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## Crash ends chase begun in San Angelo

A high speed chase which began in San Angelo ended near the Day's Inn in Big Spring Friday.

The chase began in San Angelo and suspect David Vincent Rose was reported traveling at speeds in excess of 100 miles per

hour. The suspect was wanted on a Tom Green County felony revocation warrant.

He crashed into a parked Suburban near Days Inn. No one was injured in the crash.

Around 11:47 Friday night, the Howard County Sheriff's Office

was notified about a high-speed pursuit. Sheriff's deputies were joined by Big Spring Police officers around 12:16 a.m.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Darryl Sparks attempted to set up stingers, which would flatten the tires of a sus-

pected car.

The car avoided the stingers and continued toward Big Spring, passing Howard County deputies on their way to join Sparks.

Big Spring police picked the car up at FM 700 and Gregg

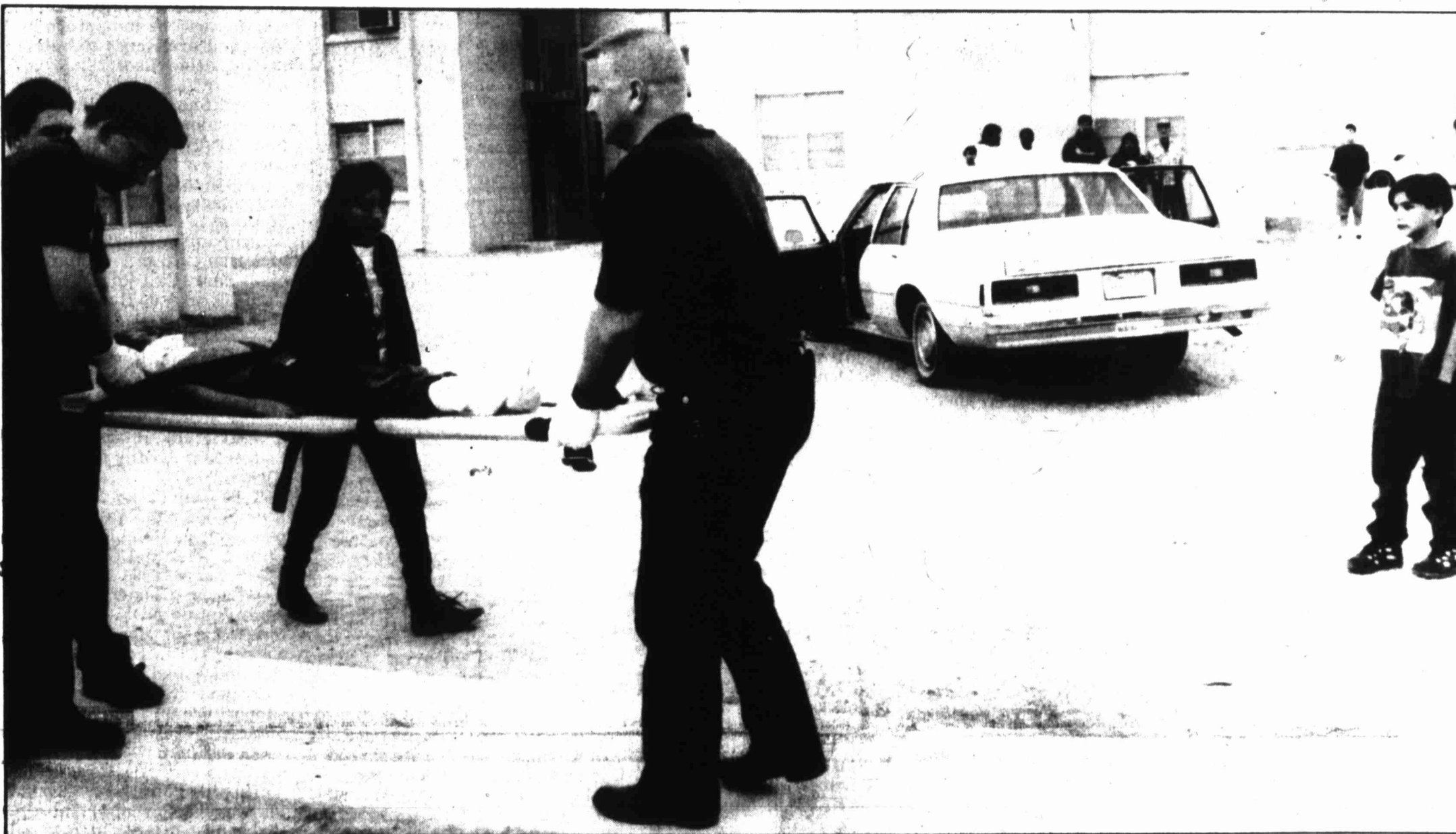
Street, where it continued up Gregg before turning onto Fourth Street.

The chase ended when Rose crashed into another vehicle in the 300 block of Tulane Street. He was taken into custody and

released to the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office.

Officers involved in the chase were Sgt. Mike Pearson, Cpl. George Yelding, Officer Keith Jones, Gilbert Barazza and Tony Everett.

*Herald staff report*



Paramedics wheel an injured youth past the 1982 Impala that struck three children Saturday in the 1000 block of North Main. Two of the children were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Children injured when hit by car

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Two children were hospitalized after being struck by a car Saturday afternoon.

The Big Spring Fire Department and EMS units responded to a call at 1002 N. Main Saturday around 2:30 p.m. in reference to a woman running over three small children with her car.

When emergency personnel arrived at the Northcrest Apartment complex, they found several people observing the accident scene where three small children had been struck by a vehicle.

Two of the children were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the third was

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## Flu biting hard in Big Spring

Residents urged to get immunizations

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

The flu is here. Two doctors at Methodist Malone and Hogan Clinic saw a total of 400 people this past week who were diagnosed with the flu or secondary infections because of influenza.

Midge Galneau, LVN, said about half of Dr. Ray Owens' patients they have seen this week were diagnosed with the flu. A nurse with Dr. Robbie Cooksey's office added about 250 people they treated this week were also sick with the same thing.

Many of employees at the clinic have had to call in sick as well. Most of the patients are children and some were treated for secondary infections such as bronchitis and other upper respiratory problems.

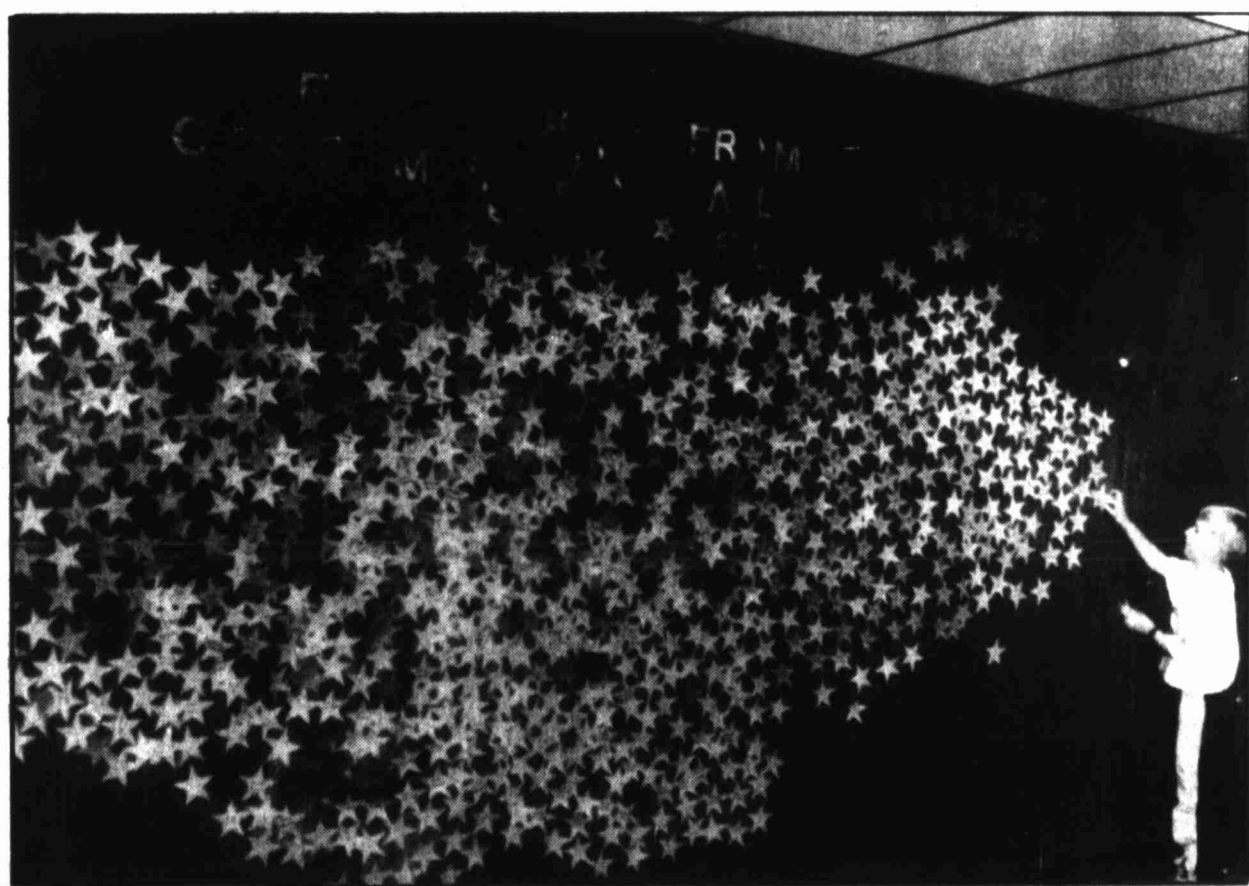
An employee at Family Medical Center said there have been less than 10 patients with the flu but a lot are being treated for respiratory infections. Most of the clinic's regular patients are reminded to get their immunizations.

A check of attendance records at Big Spring High School showed there were 275 absences this past week but a school official said she wasn't sure how many were flu-related.

Bauer Magnet Elementary School Principal Andre Clark said they have averaged 23 stu-

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## MORE STARS THAN TREE



Eric Barber adds another star to an already bulging "Christmas tree" on the wall of Coahoma Elementary School Wednesday. The stars are purchased by students at the school, with the money going toward the new park project in Big Spring.



## Christmas under the scope

By DD TURNER  
Managing Editor

It ended up with a question to Mom: What was my best or worst Christmas present?

It's not that I couldn't remember anything my parents have given me over the years, it was just what I remembered most came on my birthday.

There was the stereo which became a bone of contention between my Dad and me. I wanted loud, he wanted soft. Mom said the neighbor kids

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**Texas Trivia**  
What state-sponsored college opened its doors for the first time in 1863?  
University of Texas

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**WORLD/NATION**

**Nation:** Their budget talks aground, President Clinton and Republicans traded accusations but no new offers Saturday as the second government shut-down in a month left tourists staring forlornly at padlocked federal museums and parks. See page 5A.

**STATE**

**Sick state**  
A flu-like bug making its way through West Texas has made so many students sick that schools called off some campus activities. See page 6A.

**Fidgety law enforcement**  
Forgive law enforcement officers if they are a bit fidgety about Texas' new concealed gun law. See page 6A.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today **55** ▲ Highs **35**  
Lows ▼

**Fair**  
Today, cloudy with 60 percent chance of rain, high near 50, east to northeast winds 5 to 15 mph; tonight, cloudy, 50 percent chance of rain, low mid 30s.

**Permian Basin Forecast**  
Mondays: 20 percent chance of rain early otherwise decreasing cloudiness, high mid to upper 40s, partly cloudy night, low lower 30s.  
Tuesdays: Partly cloudy, high mid 40s.

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Hit

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treated at the scene. Witnesses said the unidentified woman, driving a light blue 1982 Chevrolet Impala, came out of nowhere, striking a parked red Dodge Shadow occupied by Andrea Lopez and her two children. "Me and the kids were in the car and she hit us. The car looked like it was going 40 miles per hour. We couldn't have been sitting there for more than a couple of minutes," Lopez said. Other witnesses said the woman appeared to drive as if she was drunk and then jumped

the curb after hitting the Dodge Shadow and struck the kids. One official said the driver of the Impala may have been prone to seizures, but the actual circumstances surrounding the accident are still under investigation. The condition of the children were not known at press time nor if the driver of the Impala has been charged. When medical personnel left the scene, police were still trying to talk to a woman witness said had gone into one of the second floor apartments and wouldn't come out.

OBITUARIES

Sue Graham

Funeral services for Sue Graham, 78, of Stanton will be at 1 p.m. today at First Baptist Church with Duane McClure officiating. Burial will be in Monahans Memorial Cemetery in Monahans under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Graham died Thursday in Stanton Care Center after a lengthy illness. She was born March 15, 1917 in Roscoe and moved to Stanton in 1964 from Monahans. She was a member of the Old Settlers Reunion Committee, Martin County Historical Museum and the First Baptist Church in Stanton. She was married to Irvin C. Graham June 13, 1964 and he preceded her in death June 27, 1972. Survivors include three stepsons: T.E. Graham of May, Max Graham of Camp Verde, Ariz., and J.W. Graham of Midland; a sister: Kathryn Carlisle Crawford of Hartwell, Ga.; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. Memorials may be made to the Martin County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton, Tx. 79782.

John Ashley

Funeral services for John Edward Ashley, 69, of Prairie Grove, Ark., were at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Prairie Grove. Burial followed in Illinois Chapel Cemetery in Prairie Grove under the direction of Luginbuel Funeral Home in Prairie Grove. Ashley died December 14, 1995, in a Fayetteville, Ark. hospital. He was born on Sept. 4, 1926 in Big Spring. He was a member of Providence Baptist Church and the Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club in Fayetteville. Survivors include his wife: Molly Clement Ashley; four sons: Michael Ashley of Springdale, Ark., Dennis Prater, Darrell Prater and Rusty Ashley all of Prairie Grove; three daughters: Jancee Barnes of Knott, Darla Trout of Prairie Grove and Elaine Reecer of Puyallup, Wash.; his mother and step father: Zora Ashley Phillips and Edgar Phillips of Big Spring; two sisters: Jimmie Pearl

Robertson of grapevine and Jane Gillmore of San Angelo and 15 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father Lowe A. Ashley on June 9, 1988.

SFC (Ret.) Valentin Torres



SFC (Ret.) Valentin Torres Jr., 57, of Big Spring, died on Friday, December 15, 1995, in a Midland hospital. Rosary will be 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Services will be a 2 p.m. Monday, December 18, 1995, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with military rites by Ft. Hood. He was born on September 18, 1938 in Sterling City, Texas and married Amelia Ochotorena on June 15, 1957 in Big Spring, Texas. He entered the United States Army in 1956 and served two tours of duty in Viet Nam. He received the Purple heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the View Nam Service Medal, the Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal, the Air Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters with "V" Device and an Air Medal for Meritorious Service. He retired in 1976 after 20 years of service. He came to Big Spring in 1976 from San Antonio and worked at the big Spring VA Medical Center, retiring in 1993. He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and the Crucillista's. Survivors include his wife: Amelia Ochotorena Torres of Big Spring; four sons, Valentin Torres III of Marshfield, Mass., Ricky Torres, Rocky Torres and Marco Torres all of Big Spring; one daughter, Debra Torres of Big Spring; his father, Valentin Torres Sr., of Big Spring; five sisters, Tech/Sgt. Blanche Kinsey of Korea, Ann Elizabeth Torres of Big Spring, Sylvia Lowery of Oceanside, Calif., Yolanda Mercado of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Katherine Patino of Garden City and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, Maria Torres and one brother, Raymond Torres. Pallbearers will be Jose Vasquez, Gus Ochotorena, Nberto Ochotorena, Nacho Rodriguez, Marcelino Rangel, Joey Vasquez, Tony Torres and George Patino. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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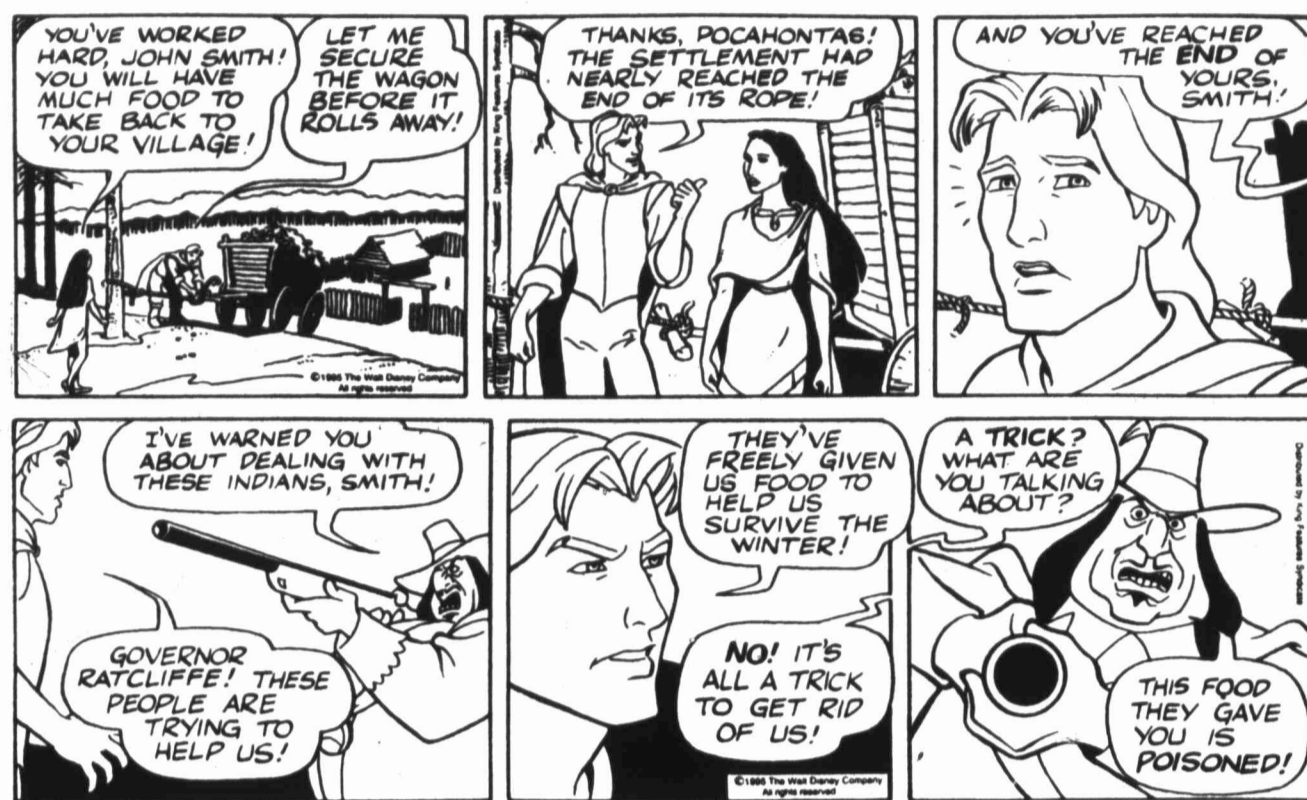
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Big Spring  
**ON THE RUN**

Walt Disney's **POCAHONTAS**



IN BRIEF

**Fina plans siren tests**  
The Big Spring Fina Refinery has recently installed a new emergency alarm system. It is being used to notify employees, contractors and visitors of unusual events in the refinery. To make sure it works properly and to acquaint everyone with the three different signals, Fina will test the system every Monday at 10 a.m. On even-numbered dates, Fina will test the general alarm and on odd numbered dates, they will test the evacuation alarm. Following each alarm, there will be the all clear signal. For more information, contact Rogers Holt at 263-9322.

**Soil plan topic of meeting**  
An alternative conservation system of surface roughening (tillage) has been approved for use in Martin and a portion of northwest Glasscock Counties for conservation compliance. This would allow tillage as a primary means of wind erosion control. This alternative can take the place of vegetative requirements (i.e., wind strip cropping) in conservation compliance plans. A soil surface roughening plan will need to be prepared for each field where surface roughening will be applied. Any required practices to address water erosion must still be applied and/or maintained as planned. A producer's meeting is planned for sometime in January to explain this new alternative. Time and location will be announced. For more information on this new alternative, please call the Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office at (915) 756-3421.

**Forsan ISD meets Monday**  
The Board of Trustees of Forsan Independent School District will meet Monday at 7 p.m. Items on the agenda include: close hearing on Academic Excellence Indicator System, band uniform bids, bids on 1980 Suburban, financial reports, report from Elementary Principal, computer upgrades and printers, request to sell sick leave days, consider Update 50, drug testing firm for bus drivers' testing, level III hearing for teacher.

**Planned Parenthood offers mammograms**  
Planned Parenthood of West Texas Big Spring clinic has free mammograms for women over 50. To take advantage of this service, please call the clinic at 263-8351. To qualify, women must be income eligible.

**DID YOU WIN?** LOTTO: 15, 20, 29, 43, 49, 50  
PICK 3: 5, 8, 8  
CASH 5: 15, 25, 26, 32, 38

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:  
•DENNIS MARSHALL WEEKS, 49, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.  
•JOE ALLEN DARDEN, 2002 Johnson, was arrested for public intoxication and assault and family violence.  
•REYNALDO HERNANDEZ, 38, 1502 Bluebird, was arrested for assault.  
•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1100 block of Stanford.  
•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1500 block of Wood.  
•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 200 block of Main.  
•THEFT in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.  
•THEFT in the 2200 block of Lynn.  
•THEFT in the 1800 block of Gregg.  
•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 700 block of Edwards.  
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IN BRIEF

**YMCA offers holiday camp**  
The Big Spring Family YMCA is having a Christmas holiday camp program. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, games and field trips. A swim suit, towel and sack lunch will be needed everyday. The dates are Dec. 21-22, 26-28 and Jan. 2-4. The camp will meet from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

**Glasscock ISD meets Monday**  
The Board of Trustees of Glasscock County Independent

the 2500 block of Lynn.  
•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 3600 block of Parkway.  
•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 500 block of Westover.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:  
•GARY LEE FOX, 20, 1503 E. 3rd, was arrested for driving while license suspended and released on a \$1,500 bond.  
•NOEL FIGURA NOYOLA, 35, 1311 Mobile St., was arrested for driving with an expired drivers license and released on a \$500 bond.  
•BOBBY REYES SALGADO, 45, El Paso, was arrested for driving while license suspended and no liability insurance. He was released on a \$1,500 bond.  
•JOEL RODRIGUEZ, 25, 710 Abrams, was arrested for public intoxication.  
•KELELY SENTELL WILSON, 42, 2500 Chanute, was arrested for theft by check and released on a \$1,500 bond.

School District will meet Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Items on the agenda include: campus reports, surplus property disposal, construction project furnishings, board policy revision, superintendent's report, and bill payments.

