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City set to take care of holiday wrapping, trees

City of Big Spring officials encourage the public to recycle their extra Christmas wrappings at recycling bins around town.

The bins are located at Fifth Street and Nolan, the Big Spring Mall and Coronado Plaza.

Also, the city is currently accepting Christmas trees at both the landfill and compost facility. Bins have been set at both places to accept the trees.

Officials request all decorations be removed from the trees before depositing them into the bins.

The city will recycle the trees back into the community.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

□ Christmas in April board of directors meets at noon in the bingo building, 1607 E. Third.

□ Friends of the Library meet at noon in the Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge NO. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

□ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meet at 7 p.m. at 124 Jonesboro Road.

□ American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084.

□ Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP offices at 501 Rannels.

FRIDAY

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

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors are invited.

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As ice begins to thaw, city copes with breaks

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

City officials are asking the public to have patience as workers attempt to fix several waterline breaks due to the recent cold spell.

Some areas of the city experienced no water service for a period of eight to 10 hours the last few days while crews repaired water breaks, said Rick Boiles,

district water and collection superintendent.

"We have nine leaks with two unconfirmed scattered around the city," Boiles said.

Boiles said city workers will be working around the clock in 12-hour shifts to fix the leaks.

"With the weather warming up we expect the problem to get worse," he said.

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City of Big Spring employees Cody Ridge, left, and Randy Roach work on a waterline break in the 700 block of Birdwell. They were among five crews working around the clock to fix waterline breaks scattered throughout the city resulting from freezing weather during the past two days. Some areas of the city have been without water service for eight to 10 hours at a time.

HERALD photo/Andrea Mefflin

Stranded travelers find haven at the Y

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The bus, van and Suburban carrying 36 members of First Baptist Church, Aransas Pass, had just made it into Big Spring Tuesday evening when the weather turned against them.

The group of kids, teenagers and adults was on its way to Salida, Colo., for a ski retreat when suddenly the tires of all three vehicles began sliding all over the road. Adding to it, the bus seemed to have an alternator problem.

Making it to Amarillo, where their overnight lodging waited, seemed impossible.

"We stopped and called the police department for help," said James Bell, the bus driver. "They said everything in town was full."

But the officers didn't stop there; they contacted the Big Spring Family YMCA, which opened its doors to the group.

"We got a police escort to the Y, and they even had to push our bus up the hill," Bell said.

"These people sure have been a blessing to us," said Linda Denison, an adult sponsor with the group.

While the coastal residents are not accustomed to freezing temperatures, they luckily had packed for their final destination. But the cold, and especially the ice, did surprise them.



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Members of First Baptist Church, Aransas Pass, from left, Catherine Law, Natalie Roach and Amber Roach eat sack lunches Wednesday at the Big Spring Family YMCA. The girls were part of a group of 36 people who were on their way to Colorado when they became stranded in Big Spring due to the weather.

"It was 70 degrees when we left home," Denison said.

The group had some harrowing experiences on the ice-laden roads before making it safely to the YMCA parking lot. At one point, the van driven by Randall Freeze slid 180 degrees. His wife, Melissa, was holding her breath and thinking about her children back at home.

"Before we left, at the last minute, we had made wills

talking about if anything happened to us," she said.

"I was thinking about that." While not usually a place for overnight guests, the YMCA found favor with the group, made up mostly of teenagers.

They played basketball and other sports while the adults worked crossword puzzles to pass the time.

"There's not really anything we can do about it," said Amber Roach, 19.

"At least we're at a cool place."

After another night at the Big Spring First Baptist Church, the group was hoping to leave town today for a 12-hour trip to Colorado. Group members said Big Spring had left a favorable impression despite the circumstances of their impromptu visit.

"I love Big Spring," Denison said, "it's such a pretty town and everyone is so friendly."

Motels fill with travelers waiting to get home

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Wayward travelers passing through Big Spring the last few days may not have had to stay in a barn but area hotels and motels could only offer a few vacant rooms if any.

Freezing rain layered ice along the Crossroads area, stranding many travelers from returning home after the holidays.

"We have been packed," said Jeanette Duffer, manager of Great Western Inn at 2900 E. I-20 and Highway 80. "People have been coming from anywhere and everywhere."

According to Duffer, a steady stream of customers began flowing in

on Monday and continued through Wednesday seeking rooms for the night.

"We had to turn away several customers," said Vijay Patel, manager of Days Inn at 2701 S. Gregg and Highway 87. "We tried to help them find rooms at other motels but they were all booked up, even the smaller ones."

Duffer said they also had to turn away many customers. Although they tried to find customers rooms at other hotels, most were booked up, except the smaller hotels, she said.

According to Department of Public Safety officials from San Angelo, the roads from Sterling County to Tom Green County were completely iced

over on Monday and travel was not recommended.

Parts of I-20 were closed and Texas Department of Transportation recommended travelers stay off the interstate.

"We had many travelers who did not want to go any further," Patel said. "Some took two or three hours just to get from Sterling City. Some of the travelers had their car slide off the road or were involved with running into someone."

With warmer weather expected to melt the ice, many hotel and motel employees were scrambling this morning to check out travelers beginning to resume the trip to their intended destination.

Lights

Annual display to be lit again through Sunday

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

This year's Festival of Lights has been hampered by inclement weather

and vandals but according to Pat Simmons, project chairperson, the show must go on.

"After being shut down for the last four nights due to

icy conditions, we will reopen tonight and keep it open through the end of the year," said Simmons. "It may be a little cold at night but folks can bundle up and come on out. There is no ice in the forecast for the next several days so we should be all right there."

Simmons said despite the bad weather, good crowds have passed through Comanche Trail Park on the nights organizers were able to have the display going.

"We had almost 13,000 visitors thus far," said Simmons. "We have had visitors from 25 different states and five different countries. We are on track for another record-breaking year despite everything."

Vandals have once again tried to wreak havoc on the display but Simmons said she is not going to allow them the satisfaction of closing down the event.

"I won't deny that vandalism has really hampered us," she said. "We haven't had as many marshals as I would like to have had but I refuse to let them get the best of us. We will open as planned."

Simmons said she could also use a few greeters to help get through the last four nights.

"We are still rather short of greeters," said Simmons. "If we could just get a few more volunteers there to

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County peace officers keep an eye out for any sign of seven escaped convicts

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officers from the Howard County Sheriff's Office, the Big Spring Police Department and Department of Public Safety are among the thousands across the state on the lookout for the seven escaped convicts who killed an



Irving police officer during a robbery of a sporting goods store on Christmas

Eve.

According to Bill Jennings, Howard County sheriff, his staff will be stepping up security precautions in looking for the escapees who may be headed through the area on the way to El Paso.

"Our department is very aware of the situation and are prepared to help in any way with the search for these men," said Jennings. "They need to be caught and brought back in before anyone else is killed. They have already shown they are not afraid to kill anyone who gets in their way."

One of the seven escapees is George Rivas, a native of El Paso, also thought to be

one of the ringleaders. One unidentified El Paso police officer called Rivas "one of the most dangerous men in El Paso."

In 1993, Rivas and his gang at the time robbed an Oshman's store in El Paso, taking dozens of guns, which later were found in his home. Later that year, he wore a security guard uniform to rob a Toys 'R Us.

In both of those robberies, Rivas and an accomplice communicated with walkie-talkies, much in the manner of the most recent robbery of an Oshman's in Irving.

The seven escaped from

Wanted

Photos of the seven escaped convicts who have been at large for more than two weeks now.



GARCIA



HALPRIN



HARPER



MURPHY



NEWBURY



RIVAS



RODRIGUEZ

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OBITUARIES

Raymond Lee
"Ray" Trent

Funeral service for Raymond Lee Trent, 75, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Coahoma Cemetery.



Mr. Trent died Monday, Dec. 25, at a local hospital following a long illness.

He was born on June 4, 1925, in Knoxville, Tenn., where he married Dorothy Sherrod on Nov. 30, 1945. He was a veteran of WW II and Korea, serving in the Fourth Marine Division in the Pacific and also participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima, Saipan and Tinian. He was a journeyman electrician for Brown and Root and H.B. Zachary Construction companies until he retired in 1980 due to ill health. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: his wife, Dorothy Trent of Big Spring; three sons, Ed Trent of Greenwood, Gary Trent of Savannah, Ga., and John Trent of Bagley, Minn.; his mother, Ruth Mindey of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; one brother, Jack Trent of Manchester, Tenn.; and one sister, Dolores Childress of Salem, Va.; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

BREAKS

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Boiles said for the past few days the city has had two or three leaks reported a day, which worries him.

According to Boiles, once the weather warms up and the ground begins to contract, more breaks usually occur.

"We will be attacking the worst leaks first, the ones that effect the most people," Boiles said. "We will try to get all the leaks fixed as soon as possible."

Currently the city is working to repair water pipe

breaks in the area of Washington and Virginia, 700 block of Birdwell, the 600 block of N. San Antonio, the 700 block of N. Bell, on Caylor Street, the 1200 block of Burns and the 3100 block of W. Highway 80.

Several streets near the McMahon Air Park are expected to be without water for several hours while city crews repair a 12 inch water pipe break today, Boiles said.

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help us get through the last four nights we could really finish up strong.

"I do want to thank all those that have given up their time to make this year a successful one once again. We just couldn't do it without everyone's help."

Anyone wishing to help is encouraged to call Simmons at 263-4607.

