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Bufs take state title

By JOHN WALKER
Managing Editor

TEXAS STADIUM — Facing record-setting quarterback Patrick Hutka here Saturday in the Class 2A state championship football game, Stanton's Buffaloes had a plan.

After winning the coin toss, the Buffs deferred, putting Hutka and his Rogers Eagles' offense on the field in a driving rainstorm.

"We knew the rain would bother both teams," Stanton coach Mark Cotton said. "We knew it would hurt us worse than them, but wanted to make them handle the ball first." It worked — to a degree.



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After a couple of running plays came up short, so did a third-down pass by Hutka to his pass-and-run partner Bobby Sirkis.

"We wanted to make them think about handling

Highlights from Saturday's championship game will be broadcast on the High School Extra on the Fox Sports Southwest (FXS) network. On TCA Cablevision in Big Spring, FXS is Channel 29.

a wet football," assistant coach Doug Gordon said. "It (the rain) was going to bother both of us, but we wanted him to think about it a bit."

The rain, like Stanton's defense, was relentless. Falling through the roof in Texas Stadium from well before the start of the game until at least an hour past its end.

"Again, we felt like we hadn't gotten much respect," Gordon said. "Everyone was talking

about their offense and how many points they had scored, but we had scored just as many."

It was clear that the Buffs wanted to send a message to Hutka and his Rogers teammates.

"We just wanted to take it to them on defense and wanted them to have to sop our offense ... we just felt like we could put pressure on them from both sides and make them stop us," he added.

And except for brief leads of 7-0 and 7-6, Rogers was far from what anyone expected after the hype surrounding the Eagles and Hutka.

In fact, after a 20-yard run by Jody Louder put the Buffs on top 12-7 with 5:30 left in the first half, there was little Rogers could do to stop Stanton —

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Signs of the Season



It seems just about everywhere you look, there are unmistakable signs of the holiday season. Above, a nativity scene decorates a local yard, one of many outdoor decorations to be seen locally. A listing of decorated homes can be picked up at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. At right, shoppers are still filling area stores, doing last-minute gift buying, as this scene from Wal-Mart shows. Specials and bargains are expected to be plentiful until the last minute. Below, Stanton resident Vernon Cox ties Santa's lasso in his front yard. The brightly painted decorations include a West Texas version of Santa, complete with cowboy hat, a wooden Rudolph with a red nose, and Mrs. Claus wearing an apron decorated with cactus. At left, Salvation Army bell ringers are evident throughout Big Spring, but Dell Parish got a little help recently in that job from Joshua and Samuel Smith. 'Tis the season to help your neighbor, isn't it?



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Today: Today, cloudy morning, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs upper 40s to upper 50s. Sunday night, increasing clouds. Lows 30 to 35. Monday, mostly cloudy. Highs near 50 to the lower 60s. Extended forecast, Monday night, cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the 40s. Wednesday, decreasing clouds. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s.

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UW beats goal for 2nd straight year

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Skits by employees of the Herald, KBST and Conoco at Friday's United Way final campaign report luncheon helped the 1997 campaign go over the top and reach its goal of \$212,500.

Managing Editor John H. Walker's announcing of \$2,701 pledged by Herald employees, preceded by pledges of \$7,107 by Conoco and \$1,500 by KBST, put the United Way campaign

over the top.

Prior to the skits by the three companies, the campaign pledge total was \$202,497. The final total for the 1997 campaign was \$215,952.

Last year the United Way maintained its previous year's goal of \$210,000 and attained \$212,475, which was the first time in a while that United Way reached its goal.

One example of how deep people were willing to dig this year was Commercial Division leader Betty Kelley's raising \$147 during the luncheon itself

in order for her division to reach its personal goal of \$20,000.

Campaign Chairman Archie Kountz said he was a bit concerned as he and United Way Executive Director Carroll Jennings totaled pledges, but Jennings reminded him that there is always out-of-the-blue money that comes in at the last minute.

Kountz said Big Spring resident Bert Harris walked into the United Way office Friday

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OBITUARIES

Stanley R. Dzinglewski

Memorial services for Stanley R. Dzinglewski, 54, of Big Spring are pending in Chandler, Ariz., and Pekin, Ill.

Mr. Dzinglewski was born on Oct. 26, 1943, in Wyandott, Mich. He died Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997, at the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

A Vietnam veteran, he served two tours of duty as an Army medic and received the Purple Heart. He was a registered nurse and had worked at the Phoenix State Hospital prior to his long illness.

Survivors include his wife, Marge Dzinglewski of Pekin, Ill.; two brothers, Mike Dzinglewski of Chandler, Ariz., and Johnnie Dzinglewski of Pekin, Ill.; one sister, Mary Ann Kaltrider of Red Lion, Penn.; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Willie Mae Goode Turner

ROCHESTER, Texas — Funeral services for Willie Mae Goode Turner, 87, of Rochester was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997, at the First United Methodist Church of Rochester with the Rev. James Patterson and the Rev. Trey Turner, her grandson, officiating. Burial was in the Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Turner died Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997, at her home in Rochester following a lengthy illness. She was born on March 16, 1910, in Decatur. She married S.F. Turner on Dec. 26, 1926, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on May 21, 1992.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include seven daughters, Loveta Hearn of Rochester, Maxine Ingle of Beeville, Frances Meier of Old Glory, Frankie Simpkins of Big Spring, Mollie Lee of Clyde, Jean Meier of Rule and Ann Wright of Nashville, Tenn.; two sons, S.F. (Sam) Turner Jr. of Monahans and Kenneth Turner of Nashville, Tenn.; 19 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sons, one grandson, four brothers and a sister.

Ann Mashburn

MERKEL — Funeral service for Ann Mashburn, 64, of Abilene are set for 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 1997, at the First Baptist Church of Merkel with the Rev. Jimmy Griffith officiating. Burial will be in the Stith Cemetery in Jones County.

Mrs. Mashburn died Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997, in Abilene. She was born on Dec. 9, 1933, in Merkel and married Franklin Mashburn on Nov. 25, 1954 in Abilene.

She graduated from Merkel High School in 1951 and from Hardin-Simmons College in 1953. She taught kindergarten

at College Baptist Church in Big Spring and was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Merkel.

Survivors include her husband, Franklin Mashburn of Abilene; one daughter, Lee Ann Henline of Austin; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, Texas 79604.

BRIEFS

A LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE video will be shown tonight on Cable Channel 10. The video, which includes the entire production of music and narration hosted earlier this month by First United Methodist Church, begins at 7 p.m.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee is \$5.

BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA is planning a holiday camp for children in the community whose parents must work during the school break.

Trained staff will provide educational, fun activities in a safe environment. Dates are Dec. 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 and Jan. 2. Hours are 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information, call 267-8234.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE is looking for volunteers to assist taxpayers with preparation of their 1997 Income Tax Returns. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training for volunteers will be Monday-Friday, Jan. 12-16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels. All study materials will be furnished and there is no charge for the training.

Free tax help will be available beginning Monday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the First Presbyterian Church.

For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER will have a community blood drive Tuesday, Dec. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the first floor classroom. Please call 263-1211, ext. 463 for an appointment.

THE HISTORIC SPRING IN Comanche Trail park will be decorated with a lighted display of thousands of lights nightly beginning at 6:30 p.m. through Jan. 1.

For more information, call Pat Simmons, 263-4607.

LINE DANCING IS OFFERED at the Big Spring Family YMCA, Fridays from 11

a.m.-noon. This is a great way to get exercise and have fun at the same time. Call for more information, 267-8234.

University says it won't punish law professor

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Anguish, pain and harm were caused by University of Texas law professor Lino Graglia's remarks on race and academic performance, but he should not be punished for voicing his beliefs, a top UT official has determined.

Interim Provost Stephen Monti's findings are in response to a racial harassment complaint filed by three students against Graglia for remarks he made in September.

Monti said he endorsed a UT committee's determination that Graglia did not violate the school's racial harassment policy and should not be disciplined in a Dec. 12 letter to the students' attorneys, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The UT System's chief attorney, Ray Farabee, said the school's racial harassment policy seemed unconstitutional because punishing someone for expressing their views would violate First Amendment free speech rights.

Monti provided the report to the American-Statesman on Friday, but two of the students who filed the complaint and their attorneys said they were unaware it had been completed and upset that the long-awaited report had been released while students are on a monthlong break. The third student could not be reached.

"It's a cowardly move on the part of the administration to not face something that demands critical attention," said UT Student Government President Marlen Whitley, one of the three students.

He predicted the report would only worsen racial tensions on campus. Tensions are already high after the 1996 federal court's Hopwood decision that led to a dismantling of affirmative action programs for students this school year.

Monti anticipated Whitley's prediction in a three-page statement to the students' lawyers, Gary Bledsoe, president of the Texas NAACP, and Raul Reza Vasquez of Austin.

"While multiple voices representing the full spectrum of the university community have emphatically disassociated themselves (from Graglia's views) ... the damage and harm done by such a single voice is never fully repaired," Monti wrote.

"Both the panel and I understand that this decision may further exacerbate this situation. This is certainly not our intent, rather, the decision reflects a dispassionate assessment of the balance built into our racial harassment policy. That balance preserves the university's commitment to free expression, even in very difficult and painful circumstances."

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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POLICE

vices 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

FRIDAY

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Gollad.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Open birthday night, covered dish, 8 p.m. and 7 p.m. birthday meeting, 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

TUESDAY

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

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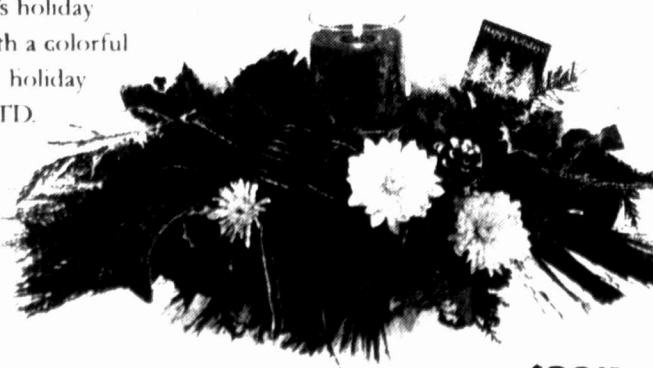
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CHAMPS

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especially after the Buffs made both offensive and defensive adjustments at the half.

"We pinched them in to stop their (defensive) rush," Gordon explained. And on defense, the Buffs started to jam the middle to take away Hutka's quarterback draw.

"The one thing we couldn't do was to ever stop the shovel pass," Cotton said.

But other than convert a first down here and there, the shovel pass was never enough to help the Eagles deliver any sort of a knock-out blow to the Buffs.

"We wanted to come out in the second half and take control of the game," Herm said, adding that he wasn't comfortable with the outcome of the game until the Buffs held a 33-7 lead.

Cotton was comfortable before then.

"When we went up 20-7, I felt like they were going to have a real hard time stopping us. We had taken the ball and just marched it down their throats (72 yards on 10 plays) and had the momentum," he said.