**Public hearing on reports today**  
The Academic Excellence Indicator System Report and the Texas Education Agency School Report Card for the 1994-95 school year will be presented to parents and guardians of district students Dec. 15. There will be a public hearing to review the reports Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Sands High School Auditorium.

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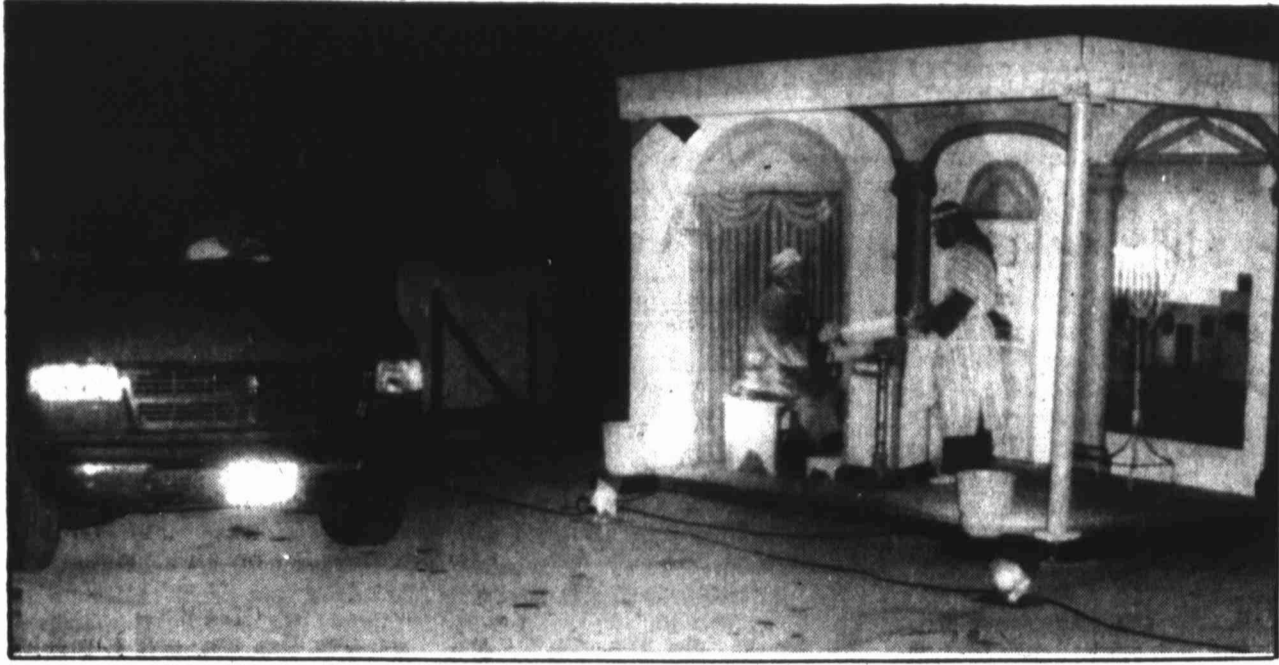
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LIVING SCENES OF CHRISTMAS



Spectators watch a scene in the Drive-Thru Nativity from the comfort of their vehicle during the opening night of the yearly event Wednesday at the First Church of the Nazarene. Although the event is through for the year, it always draws a large crowd each night.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Commissioners decide to study issue of drug testing further

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners tentatively accepted a county substance abuse program Monday, but are postponing action to study the issue further.

Mike Puente, of Compliance Marketing Inc., presented commissioners with a possible substance abuse program that Commissioner Sonny Choate says he's not sure the county needs.

"I think we should pass on this because we're not doing anything but spending money. I'm not real sure we have to do this," Choate said.

Implementation of such a program is a federal mandate, which worries County Road Administrator Eddy Jameson because it applies to his department. Several of his road and bridge employees carry the CDL licenses, which makes them subject to the mandate and Department of Transportation testing.

"I'm concerned that if we don't do this the federal government may be able to come in and

cause discord," Jameson said.

DOT and other federal and state agencies have stipulated procedural guidelines for the implementation and control of mandatory substance abuse and alcohol testing programs.

Businesses, government entities and individuals regulated by these mandates must establish and adhere to rigorous standards regarding drug and alcohol policies, screening, record keeping and reporting.

To comply with federal and state mandated employee drug and alcohol testing requirements, the county must implement a program that addresses and meets the standards of the law as stated.

DOT, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Railroad Commission and Texas Workers Compensation Commission have stated an employer is responsible for publishing a statement notifying employees and contractors regulated by the policy, outlining implementation procedures and employee, applicant and or contractor's obligations to comply with mandated drug and alcohol testing

program standards.

In presenting his proposal to commissioners, Puente said CMI would design a policy and procedure manual for the county assuring it meets all current standards and satisfies state, federal and local compliance requirements.

The first year annual fee and set up for the program with CMI would be \$2,330, and would include policy and procedure development, with continual updates; drug testing by a NIDA/SAMHSA certified laboratory; specimen collection, site set up, and transportation of specimens; computer generated random selection services; quality control blind sampling; medical review officer services; evidential breath alcohol testing; complete record keeping; maintenance of a permanent record book; reporting to federal and state agencies.

After hearing the proposal Choate still objected to accepting the policy, saying accepting such a mandate does nothing to benefit the citizens who pay taxes in Howard County.

Flu

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dents absent a day which is a high number for the small campus.

A spokesperson for Fina said they have been lucky because the company offers flu shots to their employees so they haven't been hit as hard as others.

Experts who recently attended a medical conference in Maryland said the Influenza virus could develop a new form and trigger a worldwide epidemic at any time, according to the Associated Press.

More than 200 specialists attended the workshop are preparing a plan on how to deal with the possible pandemic, a widespread problem across the world.

The last major worldwide problem with the flu was in

1968, the so-called "Hong Kong flu." The Associated Press reported new strains of the flu virus typically sweep through the international population every 10 to 40 years.

The virus changes rapidly and adapts itself to produce strains humans find hard to resist.

Some parts of the plan include increasing surveillance in remote Asian areas. This way, a pandemic could be stopped sooner by producing a new vaccine.

Those in attendance also believe in reducing the concentration of proteins in the vaccine so more doses would be available. They also supported a push to complete work on vaccines to be applied as nose spray or nose drops.

Developing antivirals, drugs

used to treat flu infections, could help doctors to treat their patients already infected. There are some potential antiviral drugs being tested but none are available at this time.

The American Lung Association has reported influenza and pneumonia combined is the fourth leading cause of death in American women and fifth among senior citizens.

Three years ago, there were 107.3 million cases of the flu, resulting in 198.6 million bed days at a cost to the country of more than \$12 billion.

Flu shots are available to anyone who is at least 12 years old and senior citizens are encouraged to get one as soon as possible.

Scope

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used to stop and ask if we would turn on the music. I guess I wanted too loud.

There was the bike, the tape recorder, the clothes and so much more - all birthday.

Mom said Christmas usually was clothes or gold jewelry which, according to her, I promptly lost.

The conversation did trigger a memory of a most excellent present - a microscope set, complete with frog to dissect.

It also came complete with brine shrimp which were supposed to grow. I never could get those critters to sprout, however.

It was a great present. I would find all kinds of things to stick on the slides and look at. I really didn't know much of what I was looking at - hadn't learned it all at school yet.

A budding scientist. Still a scientist wanna-be. If I had had a little faith in myself, I would be somewhere digging up dinosaur bones. I don't know why paleontology appealed to me. I think it had something to do with how the word rolls off your tongue or being able to say "I am a paleontologist."

I didn't think I could do math which is why I didn't go into the sciences. Actually, I found out much later, I could do it if I applied myself.

Kids need to be taught not to give up on themselves. But more importantly, they need to be taught they have to work, sometimes very hard, for what they want. And, then, not be allowed to give up too easily.

Beside, I was told "ladies" weren't paleontologists which doesn't help a kid, especially when gender barriers were falling.

I learned not to give up on myself, maybe a little late to go digging up dinosaur bones. But then again, maybe not.

Christmas at our house always revolved around Dad's work schedule. The hardest was when he was working days. You had to sit and look at the tantalizing presents and not touch.

Too hard.

The hardest on Dad was coming home off the graveyard shift, wanting to go to sleep and two little brats dragging him to the tree to open presents. But, I think he hated the evening shift the most, going to work while everyone else played.

It's been a long time. Christmas is still Mom, Dad, Donnie and me. The four of us.

That's why this Christmas is going to be special for me - I get to host it. The four of us together instead of apart is the best Christmas I can have. Another memory. I haven't seen my microscope in a long time, but I know Mom and Dad have it stored somewhere - undissected frog and all.

WHERE TO WRITE

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"If we would have new knowledge, we must get a whole world of new questions."

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Thank you for helping the Herald make someone else's Christmas brighter.

New drug czar; short senate schedule

Washington Calling

WASHINGTON — Insiders like former Sen. Dennis DeConcini as the new drug czar to replace Lee Brown.

DeConcini has a reputation for being tough on drugs, and he is politically savvy enough to ward off Republican attacks on Clinton (who didn't inhale) during an election year.

Another plus is that DeConcini, a former prosecutor from Arizona, is pals with Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, which would defuse a potentially explosive election-year confirmation fight.

Police also like DeConcini and his appointment would signal the triumph of enforcement efforts over treatment programs favored by hardcore Clintonites.

Only downside — DeConcini had trouble with the Keating Five S&L scandal and retired from Senate after third term.

Washington bumper sticker: "Thurmond and Helms in 1996: Don't waste 200 years of experience."

Some senators are peeved that Senate Republican leader and presidential front-runner Bob Dole has put off Senate business next year until after the New Hampshire primary.

No one knows for sure when Congress will adjourn this session — Dole says Dec. 22 — he says the Senate will not return

until President Clinton's State of the Union address in late January and won't vote on anything before Feb. 20. That just happens to be the date of the New Hampshire primary.

The fear is the short schedule will lead to last-minute chaos as lawmakers try to get out of town to campaign for next year's election.

Budget stalemate has smart money warning: Don't count your capital gains tax cut before it hatches.

Betting is eventual compromise will contain favorable cap gains treatment, but won't make the cut retroactive to Jan. 1, 1995, as the vetoed Republican plan called for.

Reasons: It's bad policy to give people tax breaks for something they did for non-tax reasons in the first place, and it's too pricey, at \$13 billion.

Likely to make the cut when the dust settles on a tax bill are extensions of the research and development tax credit and the writeoff for employer-provided continuing education. The expired tax breaks were extended in the vetoed GOP plan. The White House favors them, too.

but officials say they have to find offsetting cuts to pay for such goodies.

December is the most dangerous month for cops on the street, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. So far this year, 142 officers have been killed in the line of duty. Researchers fear that the year-end total will top 1994, when 157 died.

With all this budget wrangling going on, Congress says ordinary paper is good enough for lawmaking, rather than the expensive rot-proof parchment used for permanent documents. No one really cares about the original documents of things like stop-gap resolutions.

Retiring lawmakers can look forward to an average of \$1 million in pension benefits before they die, calculates the National Taxpayer Union Foundation.

Of announced retirees so far, long-serving Rep. Sonny Montgomery, D-Miss., rates biggest annual check — more than \$106,000, but the still youthful Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., stands to collect the most over time, if the actuarial tables are

correct — more than \$4.1 million.

In the "You've come a long way, Baby" category, economist Claudia Goldin finds women who graduated from college in the early 1970s are the "first in U.S. history to contain even a small group who managed to reach midlife with both family and career."

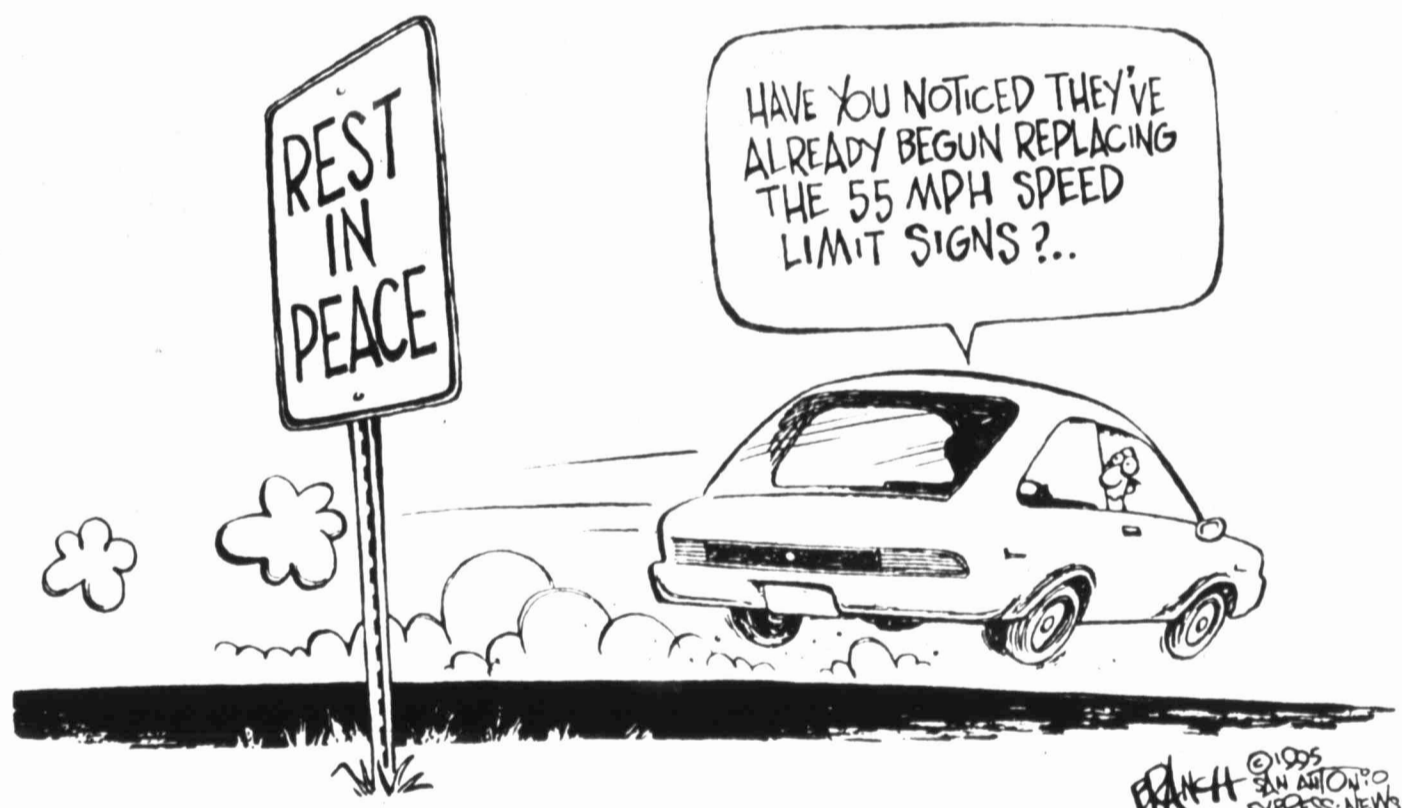
Tax notes: Citizens for Tax Justice reports that the 17 percent flat tax proposed by Republican presidential candidate Malcolm Forbes would cut his personal tax bill by more than half. Based on Forbes' reported earnings of \$1.6 million a year, CTJ estimates his personal tax bill would fall from 20.5 percent to 9.9 percent — a cut of \$174,000 a year.

Meanwhile, aides to GOP presidential candidate Lamar Alexander cackle over Forbes' attacks on front-runners Bob Dole and Phil Gramm. Alexander camp thinks Forbes eventually will fold, leaving wounded front-runner behind.

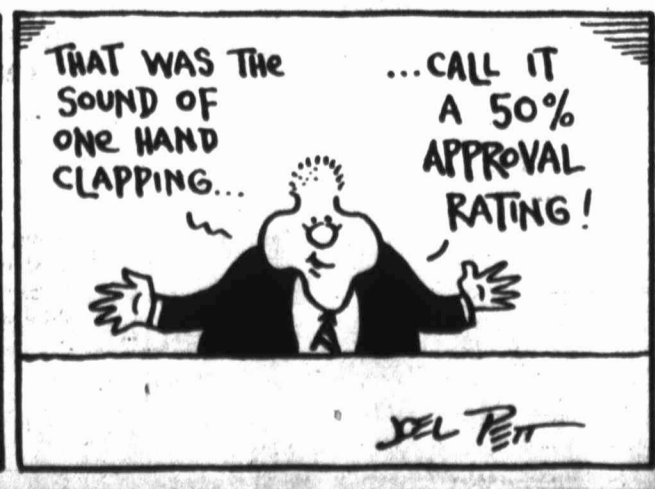
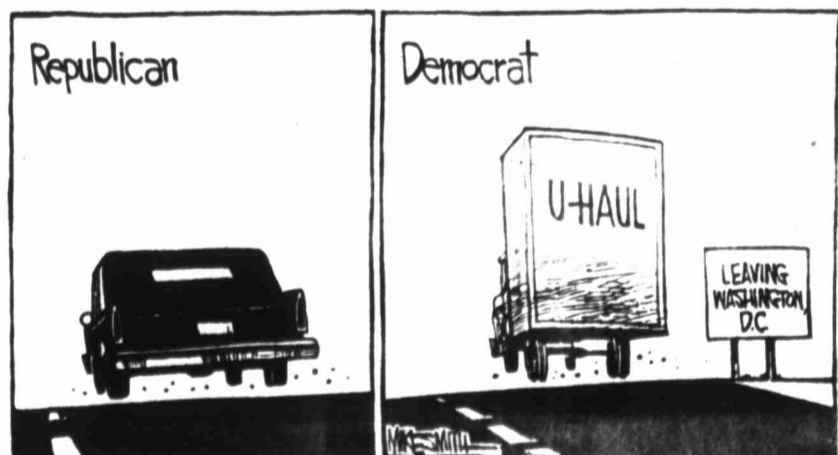
QUOTABLE: Sen. Phil Gramm, of Texas: "Bill Clinton can get on three sides of a two-sided issue."

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# Next moves pondered as Shutdown II commences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Their budget talks aground, President Clinton and Republicans traded accusations but no new offers Saturday as the second government shutdown in a month left tourists staring forlornly at padlocked federal museums and parks.

In a sign that the standoff might take some time to solve, Democrats trying to craft a new proposal they could unite behind found themselves divided.

A day after bargainers stalked out of three-week-old negotiations over balancing the budget by 2002, the rhetoric, if anything, edged up a notch.

## Shutdown annoys tourists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Annoyed tourists were turned away from the White House and locked out of the Washington Monument's parking lot Saturday after parts of the government shut down for the second time in five weeks.

President Clinton was on the minds of some visitors as they rushed around Smithsonian Institution exhibits shortly before museums closed prematurely about noon EST.

"You can tell Bill it's a big mess. We're very upset," said Hazel Roberts of Chester, England, just before she and a friend dashed into the National Air and Space Museum.

"We're only here for the weekend," moaned her friend, Teresa White, also of Chester. "Today we were going to see the museums and the buildings, but we suddenly found out about ten o'clock that they all shut at noon."

The two had arrived in Washington the night before from New York, and they planned to leave for Orlando, Fla., Sunday.

"They shouldn't shut this down. This is America's history. I mean, people need to know this," said Shannon Del Grosso of Pierre, S.D., as she stared in awe at the huge statue of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial.

Candy Sheehan of Coppell, Texas, her husband and her two young children stopped at the

cleanup programs. "He can stop that garbage he's been spewing on his radio program and everything else," fumed Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., when asked what Clinton could do to restart negotiations.

Though the words fell on deaf ears, Clinton urged Republicans to pass legislation halting the pre-holiday shutdown and to return to the table. His press secretary issued a warning.

"Whether the government will open on Monday depends on whether the Republicans will come back to the table," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

In a meeting between Clinton and congressional Democrats at the Blair House across the street from the White House, and at another session among Democratic lawmakers at the

Capitol, Democrats labored to craft a new budget-balancing proposal but found themselves at odds. Among other things, participants said Clinton was resisting pleas from many lawmakers that he drop or severely pare his proposed tax cut.

Democrats were also divided over what other changes to make. Some want to back a plan proposed by the so-called Blue Dogs, 21 conservative Democrats whose seven-year balanced budget has spending cuts falling mostly between those proposed by Clinton and the Republicans.

Others want to back a proposal with gentler cuts by Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Sen. James Exon, ranking Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee. Both plans lack any tax reductions. Democrats planned to contin-

ue their effort to agree on a new package Sunday.

Republicans also considered their next move in a series of meetings in the Capitol. But they said they would not budge from their longtime demand: that Clinton produce a budget balanced over seven years using Congressional Budget Office economic calculations. Clinton's budget eliminates deficits by 2002, but uses more optimistic White House assumptions of a more robust economy and smaller shortfalls.

"We're not talking to them unless they give us a balanced budget in seven years," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said in a brief interview.

As it has all year, the difference between the two sides was focused on savings the GOP wants to pluck from Medicare, Medicaid, welfare, education

and other domestic programs that Clinton says go too far. Also at issue is a GOP tax cut Clinton says is too large and too generous to the rich.

The latest partial shutdown technically commenced a minute after midnight Saturday, when spending authority lapsed for nine Cabinet departments and dozens of smaller agencies. Because it hit on the weekend, those most visibly affected were tourists visiting hundreds of national parks and museums.