ESCAPE

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the Connally Unit near Kennedy Texas over two weeks ago, evading more than 200 searchers using helicopters, horses and tracking dogs and had not been heard from until the Christmas Eve robbery and shooting death of police officer Aubrey Hawkins.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt said local police have been briefed on who and what to watch for in attempting to locate the fugitives.

"What is really surprising to me is that they haven't split up," said Sweatt. "Of course this is not your typical group of convicts, either, but we do want to encourage people not to try to do anything on their own if they see what appears to be anyone of the group. They are to be considered armed and very dangerous."

"They have killed already, so one more killing will not deter them from doing it again," Sweatt continued. "You can only get the needle one time, no matter how many you have killed."

Rewards totaling \$23,000 have been offered by the governor's office, Schepp's Dairy and Crime Stoppers Anonymous for clues leading to the arrest of the seven men.

AWOL snow survivor turned over to military

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An Air Force man who allegedly went AWOL and got trapped in deep snow for 16 days, surviving in his car on M&Ms and orange juice, was released from a hospital Wednesday and turned over to military officials.

Thomas Wade Truett, 29, of Jacksonville, Fla., may face prosecution on desertion charges.

The snowmobilers who found Truett on Saturday said he wore no coat or sweater, only a T-shirt. He had lost 20 pounds and had scrawled a farewell note to his parents. He was treated for hypothermia.

"He's got some healing that he needs to do," sheriff's Cpl. Neil Mackey said. "What he went through, it's enough to make a sane man crazy."

Truett, an airman first class who enlisted in early summer, had recently succumbed to personal problems, according to Mackey, who would not elaborate. He fled his job as a fuel manager at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, S.D., on Dec. 3 and drove to Oregon.

Four days after he set out, Truett's sports car became stuck in blustery weather on a snowy, rural road in central Oregon's

Deschutes National Forest, Mackey said.

"I think his original intent was to see the West, work some things out and then maybe kill himself," Mackey said. "But after he was trapped he turned to a survival mode."

Truett survived four days in the woods, using a cigarette lighter to build small fires.

After depleting the lighter fuel, Truett tried hiking out of the forest but was too weak. He retreated to the car, consumed his meager rations — which consisted of only orange juice, water and a package of almond M&Ms — and wrote a note to his parents in Florida, dated Dec. 13.

The note, titled "Starvation or Froze to Death," said his last request was to have no autopsy and to be cremated, Mackey said. He further requested that his ashes be scattered in Norway — the homeland of a former "love of his life."

Dentist office blamed in death of child

HOUSTON (AP) — The parents of a 3-year-old boy who died after being given anesthesia at a dentist's office in September have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the dentist.

The lawsuit contends that dentist Tram Nguyen or her staff gave Daniel Huynh, scheduled for a root canal, a bigger dose of sedatives than recommended for a person his size.

Daniel's breathing problems appear to have been compounded when he was given nitrous oxide, the suit said.

The suit was brought by Daniel's parents, Kenny Huynh and Tracy Phan of Houston, against Nguyen, dentist Hop Ti Nguyen and the Sharpstown Dental Clinic.

Daniel died Sept. 7, a day after he underwent dental work at the clinic.

Tram and Hop Ti Nguyen could not be reached for comment Saturday. They did not return calls seeking comment Friday by the Houston Chronicle.

Daniel was given a drink containing Demerol, Phenergan and chloral hydrate when he came to the clinic, the suit said. The dosages of Demerol and Phenergan exceeded those recommended for a child his size, said the family's lawyer, Stephen McCarthy.

An hour or two later, he was given the nitrous oxide. In combination with the other drugs, there is a risk for respiratory distress and failure, McCarthy said.

The suit said an autopsy showed Daniel had died from the drugs' toxic effects.

Investigation continues in office shooting

MALDEN, Mass. (AP) — Investigators seized bomb-making chemicals, blasting caps and magazines from the apartment of a software engineer accused of gunning down seven co-workers at an Internet consulting company.

Michael M. McDermott, a hulking, 42-year-old man with shoulder-length hair and a bushy black beard, may have also taken part in complex scientific discussions over the Internet about how to make explosives.

McDermott was ordered held without bail Wednesday after pleading innocent to seven counts of murder.

Prosecutors are investi-

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gating whether the rampage was prompted by a tax dispute. McDermott's employer had recently agreed to comply with an IRS order that it withhold a portion of his wages to pay back taxes.

McDermott's lawyer said he was undergoing psychiatric treatment at the time of the attack.

The details that emerged Wednesday formed a picture of a methodical massacre planned by a man with an affinity for weapons and explosives.

Armed with a rifle, a shotgun and a pistol, McDermott systematically went through Edgewater Technology's Wakefield offices Tuesday morning, picking out certain people and bypassing others, as he emptied at least 37 rounds into his co-workers in no more than eight minutes, a prosecutor said.

He stopped to reload, and even blasted through a locked door to get to two of the victims hiding in the accounting office, Assistant District Attorney Tom O'Reilly said.

"There were few, if any, missed shots," Reilly said. One victim "was underneath his desk. He had been shot numerous times. Another was a young lady slumped over her keyboard of her computer. She had been shot in the back of the head."

Some of the victims were shot in the back as they tried to flee, he said. A woman who survived by hiding under her desk and draping her leather coat over her chair detailed the massacre to police, O'Reilly said.

In addition to the three weapons that McDermott carried during the massacre, he had stashed a rifle in his work locker and bullets in a cubby hole of his desk, O'Reilly said.

McDermott had no permit for any of the guns, Coakley said, and authorities were investigating how he got them.

MARKETS

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	16 1/2 - 1/4
Archer-Daniels	14 1/2 + 1/8
Atmos Energy	26 1/2 - 1/8
BP AMOCO	48 1/2 + 1/8
Chevron Corp	84 1/2 + 1/8
Compaq	15.43 - 56
Cornell	4 1/2
Dell	17 1/2 - 1/8
Du Pont	48 1/2 - 1/8
Exxon Mobil	86 1/2 - 1/8

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3:1,9,6

Lotto:11,18,27,28,30,51

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Halliburton	36 1/2 - 1/4
IFCO Systems	3 1/2 + 1/8
IBM	85 1/2 + 1/8
Intel Corp	31 1/2 - 1/8
NUV	8 1/2 + 1/8
Patterson Ener	38 1/2 - 1/8
Pepsico Inc	48 1/2 - 1/8
Phillips Petro	57 1/2 - 1/8
SBC Comms	47 1/2 - 1/8
Sears Roebuck	33.28 - 1.22
Texaco Inc	61 1/2 + 1/8
Texas Instrument	49 1/2 - 1/8
TXU	44 1/2 - 1/8
Total Fina	73 + 1/8
Unocal Corp	39 1/2 + 1/8
Wal-Mart	53 + 1/8
Wal-Mart/Mexico	20 to 20 1/2
AMCAP	17.68 + .27
Europacific	31.17 + .24
Prime Rate	9.50 %
Gold	273.40-275.60
Silver	4.55-4.61

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between noon Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

•**BRUCE ED BURLESON**, 49, of Snyder, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense. (HCSO)

•**RAYMUNDO CERDA GALVAN**, 45, of 1314 Mesa, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (DPS)

•**MANUEL MORALES BRISENO**, 40, of 3124 Farm 461, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. (DPS)

•**EUGENE MORENO VASQUEZ JR.**, 23, of 7600 S. Service Road, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

•**JAMES JAY MILAM**, 45, of 618 Ridgelea, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault of a public servant and resist arrest/search. (BSPD)

•**AARON ANDREW**

HERNANDEZ, 23, of Dallas, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

•**KIMBERLY STILMAN**, 37, of 1306 Princeton, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and disorderly conduct/language.

•**FREDERICK NEWTON**, 46, of 1503 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.

•**DEVON OLSON**, 42, a transient, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

•**A RUNAWAY** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 5th.

•**DOG BITE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

•**THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

•**ASSIST MOTORIST (20)**

•**ACCIDENTS, MINOR (11)**

SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Big Spring Police Department received a report of a sexual assault that occurred on the west side of town. Reports said the attack occurred around 2 a.m. on Dec. 22. The victim knew the suspect. There was no medical attention sought by the victim on the night of the assault. The case will be followed up and warrants will be sought when the investigation is complete, police reported.

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Jewell Forrest, 92, died Sunday. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM, Friday, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

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Curtis Crittenden, 88, died Friday. Services are 1:30 PM, Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private burial services at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home following the service.

Raymond Lee (Ray) Trent, 75, died Monday. Services are 2:00 PM, Friday, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow in Coahoma Cemetery.

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Weather continues to leave stranded motorists, power outages

EASTLAND (AP) — At least 1,000 people were stranded in their cars overnight on an icy stretch of Interstate 20 east of Abilene as a winter storm dealt another crippling blow to Texas.

"It is the old situation, you have to prepare for the worst and hope for the best," said Don Rogers, spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety's division of emergency management.

Rogers said there were about 30 Texas National guardsmen at the scene using 10 Humvees and all-

terrain vehicles to rescue the hundreds of motorists stranded in Eastland and Callahan counties.

Ranger Fire Department was providing gasoline to motorists to keep their engine and heaters running. The department also provided food for the stranded travelers.

Rogers said about 350 people were staying in area shelters.

The state Department of Public Safety said the problems along I-20 were at a site called "Ranger Hill" between Abilene and Fort Worth.

