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Local accountant Mark Morgan became the fifth candidate to seek the county judge's office when he filed Friday with the Republican Party. Filing for the March primaries ends Jan. 2.

Morgan becomes fifth person to file for county judge's post

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The race for Howard County Judge got its fifth candidate Friday, as local accountant Mark Morgan filed to run on the Republican ticket in the March primaries.

"I decided to run because I think it's time for a change in our county leadership," said Morgan, who operates Mark Morgan CPA in Big Spring. "Howard County needs a change of view, and I think they need more leadership at the county judge level. That's what I'm interested in bringing to the office."

Morgan will face off against incumbent Ben Lockhart for the Republican nomination in March. On the other side of the ticket, Democratic candidates Woody Jumper, Ron L.

Who's filed?

District Judge
R-Robert H. Moore III (i)
D-None

District Clerk
R-Colleen Barton (i)
D-None

County Judge
R-Ben Lockhart (i), Mark Morgan
D-Woody Jumper, Ron L. "Smurf" Sawyers, Mark Barr

County Clerk
R-None
D-Donna Wright (i)

County Treasurer
R-Teresa Thomas (i)
D-None

County Surveyor
R-None
D-Michael McBrayer

Commissioner Pct. 2
R-Jerry Kilgore (i), Kathy Lusk
D-None

Commissioner Pct. 4
R-Roy D. Beauchamp
D-Gary Simer (i)

Peace Justice, Pct. 1 Pl. 2
R-Kathryn Wiseman (i)
D-None

Peace Justice, Pct. 2
R-Quail Dobbs (i)
D-None

Texas House, District 85
R-Jim Landtroop, Plainview
D-None

U.S. House, District 19
R-Randy Neugebauer (i), Lubbock
D-Robert Ricketts, Lubbock

R — Republican
D — Democrat
(i) — Incumbent

"Smurf" Sawyers and Mark Barr will vie for their party's nod for the November election. Morgan said things are happening with his campaign fairly quickly, but he feels his civic record

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Howard College trustees to visit performing arts work site

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard College's new centerpiece is rounding into shape.

Despite some weather-related delays, the college's Visual and Performing Arts Center is still expected to be completed by April or May of next year, officials said.

College trustees will get a



Sparks

first-hand look at progress on construction before they hold their regular meeting at 12:45 p.m. Monday in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We've had some weather delays because of the recent cold weather, but they're catch-

ing up as best they can," College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

Work on the facility's roof should be completed in the next few weeks. Once workers are out of the elements, work should progress more rapidly, Sparks added.

In other business Monday, trustees will be briefed on a plan to consolidate elections

between the college district, city and Big Spring Independent School District.

Under the plan, County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom's office would be responsible for administering the combined elections, all of which would be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

All three entities must sign off on the plan. No decision on

the college's part is expected at this time, Sparks said.

Also Monday, trustees will consider:

- A report from college official Mike Yeater on plans by the Workforce Training Center to offer truck driving courses starting in the spring semester.
- Updates to the Facility

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President acknowledges approving eavesdropping

By JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Saturday he has no intention of stopping his personal authorizations of a post-Sept. 11 secret eavesdropping program in the U.S., lashing out at those involved in revealing it while defending it as crucial to preventing future attacks.

"This is a highly classified program that is crucial to our national security," he said in a radio address delivered live from the White House's Roosevelt Room.

"This authorization is a vital tool in our war against the terrorists. It is critical to saving American lives. The American people expect me to do everything in my power, under our laws and Constitution, to protect them and their civil liberties and that is exactly what I will continue to do as long as I am president of the United States," Bush said.

Angry members of Congress have demanded an explanation of the program, first revealed in Friday's *New York Times* and whether the monitoring by the National Security Agency without obtaining warrants from a court vio-

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President Bush

lates civil liberties.

Bush said the program was narrowly designed and used "consistent with U.S. law and the Constitution." He said it is used only to intercept the international communications of people inside the United States who have been deter-

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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service personnel responded to a house fire in the 1500 block of Lexington Friday afternoon. Damage estimates were unavailable at press time, but no injuries were reported.

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MOORE BOARD TO MEET

The board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring will meet Monday to discuss a number of routine items.

Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp is expected to report to the board on several issues, including updates on the High School Manufacturing Program and a building database. Consideration of the financial and investment reports are on the agenda, as are comments from the board of directors and the public.

The meeting will get under way at 5:15 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room, 215 W. Third.

7 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

JACK ANDERSON DIES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jack Anderson, the Pulitzer Prize-winning muckraking columnist who struck fear into the hearts of corrupt or secretive politicians, inspiring Nixon operatives to plot his murder, died Saturday. He was 83.

Anderson died at his home in Bethesda, Md., of complications from Parkinson's disease.

Anderson won a 1972 Pulitzer Prize for reporting that the Nixon administration secretly tilted toward Pakistan in its war with India. He also published the secret transcripts of the Watergate grand jury.

Such scoops earned him a spot on President Nixon's "enemies list."

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Obituaries

Loyal Shannon Boyles Sr.



Loyal Shannon Boyles Sr., 77, of Del Rio, former long-time resident of Coahoma, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, in a Del Rio hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring, with John Snider, minister of Greenwood Church of Christ officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery in Coahoma.

Masonic Rites will be conducted by Coahoma Lodge No. 992, A.F. & A.M.

He was born April 5, 1928, in Mertz. He was the son of Lela Harding and Loyal Shannon Boyles. He married Jewel Ernestine Player on Oct. 11, 1952, in Kilgore. Shannon had two children, Sherry Lynn, born on Feb. 18, 1954, and Loyal Shannon Jr., born Nov. 30, 1958. He was a genuine and loving husband, father and friend, who unselfishly gave of his time and worldly possessions to many.

Shannon served his country as a Marine during the conflict in Korea. He began his career in oil, working for Sun Oil Company in McAllen. He later moved to Louisiana, Kentucky and West Virginia to pursue the drilling business. Shannon moved to Coahoma, Texas in 1965, working for Harding Well Service. In 1972, he purchased Darden Well Service and Harding Well Service, which he also operated. The business was sold in 1996 but Shannon remained as a consultant. He retired in 2000. He received his pilot's license in 1980 and bought his airplane which he used to fly from Ruidoso to Del Rio. He was a ranch owner for 18 years.

That was a peaceful place for him. He moved to Del Rio in 2004.

He loved to hunt and fish and he enjoyed sharing that time with his family and friends. Amistad Lake was his favorite place to fish. It was as much fun for him to see everyone else catch fish as it was for him.

Shannon held his 32nd degree in Masonry and the degree of the Shrine. He has served 48 years as a Master Mason. He held the Masonry in high regard. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He began serving on the Board of Directors for the First Bank of West Texas in 1985 and has remained on the Board until presently. He enjoyed this opportunity and loved everyone who worked at the Bank and served with him on the Board. Shannon (Papaw) loved and gave of himself to his grandchildren, Jarred and Monty Rowden, Shayna and Cassidy Boyles. The lessons of moral value and honor will be instilled in them forever.

Shannon is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 53 years, Ernestine; his children, Sherry and Hubert Rowden of Coahoma, and Kay and Shannon Boyles of Junction; his grandchildren, Jarred Layne Rowden and Monty Kurt Rowden of Lubbock, and Shayna Price Boyles and Cassidy Boyles Eakin of Junction; a sister, Dana Wilkinson of Houston; nieces, Jeanie Coor of Big Spring, Marcia Hamby of Houston, and Dana Lea Wilkinson of Houston; nephew, Marc Wilkinson of Big Spring; and cousin Gaylan Harding of Coahoma.

His best friend and father, Loyal Shannon Boyles, preceded him in death in 1956, his mother, Lela, in 1981.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospitals or the Coahoma Church of Christ.

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

Paid obituary

Charles Wrightsil



Charles Wrightsil, 76, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Elder James Watkins officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 3, 1929, in Falls County to Will and Eula Wrightsil. Charles had been a resident of Big Spring more than 60 years, coming from Falls County. Charles married Esta Ransom March 2, 1949, in Big Spring. He was a machinist, having worked 34 years for Walker Auto Parts. Charles loved his family and dominoes.

He is survived by his wife Esta Wrightsil of Big Spring; two sons, James Wrightsil and his wife Jennette of San Antonio, and Donald Wrightsil and his wife Joyce of Cedar Hill; three grandchildren, JaDonna Wrightsil of San Antonio, Jamen Wrightsil of Austin and Zachary Wrightsil of Cedar Hill; four sisters-in-law, Ruth Wrightsil of Denver, Colo., Alma Wrightsil of Big Spring, Annie Etheridge of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Dorothy Washington of Seattle, Wash.; and a number of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Lonnie Wrightsil, L.K. Wrightsil, James Ray Wrightsil, Eddie Wrightsil and Joe Wrightsil; and three sisters, Johnnie Ransom, Gladys Wrightsil and Myrtle Herndon.

The family will be at 3904 Parkway.

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Scott "Scotty" Werner Giles

Scott "Scotty" Werner Giles, 48, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at the Christ Community Fellowship, Big Spring.



The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 11, 1957, in San Angelo and married Mary Budro April 9, 1983, in Beaumont.

Scotty came to Big Spring in June 1997. A jack of all trades, he had worked as a carpenter for 13 years, as a consultant to Four Seasons Insulation & Siding and as an LVN for four years. He was an awesome husband, father, friend and CHRISTIAN.

He was a member of Christ Community Fellowship, where he served as youth minister and deacon.

Survivors include wife, Mary Giles of Big Spring; two sons, Bryan Joseph Giles of Big Spring and John Paul Giles of Abilene; two daughters, Janae Marlena Giles of Joao Pessoa, Brazil and Jana Beth Giles of Big Spring; one brother, Gary Giles of Gladewater and one sister, Marilyn Johnson of Huntsville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chuck Giles and Mary Louise Giles.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220E, Midland 79705.

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

Paid obituary

Kenny Sherrill

Kenny Sherrill, 48, of Lake Thomas, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, in Lubbock. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



He was born Nov. 14, 1957, in Elgin, Ill. Kenny married Trudy Tilley Nov. 27, 1983, in Big Spring. He had lived at Lake Thomas for the past year, but had lived most of his life in Big Spring, and in recent years in Glasscock County. Kenny had worked at Caldwell Electric and Brumley Electric. He later farmed in Glasscock County. Kenny was a Baptist and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He received the Eagle Scout Award in 1975.

He is survived by his wife Trudy Sherrill of Lake Thomas; one son, Allen Tilley of Big Spring; one daughter, Audrey Sherrill of Big Spring; two brothers, Earl Sherrill of Midland and Austin Sherrill of Big Spring; one sister, Patrice Fiveash of Paint Rock; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Della Fay Kinard

Della Fay Kinard, 84, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, in an Azle nursing home. Funeral services are 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 13, 1921, in Colorado City and married Benjamin Archie "B.A." Kinard Jan. 8, 1941, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Feb. 2, 1999. She and her late husband owned Kinard Plumbing from 1945 until retiring in 1995. She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Archie "Sonny" and Bonnie Kinard of Big Spring and Gary Lynn and Barbara Kinard of Sand Springs; two daughters and sons-in-law, Betty Sue and Ronnie Schmidt of Azle and Scharlette and Larry Fitzgerald of Houston; four brothers, Claude Roberts of Bains, John Roberts and Raymond Roberts, both of Garden City and David Glen Roberts of Lomax; one sister, Marie Wilder of Dallas; 20 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Dorothy Burk and Ethel Mae Roberts.

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

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Colder. Highs in the lower 40s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain and snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Lows in the upper 20s.

Sarah Ann Fields



Sarah Ann Fields, 86, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at her son's residence in El Paso. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of the 1st Assembly of God, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Big Spring. There will be a gathering of friends and family at 12:30 p.m. at the 1st Assembly of God Church before the funeral service.

Mrs. Fields was born Sept. 12, 1919, in San Saba and married Jeff Cleveland Fields April 17, 1944, in Alexander, La. He preceded her in death March 26, 1996, after 52 years of marriage.

She was a lifelong Methodist and had been very active in the church wherever she lived.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie Lee and Valerie Fields of El Paso; two sisters, Fannie Beth Williams of Buda and Imogene Aument of Fayetteville, Ga.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

Domingo Hernandez

Domingo Hernandez, 74, of Coahoma, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, in a Fort Worth hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church in Big Spring with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery. There will be a Rosary service Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at the Rosewood Chapel at Nalley-Pickle & Welch at 7 p.m.

Domingo was born Feb. 8, 1931, in Bracketville and married Alvina Mendez in 1948.

Domingo worked as a custodian for the Coahoma and Big Spring school systems, retiring in 1982. He owned and operated the Sands Restaurant for three years after his retirement.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic in Coahoma and the Crucillista Movement.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Alvina Hernandez of Coahoma; one son, Domingo Hernandez Jr. of Houston; four daughters, Ramona Tijerina, Maria Pulver and Alvina Arquello, all of Big Spring, and Rosa Hernandez of Fort Worth; two sisters, Aurora Gonzales of Uvalde and Pauline Villareal of Streeter, Ill. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

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

Alice "Joann" Dickson

Alice "Joann" Dickson, 67, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- **DAVID CHARLES PATTERSON**, 28, 1401 Princeton, was arrested on a Bexar County warrant.
- **MARK HOLLIS RYERSON**, 18, 1009 E. 21st, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.
- **PAMMY SUE PUGA**, 40, 1202 Main, was arrested on a hold for Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- **ASSAULT** was reported on the 500 block of Westover.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 1600 block of Oriole.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported on the 1600 block of Gregg.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported on the 700 block of 11th Place.
- **THEFT** was reported on the 400 block of Fourth and the 2600 block of Dow.

Sheriff's report

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

- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported on the 1700 block of Kentucky Way.

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will speak for itself in March.

"We're trying to put all of that together," said Morgan. "It's a busy time of the year already, and it will just be a little bit busier. We want to get out and encourage people to vote. I've been in Big Spring a long time and what I've done in my civic actions lets people know I care about the community and the county. That's the message I want to articulate to them."

And while Morgan will have to keep his focus on Lockhart, currently his only opposition in March, he said he's glad to see so many people filing to run for the office.

"I think it will just add to the fun of it," said Morgan with a smile. "I think it will bring a lot of interest to the race. With that many people running, the voters will have lots of choices, and I think the more choices people have, the better it will be."

The county judge seat isn't the only contested election set for 2006.

The race for County Commissioner Precinct 2 has drawn two candidates, incumbent Jerry Kilgore and challenger Kathy Lusk, both Republicans.

As of yet, no Democratic challenger has stepped forward.

In the race for County Commissioner Precinct 4, incumbent Democratic Gary Simer has yet to draw an opponent for the primary.

At this time Simer is set to face off against Republican candidate Roy D Beauchamp, who hasn't yet drawn a primary opponent either.

Several incumbent officials have filed for reelection and are currently unopposed, including District Clerk Colleen Barton; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 2 Kathryn Wiseman; County Treasurer Teresa Thomas; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 Quail Dobbs; County Clerk Donna Wright; and County Surveyor Michael McBrayer.

The filing deadline is 6 p.m. Jan. 2.

For more information, contact Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom at 264-2273.

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

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BUSH

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mined to have "a clear link" to al-Qaida or related terrorist organizations.

The program is reviewed every 45 days, using fresh threat assessments, legal reviews by the Justice Department, White House counsel and others, and information from previous activities under the program, the president said.

Without identifying specific lawmakers, Bush

said congressional leaders have been briefed more than a dozen times on the program's activities.

The president also said the intelligence officials involved in the monitoring receive extensive training to make sure civil liberties are not violated.

Appearing angry at points during his eight-minute address, Bush said he had reauthorized the program more than 30 times since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and plans to continue doing so.

"I intend to do so for as long as our nation faces a continuing threat from al-Qaida and related groups," he said.

The president contended the program has helped "detect and prevent possible terrorist attacks in the U.S. and abroad," but did not provide specific examples.

He said it is designed in part to fix problems raised by the Sept. 11 commission, which found that two of the suicide hijackers were communicating from San Diego with al-Qaida operatives

overseas. "The activities I have authorized make it more likely that killers like these 9-11 hijackers will be identified and located in time," he said.

Bush's remarks echoed — in many cases word-for-word — those issued Friday night by a senior intelligence official who spoke on condition of anonymity. His highly

unusual discussion of classified activities showed the sensitive nature of the program, whose existence was revealed as Congress was trying to renew the terrorism-fighting Patriot Act and complicated that effort, a top priority of Bush's.