Barring a budget breakthrough, the shutdown's full impact would be felt Monday morning, when federal offices reopen. This time, 260,000 civil servants would be sent home, a third of the total who were furloughed during the six-day closure in November in an earlier budget stalemate. Since then,

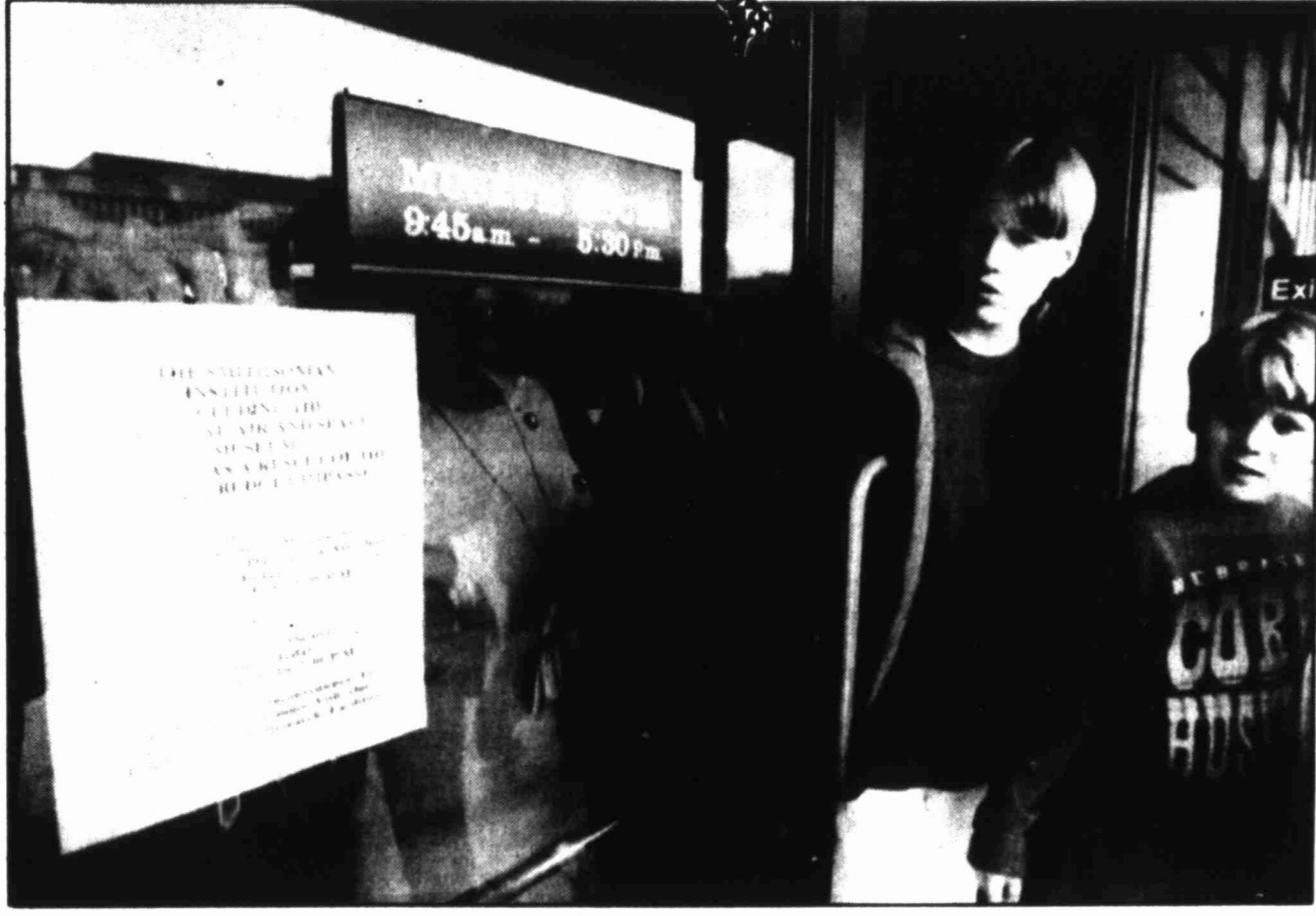
five additional spending measures have been enacted, lessening the impact of the deadlock.

The political impact, however, was tough to gauge. Public opinion polls showed that people blamed Republicans for the first shutdown by a 2-1 margin, but no one was certain what the reaction would be this time.

Both parties labored hard to shift the blame to the other side. For Clinton, that meant pointing at GOP-planned reductions in social programs.

"Let them threaten to shut the government down," Clinton said on the radio. "It is not necessary to do this to balance the budget, and so I am not going to let them hurt our children and compromise their future."

Republicans accused Clinton of failing to deliver a balanced budget.



Tourists exit the Air and Space Museum Saturday in Washington as the museum is being closed due to a federal budget shutdown. Parts of the federal government were ordered shut down today the White House and Congress failed to reach an agreement on the budget.

Air and Space Museum for a quick look at the Mercury Friendship 7 spacecraft, the one astronaut John Glenn, now a Democratic senator from Ohio, rode when he became the first American to orbit the earth in February 1962.

The shutdown "spilled our whole vacation," she said. "We flew in yesterday from Texas, so we didn't get to see any sites on Friday because our flight came in late. So we planned on Saturday to see the sites. ... We're leaving here tomorrow."

Tourists were free to wander the halls of the Capitol, touch

the walls of the Vietnam Memorial and climb the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to read the Gettysburg Address — those and other similar sites don't require supervision by federal employees.

But the White House was closed, unfortunately, for Jeffrey Pellegrini of Graham, Wash., who braved a chilly, early morning rain to visit the Lincoln Memorial instead.

"We drove by it," he said. "We planned a nice day down here and it really got messed up very badly. ... We flew three thousand miles to see less than what

we planned."

Around the country, the park service's historic homes, monuments and national parks closed. Some large parks remained accessible, but without the usual visitor's services.

The Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona remained open, thanks to \$211,500 authorized by the state parks board.

In Baltimore, the historic fort that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner" closed early Saturday afternoon, interrupting the tours of more than a dozen visi-

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## Man takes icy plunge to avoid ticket

PORTSMOUTH, R.I. (AP) — A man trying to escape a speeding ticket plunged into an icy river and refused to come out for 40 minutes.

Police stopped Stephen Coleman, 25, at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday. Police said he was going 56 mph in a 25 mph zone.

While Lt. Paul Valente was writing a ticket, Coleman sped away. He stopped his car, jumped out, and punched and kicked Valente and Patrolman Alberto Buccell.

Buccell sprayed Coleman with pepper gas, but he broke free and ran into the Sakonnet River.

Coleman stood shoulder-high in the icy waters and clung to a pier, refusing police and firefighter calls to come out.

Finally, two firefighters in cold weather gear waded in and pulled him out. Coleman was being treated for hypothermia in the intensive care unit at Newport Hospital.

Police planned to charge him with eluding police, reckless driving, assaulting police, resisting arrest and obstructing police.

Coleman had no arrest record and apparently had no other reason to run.

"It was all for speeding," said Patrolman Stephen Sullivan.

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### Flu knocks out schools as bug sweeps state

SNYDER (AP) — A flu-like bug making its way through West Texas has made so many students sick that schools called off some campus activities.

At Snyder Independent School District, where 560 out of 3,399 students were absent Monday, the junior high cancelled its annual Christmas choir concert. Basketball games were called off Thursday at nearby Ira ISD.

"You want a quote? How do you say cough, cough and ache?" asked Ira Superintendent Rick Howard, who missed two days of school himself last week.

"We had 62 out yesterday, 52 out this morning and about an hour ago I took the 53rd home to my house," Howard said Friday, speaking of his daughter.

Snyder officials said their absentee count was 476 on Wednesday. Normally, about 120 students are absent any one day.

Janet Robillard, nurse supervisor for the Abilene-Taylor County Health Department, said the most common symptoms she has noticed are upset stomach, sore throat and headache.

"I don't think that's the flu," she said. "I just think it's a short viral illness that takes two or three days to get over."

Fourteen teachers at the junior high in Childress were out sick Monday.

Pediatric units in El Paso hospitals have filled up with virus-stricken kids, health officials there say.

"It's practically impossible to get all the kids hospitalized right now," said Dr. Carlos Gutierrez, a pediatrician. "Kids are being moved to adult floors — they're swamped, we're swamped. It's a zoo."

Most children were hospitalized for upper respiratory problems, diarrhea and stomach viruses.

Several health professionals said they're seeing more sick children this year than in the past.

Other points around the state are experiencing a fairly average flu season.

In the Dallas area, school absentee rates, deaths from complications of the flu and other statistics health officials watch aren't out of the ordinary, officials say.

But how bad the season is often can depend upon who's talking.

"Anytime you're ill, it's the worst year ever," said county epidemiologist Charles Haley.

### Low bird population shots season in foot

AMARILLO (AP) — Opening day of pheasant season usually draws huge crowds of hunters to Sam's Restaurant in Dalhart.

Not this year, says restaurant owner Boog Wallace.

Businesses in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles are complaining their annual hunter-driven economic surge didn't happen when the season opened Dec. 9. They attribute the bust to a big dropoff in birds.

### EARLY SANTA CALL



Craig Taylor, 7, gets an early gift from Santa in Memorial Medical Center Thursday in Midland. Saint Nick's early rounds were sponsored by the Cheer Fund, which raises donations for local charities.

### Police fidgety about gun law

DALLAS (AP) — Forgive law enforcement officers if they are a bit fidgety about Texas' new concealed gun law.

Police across the state say the law, which allows people to carry concealed handguns beginning Jan. 1, will make their job more nerve wracking and dangerous.

Roughly 24,000 Texans have applied for concealed gun licenses, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Dallas Police Sgt. Jim Chandler said the fact thousands more guns will be hidden behind jackets, stuffed in purses and stowed in glove compartments will increase officers' anxiety, particularly when making traffic stops.

"Traffic stops are one of the most dangerous things that we do," Chandler said. "They are dreaded in the sense that you never know what you'll be faced with when you walk up to a car — even when you stop somebody for a minor offense. We've had officers injured and killed."

The Dallas Police Department is one of several agencies giving officers extra training before the law takes effect.

Chandler's department is producing a videotape to train officers on the added threat.

"It shows officers a way to initiate a traffic stop and ask if they have a concealed handgun," he said. "We're simply going to ask that drivers keep their hands on the steering wheel during the course of the traffic stop so we can see them. The most obvious concern is safety, and that we're trying to get the point across to officers to be knowledgeable about whether a handgun exists."

Cmdr. Albert Rodriguez, head of training for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said the DPS has completed a concealed guns training tape of its own.

"We've had over 200 requests from other law enforcement agencies for copies of the tape," Rodriguez said. "They want to develop their policies from this tape. There's a lot of demand for it, since officers will face new situations."

### Man convicted of using child as 'punching bag'

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Tarrant County jury convicted Patrick Goodrich of capital murder Friday night in the death of 3-year-old Breanna Roberson, who prosecutors described as a helpless girl he used as "his own personal punching bag."

Goodrich, 22, of Fort Worth, received an automatic life sentence because prosecutors waived the death penalty. Goodrich must serve 40 years before he is eligible for parole.

Goodrich was living with the child's mother late last year when he became upset with Breanna for wetting the bed

and kicked her in the abdomen, according to court documents. Breanna died of internal injuries.

Goodrich testified he woke up on the morning of Nov. 10 to go to work. He said that when he checked on Breanna, he noticed she had wet her bed, a pad placed on the living room floor.

Goodrich said he took the child into the bathroom to bathe her and gave her a "guiding push" to the floor so she could take off her socks. The girl died of internal injuries the next day.

### Florida man found dazed at DFW airport

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Authorities are perplexed by a man found wandering around at Dal-

las-Fort Worth International Airport dazed and shot in the right arm.

The man, identified as Bryan White, a chauffeur from the Miami area, isn't talking, and neither are FBI investigators.

Airport police discovered the

### Settlement money flowing to residents

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Residents have started receiving their shares of Occidental Chemical Corp.'s \$65 million settlement of a Robstown gas leak.

More than 5,000 people began lining up Friday outside a local dance hall to receive checks ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, according to the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

OxyChem and attorneys for more than 8,600 plaintiffs settled on the \$65 million figure after a jury rendered a mixed verdict in the class-action case.

Jurors found that OxyChem acted with gross negligence and malice for allowing more than two tons of butadiene gas to escape from its plant.

dazed 29-year-old man about 1 p.m. Wednesday wandering around the Terminal 4E parking lot, a short distance from his vehicle. Officials determined he had been missing from Florida since Nov. 20, an airport spokesman said.

### Gun Barrel fire chief once pleaded guilty to car burning

GUN BARREL CITY, Texas (AP) — The city's new assistant fire chief once pleaded guilty to a felony criminal mischief charge stemming from a 1987 car burning.

The City Council, earlier this week, approved the membership of 20 volunteer firefighters and the appointment of Randy Harley as assistant fire chief and training officer.

Harley, the son of Gun Barrel City Fire Chief Chuck Harley, resigned from the fire depart-

ment in nearby Athens in 1998 after pleading guilty to burning a car.

He received deferred adjudication for the incident, for which he was made to pay \$8,836 for destroying a 1984 Chevrolet. The conviction was cleared from his record, his father said.

The younger Harley listed only his experience in the Gun Barrel City volunteer fire department in his application without mention of his tenure in Athens or the car burning incident.

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# Israel, Syria to reopen peace talks after Christmas

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and Syria will resume their moribund land-for-peace negotiations near Washington after Christmas. "America will carry on with you," Secretary of State Warren Christopher pledged to Israel Saturday night in making the announcement.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who has signaled Syria he was willing to surrender the strategic Golan Heights, said he would strive to reach a settlement "as fast as we can."

Negotiations broke down in June in a dispute over future security arrangements on the tense border. The talks are resuming Dec. 27 on a fast track that will bring Christopher back

to the region, prepared to shuttle between Damascus and Jerusalem, around Jan. 10.

"Tonight, I want to reaffirm to all the people of Israel that Americans will carry on with you step-by-step, shoulder-to-shoulder to ensure that your struggle for lasting peace with security is achieved," he said in a joint news conference with

Peres. A senior U.S. official said this meant maintaining Israel's military edge. The official, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, said Israel had not requested U.S. troops to enforce a settlement nor a security pact.

Peres, meanwhile, declined to say how an agreement would

deal with the 14,000 Israeli Jews who live on the Golan Heights. It is premature to discuss that, he told reporters.

Benjamin Netanyahu, the leader of Israel's opposition Likud party, criticized Peres' approach. "When you go down from the Golan Heights it can open a future war," he told Israel Channel 2 television.

He said Peres was paving the way for Syria to return to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. "With this, peace will not come," Netanyahu said.

Polls show a majority of Israelis agree. Peres said an accord would be submitted to them in the form of a referendum.

## Battle for Chechnya's second city continues

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian troops and Chechen rebels fought for Chechnya's second-largest town Saturday in fierce pitched battles that coincided with parliamentary elections some rebels have vowed to boycott.

The three days of intense fighting in Gudermes, 19 miles east of the capital, Grozny, began Thursday when Chechen separatists seized a local hospital and attacked other key facilities. Russian helicopters and warplanes reportedly moved in, and street fighting continued Friday and Saturday.

The military command reported 30 Russian troops killed and several dozen listed as missing in Gudermes, but some soldiers said those figures were far too low.

The Interfax news agency quoted civilian witnesses saying it was impossible to evacuate "the hundreds of dead bodies from the town." Other witnesses told Interfax that 40 percent of the town's buildings were destroyed.

The military said Saturday that Gudermes' hospital building was demolished and Chechen militants were fighting from inside homes. Reports on rebel casualties in Gudermes Saturday were not available.

A tense standoff between militants and neutral or pro-Moscow Chechens also was reported in Urus-Martan, an important district center 12 miles southwest of Grozny, where troops were blocking traffic coming and going.

American journalist Steve Levine and his translator, Nana Kiknadze, suffered shrapnel wounds at a rebel checkpoint outside the district.

More than 50,000 people have been killed and 400,000 have fled their homes since the war in Chechnya began a year ago.

Vladimir Zorin, head of the Russian government office in Chechnya, said Russian troops would not launch any major counter-offensives before Sunday, the end of legislative elections in Russia.

The rebel attacks, the worst in months, appeared timed to disrupt the Moscow-imposed balloting, which began Thursday and includes voting for Chechnya's new leader.

The Kremlin is using the elections to legitimize a pro-Moscow Chechen government installed in the spring.

Doku Zavgayev, the Kremlin-appointed prime minister and Chechnya's former Parliament speaker, is running against two little-known candidates.

A valid vote requires a 25 percent turnout. On Saturday, Zorin said that figure had been exceeded, saying turnout was 53 percent in Grozny and an average of 30 percent across Chechnya.

"In my opinion, elections have already taken place in Chechnya," Zorin said.

But outside Grozny, the accuracy of turnout figures remained in question.

Many angry soldiers said they would cast empty ballots to show their resentment for officials in Moscow. Others said the most effective protest vote is for the party run by ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy.



Medical personnel carry a wounded woman to an ambulance in Valencia, southeastern Spain, after she was wounded in a bomb explosion at a department store Saturday. A series of bomb explosions in the store left one dead and four injured. One American was among the injured.

## Bomb blast kills one

VALENCIA, Spain (AP) — A series of bomb explosions in a crowded department store left one person dead and four injured Saturday — the second bomb in a week linked to a separatist group.

One American was among the injured.

Three bombs exploded in different parts of the store in one hour, authorities said, and two other explosives were discovered in the same store before they detonated.

The explosions took place while leaders of the 15 European Union countries were

wrapping up their year-end summit in a convention center in Madrid.

Security at the summit had been tightened following a Dec. 11 car bomb attack in Madrid that killed six Navy employees and injured more than a dozen.

The Basque separatist group ETA is believed to have planted the Dec. 11 bomb, and individuals claiming membership in the group apparently took responsibility for Saturday's bombings, authorities said.

ETA has killed more than 750 people, mostly police and military personnel, since 1968, the

year it began fighting for the independence of northern Spain's three Basque provinces.

Officials identified the woman killed in Saturday's attack as Josefina Garresa Huerta, 43, of Valencia, the 15th death attributed to ETA this year.

Three other women, including American Melanie Hyde, 31, no hometown available, were treated in Valencia area hospitals and released.

Shortly before the Valencia explosions, a woman who said she spoke for ETA phoned a radio station in the Basque city of Vitoria warning of the attack.

## Reforms create reason for election

MOSCOW (AP) — Communists and Russian nationalists who want to bring back the Soviet Union will be a step closer to power Sunday if angry voters use parliamentary elections to demand a halt to democratic reforms.

While the hard-liners appeared certain of doing well, few pollsters and analysts were willing to predict the outcome of elections for the Duma, the lower chamber of parliament.

Many Russians are simply bewildered by the 43 parties and the 8,000 or so candidates who are running.

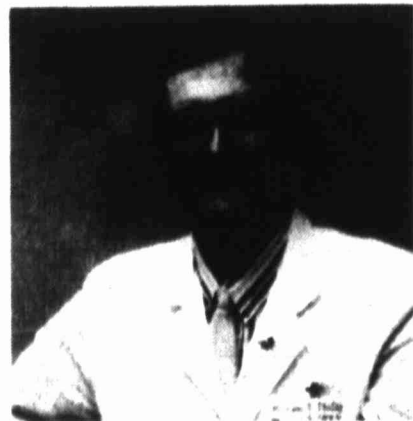
Up to one-third of voters were still undecided in the campaign's final days, pollsters said.

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# Subway victim begged for life

NEW YORK (AP) — A suspect in a fatal subway attack told investigators he stood lookout while two friends squirted a flammable liquid into the token booth and ignored the clerk's frantic plea: "Don't light it!"

All three teen-agers were in custody today in the Nov. 26 attack that blew up the booth and sent 50-year-old clerk Harry Kaufman screaming out of a Brooklyn subway station in flames. Kaufman died two weeks later from second- and third-degree burns over more than 70 percent of his body.

James Irons, 18, who was arrested on Thursday, led detectives to Thomas Malik, 18, and Vincent Ellerby, 17, who were picked up near their homes on Friday. All three Brooklyn teens face second-degree murder charges.

Ellerby "has admitted to squirting the liquid around the token booth and under the door," Assistant Chief Raymond Abruzzi told a news conference.

Malik and Ellerby were to be arraigned today. District Attorney Charles Hynes said prosecutors will provide additional details about each man's role during the arraignment.

Wearing a striped jacket and using a white baseball cap to hide his face in court Friday, Irons was denied bail and placed in protective custody.

Assistant District Attorney Kenneth Taub told Heffernan that Irons had given police a videotaped statement, in which he described himself as the "watchout guy," in a crime that had been planned for several days.

Taub also said Kaufman had begged for his life when two other youths sprayed flammable liquid into his booth. "He was pleading with them, 'Don't light it! Don't light it!'" Taub said.

Authorities initially speculated that the token-booth bombers possibly were imitating scenes in the movie "Money Train," a thriller which features scenes of a pyromaniac setting fire to token booths.



A firefighter with an axe in hand walks by the wreckage of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's clothing outlet and warehouse in Detroit Saturday. About 100 firefighters responded to the five-alarm blaze which cause \$1 million in damages. The cause of the blaze is not yet known.

## St. Vincent de Paul warehouse destroyed

DETROIT (AP) — Just nine days before Christmas, fire destroyed a warehouse jammed with donated clothes, household goods and furniture that were to be distributed by one of the city's largest charities.

More than 100 firefighters and 30 trucks were sent to the four-building Society of St. Vincent de Paul complex after the blaze was reported Friday night. Crews finally extinguished the fire Saturday afternoon, more than 17 hours after it broke out.

The fire could not have come at a worse time, said James Coleman, who has worked sort-

ing clothes for the charity for several years.

"But you know something? There's never a good time for something like this," he said. "It's just fortunate there wasn't anybody in there."

No injuries were reported. The complex is in a rundown district of pawn shops and abandoned buildings near downtown. The charity operates nationwide, providing emergency housing, food, clothing, household goods, transportation, medical care and other services for the needy.

The blaze destroyed an estimated \$1 million worth of goods collected for the needy and for distribution to 17 thrift stores in six counties of southeastern Michigan. About 60 people worked there.

An employee locking up for the night discovered the fire, said James Carron, executive director of the Catholic charity.

"This is the heartbeat of the store operation," Carron told the Detroit Free Press.

Firefighters said the fire apparently started in a sorting area.

## Security upped as Santas threatened

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — At least two shopping malls stepped up security or sent Santa Claus home because of anonymous threatening letters.

"It's pretty sad when something like this happens," said Vicki Duncan, marketing director for Tucson Mall, which added two armed guards and moved its Santa and his elves from the center of the mall to a second-floor store space.

El Con Mall sent its Santa home indefinitely Wednesday.

"We're seeing quite a few disappointed children today," John Samuelson, the mall's operations manager, said Saturday. "We hope we can bring Santa back."

Police refused to release details of the anonymous threats, but The Arizona Daily Star quoted a source as saying letters sent to two businesses contained threats that Santa would be shot.

Police issued a statement saying they wanted to talk to tran-

sient Kem D. Mansager but did not give details. Mansager, 50, was charged in 1994 with making threats, intimidation and disorderly conduct, but failed to appear in court.

Mansager's father, Dewane Mansager of Kearney, said Friday he hadn't seen his son in months. "He likes to make threats," the elder Mansager said. "He's off his rocker. We've done everything we could to get him committed. No one would listen to us."

## No motive found for office shooting leaving three dead

EVENDALE, Ohio (AP) — While police have no motive in an office shooting that left three dead, a relative says the trucker charged in the attack had been taking the antidepressant Prozac, but his prescription recently ran out.

"Maybe that was part of the problem," said half-brother John McMichen. "He was being medicated, and that seemed to help until he stopped taking it." Employees at Trans-Continental Systems Inc. hid under their desks or ran screaming from the building early Friday as the gunman — carrying two pistols — opened fire.

After the shooting, Gerald Clemons, 53, of Cincinnati, walked out of the two-story building and surrendered to the first police officer to arrive, witnesses said.

Clemons was charged with two counts of murder and one attempted murder charge, which was expected to be upgraded to murder at his arraignment today.

Police initially said Clemons had been fired several months ago from Trans-Continental. But company attorney Lance Cox said that was not true.