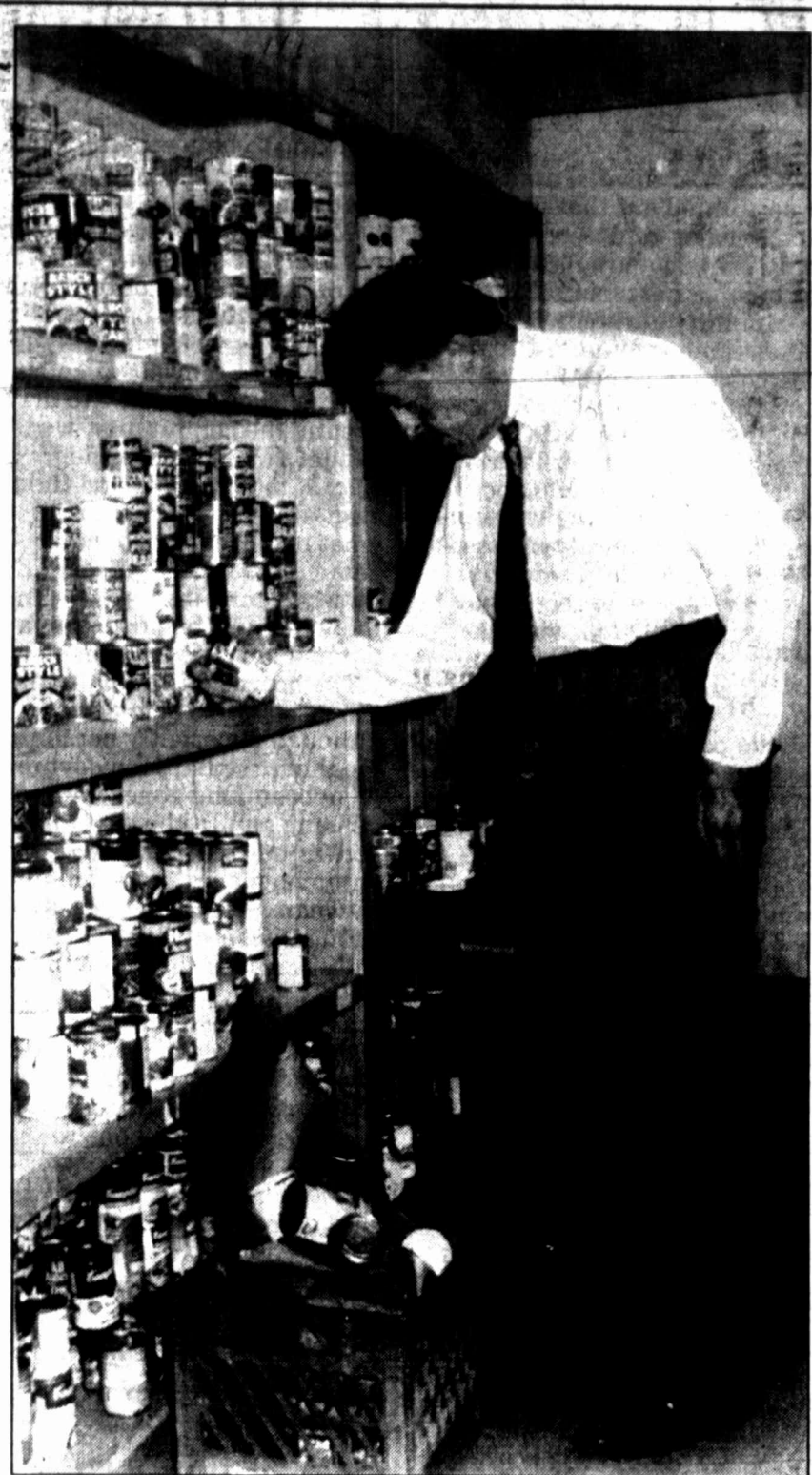
And the Buffs wanted Rogers to know that momentum was on their side.

A fumble recovery by Kason Anderson gave Stanton the ball on the Rogers 40 to set up the next scoring drive — highlighted by a 33-yard pass to James Jenkins and capped by a 1-yard run by Louder to make the score 26-7 with 9:43 left in the game.

Louder picked up his third touchdown on a 6-yard run with 3:57 left in the game, carrying Nelson Kortis all the way into the end zone.

"I can't say enough about these kids," Cotton, tears mixing with the rain dripping from his cap onto his face. "They made a commitment and did what they had to do to win."

"I told them they would always remember this moment ... the fact they were 16-0 and



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Northside Community Center Director Max Webb examines the canned goods donated to the center at the TCA Cablevision offices in Big Spring. The center provides food packages to the needy during the holidays, as well as providing help throughout the year.

state champions ... and the fact that will be with them a lifetime," he said. The championship game attendance was announced at 7,387.

UNITED WAY

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morning and handed over a check for \$2,000.

"I'm thrilled about this campaign," Kountz said. "Everyone who gave made a difference. We knew it would be right down to the wire."

According to Kountz, the campaign started with early planning and the assembling of the United Way cabinet.

Joining Kountz on the United Way cabinet were Kelley and co-chairman of the commercial division Jody Nix; Cheryl and R.G. Click, Community Division; Sue Partee and Steve Jeter, Pacesetters Division; Dr. Robbie Cooksey, James Welch and Mike Thomas, Professional

Division; and Kevin Freeman, Loaned Executive Division.

"Our goal this year was based on a vote," Kountz said.

Kountz offered a special thanks to former All-Pro NFL cornerback Willie Mitchell, who served as guest speaker at this year's campaign kickoff luncheon in September.

Mitchell's message in September was to continue supporting the United Way, but make sure donations deliver measurable results — which can be used to show others the benefits of supporting an organization such as United Way.

"His message was good," Kountz said. "It doesn't just happen, you have to make it happen."

"The main thing I want people to remember is the contributors," Kountz added. "Every dollar given goes toward where we end up today."

Kountz also had a word of thanks to all of the campaign workers and the United Way cabinet.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Drive Chairman Archie Kountz (left) and United Way Director Carrol Jennings display the figure raised by this year's United Way fund-raising drive. As of the drive-ending luncheon Friday, the drive had exceeded its goal by raising \$215,952.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

DRCC among community's many success stories

Our community has many success stories, and we count among them the Dora Roberts Community Center.

When volunteers began a renovation project there in 1992, the building had fallen into disrepair. But it had great potential, and it had a rich history, and some local residents believed it could be a gathering place again.

A group was formed to make future plans for the center. Support grew through fundraising dances and events, and with a lot of hard work, this success story began.

Friday, the group had another fundraiser — a gala characterized as "a huge success" with more than 300 in attendance and more than \$22,000 raised.

Is anyone surprised here? This group could give lessons on how to handle a project. The dedication of its volunteer members is astonishing, and we see their beautiful decorations for the gala as an example.

And thanks to their ideas, community spirit and elbow grease, we have a community center that is a showplace, a gathering place — everything it should be.

Always thinking ahead, though, the backers of the Dora Roberts Community Center are planning for long-term financial stability. They are establishing a fund that will support maintenance and improvements at the center far into its future.

In the last three years, use of the center from all corners of our community has grown steadily. The building is used by families, businesses, non-profit organizations and city departments.

If you have not considered using a room at the center for your next event, luncheon or party, take a look at what it has to offer. Consider booking a room at the Dora Roberts Community Center as another way you can show support for Big Spring — and a landmark that has served us well.

Efforts to put shine on community do matter

How amazing our community can be!

Within the past week, you have risen to the challenge and adopted the "Angels" on the Salvation Army's Angel Tree, you have surpassed the United Way goal for the second year in a row and you have helped push the number of windows purchased for the Settles project to the point the goal has almost been met.

You joined forces Friday night to continue to help raise funds to maintain and enhance the appearance of the Dora Roberts Community Center and you've turned out in numbers to support the Historic Spring lighting project, the Drive-Through Nativity of First Nazarene Church and this newspaper's Community Christmas Parade.

While all of these are success stories in themselves, there is one in particular that I'll tell you about.

A year ago, at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's board retreat, concern was expressed over the number of potential employees that were lost because there was nothing being done to make the spouse

feel at home.

As part of the discussion, it was pointed out that there are some major employers who only bring potential employees or business associates into the community at night. They drive them around FM 700 at the base of Scenic Mountain and the night beauty of our community catches their eye — and sometimes, their hearts.

"But what do you do about the Settles?" was the way one businessman bluntly phrased the question. "It towers over the town and everybody you bring in wants to know what it is and see it ... and then you lose them when they see downtown."

This past week we brought in a job candidate from out-of-town. A native Californian, this candidate had earned both their master's and doctorate from the University of Texas and had spent the past year on the East Coast.

We had sent them a selection of newspapers to allow them to see what it is that we try to do as well as to get a feel for the community and except for our "101 Reasons" edition from March 1996, the selection of specific newspapers was left up to my news clerk.

In those papers, our job candidate read about a variety of projects within the community. There was the UH-1 Huey project conducted by the Vietnam Memorial group and ably assisted by the Harley Owners Group ... there were several local news briefs about groups

working to help others ... and there were several editorials of that same bent.

Within the package of papers was at least one story or editorial on the Friends of the Settles and their window project, which was started initially by Tommy Churchwell.

When the time came to drive around the community, we headed straight from the Herald to 4th Street and then east — right into the lair of what had been for so many years the demon Settles with its work curtains flapping in and out and boarded-up windows.

The boards still remain on the ground floor windows, although apparently not for long, but the flapping curtains have been long gone. And now, a rising sun in the east and a setting sun in the west offers a shimmering reflection off of the many windows that have been so generously provided by the citizens of this community.

We showed our candidate what had been done and told them of the plans for the facility ... meeting head-on what had long been a nemesis for anybody bringing someone to town.

Our candidate commented that there seemed to be a positive air about what was going on in the community — both from the citizens and the Herald — and that that was different from Austin with its American-Statesman.

After a positive response downtown, I headed straight

for our community's strengths — Comanche Trail Park, the Historic Spring, the Amphitheatre, Kids' Zone and Scenic Mountain — and pitched our community hard and fast.

After returning to the office, our candidate was offered dinner and a room for the night, but declined. It seemed, they said, that they felt they had gotten a complete feel for both the newspaper and the community and simply needed to mull over our job offer.

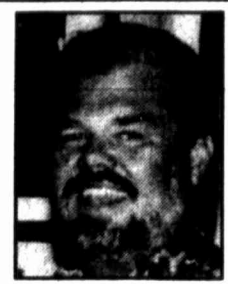
The results? Our candidate will start their new job on Jan. 5, 1998. Their decision was based largely upon what they had read in the newspaper and what they had seen around the community that the people had taken it upon themselves to do.

Yes, it's good news for us that a person we wanted also wanted us, but we feel the news is equally good for those in our community who are sometimes accused of wasting time and money to try and make a positive difference.

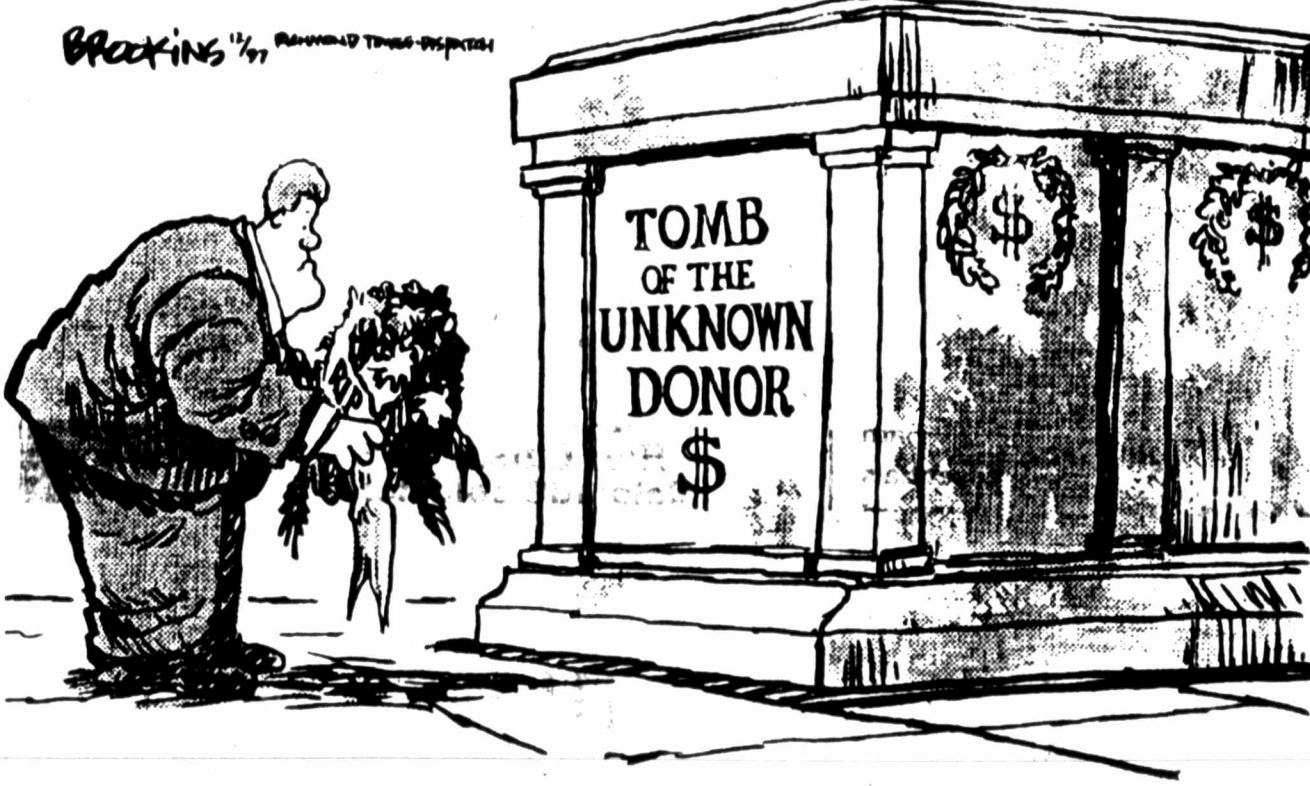
People do notice and it does make a difference — those things that you do at places like the Settles, the Spring, Kids' Zone, the Downtown Square and others.

