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WEATHER

Today:



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TODAY 58°-63° TONIGHT 34°-37°

Dinner slated for Rep. Counts here Thursday

An appreciation luncheon for State Rep. David Counts will be held Thursday with an 11 a.m. reception and noon meal at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Tickets are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and should be purchased by Tuesday.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Senior Circle, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 are older are invited to participate. For more information, call 268-4721.

□ Big Spring Evening Lions club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean, 267-3068.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance Classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center, call 267-1628.

□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Terry Hansen 264-5175.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.

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Jennings will lead way for 14th Herald Christmas Parade

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Carroll Jennings — who has directed the local United Way effort past its goal for five consecutive years now — will serve as Grand Marshal of the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

He will lead more than 55 entries down Gregg Street on Saturday as the parade celebrates its 14th year.

"We're pleased that Carroll accepted our invita-



WALKER

JENNINGS

tion to serve as Grand Marshal of the 14th Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade," said Herald publisher John H.

Walker. "Ever since I have been associated with the parade, we've tried to recognize individuals and groups who have made a difference in the community, such as Mrs. Dorothy Garrett, Dr. P.W. Malone and the Vietnam Memorial Committee."

Jennings certainly fits that mold.

"Carroll Jennings' selection as Parade Grand Marshal carries on the tradition of recognizing those who work to make our community and area a better

place to live, work and raise a family," said Walker. "Like most of us, Carroll came to Big Spring because of a job — and he could have made that his only reason for being here, but he didn't. He has made a difference in the quality of life in our community through his work with United Way, the Big Spring Symphony and the Pops in the Park celebration."

Jennings, a retired Navy chief warrant officer, has spent 21 years with United Way, including the past six

in Big Spring.

"I am overwhelmed," said Jennings. "I am less than deserving for an honor like that. It would be a highlight for me or anybody else to lead the Christmas parade."

Jennings has announced his retirement as United Way of Big Spring and Howard County director, effective Jan. 31. He said he's loved every minute of it.

"The highlight of my living in Big Spring is that I

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Jan Wilks, Jade Cannon and Steven Davis check out a temporary shop, Old Friends Antiques, at the Big Spring Mall on Saturday. They made a trip from Colorado City to check out all the sales over the weekend.

Heart Walk continues to generate American Heart Association funds

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The American Heart Association is still receiving funds raised from the Heart Walk held Saturday, Nov. 20, board members learned from an update on Tuesday.

"I want to thank everybody for their help and participation," Kartricia Carson, co-chair of the event, said. "I think we did a good job."

Carson announced at the board meeting that the walk has raised \$4,528.25.

"We still have not collected all the money from the event," she said. "Some of

the walkers have not turned in their money to their team captains."

"We will be getting in touch with our team captains and should have a final tally by our next meeting," she continued.

Carson stated most of the money raised from the event will be used for heart research and education about cardiovascular disease.

Held at the First Baptist Church Life Center, the Heart Walk brought out 71 people in near-freezing temperatures to generate funds and awareness for cardiovascular research and education.

The participants walked for 30 minutes in the Life Center while Howard College cheerleaders supported the walkers with cheers.

Carson said she was

pleased with the turnout and support from the public.

According to Carson, the First Baptist Church donated the use of the Life Center for the event.

Board members now turn to planning the Jump Rope for Heart and the association's annual gala.

Currently Coahoma, Baur, Washington and Moss elementary have signed up to participate in the Jump Rope for Heart, said Joan Brem, regional director.

Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer in the United States. Someone dies from cardiovascular disease-related causes every 33 seconds.

Anyone interested in receiving more information about the American Heart Association can contact president Carmen Brooks at 264-3600.



CARSON

Sen. Duncan slates visit here Tuesday

HERALD Staff Report

State Sen. Robert Duncan will visit Big Spring on Tuesday to meet the public and update members of an area civic club on state redistricting.

"We will have a ribbon cutting on Tuesday," said Frances Wheat, district office director for Sen. Duncan.

Sen. Duncan's Big Spring office recently moved to 401

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Becky Ragle buys tickets for "The Grinch" and handles 10-month-old Andrew while Scott Ragle looks after 4-year-old Aaron. The movie, just released last week, has been showing at the Cinema 4 theatre at the Big Spring Mall to a sold out crowd all through the Thanksgiving weekend. Showgoers are being urged to purchase their tickets early if possible.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

OBITUARIES

Myra Drake

Myra Drake, 74, of Houston and formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2000, at a Houston hospital following a long illness.

Graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with Mike Tolson, her nephew, officiating.

She was born Aug. 17, 1926, at Almore and came to Big Spring in 1970 from Houston and returned to Houston in 1995. She was a retired hairdresser and a Baptist.

She is survived by two daughters, Melody Culp of Houston and Jo Nell Bryant of Garland; one son, Floyd Coates of Indiana; two sisters, Venice Cawthron of Big Spring and Lucy Holt of Aledo; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lillie Mae Moore Southard and Robert L. Southard; one brother, Robert I. Southard; and two sisters, Roma Mathews and Lilune Arnold.

The family will be at 5104 Wasson Road.

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

Ida Virginia Mullins

Ida Virginia Mullins, 101, of Big Spring and formerly of Carlton, died Friday, Nov. 24, 2000, in Big Spring. Service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, at the Carlton Baptist Church with the Rev. David Keith officiating. Interment will follow at the Carlton Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 15, 1899, in Lampasas County and had lived in Big Spring for 20 years prior to Carlton. She was a homemaker and a member of the Carlton Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Nellie Wright of Big Spring and Sybil Greer of Carlton; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rutledge Funeral Home in Hico.

Agnes Edna Hogue

Agnes Edna Hogue, 97, of Roscoe, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2000, in a Roscoe Nursing Center. Graveside service was held at 11 a.m.

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Virtle L. Faries, 79, died Saturday. Services will be 4:00 PM Monday at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at the Westbrook Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born to William and Melissa Durham in Forgan, Okla., on Jan. 19, 1903. She married Edward Hogue who preceded her in death on Oct. 22, 1987.

She is survived by her son, James Hogue of Sweetwater; 12 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 26 great-great-grandchildren.

Lloyd Benjamin Nichols

Lloyd Benjamin Nichols, 92, of Tyler and formerly of Stephenville, died Friday, Nov. 24, 2000, at the Oakbrook Nursing Home in Whitehouse.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, at the Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Newcomer and Rev. Earl Baugh officiating. Interment will follow at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Stephenville.

He was born Dec. 19, 1907, at Sweetwater. He married Myrtle Pratt on June 10, 1935, in Stanton. She preceded him in death on May 21, 1993.

He grew up in Big Spring and the Knott Community before moving to Stephenville in 1973. He spent many years farming and also worked for many years with Columbian Carbon Company in Seagraves.

He is survived by two daughters, Lillian Newcomer of Houston and Vivian Ann Barron of Whitehouse; two sons, Edmond Nichols of Denver City and Jeffie Nichols of Garland; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Virtle L. Faries

Virtle L. Faries, 79, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 4:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church with his son, Elder Gail Faries and Elder Jeff Harris, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park with Elder Howard Jernigan officiating.

He was born on Feb. 5, 1921 in Wappapello, Mo., and married Faye Hardy on Oct. 11, 1942, in Perryton.

He graduated from Puxico, Mo., High School in 1939 as class salutatorian. He served in the United States Army during World War II. Mr. Faries was a residential building contractor and farmer in Perryton until 1983 when he moved to Colorado City. He then moved to Big Spring in 1999.

He joined the Perryton Primitive Baptist Church on Oct. 45, 1943, and was baptized by Elder J.B. Hardy. Mr. Faries joined the Bethel Primitive Baptist Church of Colorado City in

1983 and was ordained as a deacon in 1987. He joined the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church in Big Spring in 1992 and served as a deacon there until his death. He assisted in the building of church buildings in Perryton, Abilene, Big Spring and Luling.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Faries of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Steve Hall of Aurora, Colo.; one son and daughter-in-law, Gail and Val Faries of Lubbock; five grandchildren, Shawn, Corey and Wesley Hall of Aurora, Colo., and Justin and Shanna Faries of Lubbock; two brothers, John Royal Faries of Farmington, Mo., and Alvin Faries of Puxico, Mo., and one sister, Wanda Hardy of Jackson, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Pauline Johnston.

The family suggests memorials to the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 24th St., Big Spring, TX 79720.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

PARADE

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have more fun than anybody. Thanks for putting up with me," he said with a laugh.

The theme for this year's parade is "A Traditional Christmas" and first-place plaques will be awarded in four categories: lighted, school/church, commercial/manufacturing and civic organizations. Vehicles other than antiques must be decorated, and vehicles of a strictly commercial nature are not be permitted. About the only tradition participants are asked not to consider is Santa. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the corner of the north frontage road of FM 700 and Gregg Street, and will head north to Sixth Street, east to Scurry, north again to Third Street and into the downtown area for a celebration at Heart of the City Park.

DUNCAN

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Austin and will be the site for an open house from 10 to 11 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

"Sen. Duncan is always so impressed with the way Big Spring turns out for these events," Wheat said.

Although Sen. Duncan can only stay for a short time at his open house, Wheat said, she encourages the public to visit his office any time.

"The public can come by the office any time," she said. "If they want to voice any concerns, I will make sure it gets to Austin."

The open house is part of a Big Spring Area Chamber

BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the three business that have recently moved into the building, including Bynum Enterprise and Ralph McLaughlin Financial.

At noon, Sen. Duncan will speak to Rotary Club of Big Spring members during their regular meeting at the Howard College Cactus Room.

The Texas Legislature will meet in session beginning in January. One of the issues that will be discussed during the session this year will be redistricting.

RECOUNT

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argument for contesting the results, said in a statement, released by the campaign: "This may take time, but it is time well spent. ... We must not sacrifice accuracy for speed in deciding who has been chosen by the voters."

Republicans were alarmed when hundreds of absentee ballots turned up in piles of disputed votes in Broward County, and they objected to plans to count them. Bush's lawyers, meanwhile, dropped a statewide lawsuit over rejected overseas absentee ballots, but sued Saturday in several counties — Hillsboro, Okaloosa, Pasco and Polk — to pad his lead with votes from military personnel. A lawsuit in Orange County was planned today.

Republicans said the Sunday deadline offers a public relations opportunity for Bush — if he still leads Gore. Aides had not decided how to address the milestone. Whether or not Bush declares outright victory and suggests that Gore concede depends on the vote total, a senior official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The totals may not be clear. Ben McKay, a spokesman for Harris, said the certification could take hours or even be delayed indefinitely if there is legal action or "unforeseen circumstances. There could be an injunction ... the legislature could take it over," he said in a telephone interview, reflecting how unpredictable the recount has become.

Gore's staff estimated he will fall 300 to 400 votes short, though they didn't

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 6,13,26,27,32,46

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

rule out the possibility that he could slip past Bush. One senior adviser pointed to the overseas absentee ballots and GOP activity in scattered counties to suggest Bush will pick up a surprising number of votes in the final hours of counting and may top Gore by 900 or more.

It was impossible to determine whether such dire talk was sincere or a desire to lower expectations. The same can be said of Bush aides, who held out the possibility that Gore could yet overtake them.

The U.S. Supreme Court stepped into the fiercely fought campaign Friday, agreeing to consider Bush's appeal against the hand recounting of ballots in Florida.

The Florida Supreme Court ruled last week that the recounts could continue, but set a 5 p.m. EST Sunday deadline. The order allows either Bush or Gore to contest the certified totals in state circuit court.

The Gore team announced Thanksgiving Day that he would challenge Harris' finding in certain counties, a move that even Bush's aides said acted to diminish the significance of her Sunday announcement.

The candidates laid low Saturday. Bush spent most of the day at his ranch in Texas and returned to the governor's mansion in the evening to a crowd of supporters yelling, "President Bush! President Bush!" Gore went out for chocolate-chip ice cream then returned to his official residence in Washington, where a handful of demonstrators massed. "Get out of Cheney's house!" chanted GOP protesters. Others backed Gore.

Vote-counting continued in Broward and Palm Beach counties, with officials using different standards and yielding different results.

In Broward County, officials hoped to finish examining nearly 2,000 questionable ballots by late Saturday. Gore had a net gain of 531 votes by evening, including 394 from the disputed ballots under review.

Tensions flared in the ballot counting room when a

GOP observer raised repeated objections to the election board's decision to count absentee ballots. "You're trolling for votes here because it's clear that you can't win this election," said GOP attorney William Scherer.

Board chairman Robert Lee tersely told Scherer not to return after a lunch break.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday:

• JEREMY YEATS, 22, of 1600 E. 17th, was arrested on a charge of running a stop sign.

• BENJAMIN OLIVERA, 19, of 708 NW 5th, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

• GLENN WHITE, 40, of 5001 Wasson Rd., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• ERNESTO GARCIA, 49, of 2001 Runnels, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• AURORA DOMINGUEZ, 48, of 1710 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• JAVITO CARDENAS, 21, of 1601 State, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• ROCKY RODRIGUEZ, 19, of 1601 State, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• TONY RODRIGUEZ, 33, of 3303 Duke, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ADRIAN NORMAN, 24, of 3303 Duke, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of Jefferson and in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh.

• THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy, in the 800 block of W. I-20 and in the 300 block of Owens.

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If you have experienced a loss, we want to help you get through the holidays. That is why you are cordially invited to a Service of Remembrance to honor all area families who have experienced the death of a loved one during the past year. And at your request, we will record your loved one's name in our book of memory to be distributed to everyone who attends the service. It is a special way to pay tribute to the person you love.

For more information or to add your loved one's name to the book of memory please contact Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home by Thursday, November 30, 2000 at 267-6331.



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Cattle rustling making a comeback across Central Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — An estimated 200 head of cattle have been stolen so far this year from Central Texas ranchers in what law enforcement officials are calling a comeback of Wild West cattle rustling.

Nine head of cattle estimated to be worth \$6,300 were stolen from H.C. Hilcher's ranch just outside of Smithville in Bastrop County.

Only one was recovered. "They were just picked up," Hilcher said in Friday's editions of the Austin American Statesman. "They were hauled to an auction in Gonzales. Some of them

went to slaughter, and I think some individuals bought some of them."