"We don't know why this happened," Cox said late Friday. "We anticipate setting up a fund

for the victims' families. Our thoughts right now are with the victims."

Clemons told a witness that "I'm after the one that screwed me over," according to a police complaint, but who he may have been referring to was unclear.

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## Teen drug use continues to rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forty-eight percent of the high school class of 1995 tried an illegal drug and 64 percent smoked at least one cigarette, according to a survey that found increasing drug use among teen-agers.

Alcohol remained the most popular drug used by high school seniors, with 81 percent saying they had tried it at least once in their life, the study released today found. That's about the same percentage as in 1994.

The annual survey by the University of Michigan found teenage drug use continuing to creep upward during the 1990s but still far below the peak period of the late 1970s and early

1980s. In 1981, 66 percent of seniors said they had tried an illegal drug at least once in their lives. In 1979, 60 percent reported using marijuana.

Marijuana use this year remained well below that level but increased over the past two years for eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders.

Twenty percent of eighth-graders, 34 percent of sophomores and 42 percent of seniors reported using marijuana once or more.

Noting the study's findings, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said students need "to hear clear and consistent messages from all

adults that using drugs, alcohol and tobacco can ruin their lives."

The survey found an increase in cigarette smoking among both sophomores and seniors. Notably, it found an increase in the number of black 10th graders who had smoked in the past 30 days, from 7 percent in 1992 to 12 percent in 1995.

While overall use of the LSD remained low in comparison to other drugs, there was a significant increase in the percentage of sophomores and seniors who said they had used "acid" in the past year. Sophomores showed an increase was from 5.2 percent in 1994 to 6.5 percent; seniors' use increased from 6.9 to 8.4.

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# City considering a centralized voting location

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Several residents have expressed concern about the difficulty in voting.

City Secretary and Finance Director Tom Ferguson is currently looking into the possibility of centralized voting in

future elections.

"We have previously discussed the possibility of establishing a central voting location so that voters will have to go to only one place to vote in city, school and college elections.

"I have recently contacted representatives of the school dis-

trict and the college to discuss this and have been informed that they are willing to join us in this endeavor. We will be meeting sometime in the near future to discuss further details," Ferguson said.

A public hearing was proposed for the first meeting in January to solicit public input

on the proposal.

If citizens agree with the idea, there will be an ordinance later in the January agenda to establish a central location and instructions for the city staff to file the request with the Justice Department.

Approval from the Justice Department will require a mini-

mum of 60 days after the request has been filed.

Ferguson said in order to meet all of the time deadlines, the city should decide quickly how it will proceed.

If approved, Big Spring voters could have a centralized voting location in time for the May

election.

Ferguson added, "We want it to be in a central part of town. We're meeting with representatives from the school district and college to determine where the location will be. We had thought maybe City Hall or even Big Spring High School, but we're not really sure at this point."



## In Memory

Herald photo by Tim Appel  
Members of the Spade and Hoe Garden Club shovel dirt during a tree-planting ceremony at Howard College Thursday afternoon. The live oak was planted as a memorial to Alice Haynes, who had taught in the dental hygiene department.

## Fireproof containers now required for burning trash

COLORADO CITY - Mitchell County householders will need fireproof containers for burning trash in the future.

Due to extremely dry conditions throughout the county, Mitchell County Commissioners passed an emergency ordinance Monday banning outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of the county except in approved containers. Burning is a misdemeanor offense which can be enforced by any peace officer.

The commission accepted Hutchins Ford of Colorado City's bid for dump trucks for Precincts 1 and 4. With trade-ins, the truck for Precinct 1 will be \$56,934; the one for Precinct 4 will be \$60,984.

In other matters, the commis-

sion:  
•Amended the budget to increase the Road and Bridge budget by \$12,625 from available funds.

•Amended the budget to increase the Permanent Improvements budget by \$48,500 from available funds.

•Approved purchase of a waterway easement at Lake Colorado City from Ms. Carol Rasco. Cost of construction on the fill line will be approximately \$6,000 - \$7,000.

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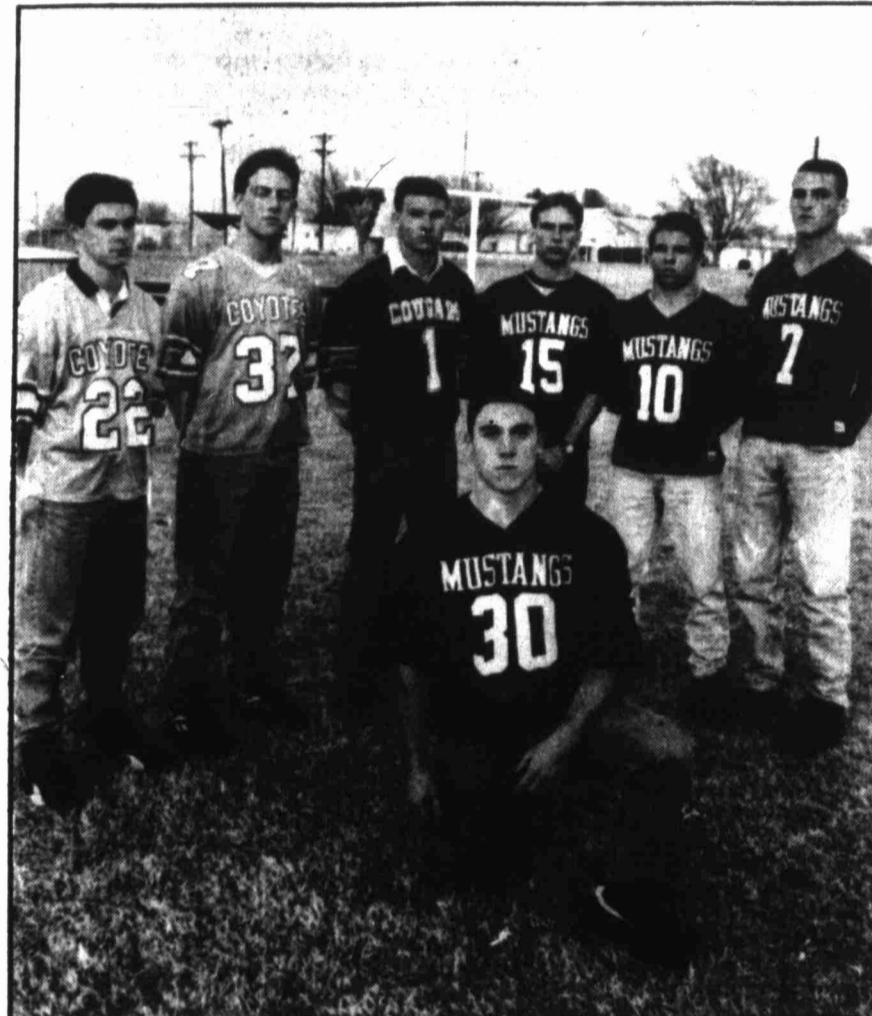
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The Honor Roll's First Team Offense consists of MVP Tanner Etheredge of Klondike (kneeling) and, left to right, Clayton Roberts, Clint Oaks and Chris Arismendez of Klondike, and Dallas Hopper and Bradley Burns of Sands. Not pictured are Jeff Hill and Shawn Daniels of Westbrook.



The Honor Roll's First Team Defense consists of MVP Dallas Hopper of Sands (kneeling) and, left to right, Grant Key and Roy Clayton of Borden County, Shawn Barton of Klondike, and Bill Barnes, Josh Richter and Delynn Reed of Sands. Not pictured is George Rincones of Westbrook.

## Cougars, 'Stangs, 'Cats dominate Honor Roll

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Not surprisingly, you can paint this year's Crossroads Country Six-Man Honor Roll maroon, brown and blue. The maroon-clad Klondike Cougars, the brown-shirted Sands Mustangs and the blue-and-white clad Westbrook Wildcats had the best seasons among area teams, and that success is reflected in this year's Honor Roll.

The Cougars, who advanced to the state semifinals, placed six members on the dream squad, including coach of the year Jim Kinnear and offensive MVP Tanner Etheredge.

The Mustangs, who made it as far as the state quarterfinals, also are amply represented on the Honor Roll. Six players,

including defensive MVP Dallas Hopper, are represented on the first team.

And the Wildcats, who won District 6 in only their second year of UIL-sanctioned games, made their presence known on the Honor Roll with three first-team selections.

Offense has always been a staple of six-man football, and this year's Honor Roll first-team offense is more than capable of lighting up the scoreboard, starting with Westbrook quarterback Jeff Hill.

Hill, a 6-foot-3, 205 pound senior, flourished under the spread offense employed by his father, head coach Jim Hill. The younger Hill passed opponents dizzy, throwing for 3,104 yards and 44 touchdowns while



Westbrook Wildcats selected to the Honor Roll are, left to right, Shawn Daniels, Jeff Hill and George Rincones.

Please see HONOR, page 11A

## Etheredge guiding force to Klondike playoff run

By DARRELL ERICSON  
Sportswriter

PATRICIA - The Klondike Cougars had a lot of success and talent this season, but one that stood out among the many was Tanner Etheredge.

Etheredge, quarterback for the Cougars, totaled 3,244 offensive yards. He completed 154 of 251 passes for 2,329 yards and 46 touchdowns and rushed 915 yards and 17 touchdowns on 96 carries.

Etheredge was named Offensive Most Valuable Player for the 1995 Crossroads Country Six-Man Honor Roll.

"He was the one that we looked to for leadership and big plays. Everyone was looking to him for the leadership and motivation." Head football coach Jim Kinnear said. "He doesn't like to lose and he takes it upon himself to get things done. He is a great athlete, great kid and a great leader. We were fortunate to have him."

The kinship between Etheredge and the other players could be seen in every win and loss. If anything was done, it was done as a team.

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**Offensive MVP**  
**Tanner Etheredge, Klondike**



## Kinnear deflects praise; gives credit to players

By DARRELL ERICSON  
Sportswriter

PATRICIA - In his first year as head football coach, Jim Kinnear took the Klondike Cougars to a district championship, four postseason victories and to the final four of the six-man playoffs.

The Cougars returned to the playoffs after a two-year absence and also won their first bi-district championship since 1988. Even a devastating loss to Amherst in the state semifinals hasn't stopped the recognition from rolling in.

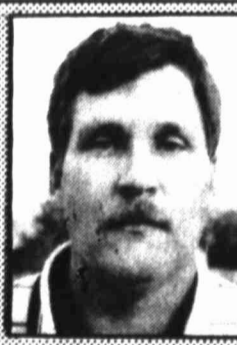
Kinnear has been named as

the Crossroads Country Football coach of the year.

"It's a great honor. It speaks for the team, school and community. It adds to the recognition this team deserves. They made a lot of sacrifices with a lot of hard work to get as far as they did," Kinnear said. "None of this would be possible if it wasn't for the kids - they did all the work. I just guided them and they took it from there. You have to give thanks to the entire team."

The Cougars' success was credited to the work of the

**Coach of the Year**  
**Jim Kinnear, Klondike**



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## Hopper wanted to - and did - prove critics wrong

By DARRELL ERICSON  
Sportswriter

ACKERLY - While Klondike highlighted its offensive game, Sands was excelling on defense - and the driving force for the Mustangs was Dallas Hopper.

Hopper, middle linebacker for the Mustangs, received defensive most valuable player honors in the Crossroads Country Honor Roll with 153 tackles.

The Mustangs made it to the quarterfinals with an 11-2 record. Sands lost to state finalist Amherst.

"We thought we would go far. A lot of people picked us to go 5-5 and that just got us fired up. The whole team wanted to win," Hopper said.

While the quarterback is the most essential position on offense, middle linebacker takes on equal responsibilities on defense. For a player who breathes and eats defense, Hopper obviously was the best MVP candidate.

"I love football and I love to play defense. Everybody on defense wanted to play and we

**Defensive MVP**  
**Dallas Hopper, Sands**



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**BOTTOM OF THE ORDER**

**SHOT OF THE DAY**

A little consolation: Odessa Permian's David Guara is consoled by an unidentified fan after Permian lost the Div. 1 5A state championship game to Converse Judson, 31-28, Saturday.

**TEXAS**

**Nebraska downs Lady 'Horns**

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) - Nebraska upheld its No. 1 ranking Saturday by defeating Texas 11-15, 15-2, 15-7, 16-14 to capture the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball championship Saturday.

The Cornhuskers (32-1) won their 31st straight match to become only the second team east of California to take the title. The other was Texas, which won in 1988.

The Cornhuskers, who advanced to the title round with a 3-2 semifinal victory over Michigan State, won the title in the fourth game on Allison Weston's block.

After the teams traded victories in the first two games, Nebraska grabbed a 2-1 lead with a solid victory in the third game. Leading 9-7, the Huskers won the next six points to run out the game, as Billie Winsett had eight kills and Kate Crnich seven.

**NATION/WORLD**

**Tyson KOs Mathis**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Mike Tyson, looking like a mauler for two rounds, suddenly looked like Iron Mike late in the third round when he crashed home two rights to the head and knocked out Buster Mathis Jr. Saturday night at the Spectrum.

"I know I looked good," Tyson said. "I needed the work. He was laying on me and the referee wouldn't keep him off."

The two men were mauling each other along the ropes in the third round when Tyson landed the two rights that dropped Mathis on his back. Referee Frank Cappuccinello ruled that he didn't beat the count of 10 and the fight was over at 2:32 of the third round.

"Yes, I could have continued," Mathis said. "It was close. But I was up," he said of the referee's count.

**ON THE AIR**

**Football**

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Arizona at Philadelphia, noon, FOX (ch. 3).  
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QB - Delynn Reed (Sr., 6-3, 165), Sands  
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RB - Fernando Baeza (Fr., 6-0, 160), Borden  
OL - Jessie Cuellar (Jr., 6-0, 230), Sands  
OL - Michael Wigington (Jr., 6-1, 175), Sands  
OL - Casey Hill (Jr., 5-8, 145), Westbrook  
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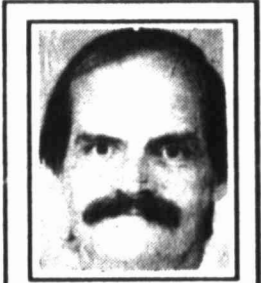
**Second Team Defense**

DL - Jessie Cuellar (Jr., 6-0, 203), Sands  
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LB - Cody Peugh (Jr., 5-10, 160), Grady  
LB - Ryan Jones (Sr., 5-10, 195), Klondike  
LB - Fernando Baeza (Fr., 6-0, 150), Borden Co.  
DB - Justin Hambrick (Jr., 5-7, 165), Sands  
P - Tanner Etheredge (Sr., 6-2, 190), Klondike

**Six-man teams were passing fancy in '95**

West Texas football has the reputation of being run first, run second and run in a pinch, but that rep took a beating this season, as far as six-man football was concerned.

Area six-man teams, while not ignoring the run, showed they were more than capable of airing things out. The old "three yards and a cloud of dust" philosophy long favored by area teams was as dead as hoop skirts this season.



**Steve Reagan**  
Sports Editor

Why the change? Well, for one thing, this was an excellent year for six-man quarterbacks. The top three vote-getters in this year's Honor Roll voting - Klondike's Tanner Etheredge, Westbrook's Jeff Hill and Sands' Delynn Reed - combined to pass for more than 6,000 yards and 100 touchdowns this year.

"You've got to have a quarterback who can run and throw," Sands coach Billy Barnett said. "Anytime you have that, you have the potential to run (a wide open) type of offense."

Hill had the most impressive year, stat-wise. With the Wildcats using the spread formation almost exclusively, Hill passed for 3,104 yards and 44 touchdowns. He didn't hurt his team, either, tossing only seven interceptions.

"Hill has a great arm, and I'm sure his coach had that in mind when he put their offensive package together," Klondike coach Jim Kinnear

**Judson claims Div. I crown**

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Facing a desperate situation deep in his own territory, Converse Judson coach D.W. Rutledge decided to gamble.

On third-and-20 from the Rockets' 10, Guy Anderson found Wilmer Wade wide open over early in the fourth quarter for a 90-yard touchdown and Judson went on to defeat Odessa Permian, 31-28, Saturday for the Class 5A, Division I title.

Anderson's championship game-record bomb came early in the fourth quarter to give Judson a 24-21 lead. Anderson came back with a 10-yard TD toss to Teddy Carrier that proved immune to Permian's Mojo magic.

Permian answered with its only completion of the half, a juggling 41-yard touchdown catch by Jonathan Armendarez from Jason Prann that made it 31-28 with 3:25 left.

A Judson punt gave the Panthers one last shot on offense, but Rockets defensive back Levon Wilson picked off a hurried Prann throw at the Judson 27 with 59 seconds left, making the Rockets (14-1) Division I champs for the third time in four years and fifth time overall.

Permian (12-2-1), playing in its record 11th state championship game, was denied its record-tying seventh title.

**Honor**

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suffering only seven interceptions this season.

One of his favorite targets was senior Shawn Daniels (5-9, 145), who caught a staggering 18 passes in Westbrook's 49-42 playoff loss to Sands.

But Westbrook did not corner the market on good pass receivers. Klondike's Clayton Roberts, a 5-9, 150-pound junior, developed into one of Etheredge's favorite targets, catching 44 passes for 638 yards and 16 TDs.

And Sands center Bradley Burns (sr., 5-9, 150), while called upon mostly to block for the Mustangs' run-oriented attack, also proved adept at receiving, catching 16 passes for 236 yards and two touch-

downs this season. The Honor Roll's running backs proved themselves more than capable at either running or receiving. Hopper, a 5-10, 180-pound senior, led Sands with 846 yards and 18 TDs on 108 carries, and caught 22 passes for 377 yards and four touchdowns.

The other first-team running back, Klondike senior Chris Arismendez (6-0, 160), also was a two-way threat, rushing 173 times for 1,170 yards and 22 touchdowns, and catching 21 passes for 286 yards and four TDs.

Rounding out the first-team offense is Klondike placekicker Clint Oaks, a 5-4 senior who tallied 106 points for the state

semifinalists this season. While offense grabbed the headlines this season, defense was definitely not ignored. This year's Honor Roll includes several players who made a name for themselves shutting down some high-powered offenses.

Sands junior Bill Barnes, Klondike senior Shawn Barton and Borden County senior Roy Clayton man the defensive line. Barnes (6-0, 106) accounted for 95 total tackles, Barton tallied 106 total stops and Clayton had 57 tackles, four fumble recoveries and a touchdown for the Coyotes.

The two linebackers on the first team are junior George Rincones of Westbrook, the team's leading tackler and a first-team all-district selection, and Borden County junior Grant Key, who had 98 total tackles and two fumble recoveries this season.

A pair of Sands Mustangs round out the first-team defense. Junior Josh Richter (92 tackles, three fumble recoveries and three interceptions) mans the defensive back position, while senior Delynn Reed (40-yard average) is the squad's punter.

**Defense**

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had a real aggressive attitude," Hopper said. "We had a lot of hard work in the off season in a 100-degree gym and it definitely paid off."

As a player, Hopper did not excel only on defense. His offensive numbers were equally impressive. He rushed 108 times for 846 yards and 18 touchdowns and caught 22 passes for 377 yards and four touchdowns.

As a senior, Hopper wanted this season to be especially memorable.

Hopper said, "This was my last year and I wanted to be my best for the team and for myself. I'm glad to have played on this team. We played a lot of good teams with a lot of talent. I wish it wasn't over. Football is life."

**Offense**

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"I had the easy job, all I had to do was give the ball away to either Lon (Estes) or Chri (Arismendez) or whoever was downfield. It's not that hard when all the guys around you had the talent these guys do," Etheredge said.

In the beginning of the season, the Cougars main goal was to take home the district championship trophy. They adopted the motto "Go for the gold" and the gold is what they got. The Cougars finished their season with a District 5 title, four playoff game trophies and a state semifinal berth against Amherst.

"We knew it was going to be our last chance to play, so we took every opportunity to win. We went further than people expected and we played Amherst to a strong three quarters," Etheredge said. "We wish we could go back and change the second half of that game but we can't, but that doesn't take away from anything we did. It was a great season and it was a good way to finish out our last year."

**Coach**

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offense.

"We always had a good offensive game. Sometimes it took our offense to get our defense going, but they always got the job done," Kinnear said.

With their new-found success the Cougars are looking to do equally well in basketball season. The Cougars made it to the regional tournament last season, losing in the first round.

Kinnear, who is also the basketball head coach said, "Anytime you have success in one sport it will carry over in what ever you do. Success is definitely contagious and we hope it catches on."

"It's been a great year, a tremendous year. It has been a joy working with the kids and I look forward to see what is next."

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This is to inform you that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Big Spring will hold a Public Hearing on the above described Proposed Specific Use Permit at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 16th, 1996, in the City Meeting Room, Airpark Terminal, 2000 Airpark Drive West, Building 1106, Big Spring McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, Big Spring, Texas. Additionally, if approved, the City Council will conduct a Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Specific Use Permit at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, February 13, 1996 in the City Council Chambers, Big Spring McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, Building 1106 or 310 Nolan (as to be publicly posted).

The stated purpose of the Specific Use Permit is: The Gilliland Group Partnership of Amarillo will be purchasing the 3.11 acre tract out of the 20.27 acre tract in Section 4, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR, Howard County Texas (located on FM 700, East of Burger King and across from the Big Spring Mall) for a Specific Use Permit for Energas Company to use a portion of the property as a utility construction equipment yard.

In accordance with the provision of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring, all property owners within two hundred feet (200') of the affected property shall be notified (by letter at least 10 days before the Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission) of this Proposed Specific Use Permit and given an opportunity to appear in behalf of their own interest. You are invited to attend these meetings relative to the subject Specific Use Permit Request. Should you be unable to attend, your representative may attend in your behalf, or as an alternate, your comments may be tendered on the attached form letter, notarized and returned to the City Engineer, Attention: Planning and Zoning Commission, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720-2657.

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# Buffalos win; Stanton's girls drop defensive battle to G-City

By DARRELL ERICSON  
Sports writer

STANTON - The Stanton Buffalos finished the 1995 portion of their season with a 72-59 win over the Garden City Bearkats Friday night.

A fast paced offense and a quick defense allowed the Buffalos to take a commanding 40-24 halftime lead.

The Buffalos eased up and down the court to score, to steal and to rebound. They didn't leave anything behind except the Bearkats.

Leo McCalister led the Buffalos on offense and defense scoring 25 points and nabbing 12 rebounds and three steals. Jason Hopper followed with eight rebounds and four steals and 20 points.

"That's how we have to play to win," Stanton coach Doug Gordon said. "We have got to steal the ball and apply pressure on defense the whole game. We have such a tough district that we have to be ready to win. Garden City did a good job tonight. They have improved tremendously from last year and are going to be extremely tough in their district race."

The Buffalos' 9-2 record has been credited to the team's lettermen. Hopper, McCalister, and Looney were named as big keys to the success to date.