Ours is but one success story, but just like the line in "What about Bob?," you have to start with baby steps before you break into a sprint.

(Letters in response to this column may be sent in care of this newspaper.)



John H. Walker
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YOUR VIEWS

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I would like to let the citizens of Big Spring know how fortunate they are to have a person named Shirley Ryals living and working for Energas in Big Spring.

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Don't segregate female soldiers

Why don't we issue a chastity belt with a strong lock to every female in our armed forces and throw away the keys?

That was my first absurd reaction to the recommendation of a Pentagon advisory committee that the sexes be segregated during basic training. These single-sex military units were proposed as a panacea for the sexual abuses, harassments and other scandalous events of the last few years.

The chastity belts would do a lot more to stifle sexual activity than segregated boot camps, because the separation of men and women would just fire up everybody's libido. And it would become another barrier to women's chances to be all they can be in the military. Segregation always works to the detriment of the less privileged group.

I know a bit about opening up opportunities in the military. Fifty-two years ago, as an ensign, I was assigned to the USS Chemung as a guinea pig who would help the Navy to determine whether a white crew would take orders from a black officer.

Shortly after boarding, I saw that the Navy's bureau of personnel had instructed the captain to "prepare the crew" for a black officer. For days I wondered what the skipper had done. Late one night in the North Atlantic the captain said to me:

"I guess you've wondered why I never called a meeting of the crew to explain that you were coming, or anything like that. Well, I'm a Navy man, and we're in a war. To me, it's that stripe that counts — and the training and leadership that it's supposed to symbolize. I didn't want any member of my crew to think you were any different from any other officer coming aboard; therefore I figured I'd better not call any meetings about you that I didn't call for other officers."

Integration of that ship was a great success, largely because of that captain's wis-

dom. Segregated boot camps are no way to launch military careers for women seeking equal opportunity.

Young men and women are in the closest proximity on hundreds of college campuses, sometimes in the same dorms, without a scandalous number of rapes, births out of wedlock or other terrible consequences. Professors don't extort sex from coeds by promising good grades because colleges make them aware of the consequences.

The military can control drill sergeants a lot better than colleges can restrain instructors. I know some of the people on that Pentagon Advisory Committee as wise and dedicated citizens. They made many recommendations that our armed forces would be wise to heed. But in their desire to offer a solution for some tough problems, they proposed a losing path.

The Pentagon must not seek a quick and easy solution to a complex problem. It ought to abandon any notion of any kind of retreat into segregation.

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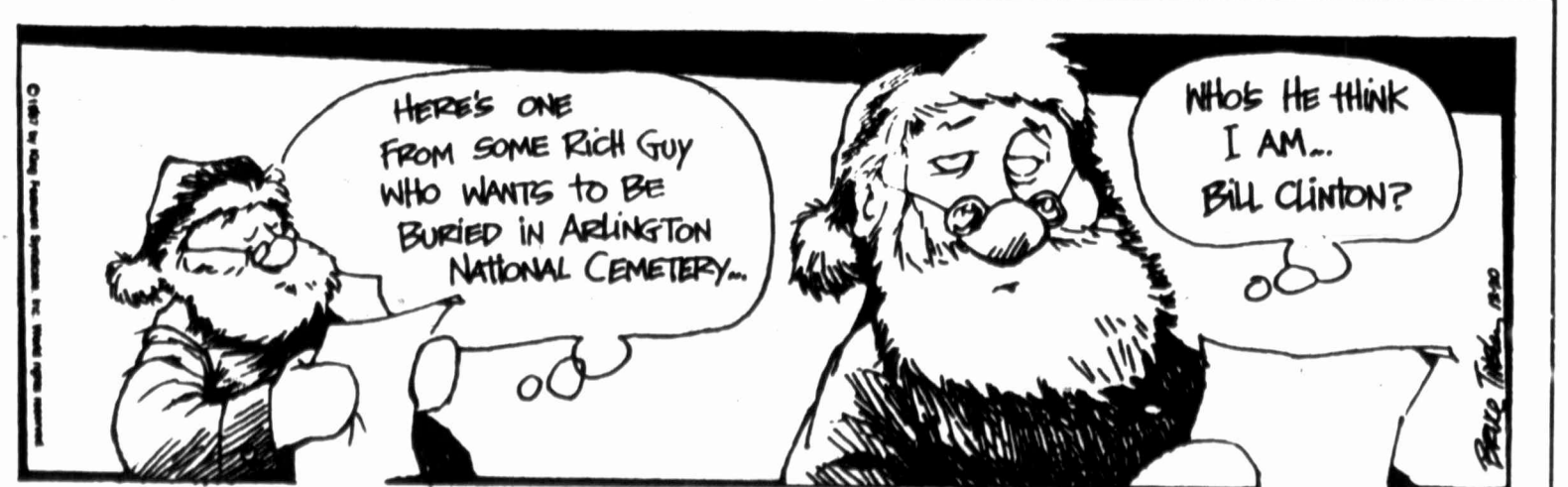
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Plea bargain revealed in case of quadruplets' mom's murder

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — A man accused of hiring his cousin to kill a mother of quadruplets agreed to plead guilty and avoided the chance of spending his life in prison.

Sammy Gonzales will serve up to 30 years for solicitation of capital murder and a charge in Florida, where the woman lived, of murder conspiracy. He could have gotten life in prison on each charge.

Investigators have refused to outline a motive for the killing of Sheila Bush, the mother of 2-year-old quadruplets. She was found dead Nov. 7 in her home in Sarasota, Fla., her throat cut and a gunshot wound in her head. Her four toddlers were found crawling in her blood.

Gonzales' plea agreement, made Wednesday, had been sealed, but Judge Sharon MacRae agreed Friday with media requests to unseal it.

An indictment accused Gonzales, 27, of hiring his cousin, Jose Luis Del Toro Jr., 21, to kill Bellush. Del Toro was captured in Mexico and is awaiting extradition to Florida, where he faces arraignment on a first-degree murder charge.

Daniel Alex Rocha of San Antonio, a golfing friend of Bellush's ex-husband, also was charged with murder conspiracy in Florida and capital murder solicitation in Texas.

Figures show D/FW Airport busiest in world

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport is on course to surpass rival Chicago O'Hare International Airport to become the world's busiest airport.

By as many as 40,000 "aircraft operations," D/FW is expected to exceed O'Hare's business level by the end of the year, Federal Aviation Administration figures show. Aircraft operations are defined as takeoffs, landings and through flights.

D/FW's three control towers will have handled 940,000 to 950,000 aircraft operations, compared with 900,000 to 910,000 for O'Hare, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's editions.

"It's taken 24 years to get here, and we are certainly very proud. We think it's a big deal," said D/FW Executive Director Jeff Fegan.

Neither FAA officials nor FAA officials had predicted D/FW would surpass O'Hare in operations this year. The FAA had predicted the year 2000.

The recent doubling of airspace capacity over North Texas and the addition of a new runway helped the airport get there faster than expected.

But Chicago airport officials, who have long boasted their dominance, refused to concede when contacted Friday.

"If the numbers are saying that their operations are higher than ours, well congratulations," said O'Hare spokeswoman Monique Bond. "But Chicago definitely is higher in passengers and the customers who come here, and that is what is important."

Last year, about 69 million passengers moved through O'Hare, compared with slightly more than 58 million for D/FW. That put D/FW in third place in passengers behind Atlanta, which reported 63 million.

Chicago expects to handle about 70 million passengers this year, while D/FW should rise to about 60 million passengers, officials said. The Chicago area has a population of about 11 million and the Dallas-Fort Worth area has about 4.5 million people.

Aviation analyst Michael Boyd, who studies airport growth issues, said D/FW's rise in takeoffs and landings is still an "important indicator of the viability of the Dallas-Fort Worth area."

"D/FW may not have had as many passengers, but each of those takeoffs and landings represent another airplane that probably carried some type of valuable cargo," he said.

Fegan said it is unlikely that there will be any wild parties as a result of D/FW's rise to No. 1. The Love Field dispute has raised worries that such good news could be used against D/FW, he said.

"I think the apprehension is that people would say, 'See, D/FW is big and strong and doesn't need our support,'" said Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr, who also serves on the D/FW Airport board. "It would be a grand story were it not for the trying times."

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, who also serves on the D/FW board, declined to comment. Fort Worth and Dallas are locked in

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Family of murdered woman finds some closure with suspect's arrest

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — When Vince Torres' 68-year-old mother was slashed to death in her home seven years ago, rumors began that his near-invalid father somehow managed to kill her and dispose of the weapon.

Now the family's struggle to clear their father's name has been helped by a former neighbor's arrest, relatives and authorities said.

Bexar County sheriff's deputies arrested Billy Bob Southerland, 28, on a capital murder warrant in connection with the July 1990 slaying of

Carmen Torres.

While she was being killed, her handcapped husband was in a back bedroom.

Southerland was being held late Friday in Bexar County Jail in lieu of a \$1 million bond.

"We're relieved. This day has been a long time in coming and there have been times when we had our doubts if it ever would," Torres said at news conference Friday in San Antonio.

The Torres family members said they were victimized twice, once by the killer and a second time by authorities who suggested their father was

responsible.

The family's efforts to clear their father's name led to the creation in 1996 of a multi-agency task force.

The organization is led by the attorney general's office in cooperation with the Texas Rangers and the Bexar County Sheriff's Department.

The task force reinvestigated the crime, primarily focusing on work that had not been done by original investigators, Torres claimed.

The family offered thanks to the task force and to Ann Hutchinson, director of the Austin Police Department's Victim Services, for helping to get it

formed.

"Today not only begins to bring our family some answers and closure in the rape and murder of our mother, it is also the beginning of us telling our story so that deficiencies in the Texas Criminal Justice System and in the Bexar County Justice System are exposed and brought to the attention of the public, our legislators and public officials," said Torres.

He has urged the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education that standardized training or minimum standard qualifications be required for

criminal investigators.

Torres said he will seek Texas legislation on the issue.

Hutchinson also lauded the family efforts, which she said were instrumental in the creation of the San Antonio Police Department's Victim Advocacy Section several years ago.

She added that Torres has been a major champion of victim's rights statewide.

"As much right as they have to be angry and hostile, they have turned it around and gone out and helped others and are still trying to make a difference," Hutchinson said.

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Lost file left girl at home

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — An internal investigation of Child Protective Services found that lost paperwork was the reason the agency failed to follow up on the case of a 9-year-old girl who was kept in a rat-infested home her entire life.

"We should have followed up, and we did not, and that's because the case paperwork was lost," Linda Edwards, spokeswoman for the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the parent agency of Child Protective Services, said Friday.

Caseworkers removed Victoria Barr from her home in October after neighbors complained. When news surfaced that similar complaints were made in 1994 and 1995, the agency came under heavy criticism.

Trapped for most of her life in a house that reeked of human waste, the girl could not speak, wasn't toilet-trained and had never been to school.

Questions about why caseworkers didn't take action two years ago sparked an internal investigation at Child Protective Services. Edwards said the probe found that a second caseworker visited the house, unaware that another caseworker had investigated the family previously.

During the investigation, Edwards said, the second caseworker said she had Victoria's mother agree to improve conditions in the home, then learned of her colleague's earlier visit and handed the case back to him.

That's when the file disappeared. Edwards said the original caseworker said he never saw the paperwork, and the second caseworker said she's sure she passed it on to him.

The agency couldn't determine who lost the file, Edwards said.

Edwards' explanation Friday came after a status hearing before District Judge Scott McCown, who said he didn't think the girl's family was capable of caring for her.