At L-Bar, a large ranch based in Del Valle and owned by Bob Carr, some 110 animals were stolen. A former employee was arrested.

"We've been rustled real good," Carr said bitterly. "It hurt me. It violated me. My family couldn't believe it. This is a story about human tragedy," he said.

Things have changed in rustling over the past 100 years.

Thieves now use pickups and trailers instead of horses, and they have to contend

with locks and fences where once there was open prairie.

Owners who once used hired guns and impromptu hangings to protect their herds now use implanted microchips and law enforcement.

But investigators with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, known as the Special Texas Rangers, have been a constant since 1887.

The association was founded by some of Texas' largest cattlemen — such as C.C. Slaughter, who moved his Long S Ranch so many times that he had animals spread across six counties — and James C. Loving,

whose father cut the Goodnight-Loving Trail, one of the most important cattle trails in the West.

Their primary goal in forming the association was to curb cattle and horse theft on the range.

More than 100 years later, the association has branched out into lobbying and animal health issues, but the special rangers are still the main weapon used against livestock thieves.

Although they are deputized, the inspectors are employed by the association, not the state.

Special Texas Ranger Keith Korenek, who serves nine Central Texas coun-

ties, arrested two men in connection with the Bastrop County thefts and is looking into others in Lee County that could be connected.

"Right now we've accounted for 19 head on this deal," Korenek said. "We've got those accounted for, but there may be more to this story than I know now."

Law enforcement officials can't say for certain how many head of cattle have been stolen. The association keeps track of the number of cases investigated (1,319 in 1999), and animals accounted for (4,493 cattle, 88 horses), but even they can't say for certain that's how many were pilfered.

Cows, unlike cars, they point out, can get up and leave on their own.

"I get a lot of calls," Korenek said. "But a lot of the time you know they're not stolen. There's no evidence anybody came in. Most of the time the cattle are just at a neighbor's house."

That was not the case with Bastrop County rancher Richard Neidig. Seven young females were stolen about a month ago from a feedlot in his pasture near McDade.

Neidig tracked tips and called in both the sheriff and the association to help him pursue the thieves.

Six killed in three-car collision in Central Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — A southeast Texas family continued a vigil at a hospital Saturday for a teen-age girl and a young boy who survived a Thanksgiving family trip turned fatal that killed six people, including four of their relatives.

Members of the Bryant family tensely waited at the Scott & White Hospital in Temple for word about Laqueshia Hadnot, 15, and Tyrell Franks, 5, both of Cleveland, who were injured Thursday evening in an accident while returning home from a holiday dinner with relatives.

Six people were killed and three were injured in the three-car collision on rain-slickened U.S. 190 near Buckholts, about 25 miles southeast of Temple.

Hadnot was listed in stable condition after surgery for a broken pelvis and had cuts and bruises, while Franks was recovering from a head injury. The 5-year-old boy was listed in critical condition, but had regained consciousness and begun talking.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, a car driven by Joel Martinez, 19, of Buckholts, inexplicably veered across the center stripe and slammed head-on into another vehicle driven by Royal Bryant, 64, of Coldspring.

A third car then slid into Martinez's.

Killed were Bryant, his

wife, Arthurine Bryant, 59, and their grandson Clifford Hill, 5, of Coldspring.

Lekeshia Chapman, 15, of Cleveland, the Bryants' granddaughter, died Friday at the hospital.

Martinez and a passenger, Jose Reyes, 26, of Cameron also died and Julio Hernandez, 21, of Cameron, was injured. Hernandez was treated for arm and hand fractures and discharged.



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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

My, what Big Spring has to offer

The holiday season is here, which means the shopping season has also arrived. Unless you are one of the few who purchase gifts ahead of time so that you can relax through the holidays, we suspect you are in the middle of the process right now.

There are always a few people we have no problem buying for, but there are always one or two that we agonize over. And of course, someone in the family has to be the grinch and remind everyone the gifts have to actually be affordable.

At some point, we'll decide we can't put off any longer purchasing those gifts that have to go in the mail. We'll get those now; the others can wait just a little longer. Of course the longer we wait, the less selection there is.

But Christmas shopping doesn't have to be excruciating, nor do we have to go very far to do it.

While we sometimes err in thinking that bigger is better, it's just not so. Big Spring has lots of shops with an amazing variety of gift items. From the latest item to hit the stores to antiques, you'll find just about everything you need right at home.

The downtown area has some of the most unique shops in West Texas, offering a lot of one-of-a-kind items ranging from rustic furniture to western art. Up and down Third and Fourth streets, along Scurry and Main, the length of Gregg, east and west on FM 700 — all across Big Spring, there are more shops than we'd realized. And each offers something a little different.

And there are the larger stores as well — primarily out on FM 700 and at the Big Spring Mall, which feature a large variety of more "mainstream" items.

In short, Big Spring has a lot to offer. Shoppers are limited only by their imagination.

We encourage you to plan your shopping and budget within your means — that takes much of the stress off the process. Finally, shop Big Spring. We think you'll be delighted at the quality and quantity of what you'll find.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing this letter in appreciation of every parent, friend, student and family that participated in the Marcy Elementary Fall Festival. In addition I would like to also give great thanks to the following supportive local merchants who donated either time or merchandise: Big Spring High School Key Club, Gale's Sweet Shoppe, Wal-Mart, Johansen Landscape & Nursery, Cornell Corrections, Cox Communications, Taco Villa and Fast Stop's Byron Harris.

SHANN THOMAS
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of Big Spring's water. Recently, I had rusty water come from my toilet and washer. As a result, nine loads of laundry were ruined. Black sewage came from the commode.

I informed the city and spoke to Tom Ferguson and Jim Pipe. After stressing the fact that my water was bad, there was still nothing done to improve it.

I have called Austin. I was denied for an insurance claim to cover my losses.

Also, as a result, HUD wouldn't cover my home because of the water.

I have lived here since 1930. I believe it is my right to express to someone my distress.

MABLE WILSON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to express my feelings about the city

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Moral authority of new leader on hold

By WALTER R. MEARS
Guest Columnist

By this time in the normal course of events, the vital transition would be well under way — the transition that makes a politician into "Mr. President," a leader accepted even by those Americans who did not want him in the White House.

Winning the title does not instantly bestow the standing.

Now either George W. Bush or Al Gore will have to try to earn it in an abbreviated interregnum, against a tide of bitterness and divisiveness that is rising, not ebbing.

The transformation from campaign stridency to solemn presidency is one that normally unfolds over the 10 weeks between the division of elections and the unity symbolized by inauguration. A careful step at a time, new presidents prepare for power with overtures to Congress, with courtesy messages to world leaders and, from the wisest winners, gestures to the rivals they have just defeated.

In this tangled, bitter, overtime struggle to determine whether Gov. Bush or Vice President Al Gore will be the 43rd president, that transition is going to be far more difficult than the complicated but customary task of choosing a White House team, nominating a

Cabinet, and drafting an agenda for the first chapter of a new administration.

For that, there are precedents, seven transitions from one president to his newly-elected successor since World War II, six of them shifting power from one party to the other. There's even a new guidebook produced by a Brookings Institution team on the appointments that shape a new president's administration.

But not since 1876 has a presidential election been disputed as this one is, and when Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner, only two days before inauguration, Democrats said he'd stolen the office. Despite that start to what he had promised would be his single term, it was not a powerless one. He ended Reconstruction, restoring self-rule to the Civil War South, and he began the process that eventually led to reform of the corrupt civil service.

When he was campaigning, Bush often said that when he took his programs to Congress, he'd tell them that he came with a message from the American people. He won't have one, nor would Gore should he win the White House by recount in Florida, for the decisive, and undecided 25 electoral votes that will make a president.

That will have to be done with persuasion and bipartisanship in a Congress so

narrowly held by the Republicans that there will have to be compromise to get anything done, whoever is president.

These are the days and weeks for that to be happening — as when Ronald Reagan roamed the corridors of the Capitol, looking in Democratic leaders as well as the Republican Senate that had come to control on his coattails. He and Nancy already had been to the White House, welcomed by President Carter, the man he had just defeated. "I think you'll like the place," Carter said.

Eight years ago it was President George Bush's time to swallow defeat and welcome Bill Clinton to the White House for a two-hour post-election talk on world trouble spots and pending problems. They called it warm and informative.

One Clinton task of the weeks between winning and beginning was to ease away from his campaign promise of a middle class tax cut to shift to an economic program designed to deal with deficits he said were worse than he'd been led to believe. Clinton said it would be irresponsible for any president to ignore changing circumstances.

This also is the period in which presidents-elect reach out to the people and groups who had most opposed them, Ronald Reagan, for example, to black leaders, promising suspicious minorities that

he would defend their rights "even at the point of a bayonet."

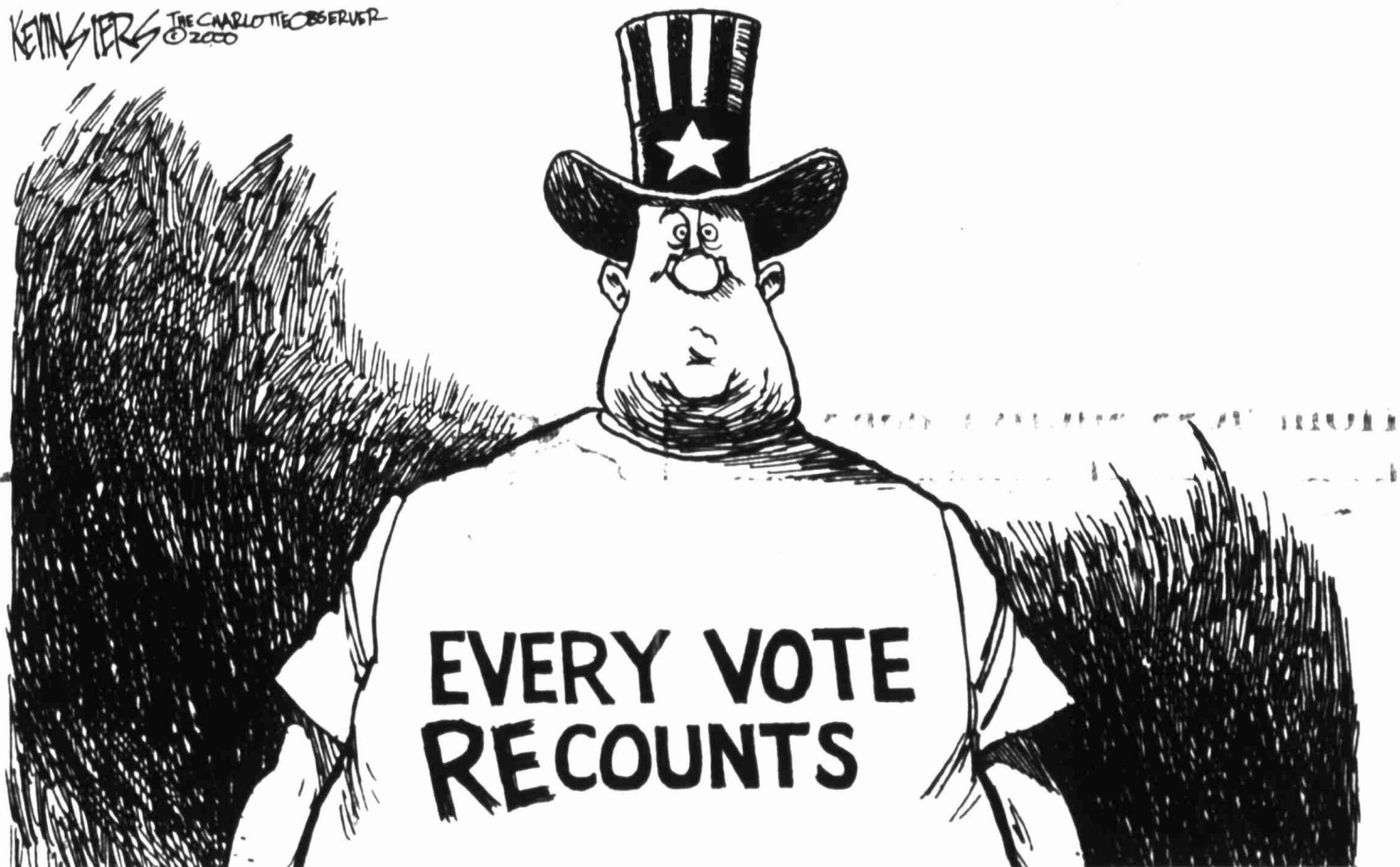
It is a time for symbols of the American way of transferring power — of messages to and from foreign leaders, as in Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's to John F. Kennedy on Nov. 9, 1960, to express hope, hollow, as it turned out, for Cold War steps toward improved relations. Kennedy replied by wire that "a just and lasting peace" would be his major task. All that two years before the brinksmanship of the Cuban missile crisis.

The symbolism can be momentous or minor. President-elect Clinton conferred with Reagan in Los Angeles, and came away with both advice and a jar of jelly beans.

From such episodes are presidents made. Elections determine who the new man will be. The gradual process of coming to power determines how he will be seen by the Americans he has been chosen to lead.

In this incredible season, that gathering of the moral authority of the new leader is on hold while the hostilities of the campaign are waged on in courtrooms and the counting rooms of Florida.

Walter R. Mears has reported on Washington and national politics for The Associated Press for more than 35 years.



We need to learn to be quiet and listen

Americans don't have the skills of a woodsman. When I was a kid, I aspired to be Natty Bumppo, the famous long hunter in the novels of James Fenimore Cooper.

Never mind that the wilderness was gone. That's no obstacle to a child's imagination.

At any rate, I devoured all the books I could find on woodcraft and studied the woodsman's skills — careful observation, silence and careful listening. In the 1700s, such skills could mean the difference between life and death in the great, green wilderness contested by the Indians and the American pathfinders. To see the faint signs of someone passing or to hear the slight crack of a

twig could save a man from walking into an ambush.

Oddly enough, I found those skills extremely useful even in 20th-century life. There is a trick to it, and it's one of those that seems obvious and easy but is actually difficult and requires practice.