Gordon said, "I think we have had a great year. We made it to the playoffs last year in basketball, and this year in football and we are looking to get there again. Getting to the playoffs is no longer our goal - we want to win in the playoffs and get as far as we can."

The Buffalos continued to

increase their lead in the second half by doing the same thing that they did in the first, scoring, rebounding and stealing.

"We can never let up on pressure. We have such a tough district that we have can't afford to let anyone have the ball for long," Gordon said.

The Lady Buffalos did not have that easy of a time with the Lady Bearkats, dropping a 45-41 decision.

The Lady Buffalos dominated both on defense and offense to take a big 14-6 lead early in the first quarter. Kristen Wyckoff helped out on defense by taking four balls away from the Bearkats.

Near the last of the first quarter, Wyckoff got into foul trouble and left the game. The Buffalos struggled to keep the lead, but the Lady Bearkats rallied to take a 25-20 halftime lead.

"Wyckoff is our best ball handler and best scorer. She is a four year letterman and provides a lot of leadership on the court and when she got taken out it hurt us," Stanton coach Frank Riney said. "She came up with four quick fouls and we couldn't afford her to be taken out of the game, but that is the way it goes."

The scoring went back and forth in the third and the Lady Buffalos brought themselves back within three points. Randi Simer led the comeback with eight points and five rebounds.

Simer finished the game with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Pressure soon built up in the fourth when both teams went scoreless for most of the quar-

ter. Five minutes passed until the first points were scored.

The scoring then resumed its back and forth nature until the game was tied at 41 with 26 seconds left. The Bearkats were able to capitalize on the Lady Buffalos mistakes to take the win.

"It was a good competitive game," Garden City coach Phil Swenson said. "We were able to force some turnovers with our press and the girls were patient with the free throws. Stanton played a good defensive game. This is the type of competition we need to get ready for district."

"We play defense hard enough to win and we rebound hard enough to win. We just need more consistency to get the win," Riney said. "We have had a lot of close losses this year and inexperience is due to that. 90 percent of this team is new the varsity level and it is a situation they have to learn."

Stanton's next appearance on the court will be at the Reagan County Tournament Dec. 27-29.

Girls:  
Score by Quarters: 10 15 11 9 - 45  
Garden City 14 6 13 8 - 41  
Stanton

Scorers:  
Garden City - Harp 4, 2-2, 10; Maxie 5, 7-5, 15; Hassman 0, 2-2, 2; Fine 3, 8-5, 11; Balla 1, 0-0, 3; Hoch 2, 2-0, 4; Stanton - Wyckoff 2, 2-0, 0, 4; L. Chandler 1, 0-0, 2; Hotland 4, 2-2, 11; Burns 0, 2-2, 2; Simer 9, 3-3, 22.

Boys:  
Score by Quarters: 13 11 12 23 - 59  
Garden City 20 20 21 11 - 72  
Stanton

Scorers:  
Garden City - Martinez 1, 3-1, 3; Balla 4, 6-1, 13; Theoford 2, 0-0, 4; Hilger 2, 0-0, 4; Lankford 3, 2-2, 8; Schwartz 6, 5-2, 14; Blake 6, 2-1, 13; Stanton - Herm 2, 6-2, 8; Rogers 2, 2-1, 5; Looney 4, 0-0, 9; McCalister 10, 1-1, 25; Bryan 1, 4-3, 5; Hopper 9, 5-1, 20.

# Steers come close, but falter in overtime loss to Frenship

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

The problem continues for the Big Spring Steers: Improvement is evident, but not in the win column.

For the umpteenth time this season, the Steers faced a quality opponent and went toe-to-toe with them for the better part of four quarters.

Unfortunately for Steers' fans, the end result was the same as it has been several times so far. This time, Big Spring dropped a 76-69 overtime decision to Frenship Friday night in Steer Gym.

Daniel Franks led all scorers with 30 points for the Steers, who dropped to 4-10 with the loss. Also in double figures for Big Spring was point guard Sky Massingill, who scored 14 points. Duane Welch had 21 points and Johnny Allen 15 for the Tigers, now 12-2 on the season.

The Steers had plenty of opportunities to win the game, but key mistakes stifled

any victory hopes.

Big Spring appeared to have the game under control with just four minutes left, when Greg Wollenzien banked in a shot for a 59-53 lead. But the Steers committed turnovers on five of their next six possessions, and Frenship was able to erase its deficit and take a 63-59 lead with 1:33 remaining.

The Steers rallied, however, behind a technical free throw and three-pointer from Franks and a jumper from John Smith to regain the lead with 49 seconds left.

After Allen tied the game at 65-65, Big Spring had one last chance to win the game in regulation, but Chad Warren misfired on a pair of free-throw attempts with four seconds left, and the game went into overtime.

There, the Tigers dominated. Zac Buchanan, Allen and Welch scored quick baskets to put Frenship up by six, and the best the Steers could do was trade baskets the rest of the way.

The loss left BSHS coach

Gary Tipton obviously disappointed, but that was tempered a bit by the fact that the Steers again gave a quality opponent all it could handle.

"When you're sitting there with four seconds left to go, and you've got a chance to win a game against a team the caliber of Frenship, your kids played a good game," Tipton said. "We made some mistakes and we had some turnovers that hurt us, and we didn't hit our free throws, but this club is extremely young. I know the wins aren't getting there, but we're getting better."

FRENSHIP-(76) - Allen 7 1-2 15, Brown 6 1-1 13, Baker 1 1-4 3, Ferrand 3 0-0 7, Buchanan 5 1-3 11; Seal 1 0-0 2; Dul, Welch 1 0-0 2, Duane Welch 8 4-2 21; totals 32 8-14 76.  
BIG SPRING (69) - Smith 2 0-0 4; Myers 3 0-0 8; Massingill 5 1-2 14; Franks 13 3-6 30; Wollenzien 3 0-0 6; Simpson 1 1-3 3; Fernau 2 0-0 4; totals 30 5-13 69.

Score by quarters  
Frenship 17 10 17 21  
Big Spring 7 6 14 18 18 15  
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Three-point goals - Ferrand, Duane Welch, Myers 2, Massingill 3, Franks; Total fouls - Frenship 16, Big Spring 15; Fouled out - none; Technical - Dul, Welch.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Lady Steers take 4-4A opener

PECOS - The Big Spring Lady Steers opened defense of their District 4-4A title with a convincing 61-41 win over Pecos Friday night.

Robin Wise scored 24 points and Molly Smith added 12 for the Lady Steers, who improved to 9-6 overall with the win. Pecos (4-7) was led by Lori Marquez, who scored 12 points.

After taking a seven-point lead into intermission, the Lady Steers took control in the second half, outscoring Pecos 34-21.

Big Spring also won the junior varsity game, 64-36.

The Lady Steers return to action Thursday at home against Snyder. Game time is 6 p.m.

### Hunter safety course scheduled

A course in hunter education has been scheduled for Dec. 16-17 beginning at 8 a.m. each day at the conference room in the Chamber of Commerce building.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife, if you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 then you must successfully complete a hunter education course.

However, any individual may take the course on a voluntary basis and is encouraged to attend regardless of requirements.


For more information contact Boyce Hale at 267-6957 or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Hunter Education section in Austin at 800-253-4536.

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RESULTS - Our Team bowled unopposed; Team 1 over Team 2, 8-2; Four Stars over Team 3, 8-0; Hughes Auto Sales over Strife Force, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (mqrn) Phillip Ringener, 250 and 740; hi hdp game and series (man) Chris Carter, 230 and 652; hi sc. team game and series Four Stars, 784 and 2153; hi sc. game (woman) Donna Fann, 171; hi sc. series (woman) Evelyn Williams, 495; hi hdp game and series (woman) Donna Fann, 223 and 618; hi hdp team game and series Four Stars, 847 and 2432.

**STANDINGS - Team 1, 74-46; Strife Force, 70-52; Team 2, 64-52; Strife Force, 60-52; Hughes Auto Sales, 58-62; Spanity's, 48-56; Team 3, 44-76; Our Team, 42-70.**

**MEN'S CAPROCK**  
RESULTS - Texas Finance over W.G.A.S., 6-2; Budweiser over Chili Peppers, 6-2; Bad Company over Hank & Jane, 6-2; Burgess Automotive over Tough As Nails, 6-2; Just Piddin over B.S. Auto Electric, 6-2; My6 boys split Neaty Boys, 4-4; Courtyard Apts. over Spare Time, 6-2; hi sc. game James Pansie, 258; hi sc. series Neal Anderson, 649; hi hdp game Joey Herrera, 278; hi hdp series Neal Anderson, 697; hi sc. team game Budweiser, 813; hi sc. series Burgess Automotive, 2300; hi hdp team game and series Just Piddin, 872; and 2522.

**STANDINGS - Budweiser, 84-28; Burgess Automotive, 72-40; B.S. Auto & Electric, 71-41; Chili Peppers, 70-42;**

**Tough As Nails, 64-48; Texas Finance, 60-52; Neaty Boys, 58-56; My-Boys, 56-48; W.G.A.S., 46-66; Spare Time, 44-68; Bad Company, 43-60; Courtyard Apts., 40-72; Hank & Jane, 36-68; Just Piddin, 34-78.**

**WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO**  
RESULTS - Loan Stars over Big Spring Music, 8-0; Wild Bunch over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; Security State Bank over Bob Brock Ford, 6-2; Big Spring Auto Electric over Arrow Refrigeration, 6-2; A Timeless Design led Golden Corral, 4-4; Conoco led Big Spring Chrysler, 4-4; Team 18 over Charlotte's Raiders, 6-2; Saunders Company over Wal-Mart Bowlers, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (man) John Jackson, 290 and 754; hi hdp game and series (man) John Jackson, 313 and 823; hi sc. game (woman) Carolyn Yeager, 211; hi sc. series (woman) Peggy Huckabee, 547; hi hdp game (woman) Cheryl Wells, 270; hi hdp series (woman) Peggy Huckabee, 700; hi sc. team game Loan Stars, 638; hi sc. team series PFS, 1752; hi hdp team game Loan Stars, 754; hi hdp team game PFS, 2007.

**STANDINGS - Wild Bunch, 74-38; PFS, 70-42; Big Spring Music, 64-48; Security State Bank, 64-48; A Timeless Design, 64-48; Loan Stars, 60-52; Arrow Refrigeration, 60-52; Fifth Wheels, 58-54; Team 18, 55-57; Big Spring Auto Electric, 54-58; Big Spring Chrysler, 54-58; Bob Brock Ford, 54-56; Charlotte's Raiders, 52-60; Wal-Mart Fun Bowlers, 49-63; Conoco, 48-64; Saunders Company, 40-72; Sow Starters Two, 38-74.**

**PNPPOPPERS**  
RESULTS - Guy's Restaurant over Center over Petty Farms, 6-2;

**Taligsters over Kuykendall, 8-0; Casual Shoppes over Federal Oil, 8-0; hi sc. game and series Bernadine Bealy, 211 and 588; hi sc. team game and series Casual Shoppes, 696 and 1998; hi hdp game Millie Weems, 232; hi hdp series Diane Crowder, 644; hi hdp team game and series Taligsters, 848 and 2442.**

**STANDINGS - Casual Shoppes, 90-22; Petty Farms, 88-44; Health Food Center, 64-48; Guy's Restaurant, 60-52; Taligsters, 49-63; Kuykendall, 44-68; Federal Oil, 42-70; A & B Farms, 31-81.**

**TUESDAY COUPLES**  
RESULTS - C.E. Rollovers over Cowboy's, 8-0; White Motor Co. Stanton over Big Spring Skipper Travel, 8-0; Spare Time over Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 8-0; A & M Composites Corp. over Arrow Refrigeration, 8-0; Fred's Contracting over Vacancy, 8-0; Rocky's Pin papers over C & T Cleaners, 8-0; A Timeless Design over Holy Rollers, 6-2; The 4 of Us over Vogue Beauty Salon, 6-2; Double R Cattle Co. over Parks Agency, Inc., 6-2; The Fun Bunch over Ups & Downs, 6-2; KC Steakhouse tied Easy, 4-4; hi sc. game (man) Marcus Phillips, 259; hi sc. series (man) Ray Kennedy, 691; hi hdp game (man) Jack Stoval, 254; hi hdp series (man) Richard Rowden, 724; hi sc. game and series (woman) Laurie Wells, 235 and 679; hi hdp game and series (woman) Lanell Witt, 273 and 733; hi sc. team game and series White Motor Co. Stanton, 867 and 2405; hi hdp team game and series White Motor Co. Stanton, 958 and 2678.

**STANDINGS - Holy Rollers, 74-46; Fred's Contracting, 73-47; Double R Cattle Co., 72-48; Easy, 68-52; C.E. Rollovers, 68-52; Parks Agency, Inc., 66-54; A & M Steakhouse, 64-56;**

**Rocky's Pin Peppers, 64-48; The Fun Bunch, 62-58; White Motor Co. Stanton, 60-60; The 4 of Us, 60-60; Big Spring Skipper Travel, 58-62; Arrow Refrigeration Co., 56-64; Spare Tokens, 56-56; Vogue Beauty Salon, 50-70; Ups & Downs, 48-72; Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 48-72; Cowboy's, 46-74.**

**WEDNESDAY STRIKERS**  
RESULTS - Team Three over A & J, 6-2; Wrecking Crew over Pow MIA, 6-2; Large Boys over Joe's Crew, 8-0; Budweiser over Auto Trend, 8-0; hi sc. game and series Jeff Dukett, 268 and 734; hi sc. team game and series Budweiser, 1046 and 3057; hi hdp game and series Jeff Dukett, 268 and 734; hi hdp team game Team Three, 1127; hi hdp team series Budweiser, 3171.

**STANDINGS - Budweiser, 85-35; A & J, 83-37; Joe's Crew, 64-56; Auto Trend, 59-61; Team Three, 46-74; Pow MIA, 41-79; Wrecking Crew, 40-80.**

**GUYS & DOLLS**  
RESULTS - Photo Magic Studio over A Bye, 6-0; Rocky's over O.S.I.M.I.A., 6-2; Fifth Wheels over Big Spring State Park, 5-3; Petty Farms tied Hester's Mechanical, 4-4; hi sc. game and series (man) J.M. Ringener, 215 and 560; hi hdp game (man) Martin Pursar, 221; hi hdp series (man) Ed Booth, 627; hi sc. game and series (woman) Evelyn Williams, 193 and 556; hi hdp game (woman) Betty Petty, 235; hi hdp series (woman) Evelyn Williams, 616; hi sc. team game and series Rocky's, 757 and 2092; hi hdp team game and series Hester's Mechanical, 831 and 2337.

**STANDINGS - Rocky's, 90-30; Photo Magic Studio, 80-40; Big Spring State Park, 71-40; Petty**

**Farms, 65-56; Fifth Wheels, 61-59; Hester's Mechanical, 54-66; O.S.I.M.I.A., 45-75.**

**V.A. COUPLES**  
RESULTS - Team Three over Team Twelve, 6-2; Team Four over Team Five, 9-0; Team Ten over Team Eight, 8-0; Team Two over Team Sbc, 6-2; Team Nine over Team Eleven, 6-2; Team Seven split Team One, 4-4; hi sc. team game and series Team Three, 729 and 2060; hi sc. game and series (man) John Jackson, 258 and 641; hi sc. game (woman) Lesley Johns, 188; hi sc. series (woman) Irene Calvio, 507; hi hdp team game and series Team One, 848 and 2374; hi hdp game (man) John Jackson, 258; hi hdp series (man) Shane Yeager, 680; hi hdp game (woman) Wendy Schlicht, 231; hi hdp series (woman) Jo Watkins, 604.

**STANDINGS - Team Three, 76-28; Team Twelve, 67-37; Team One, 61-43; Team Nine, 56-48; Team Five, 56-48; Team Two, 54-50; Team Ten, 52-52; Team Sbc, 48-58; Team Eight, 44-60; Team Eleven, 42-62; Team Four, 40-64; Team Seven, 30-74.**

**MENS MAJORS**  
RESULTS - Coors over Parks Agency, 6-2; Rocky's split O'Daniel Trucking, 4-4; Mason Roofing split Trio Fuels, 4-4; Fina Engineers over Parks Convenience, 6-2; Frank Hagen T.V. over Bob Brock Body Shop, 8-0; Fred's Contracting over B.S.I., 8-0; Grady Walker L.P.G. over Bob Brock Ford, 8-0; hi sc. game Lee Everett, 278; hi sc. series Jeff Dukett, 697; hi sc. team game and series Grady Walker L.P., 1057 and 2993; hi hdp game and series Lee Everett, 300 and 748; hi hdp team game O'Daniel Trucking, 1197; hi hdp team series Fred's Contracting, 3453.

**STANDINGS - Parks Agency, 74-38; Fina Engineers, 70-42; Trio Fuels, 64-48; Frank Hagen T.V., 64-48; Grady Walker L.P., 62-50; Bob Brock Ford, 62-50; O'Daniel Trucking, 58-53; Rocky's, 58-54; Mason Roofing, 58-54; Fred's Contracting, 56-56; Coors, 42-70; Bob Brock Body Shop, 41-71; Parks Convenience, 38-74; B.S.I., 36-76.**

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**Class 2A**  
**State Semifinals**  
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Sealy (14-0) vs. Cuero (13-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

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Commerce (13-1) vs. Sealy (14-0) or Cuero (13-1), TBA  
**Class 2A**  
**State Semifinals**  
Calina 23, West Texas High 22  
Refugio (13-1) vs. Alto (14-0), 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

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Calina (14-1) vs. Refugio (13-1) or Alto (14-0), TBA  
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Roscoe 38, Sudan 20  
Thorndale (14-0) vs. Overton (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Fairfield

**State Championship**  
Roscoe (14-1) vs. Thorndale (14-0) or Overton (13-1), TBA  
**State Semifinals**  
Roscoe 38, Sudan 20  
Thorndale (14-0) vs. Overton (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

**State Championship**  
Humble (9-3-2) vs. San Antonio Rosevelt (14-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio

**State Championship**  
Flower Mound Marcus (14-0) or Richardson Lake Highlands (13-0-1) vs. Humble (9-3-2) or San Antonio Rosevelt (14-0), TBA  
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Denison (10-0) vs. Mount Pleasant (10-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Cotton Bowl, Dallas

**State Semifinals**  
La Marque (14-0) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen (14-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos

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Packers swamp Saints

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Brett Favre threw for 308 yards and four touchdowns Saturday and the Green Bay Packers, buoyed by the return of defensive end Reggie White, qualified for the NFL playoffs for a third straight year with a 34-23 victory over the New Orleans Saints.

The victory also positioned the Packers (10-5) to clinch their first NFC Central championship since 1972.

White, the NFL's career leader with 157 sacks, was expected to miss the rest of the year with an injured left hamstring. But he entered the game on the Packers' third defensive play.

On Wednesday, the Packers said White would miss the final two games and the playoffs because of surgery scheduled for next week. But the following day, White returned to practice and showed he didn't need the surgery after all.

He injured the hamstring Dec. 3 against Cincinnati and missed last Sunday's game at Tampa Bay. It was the first game he missed because of injury in his 11-year NFL career.

Favre, who completed the first six passes he threw, advanced his claim for the NFL's MVP award by completing 12 of 18 passes for 203 yards and four touchdowns in the first half.

The loss guaranteed the Saints (6-9) a second straight losing season and third non-winning year.

It may have been the final game in the Superdome for coach Jim Mora, who has been under fire this year after the Saints opened 0-5 and attendance fell sharply.

Steelers 41, Patriots 27  
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh's league-leading defense scored late in each half and Neil O'Donnell threw 62-yard touchdown pass to Ernie Mills with 1:28 left as the Steelers rallied to beat the New England Patriots 41-27.

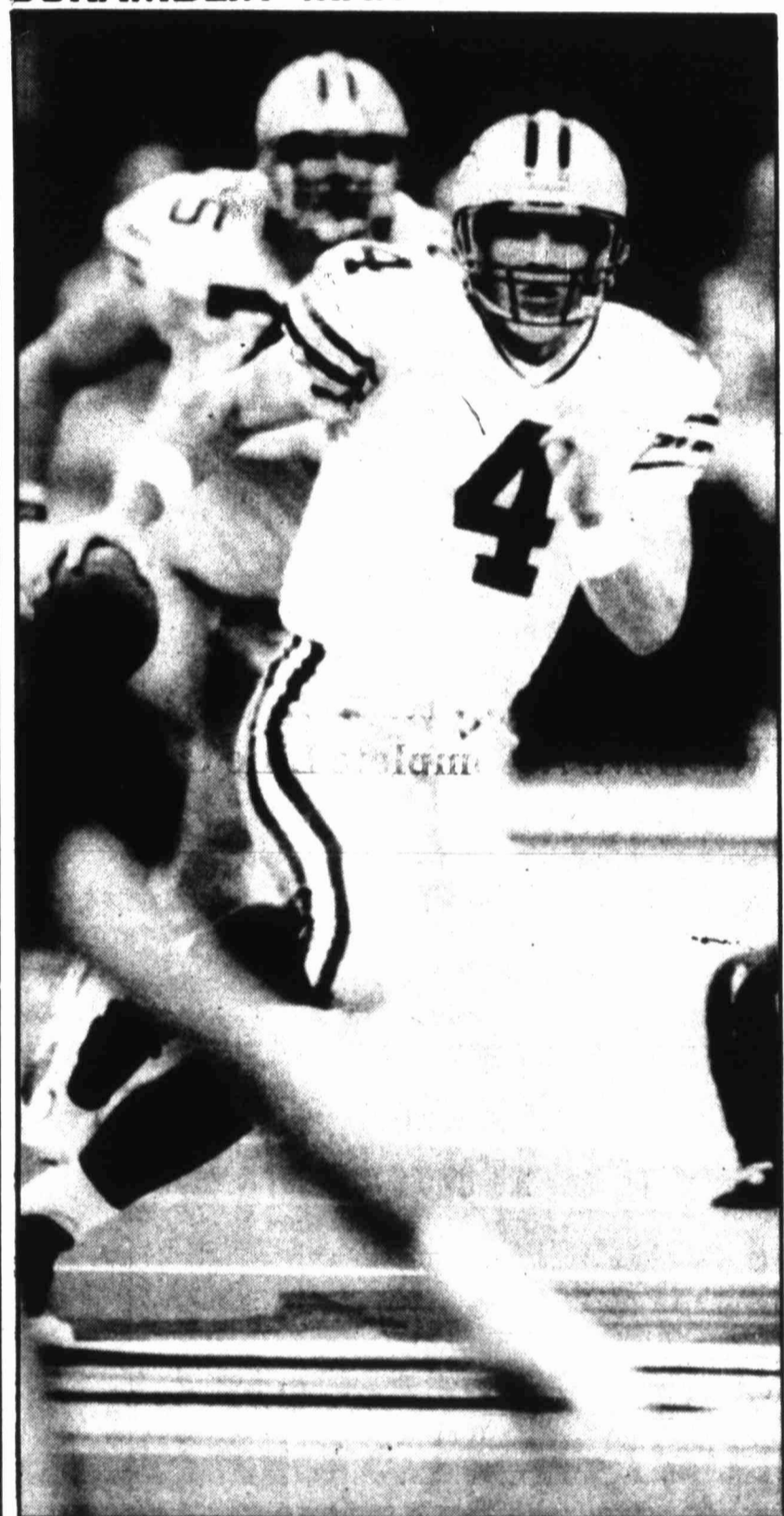
O'Donnell threw two touchdown passes, Stewart ran for his first NFL touchdown on a drive started by his two pass completions and Brenton Buckner and Chris Oldham scored defensive touchdowns. The AFC Central champion Steelers (11-4) now are assured of a first-round bye and at least one home playoff game.