Traffic was backed up and stalled for 10 miles both eastbound and westbound. Some vehicles had been stuck since about 6 p.m. Wednesday. One motorist who had been in the jam since 8 p.m. said his vehicle had moved 100 yards in about 11 hours.

The area between Fort Worth and Abilene is the latest to be hit by a winter storm that moved into Texas on Christmas Day.

Tens of thousands of Northeast Texas residents remain without electricity after ice coated trees and power lines, knocking out

service. Officials said it could be as long as two weeks before electricity is restored to some of the residents in the path of a storm that has been slow to pull away from the state.

"This is not a scare tactic — it's realistic," said Scott McCloud, a spokesman for AEP/Southwestern Electric Power, said of the two-week estimate. "This is a devastating storm."

McCloud said the problem was more than just a simple power outage. He said workers are having to rebuild damaged transmission lines

in order to restore service.

"We're trying to reroute lines so we can at least get some of the critical care facilities back on, but we have at least 25 wooden structures destroyed and at least six metal transmission towers on the ground," McCloud said.

In Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, 59,302 SWEPCO customers were without electricity as of Wednesday night, and 36,678 of them are Texans. The bulk of the outages were to customers in Texarkana, where about 30,000 were still without electricity as of Wednesday

night, McCloud said.

The remainder of the Texas outages mostly were in New Boston, DeKalb and the Atlanta-Queen City-Linden area.

DeKalb was completely in the dark, and comprised about 2,000 of the state's outages, McCloud said.

The crippling storm came two weeks on the heels of another ice storm that left 235,000 of the company's customers without power.

"That was the most customers ever out at one time in our company's 88-year history," McCloud said. "And now this."

Union Pacific announces plans to eliminate another 2,000 jobs

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Citing rising fuel prices, harsh winter weather and growing signs of an economic slowdown, the Union Pacific Corp. announced plans Wednesday to eliminate 2,000 jobs in the coming months.

The job cuts are in addition to 1,600 jobs that have been eliminated since August as the result of the railroad's 1995 merger with Southern Pacific Rail Corp. and 4,638 seasonal winter layoffs announced earlier this month.

Railroad spokesman John Bromley said "a few" merger reductions are included in the new fig-

ures. The company hoped to accomplish the reductions through attrition but will now accelerate its early retirement plan.

"About 1,000 of them will go by attrition and about 1,000 will be offered an enhanced pension plan," Bromley said.

Business at the railroad had rebounded from difficulties it faced following the merger.

"We peaked out in October and since then it's dropped off," Bromley said.

"Our customers are telling us their businesses are slowing down."

Details of the jobs reduction program will be finalized by mid-January, he said.

Newspapers win court battle to open Senate vote

AUSTIN (AP) — In a victory for several Texas publications who took their battle for open government to court, the Texas Senate has been barred from choosing an acting lieutenant governor in secret.

On Wednesday, state district Judge Lora Livingston ruled that the state's second-ranking official is an executive position normally elected by the people and not merely an officer of the senate.

His decision later was upheld by the 3rd District Court of Appeals. The Texas Supreme Court was expected to make a decision today on the senators' appeal.

It was uncertain if the Senate still planned to hold a secret ballot today to elect one of its members to

replace former Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, who became governor when George W. Bush resigned to become president. Some senators said they were prepared to vote regardless of the outcome.

"I'm going to show up at the appointed hour prepared to vote," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, a strong proponent of the secret ballot.

"I am a very strong believer in the separation of powers and I don't believe that a district court has the jurisdiction to tell the Senate how to conduct its business," he said.

During the state district court hearing Wednesday, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn argued that the state constitution authorized the senators to elect

their presiding officer by secret vote.

Senators supporting the private ballot say it helps avoid the political retribution that might result if votes are known.

Livingston ruled that the constitutional provision allowing the Senate to elect "officers" in secret almost certainly referred to

employee positions such as clerks and doorkeepers.

"It seems to me in this case they are not choosing a president of the Senate. Rather, they are choosing the lieutenant governor. It seems to me that is something required by the (Texas) Open Meetings Act to be done in public," Livingston said.

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Take time to enjoy the lights

Four more nights. That's all that is left of this year's Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park. Hampered by icy weather, the display has been shut down the past four nights. It simply was not safe for motorists to negotiate the roads nor walkers to traverse the icy paths through the park.

With warmer weather in the forecast, however, organizer Pat Simmons said the Festival of Lights will be aglow again beginning tonight.

If you haven't taken your family and friends out to see the displays, you are missing a treat. The park is lit all the way from the U.S. Highway 87 entrance through Kid's Zone. Lights — upwards of a quarter of a million of them — turn the park into a wonderland of beauty. Among our favorites are the bridges, but there are dozens of displays ranging from cowboys and stagecoaches to stars, angels and much more. You have to see it to appreciate it.

Despite the winter setback and the typical vandalism that occurs, the lights have already been enjoyed by people from numerous other counties, states and countries. Organizers tell us that families from Midland, Colorado City, Snyder and other West Texas cities have made it a point to return to Big Spring and make viewing of the Festival of Lights one of their holiday traditions.

The lights go on about 6 p.m. and the display is lit until 10. Greeters are on hand to guide those unfamiliar with the park and to take your donation if you chose to make one. There is no charge, but all donations go back into the display. It is through donations and volunteer help that this massive display goes on each year.

Take time to share this experience with your friends and family. You can drive the route, but to fully experience it all, a walking tour is best. Come out tonight, Friday, Saturday or Sunday. We know you will be glad you did.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I wanted to take the opportunity to tell the community of Big Spring how much we enjoyed hosting the Big Spring/Riverside football playoff game in Artesia on Nov. 25.

It was a pleasure working with Coach Butler, his staff and the football team.

Their sportsmanship and conduct were exceptional and the team left our facility in better condition than when they came.

It was evident that the football staff is not only teaching great football skills, but life skills as well.

We would welcome your team and community to come back to Artesia anytime.

Sincerely,

COOPER HENDERSON
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
ARTESIA

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank you all of those who attended The Best Christmas Pageant Ever production.

It was an honor and a privilege to run the

lightboard for our recent play. I had lots of fun working with the director, cast and other crew members. What made the whole experience more enjoyable was knowing some of the folks and making new friends, not mention my learning more about lightboard operation. This is the second play I have run lights and I'm learning the beginnings of a new skill which I thoroughly enjoy.

Responsive audiences each night as well as encouragement from my many friends here in town gave me the incentive to do the best job I could.

The theme of the play rekindled in me the whole idea of the Christmas season; some moments were funny and some were serious. I must admit that "the Herdmans," in their serious moments, evoked many emotions, putting me back on track, so to speak.

Thank you again for letting me be a part of a wonderful group and a citizen of a caring city.

KAROL SMITH
BIG SPRING

There's truly is no place like home

The potbelly stove named Ruby noisily devours a stick of pine, and I sit down beside her. Out the window the world is a mosaic of winter — brown leaves iced with snow, cardinals scavenging beneath the magnolia, unaware they are a picture. The chocolate river runs the obstacle course the beavers have made.

The snow is blowing sideways, as if some giant Hollywood machine is positioned just off the set. Ice outlines the branches of the fig tree, and a solitary fig leaf hangs on stubbornly, covering Adam.

The quiet times when the parties are done, the gifts wrapped, the fruitcake delivered. That's when the holiday is best. I put a Hank tape in the machine and listen, for the millionth time, to his plaintive,

aching, familiar voice. He is home to me, the South of fathomless soul and rough edges and bare feet.

When Hank begins his lonesome sound, I wonder why I bother with other songs. I wonder why anyone else ever bothers to sing. He sings about loss, and love, and lost love, things the South knows about. He sings the "Weary Blues From Waitin'," "I'm Blue Inside," "Moanin' the Blues," "Low Down Blues" and "I Dreamed About Mama Last Night." When he gets to "Someday You'll Call My Name" — and I won't answer — I cry. I always do. The Shakespeare of hillbilly singers delivers the sad words like Western Union once delivered bad news.

I love this region. I love its contradictions and anachronistic scenery and the fact that few from outside can, or care to, understand it.

We eat too much, we drink too much, we have fierce fights over the right places to pray and the right flags to fly. We cuss one another more, but we also help one another more.

There is an indisputable passion abroad in the Southland, no Minnesota reserve here. We don't appreciate terse, no-nonsense exchanges, but instead expect verbal embellishment and stories that reveal ourselves, one to another. Southern ladies, when they want, can outdo Martha Stewart, can make her relentless attempts at fine living look feeble, contrived.

My own mother can set a table that belongs in a magazine, replete with candles she made one Christmas long ago. She'd burn the house down before she'd light them.

A few men cling to chivalry the way they might a favorite old hat, rising when ladies enter a room, bowing slightly from the waist. Once I passed a table of strangers in the Peabody Hotel lobby on my way to the restroom, and three men jumped up at once.

We have our faults, God knows. We piggishly litter what is overall the nation's most beautiful geography because we'd rather see trash on the roadsides than

in the floorboards of our Firebirds. We constantly confuse piety and goodness. We care too much about football and too little about education.

But, we are a blessedly colorful lot, with a reverence for the past, a tolerance for the present and a healthy resistance to the future. If short on common sense, we at least know what's common when we sense it.

My neighbor Bub Brock brought a bottle of wine from the Biltmore House a few days ago. So now, in my fit of musing, I try it out, enjoying the thought that I'm drinking, in a manner of speaking, a toast to the New York Vanderbilts.