The trick is not to think. So many people these days do not hear what others are saying because they are planning what they are going to say next while the other person is talking. Many people look but don't see because, while their eyes are looking, their minds are off somewhere else.

To use the blunt language of Zen, when you look, look; when you listen, listen. Don't do anything else. Don't think. Don't remember. Don't imagine. Simply focus your mind and your ears or your mind and your eyes. Our senses of sight and sound are wired directly into the brain, and it's important for brain and senses to be focused on the same object.

Artists can "see" better

than most non-artists because they have cultivated the art of actually looking. Musicians can hear better than most because they have cultivated the art of listening.

I found as a young reporter that by careful listening, I needed to make only the smallest note now and then to reproduce what I had heard. I learned to listen nonjudgmentally. I never argued in my mind with the speaker to whom I was listening. As a reporter, it didn't matter whether I agreed or didn't agree, approved or disapproved. My job was simply to reproduce accurately what was being said. And to do that, I had to first understand perfectly what was being said.

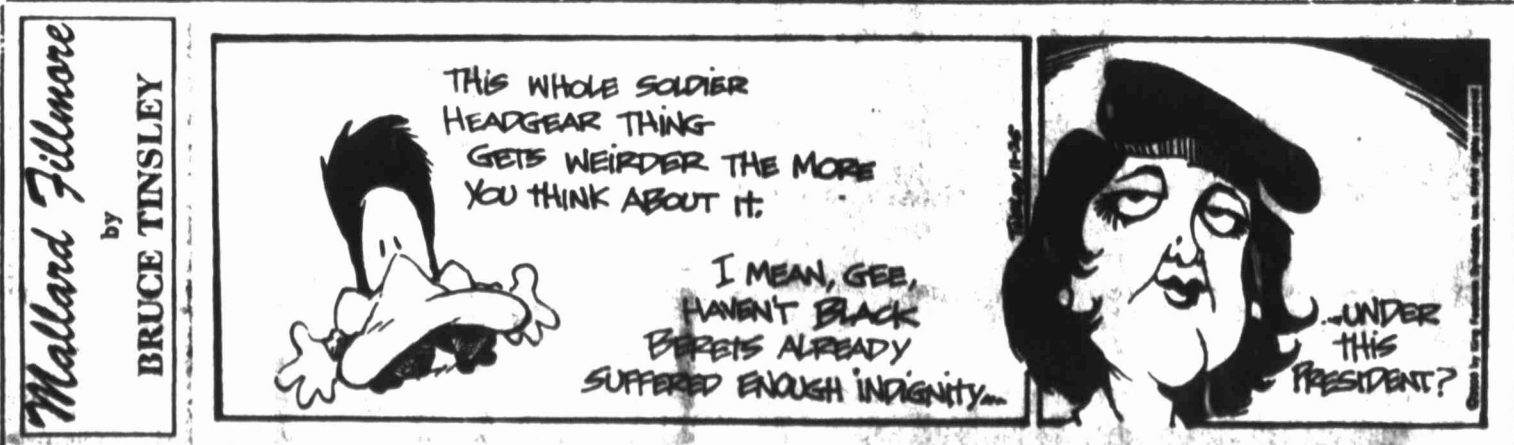
The hardest thing to do is to get rid of the ego. So many people are so full of themselves, so enamored of their own thoughts, so mindful of their own feelings, so conscious of their place in the scheme of things that they can spare barely a glance or a cursory listen to anyone else.

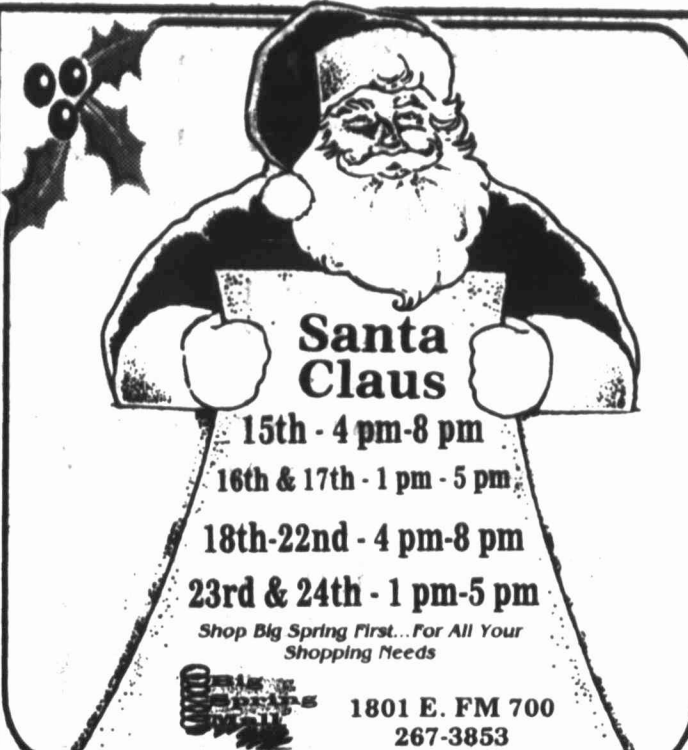
To see and to hear, you must be selfless, but our minds are like nervous monkeys chattering and climbing around in the trees. It takes a lot of practice to control the mind — to learn to think when it's time to think and to simply receive when it's time to receive information.

That's the whole of Zen practice, by the way — trying to control the mind so that you can shut it down and connect to the world around you. It's no accident that Zen became the religion of the warriors in old Japan.

A blank-but-alert mind acutely sensitive to your opponent's slightest move was essential to surviving a fight.

We don't need to practice Zen or to track people in the woods, but if we would all learn to shut up and listen and to really see what is around us, I believe we'd have a better society. For sure, we could all fill out a ballot correctly and quite probably see through the empty glitter of most politicians' speeches.





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Wolves don't appear to cause as many problems as believed

AGASSIZ WILDLIFE REFUGE, Minn. (AP) — When two packs of gray wolves migrated back to this 61,500-acre refuge in northwestern Minnesota, neighbors got worried.

Surrounded by agricultural land including 25 ranches, some residents feared for their livestock. Federal biologists had even initially recommended that the area be kept "wolf free."

But a new study suggests that worries about livestock kills may have been overblown. According to a sample of wolves, the animals spent most of their time far from humans and their feces showed deer was their overwhelming food source.

"I think people have had this idea that wolves are a wilderness creature," said

Andreas Chavez, a wildlife ecology graduate student from Utah State who has studied wolf packs with U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials. "They are very adaptable and opportunistic. They are able to tolerate living near people."

Biologists spotted wolves in the Agassiz area in 1981 for the first time since the 1930s or 1940s. They'd been keeping a curious eye on the packs ever since, but weren't able to track the animals until a grant came through in 1998.

During the spring, summer and fall of 1998 and 1999, they tracked seven radio-collared adult wolves around the clock.

"These are much more closely tracked than any before," said Gary Huschle, wildlife biologist at the

"I think people have had this idea that wolves are a wilderness creature. They are very adaptable and opportunistic. They are able to tolerate living near people."

— Gary Huschle

refuge. Much of the wolf observation was done from a hand-built brown and white blind on the refuge. Chavez spent so much time with the animals that they would respond to his howls.

The animals spent about 70 percent of their time on the refuge and adjacent

state Wildlife Management Areas and the rest of the time wandering around neighboring farms and other areas.

In the past decade, local residents have reported 11 wolf attacks on livestock, including five kills during the time of the two-year study. From 1997 to 2000, the number of packs has fluctuated between one and three, with a total of 12 to 21 wolves.

At least seven wolves died of skin disease and 10 were killed either legally or illegally by humans. Five were trapped after livestock kills, four were illegally shot and one was run over by a snowmobile.

"The Agassiz wolves have for sure taken some of this beating, but despite this they continue to have a

foothold," Chavez said. "The refuge literally serves as a refuge for them."

Cindy Johnson, 43, who lives on 10 acres of land that run along the edge of the refuge, said wolves are just a part of life in the area.

"We have seen a wolf in our yard," she said. "We were on our way to work and it was just on the edge of our yard, standing. We know they are around."

They haven't bothered her so far, she said, and she hasn't heard many neighbors grumbling.

Currently, landowners can't shoot gray wolves under any circumstances because the wolf is considered threatened in Minnesota. That's one step below endangered and allows federal trappers to kill a wolf only if a farmer

can prove that a wolf took livestock or a pet.

Minnesota now has about 2,500 gray wolves. The animal eventually is expected to be removed from the federal endangered species list, but federal officials must first approve a state management plan submitted earlier this year.

Tracey Garthus, whose family moved from a farm next to the refuge to a home about seven miles away, is pleased that research is finally being done on the wolves.

"We had a few wild turkeys that the wolves took 30 feet from our barn," she said.

She doesn't see the wolves as a big problem.

"But you worry," she added. "I worry about my children."

Man indicted in 1985 slaying of sister-in-law on basis of DNA

ROSENBERG (AP) — A 37-year-old man has been indicted on murder charges in the 1985 slaying of his sister-in-law after DNA evidence led to his arrest, officials said.

Martin Charles Tonn Jr.

of Destin, Fla., is accused of killing Cathy Keith, 20, in the Houston suburb of Rosenberg by cutting her throat. In September, Rosenberg police arrested Tonn at his mother's funeral in Alabama in connection

with the 15-year-old crime.

He was indicted on murder charges by a Fort Bend County grand jury.

The arrest was made after police discovered DNA evidence they believed linked him to the slaying of Keith

and her mother, Peggy Keith, 44. Rosenberg police Lt. Brad Rollins said Tonn has not been charged with the death of the mother because the DNA evidence was found only on the daughter's body.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Nov. 26:

Others see you as focused and driven. Certainly when you want something, you make it happen. Curb a tendency to be impulsive. Use your creativity, but tame a tendency to employ shock appeal. If you are single, you meet people easily. What starts out as an argument between two people could develop into a relationship. If you are attached, enlist your partner in working toward a key goal. Together you make quite a team. **SAGITTARIUS** reads you cold.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** You easily reverse gears. If you don't like your plans for today, then change them. Don't be doctrinaire with yourself. Others seek you out. Popularity soars. A friendship takes an interesting twist. Tonight: Take in a movie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Someone displays his true colors. You might wonder what to do about this person. You cannot control another. Your unusually high drive makes up for fatigue. Relate on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others seek you out. You don't always need to take the first step. Let your high energy out. Work out and get into a favorite hobby to relax your frayed nerves. News from a distance delights you. Celebrate. Spread your good news. Tonight: You party animal!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Take it easy and don't push so hard. You have unusual insight that others don't. Read between the lines. Put on music and get into the holiday spirit. Start organizing errands, decorating and gift buying.

Tonight: Let a partner surprise you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You take action, and others react. Your joyful nature energizes others. Your happiness actually is contagious! Someone in your life could be quite reactive. Be indulgent and understanding. Recognize what is happening. Tonight: Quick, hang the mistletoe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Family becomes your highest priority. Talk more about a home office. Think about what you want and expect from your holiday season. It's time to make a budget. Otherwise, money will drain right out of your wallet. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Speak your mind and don't hold back. You are energized. You feel passionately about different issues. Unexpected developments could bring a change in how you approach another. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Revamp your budget one more time. Think about how far you need to stretch it. Creativity will help you, but understand where all the unnecessary spending is coming from. Rather than getting angry, you might be acting out your

anger through buying. Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Make important resolutions right now. You don't need advice. You know what is good for you. A friend takes a stand, but you will not be upset by what he says. Unusual news surprises you. You like excitement. Tonight: Smile, and you'll get what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Take a deep breath and think before making a decision. Another makes a demand. You have a strong instinct about what is behind this person's request. You might want to challenge him. Do the politically correct thing. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You make a decision about what is acceptable. Don't sell yourself short. Stay focused on priorities. Do nothing halfway, especially if it involves someone at a distance and a commitment. Be whimsical. Be yourself. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Listen to another. This person presents a strong argument. Remain in con-

trol. Don't allow others to nibble at your self-confidence. Your instincts correctly lead you with an action that involves a key person in your life. Tonight: Get a head start on the workweek.

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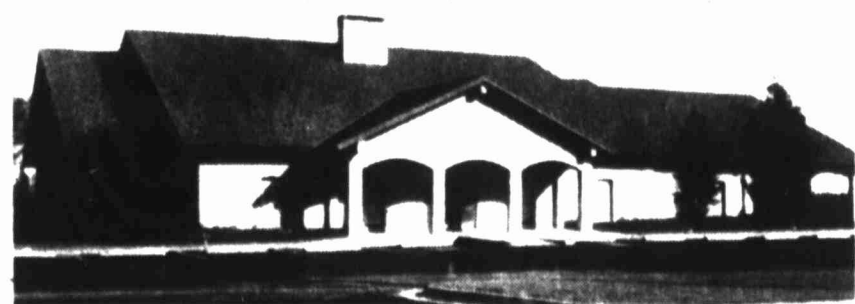
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Anyone interested in supporting the Steers football program is invited to attend.

BSYBA extends registration period

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association will conduct sign-ups for the upcoming 2001 basketball season at All Star Sports, 1901 Gregg St., and the Big Spring Mall through Saturday, Dec. 9.

Registration at All Star Sports will be during regular business hours Monday through Saturday. Big Spring Mall registration will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Dec. 4-7, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 9.

The teams will draft players on Saturday, Dec. 16, at Trinity Baptist Church, and the season will get under way after the first of the year.

The program is open to girls and boys in first through sixth grades. The league will emphasize fundamentals, particularly passing, shooting and dribbling and stress positive sportsmanship.

Cost to participants is \$20 per player.

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Fastpitch softball umpires needed

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

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

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.

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BILLIARDS
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Noon — Buffalo Bills at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, CBS, Ch. 7.

3 p.m. — Miami Dolphins at Indianapolis Colts, CBS, Ch. 7.

7:30 p.m. — New York Giants at Phoenix Cardinals, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF
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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Women
1 p.m. — Colorado at Texas, FXS, Ch. 29.