Mills caught the pass near midfield as defenders Carlos Yancy and Terry Ray collided, then ran the rest of the way untouched to extend Pittsburgh's longest winning streak since a nine-game run in 1979. That was the last season they won the Super Bowl.

Drew Bledsoe connected on two 6-yard touchdown passes to Ben Coates.

Kordell Stewart hit Mills for 9 yards and Thigpen for 32, only to line up two plays later as a slot receiver after O'Donnell reentered the game.

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Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre (4) scrambles for a first down Saturday against the New Orleans Saints.

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## Biggio followed his heart

By BOB KRAVITZ  
Scripps Howard News Service

Craig Biggio did a strange and astounding thing Thursday: He made a baseball decision based on a sense of loyalty and friendship.

This isn't supposed to happen anymore in sports, and especially not in baseball, where greed is practiced as a higher art form by owners and players alike.

That's why Biggio's decision to stay in Houston, while a disappointment for the Colorado Rockies and their fans, among other disappointment suitors, should make a person feel a little better about sports today than they did yesterday. For once, we read of a 1990s-style baseball story that isn't about bald-faced avarice.

"Hearing Craig talk about why he made the decision, it was like a breath of fresh air," Rockies general manager Bob Gebhard said. "It's like I told him, 'I'm extremely disappointed, but I admire you for your loyalty to the people who signed you and developed you.' He felt like he wanted to finish what he had helped start in Houston. We don't see much of that anymore. It reminded me of Kirby Puckett and Kent Hrbek."

"They both stayed in Minnesota when they could have left and earned more money."

Don't misunderstand: Biggio will be a rich man. And this isn't a case of misguided altruism. Rest assured, if the Astros hadn't come up with a bid that compared with the offers from the Rockies, Cardinals and Padres, Biggio wouldn't have been quite so loyal. But all four offers came in around the same dollar figure.

Ultimately, the most important of Biggio's 22 criteria was a sense of obligation and duty to the Astros.

Colorado proved a seductive temptress, but Biggio could not rationalize away his deep and abiding sense of allegiance to the organization that drafted and developed him. Nor could he abandon his friend and teammate, Jeff Bagwell, who virtually begged Biggio to stay and help him win in Houston.

There is no question, the grass was greener in Denver. Beyond that, the grass was real. The Rockies had everything a player like Biggio could want: a winning team, an owner committed to spending money to improve the team, heavy-hitting teammates who could protect him in the order, a stadium that is the jewel of the National League and a fan base that Larry Walker told Biggio makes every game feel like the World Series.

This is baseball nirvana. "Craig told me that on his list of criteria, we were No. 1 or 2 in every area," Gebhard said.

And yet Biggio, who must come from a different era, decided to stick it out in baseball purgatory. The Astrodome is a morgue. The team is just average. The fans couldn't care less. The owner, Drayton McLane, is not inclined to spend major bucks after the fiasco involving high-priced pitcher Greg Swindell. And there's always the chance the Astros will make like the Oilers, pull up stakes and leave town.

Biggio made a decision, an agonizing decision 99 of 100 players wouldn't make. It was a silly decision. It was also a laudable one.

Maybe, one day, he will regret it. Maybe he will regret it when the Astros visit Coors Field on one of those clear, moonlit summer nights when the stands are shaking with thunder, but he always will know this: He followed his heart.

And that is never the wrong thing.

This doesn't make the folks at Coors Field feel any better, of course. If Biggio had come here, the Rockies would have been viewed as the odds-on favorites to win the National League West. Then, with a little luck and a little pitching, they would have been viewed as a threat to Atlanta's hegemony.

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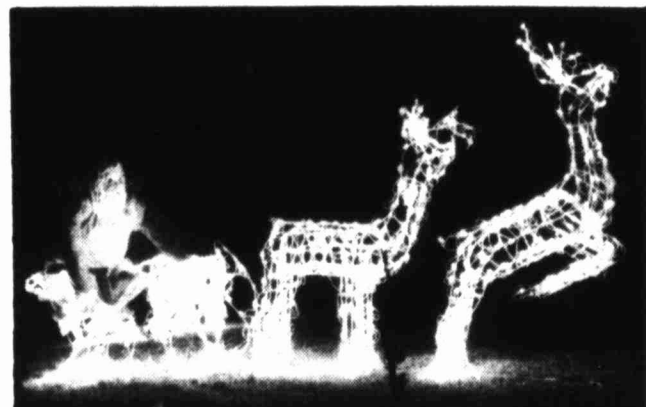
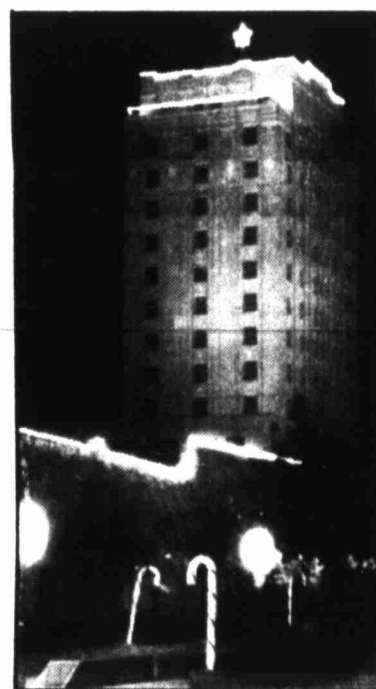
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Clockwise from top left: Lights and flag at the Big Spring VA Medical Center; handmade decorations at 603 Bucknell; the Pocket Park and the Hotel Settles; decorations at the southeast corner of the Howard County Courthouse; #1 Glenwick Cove; Santa with his lighted sleigh and reindeer; 711 Belvedere; along Highland Drive.

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## No gift makes up for not having family during holidays

Christmas is coming! No matter how old I become, I still get excited. Over the years, my perspective on the holiday has changed, but the good old-fashioned excitement is still there.



**Barbara Morrison**  
Columnist

This year, I'm lucky enough to have my family coming to visit. Many people think I should dread such an occasion, but not me. I'm having my in-laws and my parents and two of my sis-

ters and five of their kids. Christmas couldn't be better, because after all, Christmas is for children.

It all began so long ago with the birth of that one special child. Although I wasn't alive with him, he is alive with me. And he is alive in the light and eyes of each and every child during this holiday season.

I always think back to the special year when we were foster parents. How I miss my James and Patrick during these times.

These two little guys arrived at our door with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. They were young, so very young, and yet had seen and experienced more than many coddled adults do in their lives.

I remember how hard we scrunched pennies to buy them

bicycles. After all, they had never dreamed of having a bicycle before.

The bikes weren't fancy and they had no special gadgets, but the look on the faces of those two little guys that Christmas morning is worth more to me than the most precious of paintings.

The love and emotion they gave to me was perhaps the second greatest gift I've ever received.

I thought long and hard about retelling the same story I told last year, but perhaps some stories are best when they are remembered.

So please indulge me while I remember and mourn my loss at not having had them with us for a while.

James and Patrick came to us when they were 8 and 10 years

old. That was six years ago. They arrived after having been given up by their mother because the mother's boyfriend didn't like kids. They were so filled with hurt and yet so brave on the outside.

They were used to what was happening to them. "Our last foster family got tired of us," explained the oldest. "I guess we're kind of tiring to a lot of people."

Boy, were they. A little hyper, always trying too hard to please, often telling stories to please me with what they thought I wanted to hear.

How I would give five minutes today to be that tired again!

Anyway, the two boys had been with us about five months when Christmas came. That year, the police depart-

ment had gathered special donations to provide presents for foster children. Now mind you, these presents were not just toys, but included more practical items like underwear and socks.

The men arrived at my door about 10 days before Christmas with two large black trash bags filled with brightly wrapped gifts. "Where do you want them?" asked one jolly fellow who should have been wearing a red suit.

"Put them under the tree," I said, happily exclaiming with the young boys over their fortune.

The men left and the whole family oohhhed and aaahhhed over the array of presents. That is, most of the family did.

All of a sudden, I noticed my own terrible trio had become

silent. Slowly, a tear dropped from my son's cheek.

"What's wrong?" asked James, the younger of the two foster sons.

That did it. "I don't have any presents under the tree!" squalled my son.

James didn't say a word. He was thinking and everyone could see it. Slowly and quietly he began to gather his gifts.

"Here, Willis," he said. "You can have my gifts. I'll get more next year. I've been a foster kid for a long time."

"Well, what can I give you?" asked my son...a little hopefully.

"How about your family?" was James' wise reply. "I don't have one of those."

Sorry for telling this one over again, but I still cry when I remember.

# WEDDINGS

## Ward-Morgan

Tiffani Ward and Scott Morgan, both of San Angelo, were united in marriage on Dec. 16, 1995, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring with Rev. Gary Smith, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jimmy and Cecilia Ward, Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Ed and Diane Morgan, Folsom, Calif.

The couple stood before an arch and candelabras decorated with white tulle and poinsettias, white lighted Christmas trees and red poinsettias. Lighted Christmas garland was draped around the sanctuary walls.

The instrumentalist was Vanessa Burchett, and vocalist was Robert Brooks.

Given in marriage by her father, she wore a straight, formal-length lace gown covered with pearls and iridescent sequins. The chapel-length train with matching lace appliques was sprinkled with pearls and sequins.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, stephanotis, baby's breath accented with wisps of pearls and touches of Christmas.

Maid of honor was Shawna Griffith, Huntersville, N.C. Bridesmaids were Suzanne Duncan, Starkville, Mass., and Kasi Welch, cousin of the bride, Lubbock.

Flower girl was Sterling Burchett, cousin of the bride, and ringbearer was Braden Burchett, cousin of the bride.

Bobby Pullin was the best man, and Kenneth Madden served as groomsmen.

Ushers were Kent Wallis, James Noblett, Eddie Valle and Spencer Kalotek.

Candlelighters were Brien



MRS. SCOTT MORGAN

Burchett, cousin of the bride; Kaegan Welch, cousin of the bride; and Jamison Ward, brother of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of Teresa and Tommy Welch, aunt and uncle of the bride.

The bride's table was decorated with white Battenburg lace cloth with white tulle and cherub accents. The cake had four staggered tiers with basketweave designs, trimmed with white roses, stephanotis and English ivy with a Christmas theme.

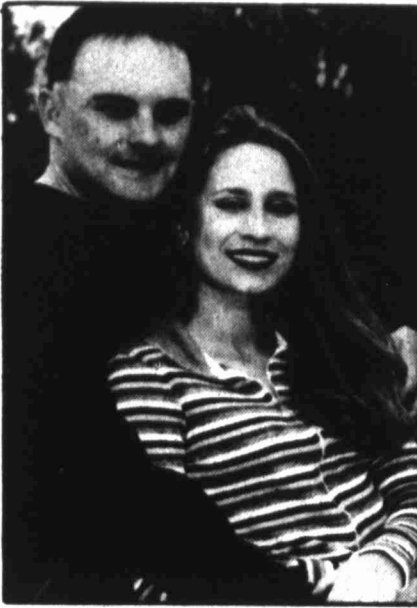
The groom's table, decorated with touches of brass, featured finger foods.

The bride is a graduate of Coahoma High School. She attends Angelo State University.

The groom is a graduate of Taft High School, San Antonio, and attends Angelo State University.

Following a wedding trip to California, the couple will make their home in San Angelo.

# GETTING ENGAGED



Linda Kaye Barnes, Knott, and Kneel Stallings, Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows Dec. 19, 1995, at the MGM Grand Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.

She is the daughter of David and Linda Barnes, Knott. He is the son of Gary and Cynthia Stallings, Tularosa, N.M.

# WHO'S WHO

The following area students are on the Texas State Technical College President's Honor Roll for fall 1995: Connie Brito, Big Spring; Vellinda Edwards, Colorado City; Maggie Espinoza, Colorado City; Sheri Marsh, Colorado City; Justin Moran, Big Spring; Becky Morris, Colorado City; and Robert Parras, Colorado City.

Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be recognized on the President's Honor Roll.

David Kirk Allen of Coahoma is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the summer quarter. Allen, a student in the Meat Processing and Marketing Technology program, is the son of David B. Allen.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of students with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 for the quarter.

# STORK CLUB

Christian Taylor Arista, Dec. 4, 1995, 3:46 a.m.; parents are Christy Lewis and Bob Arista. Grandparents are Robert Arista, Sand Springs; Rod and Theresa Lewis, Big Spring, and Minnie Quintinilla, Seguin.

Johnathan Garza, Dec. 8, 1995, 5:48; parents are David Garza Sr. and Lucy Garza. Grandparents are Pedro and Isabel Martinez and Victor Garza, all of Big Spring.

Ariana Marie Diaz, Dec. 8, 1995, 1:05 a.m.; parents are Cruz and Lupe Diaz.

Grandparents are Mary Lou Galan, Cruz Diaz, and Roy and Carmen Cervantes, all of Big Spring.

Kelly Ann Chapa, 12:25 p.m.; parents are Enemorio Chapa Jr. and Belinda Chapa.

Grandparents are Zaragosa and Rosa Gonzales and Enemorio Chapa Sr., all of Stanton.

# ON THE MENU

## SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER LUNCH

MONDAY - Beef tips; rice; green beans; Waldorf salad; milk; roll and cookies.

TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; zucchini; tossed salad; garlic bread; milk and cake.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken fried steak; potatoes; broccoli; pea salad; milk; roll and peaches.

THURSDAY - Ham with pineapple rings; macaroni and cheese; mixed vegetable; cucumber salad; milk; rolls and cake.

FRIDAY - Turkey and dressing; sweet potatoes; green beans; tossed salad; milk; roll and cobbler.

## BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal choice; granola crackers; fruit juice; whole or low-fat milk.

TUESDAY - Pancake and sausage on a stick; chilled fruit; whole or low-fat milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; fruit juice; whole or low-fat milk.

THURSDAY - Sausage and biscuit; chilled fruit; whole or low-fat milk.

FRIDAY - Waffle with syrup; sausage patty; fruit juice; whole or low-fat milk.

## LUNCH (Elementary)

MONDAY - Chicken patty; gravy; whipped potatoes; English peas; rosy applesauce; hot roll and milk.

TUESDAY - Turkey and dressing; corn; green beans; frosted fruit salad; hot roll and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pepperoni pizza; french fries; catsup; diced pears; hot roll and milk.

## LUNCH (Secondary)

MONDAY - Chicken patty; gravy; or roast beef, gravy; whipped potatoes; English peas; rosy applesauce; hot roll and milk.

TUESDAY - Turkey and dressing or ham; corn; green beans; hot roll; frosted fruit salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pepperoni pizza or managers' choice meat; French fries; catsup; diced pears; hot roll and milk.

## FORSAN SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Sausage and biscuits; jelly and butter; juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Apple fritters; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.

LUNCH MONDAY - Taco salad; ranch-style beans; taco salad and cheese; pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Hamburgers; french fries; salad; pickles and onions; cookies and creme and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pizza; buttered potatoes; salad; peaches; vanilla wafers and milk.

## ELBOW SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Biscuits; sausage; juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Pop tart; little smokies; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal; crackers; juice and milk.

LUNCH MONDAY - Soft taco (bean); cheese; salad; fruit and milk.

TUESDAY - Chicken nuggets; new potatoes; corn; fruit; hot roll and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Bologna sandwich; veggies; chips; fruit and milk.

## GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken nuggets; gravy; black-eyed peas; rice; cake; hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY - Ham and cheese sandwiches; chips; lettuce; tomatoes; ranch-style beans; candy bar and milk.

# HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Chiquita" Small Chihuahua female, about 2 years old, fawn-colored coat with big brown eyes, needs calm home environment with older person.

Special Note: All dogs and cats available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

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"Ringo" Medium female golden retriever mix, pretty copper coat, sweet and very affectionate.

"Raven" Two-year-old male Rottweiler/Australian shepherd mix, friendly and likes to play.

"Curly," "Larry," "Moe" and "Shep" Chow/German shepherd puppies, 7-8 weeks, absolutely adorable bundles of love!

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Fee for dogs is just \$45, cats just \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

At other homes: "George" Basset/beagle mix, male, has rabies shot, 1 year old. Call 267-5646.

# IN THE MILITARY

Navy Seaman Raymond Sutton, son of Pat Sutton, Big Spring, has returned to San Diego after completing a six-month overseas deployment aboard the destroyer USS Elliot, which include duty in the Persian Gulf near Iraq. He is a 1994 graduate of Big Spring High School.

# NEW IN TOWN

Frances Hautz, Phoenix, Ariz. George and Lorene DeLuna and son Raymond, San Angelo. Cassie Pollard, Snyder. Tony and Vernita Andrews, Mariann, Fla. Dick and Beverly Ricenbow, Rawlins, Wyo. Robert Seago, Augusta, Ga. Arthur and Wilma Perry, Gainsville, Fla. Ronnie and Gale Daughtry, Gainsville, Fla.

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## Martinez

Adelaido G. and Paula M. Martinez celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 16, 1995, with a Mass and reception at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Church, hosted by their sons and daughters.

Mr. Martinez was born in Encinal, and she was born as Paula Munoz in Casa Piedra. The couple met in June 1941 while working in farming in Howard County. They were married Dec. 13, 1945, by Father Julian, OMI, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

The couple has raised 10 children: Mary Lopez, Midland; Joe Martinez, Pecos; Janie Lownes, Adelaido Martinez III, Fidel Martinez, Lupe Pattin and Ricky Martinez, all of Big Spring; Jaquin Martinez, Odessa; and David Martinez and Yolanda Martinez of Austin. They also have 29 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Martinez have lived in Howard County during their entire marriage. He is employed by the Big Spring Herald and retired from the Big Spring Independent School District. She is a housewife.

They are affiliated with St.



MR. AND MRS. MARTINEZ

Thomas Catholic Church and are involved with the St. Joseph Society and in the Crusillista and Guadalupana. She sings in the church choir. He enjoys fishing, and she enjoys crocheting and reading Catholic religious books.

They describe their 50 years of marriage as "understanding, communication with each other and lots of faith in the Lord."

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## Winter Texans stay active in sports, clubs

By MARY LEE GRANT  
The McAllen Monitor

WESLACO, Texas — Mary Bakke, decked out in pink shorts and silver shoes, shuffles to the rhythm as the loudspeakers play "All My Rowdy Friends Have Settled Down." She and the other line dancers dip and sway and kick as the Hank Williams Jr. country tune belts through the hall with tales of hangovers "hurting more than they used to ... and rowdy friends done rowdied on down."

This is line dancing action at the Pine to Palm Resort Park in Weslaco — and it's only one snapshot of activity in the overwhelmingly busy days of many Winter Texans.

"Bowling is my game," said Joan Springer, elaborating on another Winter Texan passion. This life can be filled with leisure. In the mobile home parks where most Winter Texans live, it's possible to carve out a small world within

the Rio Grande Valley community. If they choose, Winter Texans like Bakke, 67, and her husband, Clayton, 66, can spend much of their time within a park — networking with other transplanted northerners and taking advantage of an array of activities provided by their winter headquarters.

The list of activities can seem endless. Yoga, swimming lessons, bridge, shuffleboard, a pancake supper, bingo, Spanish conversation classes and euchre. And that's just on Monday.

"If you wanted to, you could have fun here all day without even leaving the park — and not have time to sleep," said Jerry Scott, the activity director at Pine to Palms.

Many Valley residents associate large numbers with Winter Texans — as in the 95,000 tourists expected this year and the \$250 million they're expected to spend.

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Joan Springer, a winter Texan from Minnesota, attends a line-dancing class at the Pine to Palm resort park in Weslaco, Texas. Line dance class is one of the activities that keeps Springer and other Winter Texans busy.

## Creative Christmases easy with gardeners

By CHRISTINE ARPE GANG  
Scripps Howard News Service

Gardeners are some of the easiest people for whom to shop. They always seem to need useful items and they delight in getting something living that they can enjoy for a long time.

Don't be afraid to get real practical for the gardener on your gift list.

"Last year my neighbor gave me a wheelbarrow full of cow manure with a red bow on it," says Joanne Bowes, an avid gardener and volunteer at the Memphis Botanic Garden. "I loved it. And I always appreciate bright clips or trowels with brightly colored handles so I see where I've left them."

She would also like to have "the definitive book" on growing perennials. "You would think I'd already have it, but..."

Chris Spindel, a gardener with a keen interest in ferns,

said one of her friends asks her family to give her large rocks for her garden.

"I think trees are good gifts," Spindel said. "I've given my sisters and mother trees like pink dogwoods or those new yellow magnolias."

Since they were in other cities, she bought the trees from local nurseries in those cities and arranged to have them planted.

Gifts of activities or special trips are also up a gardener's alley.

"My son-in-law gave my daughter a special outing to a rose nursery once," says Spindel. "They spent the day there and bought some roses to take home."

Spindel says children can give their parents coupons or chits good for some help in weeding or planting in the spring.

"Gift certificates to garden centers are always good, too," Spindel said.

## Disease takes huge toll on state's oak trees

By JERRY NEEDHAM  
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — The stately live oaks already were old when Luis Garza moved onto his 2 1/2-acre Leon Valley homestead 32 years ago, and when they started getting sick last year, he was quick to act.

The diagnosis was oak wilt, an infectious fungal disease that has been ravaging oaks in the Hill Country for decades.

With three new locations detected this year, Bexar County now has 38 centers of infection. The disease is active at eight sites in Guadalupe and Comal counties.

"It's a very sad thing to watch your trees die," said

Garza, 70, a retired engineer for the Southwest Research Institute. "Some of these trees are a hundred years old."

With the help of the Texas Forest Service, Garza and his neighbor controlled the outbreak — injecting a chemical into the roots of nearby trees and digging a 2-foot-deep trench around the perimeter of their yards.

It could have been much worse. Oak wilt, which is spread through a flying beetle and the interconnected roots of live oaks, has killed tens of thousands of oaks in Texas over the last several decades, mostly in the Hill Country.

Preventive steps are much easier and cheaper than control

measures, said Mark Peterson, San Antonio-based urban forester for the Texas Forest Service, whose cost-sharing program can pay up to 40 percent of the cost of approved treatments.

