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- Big Spring Mall
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## Toy drive organizer seeks donations as time runs out

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

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

Project coordinator Bob Rumpff said numbers are down somewhat, but he's by



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no means singing the blues. "I don't think we have as many toys as we did last year," said Rumpff. "It's hard to gauge. The generosity has been good, but I'd like to see more, because that means more children get more toys this Christmas.

"I'd like to tell the folks that have brought toys in thank you so very much. If you haven't already made a donation, please make a point of doing so. We'll be turning them over to the Salvation Army for distribution on Wednesday, so there's still time."

Rumpff said he under-

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## Annual Tour of Homes slated Sunday afternoon

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

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

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

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

## REACHING OUT

### Volunteers needed to serve as nursing home advocates

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

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

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

daughter or your daughter in school. We have interesting veterans...and wives of veterans and female veterans."

The program Oglesby oversees is part of the Area Agency on Aging, Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

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

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

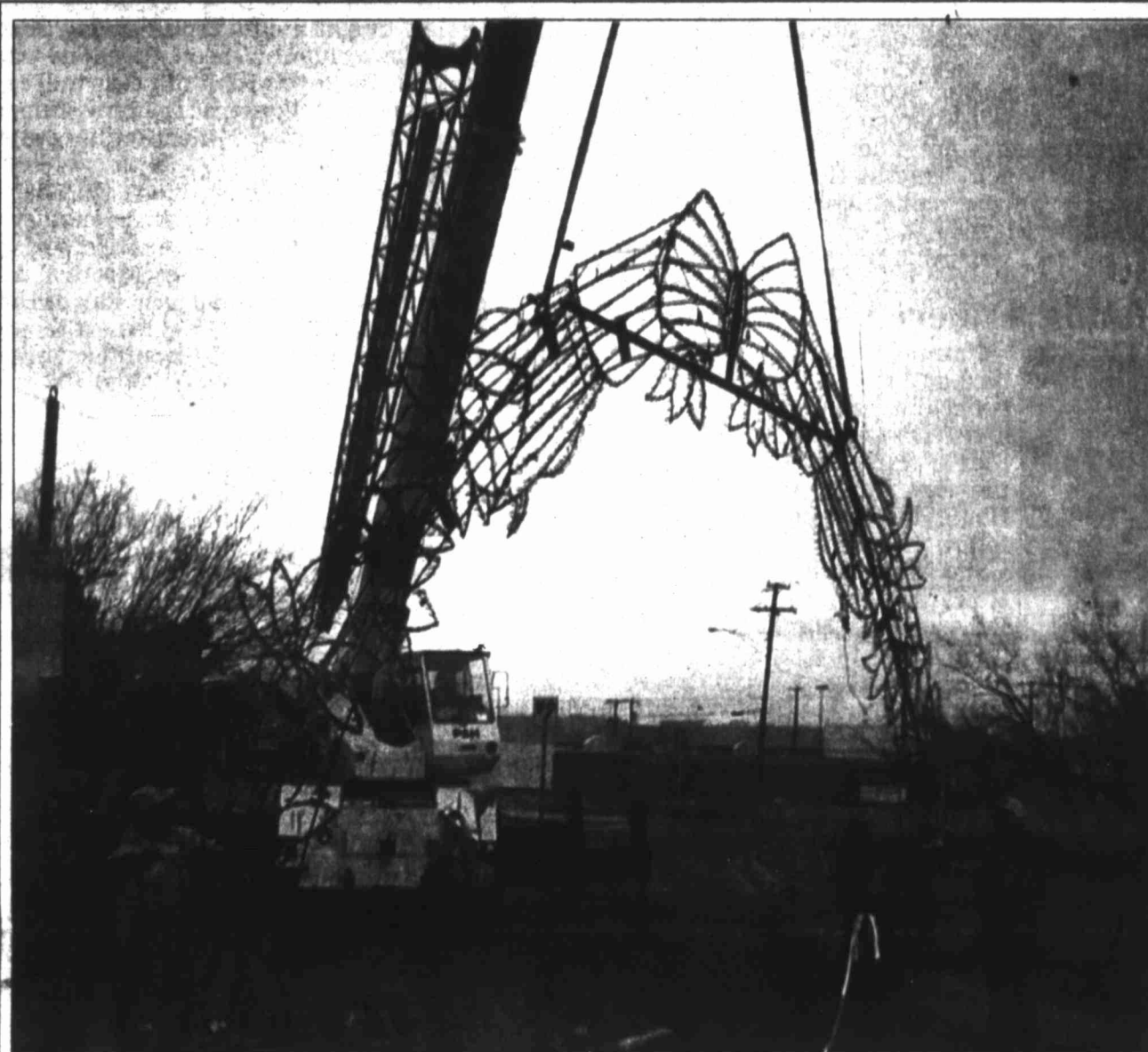
As a nursing home advocate, volunteers are not responsible for investi-

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*"It's looking at that person's eyes, past the wrinkles, past the disabilities and seeing the person within, sharing some heart, sharing time."*



Cincy Oglesby, ombudsman



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

## Comanche Trail Park lights to be turned on Monday night

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

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

"Everything is going pretty well at this point," festival coordinator Pat Simmons said on Friday as volunteers were attending to last minute details. "I think some of the lights might not be up and running by Monday because of

the weather and illness has set us back a little bit."