Bufs hit high gear in 'sloppy' 40-18 win over Ozona



Stanton's Jeremy Hull (5) breaks away from three Ozona defenders in racing to a 40-yard gain in the third quarter Friday night at San Angelo Stadium. Hull and the Bufs rolled to a 40-18 win in the Class 2A, Division II area playoff game.

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

SAN ANGELO — Call it smashmouth football, whatever you want ... it worked Friday night as the Stanton Buffaloes beat the Ozona Lions 40-18 in a Class 2A, Division II area playoff game at San Angelo Bobcat Stadium.

It took a little more than a quarter of play to get the jitters out of the way, but once the second quarter rolled around, the Buffaloes settled down running the ball right at the Lion defense on a 16-play, 85-yard drive that culminated with senior running back Jeremy Hull hitting paydirt on a 4-yard run with 8:13 left to go in the first half.

The Bufs' drive was set up by an interception by safety Stoney Brown with 3:43 left in the first quarter of play.

"I think it was a sloppy football game for us early on," Bufs head coach Mark Cotton said following the game. "But we will take it,

you have to give Ozona credit, they played well."

Cotton said once the offense got rolling in the second period, things started clicking.

"We have two great running backs and a solid offensive line and we just try to go right at you," he explained. "Though we threw the ball well tonight, we missed some blocks and scattered a few times."

But even what Cotton termed a sloppy effort was too much for the Lions to handle.

After the Stanton kickoff, Ozona set up shop at its own 33 but after a couple of unsuccessful passes fullback Jared Shaffer fumbled the ball and Brown pounced on it allowing Stanton another shot from the Ozona 25.

Faced with a fourth-and-13 situation, Stanton quarterback Keith Cook faked a handoff and then fired a strike to Hull who rambled in from 28 yards out and the Buffaloes were up by a 14-0.

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Steers roll over Riverside

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

ARTESIA, N.M. — Big Spring's defense threw a monkey wrench into the highly-touted offensive weaponry owned by El Paso Riverside and manhandled the Rangers, 46-12, in a Class 4A, Division II area playoff game Saturday afternoon.

Big Spring (8-4) moves on to a regional semifinal contest with No. 1-ranked Wichita Falls' Coyotes at a date, time and site to be decided. Wichita Falls was a 34-7 winner Saturday over Brownwood.

The last time Big Spring advanced to the regional semifinals was in 1990.

Big Spring's defense stonewalled the talented tandem of junior running back Carlos Carrillo and sophomore quarterback Mike Stephenson. Linebackers Bowe Butler and Mike Smith frustrated the Riverside offense.

"We knew their linebackers were awesome," Riverside coach Tom Work said of the Steers defense. "We knew (Butler) was a great player, but (Smith) was awesome, too. And (Larry Thompson) was a great corner."

"They took a lot of things away from us we had been able to do all year," Work added.

Riverside's Carrillo, who rushed 139 times for 1,469 yards despite an early season injury, was held to 144 yards on 22 carries. Nearly all of those yards — 103 — were piled up in the first half.

But he was clearly eclipsed by Big Spring running back Jason Woodruff, who piled up 251 yards on 25 carries and scored three touchdowns in the rout.

It took the El Pasoans nearly two minutes before Carrillo scampered 63 yards



Big Spring running back Jason Woodruff (24), pictured here breaking through the tackle attempt of two Estacado players on Oct. 27, had a huge day Saturday in helping lead the Steers to a 46-12 win over El Paso Riverside in a Class 4A, Division II area playoff game. The Steers will now face No. 1-ranked Wichita Falls' Coyotes in the regional semifinals this week.

to the end zone and Riverside led 6-0.

"He is so good because he can stop on a dime," Bowe Butler said following the game. "Their whole offensive scheme is to Carrillo and we practiced all week to load up on him."

Riverside recovered the ensuing onside kick at the

Big Spring 48 and appeared to grab the momentum, but was forced to turn the ball over on downs.

Big Spring senior Jason Choate waited three downs before calling his own number on a quarterback draw up the middle that covered 55 yards and knotted the score at 6-6. Woodruff

tacked on the PAT kick for a lead the Steers would never relinquish.

The Steers capitalized on Riverside's anemic punting game and took over on the Rangers' 42-yard line just moments later. Woodruff churned out 31 yards before

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Hawks fall in Classic's final game

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

It was just exactly what Tommy Collins had expected.

As Collins watched Garden City (Kan.) Community College's Broncbusters struggled in the first half of a 107-83 win over New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds in the opening game of the Howard College Hawk Classic on Friday, he predicted they'd play much better Saturday night when Howard faced them.

"They'll have their 'A' game ready for us, you can bet on that," Collins said.

Garden City lived up to that prediction.

But the Hawks brought their "A" game to the Classic's finale, as well.

The Broncbusters improved their record to 9-0 on the season with a hard-fought 76-70 win over the Hawks that saw four technical fouls assessed by the referees and four players taking an early seat after fouling out of the contest.

Howard came out on the better end of the technicals — three of them were assessed to Garden City players — but paid dearly in the fouls category, as three pivotal players — leading scorer Derrick Tarver, point guard Xavier Milligan and post Darius Mattear — all left the game early.

The Hawks paid dearly with Tarver leaving the game early, since he'd led Howard with 28 points. Sophomore post Doug Whittler added 18 for the Hawks.

Garden City countered with five players in double figures. Guard Amir Abdur-Rahim led the way with 22

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Lady Steers drop close one; Merkel boys just too much

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

Big Spring's Lady Steers scratched and clawed back from a 13-point deficit in the third quarter to nearly seize a hard-fought, non-district ballgame with Merkel's Lady Badgers Friday at Steer Gym on Friday.

But three missed free throws down the stretch doomed the Lady Steers, as they suffered a 49-48 loss.

Big Spring's Steers fell 78-35 in the nightcap.

The Lady Badgers, who lost by one point to powerhouse Graham in the bi-district round last season, played an in-your-face defense that flustered the Lady Steers into committing 15 turnovers and shooting 38 percent from the field.

"They were very aggressive and ran their offense and defense to per-

fection," Lady Steers head coach Jimmy Avery said. "They made us do some things we didn't want to do. I think we learned a lot from this loss. It will definitely make us better."

The Lady Steers trailed by 13 when Merkel's go-to girl, Shelley Vaughn, drove to the basket for a 36-23 lead. Big Spring closed the gap to 38-31 with free throws from Brittany Bryant, Melissa Forth, Kim Wrightsil and Meghan Pudliner.

Senior Melissa Flenniken got in on the scoring frenzy as Big Spring ended the third quarter down, 38-31.

Merkel started the fourth period on fire as Vaughn and Ashley McKinney scored four points within the first 1:05, but Forth hit a bucket and then grabbed the defensive rebound at the other end of the court.

She drove coast-to-coast before dishing the ball off to Flenniken, who was in the wings to hit the trailer. Chelsea Churchwell deflected the ball on the inbound pass and flicked it off to Pudliner to cut it to 42-37.

The momentum swung in Big Spring's favor when Flenniken took a big charge under Merkel's basket. LaTrisha Rollins hit a free throw and Vaughn answered with her third 3-pointer of the evening. But Rollins wasn't finished — a minute later she fed Pudliner the ball to get the Lady Steers to within 45-40.

Forth made another coast-to-coast trip, and Bryant hit her second trey as Big Spring reduced Merkel's lead to 47-45.

The score was knotted at 47 when Rollins put back a missed Christina Gwyn shot with 1:49 remaining. McKinney's missed shot was

rebounded by sophomore Krystle Long, who was fouled.

Long, who had two blocked shots, went 1 for 2 to give Big Spring a 1-point, 48-47 lead. But Bryant missed both of her free throws with 1:09 remaining.

Merkel would make seven more trips to the charity stripe and was able to make only two with 52 seconds remaining, giving the Lady Badgers the lead for good.

Big Spring still had a chance to win it, but threw the ball away. A desperation shot at the buzzer was off the mark.

"I really thought we had them at the end," Avery said. I turned to (assistant) Traci (Pierce) and told her we just might win this thing. We just fell short right there at the end.

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Simms, young Texas receiving corps shine in rout of Aggies

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas' young guns are all grown up.

Sophomore Chris Simms threw for 383 yards and three touchdowns, all to freshman receivers, in No. 12 Texas' 43-17 victory over No. 22 Texas A&M on Friday.

Simms was a perfect 8-for-8 passing for 234 yards and threw all of his touchdown passes in an explosive third quarter in which the teams combined for 37 points.

It was a dynamic coming-of-age performance for the son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms.

After and up-and-down season in which he bounced in and out of the starting lineup and had more interceptions than touchdown passes coming into the game, Simms got the start because Major Applewhite was hobbled by a knee injury.

Simms got his first career start against A&M last year when Applewhite got sick with a stomach virus on game day. Simms led Texas to a 16-6 lead in that game before he was pulled for Applewhite and A&M rallied for a 20-16 win.

This time, Simms was in total control.

Leading 10-7 at halftime, the Longhorns (9-2, 7-1 Big 12) opened the decisive third quarter by driving 71 yards on four plays. Roy Williams capped the drive with a 40-yard TD run on a reverse.

After forcing the Aggies to punt, Texas quickly struck again when Simms finished an 81-yard drive with a 20-yard scoring strike to Williams that made it 24-7.

The Aggies (7-4, 5-3) rallied behind 25-year-old quarterback Mark Farris to pull to 24-14 on a 56-yard scoring pass to Mickey Jones. Jones beat two defenders and scampered down the sideline for the score.

But Simms, who had four touchdowns returned for scores this season, never wavered.

On Texas' next drive, Simms hit Sloan Thomas on a deep out pattern. Thomas broke a tackle and turned it into a 55-yard touchdown play.

Simms struck again later in the quarter when he pump-faked on another out pattern and launched a 70-yard bomb to B.J. Johnson that made it 37-17.

As the clock wound down in the final minute, Simms turned to the crowd and waived his arms up and down as if all the expectations of him had been fulfilled.

The victory also helped Texas fulfill some of the high expectations the Longhorns had when they started the season ranked in the Top 10.

The win gives Texas its third-consecutive nine-win season under coach Mack Brown, the first time the Longhorns have accomplished that feat since 1981-83. It is also likely to put Texas back into the Top 10 for the first time since early September.

Johnson's 187 receiving yards broke the Texas freshman mark of 175 set earlier this season by Williams.

Kris Stockton had field goals of 34, 31 and 30 yards to set a Texas single-season record with 22.

Farris, who had returned

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

EAST	W. Kentucky 27, Florida A&M 0
Pittsburgh 38, West Virginia 28	MIDWEST
Syracuse 49, Rutgers 21	Nebraska 34, Colorado 32
SOUTH	SOUTHWEST
Appalachian St. 33, Troy St. 30	Arkansas 14, LSU 3
East Carolina 14, Southern Miss. 9	Oklahoma 12, Oklahoma St. 7
Fairfield 38, Jacksonville 16	Texas 43, Texas A&M 17
Georgia Southern 42, McNeese St. 17	TCU 62, SMU 7
Georgia Tech 27, Georgia 15	Tulsa 38, Nevada 3
Holstra 31, Furman 24	FAR WEST
Miami 52, Boston College 6	Arizona 30, Arizona 17
N.C. State 32, Wake Forest 14	BYU 34, Utah 27
Richmond 10, Youngstown St. 3	Fresno St. 37, San Jose St. 6
Southern U. 33, Grambling St. 29	Montana 45, E. Illinois 13
Tennessee 28, Vanderbilt 26	Notre Dame 38, Southern Cal 21

to A&M after a stint playing minor league baseball and had been praised by Aggies coaches for his poise this season, finished with 290 yards passing and but made two critical turnovers.

His first pass of the game was picked off by Greg Brown, who returned it 10 yards for a 7-0 Texas lead in the opening minutes.

A&M trailed 10-7 in the second quarter when Farris killed a potential go-ahead drive with a fumble on the Texas 9.

The game was the kind of shootout the 106-year-old rivalry needed.

State bragging rights were overshadowed last year by the A&M bonfire tragedy. Twelve people and injured dozens more when the log stack for traditional pre-game blaze collapsed.

The rivalry appeared back on track early in the week when the Longhorns' defense said Aggie fullback Ja'Mar Toombs would "fold" if hit hard enough.

Toombs scored rushed for 126 yards and scored twice against Texas last year. He managed just 53 yards on Friday and didn't score.

No. 9 Nebraska 34, Colorado 32

Josh Brown's 29-yard field goal as time expired gave No. 9 Nebraska a 34-32 win over Colorado Friday, keeping the Cornhuskers' slim Bowl Championship Series hopes alive.

Colorado looked like it was headed for an upset victory after Craig Ochs' touchdown pass and 2-point conversion put the Buffaloes ahead 32-31 with 47 seconds left. But Eric Crouch, who ran for three touchdowns, directed a 47-yard drive that ended on Brown's field goal.

Crouch ran for 125 yards on 19 carries and was 11-for-17 for 139 yards. He was 3-for-4 in the final drive, including a 17-yard pass to Bobby Newcombe with less than 10 seconds left, that set up Brown's field goal.

The Huskers were not impressive until their final drive. Nebraska fumbled four times, losing three, had two kickoffs go out of bounds, a punt blocked, botched a punt return, and missed a field goal.

No. 1 Oklahoma 12, Oklahoma St. 7

Oklahoma survived an off day by Josh Heupel and a scare from Oklahoma State to beat the Cowboys 12-7 Saturday and complete its first perfect regular season since 1987.

The No. 1 Sooners (11-0, 8-0 Big 12) will play Kansas State next Saturday in the Big 12 championship game, where a victory would send them to the Orange Bowl to play for the national title.

Oklahoma State (3-8, 1-7) put up a great effort in Bob Simmons' final game as coach but came up short in the closing minutes.

The 12 points were Oklahoma's fewest in 26 games, since a 29-0 loss to Texas A&M in 1998.

Oklahoma drove 99 yards for a touchdown on its first possession of the game, then played sporadically the rest of the way. Heupel was 19-of-36 for a season-low 154 yards with two interceptions.

But Heupel completed a clutch pass to Curtis Fagan on a third-and-11 play with just over two minutes remaining and the Sooners at their own 11. He later sealed the victory by running for 4 yards on a third-and-2.