MINOR INJURIES REPORTED



A Big Spring Police Department officer investigates the scene of a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 87 and the north service road of Interstate 20 Saturday morning. The driver of this vehicle suffered minor injuries, officials said.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Charles Wrightsil, 76, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Daw Kyin Nu, 89, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Kenny Sherrill died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 2:30 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 3:00 until 5:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James Abernathy, 83, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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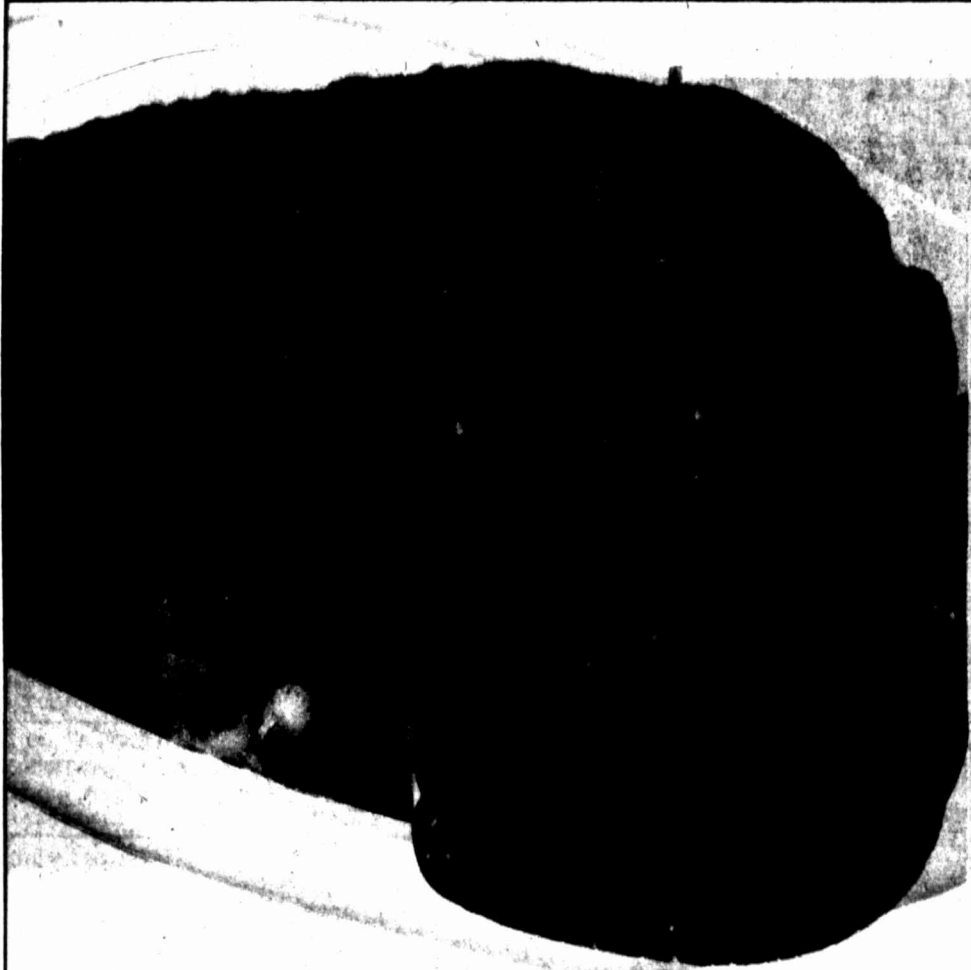
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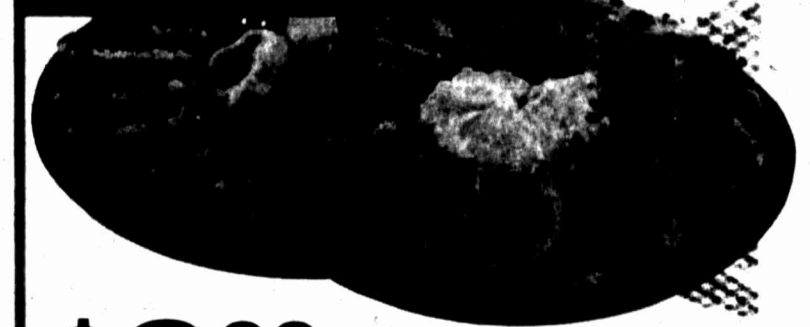
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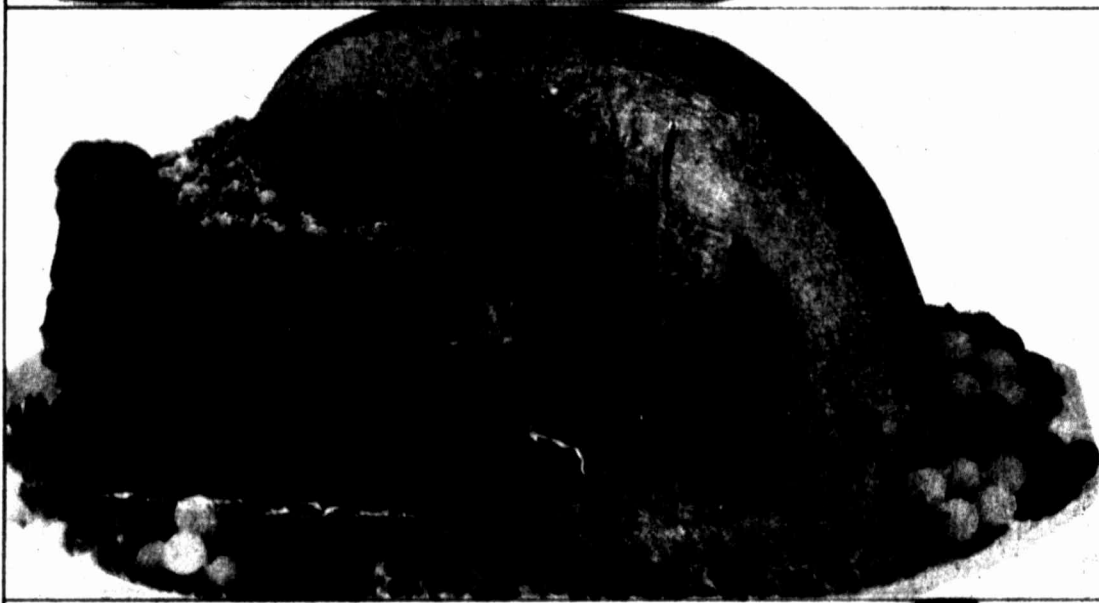
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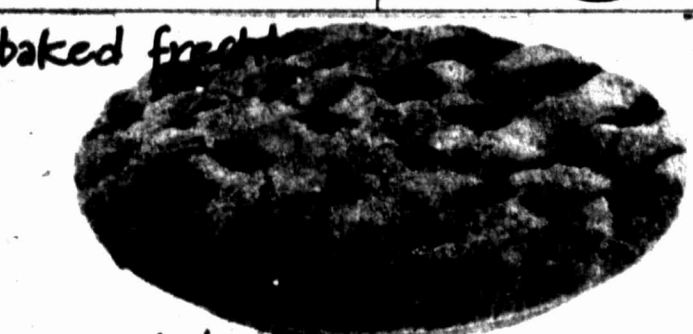
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OUR VIEWS

Drive safely and get there in one piece

Twenty percent chance of snow with temperatures in the 20s — that's pretty much the forecast for early mornings and nights in the Crossroads area for the next five or six days. Highs will generally be above freezing, but not by a lot.

Our purpose though, isn't to give you to a weather report, but to caution you to be careful. Stay warm, be cautious when walking where there could be ice and, most importantly, drive sensibly.

Each year around this time, our area experiences multiple traffic accidents. Most involve inclement weather. Most involve driver error. In times like this, it's important that we all slow down a bit and pay a little more attention.

Accidents happen when someone isn't paying attention. Worse accidents happen when someone isn't paying attention in wet or icy weather. It's not too difficult to figure out. No matter what your reaction time, vehicles cannot stop as quickly or turn as sharply in the rain, snow or sleet.

All of this is compounded because of our quickly changing weather — dry one minute, wet the next and abrupt drops in temperature. It's why we always read or hear about someone zipping along Interstate 20 one minute, and the next second rolling over and over down the median. The car hits a patch of ice, the driver feels the vehicle slide, turns the steering wheel or slams on the brakes in a panic, and is not in control anymore.

Intersections are bad because they are stopping places, plus they are often where moisture accumulates. Bridges and overpasses don't retain heat like other areas of the roads do, and can be treacherous during bad weather, even when the rest of the highway seems normal.

This winter, take special care to drive responsibly. Slow down, and take it easy. You'll get there — and in one piece.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we hunker down, Lord, and achieve the results You want.

Amen

How Christmas stole the Grinch

Random thoughts while dodging snowflakes:

No matter how hard I try, I usually can't avoid getting the Christmas spirit.

Friends know that I can be a bit of a curmudgeon this time of year.

It's not like I send lumps of coal to loved ones as gifts, but I'm not the "happy, holly, jolly" type, either.

You won't find me roaming the office singing, "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire..." nor will you catch me wearing anything remotely holiday-oriented.

The reason I seem to take perverse pride in being a semi-Grinch during the Christmas season is that, as stated so many times before, the over-commercializing of the season just turns me off.

People debate the real reason for the season to a fare thee well. All I know is that I'm pretty sure Christmas wasn't first celebrated because a bunch of Roman shop-owners wanted a good excuse to hold a sale.

Invariably, every year around early December, I downshift into what I call "Christmas Complacency Mode." I make a concerted effort to downplay the whole "most wonderful time of the year" stuff.

If you want to get all excited, fine. It's a free country. Just keep those Santa Claus caps away from me, thank you very much.

Unfortunately for us would-be Grinches, Christmas is a very

insidious holiday. You just can't turn your back on it for an instant.

First, there's all those Christmas specials on television. Contrary to my mean, gruff exterior, I'm a total sap when it comes to shows like "It's a Wonderful Life," and "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown."

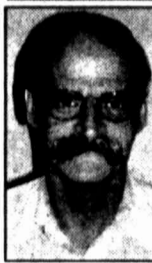
And don't even get me started on "Frosty the Snowman." Me getting misty-eyed is not a pretty sight — trust me on this one.

Then, there's all this holiday food. I don't know about you, but to me, Christmas cookies are soul food for sentimental saps — you can't eat one without starting to hum "Jingle Bells."

One of my fondest Christmas memories from my miss-spent youth is that of my mother making cookies shaped like little Christmas trees, complete with little round sprinkles to represent tree ornaments. These things never lasted long in our house, mainly because I believed it to be an unpardonable sin to let them go uneaten.

And it's not just cookies. There's tons of wonderful food being baked, fried, broiled and what-not this month — and somebody has to eat the stuff. I'm a reporter ... do you honestly think I'm going to pass up free food? I think it's the third entry in the Journalism Code: First, you shall tell the truth; secondly, you'll use good grammar whenever possible; and third, you shall not turn down a free meal.

Then there's the matter of Christmas music. No matter how hard you try, you can't escape holiday carols. And sooner or later, despite your best efforts to resist, those happy little tunes wear you down.



STEVE REAGAN

The next thing you know, you're singing, "Oh, hear those sleigh bells jingling..." without realizing it. When things hit this stage, you might as well pack it in, buster — you're in the mood for the holidays.

But it doesn't end there. Oh, no. The final thing that tips the scales in Christmas' favor is the kids.

When you work the reporting gig, you cannot avoid happy little kids and cutesie Christmas programs this time of year. It can't be done — and believe me, I've tried.

Without fail, I'll be sent off to cover some school program or holiday event that features cute kids in even cuter costumes singing cute Christmas songs, and I just melt. Never underestimate the cuteness factor when it comes to Christmas.

The final straw that broke this Grinch's back came the other night, when I took some photos at Coahoma Elementary's Polar Express. While shooting a picture of a little girl on Santa's lap, she leaned over to the jolly old elf and said — in an incredibly sweet voice — "I love you, Santa."

That did it. Stick a fork in me, I'm done. I'm waving the white flag.

I admit it: I now have the Christmas spirit.

So, please accept my fondest, sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May your season be full of joy and your hearts full of love.

But keep those Santa caps away from me — even reformed Grinches have their limits.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Please allow me to start this "rebuttal" to Mr. Farr's letter to the editor by first wishing everyone reading this weekend edition paper a very happy holiday and a merry Christmas!

I am the fun-loving, happy go lucky truck driver who pulled the big rig/trailer in this year's parade and I believe Mr. Farr's anger is being misdirected upon anyone who has been assigned to stage their float in front

of his residence.

Here are the facts:

1. We were at our assigned staging area less than 30 minutes before others started showing up for the parade.

2. We showed up as representatives of Western Container, knocked on his door, met and exchanged handshakes, asked if he had plenty of driveway clearance, and assured him that we would clean up after ourselves before the parade starting rolling.

3. When the Big Spring Herald's golf cart came by and told us that we had five minutes to get ready to roll, three volunteers and myself walked around the truck/trailer to make sure that all trash was picked up and no unsafe conditions existed.

4. If Mr. Farr would have brought the "dog poop" issue to my attention before we pulled away from his place, then I would have kindly disposed of it and he could focus his energy on

complaining about other things.

5. I am kinda jealous of that young man's little dog because he got his picture in the parade issue, he got mentioned in a letter that Mr. Farr likes to write to the Big Spring Herald every year about this time, about this subject, and maybe — just maybe — that fun-loving, happy dog knew exactly what he was doing.

God bless America.

KENNY BIRMEIN

Pre-procrastination Christmas list

Look at this, fellow procrastinators — a week before the actual day, and here I am to solve all your shopping problems with the annual one-stop, hit-the-bookstore with less than 24-hours-to-go, all-purpose Procrastinator's List.

Now, the only challenge is to hang onto the list long enough to get to a bookstore, lest we ONCE AGAIN wind up as the last customer at the Jiffy Mart at 11:45 p.m. Christmas Eve, trying to decide whether our nearest and dearest would prefer a nice jug of STP 40W or the new hemorrhoid cure.

For a terrific read and a great political yarn, "An Unreasonable Woman: A True Story of Shrimpers, Politicos, Polluters and the Fight for Seadrift, Texas" is my nomination for best surprise book of the year.

The story of Diane Wilson and her decade-long fight against a multinational chemical company pretty much has everything from corporate chicanery to political hogger to fab Texas characters. It's a bit like a true version of John Le Carre's "The Constant Gardener," only starring a chemical company and a true-grit Texas working-class woman with five kids and a mouth on her, who just happens to be one of the best writers I've come across in years. Not just enviros, activists and liberals, but all will celebrate what one citizen can do against power.

It's lovely to hear from an older Kurt Vonnegut in a book of what might be called "easily digested meditations" — "A Man Without a Country" — except Vonnegut has always been able to make getting through mental fiber seem effort-

less.

He's a little sadder and little angrier perhaps than he used to be, but then, as he puts it, almost everyone he knows is dead now, and he no longer has a country. Vonnegut is still an irresistible writer who can make you smile, wistfully.

Also in an elegiac key — but that astonishing precision that distinguishes all her work — Joan Didion's "Year of Magical Thinking" is a great writer's gift to all of us. It's the gift of recognition, the incomparable solace that comes from connecting to someone who gets it right, who makes you say: "Yes. That's it."

That's what this experience is." For Aunt Eula and other mystery lovers, life is easy. A new P.D. James ("The Lighthouse"), a new Alexander McCall Smith ("In the Company of Cheerful Ladies"), a new Reginald Hill ("The Stranger House") and the fun Texas series by Ben Rehder ("Guilt Trip," "Flat Crazy" and "Buck Fever") set in the "Texas Hill Country and based on hunting and other good stuff."

Not quite in the category of "They're friends of mine, but ..." as they are getting great reviews all by their own, there are two young Texas journalists of whom I am immensely proud who have new books. I am connected to them through our having worked, during separate eras, at the Texas Observer, incubator of so much Texas talent.

Nate Blakeslee, who broke the

extraordinary story "Tulia: Race, Cocaine and Corruption in a Small Texas Town," is a reminder of why investigative journalism at every level is so important. Blakeslee's story of how he and few other crusaders pulled off the near-impossible by getting a bunch of innocent black people freed from Texas prison is wonderful.

An equally arresting voice in fiction, Karen Olsson, has a novel, "Waterloo," that is the definitive wry, hip Austin novel. Years ago, another Observer alum, Billy Lee Brammer, wrote the classic Texas political novel "The Gay Place" about Austin — fascinating to see the city through time and different eyes.

For children on your list, the Great and Invaluable Eden Lipson, now retired from The New York Times, points out not only is there a new Harry Potter, but no self-respecting bookstore will be out of it. "The Lightning Thief" is an adventure for kids in the mid grades by Rick Riordan — a boy with ADD turns out to be the son of the sea god Poseidon.

For the picture-book crowd, there is the hilarious "The Problem With Chickens" by Bruce McMillan and illustrated by Gunnella. How wonderful that so many good writers are doing children's books. Carl Hiaasen's new one is "Flush," and it is truly good enough for "all ages."

Finally, a classic picture book, "D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths," by Ingrid and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire, has been reissued, and it's a companion to their book of Greek myths.

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MOLLY IVINS

News in brief

San Angelo man to be jailed for sharing child pornography

LUBBOCK (AP) — A San Angelo man was sentenced Friday to 15-1/2 years in prison for trading images of child pornography on the Internet.

Wade Hampton Yearwood, 25, was sentenced in a Lubbock federal court by Judge Sam R. Cummings, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a news release.

The Justice Department says Yearwood used the Kazaa peer-to-peer software program to trade child pornography. Yearwood made the images available for distribution by downloading them and placing them in a file shared through the Kazaa program.

A federal customs agent searching Kazaa for child pornography Jan. 24 found 45 images from Yearwood.

Yearwood pleaded guilty to one felony count of interstate transportation of child pornography.

Cement truck slams into Levelland school bus

LEVELLAND (AP) — At least eight students and a bus driver were injured Friday when a cement truck ran a red light and struck a Levelland school bus carrying basketball players, police said.

Levelland Police Chief Toney Cowan said there were no life-threatening injuries in the afternoon accident at the intersection of Alamo Road and State Highway 114.

"We are very lucky," said John Booth, superintendent for the Levelland Independent School District Superintendent. "I'm just thankful that the students are able to be home with their parents tonight."