If they could see me now, would they be appalled at my bucket of ashes by the door, the stack of wrapping paper and ribbons to be recycled next year, the black gum boots ready to crunch through ice for the morning paper? Would they raise one arched, aristocratic eyebrow above frowning eyes when Hank lets loose on "My Son Calls Another Man Daddy"?



How the Army was back then

A reader expressed the wish to hear more of my Army adventures. They are, of course, all of a comical nature because I was born in a lucky year — too young for World War II and Korea and old enough to be in and out before Vietnam heated up.

There are two ranks and two ranks only that afford an individual the maximum amount of freedom. One is General of the Army. There are only about two people above him to tell him what to do. The other is private.

The private's freedom is that of the song that says "Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose." Indeed, as long as you stay just shy of the line that can send you to the stockade, there is nothing the Army can do to you. The Army can't demote you — you're already at the bottom of the ranks. The Army can't give you bad work details — you are already getting those.

Recognizing that I was not likely to make five stars in a short stint, I elected to be a private. Once when I got stuck in a typing pool (the peacetime Army is awfully bureau-

cratic), a captain said, when I return a typed letter to him, "That's pretty (expletive) typing, Reese. I hope you don't have to make a living that way."

I said nothing but made sure I got his next handwritten memo. I typed it perfectly, and as I returned it and the original to him, I said, "That's pretty (same expletive) handwriting, sir. I hope you don't have to make a living with it."

You can say a lot in the Army as long as you attach "sir" to it. One hot summer at Fort Bragg, where I had been stuck as a company clerk, I decided to play a joke on a second lieutenant. He was a nice guy, but young and fresh out of ROTC.

I looked up some obscure report in the Army Regulations and then went to a post exchange, where, from a telephone booth, I called my own company headquarters and gave my imitation of an angry colonel at 18th Airborne Corps Headquarters under whom we ultimately labored.

In a loud roar, I reprimanded him for having failed to send in that report and ended by warning him that unless that report was on my (the fictional colonel's) desk by 1600 hours, his career would be in ruins. Then I sauntered back.

The poor second lieutenant was in a cold sweat and asked me if I knew anything about the report. "Sure," I said. "No sweat.

I'll type it for you right now and hand carry it to the colonel myself." And so I did, only I drove across the base to another post exchange, tossed the report in the trash and drank a milkshake. The lieutenant was always grateful, and I have always hoped he survived the Vietnam War.

When I went home, he went regular Army, and it was only two years later that Lyndon Johnson began to pour men into that meat grinder.

Army life as an enlisted man is one of those events enjoyed more in memory than in actual experience. But thanks to the filtering power of memory, I can look back fondly on those uneventful 18 months of routine and ritual, of the friends and of the characters one meets.

Our Army, in those pre-all-volunteer years, was definitely a politically incorrect army — profane, much given to alcohol and brawls, but ready to fight, as it proved in Vietnam. It is a quite different Army today, with higher-paid all volunteers, no draftees and more married enlisted men, even in the lower ranks.

By some bureaucratic quirk, I am classified as a Vietnam-era veteran. As meaningless as that is, I'm very proud to be associated, even bureaucratically, with those who actually are Vietnam War veterans.

They fought well. They died well.

Every American can and should be proud of them

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Clothes, toys replaced by gifts can be donated to help others

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

After opening all those Christmas presents, it's time to clean out the closets and replace older clothing, toys and household items.

Instead of throwing things away, though, there are plenty of local social service agencies that will take donations of items to be used again by those in need.

"We will take most anything for our thrift store," said Maj. Ron Alexander of the Salvation Army. "The items in our thrift store help us generate income for our programs."

The Army Thrift Store, on North Gregg Street, sells to

the general public — items such as clothing, toys, furniture and appliances. The Army also gives vouchers to needy families who can get those items for free in emer-



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Similarly, the Big Spring State Hospital runs a program called the Chalet,

where it sells used clothing to the general public. Donated clothing is also used for patients, many of whom arrive at the hospital with only what they are wearing.



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Call the Chalet 263-0528 or go by 1007 E. 11th Place to donate to the program.

Furniture is always needed by low-income families, said Max Webb, director of the Northside Community Center. If something around

your house was replaced for Christmas but is still in good working order, call the center at 263-2673 to give the information.

"I'll find a family who needs it and help them find a way to get it to them," Webb said.

He added that the Northside Center no longer takes clothing donations except for special drives and programs.

Got too many children's

toys lying around the house? Consider donating some of them to a local organization that serves children.

"If they are in good condition, we will certainly take them and put them to good use," said Melinda Hernandez, director of West Side Day Care and West Side Community Center.

"Bring them by the day care (at the industrial park) or call us and we will pick it up."

What can't be used in either the day care or the community center programs, Hernandez said, is given to local families in need.

"Don't worry, everything will be given a good home,"

she said. While the day care serves children from babies up, the community center serves school-age kids.

A Helping Hand serves needy families in a variety of ways. Contact Eloise or Don Swinney at 263-4410 to see how your donation might help their clients.

Other sources for your donated items include local churches. Those with nurseries for small children may be able to use toys that are still working and in good shape.

Other churches have clothes closets and storage places for items they give to the needy upon request — check with the individual church for details.



Above, Travis Oliver, Big Spring Junior High School science teacher, came to class dressed as a woman last week, meeting a challenge from students. Pictured with him are Raul Marquez, 13, left, and Leslie Rodriguez, 13. At left, teacher Linda Battle (shown with student Jacob McKey) was taped to her chair as part of the same challenge — that students would sell all 1,900 miniature Christmas trees for their fundraising project. The money will go towards a spring field trip.

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Where does it hurt?

New hospital standards address better care of pain

WASHINGTON (AP) — When you enter a hospital, you have a right to have your pain properly treated.

That sounds so common-sense, yet millions of Americans suffer every day because pain is routinely ignored or undertreated.

But starting next week, the nation's hospitals must make a major change: New standards require that every patient's pain be measured regularly from the time they check in just like other vital signs are measured — and proper pain relief begun or the hospitals risk losing their accreditation.

Patients should expect at least to be asked to rate how they're feeling, from zero, no pain, to 10, the worst pain imaginable. (Small children will use pictures to rate pain.) The score determines what steps the hospital must take to help.

To stress how important the changes are, the new standards actually put in writing that "patients have the right" to proper pain assessment and treatment.

Some hospitals already are handing out leaflets and posting signs in the halls telling patients about that right, so they know it's OK — nay, crucial — to complain if a doctor or nurse doesn't help.

Better, it's not just hospitals that must take the new steps but nursing homes and outpatient clinics accredited by the Joint Commission on

'No one has ever promised patients no pain. But what JCAHO wants to do is promise people their pain will be assessed and managed in a state-of-the-art way.'

Dr. Russell Portenoy
New York

Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The commission adopted the standards over a year ago, but gave facilities until January to comply.

It's "a watershed event," said Dr. Russell Portenoy, pain medicine chairman of New York's Beth Israel Medical Center. "No one has ever promised patients no pain. But what JCAHO wants to do is promise people their pain will be assessed and managed in a state-of-the-art way."

Many centers still are scrambling to comply. Teaching health workers who aren't pain specialists how to treat can take some time, and many doctors inappropriately shun narcotics, a treatment mainstay for numerous types of pain, because they think patients will get hooked on them.

"This is not going to happen overnight," cautioned American Pain Society president-elect Christine

Miaskowski, nursing chair at the University of California, San Francisco.

"Patients are going to have to demand better care," she said. "Unrelieved pain has negative effects. Just like they need an antibiotic to treat infection, they need analgesics to treat their pain."

But many patients don't know they don't have to suffer — or that pain is more than bothersome, it actually hinders healing.

So being a stoic isn't good. Revealing how much pain you're in doesn't "bother the doctors" or distract them from treating your underlying disease, common excuses.

"People think it's like an 11th commandment: 'Thou had surgery, thou should have pain'... Or that if you have cancer, you must have pain," said June Dahl, a University of Wisconsin pain specialist who helped write the standards. "Pain can be relieved."

How big is the problem? Cancer provides the best estimates. About 40 percent of cancer patients have undertreated pain. One in four elderly cancer patients in nursing homes receives no treatment at all for daily pain. Last year, Oregon's medical board disciplined a doctor for treating a dying cancer patient's pain with mere Tylenol.

Look beyond hospitals and some 9 percent of

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College students may bring new religious faith home for holidays

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For Frank Primus, going home for the holidays can be stressful, with family religious traditions often conflicting with his beliefs.

Primus, who grew up Baptist but converted to Islam just before leaving for college, was forced to balance the family tradition of Christmas morning services with his observance of the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan a day later.

"It's a little daunting, explaining things to your parents that you're not like them anymore," said Primus, a 23-year-old biology researcher at Stanford University.

Primus is part of what experts say is a growing phenomenon of religious life on the nation's campuses, as students come home with different beliefs and sometimes feel alienated from their families.

Some students are turning toward a more lasting commitment to religion, while others are looking for a different type of spirituality than their parents, religious experts say.

"Students are accessing some kind of deep personal dimension of meaning in their life," said Scotty McLennan, university chaplain at Tufts University.

"We've just about doubled our traditional religious move-

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ment over the last 15 years at Tufts. The Catholic Mass packs the chapel on Sunday nights."

Primus decided to compromise this year, giving his family Christmas presents and in return asking for gifts to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan.