No. 11 Notre Dame 38, USC 21

Notre Dame's third starting quarterback of the season proved to be the best one.

Freshman Matt LoVecchio ran for two touchdowns and engineered an efficient offense, and the 11th-ranked Fighting Irish turned two blocked punts into touchdowns and a pair of interceptions into two more scores Saturday in beating mistake-prone Southern California 38-21.

By winning for the seventh straight time since LoVecchio became their starting quarterback, the Irish (9-2) are in line for a Bowl Series Championship game — likely the Fiesta Bowl — and a \$13.5 million payday. Notre Dame was 5-7 a year ago.

The Trojans (5-7), meanwhile, endured their first losing season 1991, and just their third in the last 39 years.

It's likely the game was the last one at USC for coach Paul Hackett, whose teams have a 19-18 record in three seasons. It's been speculated that Hackett, who has two years remaining on his contract, will be fired as early as Sunday.

No. 2 Miami 52, Boston College 6

Ken Dorsey threw a career-high five touchdown passes and Santana Moss broke Miami's career yardage record, leading the No. 2 Hurricanes to a 52-6 victory over Boston College on Saturday and their first Big East title since 1996.

More importantly, Miami strengthened its chances of claiming a fifth national championship.

The 'Canes — third in the Bowl Championship Series rankings — still might need help, though. Even with the strong outing, it may not be enough for them to jump Florida State, which leads Miami by a little more than half a point in the BCS rankings.

With No. 1 Oklahoma's 12-7 win over Oklahoma State, Miami's best chance at making the championship game would be if the Sooners lose next week to Kansas State in the Big 12 title game.

The Hurricanes (10-1, 7-0) have won nine in a row and are hoping to claim a spot in the Jan. 3 Orange Bowl.

Dorsey was sharp, completing 17 of 26 passes for 252 yards. His five TD passes also tied the school record held by Bernie Kosar (1984) and Steve Walsh (1988). Dorsey also fumbled twice, though both were recovered by Miami, and threw an interception.

Moss also set a school record. He had 235 all-purpose yards against the Eagles (6-5, 3-4), breaking Otis Anderson's career record set in 1978. Moss has 4,402 total yards.

No. 13 TCU 62, SMU 7

Although LaDainian Tomlinson sealed his second straight NCAA rushing title, went over 2,000 yards for the season and had a 74-yard touchdown run, he was

only a bit player Friday night as No. 13 Texas Christian beat rival Southern Methodist 62-7.

The Horned Frogs (10-1, 7-1 WAC) hardly needed Tomlinson as they scored six straight touchdowns in the second and third quarters.

The scoring streak actually went nine straight as a 43-yard field goal was followed by a 34-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-4 and a 108-yard kickoff return by LaTarence Dunbar. College rules, however, credit him with a 100-yard return.

Casey Printers highlighted the rout with a career-high four touchdown passes. He also ran for a touchdown. Printers tied his career high with 251 yards passing and set another career-best with 90 yards rushing.

The blowout was a nice way for TCU to earn a share of the conference title and reach 10 wins for the first time since 1938, when it went 11-0 and won the national championship.

The Horned Frogs lost their shot at going to a BCS game by losing to San Jose State earlier this month. They're headed to the Mobile Bowl on Dec. 20.

Tomlinson ran 26 times for 174 yards, giving him 2,158 yards this season (No. 4 all-time) and 5,263 yards in his career (No. 6 all-time). He's the eighth player to reach 2,000 in a season and he joined former Texas star Ricky Williams as the only members of the 2,000-5,000 Club.

Arizona St. 30, Arizona 17

Mike Barth kicked three field goals and ran 13 yards for a touchdown on a fake field-goal play as Arizona State beat mistake-prone Arizona 30-17 on Friday to give Bruce Snyder one more game as Sun Devils' coach.

Terrell Suggs recovered a fumble by Arizona's Clarence Farmer in the end zone for a touchdown. An interception and fumble by the Wildcats set up two of Barth's field goals.

The Sun Devils (6-5 over-

all, 3-5 Pac-10) snapped a three-game losing streak and will advance to a bowl game, probably the Oahu Bowl, where Snyder will coach the team a final time. He was fired last week after nine seasons at the school.

Arizona (5-6, 3-5) lost its fifth straight, its longest losing streak in one season since 1958. Coach Dick Tomey, in his 14th season with the Wildcats, is 11-12 the last two years. He will find out his fate in a meeting, probably next week, with athletic director Jim Livengood.

Ortega Jenkins, in his final game for Arizona, threw for a touchdown and ran for another. He completed 16 of 31 passes for 176 yards but was sacked eight times.

Hardin-Simmons 32, V. Maryland 10

Kirk Rogers caught 10 passes for 208 yards and scored three touchdowns as Hardin-Simmons beat Western Maryland 32-10 Saturday in the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

In the quarterfinals next weekend, Hardin-Simmons (11-0) will face Trinity (10-2), which defeated Bridgewater 47-41 in overtime on Saturday.

Travis Jones threw for nearly 200 yards for Hardin-Simmons, and Josh McCasland passed for another 131. Each had two touchdown passes.

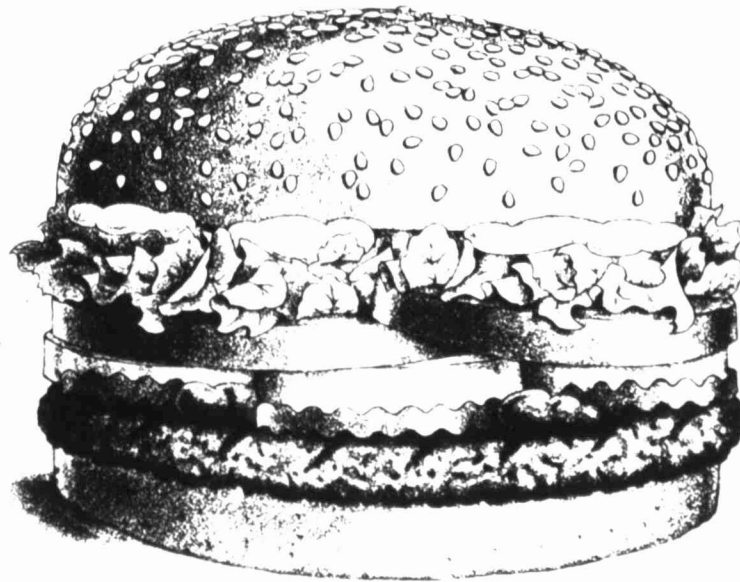
Trinity 47, Bridgewater 41

Roy Hampton threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Matt Milligan in overtime, and Trinity beat Bridgewater 47-41 on Saturday in the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

The teams combined for 1,108 yards of total offense.

In the quarterfinals next weekend, Trinity (10-2) will face Hardin-Simmons (11-0), which defeated Western Maryland 32-10 on Saturday. Hampton threw for 503 yards, four short of a school record. He was 37-of-56 passing with an interception and three touchdowns.

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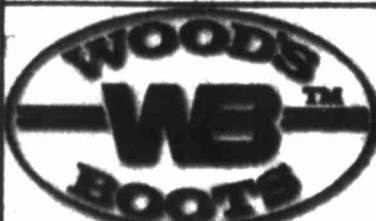
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WEST TEXAS PLAYOFFS

CLASS 5A RESULTS

DIVISION I

Area
Region I
Midland Lee 45, EP Franklin 14
Duncanville 24, Lewisville 14

DIVISION II

Area

Region I
Lubbock Monterey 49, EP Andrews 23
Keller Fossil Ridge (8-3) vs. Arlington Lamar (7-4), late Saturday, Texas Stadium
Abilene Cooper 44, EP Del Valle 22
Coppell (6-5) vs. De Soto (8-3)

CLASS 5A PAIRINGS

DIVISION I

Quarterfinals

Region I
Midland Lee (10-2) vs. Duncanville (11-1), TBA

DIVISION II

Regional semifinals

Region I
Lubbock Monterey (11-1) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (8-3) or Arlington Lamar (7-4), TBA
Abilene Cooper (9-3) vs. Coppell (6-5) or De Soto (8-3), TBA

CLASS 4A RESULTS

DIVISION I

Area

Region I
Franship 61, EP Ysleta 6
FW Wyatt 18, WF Rider 10

DIVISION II

Area

Region I
Big Spring 46, EP Riverside 12
Wichita Falls (11-0) vs. Brownwood (8-3)
EP Parkland (8-3) vs. Andrews (8-3)
Southlake Carroll 16, Stephenville 7

CLASS 4A PAIRINGS

DIVISION I

Quarterfinals

Region I
Franship (10-2) vs. FW Wyatt (8-4), TBA

DIVISION II

Regional semifinals

Region I
Big Spring (8-4) vs. Wichita Falls (12-0), TBA
EP Parkland (8-3) or Andrews (8-3) vs.

Southlake Carroll (8-4), TBA

CLASS 3A RESULTS

DIVISION I

Area

Region I
Littlefield (7-4) vs. Lamesa (10-1), late Saturday, Lowery Field, Lubbock
Abilene Wylie 30, Aledo 10

DIVISION II

Area

Region I
Sanford Fitch (9-1) vs. Midland Greenwood (8-3)
Lake Worth 29, Sweetwater 10
Muleshoe 26, Denver City 8
Fernis 47, Balingier 28

CLASS 3A PAIRINGS

DIVISION I

Quarterfinals

Region I
Littlefield (7-4) or Lamesa (10-1) vs. Abilene Wylie (12-0), TBA

DIVISION II

Regional semifinals

Region I
Sanford Fitch (9-1) or Midland Greenwood (8-3) vs. Lake Worth (10-2), TBA
Muleshoe (12-0) vs. Fernis (9-3), TBA

CLASS 2A RESULTS

DIVISION I

Area

Region I
Sonora (11-0) vs. Idalou (10-1), late Saturday, Abilene Wylie
Olney 29, Friona 7

DIVISION II

Area

Region I
Stanton 40, Ozona 18
Spearman (9-2) vs. Hargis (8-3)
New Deal 20, Eldorado 7
Albany 34, Canadian 27

CLASS 2A PAIRINGS

DIVISION I

Quarterfinals

Region I
Sonora (11-0) or Idalou (10-1) vs. Olney (12-0), TBA

DIVISION II

Regional semifinals

Region I
Stanton (11-0) vs. Hargis (8-3), TBA

Region I
Stanton (10-2) vs. Hamlin (9-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Colorado City
New Deal (11-1) vs. Albany (10-2), TBA

CLASS 1A RESULTS

Area

Region I
Springlake 23, Wheeler 21
Iran 56, Petersburg 27
Stratford 46, Sudan 7
Rankin 15, Paducah 13

Region II

Roscoe 29, Cross Plains 0
Petrolia (7-3) vs. Celeste (10-0), late Saturday, Pennington Field Bedford
Rotan 41, Baird 14
Collinsville 34, Tolar 7

CLASS 1A PAIRINGS

Region I

Springlake-Earth (9-2) vs. Iran (9-2), TBA
Stratford (12-0) vs. Rankin (11-0), TBA

Region II

Roscoe (12-0) vs. Petrolia (7-3) or Celeste (10-0), TBA
Rotan (9-2) or Baird (8-2) vs. Collinsville (9-2), TBA

CLASS 6-MAN RESULTS

Regions I and II
Whitharal 44, Follett 30
Grandfalls-Royalty 53, Wellman Union 52
Groom 69, Lazbuddie 28
Highland 62, Sanderson 14

Regions III and IV

Trent 52, Woodson 6
Gustine (8-3) vs. Aquila (9-2), late Saturday, Hico
Panther Creek 64, Strawn 14
Abbott 29, Blanket 14

SIX-MAN PAIRINGS

Regions I and II
Whitharal (10-1) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (10-2), TBA
Groom (12-0) vs. Highland (12-0), TBA

Regions III and IV

Trent (11-1) vs. Gustine (8-3) or Aquila (9-2), TBA
Panther Creek (12-0) vs. Abbott (11-1), TBA

LADY STEERS

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"I told the girls after the game to let it go," he added. "We fought back when we could have just folded. We showed a lot of determination. And I was pleased with that. We had plenty of chances to win it at the end, but I think we learned a lot from this game. We gained some mental toughness."

"Merkel has a good team. They play a lot of pressure defense and it forced us to do some things we shouldn't have," Avery continued. "You need to play teams like Merkel. These kinds of teams will make us better. We'll learn from it and go on."

In the nightcap, the Steers struggled against a fundamentally sound, deep Merkel team. The Badgers rolled to a 23-7 cushion in the first quarter and extended it to 33-11 in the second period. Merkel entered half time with a 48-14 advantage.

"We talk about teams making runs at you and how you're going to respond," first-year head coach Brian Ellington said.

"We made poor decisions. We didn't execute and we didn't get after it defensively."

The Steers began to click in the third quarter as Merkel scored 13 to Big Spring's 10 points.

Austin Nutting fed Arthur Belvin under the basket and then scored two consecutive baskets. At the 1:53 mark, he went up strong and was fouled and then went 1-for-2 from the charity stripe.

Sophomore Clayton Weaver cut across for a steal and hit a lay-up before Nutting hit another free throw.

Nutting led all scorers with eight points. Belvin had 6, and Mic Fleming scored 4, including one three-pointer.

Big Spring travels to Midland High Tuesday for an 8 p.m. match-up.

The Steers' freshman squad fell 42-33 to Merkel. Merkel led 21-16 at halftime. Alvin Russell led all scorers with nine points. Josh Podega and Michael Ornelas chipped in eight for Big Spring.

The Lady Steers' JV trounced Merkel 59-36. Courtney Brock knocked in 17 points, and Leina

Braxton had 16 in the winning effort.

The Lady Steer freshman team lost a close contest by four points, 34-30.

The Lady Steers will face Coahoma's Bulldogettes at Steer Gym on Tuesday.