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

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## United Way sets luncheon for Thursday

HERALD staff report

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

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

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

The luncheon is open to everyone but reserva-

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

## Report card: FISD board to convene

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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# BSHS UIL team fares well in Sul Ross tournament

Special to the HERALD

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

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

Creswell placed individ-

ually in literary criticism and Ryan Yeats placed in ready writing.

The journalism team had an impressive showing with several team members placing, including:

Tony Emerson, second, and Jackie Bowen, third

in news writing

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

"We had a good weekend," Leland Mallett, journalism sponsor, said. "We are looking forward to more meets and even greater success in the

future."

The Steer speech team won first place in speech sweepstakes.

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

Manoj Thangam was the

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

Darryl Newberry was fourth in LD debate and informative speaking.

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

Green also placed fourth in persuasive speaking Logan Churchwell and

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

And Courtney Hecker placed fifth in prose.

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



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

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

## Coahoma Choir Kids to perform Christmas concert

Special to the HERALD

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

cert on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Admission is free. The public is invited to enjoy a wide variety of music. The performance will be

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

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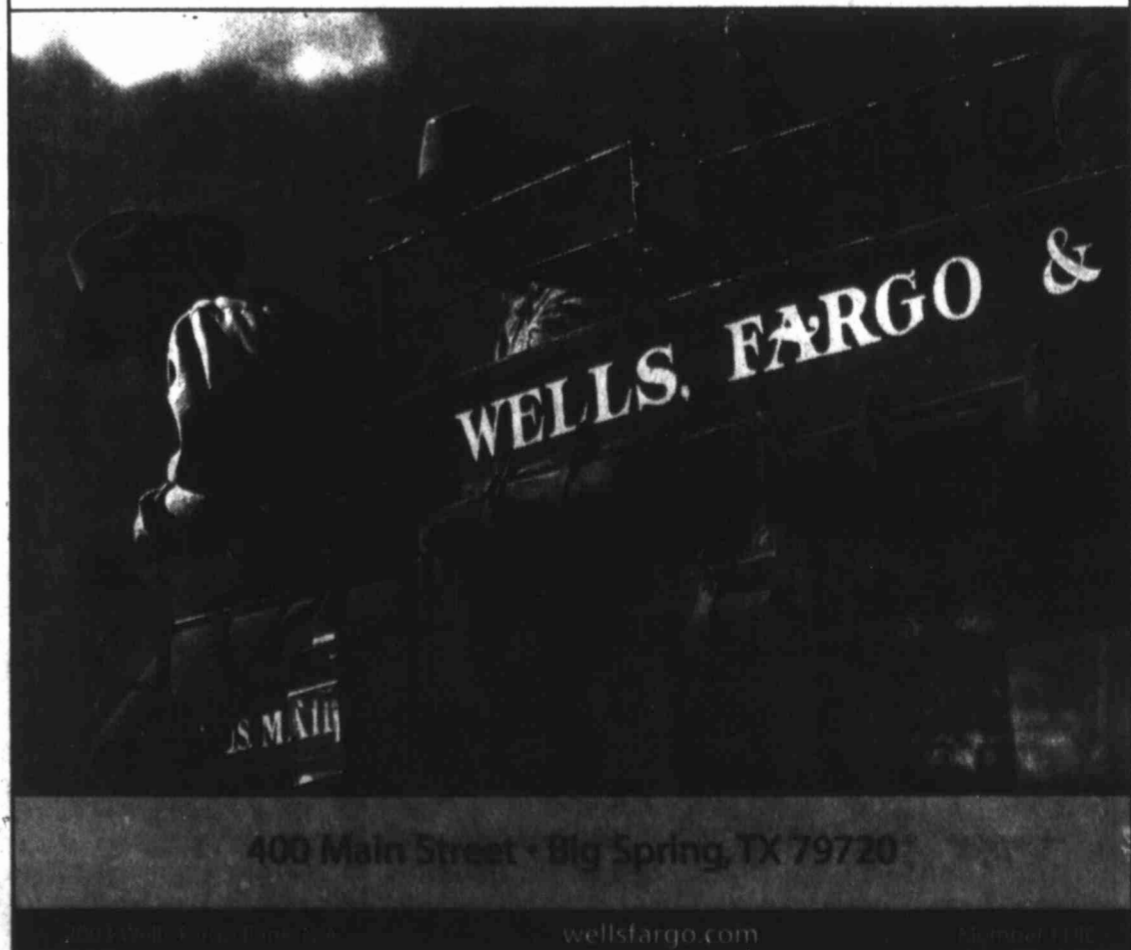
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# Housing ordinance has landlord seeing purple

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

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

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

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

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

Tom Martin, a Lubbock city councilman, said the issue is a matter of zoning

and land use, not property rights.