The bus was carrying 31 people, including 28 members of the Levelland High School ninth grade boys and junior varsity girls basketball teams, Booth said. The driver and two coaches were also on board. The teams were traveling to games in Hereford.

Witnesses told police that the cement truck, owned by Std Concrete of Lubbock, flashed its lights and apparently couldn't stop at the intersection. The two vehicles collided and then veered into a utility pole and a car dealership lot, striking several parked cars, Cowan said.

Booth said the bus driver, Buddy George, suffered cuts and possible broken bones to his face. He was transported from Levelland to a Lubbock hospital for further care, Cowan said.

The truck driver was also hospitalized, Cowan said. A driver who answered the phone at the concrete company's Lubbock office had no information on the accident.

At least eight students and the coaches suffered injuries including cuts, scrapes, bruises, Booth said. All 28 students were transported to the hospital to be checked out, he said.

Only one student remained hospitalized overnight, Booth said.

DNA links convict to 1995 slaying

FORT WORTH (AP) — A DNA database has linked a convicted felon currently charged in the 1986 rape and strangulation of an 11-year-old girl to the 1995 slaying of a woman at a park.

Fort Worth police this week obtained an arrest warrant for Juan Mesa Segundo, 42, in connection with the sexual assault and strangulation of 32-year-old Maria Reyna Navarro. The body of the mother of three was found June 17, 1995.

Cold case Detective Manny Reyes said a DNA profile extracted from semen taken from Navarro's body matched Segundo.

Segundo remained in Tarrant County Jail on Saturday, where he has been held since April on \$300,000 bail awaiting trial for the August 1986 slaying of Vanessa Villa.

He was arrested this spring and charged with capital murder for that crime after the same database linked his DNA profile to evidence taken from the girl's body.

Reyes said police are re-examining the slayings of four other women between the years of 1986 and 1995 for possible links to Segundo.

Segundo had previously served stints in prison for two crimes that also targeted women between the years of Vanessa's death and the discovery of Navarro's body. He also served five years for a conviction of driving while intoxicated and was paroled in 2000.

Jet evacuated at Burbank airport after 'noncredible' bomb remarks

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — A Southwest Airlines jet was evacuated Friday on a taxiway after flight attendants overheard a comment about a bomb, but a search of the plane found nothing.

Southwest Flight 2074 was preparing to take off from Bob Hope Airport for Las Vegas with about 130 passengers when the pilot taxied to a remote part of the airfield and ordered passengers to evacuate the Boeing 737.

One passenger was removed in handcuffs. The others evacuated using a mobile staircase brought to the jet's

rear door, said Jennifer Peppin, a spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration.

She said federal officials did not believe the bomb comment was a credible threat, but authorities questioned five men as a precaution. One was detained.

"We saw cop cars pulling up next to us and looking at the plane," passenger Jenny Richman said by cell phone. "Then the officers came on with loaded weapons and escorted several people off."

A bomb-sniffing dog inspect the aircraft, and passengers and bags were rescreened, authorities said.

Jury awards \$16.6 million in boy's death in Ford Explorer rollover

GALVESTON (AP) — A jury awarded \$16.6 million to the family of a 13-year-old boy who died in a Ford Explorer rollover, but the company plans to argue it shouldn't have to pay because the mother was deemed mostly responsible for the accident.

A jury on Wednesday determined after eight hours of deliberations that the boy's mother was 65 percent responsible and Ford Motor Co. was 35 percent accountable for the accident.

Under Texas law, Ford would not have to pay damages because the mother, Dianne Reding, was found more than 51 percent liable, according to Ford attorney Tim O'Neill. The boy's estate or his father could collect \$5 million, Friendswood attorney Tony Buzbee said.

Reding said she tried to avoid a deer on a road north of San Antonio. Her son, who wasn't wearing a seat

belt, was thrown from the Explorer and died when it rolled over him, according to evidence.

Ford alleged Reding was driving too fast for the foggy conditions in April 2003.

Judge in DeLay case decides to wait on appeals court ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — A state district judge said Saturday he would not set further hearings for Rep. Tom DeLay until after an appeals court ruling, another blow to the former House majority leader's hopes of regaining his post.

The move nullifies DeLay's attempts to separate a remaining charge and proceed to trial on one count while the others are being appealed. Senior Judge Pat Priest also canceled a Dec. 27 hearing at which he was expected to consider allegations of misconduct by prosecutors who brought the charges.

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Iraq eases election security measures

Authorities are ending driving ban, opening most border crossings

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi authorities on Saturday eased some of the tight security measures imposed for this week's parliament elections, lifting the ban on traffic and opening all border crossings except along the frontier with Syria.

The Syrian border will reopen in the coming days, officials said, without offering any explanation for why it remained shut.

There was little violence around Iraq for a third day. Police in the northern city of Kirkuk reported that unidentified gunmen opened fire on a squad car, killing one officer and seriously injuring another.

An election official said it could be 10 days before results from Thursday's election are released and called on Iraqis to be patient.

"We want to announce the elections results as soon as possible so that the public can rest," Abdul-Hussein Hendawi said. "Getting the final elections results may not happen before 10 more days, maybe more, maybe less."

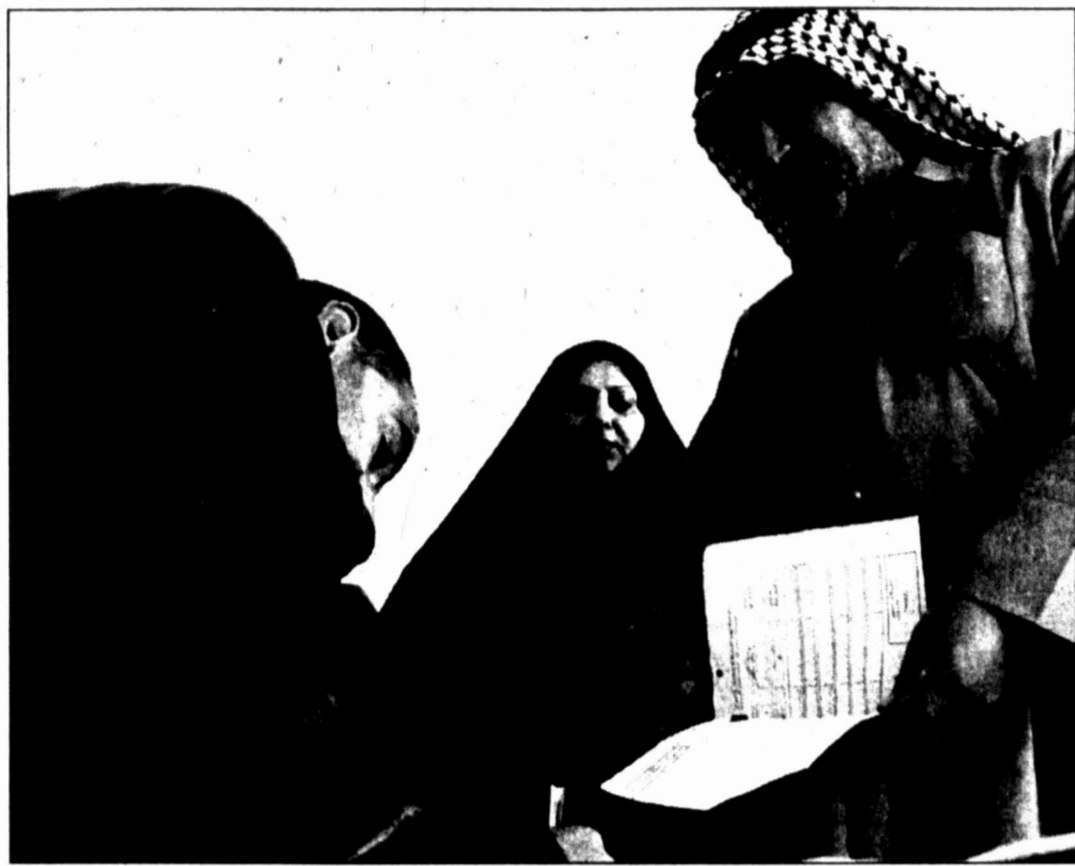
He cautioned there was no official date for their release because the commission was "taking the needed time to review the complaints" made about the handling of the election and expected to get more.

Hendawi said about 200 complaints had been received so far, including numerous reports of violations at some of the 15 polling stations set up outside Iraq. He refused to identify the countries involved in those complaints.

He also said there still was no figure available for how many of Iraq's 15 million registered voters cast ballots. Election officials have estimated that up to 11 million people may have gone to the polls, which would be about 70 percent.

A leading politician from the once dominant Sunni Arab minority reaffirmed Saturday that his party was ready to try to form a governing coalition with political groups from other Iraqi groups.

Adnan al-Dulaimi, a former Islamic studies professor who heads a Sunni Arab bloc that is expected to have a voice in the new 275-seat National Assembly, said he would even be willing to work with the now governing United Iraqi Alliance, which is based in Iraq's



Abdul Hadi and his wife Taghrid sign into vote in the Iraq elections. They said they would vote with the hope that it will end the oppression they endured as Shiites under Saddam Hussein.

Shiite majority.

He said a strong power-sharing government was important to "safeguard the rights of Iraqis."

Friday, he predicted that Shiite religious parties will be unable to form a government — even though they are widely expected to take the largest number of seats. That would open the way to a coalition of Sunnis, secular Shiites and Kurds, he said.

Two senior U.S. officials also called for a broad-based government and asked Iraqis to be patient as the ballots are counted. "All reports indicate that Iraqis from all communities and regions

turned out in large numbers with only limited reports of violence and irregularities," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and the top U.S. commander, Gen. George W. Casey Jr., said in a joint statement.

"This is a signal that the people of Iraq have chosen to become active participants in their country's future."

President Bush was to make a nationwide address on Sunday about Iraq. On Friday the White House called the election historic. "We now are entering a critical period for our mission in Iraq," spokesman Scott McClellan said.

Friday, Casey told Pentagon reporters in a video teleconference that he will make recommendations in the next few weeks about troop withdrawals from Iraq.

But he sought to dampen expectation that a successful election alone would end the insurgency and predicted insurgents may escalate their attacks to demonstrate they "are still strong and a factor to be reckoned with."

U.S. officials see al-Dulaimi, who leads the Iraqi Accordance Front, as a possible intermedi-

ary who could persuade some Sunni-led insurgent groups in restive Anbar province to join the political process.

Al-Dulaimi thanked insurgent groups for keeping to a pledge not to carry out attacks during Thursday's elections. Sunnis Arabs had boycotted the Jan. 30 elections, many heeding a warning by such groups not to vote.

"The resistance groups

committed themselves not to attack but to protect voting centers and not allow any other group to attack them. They kept their promise and we thank them for this," he told a news conference.

In an Internet statement Friday, the Islamic Army in Iraq, a major insurgent group, said it was responsible for the absence of widespread election violence because it wanted to avoid harming Sunni

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1. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
2. "Without a Trace," CBS.
3. "Survivor: Guatemala" finale, CBS.
4. "Survivor: Guatemala," CBS.
5. "60 Minutes," CBS. (From Nielsen Media Research)

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1. "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," Disney.
2. "Syriana," Warner Bros.
3. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," Warner Bros.

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4. "Walk the Line," 20th Century Fox.
5. "Yours, Mine & Ours," Paramount. (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

HOT FIVE

1. "Run It!" Chris Brown. Jive. (Gold — certified sales of more than 500,000)
2. "Don't Forget About Us," Mariah Carey. Island.
3. "Laffy Taffy," D4L. DeeMoney.
4. "Grillz," Nelly (feat. Paul Wall, Ali & Gipp). Derrty.
5. "Photograph,"

Nickelback.

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ALBUMS

1. "Curtain Call: The Hits," Eminem. Shady.
2. "Tha Carter II," Lil' Wayne. Cash Money.
3. "See You on the Other Side," Korn. Virgin.
4. "Now 20," Various Artists. Sony BMG. (Platinum)
5. "Some Hearts," Carrie Underwood. Arista. (Platinum)

(From Billboard magazine)

CONCERT TOURS

1. U2.
2. Eagles.
3. Paul McCartney.
4. Elton John.
5. Neil Diamond. (From Pollstar)

VHS/DVD RENTALS

1. "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," FoxVideo.
2. "War of the Worlds (Full Screen)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
3. "Duce Bigalow: European Gigolo," Sony Pictures Home

Entertainment.

4. "The Polar Express (Full Screen)," Warner Home Video.
5. "Sky High," Walt Disney Home Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine)

VHS SALES

1. "The Polar Express," Warner Home Video.
2. "Christmas!" Nickelodeon Video.
3. "Blue's Clues — Blue's First Holiday," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "Madagascar," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.

5. "Rugrats: Christmas," Nickelodeon Video. (From Billboard magazine)

DVD SALES

1. "Mr. & Mrs. Smith (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
2. "Mr. & Mrs. Smith (Full Screen)," FoxVideo.
3. "March of the Penguins (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video.
4. "Family Guy: Volume 3: Season 4," FoxVideo.
5. "War of the Worlds (Widescreen)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine)

Audio

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

Hot Adult Contemporary

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Up on the Housetop," Kimberley Locke. Curb.
 2. "Beautiful," Jim Brickman (feat. Wayne Brady). Walt Disney.
 3. "You and Me," Lifehouse. Geffen. (Gold)
 4. "Lonely No More," Rob Thomas. Melisma. (Platinum)
 5. "Feliz Navidad," Jon Secada. Big3.

Top Contemporary Christian Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "WOW Hits 2006," Various Artists. EMICMG.
 2. "Wherever You Are," Third Day. Essential.
 3. "WOW Christmas (Green)," Various Artists. Word-Curb.
 4. "The Christmas Sessions," MercyMe. INO.
 5. "Hero," Kirk Franklin. Fo Yo Soul. (Gold)

Best sellers — books

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "S Is for Silence" by Sue Grafton (Putnam)
2. "Mary, Mary" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
3. "At First Sight" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
4. "Light from Heaven" by Jan Karon (Viking)
5. "Forever Odd" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
6. "Amazing Peace" by Maya Angelou (Random House)
7. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
8. "The Lighthouse" by P.D. James (Knopf)
9. "Predator" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
10. "The Camel Club" by David Baldacci (Warner)

NONFICTION GENERAL

1. "Teacher Man" by Frank McCourt (Scribner)
2. "Our Endangered Values" by Jimmy Carter (Simon & Schuster)
3. "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin (Simon & Schuster)
4. "The World Is Flat" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
5. "Marley and Me" by John Grogan (Morrow)
6. "Love Smart" by Dr. Phil McGraw (Free Press)
7. "1776" by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster)
8. "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion (Knopf)

9. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
10. "The Truth (with Jokes)" by Al Franken (Dutton)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Red Lily" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
2. "The Broker" by John Grisham (Dell)
3. "State of Fear" by Michael Crichton (Avon)
4. "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arther Golden (Vintage International)
5. "Going Home" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
6. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
7. "Whiteout" by Ken Follett (Signet)
8. "Manhunt" by Janet Evanovich (HarperTorch)
9. "Blood Memory" by Greg Iles (Pocket Star)
10. "Night Fall" by Nelson Demilee (Warner)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey (Anchor)
2. "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden (Vintage)
3. "Rachael Ray 365: No Repeats" by Rachael Ray (Clarkson Potter)
4. "Why Do Men Have Nipples?" by Mark Leyner and Billy Goldberg, M.D. (Three Rivers Press)
5. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)

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Report: Senate leader's AIDS charity paid half-million dollars to political consultants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's AIDS charity paid nearly a half-million dollars in consulting fees to members of his political inner circle, according to tax returns providing the first financial accounting of the presidential hopeful's nonprofit.

The returns for World of Hope Inc., obtained by The Associated Press, also show the charity raised the lion's share of its \$4.4 million from just 18 sources. They gave between \$97,950 and \$267,735 each to help fund Frist's efforts to fight AIDS.

The tax forms, filed nine months after they were first due, do not identify the 18 major donors by name.

Frist's lawyer, Alex Vogel, said Friday that he would not give their names because tax law does not require their public disclosure. Frist's office provided a list of 96 donors who were supportive of the charity, but did not say how much each contributed.

The donors included several corporations with frequent business before Congress, such as insurer Blue Cross/Blue Shield, manufacturer 3M, drug maker Eli Lilly and the Goldman Sachs investment firm.

World of Hope gave \$3 million it raised to charitable AIDS causes, such as Africare and evangelical Christian groups with ties to Republicans — Franklin Graham's Samaritan Purse and the Rev. Luis Cortes' Esperanza USA, for example.

The rest of the money went to overhead. That included \$456,125 in consulting fees to two firms run by Frist's longtime political fundraiser, Linus Catignani. One is jointly run by Linda Bond, the wife of Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond, R-Mo.

The charity also hired the law firm of Vogel's wife, Jill Holtzman Vogel, and Frist's Tennessee accountant, Deborah Kolarich.

Kolarich's name recently surfaced in an e-mail involving Frist's controversial sale of stock in his family founded health care company. That transaction is now under federal investigation.

Jill Holtzman Vogel, who is raising money for a run for the state Senate in Virginia in 2007, has received thousands in contributions this year from Catignani & Bond and from her husband, among numerous other sources, according to data

released by the Virginia Public Access Project.

Alex Vogel said Frist picked people to work on his charity whom he trusted and knew, such as Vogel's wife, and was proud that overhead costs amounted to less than \$1 of every \$5 raised. "It's leaner than the average charity," Vogel said.