GIRLS GAME

MERKEL 49, BIG SPRING 48

MERKEL — Ashley McKinney 3 0 2 5 8; Sunny Riggins 0 2 4 7 10; Holly Hobbs 0 0 0 0 0; Misti Macey 3 0 5 7 11; Shelley Vaughn 1 3 0 0 11; Tiffany Garrett 0 0 2 4 2; Heather Whitehead 2 0 2 2 6; Kayci Tarpley 0 0 1 2 1; Ashley Cochran 0 0 0 0 0; Katie Boyd 0 0 0 0 0; Totals: 9 5 16 27 49.

BIG SPRING — Brittany Bryant 0 2 2 4 8; Chelsea Churchwell 0 0 0 0 0; Kynstie Long 1 0 1 2 3; Kim Wrighttail 1 0 4 6 6; Melissa Forth 4 0 5 6 13; Christina Gwyn 1 0 0 0 2; LaTrisha Rollins 1 0 1 3 3; Meghan Puddinier 3 0 3 5 9; Melissa Flenniken 2 0 0 0 4; Totals: 13 2 16 26 48.

Score by Quarters:

MERKEL 9 17 12 11 49

BIG SPRING 12 10 9 17 48

Three-point goals:

Merkel 5 (Vaughn 3, Riggins 2); Big Spring 2 (Bryant); Total fouls:

Merkel 21; Big Spring 21; Fouled out: Rollins;

Wrighttail; Technical fouls: None; Records: Big Spring is 32.

BOYS' GAME

MERKEL 78, BIG SPRING 35

MERKEL — Keith Darby 2 0 0 0 4; Michael Qualls 7 1 1 1 8; Drew Caraway 0 0 1 2 1; Wes Jordan 3 1 2 4 11; Adam Stafford 4 2 4 4 18; Aaron Reed 1 0 1 2 3; Tim Hood 1 0 0 0 2; Justin Gates 5 0 2 2 12; Adam Whitmore 0 0 0 0 0; Dawson Reunert 1 0 0 0 2; Justin Foss 3 0 1 2 7; Totals: 27 4 12 17 78.

BIG SPRING — Brandon Greenhouse 0 0 2 2 2; Allen Jackson 1 0 3 1 3; Travin Phillips 0 0 0 0 0; Heath Gregory 0 1 0 0 3; Clayton Weaver 1 0 0 0 2; Arthur Belvin 3 0 0 2 6; Mic Fleming 0 1 4 4 9; Gary Harris 1 0 0 0 2; Jason Watson 1 0 1 1 3; Austin Nutting 3 0 2 6 8; Michael Martinez 1 0 0 0 2; Totals: 11 2 7 19 35.

Score by Quarters:

MERKEL 23 25 13 17 78

BIG SPRING 7 7 10 11 35

Three-point goals:

Merkel 4 (Stafford 2, Qualls 1, Jordan 1); Big Spring 2 (Gregory, Fleming); Total fouls: Big Spring 16; Merkel 14

Fouled out: None; Technical fouls: None

Records: Merkel is 4-1; Big Spring is 0-3.

STEERS

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galloping the final eight steps up the middle for his first TD.

"The line did a great job of opening up the holes for our backs," Steers head coach Dwight Butler noted.

And when the El Paso squad's offense sputtered and was forced to punt — this time a 10-yarder — the Steers had possession at the Riverside 45.

On the next play, Woodruff scampered 45 yards up the middle for a 19-6 lead.

Big Spring burned up four minutes off the clock before Woodruff scored his third touchdown on another 8-yard run. On the carry, he dropped the ball, but was able to snatch it off the turf and cradle it into the end zone.

Choate flipped it to Woodruff for a two-point conversion and a 27-6 lead the Steers would carry into

BUFFS

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count with 6:31 left to go in the first half of play.

Ozona seemed poised to get something going on its next possession with a 29-yard pass from Lion quarterback Kyle Richardson to wide receiver Dustin Fought.

After a short gain by Shaffer, Richardson attempted two straight passes to no avail. On fourth-and-six, Richardson tried to hit tight end Juan Garcia but the ball fell incomplete and Stanton took over on downs.

Stanton was unable to move and a poor punt allowed the Lions to start on the Stanton 29. Richardson found Fought open and he took the ball in for the first Ozona touchdown with 2:59 left in the half.

Stanton, not satisfied to run out the clock, closed out the first half scoring when Cook hit wide receiver Rushton Pardue on a 16-yard pass with only 12 seconds left, allowing the Buffs to take a 21-6 edge into the break.

Senior tailback Ray Ramos brought the Ozona fans to their feet with a 75-yard gallop for a touchdown on the Lions' first snap of the second half, cutting the Stanton lead to 21-12.

Stanton regained its com-

the halftime intermission.

Dwight Butler said the Steers were wary of Riverside's explosive offense which is accustomed to racking up 50 points or more per game.

"They have great skill people and we knew we had to continue to contain them," he noted.

The Rangers came out storming in the second half, as they drove 80 yards in two plays before the quick-footed Stephenson scrambled 11 yards to cut the margin to 27-12.

Senior Willie Bravo smothered Stephenson on his bid for a two-point conversion, however.

But any steam the Rangers had generated was vented on their next series when Jade Hughes draped his big hands around the Riverside quarterback, forcing a fumble that teammate Jesse Marquez recovered.

That play set up a 38-yard TD pass from Choate to

wide receiver Willis Morrison with 2:02 left in the third quarter.

"I just knew we were in better shape physically and mentally," Choate said. "They scared us early, but we knew if we played well we could beat them."

Choate turned around on defense and snatched a flea-flicker pass Stephenson intended for Jacob Rodriguez a few moments earlier. He returned the theft to the Big Spring 42-yard line. Kyland Wegner then galloped 58 yards for the next Big Spring score.

Riverside turned the ball over on downs when it next had possession, and Big Spring used the clock effectively, winding it down five minutes before Jeremiah Baeza punched into the end zone from 1-yard out to finish off the scoring test.

"We knew defensively we were going to have problems," Work said. "We couldn't keep our defense

off the field. They figured out what we could do well offensively and that's what makes a great defensive coach."

Dwight Butler said the Steers will have their hands full with top-ranked and undefeated Wichita Falls.

"They're awesome," Buittler said of the Coyotes. "They're gifted, talented and have lots of speed. They're just great athletes, but we're up for the challenge."

"We're going to have to play the best game we've ever played," Choate said, echoing his coach's observations.

posture on its next possession, with Hull and Clay White grinding out yardage on a 9-play drive that covered 76 yards. Hull got the final three yards, expanding the Stanton lead to 27-12.

Ozona continued to battle back, however.

The Lions closed out the third period with another score, as Richardson hit Fought with a 13-yard TD strike.

That would be it for the Lions though.

Hull scored his fourth touchdown of the night with 10:43 left in the game on a 49-yard run that put Stanton up by 34-18.

The Buffaloes then capped

the scoring when linebacker Clay White picked up an Ozona fumble and rambled 34 yards for the final touchdown with 4:52.

With the game no longer in doubt, Stanton's head coach Mark Cotton made liberal substitutions.

Hull finished the night with 174 yards for the night which brought him within 20 yards of a 2,000 yard rushing season. Stanton had 439 yards of total offense on the night.

Stanton will now play Hamlin's Pied Pipers, who defeated Spearman on Saturday, in regional semifinal action at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Colorado City.

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WEDDINGS

Lopez-Cervantes

Michelle Ramirez Lopez and Manuel C. Cervantes III, both of Big Spring, were united in marriage on Nov. 10, at Templo Belen Church with the Rev. Sammy Segundo of Victory Center Church officiating.

She is the daughter of Yvonne Ramirez, Brain Goodner and the late Eddie Rodriguez and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ramirez of Big Spring.

He is the son of Yolanda Rivera and Manuel Cervantes Jr. and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Cervantes Sr.

Instrumentalist was Mike Ramirez and vocalist was Merlinda Moron.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a floor length ivory gown and carried an ivory rose bouquet with blue and black accents.

Connie Hilario and Jackie Martin served as maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Dominguez, Nicky Fowler, Michelle Martinez, cousin of the groom, Merlinda Moron, Alicia Valencia, cousin of the bride, Ada Hernandez, sister of the bride, and Amanda Lopez, daughter of the bride.

Flower girls were Stephanie Ramirez, cousin of the bride, Karissa Torres, cousin of the groom, and Casey Cervantes, daughter of the couple. Dominick Cervantes, nephew of the



MR. AND MRS. CERVANTES

groom, was the ringbearer.

Steve Gonzales and Michael Doportto served as best men. Groomsmen were Mark Sanchez, David Molina, Rosendo Robles, Jeffrey Robles, brothers of the groom, Mike Dominguez, Victor Woodruff, cousin of the bride, and Gene Villarreal Jr., brother of the bride.

Ushers/candlelighters were Marcus Hyatt, Paul Ramirez, uncle of the bride, and Chavel Capuchin, cousin of the bride.

A reception was held at La Vadera with music by D.J.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered strawberry cake with buttercream icing with flowers on top. Groom's cake was a German Chocolate cake.

The bride is an employee of Big Dipper Do-nuts.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Big Spring High School and is presently employed by Cornell Corrections.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple made their home in Big Spring.

WHO'S WHO

Thomas H. Garza, a sophomore at Texas A&M University in College Station, was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars Texas A&M University chapter on Nov. 6.

The National Society of

Collegiate Scholars is a highly selective, non-profit organization founded at the George Washington University to recognize first- and second-year students who excel academically.

Garza is the son of Otila Garza and Dr. Carlos Garza of Big Spring. He is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School.

ANNIVERSARIES

McFarland



MR. AND MRS. MCFARLAND... THEN AND NOW

William "Mac" and Bertha "Bert" McFarland of Big Spring celebrated their 50th anniversary on Nov. 25, 2000.

Mac was born in Pueblo, Colo., and Bertha C. Isbell was born in Anderson County, Kan.

The couple met on a blind date at Fort Scott Junior College.

They were married on Nov. 25, 1950, at Lackland Air Force Base Chapel, San Antonio.

Mac and Bert have three children: James McFarland of Big Spring, Sandra Bradbury of Stanton and Terry McFarland of St. Polycarpe, Quebec, Canada; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



During their 50-year-marriage, the couple has lived in Austin, Okinawa, Japan, Kansas City, Mo., Wichita, Kan., Izmir, Turkey, Ipswich, England and Big Spring.

Mac is retired from the U.S. Air Force with 24 years of service. After retirement, he worked at Saunders Company O.E.D. until he retired.

Bert worked as a Teachers' Aide at Moss Elementary and then as a hair dresser and instructor at the Academy of Hair Design. She worked at various hair salons before retirement.

The couple enjoy traveling, camping and fishing together.

Girl to be christened in gown that goes back six generations

DALLAS — History is important to Amy and Tony Filley.

Their North Dallas home is filled with antiques and sepia-toned photographs of family and ancestors.

In their baby daughter's room are Mrs. Filley's ballet toe-shoes in a shadow box and pictures of Mr. Filley as a toddler.

When their daughter, Abigail, was born, she slept in a 125-year-old cradle that Mr. Filley's ancestors brought across the country to Missouri in a covered wagon.

So it is only fitting that today, 7-month-old Abigail will be baptized in a 140-year-old christening gown that goes back six generations on Mrs. Filley's side.

"When you consider how many generations these things have gone through, we're lucky each generation kept up the tradition and took care of these things," said Mr. Filley, 42.

The thin handmade cotton gown will make its 2000 debut at Highland Park United Methodist Church, where Abigail Margaret Evantha Filley will be baptized.

Abigail's great-great-great-grandmother, Mae

Wadsworth Hart, was the first to wear the gown, in 1861. Mrs. Hart's mother, whose family was among the first cotton farmers in Texas, made the gown.

The family settled in San Saba, Texas, and as generations moved around the state, the gown moved, too.

Since the creation of the dress, only one generation did not have a girl to wear it, said Mrs. Filley, 34.

She wanted Abigail, the couple's first child, to wear it and called her mother, who had to track it down. That wasn't easy because a lot of relatives had used the gown since Mrs. Filley wore it in 1966.

"A cousin I didn't even know had the dress," she said.

—The Associated Press

BRODE

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tour, but not of any personnel or in any offices. I thought this was amusing, because Pentagon personnel were everywhere, and we didn't go into any offices.

Looking at military artwork is basically what the tour entailed, and I think that "military artwork" should be added to the list of oxymorons, like "military intelligence."

In all, Washington D.C. is a great place to see and take your kids. If you decide to go, get your mind set for lots of traffic and lots of foreign tourists. I think I saw more foreigners visiting our capital than Americans. I think more Americans need to skip the amusement parks once or twice and visit Washington D.C.

Jill Brode writes a monthly column for the Herald.

STORK CLUB

Zachary Nicholas Olson, boy, Oct. 13, 2000, 4:43 p.m., eight pounds nine ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Nikki and Tommy Olson of Columbus, Ga.

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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZEN

MONDAY-Enchiladas, salad, bread, fruit.

TUESDAY-Pork to salad, green beans, milk/rolls, cookies.

WEDNESDAY-Tacos, black beans, coleslaw, milk pie.

THURSDAY-Spicy meat sauce, meat, salad, green beans, milk, fruit.

FRIDAY-Smooth potatoes, broccoli, gelatin salad, cake.

WESTBROOK

MONDAY-Chicken, cream, green beans, syrup, honey, nuts.

TUESDAY-Spicy meat sauce, peas, spinach, pineapple chunks.

WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs, chili, scalloped potatoes, wedge with ranch, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY-Meat, tossed salad, beans, cherry tomatoes, french milk.

FORSAN ISD

MONDAY-Pizza, salad, fruit/coffee.

TUESDAY-Chicken, pork & coconut cake, french milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sandwich, chicken, peanut butter, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY-Pinto beans, salad/fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Soft beans, style beans, sautéed, vanilla wafers.

SANDS CISD

MONDAY-Bananas, french style beans, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken, salad, beans, cake or french milk.

WEDNESDAY-Pinto beans, bread, cobbler.

THURSDAY-Rice w/gravy, who's, green beans, fruit or cake.

FRIDAY-Pizza, apple crisp or

STANTON ISD

MONDAY-Pizza, salad, green

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THURSDAY-Spaghetti & meat sauce, mixed vegetables, salad, garlic bread, milk, fruit.
FRIDAY-Smothered steak, potatoes, broccoli & cheese, gelatin salad, milk/rolls, cake.