Victoria is now in a foster home and attending special education classes. Experts have not determined her exact disability.

While her mother and grandmother have agreed to the court's conditions, McCown said he's not comfortable giving them full custody of a girl with so many special needs.

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Congressional gift restrictions has lobbyists to changing tactics

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Two years after Congress imposed tough gift restrictions on its members, lobbyists and lawmakers alike are getting around the rules by taking advantage of legal exemptions.

Political fund-raisers, receptions that are "widely attended" and travel in connection with official duties all are exempt from the restrictions.

"The irony is (the rules) made money more important in politics rather than less, because you can meet face-to-face with a congressman over dinner as long as you hand him a check," said Ronald Shaiko, an American University government professor who specializes in lobbying issues.

Shaiko's point: A lobbyist can no longer buy a lawmaker an expensive dinner just to discuss legislation, but the two

can chew filet mignon together at the lawmaker's political fund-raiser.

Last weekend, nine Democratic congressmen, including three from Texas, mingled with corporate executives and their lobbyists at a Carefree, Ariz., golf resort described in a travel guide as "Desert Romance."

Before the gift restrictions the schmoozing probably would have taken place at a charity-

sponsored golf tournament. The special interests would have paid the lawmakers' air fare and accommodations.

The Dec. 13-14 event at The Boulders, a 1,300-acre resort, showed how the game has changed except in one respect: The lawmakers still did not have to pay their way.

With the special interests no longer permitted to pick up the lawmakers' tab, the expenses were paid by the tournament

sponsor: the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

The lobbyists and corporate executives still got to rub drivers and putters with the lawmakers. But instead of paying expenses, the admission price for special interests was a \$2,500 donation to the DCCC.

The campaign organization made \$100,000. The participants were guaranteed access to members of Congress. It was all

legal, because the political event was exempt from the gift rules.

"One of the loopholes is, if there is a true will to get around (the restrictions), use fund-raising or campaign committees to do fun things and provide face time with lobbyists," said Meredith McGehee, legislative director for the citizen watchdog group Common Cause.

"It shows how much value people place on this face-to-face schmoozing."

According to Congress-watching groups, lobbyists and political advisers:

—Consultants who specialize in planning fund-raising events for lawmakers are arranging more small, intimate dinners between members and lobbyists.

—Lobbyists are planning "widely attended" events, functions that are exempt from the rules if open to members of a given industry or profession, or if those attending represent a range of individuals interested in a given matter.

—Interest groups and corporations are using a loophole that allows them to sponsor trips for lawmakers — provided the travel is for meetings, speaking engagements and fact-finding in connection with official duties.

—People with special interests who once bought tickets to political events but did not bother to show up are now more likely to attend to get their time with lawmakers.

Shaiko said he also knows of some lobbyists who have refurbished their homes to accommodate 25 people — the minimum number required by the Senate for the "widely attended event" exemption.

Nowhere is the desire to ease the gift restrictions more evident than at the Capitol Hill Club, a popular private dining spot for Republicans a block from the Capitol.

Raymond McGrath, the club's president and a former GOP congressman from New York, said the club has lost 1,000 members due to the gift restrictions. To drum up business, a letter was sent out noting that a limited exemption was granted so that lawmakers can attend events at the club that raise money for the club's operating expenses.

As for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee event last weekend in Arizona, the donor guests were 40 businessmen, political action committee officials and political donors. The group declined to identify them.

According to the committee, Democratic lawmakers who attended, in addition to Bonior, were: Reps. Martin Frost of Texas, chairman of the campaign organization; Ed Pastor of Arizona; Steny Hoyer of Maryland; John Murtha of Pennsylvania; Charles Stenholm of Texas; Christopher John of Louisiana; Silvestre Reyes of Texas; and Chaka Fattah of Pennsylvania.

Stenholm's campaign, not the DCCC, paid for the hotel and airfare for the congressman and his wife, Stenholm spokeswoman Julie Turner said.

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Divers left groping for plane, bodies in river following crash

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MAKARTI JAYA, Indonesia — Powerful currents and muddy brown water hampered Indonesian divers trying Saturday to reach victims of a crashed jetliner at the bottom of a fast-flowing river on Sumatra island.

Rescuers said most of the 104 people aboard SilkAir Flight MI-185 likely were still strapped into their seats and the plane's nose was embedded in thick mud.

"Everybody is dead. Most of them are still inside the plane," said police Sgt. Ganep Nasir.

The Boeing 737-300 crashed into the Musi River on Friday, halfway through a flight from Jakarta to Singapore.

Divers groped their way through the opaque water to locate the wreckage, but Police Sgt. Husen Achmad said they were having trouble opening the doors of the plane.

Welding tools were being brought in to help pry the doors loose, and divers said they intended to cut their way into the jet Sunday.

Indonesian officials also said they hope to use a floating crane to hoist the mostly intact fuselage from the river, which monsoon rains have swollen to 500 yards wide.

Two SilkAir flights Saturday ferried 200 relatives of the passengers to Palembang, 35 miles south of the crash site.

Dozens of them hired speedboats to watch a flotilla of Indonesian police and navy boats scour a 10-square-mile area of river and swamp for debris and human remains.

An Indonesian woman who flew there with her husband said she lost three relatives.

"I can't believe they're dead," she said. "Four days ago, we celebrated my sister-in-law's birth-

day. And now they are gone." Helicopters flying overhead dropped divers into the water. Nearby villagers watched the search from longboats.

Rescuers cast a net over the plane to prevent debris from drifting away. Investigators pored over pieces of the plane's shattered tail and examined items such as clothing and a yellow life jacket for clues to why the plane crashed.

A twisted piece of orange metal was found and, although it was the same color as the missing flight recorders, investigators would not speculate on what it was.

Indonesian Transport Minister Haryanto Dhanutirto refused to comment on reports the plane exploded. Police quoted witnesses as saying the plane exploded twice in the air and again when it hit the water.

Residents of Makarti Jaya, a village a half-mile from the crash site, said the plane went down at high tide and there were concerns that some bodies were swept away, the official Antara news agency reported.

Villager Ahmad Hasan said he heard the explosions.

"It came in very low. It was going down. It exploded in the air and then a few seconds later it exploded again when it hit the water," he said.

It was not known whether the plane tried to make an emergency landing.

"There were no distress signals. There were no adverse weather conditions. There was no mountainous terrain. It is obviously very puzzling," said Mah Bow Tan, Singapore's communications minister.

SilkAir said the plane was carrying seven crew members and 97 passengers, including 40 Singaporeans, 23 Indonesians, 10 Malaysians, five Americans, and 14 Europeans.

Mandela bids his farewell, Mbeki sworn

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAFIKENG, South Africa — The new president of South Africa's governing African National Congress pledged Saturday to remain loyal to the ideals of the former liberation movement and to his predecessor, President Nelson Mandela.

Thabo Mbeki took firm control of the ANC Saturday, saying the ANC would continue to fight the vestiges of apartheid and help poor blacks who voted the ANC into power in the nation's first all-race election in 1994.

"You are the ANC, and your only purpose, therefore, is to serve the people of South Africa," Mbeki said in a speech to the ANC's 50th national conference. He then received a loud standing ovation and lengthy hug from Mandela as delegates sang in praise.

Mandela, who made his farewell speech a few minutes earlier, praised Mbeki and a new party leadership chosen at the conference as worthy successors.

He also thanked the ANC for making him a symbol of South Africa's transformation from apartheid to multiparty democracy.

"I know that the love and respect that I have enjoyed is love and respect for the ANC and its ideals," said Mandela, 79. "I know that the worldwide appreciation of South Africa's miracle and the dignity of its people is appreciation, first and foremost, of the work of the ANC."

Mandela later handed Mbeki a traditional staff to depict the handing over of power from his generation of graying revolutionaries to younger leaders.

A floor revolt by Mandela's ex-wife, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, for a top party post failed. Shut out in formal nominations, she received a nomination from the conference floor for ANC deputy president.

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Plenty of good, new board games available this Christmas season

By DAVE TIANEN
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

"Other people's goats always have the biggest udders."
"That which does not kill the herdsman will not touch the cows."

"Her heart takes after the mugwart."
"Fools, only fools, try to turn a somersault in an oyster shell."

Wisdom like the above can't be gathered just by hanging around the Tastee Freeze. Nope. For insights such as "Other people's goats always have the biggest udders," you have to own a copy of "Wise and Otherwise."

"Wise and Otherwise" is a delightful party/board game that we count as the best new game for Christmas '97.

The mechanics are very much like the Dictionary Game (Balderdash). The game is best with four to six adults. The premise is that one player is the reader and selects an actual saying or proverb from the game deck. The reader gives the group the beginning of the saying, as in: "Kiss the dog on his mouth until..."

Then each player secretly writes an ending for the saying, while the reader writes the actual ending. You score points for getting other players to guess your ending, and picking the

correct ending yourself. With the right group, you can crack a rib.

"Wise and Otherwise" sells for about \$30 and is available at stores or by calling 800 662-1088.

Following are the rest of our favorite board and family games for 1997:

• "Quadwangle" from the Great American Trading Co. This has been an exceptional year for two-player strategy games. This elegant little number is sort of a combination of "Yahtzee" and "Tug of War" with the players rolling dice and trying to pull three of the game's nine markers into their end zone.

"Quadwangle" sells for about \$25 and is available through gift and book stores. Or call 800 225-7449.

• "A To Z" from Fundex Games. This is sort of an improved version of the old 3M trivia game "Facts in Five." Players (or teams) get a plastic letter board with the alphabet. They're then given a category and 15 to 30 seconds to name as many items as possible in that category.

The game sells for \$24.95. To order "A To Z," call 800 486-9787.

• "Bop It" from Parker Brothers. The most addictive game of '97, "Bop It" is a combination of hot potato and Simon Says. You have a baton with a pad in the middle for bopping, a crank at the end for

pulling and a cone at the other end for twisting.

The baton tells you in rapid succession to bop it, twist it or pull it. After several actions you pass it to the next player with the tempo becoming progressively faster. Move too slow or screw up and "Bop It" issues a blood-curdling scream.

Bop It sells for about \$20 and is widely available in department and toy stores.

• "Roborally" from Wizards of the Coast. A challenging and opulent multi-player strategy game in which the players race robots through a galactic factory jammed with such hazards as oil slicks, conveyor belts and bottomless chutes. Just to make things interesting, the robots blast one another with lasers.

The game puts a premium on the ability to plan several turns in advance, and a miscalculation can be disastrous.

"Roborally" sells for about \$40 and is available in some stores or call 800 821-8028.

• "Stock Market Guru" from Avalon Hill. Multi-player game in which players compete by playing the market. There are conservative bonds and securities for the grannies and high-risk volatile stocks that may pay off big or bust for the river-boat gamblers.

There's even a 1929 option game for playing the Great Crash.

Stock Market Guru costs

about \$35 and is available through stores.

• "Lionheart" from Parker Brothers. Quick-playing and bloody, this is sort of like "Stratego" with much more slashing and bashing and dice-rolling. Two medieval armies square off and have at each other, with optional rules for mercenaries and peasants. Simple and quick playing with suitable rewards for tactical dexterity.

Word of warning: Use a sharp knife or good scissors when removing the plastic figures from their forms.

• "Quandary" from Milton Bradley. Quick playing, four-player strategy game that was one of Games Magazine's favorites this year.

A winning blend of simplicity and subtlety, "Quandary" offers numerous opportunities for attack and defense and seems to defy any attempt at the perfect plan.

It sells for about \$30 and is available at most department and toy stores.

• "25 Words or Less" from Winning Moves. Our favorite game from last year has been repackaged but remains one of the best party games we've ever run across.

Two opposing players bid to determine how few words they can use to get their teammates to guess the five words on a game card. A typical card might

have pizza, wind chimes, Mickey Mantle, turnip and jukebox.

Pizza is pretty easy, but how many clue words would be necessary to get wind chimes? Just to make it interesting you have only 60 seconds.

It's just a flat-out, great two-team party game.

"25 Words or Less" costs about \$25 and is available at stores or by calling 800 578-2468.

• "Balanz" from Mayfair Games. Elegant two-player game

that's akin to playing checkers in an earthquake. It's a jumping, strategy game in which players vie to get all 10 of their plastic balls in their opponent's corner of the board.