"I'm at a new stage," he said. "I don't think there's a problem with respecting other people's religions, especially my family's."

The problem is more difficult for Rachel Suzuki, a senior at the University of California, Davis. Suzuki says she found God the summer before starting college, and she's thinking of working as a missionary after graduation.

Her decision has bewildered her nonreligious family, and her father is trying to discourage her career plans. "I know that I'm going to be making decisions that are totally not going to make them happy, and in a way dishonor them. That's the hardest thing, is not having the blessing," Suzuki said. "I feel like I'm choosing between

God and my family.

"It's like, why on earth would you go and be an evangelical weirdo?"

Janice McWilliams, a staff member at UC Davis InterVarsity, a nationwide evangelical campus organization, said dealing with parents who are upset with their children's fervent interest in religion is part of her job.

Nationally, InterVarsity has 32,000 student members, according to figures for the 1999-2000 academic year. More than 1,500 were new converts to Christianity.

The initial stages of conversion are a trying time for all involved, and both sides must learn to accept their differences, said Makin McDaid Abdulkhalil, a Stanford graduate student who converted to Islam.

"I think when people first convert, they take things very rigidly, and then as they get older, they learn to take all aspects of their life into what they're doing," he said.

Xay Serrato, 19, was raised Roman Catholic and converted to Judaism during the summer. He said it's important his family understands his change of religion.

"It's their holiday, but I respect my family as long as they know it's not my holiday that I'm celebrating with them," Serrato said.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One shoots from behind a camera, while the other took his shots from the basketball court. And now both Steven Spielberg and Magic Johnson are about to get stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The director and the basketball legend are among celebrities whose stars will be added next year to the more than 2,000 that line Hollywood Boulevard, it was announced Sunday.

The Oscar-winning Spielberg has directed more than 40 films, including "Schindler's List" and the "Indiana Jones" movies.

Johnson launched the Magic Johnson Theaters in 1995 to bring multiplex theaters to urban neighborhoods.

NEW YORK (AP) — Willem Dafoe isn't known as a typical Hollywood leading man, and that suits him just fine. "I'm attracted to stories of marginal people because those are the most interesting — outlaws, sleazy characters and people who aren't the guy next door," Dafoe said in Sunday's Daily News.

Dafoe has earned a Golden Globe nomination for just such a role in "Shadow of a Vampire," set to open Friday. He plays an actor in a classic 1922 horror movie — "Nosferatu the Vampire" — who turns out to be a vampire in real life.

Dafoe admits that the story "sometimes seems really silly," but it "asks some real questions about artists, their relationship to society, what are they allowed to do, and the relationship between a director and his actor."

CONSUMER NEWS

ATLANTA (AP) — Got milk? Think Coke.

The Atlanta soft drink giant plans to test market at least five milk-based children's drinks early next year under a business plan dubbed Project Mother.

Coca-Cola Inc. is also looking at the possibility of selling juices, spokesman Rob Baskin said Tuesday. He refused to disclose details about either of the new drink lines, such as the flavors.

Last week Coca-Cola announced its worldwide case volume would grow by 4 percent for 2000 rather than the 5 percent to 6 percent anticipated.

Coke has been taking steps to move away from just carbonated drinks, looking into such ideas as in-home water purification systems.

Coca-Cola has asked researchers to find ways to counteract the feeling that milk isn't hip or something kids will want to drink in public.

The real Santa Claus? Man growing into famous name

MESQUITE (AP) — If not for Santa Claus's big sister, the twinkly-eyed man in the white beard might be just another Mike.

But Wanda Claus Peschel had her way, and today Santa Michael Claus of Mesquite has a sackful of stories about his unusual name — like the time a newspaper reported that Santa Claus was pulled over for a traffic violation in Wichita Falls.

"I got kind of upset by it because I'd never been to Wichita Falls," the 53-year-old Claus said.

Turns out the motorist who was pulled over didn't have a driver's license but told the officer his name was Santa Claus and that he lived in Mesquite.

The officer verified the information and let the man go because of his name. The officer called a reporter, and pretty soon the real Santa Claus was getting phone calls about the incident.

Peschel, 68, of Texarkana, named her brother 53 years ago and she's seen the fun he's had through the years. She was 15 when her mother told her she could name the family's last child.

"Being a kid, I thought that was great," Peschel said.

Claus went by his middle name until he joined the Navy, which required all recruits to use their first names. After that, he decided to stick with tradition. The retired phone company technician now has an unlisted number to avoid the understandable phone calls around Christmas time.

It's when Claus is introduced to youngsters that he most enjoys having a name synonymous with Christmas.

"They're just in awe of you and their mouths just drop open," Claus said, who tries to convince children that despite his name, he's not the actual guy who climbs down the chimney.

"I'm still learning how to dance around that," Claus said.

Not everyone believes Santa Claus. Thirty years ago, when he and his new bride showed up at their hotel to start their honeymoon, they were told there was no reservation. Apparently, the clerk who had taken Claus's call weeks earlier thought it was a prank and never recorded it.

After some clarification and a little persuasion, the Clauses got their room.

Joyce Claus, 52, says her husband really has taken to having the famous name. In his red suit, he often has visited the city's senior center to bring Christmas cheer. And, Joyce Claus said, she thinks his name helped form his personality.

"It did have an influence because a lot of children look up to him," she said. "He tries to make it fun but he tries subtly to let them know that Christmas is about more than gifts. It's about Christ."

As for appearance, Santa does look like jolly old St. Nicholas.

"In every way," Joyce Claus said. "He's got the belly, the beard and the laugh."

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Americans suffer chronic pain, ranging from back injuries to rheumatoid arthritis. Experts say four of every 10 with moderate to severe pain don't get adequate relief.

One of the biggest challenges is teaching nonspecialists that narcotic painkillers called opioids — such as morphine, codeine, fentanyl — are the mainstay for many types of pain, Portenoy says.

Many doctors hesitate to prescribe opioids, which are heavily regulated because they can be abused by addicts. But for people who have never abused drugs and have no history of psychological problems, hardly any become dependent on pain medicine, Miaskowski said.

Another complaint, heavy sedation, usually wanes in three to four days, she said.

So what's state-of-the-art treatment? For moderate to severe pain from acute illness or surgery, expect a short-acting opioid like Percocet, or morphine in a patient-controlled quick-dose pump. For cancer, expect a long-acting version of morphine or oxycodone, or a fentanyl skin patch.

For chronic pain not due to cancer, new guidelines recommend similar opioids.

Methadone is an alternative when those drugs fail. Doctors also are trying antidepressants and anti-seizure drugs like gabapentin for patients with nerve-related pain.

And relaxation and hypnosis help, too — but shouldn't replace proper medication, Miaskowski stresses.

Quilt college

National's only such program studies hobby turned art

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Hints of her academic passion are scattered among the usual clutter of papers and files in Carolyn Ducey's tiny office — an array of fabric swatches, antique quilting needles, a small Japanese quilt hanging on the far wall.

Hidden in a corner of the University of Nebraska's home economics building, this is where Ducey works as curator of the International Quilt Study Center, the nation's only university-backed quilt scholarship program.

Down the hall is a climate-controlled, dimly lit storage room that houses one of the world's largest quilt collections — almost 1,200 items, each folded in acid-free paper and tucked into archive-quality boxes by graduate students wearing white cotton gloves.

This is where students wanting to become antique dealers, auction house experts or museum curators can study the designs and history of quilts.

"It is the quilt epicenter in terms of quilt study," says Dr. Patricia Crews, chairwoman of the university's School of Textiles, Clothing and Design.

Ducey is used to the inevitable questions when quilting novices first learn of the university's little-known center.

Why quilts? Why Nebraska?

The quick answer is a remarkable donation of 950 quilts by two Nebraska natives that anchored the center's birth in 1997. Quilt lovers Robert and Ardis

'It doesn't matter who comes through here, they always seem to have some connection to quilts. ... They always have a memory of a quilt they had as a child or one their mother or grandmother made for them.'

Carolyn Ducey

James of Chappaqua, N.Y., knew of Crews' scholarship into quilts and donated not only their collection, valued at \$6 million, but also an additional \$1 million to fund the center and build its storage room.

And Nebraska's strong quilting history makes it as likely a place as any for a center to focus study of the hobby-turned-art, Ducey and Crews say. They brand as a misconception the idea that quilting is tethered to New England.

"That's just one of the myths that got started in the 1930s, this idea of Colonial quilting," Ducey says. "There were very few quilts made in Colonial times, because fabric was entirely too expensive for that kind of luxury."

It wasn't until after the Civil War, when cotton fabric could be mass-produced and was more affordable, that quilting became a popular hobby, she explains.

Ducey also mentions more

ardent reasons for the center.

"Comfort, love, care, grandma ... these are what quilts impart with viewers," she says. "It doesn't matter who comes through here, they always seem to have some connection to quilts. Even with men, they always have a memory of a quilt they had as a child or one their mother or grandmother made for them."

"I don't think I would say there was surprise that it was set up in Nebraska," says quilt historian Karey Bresnenhan of Houston. "There was surprise that it was set up, period. The James collection is famous in the quilt world. It's a real treasure for any one institution to have in their possession."

The Jameses' Nebraska heritage made the University of Nebraska a logical home for their collection, says Bresnenhan, a fifth-generation Texas quilter.