WESTBROOK ISD

MONDAY-Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, syrup, honey, milk.
TUESDAY-Spaghetti with meat sauce, black-eyed peas, spinach, garlic bread, pineapple chunks, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Home made hot dogs, chili, mustard, scalloped potatoes, lettuce wedge with ranch dressing, peaches, milk.
THURSDAY-Nachos with meat, tossed salad, refried beans, cherry crunch, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, french fries, fruit, milk.

FORSAN ISD

MONDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, fruit/cookies, milk.
TUESDAY-Chili-cheese fries, pork & beans, salad, coconut cake, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken sandwich, chips, salad, peanut butter cookies, peaches, milk.
THURSDAY-Corn dogs, pinto beans, tater tots, salad/fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Soft burrito, ranch style beans, salad, pudding, vanilla wafers, milk.

SANDS CISD

MONDAY-Bar-be-que on a bun, french fries, ranch style beans, apple crisp, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken quesadillas, salad, pork & beans, cake or fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Tamales, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, cobbler, milk.
THURSDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, whole new potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit or cake, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, corn, apple crisp or fruit, milk.

STANTON ISD

MONDAY-Pizza (chef salad), green beans, veg-

etable sticks, peaches, bread sticks, fruit drink, milk.
TUESDAY-Ravioli (bean burrito), corn, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, fruit drink, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Frito pie (baked potato), pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, pineapple chunks, cornbread, fruit drink, milk.
THURSDAY-Salisbury steak (beef tips), rice, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, peaches, hot rolls, fruit drink.
FRIDAY-NO MENU AVAILABLE

GARDEN CITY ISD

MONDAY-Steak fingers, cream potatoes, green beans, fruit mix, hot rolls, milk.
TUESDAY-Frito pie, corn, fruit, brownie, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Grilled chicken, cream potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, cake, milk.
THURSDAY-Taco salad, spanish rice, apples, milk.
FRIDAY-Ham croissant, chips, fruit, brownies, milk.

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MONDAY-Corndogs, pork & beans, spinach, peaches, milk.
TUESDAY-Steak, green beans, mashed potatoes, peaches, rolls/milk.
WEDNESDAY-Sliced ham salad, black-eyed peas, pineapple, hot rolls, milk.
THURSDAY-Hamburger, chips, salad, pickle, fruit/milk.
FRIDAY-NO MENU AVAILABLE

COAHOMA ISD

MONDAY-Pizza, fries, peaches, milk.
TUESDAY-Frito pie (burritos), ranch beans, pickle spears, pears, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, spicey fries, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, pineapples, milk.
THURSDAY-Chicken spaghetti (corn dogs), peas, salad, bread, strawberries & cream, milk.
FRIDAY-NO MENU AVAILABLE

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY-Corndog, potato rounds, vegetable sticks, trail mix, milk.
TUESDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, sliced peaches, hot roll, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken fajitas, spanish rice, corn, grapes, tortilla, milk.
THURSDAY-Corn chip pie, ranch style beans, spiced apples, rainbow freeze bar, milk.
FRIDAY-NO MENU AVAILABLE

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MILITARY

Ross W. Williams has received an Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) college scholarship offer.

The cadet was selected on the basis of comprehensive test, high school scholastic achievement and extra-curricular activities.

Upon graduation and completion of the ROTC program, the cadet will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

He is the son of Danny L. and Kathleen P. Williams of Coahoma.

Williams is a 2000 graduate of Coahoma High School.

Army Pvt. Jesse Herrera Jr. has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

During infantry training, he developed basic combat

skills and battlefield operations and tactics and experienced using various weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the son of Mary Lou and stepson of Tony Saldana of Big Spring.

Herrera is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Army Pfc. Bradlee N. Evans was part of a 560 man team named Task Force Warrior. They deployed to Libby, Mont., to assist the National Interagency Fire Center battle the wildfires which blazed the western United States.

While deployed, the soldier received training in basic firefighting operations and spent 10 days digging protective firelines, locating burned areas and identifying smoldering "hotspots."

Evans is a fire support specialist normally assigned to the 321st Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.

He is the son of Sandra S. Bloom of Big Spring.

The private is a 1999 graduate of Coahoma High School.

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Tree industry expecting more buyers this holiday season

ST. LOUIS (AP) — More families are opting for real trees this year, according to the National Christmas Tree Association.

That's good news for Christmas tree farms. Thanksgiving weekend is traditionally the kickoff weekend both for tree retailers and for buyers who want the best selection, said the St. Louis-based industry group.

Based on marketing surveys, the association says about 36 million natural trees will be sold nationwide this season. That's about 700,000 more than last year and almost 2 million more than in

1998. The projection still falls short of the record 37.2 million natural trees sold in 1995.

Andy Cole, a grower for 25 years in Greenville, Mich., oversees 1.1 million firs and pines on 1,700 acres. Cole said he thinks more people are buying natural trees because of economic prosperity.

"I think there's a strong demand, or a strong return, to the traditional things in life," Cole said. "And real Christmas trees are part of that."

Michigan growers sold 3.2 million Christmas trees to wholesalers and retailers last year.

Buyers in other states and countries accounted for about 70 percent of a crop valued at \$41 million in 1999.

Oregon ranks first in tree production, followed by North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

Oregon's farmers cultivate 67,000 acres of trees and harvested 9 million last year, according to Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association figures. The most sought-after and expensive trees are noble firs, although strong demand has also helped propel the prices of grand and Douglas fir.

Of the 360,000 trees sold in Michigan last year, 60 percent were cut fresh at farms.

In North Carolina, the fall drought didn't hurt trees as much as some had feared, said Jerry Washington, cooperative extension agent for Christmas trees in Ashe and Alleghany counties. Such weather can sometimes fade the color, but spring moisture this year helped deliver healthy trees.

Fake trees remain in use in about 9 million more U.S. households than natural trees, according to surveys done by the tree association.

Tradition and fragrance are often cited as reasons to buy real instead of artificial. Buyers of fake trees often do so to avoid hassle, messy pine needles or perceived fire hazards.

Other tidbits offered by the National Christmas Tree Association:

— About 23 percent of the natural trees will be bought at farms, while about 62 percent will be purchased from retail lots.

Christmas trees are growing on about 1 million acres nationwide, with each acre producing enough daily oxygen for 18 people.

County pecan exhibition set up for Dec. 5

The annual Howard County Pecan Show and Pecan Food Show Exhibition has been set for Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The Exhibition will be on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse. All judging will be completed by 12 p.m.

All entries will be due in the county extension office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. No entry fee is required to exhibit in the show. Rules for the show are:

1. Exhibitions are limited to one entry of each named variety they grow.
 2. The grower may enter as many seedlings, known hybrids or natives as he/she wishes.
 3. Pecans must be entered in the same county they are grown.
 4. The exhibitor must be the grower.
 5. An entry consists of a minimum of 40 pecans, 42 is preferred.
 6. Entries containing more than one variety are disqualified.
 7. Nuts which are cut, sanded, polished or otherwise altered will be disqualified.
 8. Pecans exhibited must be from the 2000 crop.
 9. Pecans must be entered in a ziplock bag with name of person and variety on it.
- All varieties will be judged in their respective categories.
- Judging will consider the pecan in shell as well as out of shell.

Awards will be given in each category. Plaques will be provided to the Champion Commercial Pecan, Champion Seedling Pecan and the Champion Classic Pecan.

All pecans become the property of the Howard County Extension Service. Copies of the rules can be attained at the Howard County Extension Office.

David Kight is the Howard County extension agent—agriculture.



DAVID KIGHT



Chad and Susie Averett, new owners of the Butcher Block, are surrounded by the Big Spring Ambassadors at their ribbon cutting ceremony, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce on Monday.

WTG acquires Texaco E&P interests at three natural gas processing plants

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WTG Gas Processing LP, a Midland-based company, has announced its acquisition of the interests of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. in three West Texas natural gas processing plants.

The limited partnership acquired a 90.65 percent interest in the East Vealmoor Gas Plant in northeast Howard County, a 97.81 percent interest in the Fuller Gas Plant in northern Scurry County and a 15.89 percent interest in the Torch Energy Marketing-operated Snyder Gas Plant west of Snyder.

The East Vealmoor and Fuller plants are now oper-

ated by WTG Gas Processing, according to J.L. Davis, president of Vealmoor Inc., its general partner.

"The purchase of these strategic gas plant interests complements the gas plant and other activities of other owned entities, specifically West Texas Gas Inc. and Davis Gas Processing," said Davis.

Davis Gas Processing includes various gas plants at locations near Post, Roby, Big Lake, McCamey and other West Texas and New Mexico locations.

"The purchase of these interests was timely due to the decline in gas available to process at our other plants because of a lack of drilling in recent years. The

purchase allows us to utilize our existing assets to good advantage," Davis commented.

The plants have low-pressure gathering systems in close proximity to each other, covering various portions of Howard, Borden, Dawson, Martin, Scurry, Kent and Mitchell counties. Total natural gas gathered by the two operated gas plants approximates 24,000 MCFD, producing approximately 260,000 gallons per day of plant products in total, Davis said.

The Torch-operated Snyder Gas Plant handles approximately 14,000 MCFD of non-CO2 laden gas and produces approximately 180,000 gallons per day of plant products total.

Retailers express cautious optimism for holiday-season sales

DALLAS (AP) — Every December, retailers look for that hot gift that could make the difference between candy or coal in their year-end financial report.

Texas-based retailers are putting their hopes on a variety of items this year, from scooters to diamond-line bracelets to ultra-thin wallets.

Few retailers enter the holiday season with the momentum of RadioShack Corp., based in Fort Worth which has posted double-

digit sales gains in 23 of the last 26 months. Chairman and chief executive Leonard Roberts said a double-digit December is "very doable," with strong sales of cell phones, satellite TV systems and electronic toys.

"This looks like a retail slowdown, if you look at the numbers coming from our competitors," Roberts said. "I'm just assuming we must be grabbing market share."

Another strong retail segment lately has been jewelry, especially the more

expensive trinkets. Mary Forte, executive vice president at Irving-based Zale Corp., was optimistic that diamond-line bracelets — they used to be called tennis bracelets — trendy three-stone rings and platinum pieces would be big sellers at its stores.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed," Forte said. "People will always come out and shop. As for the degree, we won't know that until later in the season."

Both RadioShack and Zale

plan to increase advertising spending this season, and both said they have beefed up inventories to avoid running out, which hampered RadioShack last December.

Round Rock-based Dell Computer Corp. and Houston-based Compaq Computer Corp. said MP3 digital music players will nicely augment sales of personal computers.

"In the desktop as well as the Internet space, music has been driving a lot of the demand," said Compaq mar-

keting executive Patrick Griffin.

"You see the PC moving not just to the center of home technology, but also the center of home entertainment," added Dell executive John Hamlin.

Richardson-based Fossil Inc., which makes and sells fashion watches and accessories to a young audience, expects sales to improve over a year ago, with colored and iridescent crystals among the most popular models.

IN THE NEWS

Electric Utilities CU notes 50th anniversary

The Electric Utilities Credit Union has celebrated its 50th anniversary with a dinner at the Big Spring Country Club.

The credit union was approved for a state charter on Nov. 17, 1950 for 50 years. A new charter has been signed for an indefinite period.

Of the approximately 60 members present for the dinner, three were original charter members. They were Jim Lemons and Carl Bradley of Big Spring and Otis Wilson of Fort Worth. They told the group how the credit union was started and some of the difficulties they overcame 50 years ago.

The current board of directors is Robert Henry, chairman; Jerry Oliphant, president; Walter Martin, secretary; John Gaston, and Polly Speaker. The office staff consists of Carol Jeter, office manager, and Lorena Ibarra, teller.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Electric Utilities Credit Union is encouraged to call the office at 263-3442, or qualification requirements. The union's membership consists of any employee of TXU and their family as well as contractors with TXU.

Howard County residents who purchase electricity from TXU are eligible if they do not qualify for another credit union.

Customer appreciation at SNE slated Tuesday

State National Bank will hold its "customer appreciation day" on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Red roses will be presented to the first 100 women who attend.

Drawings will be held each 30 minutes. A grand prize drawing will be held at 2 p.m. for \$500.

The public is invited to attend the event. Food and snacks will be available.

State National Bank is located at 901 Main.

Wells Fargo awards stock option grants

Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE:WFC) this month awarded stock option grants to virtually all its 117,000 team members — the second company-wide stock option award in two years.

"This award recognizes the hard work and accomplishments of all our team members and the important role they play in helping Wells Fargo achieve its vision of satisfying all of our customers' financial needs," said Dick Kovacevich, president and CEO of Wells Fargo & Company.

Full-time Wells Fargo team members employed by the company on Nov. 3 received option grants for 200 or 400 shares, based on salary levels. Part-time and flex-time members received grants for 100 shares.

The 10-year options have an "exercise price" or fixed price of \$46.50 a share based on Wells Fargo's New York Stock Exchange closing stock price on Nov. 2. Team members can buy up to their allotted shares at the fixed price when Wells Fargo stock closes at or above \$80 a share or in five years, whichever comes first.

In November 1998, when the merger involving Norwest Corporation and Wells Fargo was completed, the company awarded stock option grants of 200 shares to team members.

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Marriage Licenses:
William Martin Seely, 27, and Tanna Diane Brito, 37
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County Court Rulings:

Probated Judgment Cruelty to Animals: Jackie Doyle Richey, \$250 fine, \$310.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.
Probated Judgment Possession of Marijuana less than two ounces: Johnny Sanchez, \$300 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Eric M. Zarraga, \$300 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.
Probated Judgment Driving While License Suspended: Michael N. Padron, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Melanie Dawn Patterson, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Joshua Edwards, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Shannon Hudgins, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.
Probated Judgment Evading Arrest/Detention: Johnny Franco, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.
Probated Judgment, Driving While Intoxicated: Jason Ray Payne, \$1,500 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Jacob E. Rodriguez, \$1,500 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Danny Ybarra, \$1,500 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; John Paul Fierro, \$750 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Carlos Enrique Lopez, \$1,500 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.

