know of one new refinery that is in the planning stage and it has been in the planning stage for 10 years.

New refineries are very, very expensive to construct. A refinery also requires a lot of supporting infrastructure. 1) crude source, 2) pipeline for product out, 3) a substantial and available supply of utilities, and 4) trained workforce, etc. Last but not least, the regulatory requirements are very significant. The lead time for a new refinery is at least five to six years and maybe closer to eight to 10 years.

What is the possibility of expanding current refineries (such as the Big Spring Refinery) rather than building news ones?

The possibility is 100 percent. Right now, there have been 2 MM BPD of expansion announced at existing refineries. Expanding existing refineries which can reach the markets where the largest demand exists is the most



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logical way to expand refining capacity. However, the land must be available, the locale has to want the expansion and the products must have a market. Not every refinery meets the criteria.

Should ALON make a symbolic statement by having a hydrogen fill-up station in Big Spring?

It truly would be symbolic since I don't know of any hydrogen cars in production and the hydrogen we make at the refinery is made as part of the refining process.

The whole hydrogen energy economy discussion is only in its infancy now and has many obstacles and gaps. I have my doubts about hydrogen as a primary transportation fuel for a number of reasons. A hydrogen filling station in Big Spring would be a novelty and might draw tourists.

How long before the hydrogen powered automobiles are available to the general public?

I really have no idea. I am not in any way knowledgeable about hydrogen powered vehicles. I do have serious doubts about the chemistry and economics of producing and delivering hydrogen on a large scale.

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Lee Warren, manager of Harris Ace Lumber and Hardware said his store has stocked a large number of Christmas items, much more than the store has offered in the past.

This is usually the type of merchandise we don't get into, but this year we're hoping for a big increase which realistically will help the local economy," Warren said.

He said any sales increase locally will boost the economy and he anticipates a better holiday sales season as gasoline prices continue to fall.

"Even transportation costs to get everything here has gone up, but if we can get a 5 or 10 percent increase, we'll be happy," Warren said:

Stephanie Hopper, who owns Gaze Crystal Kitchen inside Harris Lumber and Hardware, said she has not stocked too many holiday items because the store itself has so many things available.

"I do have some Christmas items I.will be putting on sale that are from last year and I have several ceramic pieces, ornaments and table aprons available. We're really hoping for a good season," she said.

Greg Brooks, owner of Blum's Jewelers, said he anticipates a great holiday season, especially after holiday weather arrives.

"This is really starting to look better, especially with the prices of gasoline coming down. I think if gasoline prices had stayed so high, it would have really impacted our holiday season, but now I think we're looking at as good a season this year as we had last year, if not better," he said.

One of the items customers are seeking at Blum's is the Bellari jewelry line, he said.

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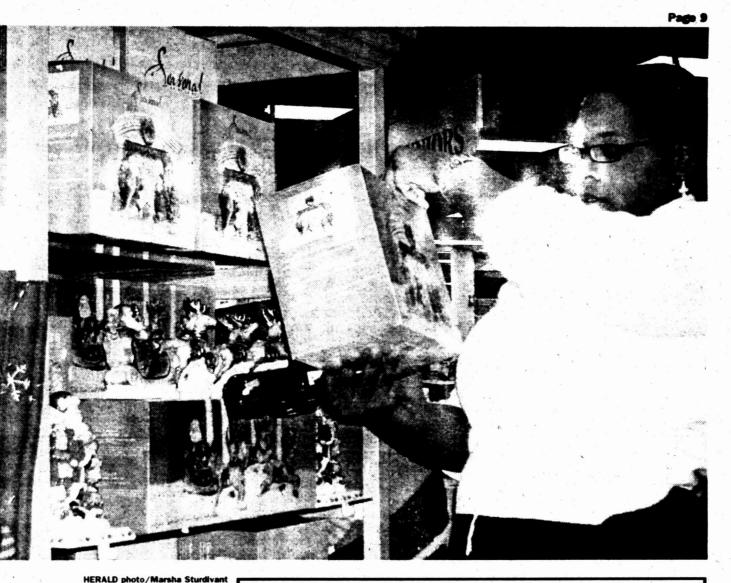
Kellee Green, a sales associate of customer service for Bealls, prepares a Christmas display for the holiday season. Encouraged by early sales, local retailers are optimistic about this year's Christmas shopping season. Many of them have stocked their stores in anticipation of strong holiday sales.

Many of the local retailers will have expanded and extended shopping hours during the holiday season. Watch the Big Spring Herald for times and days.

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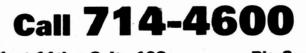
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chief in Memphis, said he's noticed plastic bags blowing across the wide-open cotton fields in West Texas. "You wonder where all those bags come from," Seals said.

There are simply more plastic bags today. Plastic has supplanted paper as 'the bag of choice, accounting for at least 80 percent of the bags at grocery and convenience stores. And then there's the one retailer that can be found in just about every rural area in the country - Wal-Mart, home to distinctive light-blue plastic bags. (Although some Wal-Marts also offer white plastic bags.)

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Sharp. "Both in terms of revenue for the entity and in terms of job opportunities that will be coming from that revenue growth.

"One of the major problems we found through a recent survey is

"When you drive home, or next time you're in the country, just look along the highway. You'll be surprised. You'll be surprised how many of them are light blue. And you know whose bags those are. You can't blame the store. It's the clientele that throws those bags out."