The balls are positioned in slots and the tricky thing is that the board is tipped after every move, so that the pieces are constantly rolling into new positions.

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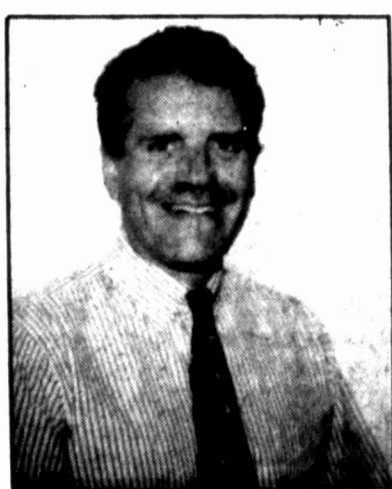
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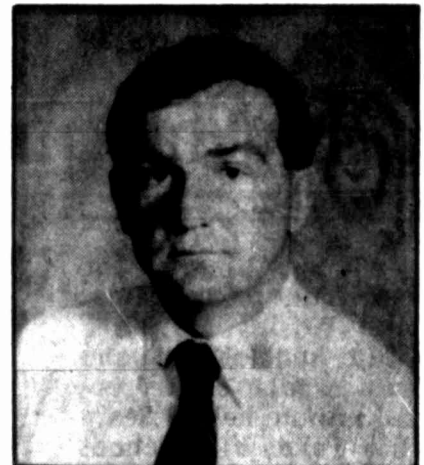
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NFC East champion Giants now anything but Cowboys' patsy

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — When the NFL schedule came out showing the New York Giants and Dallas Cowboys playing the regular season finale on Sunday, the game had "meaningless" stamped on it.

Yawn. It was viewed as another easy seasonal wrapup for the predicted NFC East and five-time defending champion Cowboys, a chance to rest players before the playoffs.

As predicted, the game is meaningless and players will be rested. But it's the worst-to-first Giants who will be moving into the playoffs as division champion.

The Giants have turned the NFC

East upside down. And they can become the first team to make it through the division undefeated if they whip the Cowboys on Sunday in Texas Stadium. Only a 7-7 tie with Washington blemishes New York's division record.

Pro Bowl linebacker Jessie Armstead said the Giants want to go unbeaten in the division.

"It means a lot to us," Armstead said. "We want to go down in history. There have been a lot of great teams who never went unbeaten in the division."

Dallas special teams star Bill Bates said the Cowboys will do all they can to prevent the Giants from sailing through the division unbeaten.

"We want to keep them from doing that," Bates said. "We don't want them to be able to crow about it. We're going to play hard even if the game doesn't mean anything to us."

Ironically, Dallas came into New York in 1994 with a spotless 7-0 division mark and a playoff spot clinched, but lost to the Giants.

The Cowboys (6-9) will try to salvage some pride in what may be Barry Switzer's final game as head coach.

Dallas simply can't score touchdowns this season, particularly inside the 20-yard line, where the Cowboys are only 18-for-51 and last in the NFC while New York is the very best in playoff country with 24 of 39 touchdowns inside the so-called "red zone."

"The Giants have done a great job of making their opportunities pay off this year," Switzer said. "We haven't. The Giants also have the best offensive line in the league. And Danny Kanell owes us a debt of gratitude. We got him started on his career in our game against him earlier in the season."

As Dallas running back Emmitt Smith put it: "We're the best team in the league from the 20 to the 20."

Smith may have limited playing time because of a bruised shoulder. He got his 1,000 yards last week for the seventh consecutive season. Sherman Williams should carry a heavy load.

Dallas will start all of its healthy veterans, but plans to continue the

experiment of getting the ball to rookie tight end David LaFleur, who scored his first two touchdowns last week against Cincinnati.

They were the first touchdown passes to the tight end this year in the sputtering Dallas offense.

The Giants have lost six consecutive games to Dallas in Texas Stadium. They haven't won since 1990, when the Cowboys fell 28-7 in a year they didn't make the playoffs. It was the last time New York has swept the season series against Dallas.

New York beat Dallas 20-17 earlier this season.

"There is a changing of the guard in the NFC East now," Armstead said. "And we're the ones changing it."

Texas Bowls: Buffaloes take 2A crown, pounding Rogers

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Texas Stadium—Nothing—not a pouring rain, not a nationally ranked passing attack and certainly not the Rogers Eagles—kept the Stanton Buffaloes from realizing a long-held dream.

The Buffaloes overcame the elements, Patrick Hutka and the Eagles to take a 33-7 victory in the Class 2A state championship football game at a water-logged Texas Stadium Saturday night.

The victory—the first-ever for an 11-man team in this area-capped Stanton's dream season, one that saw the Buffs run the table to log a perfect 16-0 record.

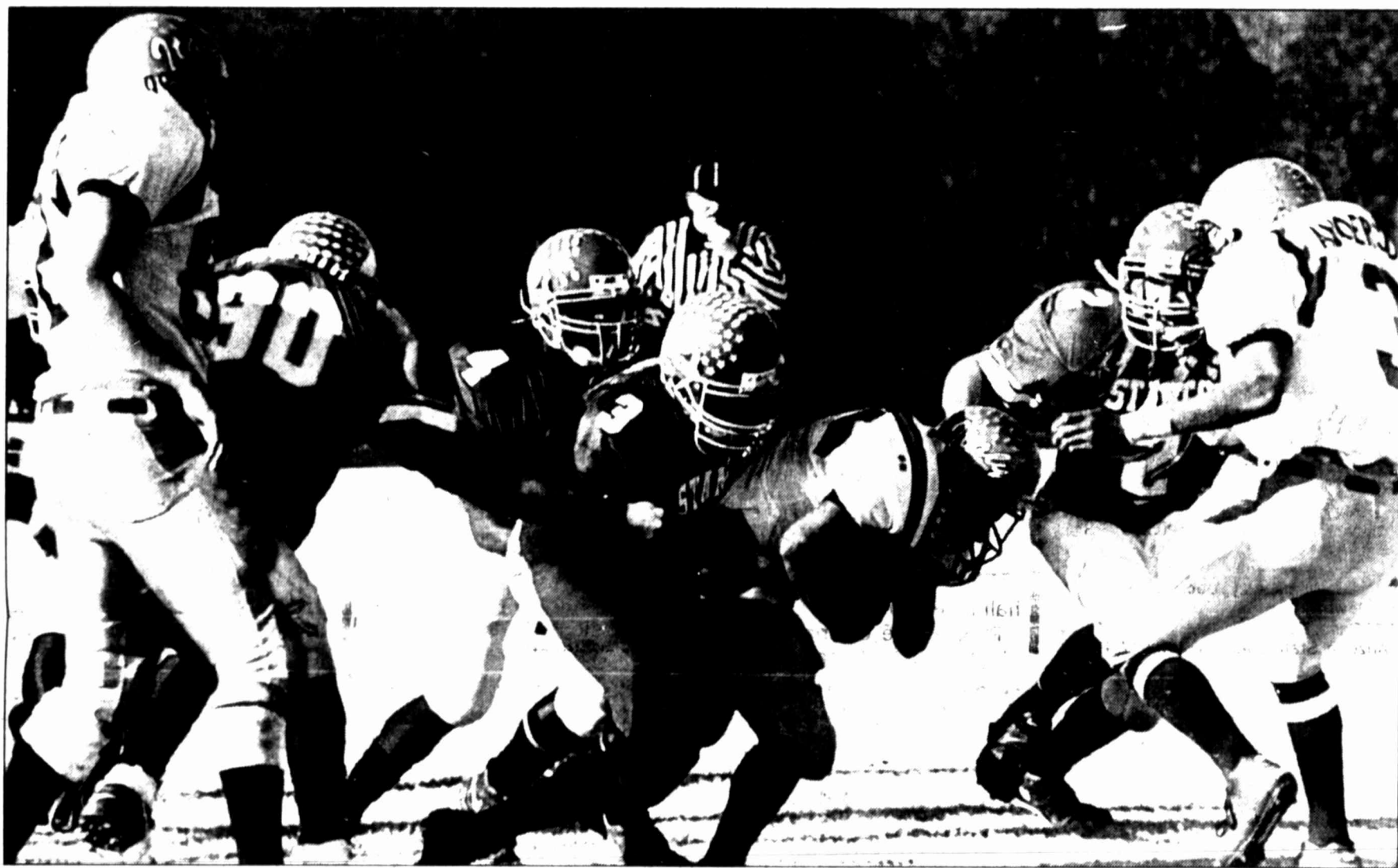
It was also a victory for traditional, West Texas-style football. With the rain playing havoc on both teams' passing games, the Buffs resorted to that old West Texas standby—power football.

Holding a slim 12-7 lead at the half, Stanton decided to pull in its horns and go with a two tight end set and decided to pound Rogers into submission.

"I didn't feel like we played Stanton football in the first half," head coach Mark Cotton said. "So we decided to go double-tight... and play like the Stanton Buffaloes are capable of playing."

The strategy worked to perfection. After gaining only 62 yards on the ground in the first half, the Buffs pounded Rogers for more than 130 yards in the last two quarters.

Leading the charge was full-



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Stanton's Kyle Herm (3) wraps up an Italy runner during the Buffaloes' semifinal win over the Gladiators as teammates Tyrone Davis (4) and Chad Smith (90) arrive to give an assist. The Buffs took their first ever state championship Saturday, defeating Rogers' Eagles, 33-7.

back Jody Louder, who ended the game with 103 yards and three touchdowns on 21 carries.

His second score of the night, a 1-yard plunge late in the third quarter to make the score 26-7, proved to cement momen-

tum in the Buffs' favor. "I knew they would call on me some, because of the weather," Louder said. "But I never carried the ball that much before."

While Louder, James Jenkins and quarterback Kyle Herm

were pounding the ball on the ground, the Stanton defense was simply pounding Rogers' quarterback Hutka, who set a national high school passing record with 4,475 yards this season.

Against the Buffs and a slip-

pery field, however, Hutka was not able to sustain the magic. After directing a 17-play touchdown drive in the first quarter, Hutka spent much of the second half trying to avoid a fero-

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Sealy, LaMarque, Flower Mound Marcus take other titles

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — It was historic for Texas and overwhelming for T.J. Mills. Defensive end Wesley Martinez scored on a 61-yard fumble return and linebacker Adam Zapalac's interception in the final minute helped Sealy become the first Texas high school team to win four straight state titles with a 28-21 victory over Commerce at the Astrodome Friday night to take the Class 3A title.

"It's a little overwhelming right now," Mills said after the victory. "Maybe in a couple of weeks it will sink in, but right now it's a little overwhelming."

He knew that if his team were to

make the record books, the Tiger defense would lead the way.

Sealy (16-0), which had seven shutouts this season, needed all of its defensive wits to withstand a second-half charge by Commerce (15-1), led by quarterback Cornelius Hines, who almost rallied his team.

Trailing 21-6 with 10:44 to go in the third quarter after Martinez's big return, Hines drove Commerce to a 4-yard touchdown run by Erik Sienty with 6:05 left in the third period.

After Sealy went up 28-14 on Michael McDonald's 25-yard run with 2:53 to go in the third quarter, Hines scored on a 1-yard run with 9:38 left in the game, cutting Sealy's lead to a touchdown.

"He (Hines) just wouldn't let us die,"

Commerce coach Steve Lineweaver said. "He has a tremendous will to compete."

Commerce got one more chance at avenging their 1995 loss to Sealy in the title game when Deshonne Wilkerson forced Sealy quarterback Robbie Bozeman to fumble and B.J. Blow recovered.

"They are a championship team and I don't like losing but I don't mind losing to a good team," Lineweaver said. "We had our chances but we made too many errors."

But moments later, Zapalac picked off Hines' final pass and Sealy ran out the clock to put itself in the record books.

Sealy set themselves apart from four

other teams that won three straight state titles: Big Sandy (1973-75), Waco (1925-27), Amarillo (1934-36) and Abilene (1954-56).

Sealy's defense permitted Commerce to drive 74 yards on its first series for a 1-yard touchdown run by Myreo Sampson with 5:46 to go in the first quarter, but after Commerce missed the extra point.