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

Tech student Joe Biles disagreed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

However, University Park, San Marcos and Huntsville — all commu-

nities with universities — the non-related roommate limit is two, as is in Lubbock.

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

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

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

with no more than two unrelated people in it.

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

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

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

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

Since August 2000, neighbors have filed complaints five times against Davis and he has been cited three times for violating the ordinance, most recently Nov. 11.

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

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

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

### Bush


WASHINGTON — As Democrats further investigate Vice President Cheney's former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's role in the Iraq war, Cheney's former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's role in the Iraq war, Cheney's former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's role in the Iraq war...

### Hispanics

LOS ANGELES — Hundreds of Hispanics protested the new law allowing illegal immigrants to get licenses, taking streets Friday statewide in a boycott to highlight California's largest community, the largest.

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# Bush expects Halliburton to repay any overcharges for Iraq work

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

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

Pentagon auditors say Houston-based

Halliburton charged up to \$61 million too much for delivering gasoline to Iraqi citizens under a no-bid contract to rebuild Iraq's dilapidated oil industry. The company denies overcharging.

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

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

this month who will get the oil reconstruction deals worth up to \$800 million in northern Iraq and \$1.2 billion in the south.

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

The countries that have been left out see the rules

as payback, but Bush says limiting contracts to countries that sent troops and money to Iraq makes sense and will encourage more nations to join the U.S.-led coalition.

Democrats have joined the fray, saying the president is needlessly alienating allies and rewarding political supporters. Cheney headed Halliburton from 1995 until he became Bush's running mate in 2000, and other executives from the company gave generously to the Bush campaign.

"George W. Bush is preventing entire nations from bidding on contracts in Iraq so his campaign contributors can continue to overcharge the American taxpayers," Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean said Friday while campaigning in Iowa.

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

had close Republican ties.

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

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

## Hispanics protest in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hundreds of Hispanics protested the repeal of a law allowing illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses, taking to the streets Friday in a statewide boycott of schools and businesses.

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

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

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

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

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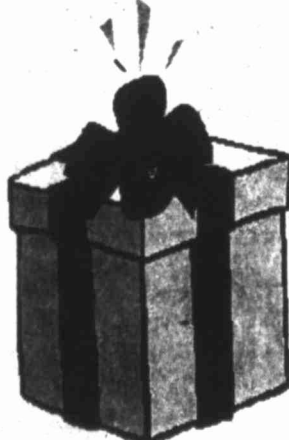
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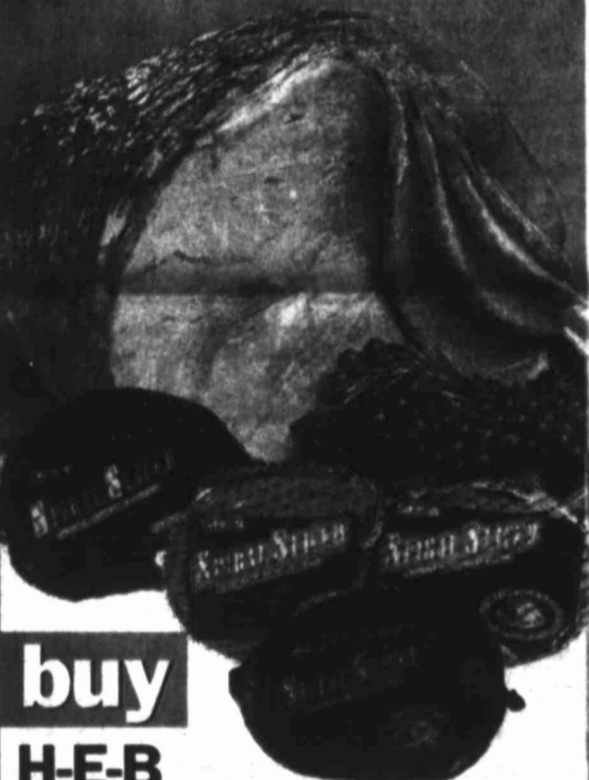
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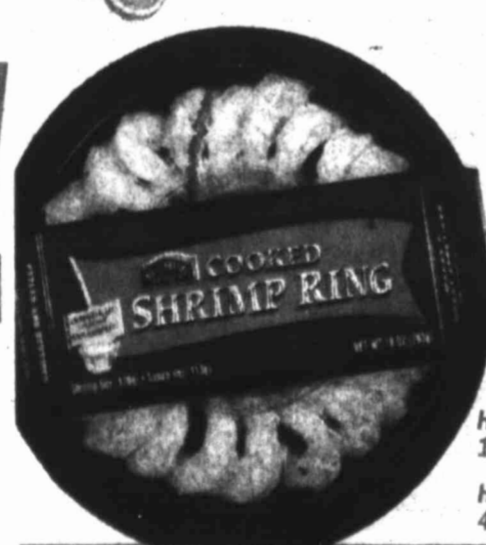
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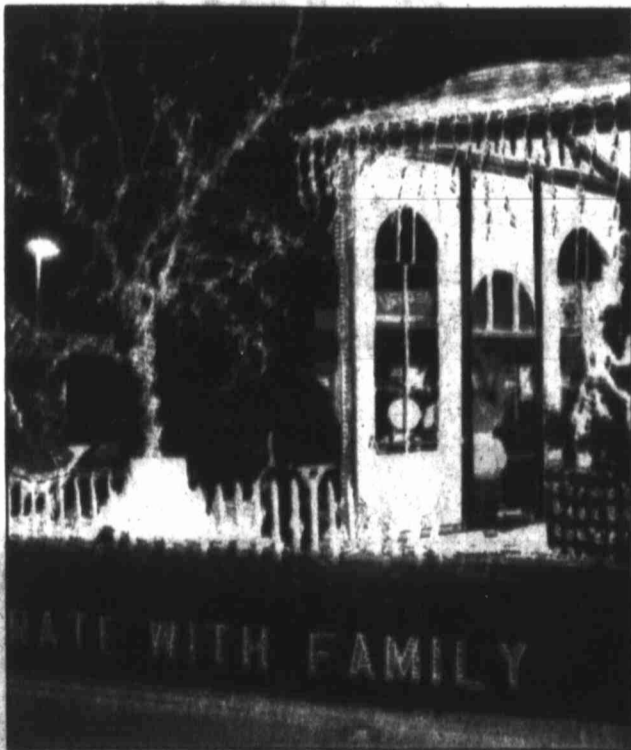
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# Christmas in the city