"The primary treatments to control the disease are trenching, removing symptomatic trees — live oaks or red oaks — and also using a fungicide to save high-value trees," Peterson said.

"The red oak is the one that actually spreads the disease," he said. "It's the only one that produces a fungus underneath the bark which attracts the insects."

"The insects pick up the spores and fly off to fresh

wounds. You've got to have a fresh wound in order to get a disease center started. If that disease center involves a live oak, then it will spread through the connected roots."

The quarter-inch-long beetles hibernate during the winter, becoming active again in late February, shortly before the fungal mats peak in March, Peterson said.

The death of trees affects not only comfort and aesthetics, Peterson said.

"National studies show that mature, long-lived trees can add anywhere from 5 percent to 20 percent to the value of a home," he said.

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**Bicycling duo logs 6,000-mile journey**

By CARY CLACK  
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Ah, romance. Candlelight dinners, soft music, bears.

Bears?

For sheer novelty, adventure and physical endurance, few honeymoons will match Terry Badger's and Helen Valkavich's bicycle trip from Anchorage, Alaska, to San Antonio. When the couple pedaled to a stop in front of the Alamo on Nov. 26, they had biked 6,000 miles in four and a half months.

On July 14, their bicycles loaded with provisions, the couple took to the road. Some of their more interesting encounters were with Canadian bears. The honeymooners encountered about 17 bears — usually in packs of three or four — but none of the creatures was in the mood for confrontation.

They'd been married for two

years but hadn't found time for a honeymoon, so they decided to take a year off from their jobs in Anchorage, where Valkavich is an assistant district attorney and Badger is a reporter for the Associated Press.

He said the greatest hazard was posed by traffic: "The recreational vans and logging trucks were the most dangerous part of the trip."

Badger and Valkavich cycled 50 to 70 miles a day. Their best day was 115 miles. They sometimes stayed in motels, but more often camped out.

Would they recommend a 6,000-mile biking trip to other young lovers?

"One advantage is that you get to spend a lot of time with someone," Valkavich said. Her husband concurred with a knowing smile: "You never really know someone until you've spent time in a small tent with them."

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# Be sure you're eating your hamburger in the right car

Levita is one of the most popular women in Perryton. She moves quickly from family to volunteer-activity to work. She wears tennis shoes a lot because she's always on the run. She makes calls constantly from her car telephone.

The other day Levita was going to meet a friend at 1 p.m. in front of the Ellis movie theater in Perryton. The movie has happy hour from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. During that time, 32-ounce drinks cost only 50 cents. On this particular day, Levita brought a Big Mac and

fries with her while she waited for her friend. The friend usually drove a van, but the van was in the shop, so the friend was driving her grandmother's white Lincoln.

Levita popped into the theater and bought a 32-ounce drink to go with her Big Mac and fries. When she left the theater after buying her drink, Levita saw the white Lincoln parked in front of the theater. She jumped in the front seat on the passenger side to wait for her friend.

McDonald's put onions on Levita's Big Mac. She does not like onions, so she carefully

spread a napkin over her lap and began removing the onions from the hamburger.

She started to eat. About midway through the meal, an older lady came walking down the sidewalk with a stricken look



Tumbleweed Smith  
Columnist

on her face. She was looking directly at Levita. Levita knew in an instant what had happened. The agitated lady asked, "What are you doing in my car?"

In her haste to explain what had happened, Levita, excited, spilled the napkin with the onions. As she emerged quickly from the car, the 32-ounce drink turned over and began to soak into the car's fine interior carpeting.

Levita tried to tell the lady how sorry she was, that her friend told her she was going to be in a white Lincoln and

would meet her at the theater at 1 p.m., etc. The more she talked, the more excited she got. Levita does not get into trouble very often.

The older woman drove away looking disgusted. After a while, the sheriff called Levita and told her the woman had pressed charges. "There was some vandalism because the car smelled like onions, and of course the carpet was damaged."

"I'll be glad to pay to have the mess cleaned up," cried Levita, beginning to get concerned. The county attorney called and

wanted to get some details on the case. News spreads quickly in Perryton. Levita received phone calls. Callers asked if she had been arrested.

Levita, feeling terrible, went to the high school football game that night. People in the stands shouted to her, "Hey, Levita. I've got some hamburgers. Let's go pick out a car and sit down and eat them."

The sheriff and county attorney later told her it was all a joke, that the lady had not filed charges. Levita is waiting to get back at her buddies.

## Computers graduate from luxury to home appliance

By JANET O'NEILL  
Scripps Howard News Service

Don't be embarrassed if you're one of those people who think RAM is a male sheep or a megabyte is the biggest burger at the neighborhood fast-food joint.

Despite the language barrier, more and more families are accepting the home computer as a fact of life. And this holiday season, according to industry experts, more computers than ever will be sold. Still, shelling out \$2,000 or so is a major expenditure, and it's doubly scary for people whose exposure to the technology is minimal.

So how do families navigate their way through the maze and make a wise purchase that will serve them well? Here are a few suggestions. But first, a warning: There is no shortage of opinions and approaches and ultimately you'll have to discover what suits you best.

First off, it's recommended family members sit down and talk about just what they want in a computer.

"That's critical," says Candy Towns, an elementary school

computer teacher. The family should discuss what's most important — like word processing, research or telecommunications, for example.

At some point, Templeton says, buyers will have to choose between the two basic operating systems — various brands of IBM-compatible computers or Apple's Macintosh. "You'll probably want to look at both," he adds.

Before they buy, families can turn to a number of people, groups and publications for information.

Experts recommend public libraries, school personnel and any number of good, cheap books as well as computer salespersons.

Leanne Westphal, a technology mentor and seventh-grade history teacher, recommends a magazine called "FamilyPC" to parents who are seeking home computers their children can use as school aides. "It's written for the 'non-techies' and it's written for families," she says.

"Another good thing to do is go to the computer support groups," says Midge Kenyon, director of information services for one California school district.

## LONG WAY UP



Chris Wojcik of Bloomington, Ill., approaches the halfway point on a 65-foot-tall silo covered with ice during his first attempt at ice climbing in Bloomington, Ill. on Dec. 11.

## Keep kids from turning into holiday monsters

By SUZANNE S. BROWN  
Scripps Howard News Service

'Tis the season to be jolly, but for children, it's also full of frustrations, schedule disruptions and occasional disappointments.

What can a parent do about mile-long letters to Santa, tantrums during shopping trips and visits to Aunt Hilda's, and their own worries about overspending? Here are some suggestions from experts on several problem areas.

The first and most important responsibility parents have is to communicate realistically about what is going to happen, says Janette Benson, associate professor of psychology at the University of Denver.

"They think they've been a good kid, so when they go to see Santa, they have a multi-page list," Benson says. "What a parent can do beforehand is

to let them know that Santa can bring only five of those things." Or one or two, depending on your resources.

Tell the child that there are many children in the world and that Santa must give presents to all of them.

On Christmas morning, parents should regulate the child's behavior. "Have each child take turns opening presents, so it's not a feeding frenzy," Benson says. Rather than having them try to play with all their new toys at once, put a few things away for later.

Last, but not least, let children know that all presents don't come in big beribboned packages. Some of the most precious are gifts of time that a parent gives to a child or are handmade and personal, says Judith Stevens, editor of the Money Smarts newsletter and an educator with the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Denver.

## Holiday decorations: That's the way it was

By CONNIE NELSON  
Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

Here's how the look of Christmas in our time has evolved:

1940s: Tried and traditional: War-borne shortages marked the early part of the '40s, but when the war ended, the home front took on increased importance. Trimmings included large, multicolored bulbs, paper cutouts, popcorn-and-cranberry garlands and bubble lights.

1950s: Enter the artificial: The Atomic Age ushered in a futuristic-looking home — clean in design, austere in

appointment. Many people erected trees made of aluminum, vinyl, paper, wire mesh, cellophane — almost anything not found in nature. Tables were topped with starlike paper cutouts and styrofoam wreaths hung on bare walls.

1960s: Christmas as high-fashion: Home decor took a trip in the psychedelic '60s, and Christmas took a back seat. Many a Christmas tree was flocked and dressed — rather than trimmed — in strands of single-colored lights with matching glass balls.

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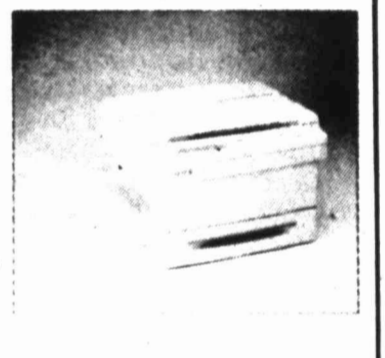
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## Got an item?

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## Uncertainty surrounds 1995 crop

The weather has been less than what most of us perceive as "normal" this time of year. In fact, the whole country has been experiencing warmer than usual winter conditions as a whole. Even the retailers tell us this warmer fall and winter has affected their Christmas sales this year. When consumers don't buy clothing they turn to others goods and commodities for Christmas gifts. This in turn has affected the milling industry, in fact some mills have been shut down for the last several weeks. This makes agricultural economists nervous, which, when they issue their doom and gloom reports, start making cotton buyers anxious and ultimately our local cotton producers and financial lenders who support this industry begin to think about their futures.



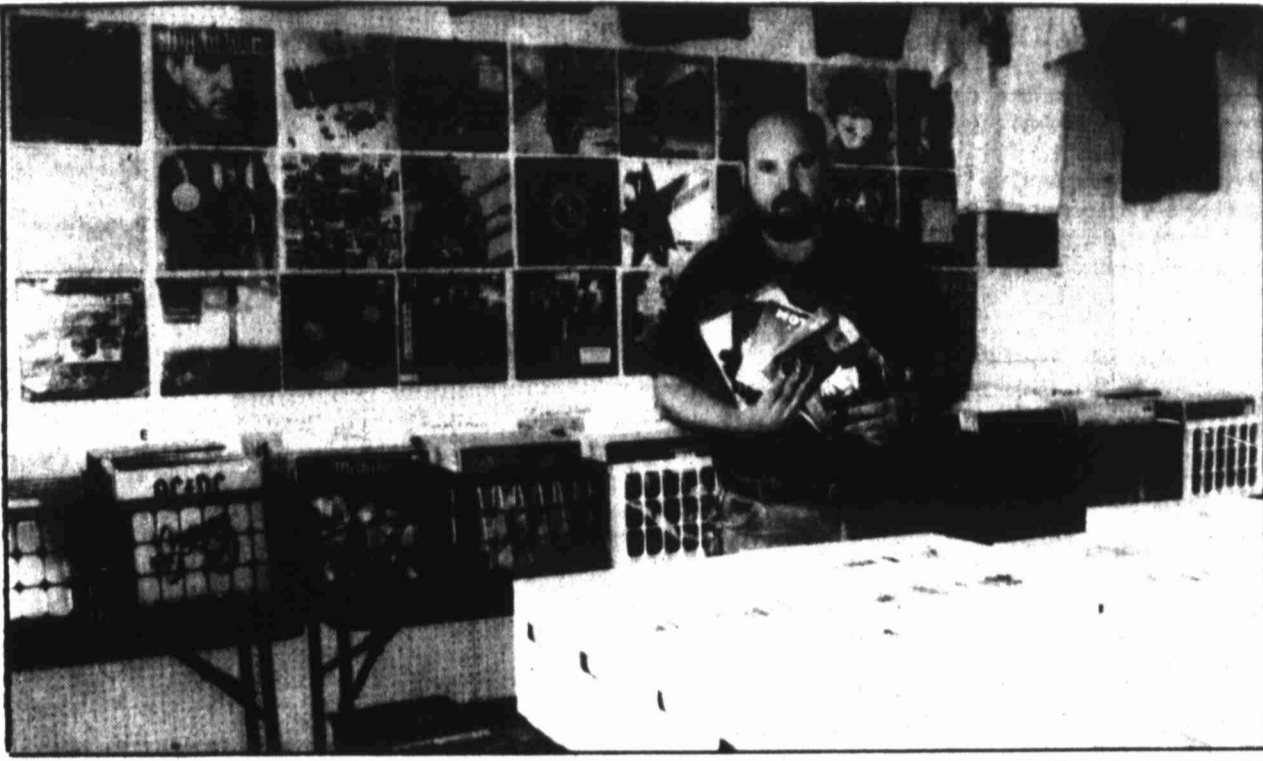
**Don Richardson**  
County Agent

Things are still not settled on the new Farm Bill that will be coming out of Washington. Cotton prices have been holding so far around the 85 cent mark, which has been the one good bit of news local producers have received this year from a poor crop, county-wide. In visiting with some of the local producers this past week, as they have been completing their harvest operations, many report an average of slightly below a half bale per acre average. These producers consider themselves lucky this year, as many of their neighbors report far less than this as net yields from their farms.

Cotton marketing has always been a situation most producers have felt they had little control of. Cotton buyers offered a price the producers felt they most often had no choice but to accept. It is comparable to that of the feeling most of the rest of us get when trying to make a deal on a new car. We always walk away wondering if we got the best deal or not and feeling that we didn't!

Our local Extension Agricultural Council, the group that serves as our advisory committee in planning and implementing our local Extension educational program efforts related to agriculture, met late last Spring and developed plans for a Cotton Marketing Workshop for local producers.

## OLDIES...



Music and More owner Roger Winters is displaying just a few of the many selections of music he carries. Music and More, at 305 Main St., recently had its grand opening in Big Spring. The store also features a special order search service for its customers.

## Contest shows off ice cream skills

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA - Did you ever wonder what goes into making the many ice cream treats you purchase at Dairy Queen?

It's something you'll rarely see, but for the employees of Dairy Queen, it's pure fun.

Crew members at Dairy Queen stores recently polished their parfaits and spiffed up their sundaes at the first ever DQ Treat Meet in Coahoma.

Twelve crew members representing Dairy Queen stores in Coahoma, Andrews, Crane, Post, Seminole and Snyder were on hand making the signature treats.

Customers who happened to stop by the Coahoma store were able to watch then contest as well as taste the treats that

were made.

Coahoma Dairy Queen Manager Kathy Thompson said Dairy Queen came up with the idea of the DQ Treat Meet in order to train employees to make ice cream products.

The Texas Dairy Queen Operators' Council, a cooperative of 800 Dairy Queen stores in Texas, designed the DQ Treat Meet to help perfect their treat techniques and build employee morale in each store.

"It was a fun competition and we enjoyed having them here. Dairy Queen certifies every employee on its ice cream products," Thompson said.

Each contestant was judged on his or her ability to make soft-serve cones, blizzards, sundaes, banana splits and Peanut Buster Parfaits.

Weight and form of each treat

was measured against a standard during judging, as was the speed with which each contestant produced treats.

Details were also important, including how well each contestant completed the famous curl on top of each cone.

The district winners from this contest were employees of Dairy Queen stores in Snyder.

These winners will go on to a regional competition and 17 regional winners will advance to the Dairy Queen state competition in Fort Worth in February.

Approximately 60 to 180 treats were produced at each contest location and rather than discard the treats, they were made available for purchase, with all proceeds going to the Children's Miracle Network.

## Tourism key to recovery

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Ernesto Zedillo announced an initiative Monday to promote Mexico's tourism industry, calling it one of the engines for recovery from an economic crisis.

Zedillo joined with Tourism Secretary Silvia Hernandez in announcing the "Alliance for Tourism," a government pact with private industry to promote resorts, archaeological zones, cities and other attractions.

The alliance is the latest in a series of economic pacts struck by Zedillo's government in a bid to surmount a deep economic crisis that began in December 1994.

Steps the alliance plans to

take are to cut regulations to ease development of resort areas, make it easier for foreign investment in the tourist areas, improve the infrastructure, such as roads, and promote different kinds of tourism such as ecotourism.

"Tourism is an activity ... that is helping with economic recuperation, which generates new sources of jobs," Zedillo said, speaking before a group of state governors and tourism executives at his Mexico City residence.

Zedillo reiterated his forecast that Mexico's economic recovery would begin in 1996 with a return to "vigorous and sustained" growth and that the tourism industry would help

along the way.

The tourism industry is Mexico's third-leading foreign revenue earner after manufacturing and petroleum, reaping \$6.3 billion in 1994 while employing 2.1 million directly or indirectly, government figures show.

"Nearly 10 percent of the working population is involved in activities related to tourism," said Zedillo, adding that the industry has much room for growth.

The alliance calls for promoting numerous tourist and cultural activities in Mexico, stepping up restoration projects at archaeological sites and establishing a special council on tourism.

## La Signal carving special niche in Tejano market

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Whether Tejano music is something you often think about on a regular basis, it's hard to not recognize its growth and increasing popularity since the death of superstar Selena.

Big Spring has an ever increasing Hispanic population and now the only Spanish radio station in the Permian Basin on the air 24 hours a day - La Signal 94.3 FM or KBTS Tejano.

La Signal went on the air August 12, the first new radio station on the air in Big Spring since 1965, but not just because of the popularity of Tejano music.

The new station is a Class C regional station with an approximate 50-mile radius, but is not designed to serve the entire Permian Basin.

What listeners hear on 94.3 FM according to Operations Manager Vents Allen is 24-hour Tejano programming, primarily music and news at 5:40 p.m.

Allen said, "La Signal will get better. We're only four months old and our music library isn't not where it should be yet. We're more music and less talk."

He added La Signal will have a morning news and information show sometime in January.

"Listener response has been very positive. People call just to tell us they're listening," Allen said.

KBTS 94.3 FM is one of three stations operated by General Manager David Wrinkle. The other two stations are KBST 95.9 FM and KBST 1490 AM.

The signal is very strong because it sits near the peak of a 400-foot tower, which sits on a 200-foot hill.

"This station is built for the future. This is to niche out a different form of audience. If I

hadn't taken advantage of this opportunity, someone else would have.

Wrinkle said getting into the Tejano market was also a business move.

"An FM license came to me a couple of years ago after my lawyer told me it was available. I visited with other radio station owners who told me Tejano programming was growing by leaps and bounds," Wrinkle said.

Prior to La Signal going on the air, the Hispanic population was not served by a full-time Tejano station.

"This station is dedicated to the Hispanic population," Wrinkle said.

He added in 1959 when KBST first went on this air, there were 4,000 radio stations in the country and now there are more than 12,000 stations on the air.

In the Permian Basin there are 25 radio stations and one-fifth are Spanish, two AM stations and three FM stations.

Wrinkle pointed out AM listening is less than 20 percent of the listening audience in the Permian Basin, but make up 50 percent of the of the stations.

He added, "I want people to know La Signal was financed by Norwest Bank and we're in a long term partnership payout. Had it not been for Norwest, we wouldn't have been able to do this."

"I want people to know that I'm lucky and I feel fortunate to have been able to lease this license from the government," Wrinkle said.

Wrinkle said people like Nacho Rodriguez at the Spanish Inn, Bob Hicks at KBAT/KQIP in Midland and Allen convinced him La Signal would work.

"We didn't make up our own minds until late July to go Tejano. This works for people and the Hispanic population considers this their station," Wrinkle said.

## American Family Radio offers different style

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Residents of Big Spring and Howard County have a new radio station at 91.5 on the FM dial - American Family Radio. The 24-hour Christian network recently went on the air in Big Spring.

Listeners won't actually see a building because The American Family Radio Network is based in Tupelo, Miss., and only has a translator in Big Spring.

American Family Radio was founded in 1977 and is a non-commercial, listener-supporter radio station, providing a full-service, all Christian format 24-hours per day. The station does not sell advertising and airs no commercials.

The format is about 70 percent music and 30 percent talk, featuring some of the most popular Christian programs available. The music is light contemporary Christian with a strong mixture of the best familiar and traditional Christian music and inspirational hymns. American Family Radio also carries USA Radio Network news.

"We try to provide listeners with top-quality programming 24-hours a day on our network,

including several excellent family-oriented programs," American Family Radio President Donald E. Wildmon said.

"Our news and talk programs offer help in dealing with family, social, spiritual and financial issues. We look forward to serving the people in Big Spring and Howard County with the very finest in Christian programming," Wildmon added.

General Manager Marvin Sanders said American Family Radio tries to feed its programming into areas that don't have a similar format.

"We are a Christian network with a desire to take Christian radio into communities where our format is not readily available. We retain in our format some traditional Christian hymns and songs from the last 30 years or so," Sanders said.

The translator in Big Spring will allow listeners to receive American Family Radio programming for about a 20-mile to 25-mile radius.

American Family Radio owns and operates 107 stations serving listeners in 26 states.

## Lance to eliminate 500 jobs in S. Carolina, Texas

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Snack food maker Lance, Inc., announced today it will eliminate more than 500 jobs at company plants in South Carolina and Texas as part of a major restructuring of its operations.

The job cuts represent a 9 percent reduction in the Charlotte-based snack food company's total work force of 5,612 employees.

"Reducing our work force is the hardest decision we have had to make in the 82-year his-

tory of Lance, but it was a necessary and critical decision to make Lance more competitive and successful in the future," said Lance president and chief executive officer Paul A. Stroup III.

The restructuring comes during a period of change in the industry. Stroup noted the recent sale of Keebler's cookie and cracker business and Anheuser-Busch's decision to sell its Eagle Snack business.

"Our challenge is to reposi-

tion Lance in this environment to take advantage of our strengths," said Stroup, who took over as CEO earlier this year.

Lance will take a \$40 million charge against its fourth-quarter earnings to cover the costs of the restructuring, which is expected to generate pretax savings of \$10 million a year.

The charge will result in a loss for the quarter and most likely a small loss for the year, the company said. Lance does

not plan to cut the current quarterly dividend of 24 cents per share of common stock, Stroup said.

In 60 days, Lance will close its Vista Bakery plant in Columbia, S.C., which will cut out 213 jobs. In addition, 294 jobs will be eliminated at the company's facility in Greenville, Texas.

Production from those facilities will be moved to existing company facilities in Charlotte and Burlington, Iowa.

## BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

### FAST TRACK

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A department store chain among the most exclusive of retailers will bypass the new upscale Circle Centre mall when it brings its first outlet to downtown Indianapolis next week.

The reason? No train tracks. The Neiman Marcus Holiday Express train will arrive at Union Station on Dec. 15 as part of a tour aimed at increasing catalog sales, helping charity and scouting future locations for the 28-store chain, said Jodie Corley, a spokeswoman for the Dallas-based company.

"It's a great way to test the water," she said. Each stop on the 10-city train tour lacks a Neiman Marcus and is being considered for expansion, Corley said, but the trip is mostly promotional. To make the tour, a city had to have several thousand catalog customers.

Memphis and Nashville, Tenn., Louisville, Ky. and Cincinnati are among other cities on the tour.

Tenants at Circle Centre just a few blocks from Union Station noted the competition from Neiman Marcus.