> **Bobby Phipps** Cotton consultant

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time you're in the country, just look along the highway. You'll be surprised," Phipps said. "You'll be surprised how many of them are light blue. And you know whose bags those are. You can't blame the store. It's the clientele that throws those bags out." Wal-Mart did not respond to a

You can infuse \$100 million into

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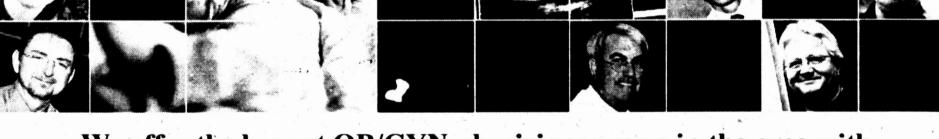
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healthy retail sector here in our retail leakage, and that's something I'm hoping to see change. community."

Sharp said the expected upswing in the local economy could be a part of a larger trend that could have wide implications, not just ion Howard County, but all over the West Texas region.

"Hopefully the economy in 2006 will improve over what we've seen 2005 improved over 2004. Average weekly wages during the second quarter of 2004 was \$543, and that was up from \$513 a week in 2003. The second quarter of 2005 the weekly average wage was \$554, so we're going up. We hope to see it reach close to \$570 to \$580 by the second quarter of 2006. That will give people more disposable income to spend locally.'

out of the community. I think once in 2005," said Sharp. "And I think we see that, we'll see a more



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Bryan, vice president of cotton sourcing for Avondale textile mills, which has operations in three states.

Provance said he's never known a plastic bag to make it into his cotton crop. Over at B&B Cotton Co. in Campbell, Mo., where Provance takes his cotton to be ginned, owner David Blakemore said he runs into the problem only occasionally.

But Blakemore is not taking any chances.

He does his part to avoid plastic bags, even when he's out grocery shopping.

"We prefer," he said, "paper over plastic."

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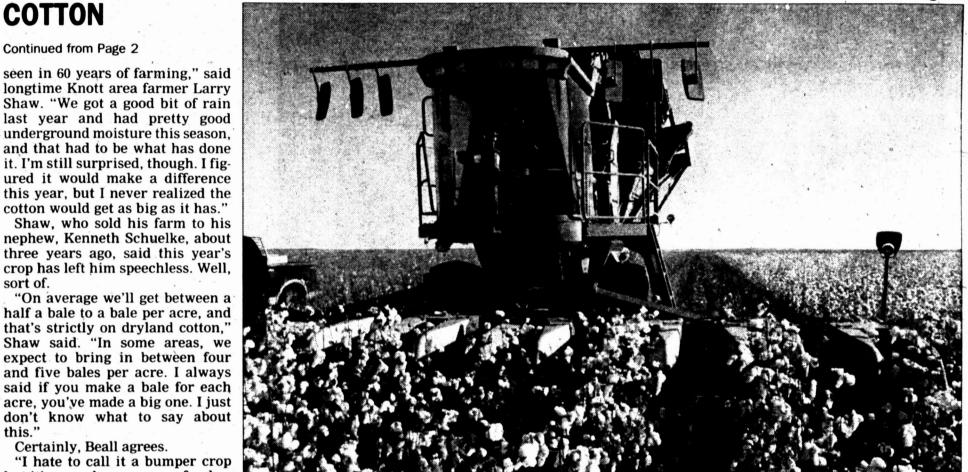
land. We have a couple of farmers who have irrigated land but by far it's mostly dryland," she said. "We're going to be ginning awhile. It may take us to the end of February.

As of Thursday afternoon, the gin had cleaned about 4,000 bales of cotton.

Across U.S. 87 and to the north, the Big Spring Co-op Gin is projecting similar numbers.

"We're doing great here," said Bartlett, bookkeeper. "We've done 5,549 bales and we are thinking we might end up with 30,000 bales."

Last year, it was Dec. 17 before the facility had ginned 5,500 bales. That's partially because much of last year's crop was planted late, coupled with untimely rains.



this year," said Bartlett, who said the most ever ginned at the Big Spring Co-op was 27,000 bales. Last year, the gin put out 21,550.

Twenty miles or so up the road, Ackerly Co-op has ginned 6,700 bales and is going strong.

"Right now we're expecting between 55,000 and 60,000," said secretary Irma Lead. "That would be a record.'

Last year, Ackerly ginned 47,000 bales.

Brenda Robertson, bookkeeper at Tarzan Gin in Martin County, said that facility has ginned 9,000 bales and is looking at a possibility of 40,000 before shutting down for the season sometime next year.

"This will be the biggest year we've had a long, long time," said "Things are going much better Robertson, who reported last

year's total at about 20,000 bales. Knott Co-op had ginned 4,650 bales at mid-day Tuesday and manager Tommy Chapman is estimating the gin will handle 32,000 to 33,000 bales before the season is through.

'That (estimate) may be short, we don't know. That would be the most ever ginned out here," he said, adding that he believes the record is a little more than 30,000 bales. Knott Co-op ginned 21,400 last year.

The quality brings a chuckle.

"Oh yeah, it's looking excellent. They (the bales) are beautiful," Chapman said.

Farmer's Co-op Gin in Stanton is "very much in progress," said secretary Rebecca Riley.

10,500 bales early in the week and is expected to process 50,000 to 55,000 total. The most the gin has processed previously was a little more than 43,000 in 1997.

In September, Farmer's Co-op acquired the Mustang Farmer's Gin in Lomax. Renamed the farmer's Cooperative Association Plant No. 2, that gin had cleaned just more than 8,000 bales early in the week. Officials there declined to speculate on what the season may bring.

The area's largest gin, Glasscock County Cooperative, has ginned 25,000 bales and expects to process as many as 125,000 bales, according to manager B.J. Havlak.

That, too, would be the best on record for the gin, which ginned 87,000 a year ago.

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