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

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

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



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



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



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

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# Anniversaries

# Menus



Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Gibbs

## Celebrating 55 years of marriage

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

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

Mr. Gibbs is a retired farmer and worker at

Gillihan's Motors. He was born in Knott. His wife has served her family as a housewife. She was born in Gainesville. They are active members of Salem Baptist Church.

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



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Long

## Celebrating a golden anniversary

Jim and Bonnie Long recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with their family and friends. They were introduced by friends in Sterling City and were married on Dec. 11, 1953, in the home of the late Jay and Peggy Dement of Big Spring with the late Rev. Cecil Rhodes pastor of the West Fourth Street Baptist Church officiating. Jim was manager of a ranch in Martin County for the J.C. Reed Cattle Company and Bonnie was employed by Texas Electric Service Company in Colorado City, transferring to Big Spring where she continued until her retirement as distribution dispatcher after 35 years of service. Tim went to work for the then Cosden Pipeline in 1956 and retired as pipeline superintendent in 1989. Attending the dinner from out of town were niece, Janet King and husband, Ron of Yuba City California, nephew Lynn Rollins and wife Jan of Amarillo, Jim's sister Joy and her husband, B.W. (Buddy) Henderson of Lake Whitney, long time friends Bob and Peggy Grimes of Lubbock and Clay Mann Smith of Colorado City,

who was present at the wedding 50 years ago. Jim's brother, Bob and wife Alma of Big Spring were also among the guests. Assisting as hosts were Keith and Beckie Crane of Big Spring. Jim and Bonnie are members of First United Methodist Church in Big Spring and reside at 1603 Jim Long Road. They state that through their hard work together, with love and understanding and help from the Good Lord goes the credit for their long marriage.

**Forsan ISD**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY-Cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
TUESDAY-Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Eggs, biscuit, juice, milk.  
THURSDAY-Grilled cheese, juice, milk.  
FRIDAY-Donuts, juice, milk.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY-Corn dogs, baked beans, spinach, mixed fruit, milk.  
TUESDAY-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, peaches, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Beef stew, cornbread, fruit salad, Otis Spunkmeyer cookie, milk.  
THURSDAY-Chili dogs, chips, pickle spears, banana pudding, milk.  
FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk.