"In today's world of retailing, anything that takes a customer's dollar is competition," said Bob Houck, store manager for Parisian.

The mall's Parisian anchor store does not share the same stock as Neiman Marcus, which is known for \$4,900 designer handbags.

HOUSTON (AP) — A 243-room Galveston hotel and a vacant mansion are among properties in a proposed purchase by the head of a seafood restaurant chain.

Sale of the San Luis Hotel on Seawall Boulevard; the 150-room Inn at San Luis, the vacant Sealy Mansion and other assets is expected to be finalized in mid-January, said Jack Crumpler, spokesman for The Woodlands Corp.

## Kimberly-Clark to eliminate 6,000 jobs

DALLAS (AP) — Kimberly-Clark Corp. said Thursday it will eliminate about 6,000 jobs by year-end in a cost-cutting move following its \$9.4 billion purchase of Scott Paper Co.

Kimberly-Clark chairman Wayne R. Sanders said the Dallas-based company also planned to sell 12 plants worldwide.

"This integration plan will improve our competitiveness by creating economies of scale and leveraging company-wide synergies," Sanders said.

To cover the costs of integrating the two companies, Kimberly-Clark will take a \$1.4 billion restructuring charge in the fourth quarter of this year.

By the end of 1997, the companies' combined work force will drop from a pre-merger level of 60,000 to 52,000. The consolidation will help the company save \$1.2 billion over the next three years, Sanders said.

Kimberly-Clark, however, hopes to keep 3,300 workers employed through the sale of 12 manufacturing plants worldwide where they work. About 2,700 duplicate sales and staff jobs will be cut.

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## Lawyers seek tighter rules on insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — An insurance industry lawyer asked the Texas Supreme Court Tuesday to throw out rules barring denial of auto insurance to people because they have only one car or another company canceled their coverage.

The court didn't immediately act in the case, which some consumer activists fear has the potential to curtail state regulators' power over insurance companies.

Dudley McCalla, representing the National Association of Independent Insurers, argued that regulators didn't follow proper procedures and lacked authority to adopt the rules.

"The Legislature has not passed a statute granting the (insurance) board the authority to, by rule and regulation, simply make insurance more available and more affordable," McCalla said.

The rules, which are separate from rate-making procedures, were adopted in 1993 by the state insurance board. The board since has been eliminated and its powers assumed by the insurance commissioner.

McCalla said the board in adopting the rules didn't have evidence to show insurance companies were engaging in unfair practices, but instead was interfering in "legitimate business decisions" by companies.

Assistant Attorney General John Hohengarten, represent-

ing the Texas Department of Insurance, said many agencies make rules to prevent wrongdoing, rather than waiting to respond to wrong actions.

He said it's a "very dangerous" legal theory to argue against agencies' ability to take preventive action.

Hohengarten said the rule against denying auto coverage based on another company's denial, for example, was meant to ensure insurers did their own investigation of drivers.

The rule prevents companies from denying insurance either because a consumer has previously been canceled or has been insured with a high-cost county mutual company.

Hohengarten said people may have been denied insurance coverage for reasons unrelated to their driving risk, leading Justice Craig Enoch to suggest wryly, "and three speeding tickets may indicate I had three children being born."

Enoch and several other justices actively questioned the lawyers on points such as the reasons for and effect of the rules, regulators' authority and why insurers objected to the regulations.

Rob Schneider, senior staff attorney for Consumers Union's southwest regional office, said the lawsuit is "a critical case for Texas consumers."

"Not only are these rules important for ending unfair

insurance discrimination, this is a case that could substantially curtail TDI's authority to regulate insurance companies," he said.

Insurance industry spokesman Jerry Johns said, "It is also a critical case for insurers." He said the case is about insurers' ability to charge a fair rate.

"From our perspective, it is a question of the rate," Johns said. "It would not necessarily be a question of refusal. It would be a question of rating that particular family."

Regarding the cancellation rule, Johns said, "If a company could not use that particular underwriting guideline it would mean the average driver would be subsidizing a person who perhaps may be a poorer driver."

As for the other rule, Johns said if a family has just one car, "that particular car is exposed to the potential for accidents more than a family with two cars, primarily because that car is virtually constantly in use."

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer, who attended the hearing, said he was watching the case with interest. He said the rules in question are complex.

"I understand these to be reasonable rules and good rules, but I'd have to reserve judgment until I heard the detailed arguments," he said.

## NAFTA opponents say treaty costing U.S. jobs to Mexico, cheaper labor

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Guadalupe Lopez never saw the hard times coming.

After eight years at a garment factory that had successfully weathered a storm besetting the industry, the sewing machine operator felt secure.

"We never imagined that our plant would close," Lopez said recently. "There had always been other problems at other plants, but we never had any. They had never laid anyone off."

Then came the announcement in July that workers would be let go because of production shifts to Mexico, and within two months Lopez became a statistic. She was one of thousands whose unemployment was blamed on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The 2-year-old pact to dissolve trade barriers between the United States, Mexico and Canada has long been hailed in Texas as an important tool for economic growth in an increasingly competitive world market.

But opponents have warned that it would encourage U.S. firms to take some American jobs into the cheaper Mexican labor market and that others would be eliminated because of the increased competition.

Numbers from the U.S. Department of Labor indicate critics were right, but only to a

certain extent. Overall job creation tends to far outpace job loss attributed to the trade pact.

Statistics compiled from January 1994, when NAFTA took effect, through October 1995 show that 47,536 workers nationwide have been certified for job retraining under a program to aid those displaced by the pact.

The program covers employees who can show they lost their jobs because of production moves to Mexico or Canada or increased competition from Mexican or Canadian imports.

In Texas, a big NAFTA supporter, 3,264 have been certified, with the majority — nearly 1,600, including Lopez — coming from El Paso, according to the Texas Employment Commission.

By comparison, more than 400,000 jobs were created during a comparable period, although officials from the Texas Department of Commerce said they could not pin down how many, if any, could be attributed to NAFTA.

"There isn't a form to fill out for businesses that create a job because they are now exporting to Canada or they have signed a contract with businesses in Mexico. You've only got one-half of the equation here," said Susan Tulley, a senior com-

merce department economist.

Still, Lopez said her situation is difficult. Her unemployment insurance doesn't cover what she had been earning.

"It's very difficult to find work now," added the 30-year-old single mother of two. "A lot of plants are closing. That's why a majority of people are entering into the program, to go to school."

Labor advocates concede many of the Texas losses have come in the garment industry, which for years has been watching as jobs were moved to cheaper markets in Mexico, the Pacific Rim and elsewhere.

But "NAFTA sure didn't help," said Sandra Spector, a business agent for UNITE, a local garment workers' union. "It has really opened the doors and the shops are closing down here and they're leaving. We've seen that all over the country."

Economists caution against reading too much into retraining program numbers, however, or using them to attack NAFTA.

"It is easier to wave these numbers around and say, 'Look at this, look at these minuses,'" said Hector Venegas, a TEC labor-market analyst.

He said NAFTA's positive aspects are more difficult to quantify because the benefits are likely to be widespread and come over a longer period.

## Mergers causing tighter competition in cosmetics and paper industry

CINCINNATI (AP) — Mergers in the cosmetics and paper industries are stepping up competitive pressures on Procter & Gamble Co., the huge consumer products company.

Analysts said Tuesday they expect P&G will remain a leader in both businesses, but may have to spend more or at least rethink some of its strategies.

Paris-based L'Oreal's \$660 million purchase and planned revitalization of Maybelline could create stronger competition to P&G's Cover Girl and Max Factor cosmetics lines.

"Maybelline will now be with a parent that's got much deeper pockets," said Connie Maneaty of Bear Stearns & Co.

But P&G's earnings power and strength in various product markets worldwide make it less vulnerable to incursions in any one business, she said.

"I'm not saying they're going to let any of them slip," Maneaty said.

"Maybelline has been a very

worthy competitor in cosmetics," P&G spokesman Don Tassone said. "Assuming this acquisition goes through, we expect they'll become an even more formidable competitor."

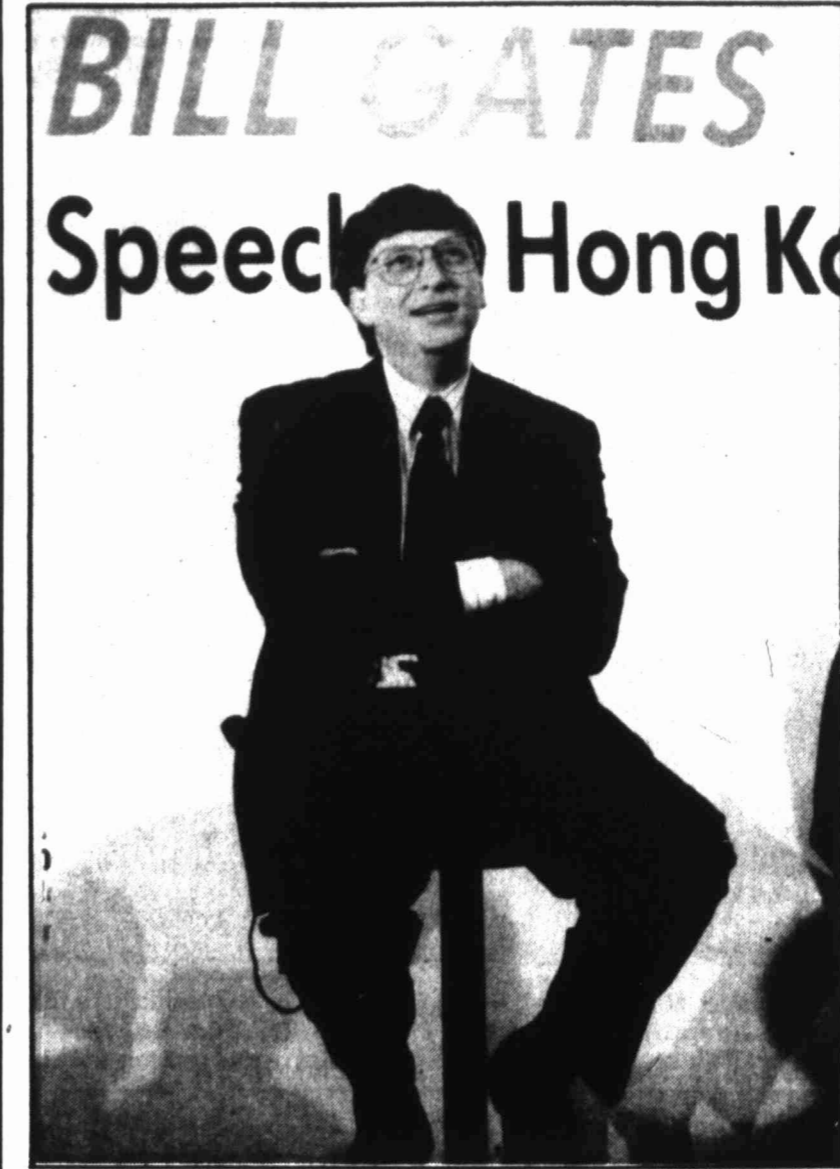
Procter & Gamble has about a 29 percent share of the U.S. cosmetics market with Cover Girl and Max Factor, the No. 1 and No. 5 best-selling brands respectively. Buying Maybelline, based in Memphis, Tenn., will enable the L'Oreal to leapfrog Revlon to become the second-largest cosmetics company in the United States

with a 28 percent share.

"It's certainly going to raise the bar because of the spending that L'Oreal will back Maybelline with," said William Steele of Dean Witter Reynolds.

L'Oreal spent \$69.8 million the first half of this year on advertising for its hair-care and cosmetics products combined, according to Competitive Media Reporting, a trade publication. By contrast, Maybelline spent \$27.7 million and P&G's Cover Girl spent \$27.5 million.

### CABLE NEWS?



Microsoft Corporation Chairman Bill Gates is seen here at a Hong Kong press conference. NBC announced a deal Thursday with the software giant to offer a 24-hour, on-line cable news service beginning in late 1996.

## Texas still not offering domestic-partner benefits

DALLAS (AP) — The number of U.S. companies offering health insurance to the partners of their gay and lesbian employees is growing. Still no Texas companies offer domestic-partner benefits.

Companies such as Nynex Corp., Coors Brewing Co. and Walt Disney Co. have chosen to be among the first publicly traded businesses to recognize the lifestyle of their gay and lesbian employees.

"I definitely think the next wave of civil rights for gay and lesbian people in this country is going to be in the workplace," said Garrett Hicks, a Disney employee who is co-chairman of California-based Progress, a national coalition of gay and lesbian employee groups.

Although several companies with operations in the state — Apple Computer Co., Northern Telecom and Advanced Micro Devices — offer full domestic-partner benefits to employees, no major Texas-based companies do.

Two years ago, Williamson County commissioners voted 3-2 against tax breaks for an \$80 million Apple Computer plant planned for north of Austin. Opponents packed commission chambers, wearing buttons that said, "Just say no! An Apple Today will take Family Values Away." The tax breaks finally were approved after one commissioner changed his mind.

Also in Austin, voters overturned domestic-partner benefits for city employees. Supporters have gone to court to fight for the benefits.

Many gay and lesbian employees said even though many of their partners work and have their own insurance,

the offer of benefits represents a safety net for them if their partner loses a job.

The benefits also mean equal treatment, said Louise Young, co-chairwoman of Lesbian and Gay Employee Network Dallas, an employee group at Texas Instruments Inc.

"The point is that we work as hard as anyone else," she said. "It isn't as though our supervisors say, 'Since you're homosexual, you can go home at 3 o'clock because you don't get the fringe benefits.'"

Craig Leger, a software engineer at Telecom's Bell Northern Research unit, enrolled his partner, Randy Viator, as soon as he could, saying, "I was waiting for it to happen."

Experience at companies such as Apple Computer shows that cost increases are negligible. According to a 1994 study by Hewitt Associates, a benefit consulting firm, about 3 percent of employees sign up for the insurance.

Even AIDS is less of a concern to employers. A federal study revealed the lifetime treatment cost for AIDS, which can go as high as \$120,000, can be compared with \$200,000 for a kidney transplant and up to \$1 million for a premature baby.

At Coors, community relations specialist Earl Nissan said his partner doesn't need the benefits. But the statement his company made in May when it approved full domestic-partner benefits was important to him, he said.

"It makes me proud to work for my company," Nissan said. "They're standing with their dollars behind my needs as a gay person."

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Allen Buchanan, 18, and Gayle Renee Pitts, 19.  
Rene N. Martinez, 19, and Angela Jeanette Diaz, 19.  
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Rudolph H. Guzman vs. Jacque Guzman.  
Tony Allen Meeks vs. Lisa Gayle Meeks.  
Accounts, notes & contracts:  
CIT Group/Sales Financing, Inc. vs. Orson Anderson, M.D. and Eunice Anderson.  
Other:  
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Family:  
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## TCA Cable merges with Donrey Media

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — TCA Cable TV Inc., the largest cable company in the state, is getting bigger.

The Tyler, Texas-based company is merging its operations with Fort Smith-based Donrey Media Group. Donrey has been owned by Stephens Group since 1998. Donrey will control a 25 percent stake in TCA Cable Partners.

The merger doesn't affect Donrey's newspaper operations.

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FORECAST FOR DEC. 17

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) One-to-one relating is highlighted. An excursion to a special town could be right up your alley. Bring a loved one along to share this unique day. You enjoy exploring and chatting at the same time. This is a period of bonding. Tonight: Laugh at a relative's flakiness.\*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Your ability to adjust is tested. You see others with new insight. Let someone do his own thing; you can still enjoy what this person says. What goes on fosters closeness. An unexpected visit or call from a relative has you regrouping. Tonight: Say yes.\*\*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Let go of a snag in a partnership. Enjoy yourself, and get what you need done. Talking too much will not bring answers and could further complicate a situation. Accept it for what it is. Relax by exercising, going out or getting errands done. Tonight: Soak in a bubble bath.\*\*\*

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) If you can work with the unexpected, you will be in great shape. A partner's instability or sudden action could open a new door. Your creative well is bubbling right now, so there is no situation you cannot handle. It's OK to flirt. Tonight: Be a little naughty!\*\*\*

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Realize that even you are not invincible and that there are limits to your energy. Acknowledge your limitations and needs. It may be time to indulge the old Lion, instead of everyone else. Family gathers around you. Tonight: Let someone else treat.\*\*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Communications are your hallmark this weekend. Initiate discussions, and loosen up. Someone needs to know where you are coming from. Question what is going on before you leap in and try to solve a problem. Your insight is much needed. Tonight: Play.\*\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Put your best foot forward as you change gears. To keep good will flowing, you might need to do too much explaining for your taste. Even so, a family member may still have a hard time getting off his or her position. Do some Christmas shopping. Tonight: Your treat.\*\*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

The day gets better as it gets older. Stay in touch with your needs. Evaluate a choice with care. Be more imaginative about your desires. Take time off for thinking, mellowing out and considering your options. You need private time to recharge. Tonight: Do your thing!\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Friends are wonderfully active in your day. Design your plans around them and an enjoyable activity. Take a break from the holiday celebrations and do something "normal." It's right up your alley to let go, relax and enjoy. Tonight: Curl up with a great book.\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are acting in such an unpredictable manner that someone does not know quite how to handle you. Do the unexpected, and be spontaneous. Bring others together for a fun event. Reach out to loved ones and friend. Tonight: The more, the merrier.\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Unexpected information forces you to look at what is happening. Reach out to someone. Make long-distance calls, pick up news and touch base with others. You might need to adjust to someone's cantankerous behavior. Tonight: Be out and about.\*\*\*

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) You might disappoint a friend, if attached. Consider changing plans so you can have more quality time. Intimacy is enhanced by today's events and talks. Browse through a favorite store with a loved one. Tonight: Go to a concert.\*\*\*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 17, 1995:** Be careful when handling your finances this year because this area of your life could be a roller-coaster ride. There will be additional finances coming in. Concentrate on your goals and not the frivolous, and you will be OK. If you are single, you offer a lot, and others are clearly drawn to you. Romance will flourish. If attached, this is a banner year for the two of you, as long as you are goal-directed. LIBRA is a pal.

**THE STARS SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE:** 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.  
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We would like to thank everyone for the many cards, flowers, food and prayers during the loss of our loved one.

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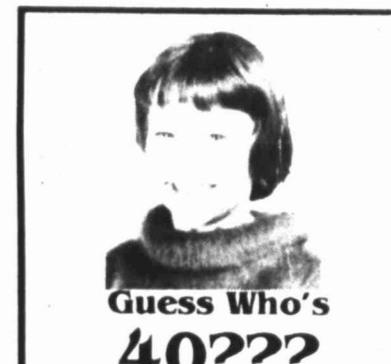
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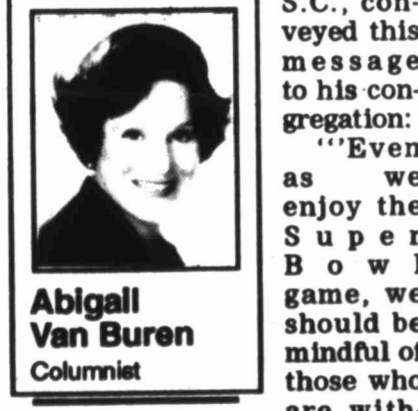
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'Souper' fund-raising idea results in money for poor

DEAR ABBY: Since you have so many readers who enjoy football, I thought you might like to share this article with them. — PAULINE V. CASE, BRADFORD, PA.

DEAR PAULINE: I do. I have faith that many clergy will agree it's an inspiring idea.

A "SOUPER" BOWL  
For Super Bowl Sunday, 1990, the Rev. Brad Smith, associate pastor of the Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C., conveyed this message to his congregation:



Abigail Van Buren  
Columnist

...Even as we enjoy the Super Bowl game, we should be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup. That insight gave him an inspiring idea: To ask churchgoers to donate \$1 each on Super Bowl Sunday for the homeless and poor.

"Teen-aged members from his congregation helped sign up 22 churches willing to take up a special collection. The young people stood at the back of the church with soup kettles and collected the contributions," explained Pastor Smith. To keep a tally, the pastor requested that each participating church phone in the amount of money collected and the charity designated to receive the donation.

"Since then, the 'Souper' Bowl has been impressive. After the 1995 Souper Bowl Sunday, 2,500 churches, synagogues, schools and businesses in 49 states raised \$450,000! Every cent was donated to a soup kitchen, food bank or other agency designated by each congregation.

"You know, a dollar is nothing," says Pastor Smith, "but a dollar from a few million peo-

ple — now that's a lot of money!"  
"Jan. 28, 1996, is Super Bowl Sunday. To kick off a collection at your school, office, Super Bowl party or place of worship, call Pastor Smith at 1-800-358-SOUP (7687)."

DEAR ABBY: My son has been married for 28 years, and his wife has never in all these years addressed me as "Mom." She always uses my first name when writing — or talking to me.

She and my son have been very good to me, but I'd still like your opinion on this issue. Please do not use my name or town. — HURT MOTHER-IN-LAW

DEAR HURT: Perhaps your daughter-in-law is not comfortable addressing anyone but her own mother as "Mom." Since this obviously bothers you, why don't you let her know how you feel?

Do not complain to your son — tell your daughter-in-law. If you have wanted her to call you "Mom" since their marriage, you should have spoken up 28 years ago.

DEAR ABBY: You wrote something many years ago that I carried in my wallet for years. Well, my purse was stolen and your column explaining the difference between making love and having sex was in it.

If you know which item I am referring to, will you please run it again? — DIXIE

DEAR DIXIE: Here it is: In "having sex," the name of the game is sexual gratification. It is a selfish, physical exercise in which the partner can be a faceless object. (Anyone will do.)  
In "making love," one is motivated by the desire to give pleasure, express deep affection and communicate one's feeling of caring. It is the ultimate in sharing. In "making love," the partner must be a very special person. (No one else will do.)

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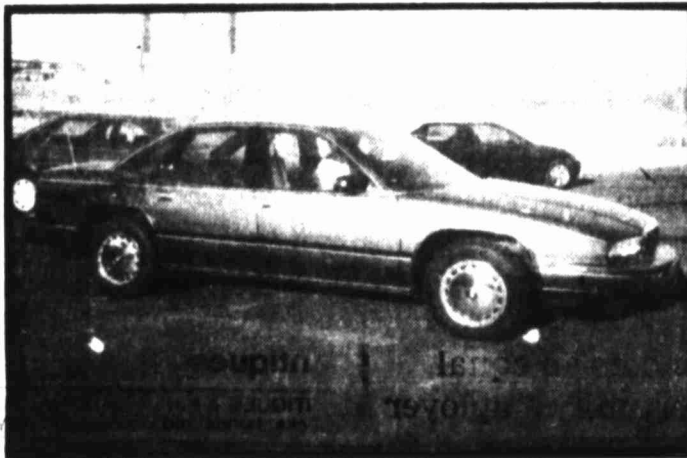
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