Frist is listed as the charity's president and his wife was listed as secretary. Neither was compensated.

Political experts said both the size of charity's big donations and its consulting fees raise questions about whether the tax-exempt group benefited Frist's political ambitions.

"One of the things people who are running for president try to do is keep their fundraising staff and political people close

at hand. And one of the ways you can do that is by putting them in some sort of organization you run," said Larry Noble, the government's former chief election lawyer who now runs the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics that studies fundraising.

Kent Cooper, the Federal Election Commission's former public disclosure chief, said the big donors' motives are also suspect.

"These tax deductible gifts were earmarked through Senator Frist," Cooper said. "They were raised in the political arena at the 2004 Republican Convention and the natural question is were they given to the Senate majority leader to gain favor or were they given for true charitable purposes?"

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IN BRIEF

Local runner takes 60th in marathon

Big Spring resident Russell Stukel ran in the White Rock Marathon Dec. 11 and placed 60th out of 3,077 runners. The race, which Stukel ran in 2:58.57, featured 1,969 males.

Stukel was eighth out of 365 in his division, as well.

Sidewinders set date for YMCA Christmas show

The public is invited to attend the Sidewinders Gymnastics Christmas show at the YMCA Thursday, beginning at 5 p.m.

The show will go until around 7:30 p.m. and refreshments and pictures will be sold.

The show will be put on by members of the Sidewinders team and students in the YMCA class. The participants will perform routines on the floor, bars, beam and vault.

For more information, contact 267-8234.

Peach Bowl to have name change in '06

ATLANTA (AP) — The Peach Bowl will have a new name in 2006 — the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

The Atlanta-based fast-food restaurant became a title sponsor of the 38-year-old bowl in 1997 and will become the sole name beginning next season.

Chick-fil-A officials were troubled that many media outlets left out their brand and simply referred to the game as the Peach Bowl.

The final Peach Bowl with the current name will be Dec. 30, pitting ninth-ranked Miami and No. 10 LSU in the only non-BSC matchup of two Top 10 teams.

Arbitrator to decide fate of World Series 'final out' baseball

NEW YORK (AP) — Doug Mientkiewicz and the Red Sox are going to arbitration to decide who owns the ball from the final out of Boston's 2004 World Series victory.

On the same day Mientkiewicz finalized a contract with the Kansas City Royals, the Red Sox agreed to dismiss the lawsuit they filed last month asking for the Suffolk Superior Court in Massachusetts to order that the ball be returned to the team.

Instead, the commissioner's office filed a grievance. Unless settled, the case will be heard by an arbitrator.

Hawkins takes over Colorado program

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Colorado hired Dan Hawkins as its head coach, giving him responsibility for restoring a program hammered by problems on and off the field.

Hawkins went 53-10 over the past five years at Boise State

Big Spring loses lead, falls short at Greenwood

• Beeler's 26 points sinks Steers against Rangers on the road

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

GREENWOOD — Ryan Beeler's 26 points were too much to overcome for the Big Spring boy's basketball team Friday night as Greenwood came back

from a halftime deficit to defeat the Steers at home, 63-56.

The game was tied after the first quarter, but Big Spring outscored the Rangers, 16-12, in the second and grabbed a four-point advantage at half-time.

Greenwood (10-5) scored 17 points in each of the final two quarters and

outscored the Steers, 34-23, in the second half to claim victory.

The difference in the game came at the free throw line.

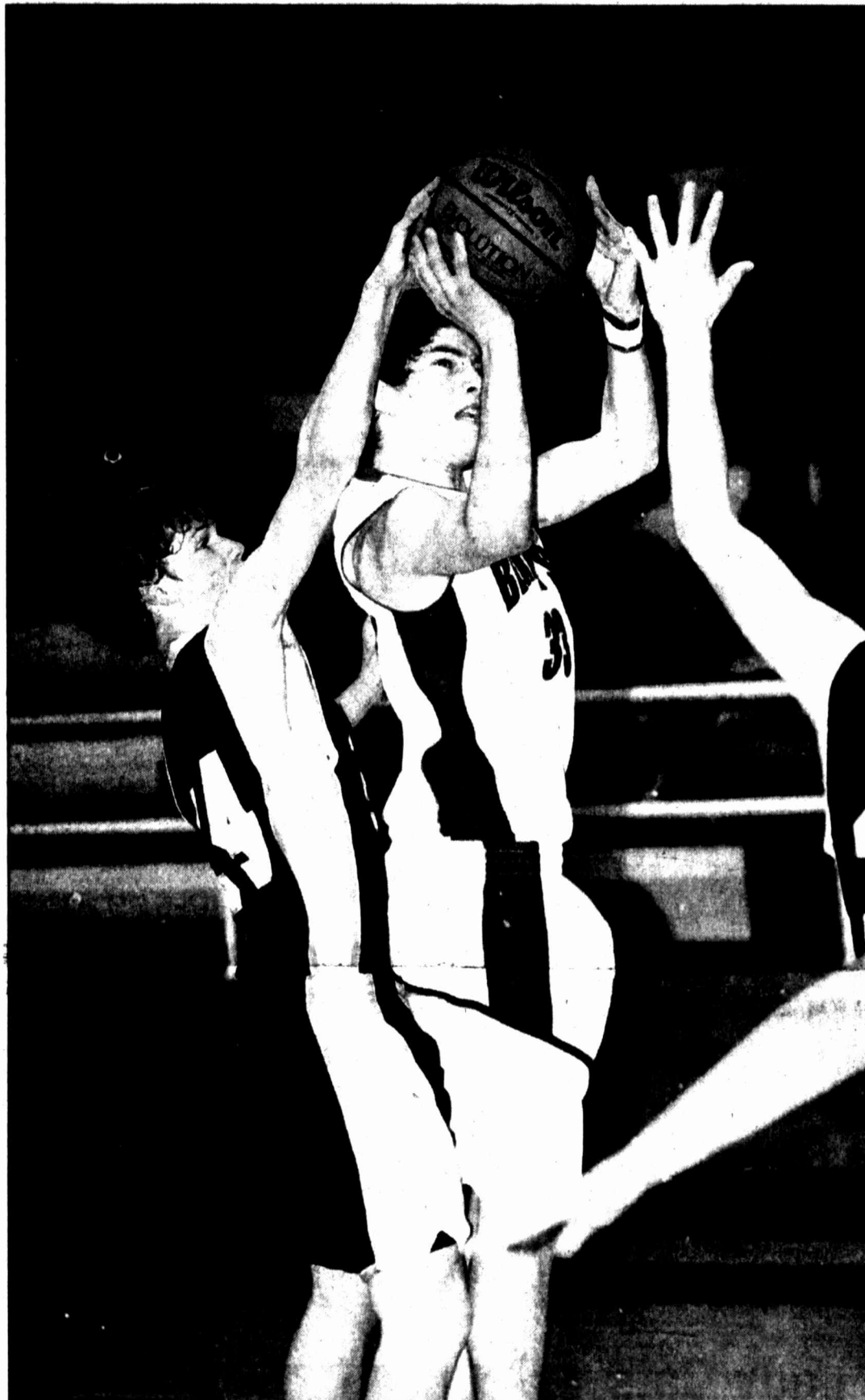
The Steers were called for 25 fouls and made five of their eight shots from the line, while Greenwood was called for 11 fouls and went 19-for-28 from the charity stripe in the

game.

Big Spring (4-10) was led by juniors Ryan Tannehill and Scott Fankhauser, who each scored 11 points. Sophomore Jason Walker and senior Matt Hilario added eight points apiece as both players connected on two 3-point shots, while senior Kyle Piercefield scored six

points before fouling out. Michael Washington and Addison Stewart each scored 12 points for Greenwood, as well.

The Steers will not play again until Dec. 29. They will play in the Lamesa Tournament, which runs through Dec. 31. The Big Spring girls will play in Abilene from Dec. 28 through Dec. 30.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Forsan's Seth Johnson, left, gets a piece of a shot attempt by Garden City junior Taylor Niehues during action in Garden City Friday night. The Bearkats escaped with the three-point victory as seniors Cory Multer and Shaun Maxie led the Bearkats with 20 and 16 points, respectively. Forsan senior Tye Baker scored 18 points and sophomore Adam Bailey added 16 to lead the Buffaloes.

Maxie's steal, layup late sends Bearkats to win over Forsan

• Buffaloes can't avenge early season loss to Garden City

By JEFF LANE
Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City boys basketball team took down Forsan for the second time this year, 46-43, in a game that came down to the last second.

Forsan was looking to avenge its only loss of the season against Garden City and it looked as if the Buffs might do just that as they led virtually the entire game.

However, Garden City senior Shaun Maxie gave the Bearkats the lead late in the fourth quarter, scoring two of his 16 points with 20.1 seconds to play as he took a steal the other way for what turned out to be the game-winning layup.

Both sides played even in the first frame with the Bearkats taking a small four-point lead late in the period.

However, the Buffs went on a 16-0 run, which ended midway into the second period, to grab a 21-10 lead in the second frame.

Forsan senior Tye Baker scored nine of his 20 points during the run, giving the Buffs what appeared to be plenty of breathing room before the half.

Maxie quickly switched the momentum back in the Bearkats' favor with two 3-point buckets, drawing Garden City to within five. Another 3-

pointer by Garden City senior Cory Multer made the Bearkat deficit 21-19.

Before the half, Forsan sophomore Adam Bailey was able to stop the Bearkat run, scoring a bucket and giving Forsan a little breathing room at the half as the Buffaloes grabbed a 23-19 lead at the break.

In the third, Multer took control of the game, outscoring the Buffs 8-2 and quickly giving the Bearkats a 29-27 lead midway through the third quarter.

But Baker turned things around for Forsan towards the end of the period after hitting from beyond the arch and converting a 3-point play as the Buffs took back the lead at 34-32.

Maxie ended the third quarter by hitting a shot, which left the game tied heading into the final frame.

As the final frame got underway, Baker again hit from 3-point range, but Maxie converted two foul shots to keep Garden City within reach at 37-36.

Bailey and Josh Paredes each scored to give Forsan a four-point lead until Garden City junior Evan Jansa knocked home a big 3-pointer, drawing the Bearkats to within one with 2:30 left to play.

As time began to run down, Bailey scored again to give the Buffs a three-point advantage. But not to be outdone, Multer answered right

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Coahoma uses huge fourth quarter to get victory over Coyotes

• Balanced scoring leads Bulldogs to win over Borden County

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Balanced scoring and a strong fourth quarter sent the Coahoma Bulldogs past Borden County on the hardwood Friday. Borden County was up one heading into the final period, but a 19-9 fourth quarter advantage sent Coahoma (5-9) to a 50-41 win at home.

Borden County jumped out of the gates fast and grabbed a six-point lead after one quarter.

The two teams played even in the second quarter, but the Coyotes six-point advantage dwindled to just one after three quarters as the Bulldogs outscored Borden County, 12-7, in the third. Coahoma's balanced

attack was led by junior Jason Gonzales' 10 points. Kamrun Green added nine, while Stephen Ewing scored seven points.

Blaine Kerby and Curt Lang each scored six points. Senior Terrell Bibb scored six points before fouling out.

"Colter Morgan spelled Bibb well throughout the game after he got into foul trouble," said Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols.

The margin of victory for Coahoma could have been much worse, but struggles at the foul line prevented a blowout. The Bulldogs went 11-for-24 from the charity stripe.

Coahoma's JV team also won Friday, taking down Borden County, 59-24.

The varsity team will next play at the Reagan County Tournament Dec. 28. The Bulldogs will take on Irion County at 10:30 a.m.



HERALD photo/Bruce Scholer

Coahoma junior Jason Gonzales, center, scores two points in the lane against Borden County Friday. Gonzales led the Bulldogs with 10 points and Coahoma won by nine.

Bulldogettes capture easy win at home against B.C.

• Full-court pressure too much for Lady Coyotes to handle

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

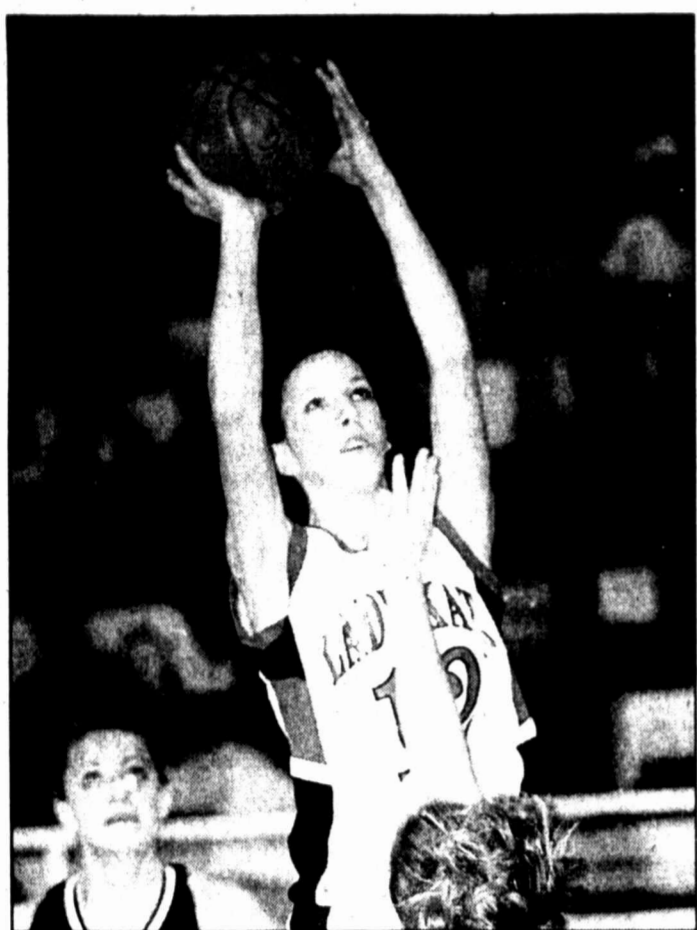
COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes' full-court pressure was too much for Borden County to handle Friday night as the Coahoma girl's basketball team blew out the Lady Coyotes at home, 52-17.

Coahoma (8-7) jumped on Borden County early and often with strong defensive pressure, holding the Lady Coyotes to single digits in all four quarters.

The Bulldogettes led 14-8 after one quarter, but held Borden County to nine points the rest of the way. Coahoma scored 17 points in the second quarter and 16 points in

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Garden City girls improve to 12-3 after win against Forsan



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Garden City sophomore K'Lann Niehues goes up for a shot against Forsan Friday during action in Garden City. The Lady Kats used big runs in the second and fourth quarters to defeat the Lady Buffs, 27-14.

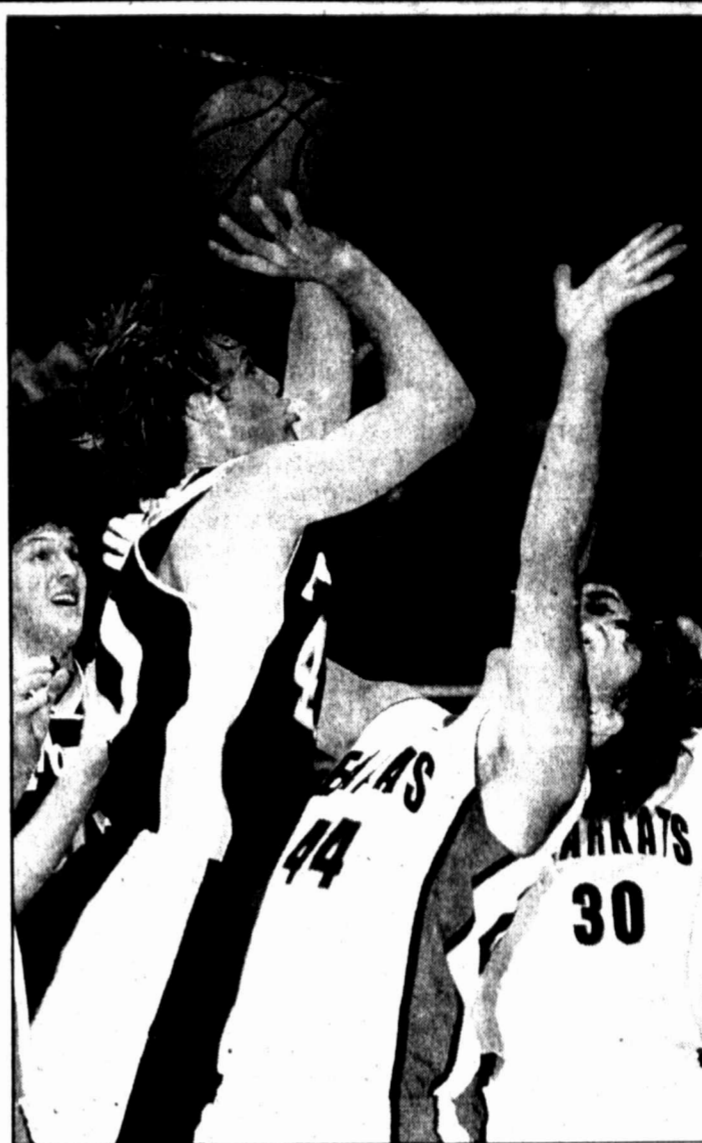
By JEFF LANE
Special to the Herald
GARDEN CITY — After a slow start, the Garden City girl's basketball team defeated the Forsan Lady Buffs, 24-17, in Garden City as the Lady Kats, who played this game without the services of their leading scorer, relied on big second and fourth quarter runs in capturing the win.