**Big Spring ISD**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY-BBQ on bun, French fries, ranch style beans, peach cobbler.  
TUESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, mandarin oranges, roll.  
WEDNESDAY-Burrito, potato rounds, corn on cob, pineapple tidbits.  
THURSDAY-Roast

**Sands CISD**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY-Biscuits & sausage  
TUESDAY-Breakfast pockets  
WEDNESDAY-Pancake on a stick  
THURSDAY-Nutri bars  
FRIDAY-Poptarts  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY-Hot dogs w/chili, fries, cheese, fruit, milk.  
TUESDAY-Chicken fajitas, salad, corn, cheese, pears, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding, milk.  
THURSDAY-Sandwiches, potato chips, ice cream. To Go.  
FRIDAY-Lunchables. To Go

**New Hope Christian School**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, tater tots, corn, pineapple, lemonade.  
TUESDAY-Chili, cornbread, carrots, apple sauce, fruit punch.  
WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, salad, peaches, lemonade.  
THURSDAY-Mini pizza, salad, cookie, fruit punch.  
FRIDAY-Chili dogs, French fries, apple, chocolate cup, cake, lemonade.  
**Coahoma ISD**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY-Poptarts, sausage, fruit, milk.  
TUESDAY-Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Sweetened rice, sausage, juice, milk.  
THURSDAY-Waffles, sausage, juice, milk.  
FRIDAY-Donuts, sausage, fruit, milk.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY-Smothered steak (BBQ beef on bun), creamed potatoes, apples,

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

**roll, milk.**  
**TUESDAY** - Hamburgers, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pudding, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Pizza, salad, bananas, milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Burritos (corn dogs), chips, pickle spears, apples, milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, baby carrots, oranges, milk.

**Spring City Senior Citizens Center**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY-Smothered steak, macaroni and tomatoes, carrots, salad, milk, rolls and fruit.  
TUESDAY-Liver and onions, potatoes, squash, salad, milk, rolls and pie.  
WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips, noodles, peas and carrots, salad, milk, rolls and fruit.  
THURSDAY-Stew, salad, cornbread, milk, cobbler.  
FRIDAY-Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk, rolls, pumpkin pie.

**reduce shipping hassles**  
(NAPSI)—It's one thing to get someone a great gift. It's another to get that gift to them on time—especially during this shorter-than-usual holiday season. Following these tips should make the holiday shipping rush easier for you:  
Avoid long lines by shipping on Tuesdays through Saturdays. Mondays are quite often busiest, as shoppers hurry to send off their

## Reduce shipping hassles

weekend purchases. Shop online, and have the retailer ship direct to your loved ones. But make sure you do your online or catalog shopping as early as possible; these orders may take a day or two to process before being shipped. Find a carrier that offers Internet shipping, which lets you select the speed of service desired, pay by credit card, and then print the proper shipping label on a regular sheet of paper from the comfort of home. Some offer other features to make holiday shipping more convenient as well.

At UPS.com, for instance, once your package is sealed and labeled, you can either schedule a pickup or drop it off at a convenient shipping location.

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**Art Association to hold a special Christmas party**  
A Big Spring Art Association special Christmas party will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16 in The Spanish Inn. Spouses and friends are welcome. Bring an art related gift or some item relating to artwork such as instruction books, sketchpads and etc. Purchased gifts should not exceed \$10.

**The Mary Jane Club meets**  
The Mary Jane Club met Oct. 9 in Stanton with Gean Cauble and Sammie Kingston to tour the interesting areas of Stanton. The Mary Jane Club met for their Nov. 14 gathering at Gale's Sweet Shoppe with hostesses Diane Wood and Marie Ehrhidge. Gale gave a very entertaining program on how to decorate a gingerbread house. Each member of the club brought a gift for state hospital patients. Fifteen members and a guest, Stephanie Ferguson met at the home of Joyce Choate for the annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange. Serving as co-hostesses were Bobbie Nix and Nan McKinney.

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# Hmm, pass the chocolates, please

Health studies are revealing that it's actually good for you. Chocolate, that is. Why, I could have told them that.

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



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MARSHA ALLEN

My friends and fellow Americans, chocolate has done more to raise esteemed levels of polite discourse and meaningful relationships than any other source, in Seasonings' opinion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mom would freeze her Hershey bars and eat them as iced chocolate. Also she poured melted Hershey bars over our

peanut butter sandwiches.

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

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

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Hodnett

## Thompson and Hodnett

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

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

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

and Louise Boykin, also of Big Spring.

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

Matron of honor was Stacey Kushaney. The best man was Jim Kushaney.

A reception was held at Stratosphere in Las Vegas following the ceremony.

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

## Make holiday decorating fun but safe

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

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

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

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

Do you use light strings that bear the UL Mark? The familiar UL Mark on a product means that UL engineers have tested samples of the product for risk of fire, electric shock and other hazards. Use light strings with UL's green holographic label indoors; use light strings with UL's red holographic label either indoors or outdoors. Before plugging in any electrical decoration, are there cracked sockets, frayed or loose connections?

Keep the holidays safe.

## Wright and Kitten

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

Michael Passmore officiated the exchange of marriage vows.

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

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

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

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

A reception followed the ceremony in the

Kuykendall Hall of the church.