Bresnenhan spent years studying textile books and antique fabrics to teach herself how to date quilts based on their fabric content and patterns. What took her years of trial-and-error now can be learned through a few courses at Nebraska's center.

"I didn't really learn about quilts and their history until I got here. Now I'm in love with it," says Marin Hanson, 27, of Chicago, who is enrolled in the university's graduate textile program, with an emphasis in quilt studies. She hopes to become curator of a quilt museum.

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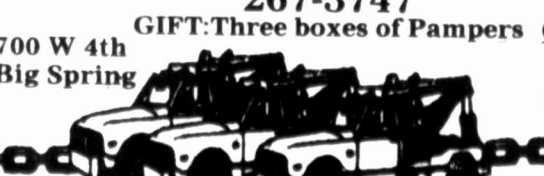
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YMCA schedules basketball camp

Elementary school students may now register to take part in a YMCA basketball camp conducted by former Big Spring Lady Steers coach Kathy Loter.

The camp is set for Jan. 3-5 with students in grades K-2 attending at 9:15 a.m. and those in grades 3-6 meeting from 10 a.m. to noon.

The camp will be limited to 40 youngsters per age group.

Fees are \$10 for non members of the YMCA and no fee will be charged of members.

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

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to the attention of John A. Moseley at 264-7205.

ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each and proceeds from the program benefit the Cancer Society's research, education programs and patient services efforts.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program and order forms are available at the two courses.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at www.acs-tx.org

Fastpitch softball umpires needed

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, according to Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association officials.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

Sun Bowl a clash of differing styles

EL PASO (AP) — No bowl game better epitomizes the difference in football styles played in the Midwest and the West Coast than the Sun Bowl pitting UCLA and Wisconsin.

The Bruins run the classic West Coast offense, relying on speed at their skill positions, particularly with wideouts Freddie Mitchell and Brian Polidino.

Big Ten smashmouth football remains the Badgers' hallmark even though they're throwing the ball a lot more now that they have two quality quarterbacks in Brooks Bollinger and Jim Sorgi.

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9:30 p.m. — Sugar Bowl Classic, LSU vs. Oregon St., FXS, Ch. 29.

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7 p.m. — Portland Trail Blazers at Utah Jazz, TNT, Ch. 28.

East Carolina's quick start dooms Red Raiders in 40-27 loss

HOUSTON (AP) — East Carolina's wake-up call came much earlier than Texas Tech's.

The Pirates scored the first 34 of the game, including two 1-yard runs by Leonard Henry and a 71-yard punt return by Keith Stokes, and went on to a 40-27 victory in the galleryfurniture.com Bowl on Wednesday night.

They stumbled to a 28-14 loss to Texas Christian in last year's Mobile Alabama Bowl and vowed to be ready for their next postseason game.

"They were a group of kids who didn't know how to act last year as far as preparing for a bowl game," East Carolina coach Steve Logan said. "They played hard, but there was no focus. From that moment

on, they determined to prepare differently."

The Red Raiders found themselves down 34-0 with 4:27 left in the first half.

"We woke up too late," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "We were sluggish. I don't know why, but I'm going to discover it in the offseason. I knew they were good, but I didn't think they'd be that effective. They made the big plays when they needed to. That's something we didn't do."

Pirates quarterback David Garrard completed 17 of 27 passes for 229 yards and one touchdown, earning the Most Valuable Player award. The TD pass was a 44-yarder to Derrick Collier in the first half.

"I never thought we'd come out

like that at the start," Garrard said. "But we wanted to keep on pounding and pounding. We did that all the way."

In a game expected to be an offensive shootout, only East Carolina came through in the first half with an assortment of trick plays and fancy running by Stokes. Voted the special teams player of the game, he had 266 total yards.

"I knew all we needed was a spark, whether it happened on offense or special teams," Stokes said. "This time, it happened on special teams."

Stokes had five kickoff returns for 105 yards, and three punt returns for 82 yards. He also rushed 33 yards on two carries and caught five passes for 46 yards.

Tech rallied behind Kliff Kingsbury, who threw three of his four touchdown passes in the second half to cut into the big deficit.

The Red Raiders finally scored with a 7-yard touchdown pass from Kingsbury to Derek Dorris with 1:39 left in the first half.

"To get down 34-0 is a pretty big hole to climb out of," Kingsbury said. "I don't think they were a super defense. We just made them look good."

Kingsbury hit Darrell Jones with a 65-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter to make it 34-14.

After East Carolina's Kevin Miller kicked field goals of 36 and 35 yards, Kingsbury threw a touchdown pass of 17 yards to Cole Roberts and a 3-yard pass to Dorris to make it 40-27.



Howard College post Shamelka Buckley (50) draws a foul before powering her way to the basket during the Lady Hawks' 122-41 season-opening win over Wayland Baptist University's junior varsity on Nov. 1. The Lady Hawks returned to action after the Christmas holiday break today, playing in the first round of the Scottsdale (Ariz.) Classic.

It's Faulk

Record-setting season makes Rams' back most valuable player

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Marshall Faulk spotted the rest of the league two games and still won the NFL's Most Valuable Player award easily.

"He's the greatest player in the NFL, and that's something that's obvious to us," St. Louis Rams tight end Roland Williams said. "We're glad everybody else can see it."

Faulk was a last-minute scratch for the Panthers game in Week 9 when loose cartilage locked up in his right knee, and he underwent arthroscopic surgery the following day.

He missed the next game, and the Rams used him sparingly the two games after that, which didn't keep him from setting an NFL record with 26 touchdowns. He also topped 2,000 yards rushing and receiving for the second straight season.

The first half of the season, Faulk was probably the MVP favorite.

"I think once I got injured, the talk went away," Faulk said. "Just deciding to get it done when I did was probably the best thing I did. I guess it was just good timing on our part."

Last season, teammate Kurt Warner was the MVP.

"The guy, I felt, deserved it as much as anybody last year, and definitely deserves it this year," Warner said. "He'd get my vote every year."

Faulk, 27, received 24 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters.

Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb (11) was second, followed by Tennessee running back Eddie George (8), Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon (5), Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning (1) and Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis (1).

Faulk set the NFL record with 2,429 yards last year. This year, he set a record with three four-TD games and totaled 2,189 yards, second behind Edgerrin James' 2,303.

In the last three games, Faulk scored 11 touchdowns

and had 572 yards rushing and receiving. He saved the best for last, rushing for 220 yards and catching seven passes for 41 yards in a victory over the Saints that, combined with Chicago's upset of Detroit, put the Rams in the postseason.

"I think these last three weeks I found myself back to where I was before I got hurt," Faulk said. "I could feel the difference. I could see the difference. As that happened, my workload increased."

His game isn't just statistics. Coach Mike Martz has often complimented Faulk for his on-field awareness and leadership off the field, and he doesn't mind doing the little things.

"He does everything so well," general manager Charley Arney said. "He had three or four really big blocks in the Saints game, he picks up the blitz real well and lead blocks when he has to."

"I don't know if anybody has ever had a ballplayer that could do everything as well as he can do it."

Martz knew Faulk was different early last season, his first with the Rams. Faulk played a minor role in a victory at Cincinnati in Week 3, touching the ball 14 times for only 40 yards, but didn't need an apology.

"A player of his stature, invariably in professional sports, has this certain amount of selfishness, and that lower lip starts to hang," Martz said. "That's not Marshall at all."

"He's the most unselfish professional athlete I think I've ever been around."

Faulk, the 1999 Offensive Player of the Year, is the 14th running back to be voted MVP. He joins such Hall of Fame runners as Jim Brown, Walter Payton, Jim Taylor, Paul Hornung, Earl Campbell and Marcus Allen.

"There's not too many of those guys that you won't see in the Hall of Fame, or those guys that didn't (make it), got everything out of every play one every down," Faulk said. "It's good company."

Northwestern posts upset over No. 16 Southern Cal

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

There were days last season when it was hard for Northwestern's basketball players to get out of bed.

They were winless in the Big Ten, with only five victories to show for six months of hard work. This wasn't why they were playing college basketball.

Fast-forward to a new season. There are still four days left in December, and Northwestern is already 7-5. That's seven victories, two more than all of last season — with one over a ranked team, to boot.

"That makes a lot of guys feel better," Tavaras Hardy said after Northwestern stunned No. 16 Southern California 63-61 Wednesday night. "A five-win season, that hurts."

Elsewhere in the Top 25, top-ranked Michigan State beat Bowling Green 85-69, No. 11 Seton Hall defeated Hartford 85-67, and No. 1 Maryland routed Chicago

State 117-55.

When coach Bill Carmody arrived at Northwestern last summer to replace Kevin O'Neill, he brought a new attitude along with Princeton's patient offense. And with the Big Ten season about to start, the Wildcats can already see the difference.

They bolted to a 15-0 lead over the Trojans (9-2), and never trailed. Ben Johnson hit a baseline jumper with 1:23 left, and then sealed the victory with two free throws with 8 seconds left.

Johnson finished with 13 points, eight assists and two steals. Hardy led the Wildcats with a season-high 20 points. Northwestern shot 52 percent and had 23 assists to go with 28 field goals.

"It sets a tone for what we're trying to accomplish the rest of the year," Johnson said. "It proves we're capable of playing a team like this and winning."

USC had a chance to at least send it to overtime when Brandon Granville made the front end of a one-and-one with 3.7 seconds left. He missed the second, giving the Trojans a chance at the rebound and the put-back.