Forsan took the early lead, jumping out to a 7-4 lead in the first quarter led by Kayla Spence, who scored five of her nine points in the frame.

But Forsan went flat in the second frame and allowed the Lady Kats to go on a 10-2 run to go in at halftime up 14-9.

Neither team could get it going in the third frame as both squads scored just two points each.

Forsan drew to with



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Forsan senior Tye Baker, center, draws plenty of contact in the lane against Garden City junior Alex Halfmann during action in Garden City Friday night. The Bearkats got a steal and layup late in the fourth quarter from senior Shaun Maxie and won the game by three.

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back to leave the Bearkats down one late in the contest.

With the clock now an issue, the Bearkats furiously tried to get the ball away from Forsan as the Buffs ran as much time off as they could.

With under 30 seconds left, Maxie managed to get the ball away from Paredez at halfcourt and raced to the other end, giving Garden City a 44-43 lead after the layup.

But Maxie quickly gave Forsan (11-2) a chance to get back the lead, fouling Paredez and sending him to the line for a one-and-one opportunity with just 16.8 seconds left.

Paredez was unable to connect on the front-end and Forsan's Steven Chavez was called for a foul as he came down with the rebound.

Multer calmly hit both free shots, giving the Bearkats a 46-43 advantage.

Forsan rushed up the court, but Baker's shot was blocked, causing the Buffs to foul and send Garden City (6-2) back to the line with 5.6 seconds left.

Maxie missed the front-end of the one-and-one and Baker's last second shot came up just short as the buzzer sounded, giving the Bearkats the win.

Forsan will next play in the Sterling City Tournament Dec. 28-30, while the Bearkats will take on Monahans in the Reagan County Tournament at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 28. The tourney runs through Dec. 30.



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Rivalry game between Cowboys, Redskins actually has meaning

• Both teams seek spot in postseason

By JOSEPH WHITE

AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. — It's a confluence of circumstance unseen in 13 years. The Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins are playing each other late in the season, and both teams are still in serious contention for a playoff berth.

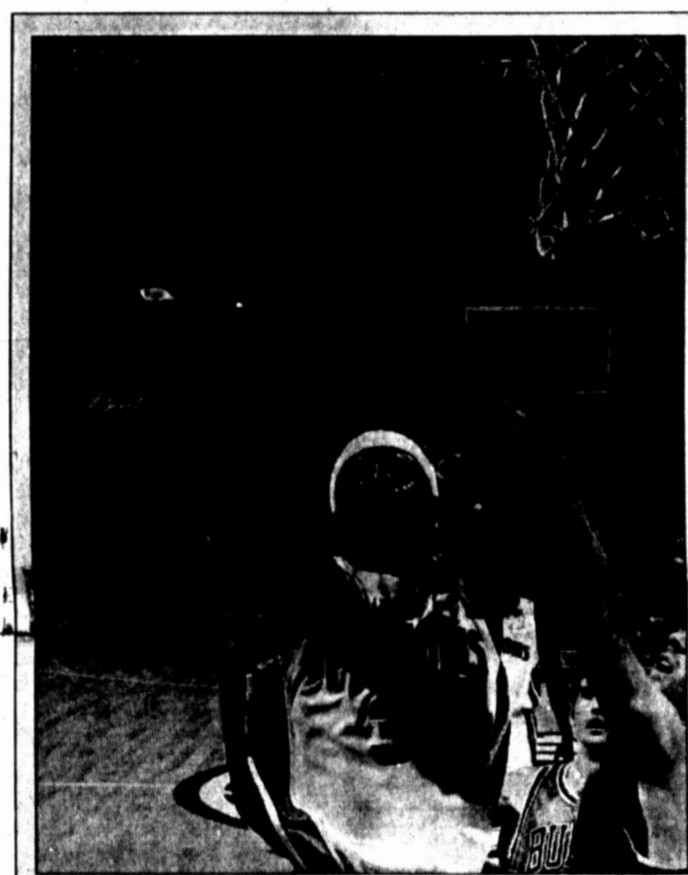
"I remember growing up, when the Cowboys beat the Redskins, it was a big deal," Dallas quarterback Drew Bledsoe said. "It had huge implications for both teams. It's nice to see that return."

Nice, but more than a

little nerve-racking. Two teams that have lived and died through last-minute wins and losses all season — 20 of their combined 26 games have been decided by seven points or fewer — are treating Sunday as an elimination game. The Cowboys (8-5) and Redskins (7-6) are trying to overtake the New York Giants (9-4) in the NFC East while simultaneously battling several other teams for wild card position.

"Everybody can do all the what-ifs, but what's important to us is that it means something," Washington coach Joe Gibbs said. "It means a lot to both teams. From

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KRT photo/Julian H. Gonzalez, Detroit Free Press
The Detroit Pistons' Richard Hamilton (32) drives by Chicago Bulls' Andres Nocioni in the first half at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Auburn Hills, Mich., Friday. The Pistons defeated the Bulls, 102-82.

Nowitzki's miss turns into Dallas' gain in win

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki missed a jumper that would have given the Dallas Mavericks a win in regulation.

It was his last miss of the night. Nowitzki was short in overtime and added two free throws for 10 of his 31 points, sending the Mavericks over the Orlando Magic 109-103 Friday night.

"That was Dirk being a superstar," teammate Josh Howard said. "He did what it took to win this game. When he does things like that, the sky's the limit for us."

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Last-second shot dooms Lady Cats

• Schuelke leads Grady in defeat

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

PLAINS — A Sarah Broome 15-foot jump shot with one second to go Friday sent Plains to a 43-42 win over Grady at home.

Plains led the entire first half, leading by nine at the break, before Grady

got back into the game in the second half.

The Lady Cats trimmed their deficit to six after three quarters and outscored Plains, 17-12, in the final quarter, but came up just short in the end.

Broome led all scorers with 24 points as Plains improved to 9-5 on the season.

Grady (8-6) had balanced scoring, led by

Kandace Schuelke's eight points.

Kenzie Madison and Stefani Robles each scored seven, while Kelsi Howard and Sandi Cox added six points apiece. The Lady Cats made four out of seven shots from the line.

Grady will host Trinity at 9 a.m. Dec. 28 as part of the Cotton Classic Tourney, which will also take place in Klondike.



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Nowitzki had only 11 points after three quarters against Orlando's double-teaming defense, but he scored 10 in the fourth quarter to set up a strong overtime. Nowitzki, averaging 30.3 points over his last eight games, went 12-for-19 from the field and 7-of-8 from the foul line.

"I didn't have good looks early, but at the end I had to be aggressive for us to win," Nowitzki said after Dallas improved to 9-0 this season when he scores 30 or more.

Nowitzki had Dallas' first six points of overtime, but Orlando tied the game again before Devin Harris' 15-footer with 1:47 left gave the Mavericks the lead for good at 101-99.

Harris got another basket on a goaltending call against Dwight Howard for a 103-99 edge with 1:16 remaining.

Grant Hill made two free throws with 1:01 to play to pull Orlando within two, but Nowitzki swished a 16-footer with 47 seconds left and made two foul shots with 15 seconds to play to give the Mavericks a 107-101 lead.

Josh Howard scored 24 points for Dallas before fouling out with 1:06 left in regulation. Jason Terry had 22 points and Harris contributed 18 points for the Mavericks, who've won seven of their last eight.

Hill had 28 points in his second game this season after missing Orlando's first 19 following surgery for a sports hernia. Hedo Turkoglu added 17 points and Steve Francis had 16 for the Magic, who

have lost six of eight.

The Mavericks opened the fourth quarter with an 11-3 run. Nowitzki began the surge with consecutive baskets, Josh Howard hit a 20-footer and a 3-pointer on consecutive possessions, and Nowitzki drained a 15-footer to Dallas in front, 77-70.

Hill scored seven points during a 10-2 spurt, and his three-point play with 1:06 remaining pulled the Magic even at 93.

Hill missed a 14-footer with 25 seconds left that could have given Orlando the lead.

"I thought Grant's shot was down," Magic coach Brian Hill said. "He gave it a great effort."

Terry got the rebound and the Mavericks called a timeout with 14 seconds left to set up a final shot, but Nowitzki missed an 18-footer with 2 seconds remaining.

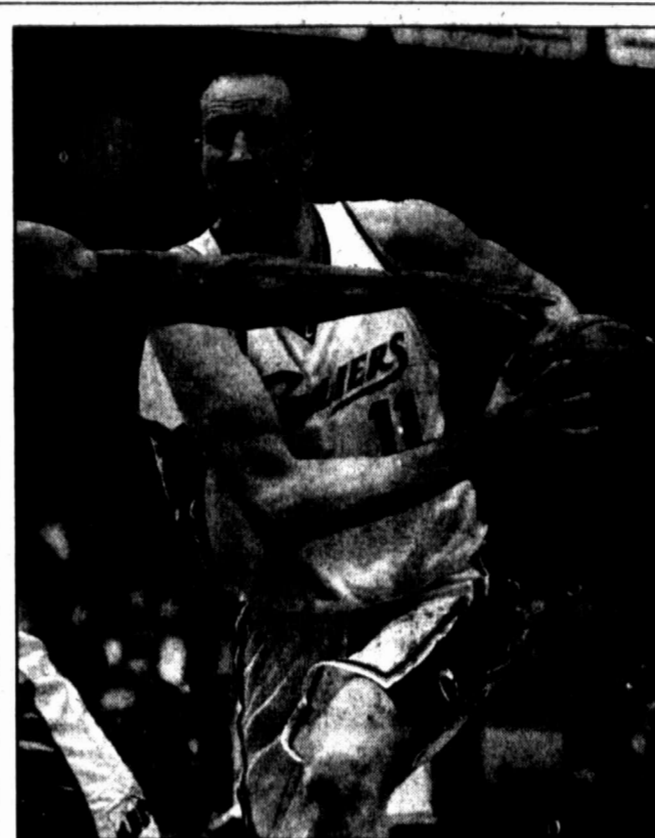
The Magic, who got four blocks in the third quarter from Dwight Howard, took a 67-66 edge into the final quarter.

Terry had a four-point play with 1:56 left before halftime when he hit a 3-pointer, was fouled and converted a free throw to give Dallas a 48-43 advantage.

But Orlando finished the second quarter with five unanswered points to draw even at the break.

Grant Hill had to take himself out of the game twice because he was winded due to his lengthy layoff.

Hill played 23 minutes in his season debut on Wednesday against the New York Knicks before logging 37 minutes against the Mavericks. "That was a good team and we played them well," he said.



KRT photo/Law Stamp, Akron Beacon Journal
Cleveland Cavaliers' Zydrunas Ilgauskas drives to the basket during the first half of Cleveland's game against Denver at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday.

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that standpoint, it's a big game, and it's fun to be playing a big game this time of year."

Redskins-Cowboys is always a big game, but the rivalry has lost some shine over the last decade or so as one team or the other — and sometimes both — have struggled. Their last mutually big December game was on Dec. 13, 1992, when play-off-bound Washington beat eventual Super Bowl champion Dallas 20-17 at RFK Stadium.

Combining the rivalry with the playoff atmosphere makes the game twice as big, but there's more.

The Redskins, out of the postseason since 1999, haven't had a game this big — rival or not — in several years. Also, after decades of blowing big leads to Dallas, Washington finally got a miracle victory in the series in Week 2, when Santana Moss caught two long passes in the final four minutes in a 14-13 Monday night stunner that had owner Dan Snyder jumping out of his skin in celebration.

"I think it's the longest anticipation of a game," Moss said. "I'm pretty sure they've been anticipating seeing us again, so here we go."

The Cowboys tried to downplay the revenge factor this week, in part because of all the drama that's taken place in the meantime.

Close losses to Seattle and Denver sting more because they're more recent. The Redskins have followed a similar

script, blowing late leads in losses to Tampa Bay, Oakland and San Diego.

In other words, while picking Sunday's winner will be tough, a close, low-scoring game that hinges on a last-minute play looks like a certainty.

The Redskins have scored 21 points only four times all season and haven't topped 200 yards passing in four weeks. By losing in Week 2, the Cowboys taught the rest of the league a lesson that has since been learned well: Double-team Moss, and Washington's offense suddenly looks very ordinary.

The Cowboys, meanwhile, lead the NFL in time of possession and are second in rushing attempts, notwithstanding last week's open-it-up attack that was needed to keep pace with Kansas City.

Young tackles Terrin Tucker and Rob Pettitt will have their hands full stopping the aggressive Redskins blitzes.

The Redskins are looking for their first sweep in the series since 1995, still far behind the 14 sweeps the Cowboys have enjoyed since the teams starting playing each other in 1960. Dallas has won 14 of the last 16 meetings, which is why Snyder was so happy when Moss caught those passes in September.

The winner of this December game will be cheering not only because of a victory over a rival, but because it will keep playoff hopes within reasonable grasp.

"Win this game or we're out of the playoffs," Washington defensive end Phillip Daniels said.

Police conduct investigation of crimes committed in Austin

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Police said Friday they are investigating separate cases of assault and robbery downtown that investigators believe may have been committed by University of Texas athletes.

Police would not identify the suspects, say how many are being investigated or if they are members of the second-ranked Longhorns football team, which is scheduled to play top-ranked Southern California in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 4.

Three Austin television stations reported that the suspects are football players. The school said it had talked to the athletes and did not plan any action against them.

According to police, the incidents were an alleged armed robbery with an automatic handgun on Sept. 4 and assault and attempted robbery on Dec. 10. No charges have been filed.

Austin police spokesman Kevin Buchman said his office issued the statement after receiving several inquiries from the news media.

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- 2002 Chevrolet Suburban LT - Pewter w/Leather, Loaded, One Owner w/45,000 Miles. **SOLD** NOW \$20,995
- 2002 Cadillac Escalade 4x4 - Sandstone w/Leather, Fully Loaded, Local One Owner w/40,000 Miles. **SOLD** NOW \$29,995
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Dodges

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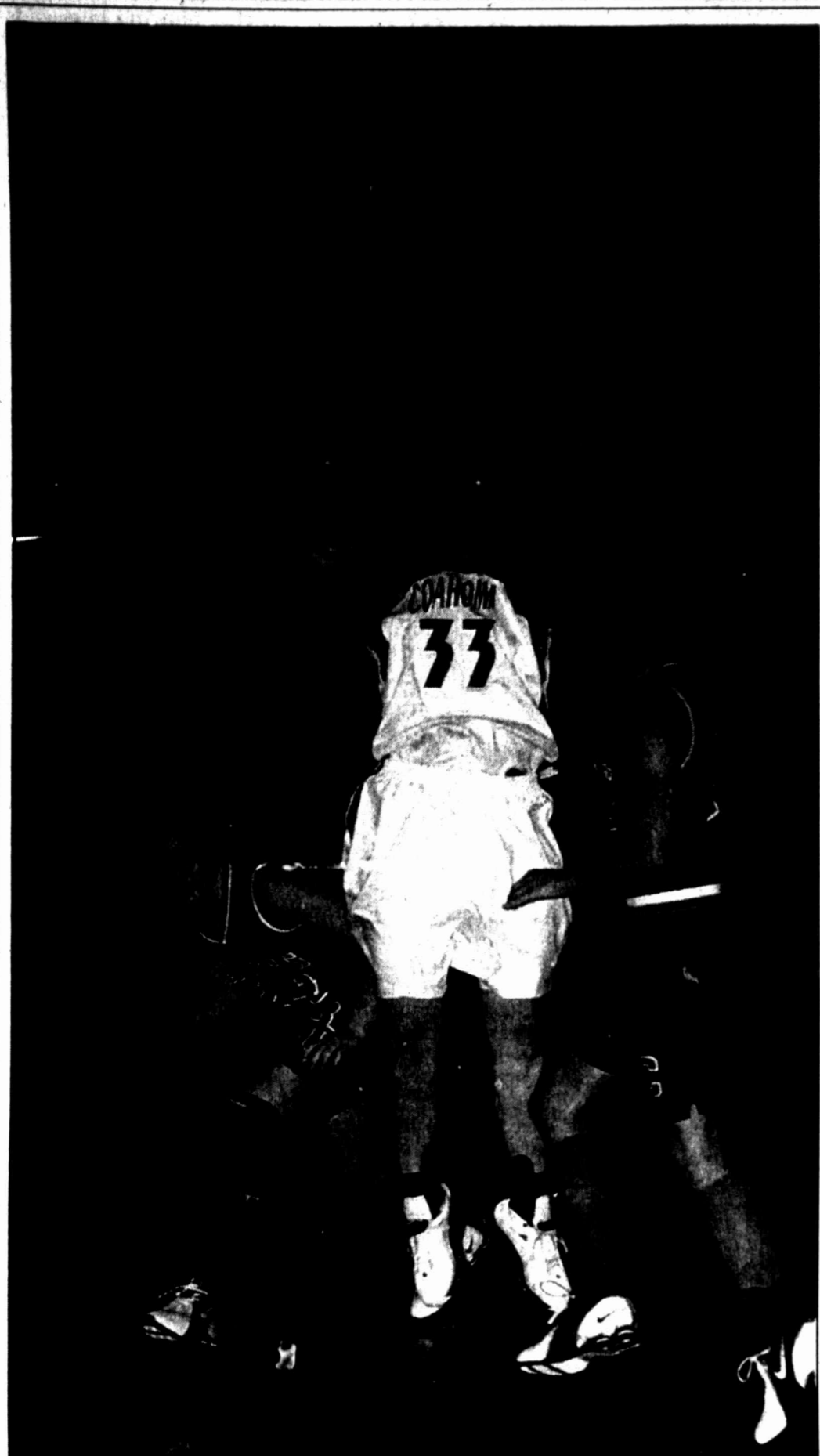
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- 2002 Harley Davidson Road King Classic - Pearl White, Local One Owner, 25,000 Miles. **SOLD** NOW \$14,995

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Coahoma freshman Christie Rich scores two of her 10 points in the lane against Borden County Friday. The Bulldogettes cruised to the easy victory.