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

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

## Local docs cure the 'cold'

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Eighty-nine areas students are able to brave the cold weather this week with brand new coats thanks to the efforts of a number of doctors in the community. Doctors in the Scenic Mountain Medical Group voluntarily participated in a program to donate a total of 89 coats to the three Howard County school districts. The coats were passed out this week to students in grades kindergarten through 12.

"Tim Schmidt, (Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO) originally conceived the project and presented it to the doctors," said SMMC Assistant CEO Derrick Yu. "It's a worthy project to collect coats for the kids and we can really appreciate this now that we're in the winter months." According to Washington Elementary School Principal Steve Waggoner, the donation helps to fill a very large need in the school district.

"We have kids that need coats," Waggoner said. "This has a major impact on those children's lives." Elbow Elementary School Principal Randy Johnson agreed. "I was lucky enough to deliver a coat to one the little girl," Johnson said. "I told her I had a surprise for her. She was curious why the principal called her out of class. I gave her the jacket and she was smiling from ear-to-ear and kept going on about how soft it was. "This time of year we always have kids trying

to get by with hand-me-downs or jackets that are two or three years old," Johnson continued. "It always helpful to have donated coats and there seems to be a need. We're just pleased to have the help." In an unrelated drive, First Baptist Church also collected several coats for Big Spring school children. "Some kids in the community need a little help and we are lucky to have people willing to do that for our children," Waggoner said. "We are



Courtesy photo  
Coahoma Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston, left, accepts donated brand new coats from Scenic Mountain Medical Group doctors Donald Ferguson and his partner and wife, Lorna, picture far right. Also pictured is Patricia Bennett, Coahoma Elementary soon-to-be intern principal.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Scenic Mountain Medical Group doctors John Farquhar and Cynthia Rutledge pose with coats that will be donated to area public school students. really thankful to Scenic Mountain and First Baptist for helping our children." Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

## Range restoration tour, workshop slated Wednesday

**S**AN ANGELO — Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) are sponsoring a "Rangeland Restoration Tour" on the San Angelo State School lands at Carlsbad beginning at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. The tour is designed to show the restorative effects of ripping, seeding and weed control on severely degraded rangeland. The tour will start from the white barn located across U.S. Highway 87 from the state school. Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered. Dr. Darrell Ueckert, TAES range researcher and the day's speaker, said anyone interested in economically and ecologically feasible methods for improving degraded rangeland is

invited and encouraged to attend. "Rangeland ripping, wing ripping and disk diking are mechanical soil disturbance practices installed on the contour 15 to 30 feet apart," said Ueckert. "These treatments increase surface roughness which slows runoff thus helping water soak into the soil. Ripping alone increased the 2003 grass production three-fold on the site we'll visit during the tour. Ripping and spraying for weed control increased grass production 18-fold. "The tour will show vegetative responses on areas ripped and seeded in 1996 and 2002. We'll also have the equipment we used onsite and have information on the costs of implementing these practices." The Texas Cooperative Extension offices involved with the tour include those in Glasscock, Sterling, Irion, Coke, Concho, Tom Green and Schleicher counties. For further information contact the Extension office in any of the sponsoring counties or call Dr. Darrell Ueckert at (325) 653-4576.



**TOMMY YEATER**

## Extension office announces Pecan Show winners

Special to the HERALD

### HOWARD COUNTY PECAN SHOW AND FOOD SHOW

#### PECAN SHOW RESULTS

- CHOCTAW:** 1. Roy Simmons, 2. Judson Chevalier, 3. Harrison Chevalier.  
**DESIRABLE:** 1. Juan Palacios.  
**MOHAWK:** 1. Kelsey Jones.  
**STUART:** 1. Juan Palacios, 2. Shelby Jones.  
**WESTERN:** 1. Nathan Hughes.  
**WICHITA:** 1. Nathan Hughes, 2. Wayne Johnson, 3. Juan Palacios.

#### BURKETT:

1. Nathan Hughes.  
**MAHAN:** 1. Pat Howell, 2. Orville Spradling, 3. Deanie Hughes, Honorable Mention, Wayne Johnson.  
**SUCCESS:** Rusty Martin

#### VARIETY SEEDLING (NATIVES)

1. Juan Palacios  
2. Juan Palacios  
3. Sara Thixton

#### GRAND CHAMPION WINNERS

- Roy Simmons - Commercial Division  
Rusty Martin - Classic Division  
Juan Palacios - Native

#### Division

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

#### FOOD SHOW RESULTS

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

#### YOUTH DIVISION

- CANDY:** 1. Shelby Jones, Pecan Pralines; 2.

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

- BREAD:** 1. Kelsey Jones, Butter Pecan Muffins.

- ADULT**  
1. Deanie Hughes, Chocolate Pecan Softies.