But Northwestern's Jason Burke grabbed the ball, and the Trojans had no choice but to foul him with 2.4 seconds left. He missed the free throw, but Brian Scalabrine's desperation heave at the buzzer wasn't even close.

David Bluthenthal, out of the starting lineup for the first time this year because he was late for practice earlier in the week, led the Trojans with 17 points in 35 minutes. Desmon Farmer, also benched for being late, finished with 12 points and five assists in 36 minutes.

The Trojans were held to just 42-percent shooting, and it didn't help that Scalabrine was playing with the stomach flu.

Marshall takes 25-14 Motor City Bowl win over Cincinnati

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Byron Leftwich showed that his coach knows what he's talking about.

Marshall coach Bob Pruett has been telling everyone that Leftwich has the potential to be the Mid-American Conference's best quarterback ever.

The MAC is not exactly the cradle of quarterbacks, but it did produce Charlie Batch of the Detroit Lions and Chad Pennington, drafted by the New York Jets in the first round this year.

"It makes you want to get better every day and work hard every day," Leftwich said after hearing his coach's praise. "When your coach says you have an opportunity to be the best quarterback ever from the MAC, it only pushes you to get better."

"It's a good pressure."

Leftwich led the Thundering Herd to a 25-14 win over Cincinnati in the Motor City Bowl on Wednesday, giving Marshall a three-game winning streak in the bowl after losing the inaugural game in 1997.

Marshall (8-5) won six of its last seven games in what was expected to be a rebuilding year after Pennington graduated.

Leftwich, the Most Valuable Player of the game, threw a 77-yard touchdown pass on the fourth play and rushed for another TD, making up for two turnovers in the second quarter.

"I was so juiced up, I wanted to make every play a touchdown," Leftwich said. "Coach told me to settle down, and I did, and it showed in the second half."

The sophomore was 17-of-30 for 221 yards. This season, Leftwich

completed over 60 percent of his passes for 3,579 yards with 22 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

"His story is still yet unwritten," Cincinnati coach Rick Minter said. "He had a great game, and his career is only half over. That's scary if you're his opposition."

Leftwich was confident he would be successful this season after sitting behind Pennington two years.

"I just had to wait my turn and get a chance," Leftwich said. "I think I really showed what I could do, and I am proud to lead a continually proud line of Marshall quarterbacks."

Cincinnati's Deontay Kenner was 19-of-39 for 189 yards with two interceptions, and DeMarco McCleskey rushed for 72 yards and two touchdowns.

Despite the loss, the Bearcats (7-5)

hope they will begin a winning tradition at what is regarded as a basketball school.

"Today's defeat is just a setback and is not detrimental to the program," Minter said. "This is the best team I've had here at Cincinnati in terms of character and playing ability."

The Bearcats won their last four regular-season games to earn a bowl bid for just the second time since 1951.

"The loss doesn't taint our season at all," Cincinnati's Ray Jackson said. "We were 3-8 last year and we improved to 7-5 this year. It hurts a little that we didn't finish with a bowl win, but we will be back to get one next year."

Motor City Bowl officials said they sold 52,911 tickets, but just 26,018 fans watched the game.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Put your best foot forward. Others might not appreciate the effort you make, but it makes no difference. Do it for yourself. Deal with a financial matter head-on, and you will be pleased with yourself. Your smile goes far. Success comes through a meeting. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Too much of anything can wear you down, even holiday hoorahs. You could be more off kilter than you realize. A boss might be pushing you in a certain direction, but you know what works for you. Clear out excess work. Tonight: Stop burning the candle at both ends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Reach out for someone, but know your limits. You might not be comfortable with feedback, even if it is well-meaning. You could be a bit more tired than you realize. News is meant to be positive. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Work with a friend or loved one who might feel as

if he is in dire straits. A partner or associate does something special. Do not minimize what is happening in a key matter. Your sense of direction marks your actions. Willingly accept another's gesture. Tonight: Go for quality time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Defer to others, especially a difficult associate. Someone clearly sees you in a special light. Take charge at work and get as much done as possible. Think carefully about your image at work. You could be overwhelmed by another's demanding nature. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Work must take a higher priority. You could be overwhelmed by what is going on at a distance. You also might have a difficult time establishing communication. Carefully rethink a decision. If you can find another course of action or a way around a problem, do so. Tonight: Squeeze in exercise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Someone who has been a source of comfort or material support will slam the door if you aren't careful. You don't need to see eye to eye with another, but you do need to respect each other. Listen to feedback from a child or loved one who sees the complexity of a dilemma. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes and forget your cares.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Someone is testy. Still another could be grumpy. What is the common denominator here? You might want to question what you are putting out to get such strong reactions. A loved one cares and lets you know. Tonight: Mosey on home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Your fatigue could be coloring your work and your vision about what is possible here. You feel as if you are plugging along at an unusually slow pace.

HOROSCOPE

Think before enacting any decisions. Make calls and catch up on news. Tonight: Do something special for another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Avoid the frivolous, and you will be happier. Curb a tendency to go overboard and (at times) a bit crazy. A loved one could inadvertently rain on your parade. Hold your money and feelings close to your vest, for now. Tonight: Make a favorite meal or be with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Clearly, you have a lot to buck. Finding common ground proves to be challenging. Carefully think through a decision that involves family or a domestic matter. You might not agree. Somehow, you might not understand another's attitude. Keep asking questions. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Your understanding goes a long way toward resolving a problem. You might be overly sensitive and reactive. Pull back. Take a walk and think. Talk to a trusted friend later. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

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Every year, I send checks to more than 80 charities, and I make it a point to label each donation "annual contribution for the year" — to no avail. I continue to receive three to four daily requests and/or "gifts." Besides the inconvenience of all this unasked-for and unwanted mail, I'm concerned about the waste of paper and the money that should go to philanthropy and not marketing.

How can I convince charities to accept the fact that I can send them only one check a year? Could you suggest that these associations label us "once-a-year contributors" and stop showering us with requests and gifts the rest of the year? Believe me, Abby, I would be most grateful. — NOT A MILLIONAIRE, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR NOT A MILLIONAIRE: I could suggest that charities send solicitations only once a year — but the effort would be useless. Many large charities have become automated. The donor lists have become part of a computer information bank, and requests for money are spit out and

mailed a minimum of several times a year. One would think the expenditure of paper and postage would be taken into consideration, but they must make so much money that they can afford to waste it.

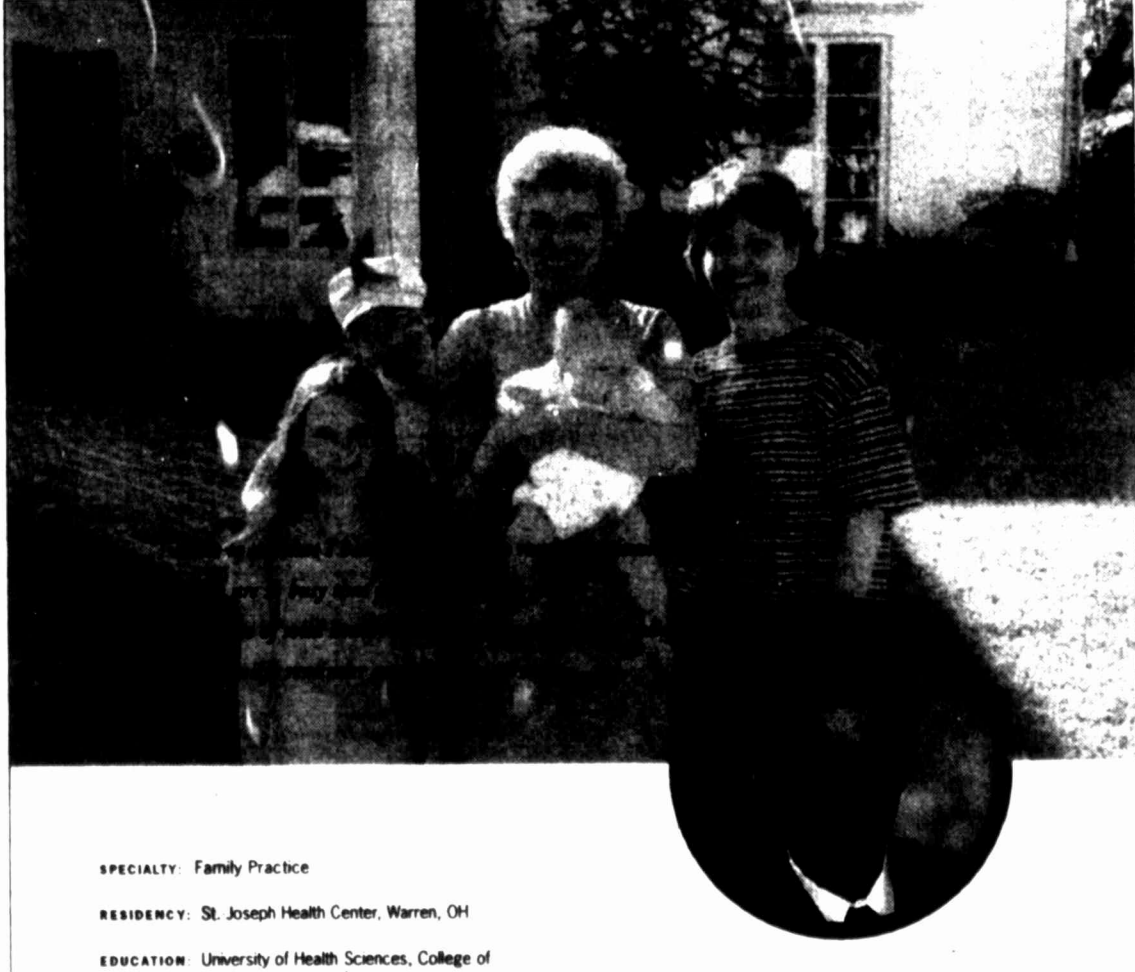
At one time, I was in your situation regarding a charity in Los Angeles. I, too, was concerned when I continued to be solicited almost monthly. I called a development person at the charity and asked to be solicited only once a year. During the next few months, I continued to receive requests for money from them — and then a package arrived containing a useless "gift," because I was such a "valued friend" of the charity.