COAHOMA

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third quarter before "calling off the dogs" in the final period on its way to five points.

Senior Sterling Gee led Coahoma's balanced attack with 13 points, while sophomore



Christie Rich added 10. Freshmen Shelbi Paige and Laci Sterling scored nine and eight points,

respectively. The Bulldogettes did not fare well at the free throw line, however, as they made just 12 out of 26 shots.

Coahoma will next play Irion County in the first round of the Reagan County Tournament Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. The tournament runs through Dec. 30.

AREA

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in three to start the fourth quarter, but Garden City (12-3) went on an 8-0 run, led by junior Lauren Plagens and junior Brittney Chudej to put the game out of reach.

The Lady Buffs scored the last four points as Kaylor Stanley and Spence each had buckets closing the margin to 24-17. The damage had already been done as the Lady Kats went on to win by the same score.

Spence led all Forsan scorers with nine and Stanley finished with four points.

Leading the Lady Kats with eight points was Plagens.

Garden City junior Erin Hirt, the team's leading scorer, missed the game after undergoing knee surgery. She is expected to miss the tournament in Reagan County over Christmas break, but should be back in the lineup in time for district play.

Forsan will next see action in the Sterling City Tournament, which will take place Dec. 28-30.

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happy holidays

Spring Tabernacle Church 10th annual Christmas Give-Away

A year's worth of work by about 10 volunteers and the Revs. Arnold and Mona Lou Tonn brought the give-away cheer to about 100 families and at least 300 children Friday with the 10th annual Christmas Give-Away.

Many of the parents and grandparents at the give-away said without the help of this ministry, their families would not receive Christmas presents.

"I lost my job and this is going to be our hardest Christmas ever," said Delilah Soto, mother of five ranging in ages from 3 to 13.

"My husband works, but he makes \$220 per week, which is just barely enough to cover our rent and bills. I apologized to my children, told them I am so sorry because this Christmas we won't be giving them anything, but they are so great, they all said 'Mom that's OK,'" she said.

In fact, her 8 year old was given \$10 for Christmas from a friend, which he gave to his mother as she was searching for pennies to use for gasoline.

"It's just so hard, he's only 8, but he said 'Mom, take this and give it back to me when you can.'"

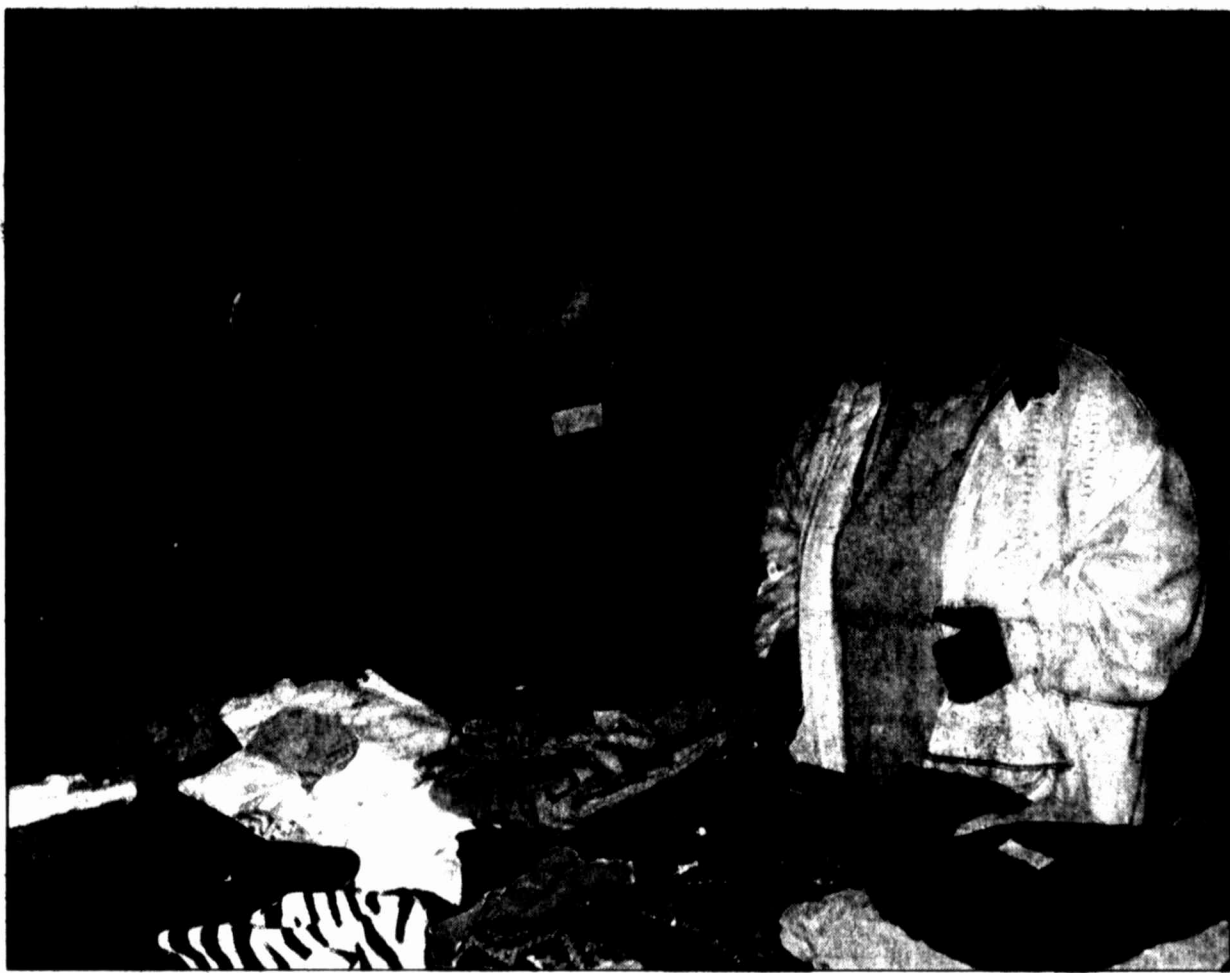
Families such as Sotos are the reason the Tonns have kept this ministry going for so many years. Each family attending the giveaway at the church on Wright Street was given a sticker and asked for the number of children for whom they wanted gifts.

As numbers were called, the adults were led to the back of the church, where a baby room, toy room, clothing and clothing room had a large selection of new and good, used clothes and toys from which the families selected gifts.

Because each family is given personalized attention as they select their gifts from the different rooms, the wait is often long, but the families don't seem to mind, Mona Lou said.

"This is about the love of God and Jesus Christ, His son. Our ministry is to bless these people and that's what we strive to do," Bro. Tonn said.

Contact Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com



Mona Lou Tonn, above, helps Christine Rojo select presents for children at the Spring Tabernacle Church toy give-away Friday. In the lower left photo, Lisa Lang selects a pair of shoes to fit her child. Yolanda Perez, top right photo, selects a stuffed animal back pack with the assistance of volunteer Ethel Pringle. Right, Perez, Pringle and Cat Wendland hunt for blue jeans in the clothing room of the Spring Tabernacle Church. Nila Allen, below right, assists Billy Alvarado select toys for his four children.



Christmas more than 'winter program'

Happy Holidays
Y'all

You know, it used to be the commercialism of Christmas I had a distaste for, but now it has been replaced with something else.

What in the world is going on around here? No prayer in school, no Ten Commandments in court houses, although in the Supreme Court building they begin each session with prayer to God and in Congress they have a paid clergy do the same thing.

What's going on? Do as I say not as I do? I hear some guy in California is trying to have "in God We Trust" taken off our currency.

There is a story from the Web site American Family Association Online, and the byline goes like this "A Christmas witch in Wisconsin Public School."

And while I will not go into full detail of the story, I do want to share some of items in it.

"Wisconsin Elementary

School changes "Silent Night" to "Cold in Night" while decorating for Christmas witch!"

The school changed the name of "Silent Night" to "Cold in Night." Sung to the tune of "Silent Night," the lyrics include: "Cold in the night, no one in sight, winter winds whirl and bite, how I wish I were happy and warm, safe with my family out of the storm."

The "winter program" included decorating classrooms with Santa Claus, Kwanza symbols, Menorah and Labafana — a Christmas witch!"

Additionally they have banned every Christian song which has any Christian "motive or theme."

But they can sing songs celebrating Hanukkah. They say in Wisconsin their educational leaders teach tolerance and diversity while being highly intolerant.

Banning nativity scenes. Banning Christmas songs in school. Banning Christmas in advertising.

Calling a Christmas tree a "holiday" tree. Calling a Christmas parade a holiday parade. Refusing to mention the Reason for the Season.

In my opinion, its time to take a stand for our children, our families, our faith and our freedom!

Some may say we can't do this or that because of what the Constitution says, but they misunderstand. It says that government cannot establish a church and say you have to go to that church.

It's my belief, taking God out of schools, currency, and for heaven's sake out of Christmas is just wrong and sets the wrong example.

Why do we celebrate Christmas? It's when our Lord and Savior was born and they want to change this? How distasteful is that?

All I can say is, y'all have a Merry Christmas and God bless everyone!

Burr Lea Settles Jr. is a former fire marshal for Howard County.

Tips to curb holiday stress

The scheduling, shopping, decorating and bustle of the holidays produces, for many, more stress than pleasure and can often become a barrier to valued activities.

Stress, anxiety, loneliness and pain are normal facets of life, but they need not ruin lives or dampen the holiday season. The trick is to learn how to bring acceptance and compassion to yourself, your stress, your worries, and your anxieties, and to move forward and do what you truly care about.

John P. Forsyth, director of the University at Albany's Anxiety Disorders Research Program, offers the following simple tips and reminders for dealing with the stress of the holiday season:

You can choose to say "no" — to parties, get-togethers, shopping excursions, and other holiday activities. Do not over-schedule yourself. Make choices that are your own and that are consistent with your val-

ues.
• Recognize what you have control over. — You can control your choices, your actions, decisions, plans, etc. You have very little control over situations and no control over the thoughts, feelings, choices, and actions of other people around you.
• Make time for YOU. — Be mindful of and increase, your calming, relaxing moments — breathe deeply, drink your favorite tea, think pleasant thoughts, take a nap.

• End the tug of war with anxiety and stress. — Drop the rope, and become an observer. Practice living in the present moment.
• Connect with your values — What do you want your life to stand for? What do you value in your life? Have the holidays become too commercial for you?
Are you spending time with your friends, family and loved ones regularly? Look around at what you spend your time doing and commit to

moving your life forward.
• Watch what you are doing with your hands, feet, and mouth. — These are your actions that define what you are and, in a sense, what you care about.

Are you tapping your foot impatiently? Eating too many holiday cookies? Clue in to your body language and what it may be telling you about how you think and feel.

• Focus on the process, not just the outcome. — Abandon your commitment to perfection — the party you're having, the gift you're giving, the gift you received, the outfit you're wearing, etc.

• Practice random acts of kindness. — This can be for yourself and others. Reach out to others who are in need. Do something nice for yourself, too. Focus on the process. Do things because YOU, and only you, can do them.

Provided by the University of Albany's Anxiety Disorders Research Program.

Newcomers

- Craig Maxwell, wife, Anita, son, Braden, 8 months old, formerly of Sweetwater. He owns and operates Papa Georgio's Pizza.
- Chad Armstrong, wife, Stacy, formerly of Lubbock. He is the manager formerly of Sherwin Williams.
- Joel Galindo formerly of San Angelo. He is the assistant manager of the Wal-Mart Super Center.
- Kathy Roach, daughters, Kristin, 15, Lauren, 17 and Sarah, 13 formerly of New Braunfels. She is a registered nurse at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- Patty Tidwell, son, Tom, 18, formerly of Andrews. She is a lab

- technician at Big Spring State Hospital.
- Anthony Truong formerly of Los Angeles, Calif. He is a lab technician at the VAMC.
- Dennis Welch, wife, Bobbie, formerly of Hattiesburg, Miss. He is retired from the U.S. Marine Corp.
- Gerald Andrews, wife, Theresa formerly of Gulf Port, Miss. He is a disabled veteran.
- Gary Sheridan, wife, Margaret, daughter, Jacee, 7, son, Garrett, 15, formerly of Robert Lee. He is a oil field electrician for TESCO.
- Martha Graham, formerly of San Angelo.
- James Pace, wife, Brenda, formerly of

- Meraux, La. He is a mechanic for Tony Lester Automotive.
- Jacque Williams, son, Jerrell, 13, daughters, Tanaya, 15, Kamara, 11, formerly of Omaha, Neb. She works for StarTek.
- Nicholas Eagan, wife, Arlene, sons, Ricky, 5, Rory, 2, daughter, Brooklynn, 14, formerly of St. Bernard, La. He is a cook at Mountain View Lodge.
- Leslie Thomason, wife, Vivian, formerly of Newton, Miss. He is a truck driver for Sysco.
- Carlos Garcia, wife, Belinda, daughter, Debra Lopez, grandchildren, Destney, 9, Carmen, 5, Anthony, 7, and Brandon, 1, formerly of Muleshoe.

- She is a teacher's aid at Washington Elementary.
- Briana Graham, wife, Sylvestr, daughter, Hannah, 21 months old, formerly of Odessa. He works for the railroad company.
- Roy Hernandez, wife, Andrea, sons, Gabriel, 9, Christopher, 4, formerly of Kingman, Ariz. He is a tire technician.
- Raymond, wife, Frances, son, formerly of Kingman, Ariz.
- Rudolso Ramirez,

- wife, Norma, son, Nikoles, 6 months old, formerly of San Antonio. He is the safety manager for TIC Industrial.
- Aaren Keely, son, James, 18, formerly of McCamey. He is employed with the Big Spring State Hospital.
- Owen Pascual, wife, Joann, son, Owen Jr, formerly of Chalmette, La. He is a retired iron worker.
- Penny Rivert, son, Michael, formerly of Chalmette, La.

life! holiday deadlines set

Monday is the deadline for all submission for the Dec. 24-25 weekend edition of the Big Spring Herald, as well as Church News and Club News that publishes Dec. 23.

For the New Year holiday, all articles to be published in the weekend edition of the Herald Dec. 31-Jan. 1 are due in the newspaper office by Dec. 26.

For more information, call 263-7331 or e-mail life @ bigspringherald.com

Menus

- Big Spring ISD**
Monday: Breakfast, cereal, sausage links, grape juice, milk; Lunch, rib sandwich, coleslaw, ranch-style beans, holiday ice cream cup (high school second choice, chicken).
Tuesday: Breakfast, cinnamon roll, applesauce cup, milk; Lunch, turkey and dressing, English peas, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit salad, rolls (high school second choice, grilled cheese).
Wednesday: Breakfast, tortilla, sausage links, orange juice, milk; Lunch, green enchiladas, border beans, Spanish rice, corn.
Thursday: Breakfast, toaster pastry, cheese bites, milk; Sack Lunch Day, ham and cheese, chips, pickle spears, apples, whole wheat sugar cookies.
Friday: Happy Holidays

- den salad, orange smiles, corn, milk.
- Wednesday-Friday: Happy Holidays
- Stanton ISD**
Happy Holidays
- Westbrook ISD**
Monday: Breakfast, sausage "n" blanket, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, tacos w/cheese, salsa, corn, peaches, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast, toast and jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, Frito pie w/chili and cheese, salsa, pinto beans, pear halves, milk.
Wednesday-Friday:

- Happy Holiday
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center**
Monday: Lunch, smothered steak, mashed potatoes, pea salad, milk, bread, fruit.
Tuesday: Lunch, cheese burges, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, milk, buns, pudding.
Wednesday: Lunch, baked chicken, potatoes, broccoli and cheese, milk, bread, cake.
Thursday: Lunch, steak fingers, rice, beet salad, milk, bread, fruited gelatin.
Friday: Holiday.