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

## Bertelsmann AG, Sony Corp. finalize merger

**FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)** — Beyonce and Christina Aguilera will be singing for the same label under a final merger agreement announced Friday by Bertelsmann AG and Sony Corp., which will create the world's second-largest music company. As the music industry struggles with losses blamed on widespread file-swapping on the Internet, the two companies announced nearly a month ago their intention to merge their recorded music divisions. Sony's music company is No. 2 in the world behind Universal Music Group, a part of Vivendi Universal SA, and Bertelsmann's BMG music division was No. 5. The new company, which merges the record labels and music production, is to be called Sony BMG and will be equally owned by Sony and Bertelsmann, the two companies said in a statement.

## GM has high hopes for U.S. pension plans

**DETROIT (AP)** — General Motors Corp. expects its once lagging U.S. hourly and salaried pension plans to be nearly fully funded by the end of the year, reflecting the improved performance of financial markets and cash contributions. GM also will contribute another \$4.1 billion in cash to the plans by the end of 2003 if it is able to complete the planned sale of its Hughes Electronics Corp. subsidiary by year's end, the automaker said Friday. That would bring GM's 2003 contributions to \$18.5 billion. The world's No. 1 automaker said it doesn't expect to be required to make additional cash contributions to the pension plans until at least 2010. "GM has moved aggressively to

address its pension funding deficit in 2003," John Devine, GM vice chairman and chief financial officer, said in a statement. "These actions provide GM with significantly improved financial flexibility going forward to continue to execute our business strategy."

## Report: Health care spending growth slows

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Health care spending growth slowed to its lowest level in three years as people had higher out-of-pocket costs for medicines and services previously covered by insurance, a new study found. Experts believe those confronted with higher co-payments and deductibles often chose to go without care — depressing overall

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Mesa, Isaac, 40 Wichita Falls  
Moore, Alicia, Midland  
Nabors, Jessica, Dr., Big Spring  
Pate, Jacque T., Blvd., Oxon Hill, MD  
Porter, Otis J., 190 Apt. 215, Big Spring  
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Roberts, Kayla, 36 Spring  
Robles, Mercie, Road Apt. 246, Big Spring  
Rodriguez, Mary 294, Ackerly  
Smith, Jacqueline Big Spring  
Taylor, Timothy, Big Spring  
Wilkins, Melissa, Road 1788, Midland

County Court Ruling  
Probated Judgment  
Rodriguez, theft more than \$1,500, \$ court costs, 365 days suspended, 24 months judgment and  
Cimmaron Y. Parker, \$50 less than \$500, court costs, 90 days Probated Judgment  
Ochoa, theft more than \$1,500, \$100 court costs, 180 days in Probated Judgment

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Leon, Andrew Sebastian, 2627 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Mesa, Isaac, 4013 Taft Blvd., Wichita Falls  
Moore, Alicia, 1205 Michigan, Midland  
Nabors, Jessica, 1201 Ridgeroad Dr., Big Spring  
Pate, Jacque T., 5103 Woodland Blvd., Oxon Hill, MD.  
Porter, Otis J., 1904 E. 25th Street Apt. 215, Big Spring  
Requejo, Ernesto, 203 Colorado Street, Big Spring  
Roberts, Kayla, 3600 Hamilton, Big Spring  
Robles, Mercie, 538 Westover Road Apt. 246, Big Spring  
Rodriguez, Mary Lucio, PO Box 294, Ackerly  
Smith, Jacqueline M., 1805 Mittel, Big Spring  
Taylor, Timothy, 1019 Ridgeroad, Big Spring  
Wilkins, Melissa, 6110 S. Farm Road 1788, Midland

County Court Rulings:  
Probated Judgment: Mary Ann Rodriguez, theft more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, \$100 fine, \$311 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Cimmaron Y. Parker, theft more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Erica M. Ochoa, theft more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$100 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Leon

Eddington, failure to identify, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Donald D. Wooten Jr., resisting arrest, \$261 court costs, 10 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Robert Diaz Jr., driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
District Court Filings:  
Brandi Ann Pollock vs. Darrell Leeroy Pollock, divorce.  
Jackie Lynn Gregg vs. Joann Susan Gregg, divorce.  
Marty Lane Brooks vs. Melissa Brooks, divorce.  
Thomas Albert Olivarez vs. Sherrie Mariens Olivarez, divorce.  
Galen G. Templeton vs. Debra Mariens Templeton, divorce.  
Blanca Sanchez vs. Matthew Franks, family protective order.  
Bebbie J. Ramirez vs. Andrew Juarez, family protective order.  
Holston Banks Sr., individually and as administrator of Pauline Banks estate vs. Christene Banks Bolden and Joe Louis Banks, other civil.  
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Kevin S. Gordon and Tracy R. Gordon, accounts, notes and contracts.  
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Marriage Licenses:  
Marcus Lyle Hyatt, 24, and Jackie Natasha Martin, 27, both of Big Spring.  
Mark Steven Strobel, 44, of Friendswood, and Debra Lynn Holguin, 37, of Big Spring.  
Gregory Wallace McAlister, 21, and Carmie Denise Davis, 19, both of Big Spring.  
Joshua Detroy Francis, 22, and Chasito Ke'mai Marshall, 20, both of Big Spring.  
Jeremy Daniel Klaus, 25, and Katrice Mince, 32, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deed:  
Grantor: Robert D. McCullough  
Grantee: J.C. Ingram  
Testamentary Trust  
Property: The S/2 of a 4.19 acre tract out of the NW/4 of section 20, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.  
Date filed: Nov. 21, 2003