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6:PM	News (CC)	Cosby (CC)	Wishbone (CC)	Early Edition (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	College Football: Footbal	Locura de Amor	Mom's Got a Date With a	Martin Law (CC)	(15) Movie: Payback	(CC)	Playing the Field: Sports	News John Hages	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Pretender (CC)	Travis: Life in the ER
7:PM	Whose Line? (CC)	Movie: Jumanji (CC)	Scenic Rail Journeys	Movie: Air Bud	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	Whose Line? (CC)	Friends (CC)	Micron PC Bowl - Minnesota vs. North Carolina	Mujeres Enganadas	Vampire (CC)	18 Wheels of Justice (CC)	(CC)	Movie: Runaway Bride (CC)	Movie: The Seventh Sign (CC)	Movie: The Hot Spot (CC)	Sex Bytes Inside the NFL	Behind Closed Doors (CC)	Discovery News	NBA Basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at Utah Jazz
8:PM	Be a Millionaire	Arrest & Trial Nanny (CC)	Nova (CC)	Hidden-Magic (CC)	48 Hours (CC)	Be a Millionaire	Will & Grace	ER (CC)	El Gran Blabazo	Johnny Tournami (CC)	Martin Law (CC)	(CC)	Movie: Notting Hill (CC)	Movie: The Hot Spot (CC)	Sex Bytes Inside the NFL	Behind Closed Doors (CC)	Discovery News	Justice Files (CC)	Paramedics
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10:PM	News (CC)	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer (CC)	700 Club (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	P. Impacto Noticias Univ.	Zorro (CC)	Amor, Shooter Ducks! (CC)	(CC)	Movie: Elizabeth (CC)	Movie: The Hot Spot (CC)	Sex Bytes Inside the NFL	Behind Closed Doors (CC)	Discovery News	Justice Files (CC)	Paramedics
11:PM	Politically Inc. (CC)	Blind Date Sudden	Irish in America	Who's Boss? (CC)	Show (CC)	Ent. Tonight (CC)	Ent. Tonight (CC)	Show (CC)	Viviana a la Medianoche	Walt Disney Presents	Outdoors Trucks	The Passion of Darcy	(CC)	2001: A Sex Movie	Faith Please God	Behind Closed Doors (CC)	Discovery News	Movie: The Killing	Secrets of Forensic Science
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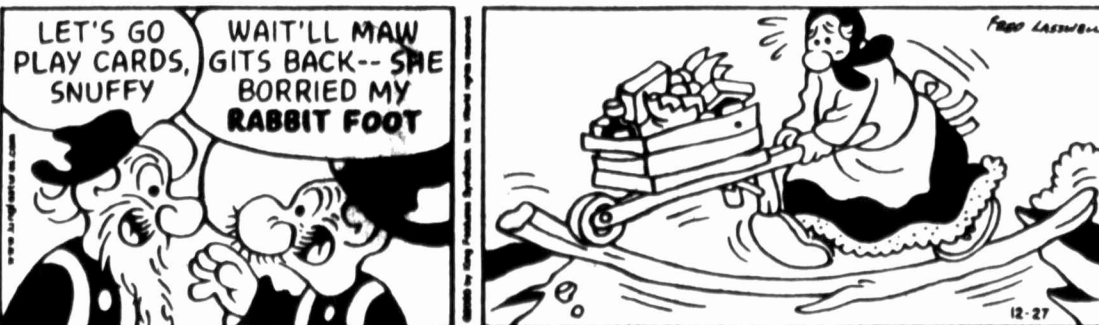
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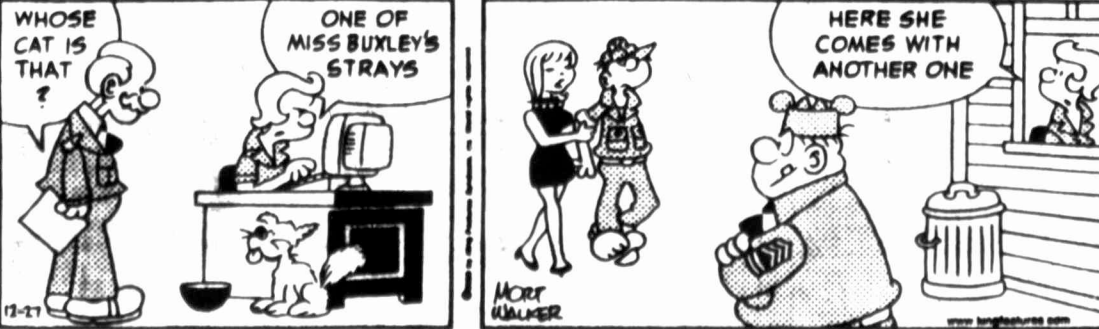
GASOLINE ALLEY



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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Dec. 28, the 363rd day of 2000. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 28, 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

On this date:

In 1694, Queen Mary II of England died after five years of joint rule with her husband, King William III.

In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with President Andrew Jackson.

In 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Va.

In 1897, the play "Cyrano de Bergerac," by Edmond Rostand, premiered in Paris.

In 1917, the New York Evening Mail published a facetious — as well as fictitious — essay by H.L. Mencken on the history of bathtubs in America.

In 1937, composer Maurice Ravel died in Paris.

In 1944, the musical "On the Town" opened on Broadway.

In 1973, Alexander Solzhenitsyn published "Gulag Archipelago," an expose of the Soviet prison system.

In 1989, Alexander Dubcek, the former Czechoslovak Communist leader who was deposed in

a Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion in 1968, was named chairman of the country's parliament.

Ten years ago: The government reported that its chief economic forecasting gauge, the Index of Leading Indicators, plunged 1.2 percent the previous month, the fifth consecutive monthly drop. Two people died in a subway fire in New York; 33 people were injured in a trolley collision in Boston.

One year ago: Clayton Moore, television's "Lone Ranger," died in West Hills, Calif., at age 85.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Lou Jacobi is 87. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pop Staples is 86. Bandleader Johnny Otis is 79. Former United Auto Workers union president Owen Bieber is 71. Actress Dame Maggie Smith is 66.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- 1 Molten metal waste
- 5 Compact clump
- 9 Acrobatic stunt
- 14 Dorothy's pup
- 15 Yankees' complement
- 16 Came up
- 17 1956 John Mills film
- 20 Fight off
- 21 Frost or Dove
- 22 Pipe fittings
- 23 Lacking experience
- 25 Glaswegian
- 27 1995 Vanessa Redgrave film
- 35 Tyler or Ullmann
- 36 Hibernia
- 37 Whoop it up
- 38 Tavern orders
- 40 Oven-cook
- 43 Full gainer or jackknife
- 44 Military music
- 46 Go away!
- 48 Intentionally so written
- 49 1954 Marion Brando film
- 53 Way out
- 54 Digit
- 55 Strait-laced
- 58 Dateless
- 61 Sudden forward movement
- 65 1964 Fabian film
- 68 Musical drama
- 69 Church area
- 70 Cut and paste
- 71 Banquet
- 72 Soaked in anil
- 73 Hideouts

DOWN

- 1 Play lead
- 2 Ear flap
- 3 At the summit of
- 4 Regulate
- 5 Wildebeest
- 6 Speech imperfection
- 7 Aware of
- 8 Urgent request
- 9 Spotted
- 10 Ran off at the mouth
- 11 Pointless, in tennis
- 12 Understanding words
- 13 MacLaine movie, "Guarding —"
- 18 Uplift
- 19 Impress clearly
- 24 Machinery sound
- 26 " — the ramparts we watched..."
- 27 San Antonio landmark
- 28 La Scala's city
- 29 There for all to see
- 30 Male sib
- 31 Leavening agent
- 32 Dispatch boat
- 33 Kilne or Bacon
- 34 Choose by a vote
- 39 Plotters
- 41 Thar — blows!
- 42 Grounds for a suit
- 45 Magic spell
- 47 From time long past
- 50 Desired object
- 51 Go to
- 52 Recycled
- 55 Coll. employee
- 56 Opportune
- 57 Notion
- 59 On vacation
- 60 Chip in
- 62 Au natural
- 63 Ear to ear look
- 64 Newts
- 66 Make lace

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

ITEMS	AMISH	BAH
NOVAE	MONDE	RCA
SMART	COOKIE	EER
THUG	HOARD	
BATTLER	STANDBY	
ADORER	BOWWOW	
KLAUS	HIFI	IDS
EASE	DURAN	SNAP
SIT	TALCS	BANTU
MOOLAH	PUREED	
TRAVOIS	LIZARDS	
BASAL	BAEZ	
OFT	SAFE	CRACKER
NEE	UTILE	RHINO
ERR	PEELS	DITSY

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