- Forsan ISD**
Monday: Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken stir fry, egg rolls, rice green beans, mixed fruit, milk.
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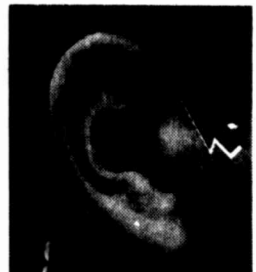
NEW TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Young People Lead Nation Buying Hi-Fi-Tech Device

Remember LIFE cereal's "Let Mikey Try It?" The kid did, and so did we.
It should be no surprise that young people buy cool things first, then the rest of us follow. The new VW Beetle, Starbucks, Dr. Bronners, Blackberry, and iPod are examples of remarkable products that were first discovered by youthful thinkers before the majority of the world finally caught on.
So what's next? Well, it's a tiny computer called HearStic, and it's being snatched-up by

the forty-something crowd like proverbial hot-cakes.
HearStic, which is manufactured by Minnesota-based Audibel, digitally enhances conversations in noisy situations using a tiny on-board computer chip. And interestingly enough, their popularity has spread quickly—not by what they look like, because they are practically impossible to see when being worn—but by good reviews, word of mouth and a remarkable hi-fi sound. Hear-Stic markets itself with very little

effort because it solves a really big problem in an innovatively cool way: namely, it corrects high-frequency hearing loss without plugging the ear canal. It lets natural sounds just pass through the ear canal unamplified and gives a hi-fidelity boost only to soft speech sounds. The silicon brain of the HearStic is about the size of a paper clip and is worn in the crease just behind the ear. Digitally-processed sound is transmitted into the ear canal through a fiber-optic-sized tube, which is



Digital sound is transmitted into the ear canal by a tiny fiber-optic size tube. The computer is the size of a paper clip is worn hidden behind the ear.

unnoticeable. HearStic is available from Livingston Audiology & Hearing Aid Centers, 211 Johnson Street in Big Spring. 267-7052

Local Technology Expert Says Device Popularity is Justified

"In the practice of hearing correction, eight out of 10 patients I see are 60 and older, and are usually referred to me by their doctor," said Kay Potter of Livingston Hearing Centers. "Recently, though, a new user started showing up. A 40- through 50-year-old, well educated buyer who is savvy to electronics and who already

knows what they want... and they want HearStic."
HearStic is a miniature sound computer that gives a high-fidelity sound boost to the quiet sounds in conversation, and is unnoticeable when being worn. Background noise is not amplified at all but is allowed to pass naturally through the breathable ear bud. This keeps the wearer from having a "stopped-up" feeling which happens with hearing aids. And the fact that this Hi-Fi system really works has made its popularity spread by simple word-of-mouth," said Potter.

The cool little devices are available at Livingston Hearing Centers.
"I am recommending these for anyone who wants to hear better, regardless of their age," says Potter. "You'll hear better, I guarantee it, or your money back."
"Because of the popularity of HearStic, we have made them available at all of our locations," said Potter.
"Please feel free to call and set up a time for a free demonstration. You will be delighted."

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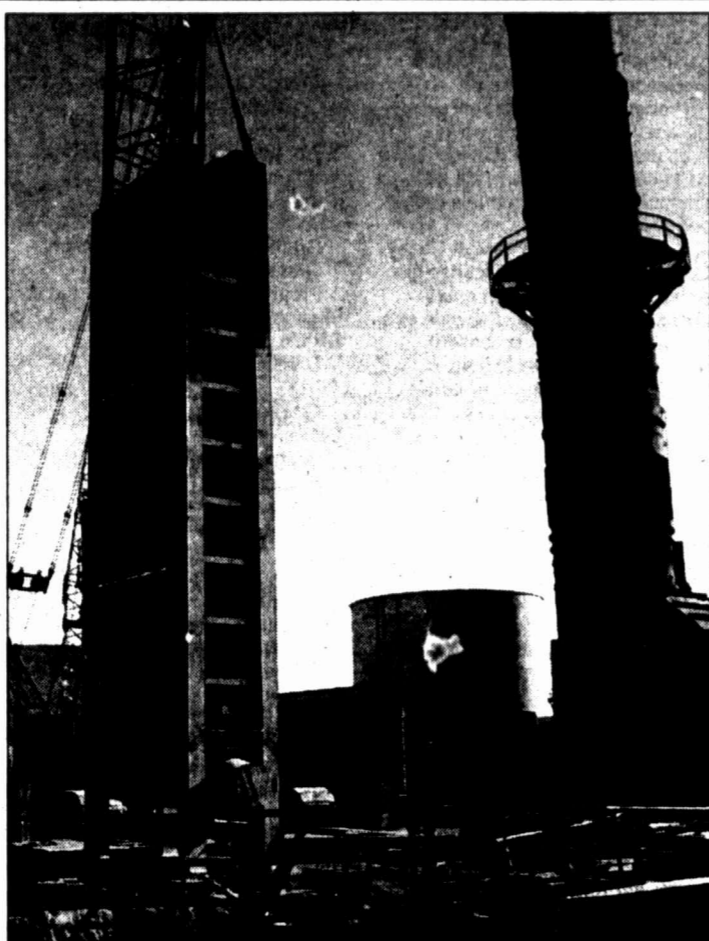
One of three recovery steam generators set to be installed at Sid Richardson Carbon Black, this piece of equipment will be used to generate electricity for the facility, with the remainder to be sold to the local electrical grid.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

BELOW

This recovery steam generator, part of the \$28 million power plant being built at Sid Richardson Carbon Black, waits to be lifted off the trailer. The generator, which weighs more than 300,000 pounds, was trucked to the plant from Abilene, according to J. Philippe A. Poirier, senior project engineer for The Industrial Company.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins



In the black

Sid Richardson's co-gen project coming along well, manager says

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Work on the \$28 million power plant being installed at Big Spring's Sid Richardson Carbon and Energy Company is moving along nicely, according to project officials, with excess electricity headed for the utility grid as soon as May 2006.

Steve Honea, manager for the local plant, said the project has seen the typical delays since it began earlier this year, but things are certainly on track at this point.

"The project is going really good," said Honea. "We've run up against the kind of delays you'd expect on a project like this, but we expect to start making steam in March and have everything ready to go in May. We're very excited about it."

"We'll no longer have to rely on natural gas or electricity. We'll be able to produce our own energy and sell the remainder. That's a very big thing for us."

—Steve Honea, manager

According to Honea, the idea isn't necessarily a new one. However, thanks to the recent deregulation of the electrical utility market, it's now a viable option for Sid Richardson to take advantage of.

"Deregulation made it much more attractive," said Honea. "In a regulated market the profit margin wouldn't be as high as compared to a deregulated market. We won't be a provider — you won't be able to buy your electricity from Sid Richardson. We'll look for a company to take all of the electricity we make and they will sell the electricity."

The company announced in February it would be adding a \$28 million power plant to its Big Spring facility, producing 24 megawatts of energy for the plant itself as well as everyday electricity customers in the area.

"We produce a waste gas which we burn for environmental reasons," said Honea. "That energy is going right up the stack. So what we're planning to do is put a boiler in the stream to make steam, then take that steam and turn it through a turbine which will turn a generator, making electricity."

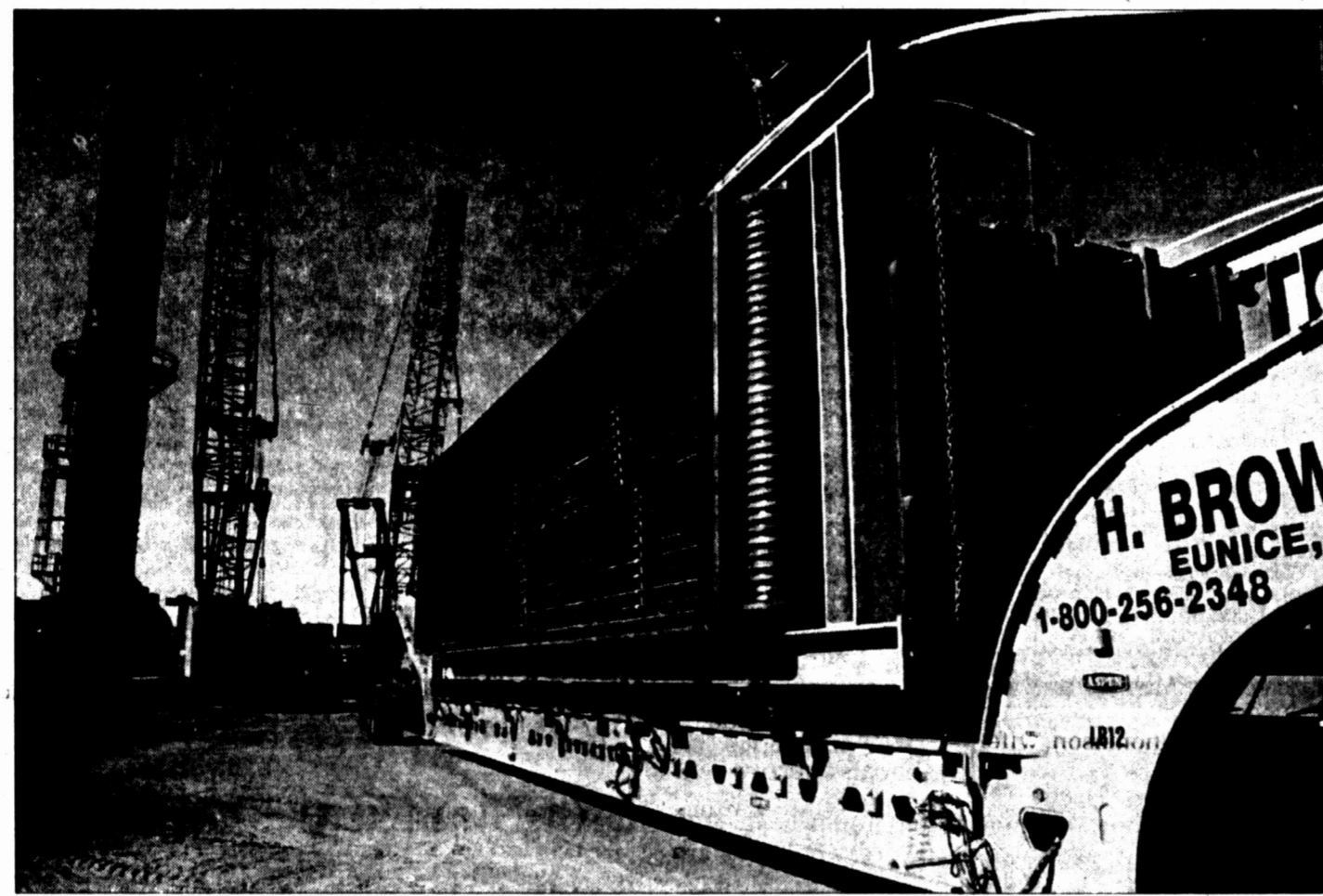
"It's not really renewable energy, but it's an energy we're already making out there all of the time. It's part of the process. So the fuel for this co-gen is basically free to us."

"We're going to put this electricity on the grid and more than likely you're getting what I'm making, but someone probably hundreds of miles away is going to be paying us for it."

When it's completed, Honea said the co-gen portion of the plant will represent a great deal of security for the facility's future.

"This is another income for the plant," said Honea. "We'll no longer have to rely on natural gas or electricity. We'll be able to produce our own energy and sell the remainder. That's a very big thing for us."

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Alon USA chairman Wiessman named Israel's Man of the Year

Special to the Herald

David Wiessman, chairman of Dallas-based Alon USA and president of the

Alon Group in Israel, has been named Israel's Man of the Year for 2005.

This honor was awarded at the annual Israel

Business Conference.

Held for the past 11 years, the conference is viewed by Israel's leaders of commerce as the most important business event conducted in the country.

It is attended by the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance, other ministers and top Israeli business people, including industry leaders, industrialists, economists, senior officials, politicians and representatives of various social organizations.

In selecting Wiessman as "Man of the Year," the selection panel cited a number of substantial qualifications.

In the past year, the Alon Group completed several major financial transactions, including issuance of stock by subsidiaries Dor-Alon and



HERALD file photo
Alon USA chairman David Wiessman, left, visits with Texas Gov. Rick Perry during the Big Spring Refinery's 75th anniversary.

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SNB EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Courtesy photo
State National Bank has announced that Jana Long has been elected 2005 Employee of the Year by the bank employees. She serves as vice president in the Big Spring office and has been with SNB four years and in banking 18 years. She is pictured with John Currie, left, president of the board, and Jim Purcell, president.

Industry strong, but problems from drought loom

By BETSY BLANEY
AP Agriculture Writer

LUBBOCK — Texas laid claim to the first homegrown U.S. case of mad cow disease this year and faces potentially disastrous, drought conditions next year, yet officials in the nation's leading cattle-producing state say the 2006 outlook is good.

The Texas cattle industry had a good year thanks to strong demand and tight supplies, and got another boost this week when the lucrative Japanese

market opened to some U.S. beef.

"I think it should have a positive effect," said John Welch, who manages up to 10,000 head of cattle on Spade Ranches across West Texas. "A lot go from Texas. I think it's enough to impact our market favorably."

Things weren't looking so promising this summer.

In June a Texas-born animal tested positive for mad cow disease, the first case in an animal born in the U.S. Federal offi-

cial couldn't pin down how the animal got infected with the brain-wasting ailment but believe the 12-year-old Brahma cross cow ate contaminated feed before the 1997 U.S. ban on using ground-up cattle remains to feed cattle.

The only way the disease is known to spread is through eating brain and other nerve tissue from infected cows. Mad cow disease is the common name for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, a degenerative nerve disease. In

people, eating contaminated meat products is linked to a rare but fatal disease called variant Creutzfeldt Jakob disease.

Markets reacted briefly to the Texas case, but overall consumers barely flinched, producers said.

"Our prices stayed good," Welch said. "I think consumers realized we had good firewalls in place and there was no danger to the consumers."

Those safeguards apparently helped give Japan confidence to

accept U.S. beef again. Japan said it would only import meat from cows younger than 21 months because no mad cow cases have ever been found in cows that age.

In 2003, the year it banned U.S. beef, Japan bought \$1.4 billion worth. The ban came shortly after the December 2003 discovery of the U.S.'s first case of mad cow disease in a Canadian-born animal in Washington state.

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County Court Decisions:
Probed Judgment: Javier Payen, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probed Judgment: Freddie Ramos, possession of a dangerous drug without a prescription, \$500 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probed Judgment: Erenest Olivas, failure to identify - intentionally giving false information, \$500 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probed Judgment: Kristopher J. Burke, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$336 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probed Judgment: Irene Paredes Flores, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$266 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probed Judgment: Matt Casey Edwards, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$266 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probed Judgment: Paul Moreno Jr., burglary of a vehicle, \$500 fine, \$320 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
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District Filings:
Bobby Joe Rivera vs. Alicia M. Rivera, divorce.
In Re McComb Family Trust vs. In Re, other civil.
Molly Elizabeth Turner vs. Nick Hernandez, family protective order.
Chad Hasty vs. Michael A. Carrasco, injury or damages - other.
Kay Frances Kees Cashion vs. Ann Cunningham, accounts, notes and contracts.
Citifinancial Mortgage Company vs. Sharon Redford, accounts, notes and contracts.
Marriage Licenses:
Oscar Flores Enriquez, 32, and **Michelle Lee Diaz**, 30, both of Big Spring.
Joel Derek Cluck, 24, and **Holly Page Hukill**, 21, both of Big Spring.
Jason Scott Williams, 26, and **Sohnna Nicole Tubbs**, 18, both of Big Spring.
Warranty deeds:
Grantor: Roger L. Hodnett and Sherry Hodnett
Grantee: Vernon Wolf and Delores Wolf
Property: A tract out of Section 57, Block 20, Lavaca Navigation Co. Survey
Date Filed: Dec. 2, 2005
Grantor: Leota Fay Reid, Della Pearl Holiday, Kenneth Leroy

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Grantee: Benito and Silveria Gonzales
Property: Lot 2, Block 1, Reynolds Addition
Date Filed: Dec. 2, 2005
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Grantee: Diane Willard
Property: Lots 6 and 7 and the N/2 of Lot 5, Block 17, Saunders Addition
Date Filed: Dec. 2, 2005
Grantor: Roy Don Beauchamp
Grantee: First RDW Ltd.
Property: A 5.8 acre tract out of Section 33, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Dec. 7, 2005
Grantor: Andrew G. Lopez and Drewcilla Lopez
Grantee: Charles W. Buzbee
Property: Lot 4, Block 3, Wrights Second Addition
Date Filed: Dec. 8, 2005
Grantor: Antonio Zavala and Maria Zavala
Grantee: Jesus Emanuel Martinez and Veronica Martinez
Property: Lot 11, Block 39, Bauer Addition
Date Filed: Dec. 8, 2005
Warranty deeds with vendors
Grantor: Benjamin Edward Baucum and Kandace Tiana Baucum
Grantee: Jeremy L. Wright and Samantha Wright
Property: Lot 5, Block 27, Monticello Addition
Date Filed: Nov. 8, 2005
Grantor: Jennifer C. Towne
Grantee: Jennifer L. McLaughlin
Property: Lot 15, Block 1, Edwards Heights
Date Filed: Nov. 10, 2005
Grantor: Cynthia Jane Longoria
Grantee: Kayla J. Nichols and Kyle W. Nichols
Property: The E/5 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 5, Matcock Heights
Date Filed: Nov. 10, 2005
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Grantee: John M. Erazim
Property: The W/2 of the W/150 feet of Block 5, Edwards Heights
Date Filed: Nov. 17, 2005
Grantor: James Murray and Dorothy Murray
Grantee: Lon Rhoudes and Lisa Rhoudes
Property: The E/2 of Lot 10 and all of Lots 11-12, Block 13,