Probated Judgment Driving While Intoxicated, second offense: Fabian Chavera, \$1,500 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 365 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence Evading Arrest: Juan Paul Garza, \$250 fine, \$269.25 court cost, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence Possession of Marijuana under two ounces: Juan Paul Garza, \$250 fine, \$269.25 court cost, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence Driving While License Suspended: Juan Paul Garza, \$250 fine, \$234.25 court cost, 90 days in jail; Jorge Escajeda, \$500 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence Driving While Intoxicated: Juan Paul Garza, \$1,500 fine, \$249.25 court cost, 90 days in jail; Stephen Joel Mundell, \$1,500 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence Criminal Mischief more than \$500 but less than \$1,500: Steven Alvarez, \$100 fine, \$310.25 court cost, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence Bigamy: Kurt Eric Dunn, \$500 fine, \$260.25 court cost.

Judgment and Sentence Possession of Controlled Substance: Reyes Castaneda, \$500 fine, \$310.25 court cost, 30 days in jail.

Revocation of Probation and Imposition of Sentence:

David Juarez, Carrying a Prohibited Weapon, \$500 fine, \$334.25 court cost, 90 days in jail; David Juarez, Possession of Marijuana more than two ounces and less than four ounces, \$400 fine, \$334.25 court cost, 90 days in jail; Scotty Bryant, Possession of Marijuana less than two ounces, \$300 fine, \$434.25 court cost, 160 days in jail; Steven John Alvarez, Driving While Intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$375.25 court cost, 30 days in jail; Scotty Bryant, Driving While License Suspended, \$250 fine, \$410.25 court cost, 160 days in jail; Jorge Antonio Escajeda, Resisting Arrest, \$500 fine, \$360.25 court cost, 90 days in jail; David Juarez, Carry Prohibited Weapon, \$500 fine, \$360.25 court cost, 90 days in jail; Steven Alvarez, Driving While License Invalid, \$250 fine, \$360.25 court cost, 30 days in jail.

Court Rulings

Sue Edmondson vs. Andrew A. Ramirez, family—judgment
Kristina K. Ouerheim vs. Agustín Gaitan Jr., family—judgment
Irma Valarie Ortiz vs. Stephen Cruz, family—judgment
Stella Cantu vs. Jerry Stanhope, family—judgment
Steven Guy Grigg vs. Cheryl Lynn Sullivan, injuries and damages with a motor vehicle
First Security Bank N.A. vs. John Edward Nalley, account, notes and contracts—dismissed
Jeff Askins vs. Jana Lynn Askins, divorce—dismissed
Ted O. Groebel Jr. Trust No. 1,

other—judgment
Erminia Bustamante vs. Louis Bustamante, family—dismissed
Brenda James vs. Oscar Lee James, family—dismissed
Michelle DeLeon vs. Armando S. DeLeon, family—dismissed
Jose Leon Heredia vs. Laria DeLeon Heredia, family—transfer
Rosie A. Vanderbilt vs. Jessie Ramirez, family—dismissed
Lisa O'Brien Franco vs. Steven O'Brien, family—disposed
Thomas David Wiggins vs. Clara Melissa Wiggins, family—judgment
Anastasia Trevino vs. Mario Reyes, family—dismissed
Robert Lee Evans vs. Beatrice Lavelle Evans, family—dismissed
Shelia M. Vanderbilt vs. Dennis W. Morrison, family—dismissed
Debbie Paredes vs. Benito Paredes, family—judgment
Tina Lynn Gaston vs. Van Henry Gaston Jr., family—judgment
Howard County Et Al vs. Bill Fulgham & Associates, tax—dismissed
Howard County, Et Al vs. Frederico Moreno, Tax—dismissed
Wilma Marlow vs. Thomas Ford Marlow Sr., family—judgment
Jimmy G. Hopper vs. Janice L. Hopper, family—dismissed
Janice Green vs. Donny Green, family—dismissed
Kenneth Faye Blaine vs. John C. Blaine, family—dismissed
Josephine Mitchell vs. James Earl Magers, family—dismissed
Celeste Jones vs. Leslie McCurtian, family—dismissed
Lorri C. Hurst vs. Jaime Atkinson, family—judgment
Yolanda Mier vs. Danny Rodriguez, family—dismissed
Seizure of Certain Contraband vs. Michael Schell Madry, other—dismissed
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Richard and Janet Maxwell, accounts, notes and contracts—dismissed
Pamela Henry vs. Jason Henry, divorce—dismissed
Connie L. McDaniel vs. Jeffrey G. McDaniel, divorce—dismissed
Willie Lee Dancy Jr. vs. Veronica Denise Dancy, divorce—dismissed
Jonnie P. Brooks vs. April E. Brooks, divorce—dismissed
Doyle Lee Edmondson vs. Robbie Lynn Edmondson, divorce—dismissed
Seizure of Certain Contraband vs. Rudy C. Escalera Jr., other—dismissed
Kyle M. Highfield vs. Bobbie J. Nelson, family—dismissed
Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union vs. Brian A. Heckler and Shawn R., accounts, notes and contracts—judgment
Doyle Michael Sanders vs. Kimberly Kay Sanders, divorce—dismissed
David Wayne Davis vs. Marlene Janmet Carillo, injuries and damages with a motor vehicle—dismissed
Esperanza Elena Porras vs. Hilario Porras, family—dismissed
Dedra Lynette Moos vs. Chad Michael Moos, divorce—dismissed
State of Texas vs. Antonio Armiño, other—dismissed
Sue Read vs. Milton Mallard,

accounts, notes and contracts—dismissed
Heather Dawn McNew vs. Casey Hillard Attkin, family—judgment
Ernesto Morales Jr. vs. Martha Fina Lopez Moralez, divorce—dismissed
State of Texas vs. Kendall Ruffin, other—dismissed
Yolanda R. Mier vs. Patrick Rios, family—dismissed
Robert Earl Honeycutt vs. Sky Massingill, injuries and damages with a motor vehicle—dismissed
Providian National Bank vs. Annette Deanda, accounts, notes and contracts—dismissed
Rae Lynn Elliott vs. Gary Wayne Elliott, divorce—dismissed
Angelita Alvizo vs. Rogelio Gomez Mendez, divorce—dismissed
Cristyle McDowell vs. Bruce Anthony Jones, family—dismissed
Dustie Nalley vs. John Edward Nalley, divorce—judgment
Christina L. McDonald vs. Mark Wayne McDonald, family—dismissed
Nancy K. Hernandez vs. Adam Jaramillo, family—judgment
Christina Padilla vs. Jose Cruz Padilla Jr., divorce—judgment
Citibank South Dakota, N.A. vs. Henry F. Edwards, accounts, notes and contracts—dismissed
Providian National Bank vs. Lannis A. Wallace, accounts, notes and contracts—dismissed
Tanna Brito vs. Sackie Brito, family—judgment
Patricia Nuez vs. Joydawn Nicole Coy, injuries and damages with a motor vehicle—judgment
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. John P. Chance, accounts, notes and contracts—dismissed
James T. Nelson vs. Michal Lynn Nelson, divorce—dismissed
Olga H. Viera vs. Sammy Viera, divorce—judgment
United Credit Management Corp. vs. Kai Moran Oppgard and Janna L., accounts, notes and contracts—dismissed
Cindy Denise Coyle vs. Doyce Ray Coyle, divorce—dismissed
Bank of America, N.A. (USA) F vs. Kerry D. Fryar, accounts, notes and contracts—judgment
Donnie Lou Flores vs. Daniel Vera Flores, divorce—dismissed
Bank America Housing Services vs. Tommy and Patricia Rawls, account, notes and contracts—dismissed
Claudia Erika Darnell vs. Christopher Curtis Jr. and De, family—dismissed
Laredo Paving Inc. vs. Ramex Construction, accounts, notes and contracts—judgment
Elma Hood vs. Walls Industries Inc., injuries and damages—dismissed
Dave's Hot Oil Service Inc. vs. Morita Energy LLC, accounts, notes and contracts—dismissed
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Kenneth De La Garza, accounts, notes and contracts—dismissed
Lisa Burris vs. Norman McNew, family—dismissed
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By Annabel Michaels
Williamsburg, VA

11/25/00

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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The Forsan Independent School District will accept bids for the resurfacing of 8 tennis courts. Specifications may be obtained from the Administration Office. Sealed bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on December 13, 2000, at which time they will be opened in the Superintendent's Office and examined. Bid envelopes shall be clearly marked "tennis court bid". The bids will then be presented to the board of Trustees for action at the regular board meeting on December 18, 2000. Questions should be directed to Jim Yancey, Forsan ISD, PO Drawer A, Forsan, Texas 79733. The Forsan ISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
3008 November 26, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE
RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION
DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: October 31, 2000
Rule 37 Case No. 0226508
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the MOBIL PRODUCING TX & NM INC. PO BOX 4358 HOUSTON, TX 77210-4358 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16) Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37. Applicant seeks exception to distance between wells to horizontal recompletion Well No. 2312H, Parks Field Unit No. 2, 4, 897-60 Acres, SL: Sec. 6, Bk. 40T3S, T. 4 P. RR Co. H.G. Purcell Survey, TL: Sec. 13, Bk. 40T-3-S, T. 4 P. RR Co. Survey, SL: A-814, TL: A-279, Parks (Devonian) Field(s), Midland County, being 12.5 miles in a east direction of Odessa, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:
SL: 2,150' from the west line and 3,287' from the south line of lease.
SL: 2,150' from the west line and 630' from the south line of survey.
TL: 750' from the east line and 4,387' from the south line of lease.
750' from the east line and 1,730' from the south line of survey.
PP: 2,226' from the west line and 3,157' from the south line of lease.
As part of this application, applicant also seeks permits authority in the Wildcat field(s). No rule 37(38) is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field(s). If completed in the Parks (Devonian) field the well will be a horizontal well. If completed in the Wildcat field the well will be a vertical well.
Field rules for the Wildcat field are 467/1200, 40 acres. Field rules for the Parks (Devonian) field are 660/1320, 160 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12,400 feet.
PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Michael J. Barabita, Regulatory Analyst, at 713-431-1779. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.
IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY December 12, 2000 AT 5:00 P.M. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.
2997 November 12, 19, 26 & December 3, 2000

Hosts are in doghouse for providing outhouse

DEAR ABBY: A couple we know threw a birthday party this past weekend. A large number of guests were invited. When we arrived, everyone was directed to the back yard. I was appalled to see a portable toilet, the kind typically used at construction sites.

This couple has a beautiful home with at least three bathrooms. What a slap in the face to be invited to someone's home, only to find that we had actually been invited to their back yard and were expected to use an "outhouse"!

My husband and I disagree on whether or not this was an insult. Your opinion, please. — **APPALLED IN POMONA, CALIF.**

DEAR APPALLED: Before you conclude that this was an insult, ask your hosts why they did it. Perhaps they were having plumbing problems. Or, the party was so large the hostess didn't know all of the guests well, and preferred they didn't tromp through her house. She might have been afraid her carpets would be damaged by dirty shoes, or had experienced some petty thefts during prior large parties.

Whatever the reason the house was off-limits and the portable toilet was provided, you owe it to your hosts to hear them out before you judge them.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old female who has not had a boyfriend in more than two years. I am desperately lonely and want a guy I can trust and share my life with. I have one particular guy in mind, but I'm afraid if I let him know how I feel, he will reject me. I need someone who makes me feel "complete," and I feel he is the one.

My problem is that he hangs out with the popular

group and probably won't even try being an "us." Is something wrong with me? What should I do? — **LONESOME TEEN IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR LONESOME: There is nothing "wrong" with you. Many women feel they need someone to make them feel "complete." However, it's a huge mistake. The only person who can truly make you complete is YOU. Rather than concentrating on how lonely and needy you are, instead focus your energies outward on activities that interest you. It will make you a far more interesting person to be around.

Are you interested in art? Go to the library and read up on it. Visit museums and art galleries. (You might meet a nice guy there who's also trying to improve his mind, or some budding artists who are on the brink of recognition.) Are you interested in photography? Inquire if a local photographer could use an assistant during the late afternoons or on weekends.

You'll feel better about yourself if you allow yourself less time to brood. The most successful people I know were usually not part of the "in" crowd in high school.

P.S. That includes my twin sister and me!

DEAR ABBY: Your recent comments to "Fashion-Confused in L.A.," who asked what "casual dress" means for the office, reminded me of the answer I recently gave to a new employee.

During the interview she asked me if the company had any "casual dress" days. I said, "Yes, we have two. We call them Saturday and Sunday." — **LOOKIN' GOOD IN NEVADA**

DEAR L.G.: Thanks. You're a hoot!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

MIDLAND-ODESSA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, serving as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Midland-Odessa Regional Transportation Study (MORTS), will host a public meeting to discuss the 2002-2004 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The 2002-2004 Transportation Improvement Program is a three-year plan that has been developed in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation, the Cities of Midland and Odessa, and Ector and Midland Counties. The TIP includes the following:

1. A priority list of projects and project segments that will be carried out within the 3-year period in the Midland-Odessa Urbanized Area, and
2. A financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented, indicates resources from public and private (if any) sources that are made available to carry out the plan and recommends any innovative financing techniques to finance needed projects and programs.

The public meeting will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2000, at the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission offices located at 2910 LaForce Boulevard, Midland International Airport. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

A ten-day comment period following the public meeting will permit interested persons to submit written comments regarding the 2002-2004 Transportation Improvement Program to Mr. Ernie Crawford, Executive Director, Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 60660, Midland, Texas 79711-0660. (Fax 915/563-1728). All comments must be received in the PBPRC offices no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 11, 2000. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as reader, large print, braille or interpreter for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, are requested to contact Liz Harold or Jerry Tschauer at 915/563-1061 at least two work days prior to the meeting to insure appropriate arrangements can be made. A list of proposed projects can be reviewed during business hours November 30 through December 11, 2000, at the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, 2910 LaForce Boulevard, Midland International Airport. The District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation, 3901 East Highway 80 (BI 20-E), Odessa, the Ector County Library, 321 West 5th Street, Odessa, and the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri, Midland.

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