That's when the Sealy defense went to work and took a 14-6 halftime lead on a 50-yard run by Brian Johnson with 10:24 to go in the second quarter and a 32-yard touchdown pass from Trey Moore to Jason Carr with 9:25 to go.

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Stanton sweeps top individual honors, 11 first-team all-district spots

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

It should come as no surprise that Stanton's district champion and state finalist Buffaloes dominated selections to the District 6-2A all-district team, grabbing 11 first-team spots as well as all three of the league's individual honors.

Leading the Buffs' top selections were junior quarterback Kyle Herm and junior linebacker Jody Louder.

Herm, who going into Saturday's state championship game with Rogers' Eagles had passed for more than 2,000 yards, was selected as the district's most valuable offensive player and a first-team selection in the defensive secondary.

Louder was the most valuable defensive player and a first-team selection in the offensive backfield. Coach Mark Cotton was his peers' pick for coach of the year honors.

The Buffs, who averaged 58.6 points per game in district play, grabbed seven first-team offensive spots.



COTTON

HERM

LOUDER

CARSON

ANDERSON

J. SMITH

TAYLOR

C. SMITH

DAVIS

Joining Louder on the first-team were center Jason Anderson, linemen Jeremy Smith and James Taylor, tight end Chad Smith and wide receiver Tyrone Davis.

Davis and both Smiths were first-team defensive selections, as well — Davis joining Herm in the secondary, Chad Smith earning an end's spot and Jeremy Smith grabbing a linebacker's post.

Taylor was a second-team defensive line pick. Stanton also earned six more second-team spots and six honorable mention selections.

In addition to Taylor's spot on the second-team defense, Joey Noylor earned spots at both linebacker and kicker, and seniors Jacob Saldivar and Kory Williams were voted to the secondary.

The Buffs' three players earning second-team offensive honors were lineman Edward Segura, wide receiver Maurice Martinez and running back James Jenkins.

Stanton running backs Sal Gonzalez and Brett Hull were among the honorable mention recipients on offense. Hull was also an honorable men-

tion pick at defensive end.

Carr was an honorable mention defensive tackle and teammates Thomas Rios and Nicky Sanchez received secondary honors.

Rounding out the first-team offense were linemen Felipe Bernal and Brian Mechem of Iraan and Jacob Hall of Anthony; receiver Matt Almaraz of Anthony; running backs Bubba Norwood of McCamey and Clint Smithson of

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Different directions Lady Steers win, Tigers top Steers

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers looked for all the world to be two teams headed in different directions Friday, as a fourth-quarter collapse left the Steers dropping a 71-52 loss to Frenship, while the Lady Steers defeated Coahoma's Bulldogettes by the same score.

The Bulldogettes, paced by Cassie Tindol and Shana Earnest, made things interesting, during the first quarter and again in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, but the Lady Steers' 3-point shooting and dominance on the boards proved to be too much as they improved to 10-6 on the season.

With Earnest and Tindol doing most of the damage, the Bulldogettes overcame an early Big Spring lead and held sway most of the first quarter until a Maggie Haddad 3-pointer and a jumper from the paint by Keesha Lott in the last minute gave the Lady Steers a 17-14 lead.

Haddad, who scored a game-high 17 points, keyed a Lady Steers run with two more long-distance goals and Lott added six points in the paint that allowed Big Spring to take a 38-27 lead into the lockerroom at halftime.

And when Haddad opened the third quarter with another three-pointer, it appeared as if a stampee was in the offing, but the Bulldogettes gave the Lady Steers a taste of their own medicine — pressuring and trapping Big Spring's guards and forcing a number of turnovers.

But the Bulldogettes couldn't make the most of the chance.

"We played really well," Coahoma coach David Cox noted. "We just couldn't shoot as well as Big Spring. That was the difference."

Coahoma's Ellie Woods managed a three-pointer, the only one the Bulldogettes would get on the evening, just before the third-quarter buzzer, trimming Big Spring's lead to just nine points, 52-43.

And when the Lady Steers failed to score from the field during the first three minutes of the final frame, the Bulldogettes managed to pull within six when Lindy Parsons scored on a jumper from the lane.

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SPORTS EXTRA

LOCAL BOWLING

VA COUPLES

RESULTS-Team ten over Team four 6-2, Team three over Team one 8-0, Team five over Team eight 8-0, Team two 8-6...

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS-K-9 over BOD 6-2, Allan's Furniture over Karat Patch 8-0, Hughes Optical over Rainbow Home Improvement 6-2...

PINPOPPERS

RESULTS-A&B Farms over Kuykendall 8-0, Guys Restaurant over Health Food Store 8-0...

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Includes teams like New England, Miami, N.Y. Jets, Buffalo, Indianapolis.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE ANAHIM GUELS-Agreed to terms with DH Cecil Fielder on a one-year contract. BALTIMORE ORIOLES-Agreed to terms with DH Harold Baines on a one-year contract...

From staff and wire reports

Registration for youth hoops league continues

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The registration deadline was Dec. 6, but late registrations are being accepted with a \$5 additional fee.

No tryouts will be held for the league, which organizers say will have an emphasis on participation and fundamentals, not winning.

Practice begins the week of Jan. 5 and the first games will be played on Saturday, Jan. 17.

For more information, call 267-8234.

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For more information, contact Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at (915) 520-6502.

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Nike will bring the Nike Volleyvan to Big Spring High School's Steer Gym on Jan. 17.

A clinic for girls in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will be conducted to stress the importance of enjoying the game, as well as receiving basic skills work.

For more information, contact BSHS head volleyball coach Traci Pierce by calling 264-3641.

TP&WD officials offering harvest recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding local landowners and hunters that the white-

tailed deer season continues through Jan. 4, 1998.

The bag limit is four deer with no more than two bucks. Deer population surveys in Howard County have resulted in TP&WD officials recommending that hunters not harvest antlerless deer north of I-20 and recommend that they take one doe per 800 acres and one buck per 1,300 acres south of I-20.

For more information, contact wildlife biologist Bill Del Monte at (915) 798-3152.

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BOWL GAME SCHEDULE

Table listing bowling games with dates (Saturday, Dec. 20 to Saturday, Dec. 27) and opponents (e.g., Las Vegas Bowl, Air Force vs. Oregon).

See yourself in Readers Corner

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THE BIG SPRING/HOWARD COUNTY DINING GUIDE

Advertisement for dining guide featuring 'BRANDIN IRON INN STEAKS', 'SONIC Coney Brown Bag', and 'K-C Steak & Seafood'.

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Advertisement for COWBOYS STEAKHOUSE & RESTAURANT, featuring 'DAILY BUFFETS!' and contact info.

Advertisement for K-C Steak & Seafood, featuring 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'.

Advertisement for La Posada Restaurant, featuring 'DAILY BUFFET 11 AM-2 PM' and contact info.

If your restaurant is not listed, please call 263-7331 for information

ALL-DISTRICT

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Iraan; Van Horn's Fernie Carrasco at punter; and Iraan quarterback Drew Rylander.

The first-team defensive line included Iraan's Felipe Bernal, Van Horn's Elmer Melendez and McCamey's George Streigler. Joining Chad Smith at the end positions were Mark Foley of Iraan and George Lopez of Van Horn.

Three other linebackers earned first-team spots with Jeremy Smith — McCamey's Aiden Gomez and the Iraan tandem of Brandon Ramsey and David Vallejo.

The remainder of the first-team secondary was Vincent Flores of Van Horn, Ricky Hill of Iraan, Adrian Navarrete of McCamey and Juan Uribe of Anthony. The first-team kicker was Iraan's David James.

DISTRICT 6-2A

All-District Football Team
Offensive MVP: Kyle Herm, Stanton
Defensive MVP: Jody Louder, Stanton
Coach of the Year: Mark Cotton, Stanton
FIRST TEAM

Offense
Center: Josh Carson, Stanton, Sr.
Linemen: Kason Anderson, Stanton, Sr.; Felipe Bernal, Iraan, Sr.; Jacob Hall, Anthony, Sr.; Brian Mechem, Iraan, Sr.; Jeremy Smith, Stanton, Jr.; James Taylor, Stanton, Jr.
Tight end: Chad Smith, Stanton, Jr.
Receivers: Matt Almaraz, Anthony, Sr.; Tyson Davis, Stanton, Sr.
Running backs: Jody Louder, Stanton, Jr.; Bubba Norwood, McCamey, Jr.; Clint Smithson, Iraan, Soph.
Quarterback: Drew Rylander, Iraan, Jr.
Punter: Fernie Carrasco, Van Horn, Soph.
Defense
Linemen: Felipe Bernal, Iraan, Sr.; Elmer Melendez, Van Horn, Jr.; George Streigler, McCamey, Sr.
Ends: Mark Foley, Iraan, Soph.; George Lopez, Van Horn, Jr.; Chad Smith, Stanton, Jr.
Linebackers: Aiden Gomez, McCamey, Sr.; Brandon Ramsey, Iraan, Sr.; Jeremy Smith, Stanton, Jr.; David Vallejo, Iraan, Sr.
Secondary: Tyson Davis, Stanton, Sr.; Vincent Flores, Van Horn, Jr.; Kyle Herm, Stanton, Jr.; Ricky Hill, Iraan, Jr.; Adrian Navarrete, McCamey, Sr.; Juan Uribe, Anthony, Sr.
Kicker: David James, Iraan, Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Offense
Centers: Daniel Foley, Iraan, Sr.; Danny Harris, Tornillo, Sr.

Linemen: Brandon Alldredge, Iraan, Soph.; Marcus Granado, McCamey, Sr.; Elmer Melendez, Van Horn, Jr.; Edward Segura, Stanton, Jr.; Elias Serrano, Anthony, Soph.; George Streigler, McCamey, Sr.
Tight end: Dustin Grigaby, Iraan, Jr.
Receivers: Ricky Hill, Iraan, Jr.; Maurice Martinez, Stanton, Jr.
Running backs: Martin Delgado, Tornillo, Sr.; James Jenkins, Stanton, Jr.; Juan Uribe, Anthony, Sr.
Quarterback: Adrian Navarrete, McCamey, Sr.
Punter: Martin Delgado, Tornillo, Sr.

Defense
Linemen: Michael Molina, Anthony, Jr.; Brian Mechem, Iraan, Sr.; James Taylor, Stanton, Sr.
Ends: Dustin Grigaby, Iraan, Jr.; Nathan Vaughn, McCamey, Sr.
Linebackers: Mike Alvarez, Anthony, Jr.; Cody Emery, Iraan, Sr.; Rene Macias, Van Horn, Soph.; Joey Novola, Stanton, Jr.
Secondary: Matt Almaraz, Anthony, Sr.; Jacob Saldivar, Stanton, Sr.; Rene Silva, Tornillo, Sr.; Patrick Smith, Iraan, Sr.; Clint Smithson, Iraan, Soph.; Kory Williams, Stanton, Sr.
Kicker: Joey Novola, Stanton, Jr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Offense
Running backs: Sal Gonzalez, Stanton, and Brett Hull, Stanton.
Defense
Line end: Josh Carson, Stanton.
End: Brett Hull, Stanton.
Secondary: Thomas Rios, Stanton, and Nicky Sanchez, Stanton.

STANTON

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Stanton pass rush. Stanton's defense limited the Eagles, who averaged 458.5 yards a game before Saturday, to only 221 yards-106 of those coming in the decisive second half.

Cotton said the key was restricting the Eagles to limited yardage and avoiding the big play.

"We thought they wouldn't be content with 5 or 6-yard catches. They were looking to make the big play," Cotton said. "We knew if we could keep everything in front of us, we'd be OK."

While the Eagles were fumbling in the second half, the Buffs were gaining steam. Stanton made the score 20-7 on an 8-yard keeper from Herm, then Louder added a pair of TD runs in ice the contest.

"When we went up 20-7, I knew they'd have trouble stopping us," Cotton said.

Also playing a big factor in the game was turnovers. Stanton kept a handle on the wet pigskin, while Rogers suffered three turnovers.

"That was amazing," Cotton said of the turnover difference. "Coming into the game, we set that as a goal. We knew we couldn't turn the ball over against a team as good as Rogers."

The Eagles come in the game famed for Hutka's passing prowess- he threw for almost 5,000 yards this season-but it was his running that powered Rogers to the games first score.