Edwards Heights
Date Filed: Nov. 18, 2005
Grantor: Citifinancial Inc.
Grantee: Jacoby J. Hooper and Stephanie G. Hooper
Property: Lot 30, Block 3, College Park Estates
Date Filed: Nov. 18, 2005
Grantor: Roger Coates
Grantee: Ver Del Inc.
Property: The N/2 of Section 14, Block 25
Date Filed: Nov. 18, 2005
Grantor: Forrest Weldon Appleton and Margie Ann Firenza
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Grantor: Ronald Kirk McDonald and Kathy McDonald
Grantee: Ken L. Burgess Jr.
Property: Lot 14, Block 4, Kentwood Addition
Date Filed: Nov. 21, 2005
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Grantee: James R. Miller and Ellen Miller
Property: Lot 29, Block 3, College Park Estates
Date Filed: Nov. 23, 2005
Grantor: Westex Auto Parts
Grantee: Ruby Buchanan
Property: Three tracts out of Kedntwood Unit No. 1
Date Filed: Nov. 23, 2005
Grantor: Robert McFaul and Stacy McFaul
Grantee: Taylor Two Energy LLC
Property: A 25 acre tract out of Section 20, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Nov. 23, 2005
Grantor: Dorathy Ann Fite and Don Fite
Grantee: Mary Sweeney
Property: A tract out of Section 34, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Nov. 29, 2005
Grantor: Katherine Lynn Dunn and James Henry Dunn
Grantee: Big Spring Realty Inc.
Property: Lot 3, Block 8, Cole and Strayhorn
Date Filed: Nov. 29, 2005
Grantor: Joe Stocks and Jerrie Stocks
Grantee: Justin Hobbs and Kristi Hobbs
Property: Lot 21, Block 2, College Park
Date Filed: Nov. 29, 2005

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"If we recapture some of that, that will really help our market," said Panhandle rancher Jay O'Brien. "But it's going to be slow." Along with the reopening comes strict guidelines for U.S. producers wanting to sell to Japan, said David Anderson, Texas Cooperative Extension livestock marketing economist. "There's a bunch of hoops to jump through," he said. "Everything that goes there has to be proven." Selling beef to Japan will generally mean keeping a paper trail from the ranch to the feedlot to the slaughterhouse, to verify cattle are killed at 20 months of age or younger. Matt Brockman, spokesman for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, said producers want Japan to eventually accept 30-

month-old animals. "Just because we've gotten the market opened up doesn't negate the fact that we have got to keep pressing to get this market completely opened up," he said. With mad cow concerns moving to the background, weather is now a chief concern for Texas beef producers. Severe drought conditions continue in the eastern third of the state, where most of the state's cattle are raised. Agriculture officials have estimated the livestock drought damage could reach \$1 billion by spring. A lack of rain has meant less winter forage for grazing cattle, and many farmers could be unable to harvest second and third cuttings of hay. The drought - which also includes parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri - has forced some ranchers to reduce their herds. Still, Anderson said, that shouldn't affect prices. "We will still see historically good

prices (in 2006), but not as high as 2005," he said. "Beef production has not expanded enough where we will crater." Through Dec. 1, numbers at cattle auctions in dry areas of Texas are up, Anderson said. "The big question is: Has this drought contributed to bringing prices down somewhat? In some instances, it has." The drought conditions come after two years of more than adequate moisture, Brockman said. "If we don't get some rain to replenish soil moisture, these effects are going to hang over into spring," he said. And if rains don't come then, the industry will return to "disaster mode," a replay of the late 1990s when drought gripped much of the state, Brockman said. "From the perspective that we could find ourselves next spring without adequate moisture is just very scary," he said. "A four- or five-inch snow (this winter) would be manna from heaven."

ALON

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Alon USA on the Tel Aviv and New York Stock Exchanges. Concurrently, the Alon Group became the controlling shareholder of the Blue Square retail group through the acquisition of shares from the Bronfman Group, the co-owner of Blue Square. Additionally, the Alon Group recently signed an agreement to acquire Sonol from Granit-HaCarmel. If approved by regulators, this transaction is expected to make Dor-Alon the largest oil com-

pany in Israel. Last week, Dor-Alon and the Blue Square Group concluded the acquisition of 49 percent of Diners Club Israel Ltd, the credit card brand of CAL (Israel Credit Card Company). As a result of this transaction, credit cards will be issued to members of the Alon customer club, enabling these members to make financial transactions in retail outlets. "The award I received today is an award for the entire Alon Group. When people ask me how we grew from a single service station and 10 employees to a \$4 billion company and more than 10,000 employees in

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 Charles Hall of Midland, former Coahoma resident, has been reappointed to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education board for a term to expire Aug. 30, 2011. The commission establishes standards for training peace officers and county jailers and certifies training programs. Hall is a constable for Midland County. He is constable's education committee chairman of the Justices of the Peace and Constables's

Association of Texas and serves as sergeant at arms of the West Texas Justices of the Peace and Constable's Association. He is a member of the Midland High Soccer Boosters and the Heat Soccer Club. He is a criminal justice graduate of Midland College. Hall is a former police officer and sheriff's deputy for Howard County. He is a 1976 graduate of Coahoma High School and the son of J.B. and Martha Hall of Coahoma. The appointment was made by Gov. Rick Perry.

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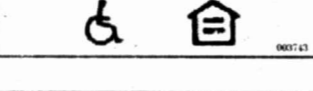
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The ideas are flowing, and you have unencumbered a channel of expression. But somewhere in your day, make time for your loved ones. Stolen moments bind you blissfully together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People who are supposedly looking out for your best interests could brainwash you into believing that what you want is absurd and impossible. You can't afford to listen to so-called reason today. Don't give up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not acting out of your own need to succeed, but performing for those around you. Whatever the motivation, it causes you to push yourself. You'll be an

inspiration to that perpetual underachiever you know.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The stars indicate the ability to accomplish a huge amount if you feel motivated. If you don't feel motivated, it's because nothing on your list is big and juicy enough — something you can remedy with a mid-morning brainstorm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You wish you could run away: join the circus, board the Orient Express, chute the rapids. Adventurous travel, if only in your imagination, relieves stress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The world demands your attention with rude, relentless insistence. If you want serenity, you must ruthlessly control your environment. Leave the freeway, television and mp3 player behind. Listen to the sound of silence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your generosity knows no limits, unlike your bank account. Make a budget for the holidays, and stick to it. The best gift you can give your boss is your honest effort and pleasant attitude every day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). New situations bring out your best, but they also make you feel vulnerable. Congratulate yourself for stretching. Tonight, there's news from someone in your inner circle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Wanting is an art. Learn to do it right, and your order is filled much sooner than expected. Keep your natural optimism flowing. Want with the expectation that you will eventually have.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're not crazy. The fact that others don't see a problem doesn't mean it isn't there. Believe your own perception. Stressful situations can be made unstressful

by asking for help.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Stop worrying about what to give family members and friends for holidays. A heartfelt card or letter is the most precious and memorable gift, and it's always the right color and size!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Art renews the soul. It's been too long since you've visited a museum, attended a concert or enjoyed a play. Put yourself on a mailing list for cultural events, and make the time to go.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: With a first name that means industrious (and the shrewd Sagittarian mindset to match) model/actress/musician/clothing-designer Milla

Jovovich knows a thing (or two!) about making the most of her talents. This year, the extraordinarily beautiful Jovovich will put her workaholic mindset to rest and concentrate on more personal relationships. As a result, an intense love interest ensues.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Herman" for 27 years, and for the most part, he's been a great husband. A few weeks ago, we decided to take dance lessons at a studio, just for the fun of it.

Herman is a perfectionist and expects the same of others. Annie, sometimes I can be forgetful — maybe it's age — and occasionally, I forget the dance steps when we practice at home. When this happens, Herman can lose his temper and become very firm with me, as if I am forgetful on purpose. Last night, he went a little too far. He squeezed my hand and yanked it, and I ended up with a few injured fingers.

The next morning, he asked me why I couldn't dance correctly. I told him I wasn't the one with the problem, he was. I

said he hurt my fingers and that they are swollen and painful when I move them. He couldn't believe he had done any damage, but after seeing my hand, he apologized.

Do you think this was abuse? Herman didn't want me to go to the doctor to get my hand looked at because he said they would label him an abuser. This isn't the first time he has squeezed my small hand with his massive one just to get my attention, and it hurts. What do you think? — Forgetful Dancer

Dear Forgetful: We think maybe you should take up clog dancing. We wouldn't necessarily label Herman an abuser, but we do believe he doesn't realize his strength and has difficulty controlling his frustration, which is a bad combination for you. Insist that he take some anger-management classes or else those small hands of yours are off-limits. Meanwhile, get to the doctor already.

Dear Annie: My father passed away last year, and my sister's mother-in-law died, then my sister's only child was killed, and shortly after, that same sister was seriously hurt in an accident. Within the

family, there have been additional tragedies too numerous to count.

When I talk to my sister, I no longer know what to say. We discuss the weather, birds and other superficial topics. I can't mention my daughter's upcoming college graduation or her wedding plans, because it reminds Sis of the son she lost. Cards for special occasions have to be chosen carefully because the slightest reminder brings her to tears and causes deep depression.

I am not complaining. I worry with the holidays coming that it is going to be horrible for her family, and I need to know what I can do to help. — D. in Los Angeles

Dear D.: Your sister's grief is overwhelming, and it's going to take time before anything helps. Yes, the holiday season will be difficult, and although Sis may cry when her son is mentioned, many parents also find comfort in talking about their children. If Sis hasn't had grief counseling, you might suggest it. Also, recommend that she contact The Compassionate Friends (compassionatefriends.org) at 1-877-969-0010.

Legals

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS & COUNTY OF HOWARD
By virtue of a **ORDER OF SALE** issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 29 day of November, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 3rd day of January, 2006 being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to wit:

- CAUSE NO. T-4545**
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Debra Ann Ruff
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 4, Block 7, Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-456
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Daniel Hembree
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 8, Block 11, Edwards Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4570
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Albino Albiar
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION The East Forty (40) feet of Lot 7, Block 9, Earles Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4584
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Yolanda Trevino
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 11, Block 14, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4584
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Yolanda Trevino
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 12, Block 14, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4614
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Antonio T. Martinez
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A 100' x 140' tract out of the SE/4 of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, William B. Currie Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4615
STYLE Howard County, et al v. James T. Marlow
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 7, Block 5, Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4618
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Emma McNew
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION The S/2 of Lot 8, Block 5, Cedar Crest Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4620
STYLE Howard County, et al v. John S. Gunn
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 5, Block 7, Cole & Strayhorn

- CAUSE NO. T-4621**
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Robert Dale Little, Jr.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 12, Block 23, College Park Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4630
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Nancy Loveless
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 27, Block 8, Douglass Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4642
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Zaida Mae Abbe
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 1, 2 & 3, Block 2 Lakeview Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4647
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Andrew David Smith dba VIA Investment Group
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 13, Block 10, Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4649
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Frank Luera and his wife, Sandy Luera
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 5, Block 3, Indianola Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4652
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Rosario Sanchez
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 3, and N/2 of Lot 4, and W/2 of the S/2 of Lot 4, Block 13, Jones Valley Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4662
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Janey B. Thomas McCormick
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 10, Block 1, Bowser Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4672
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Jesus Carnero, et ux
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 5, Block 6, Indianola Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4692
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Thomas Wayne Savell, Jr. and Deland Wayne Savell
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 3 and 4, Block 22B, Fairview Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4695
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Ida Mae Biddle
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 2, 3 & 4, Block 14, South Haven Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4698
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Everett Frank Barnett Estate and Graham Leslie Barnett
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 15, Block 3, Ridgelea Terrace Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4699

- STYLE** Howard County, et al v. Bertie Bell Arnold
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A .570 acre tract out of and part of the SE/4 of Section 14, Block 33, T-1-S, Certificate 2030, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4699
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Bertie Bell Arnold
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A .560 acre tract out of and part of the SE/4 of Section 14, Block 33, T-1-S, Certificate 2030, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4709
STYLE Howard County, et al v. J.A. Hensley
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 10, Block 5, Settles Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4714
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Jimmy Lee Paul
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A .290 acre tract out of the NE/4 of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4721
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Elida C. Rodriguez
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 11, Block 16, Boydston Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4729
STYLE Howard County, et al v. L.M. Sanford
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A .420 acre tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4753
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Miguel Yanez and Anita Yanez
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Tract of land out of Section 26, Block 33, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4777
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Bessie E. Smith
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 8, Block 33, Cole & Strayhorn Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4931
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Frederick C. Coleman and wife, Hellen A. Coleman
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 14, Block 2, Stardust Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4543
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Lita Askew, et al
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 20, Block 19, Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.
Witness my hand this 29 day of November, 2005.
Dale L. Walker
SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
By: D. Restelli, Deputy
#4803 December 4, 11, 18, 2005.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Mike Abusaab, general partner, owner and supervisor of the Big Spring Sonic Drive-Ins, center, shows off an award won by the Sonic located on FM 700. The drive-in, which is managed by Joseph Polanco, left, was selected as the first place winner in landscaping among more than 3,000 Sonics nationwide. Also pictured is Keith Fontana, manager of the Gregg Street Sonic, whose location took first place in his drive-in's national tier for customer loyalty and overall performance.

USDA-NRCS accepting EQIP applications for 2006

Special to the Herald

Farmers and ranchers can start applying for Farm Bill conservation programs through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

USDA cost-share funds have been released earlier this year to give farmers and ranchers more time to make sound decisions regarding conservation practices before planting season begins.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern identified by the Local Work Group (LWG).

Practices are implemented through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP offers cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

The Howard County USDA Service Center will be accepting EQIP applications for 2006. The deadline for applications on 2006 EQIP funding is Feb. 17, 2006.

Applications for EQIP funds received

on or before that date will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Howard County.

Last year EQIP funding in Howard County totaled \$280,145.00.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues.

In Howard County, these include water quantity on rangeland and soil erosion on cropland. Eligible conservation practices include mechanical brush control on mesquite and cedar, spraying prickly pear, spraying salt cedar, range seeding, prescribed grazing, terraces and waterways.

NRCS, through the invitation of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water, and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

Those interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Big Spring or call (432) 267-1871, ext. 3 or access the information on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Japan reopens market to U.S. beef

Thursday, Japan reopened its market to U.S. and Canadian beef from cattle 20 months of age or younger.

Phil Seng, chief executive of the U.S. Meat Export Federation, said the first shipment will leave Saturday from Denver, along with a delegation of U.S. meatpackers.

A technical committee arrived from Japan Friday to inspect authorized export plants, returning to Japan on Christmas Eve to deliver a final report to the Diet, Japan's Senate. However, beef can be shipped at any time provided that all procedures, including age verification and removal of specified risk materials (SRMs), are followed scrupulously.

According to Seng, the meat industry is readying a publicity blitz, with an appreciation luncheon of U.S. tenderloin scheduled in Tokyo next Monday with governmental and scientific repre-

sentatives invited.

Seng predicts that it will take until 2008 to reclaim market share comparable to what the industry enjoyed in 2003, before the market closed. However, USMEF plans to promote 17 cuts of beef, mainly from the chuck and round, to offer a better price message and build demand more quickly.

"Remember, we still face a duty of 38.5 percent and the dollar has been up significantly against the yen," Seng said.

Nearly all business in Japan has involved six or seven beef cuts such as tongue and short ribs.

The beef industry plans to lobby Japan to drop its requirement that imported beef come from animals 20 months old or younger, but Seng said it will be a low-key effort, unlike the high-profile pressure brought to bear on the Japanese over the past year. The strategy is to allow a cooling-off period to gain consumer acceptance, then negotiate an end to age restrictions consistent with OIE standards, which hold that with an enforced feed ban of eight years or more and SRM removal, age is not a factor in beef safety. Rather than attempt to negotiate a 30-

month limit, "we're going for the touchdown, not the first down," Seng said.

Seng predicts that Hong Kong will reopen its market soon, followed by Taiwan by the end of January. South Korea, however, will be a harder sell due to resistance from farmers and consumer groups. However, Seng noted that under the agreement with Japan, bone-in cuts are allowed, and he hopes that will set a precedent to allow a fuller set of beef products into these markets.

The initial impact of the agreement will be limited, Seng said. Only about 15 percent of U.S. cattle ready for slaughter qualify for export to Japan. Roughly 10 to 12 percent of the herd has adequate birth records and another 3 to 7 percent will be able to pass a USDA grading test that would guarantee that the animals are under 20 months of age.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.



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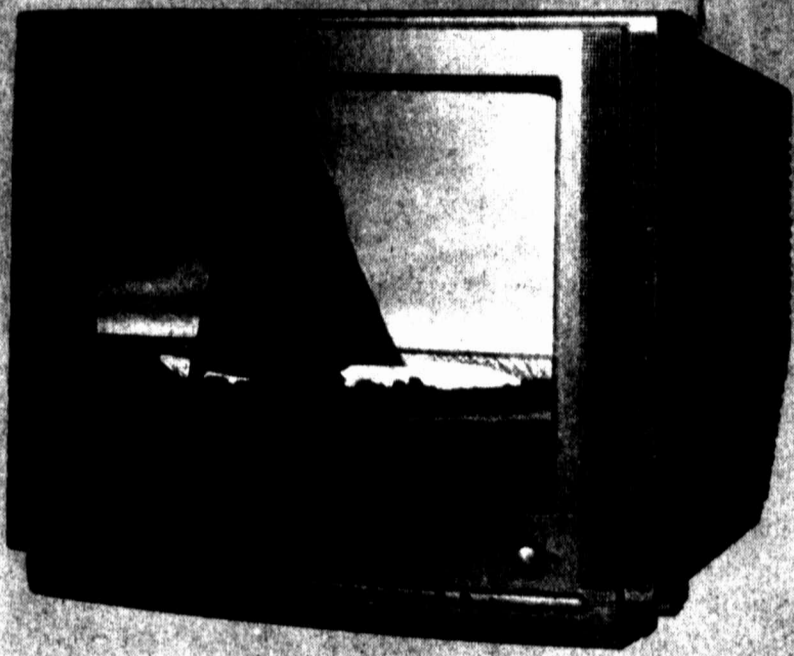
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