Grantor: Jennifer D. Stephens  
Grantee: Robert D. McCullough  
Property: The S/2 of a 4.19 acre tract out of the NW/4 of section 20, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.  
Date filed: Nov. 21, 2003

Grantor: Paul C. Larimer, trustee of the Elsie Kibell Merrell living trust.  
Grantee: Paul C. Larimer, trustee of the Paul C. Larimer and Donna R. Larimer Living Trust.  
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Avion Village.  
Date filed: Nov. 24, 2003

Grantor: David Herrod  
Grantee: Larry Pew and Sharon Pew  
Property: Lot 16, Block 7, Stanford Park addition  
Date filed: Nov. 25, 2003

Grantor: Robert E. Kennedy and Lisa Kennedy  
Grantee: David L. Rankin and Martha Jane Rankin  
Property: The south 10 feet of Lot 3 and the north 70 feet of lot 4, Block 2, Highland South Addition  
Date filed: Oct. 31, 2003

Grantor: Richard Parker and Marion Jean Parker  
Grantee: Parker Family Farms LTD  
Property: The SE/4 of Section 41, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date filed: Nov. 25, 2003

Grantor: Sam O. Matthews and Valeta A. Matthews  
Grantee: A.C. Mize  
Property: The east 60 feet of lot 1 and the east 60 feet of lot 2, Block 1, Strippling Addition.  
Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003

Grantor: Charles Clanton  
Grantee: Marcellous Weaver  
Property: Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 3, Terryson Addition  
Date filed:  
Grantor: Cecil Ray Bills  
Grantee: Clara Linn Bills Clemmons, Sharon Ruth Bills Powers, Bobby Darren Bills and Layton Lynn Bills Fritsche  
Property: Unknown  
Date filed: Dec. 1, 2003

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

Grantor: Joann Broussard Mears  
Grantee: Luis Pena and Margarita Pena  
Property: Lot 10, Block 33, Cole and Strayhorn Addition  
Date filed: Dec. 2, 2003

Grantor: Candant Mortgage Co.  
Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
Property: A .5 acre tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date filed: Dec. 2, 2003

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien:  
Grantor: Joey Herrera and June D. Herrera  
Grantee: Susan Sutton  
Property: Lot 28, Block 4, Douglas Addition  
Date filed: Nov. 21, 2003

Grantor: Tommy Gartman and Kathy Degenstein Gartman  
Grantee: Buster D. Gartman Sr. and Carolyn S. Gartman  
Property: Lot 4, Block 1, Ridgelea Addition  
Date filed: Nov. 24, 2003

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

Co. Survey.  
Date filed: Nov. 24, 2003

Grantor: Dorothy L. Rogers and G.R. Rogers  
Grantee: Phillip Anderson and Mandy Anderson  
Property: Lot 13, Block 2, Colonial Hills Addition  
Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003

Grantor: Edsel Warren McCrea and Laola Fay McCrea  
Grantee: James Grantom II and Julia Grantom  
Property: Lot 26, Block 8, Suburban Heights Addition  
Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003

Grantor: Charles D. Rosenbaum  
Grantee: Loretta Sundry Norwood  
Property: North 70 feet of lots 16 and 17, Block 4, Central Park Addition  
Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003

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

Grantor: Weldon Eugene Allen and Mary Francis Pierce  
Grantee: Benjamin R. Luna and Clara Luna  
Property: Lot 29, Block 3, College Park Estates  
Date filed: Nov. 26, 2003

Grantor: Moses Acosta Barraza and Lupe N. Barraza  
Grantee: Randall Scott Johnson and La Donna Dale Johnson  
Property: A .5 acre tract out of Section 3, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date filed: Dec. 01, 2003

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

Grantor: Richard G. Newell and Connie Newell  
Grantee: Jeff Barber and Lisa Barber  
Property: A 3.13 acre tract out of the NW/4 of Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date filed: Dec. 3, 2003

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

Grantor: A.E. Kelly  
Grantee: Severo Montes Morales  
Property: The west 48 feet of Lot 6, Block 4, Earles Addition  
Date filed: Dec. 5, 2003

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spending.  
Spending on privately insured Americans increased 8.5 percent from January through June of this year, down from a 10 percent increase in the second half of 2002, according to the Center for Studying Health System Change. Health care spending growth hasn't been this low since the second half of 2000, when it was also 8.5 percent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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