The grinding 17-play, 76-yard drive was almost all Hutka, and almost all on the ground. His 10th carry of the march, from five yards out, gave the Eagles a 7-0 score late in the first quarter.

It was the first time Stanton had trailed in a game all year, but if it was a shock to the Buffs' system, they delivered a massive jolt of their own on the ensuing kickoff.

Davis took a handoff out of the "Starburst" return formation and headed right up the field. He sidestepped Rogers' kicker near midfield, avoided another tackle near the 30 and broke free for an 88-yard touchdown. The extra-point kick was blocked, leaving the Buffs trailing 7-6.

"When I broke it and scored, you could just see it in everybody's eyes that we could win the game," Davis said.

After forcing a punt on Rogers' next drive, the Buffs went to work at their own 41. From there, they took 11 plays to score.

The highlight of the drive was inadvertently supplied by Rogers, which was called for roughing the passer on a failed fourth-down pass by Herm.

Given new life, the Buffs quickly converted. Louder

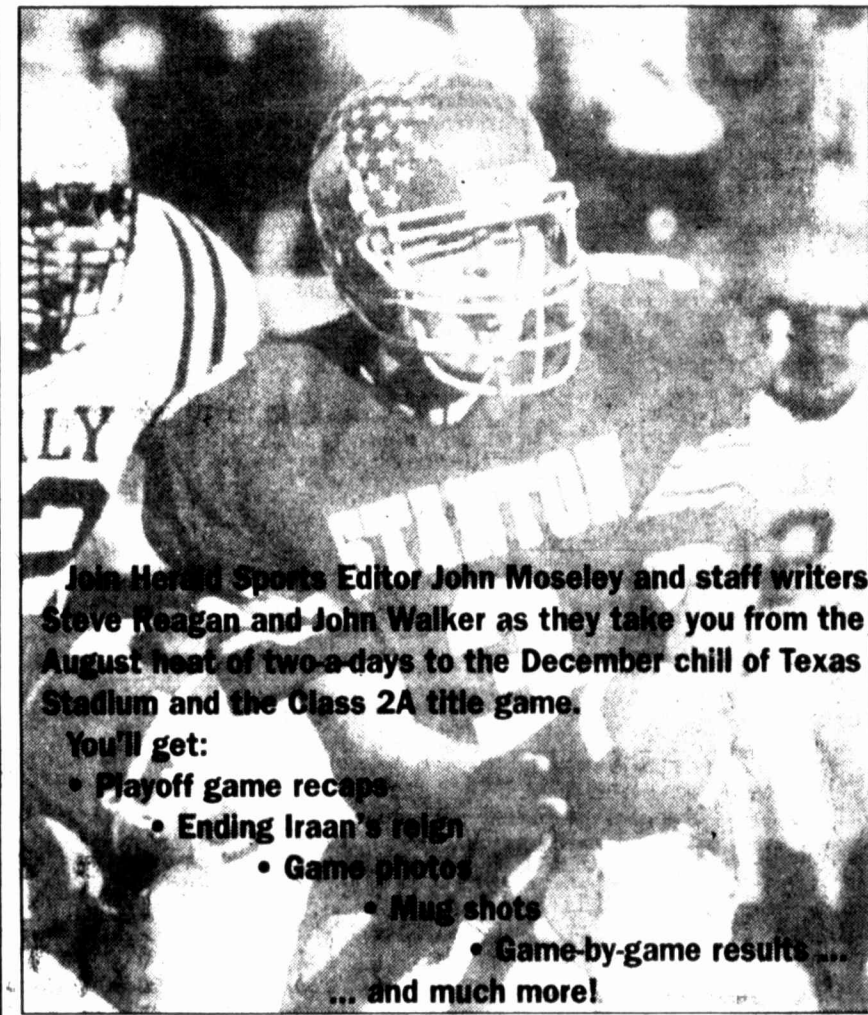
burst up the middle on second down from the Eagles's 20, and dragged three Rogers defenders over the goal line for a touchdown and a 12-7 halftime lead.

A heavy rain throughout the first half seemed to slow both offenses down. The Buffs managed only 67, total yards on offense in the first two quarters, while Rogers fared little better, gaining 100 yards.

The Buffs' defense did a fine job shutting off Rogers' passing game in the first half, limiting Hutka to only six completions for 41 yards.

Road to the title game ...

Stanton's Buffaloes began their drive for the Class 2A state championship game last August. On Tuesday, the Herald looks back on the dream season.



John Herald Sports Editor John Moseley and staff writers Steve Reagan and John Walker as they take you from the August heat of two-a-days to the December chill of Texas Stadium and the Class 2A title game.

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SPLIT

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"That was really troubling," Lady Steers coach Ron Taylor admitted. "We were in a position to put the game away early in the third quarter, but all of a sudden they're just six points behind with six minutes to play."

When Tindol drew her fifth personal foul with 5:47 to play, however, it was if the Bulldogettes realized a come-from-behind win was not in the cards.

The Lady Steers outscored Coahoma 15-1 during the next 4 1/2 minutes to win going away.

Big Spring also got double-digit scoring from Traci Bellinghausen and Kara Hughes, each ripping the nets for 10 points, while Lott finished with nine. Marlena Light and Nadia Cole chipped in eight points apiece.

Tara Sterling and Earnest led the way for Coahoma, but could only manage nine points each. Tindol scored eight before fouling out and Woods finished with seven.

The nightcap followed much the same scenario, although Frenship jumped out to an early lead and was never headed.

After taking a 20-12 lead into the second quarter, the Tigers

saw that edge trimmed to four points on three occasions before a buzzer-beating jumper Sean Green gave the Tigers a 33-27 lead at the intermission.

Sparked by Chauncey Ford, the Steers narrowed Frenship's lead to just three, 41-38, with 10 seconds left in the third quarter, but the Tigers' Heath Riley hit another buzzer-beater — this one a three-pointer — and the rout was on.

Ford managed a couple of jumpers early in the fourth period, but the Tigers went on a 20-2 run over the next four minutes to make the outcome academic.

While Ford and Casey Cowley paced the Steers with 14 points each and Andy Hall had 10, Frenship's Brandon Jones proved troublesome inside and out en route to 20 game-high points.

OTHERS

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La Marque 17, Denison 0

The La Marque Cougars kept up appearances on their side of 31st Street in Galveston County and got into the history books at the same time.

La Marque's defense shut down Denison's powerful

In addition, the Tigers got double 14 points from Bradley Weese, 12 from Riley and 11 from Green in improving their record to 7-8.

The Steers' record fell to 3-10.

In sub-varsity girls' action Friday, Big Spring's freshmen took a 44-40 win over Coahoma behind Melissa Flenniken's 15 points and Melissa Forth's 14. Stacie Barber added five points and a tremendous defensive showing.

Kammi Kay Buchanan scored a game-high 18 points for the Bulldogette frosh.

The Lady Steers junior varsity was a 60-45 winner over Coahoma, as Nina Evans scored 22 game-high points and Lacey Anderson added nine.

Kortney Kemper paced the Coahoma JV with 15 points while Misty Baker had 11.

offense and Jauron Reid scored on a decisive 5-yard run with 5:12 to play, carrying the Cougars to the Class 4A Division II championship with a 17-0 victory Saturday night.

Denison, ranked No. 1 in the final regular-season poll, became the first team to lose three straight championships.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Northwest Bank. A decorative holiday-themed advertisement featuring a large bell and a list of handwritten signatures from various individuals.

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◆St. Patrick is said to have baptized more than 120,000 people.

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

'Baby' helps high school students understand parental responsibility

Some high school students who think they're ready for a baby may need to think again.

Big Spring High School teacher Suzzann Nutting wants them to get that chance. She's using as a class project "Think It Over Baby," a simulated baby that demands constant attention of students who carry it everywhere for 24 hours.

"It is a really good program," said Nutting, who used the "baby" previously at a school district in Arizona. She's sent it home for a day with several students this semester in Child Development classes, and hopes to use it more extensively in the future.

"It was more of a hassle than I thought it would be," said Toby Molina, 16, one of few boys in the class who chose carrying around the baby over his other project option — a folder.

"It seemed like it woke me up every hour while I was trying to sleep," Toby said. Then, while he was practicing with the swim team, he had to climb out of the pool and attend to his charge, dripping wet.

The battery-powered doll emits a recording of a real baby's cry at irregular intervals. If the caretaker does not plug in a small key within one minute, a warning light goes off.

If the doll is abused, dropped or neglected, another warning light goes off. The teacher can access information about the quality of the baby's care, and gives the student a grade based on that.

Students are provided a car seat that can be used as a carrier, but they still must carry the baby everywhere, since the key is attached to the caretaker and cannot be removed.

All it is missing is dirty diapers.

There is even a newer model out that has an unstable neck, forcing the caretaker to support the baby's head at all times.

"I've thought about giving them a diaper bag with bottles, and some of the things you would need to carry around all the time," Nutting said. "We may do that."

"I don't want a baby," said Marissa Yanez, 15, who took "Think It Over" home for a night. "I had to get up at night, and I couldn't find a nightlight. I was bumping into stuff."

Then Marissa took the baby to marching practice with the Steer band.

"It starts crying, and I had to run across the field and put in the key," she said. "My friend had to put up my horn for me."

Not all students learned the same lesson, however. Jessica Perez, 17, said she would have liked to take the doll home for a longer period of time.

"It's fun taking care of kids," she said. "I want to have one." Tops on her list of reasons to enjoy caring for "Think It Over Baby," though, was "I got to leave class with it."

Veronica Martinez, 17, has no doubt that having a baby is not in her current plans, however.

"I want to finish school and go to college," she said. "I don't have time for a baby."



Veronica Martinez, 17, reads in the high school library with her "baby," whom she named Malle for the day. As part of a Child Development class project, Martinez took "Think It Over Baby" everywhere she went for 24 hours to simulate parental responsibility of caring for an infant.



She got to experience that reality first-hand recently, however, when she took the class doll for a day. She dragged it with her from class to class, including her last-period work as an attendance office assistant, the infant carrier and a blanket-wrapped doll.

At times, she carried just the baby. "My hand hurts from holding it," she said, at the end of a long day. If the baby is put in certain positions, such as on its stomach, it cries. This day, it cried three times in three hours — enough to leave Veronica wondering how she would fare for the rest of the day.

Ask Amber Pitts, 16, who took home "Think It Over Baby" during the Thanksgiving holidays, including on a trip to Dallas.

"There were people looking at me in the airport," she said. "Then I had to put it through an x-ray machine. You should have seen the looks I got then."

At left, students, from left, Imelda Garcia, Sherry Burdette and Amber Pitts with the Child Development class "Think It Over Baby" dolls. At right, student Veronica Martinez had to carry the doll with her during her last class, making rounds for the attendance office.



You can support the BSHS Child Development classes

Teacher Suzzann Nutting is seeking community support so she can expand the "Think It Over Baby" program at the high school. The dolls, with needed equipment, cost about \$300 each. If you can help, call her at the high school when classes resume in January, 264-3641.

Story by
Debbie L. Jensen

Photos by
Jonathan Garrett
and Debbie L. Jensen

Far left, the "baby" is a battery-operated doll equipped with a real recording of a baby's cry that goes off at irregular intervals. At left, teacher Suzzann Nutting shows the equipment contained inside the back of one of the dolls. She can tell how well students cared for their charge by checking the data it stores.



WEDDINGS

HINOJOS-EATON

Jamie Louise Hinojos and Daniel Wallen Eaton exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 15, 1997, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Vreteau O.M.I., Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Midland, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pascual Porras, Jr., Big Spring.

He is the son of Jerry Eaton, Houston, and Susie Wyatt, Festus, Mo.

The couple stood before arrangements of gladiolus and spider mums.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an Alfred Angelo design gown of natural silk with an A-line bodice enhanced with lace, seed beads and diamond sequins. The bottom and train were also enhanced with lace encrusted with beads and diamond sequins.

She carried a bouquet of English ivy, baby's breath, gladiolus, carnations, alstro Maria and white mountain lilies.

Maids of honor were Kelly Hinojos and Theresa Porras, sisters of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Lydia Molina, aunt of the bride, Midland, Virginia Rodriguez, aunt of the bride, Big Spring, Jennifer Lee, Plano, and Adela Ramirez, Big Spring.

Flower girl was Jami Eaton, daughter of the groom, and ringbearer was Jordan Hinojos, son of the bride.

Jerry Eaton, father of the groom, was the best man.

Emilio Molina, uncle of the bride, Midland, Cipriano Rodriguez, uncle of the bride, Big Spring, Lewis T. Hinojos, Jr., brother of the bride, Big Spring, Rolando Montana, cousin of the bride, Arlington,



MR. AND MRS. DANIEL EATON

Va., and Gary Wicker, Dallas, served as groomsmen.

Serving as usher was Israel Martinez, cousin of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Father Leo St. John Hall, Big Spring.

The bride's table featured five satellite cakes on tiered crystal pedestals with a lace design and topped with fresh flowers and a wedding Barbie Bride.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate horseshoe shape surrounded by plates of chocolate dipped strawberries and apricots with fresh kiwi slices.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and of Texas Tech University. She is employed by Ratheon TI Systems.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He is employed by D.S.C. Communications in Plano.

The couple will take a delayed wedding trip to Hawaii.

They will make their home in Plano.

Story of two friends brings back childhood

"Tryin' To Sleep In The Bed You Made." Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant. St. Martin's Paperbacks, New York, New York. October, 1997. 483 pages. \$6.50.

Written by two best friends, "Tryin' To Sleep In The Bed You Made" is a tale of two best friends. In what must be partly autobiographical, the story takes the reader from the girls' early-life friendship through the various phases and situations they each endure.

The unique predicaments and entanglements the young women experience are based on the individual decisions they each had made at various times of their lives.

Pat and Gayle became "best friends" early in their school years. While they were inseparable, each harbored feelings of envy about a part of the other's life. Pat's great wish was to have loving and caring parents and the secure homelife in

which Gayle was raised. Gayle, on the other hand, envied Pat's physical attractiveness.

These feelings, while buried deeply within each young woman, were often a part of the motivation and rationalization for the manner in which they chose to live their lives.

As the storyline follows the individual changes of each young girl as she matures and develops into womanhood, it becomes apparent that one foolish choice made by the girls when they were young, has forever changed their lives.

the backbone of the economy, in fact. The big drawing point is the Cowee Valley and it is well advertised.

No, the mines aren't the underground type. Mine owners dig down to the gravels along the stream and eager miners buy buckets to wash in the sluiceways. You can enjoy the lovely scenery while hunting — one can drive in any direction and film breathtaking vistas.

The local gem club has renovated the ancient jail and created a very interesting museum there. We visited that and talked with the local persons. There are a number of native stones to be found, including sapphires, rubies, garnets, citrine, amethyst, moonstone, kyanite, topaz and various quartz to name a few.

Some of the mines are "salted," that is, non-native stones have been added to the buckets of gravels. The Little Tennessee River runs through the town proper. The original source of the sapphires and rubies has been sought by many mining companies, but has never been found.

The weather in summer is mild and for the most part very pleasant. I have never been there in winter but I'm sure the city has attractions in winter also. Most mines close the last of October or early November, however.

Those mines that are "salted" are plainly posted so anyone can choose. There are great many choices.

Each time I have gone there I've talked with people who visit every year. They make the most of natural assets.

Big Spring has just as much to offer, different of course, that has not been developed yet. It lies dormant. Aggressive planning, hard work, extensive advertising is a must for a city to attract tourists and they do spend dollars, thousands of them! The determination of both towns that I have written about is outstanding and citizens are proud of their accomplishments. Rightly so!



Pat Williams
Paperback Book
Reviewer

Franklin, N.C. is example of small community success

First, I wish each reader wherever you are and wherever you are, a very happy holiday season. May many good things come your way during 1998!

The last column was mostly about a small South Carolina town and what they have done for their community. This time I'd like to tell about a somewhat similar one in North Carolina, named Franklin. It is often referred to as the Ruby capitol of the U.S.

On our recent vacation we spent three days there, each one a delight. It is in what I suppose would be called the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, a beautiful setting. It isn't a long way from the Smoky Mountain National Park.

A few miles from the town lies the Cowee Valley. This valley has been famous for the gemstones in its gravels since the 1800s. One certainly isn't likely to become wealthy at the fee mines, but once in a while a very valuable stone is discovered. They aren't plentiful enough to mine commercially.

This was my fourth trip there and I have been quite lucky, I guess. It is definitely a lot of fun and the mine owners are a friendly type of people.

Franklin has made vast changes since 1986 when I last visited there. It had grown so much I hardly recognized it. Since it is so hilly, and for the most part steep hills, they have to search out places to put businesses. We had to hunt for the main mall.

The Chamber of Commerce is very active here and wholeheartedly supports the local gem and mineral club and furnishes backing for the annual gem and mineral show. Tourism is big business here,



Myrtle Griffith
Columnist

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Deadline changes this week

Due to the Christmas holiday, all Sunday *life!* section items, including birth announcements, engagements, weddings and anniversaries for the Dec. 28 paper will be due at our office **Tuesday at noon.**

The deadline for club and church news this week only will also be **Tuesday at noon.**

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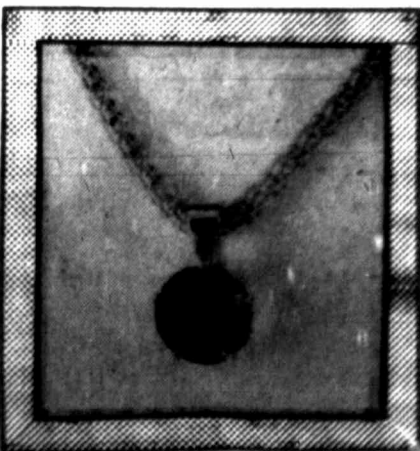
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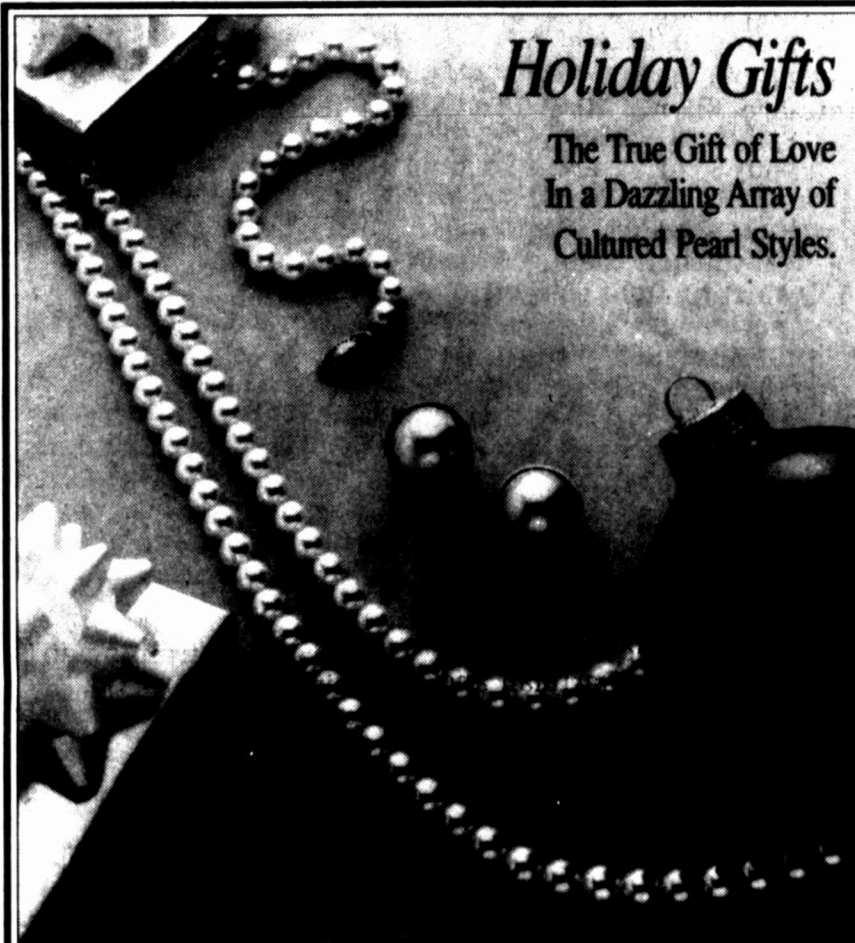
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Grandparents are June Russell, Big Spring, and Arden and Aurelia Colette, Canyon.

Chase Bret Vonnie Billings, boy, Dec. 8, 1997, 7:33 p.m., seven pounds two ounces and 18 1/2 inches long; parents are Kevin and Karin Billings.

Grandparents are Robbie and Jimmie Billings and Vonnie and Dorothy Downey, all of Big Spring.

Margarito Oden Yanez III, boy, Dec. 12, 1997, 7:49 a.m., six pounds 12 1/4 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Margarito Oscar Yanez, Jr., and Michelle Lee Howland.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Howland, Sr., Crane, and Mr. and Mrs. Margarito O. Yanez, Sr., Big Spring.

Caelan Bryan Gutierrez, boy, Dec. 4, 1997, 1:30 p.m., six pounds 12 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Judy Chapa and Armando Gutierrez.

Grandparents are Agapito and Delia Chapa and Tomas Gutierrez.

William Louis Kain Spivey, boy, Dec. 5, 1997, 9:08 a.m., six pounds and 20 inches long; parents are Ammie Howell and Carl Spivey.

Grandparents are Patty Howell, Roy Boyd and Charmaine and Ernie Villalva.

Audrey Nicole Lopez, girl, Dec. 11, 1997, 9:37 a.m., seven pounds 10 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Jason Lopez and Susan Chavez.

Grandparents are Arthur and Hope Lopez and Jose and Maria Chavez, all of Big Spring.

Madyson Leola Gene Gartman, girl, Dec. 11, 1997, 12:23 p.m., eight pounds 13 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Tommy Gartman and Kathy Degenstein-Gartman.

Grandparents are Buster and Susie Gartman, Big Spring, and Rudy and Marrion Degenstein, North Battleford, Canada.

Destanie ZeAnndra Rawls, girl, Dec. 15, 1997, 5:38 a.m., six pounds one ounce and 19 1/2 inches long; mother is Micheal Rawls.

Grandparents are Rose Edwards and Brentt Newton, Big Spring.

Eugene Vanderbuilt III, boy, Dec. 15, 1997, 2 p.m., seven pounds 13 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Eugene Vanderbuilt and Priscilla Hernandez.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Castaneda and Gwendylon Vanderbuilt.

Kami Rene Miramontes, girl, Dec. 16, 1997, 11:19 a.m., six pounds 14 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Joe and Monica Miramontes.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Dunkel

Loy and Dortha Dunkel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 15, 1997, with a reception dinner hosted by their children and grandchildren at the Big Spring home of their daughter Linda Norman.

He was born in Bunker Hill, Kan., and she was born in Oilton, Okla., as Dortha Fant.

They were first introduced by his sister. They married on May 3, 1947, in Henderson, Ky.

They have four children, Leonard and Linda Norman of Big Spring, Wayne and Jackie Dunkel of Lubbock, Thomas

and Ladon Grubbs of Seattle, Wash., and Frank Dunkel of Carrollton.

They also have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

They have lived in Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois and Florida during their marriage and are currently retired in the East Texas community of Avinger.

Loy is a retiree of Fairchild Weston and keeps busy renovating the family home.

Dortha is active in the First Baptist Church of Avinger and the 1936 Study Club.

Lutheran Church sets Christmas event tonight

By T.E. Jenkins
Guest Writer

As the holiday season gets into full swing, the St. Paul Lutheran Church is doing its part to get the community into the spirit.

Tonight, the church will be putting on a Christmas musical entitled "Rejoice In His Coming." The program is being sponsored by the Praise Makers, the church's own choir.

The program will be directed by Angela Conner, the choir director. It will feature solos by Barbara Franckowiak, as well as narration by Gary Wollenzien.

Pastor Carroll Kohl says, "This is an attempt on our part to offer a gift to the community

in the spirit of the holiday season."

The 25 voices that make up the Praise Makers will be accompanied by the church's own group of musicians.

They will be singing traditional Christmas hymns, as well as some recent contemporary pieces.

The musical will also be narrated by parishioners playing the parts of Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherd Boy.

There will be no admission charge. The show will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the church's sanctuary, on the corner of 9th and Scurry.

Anyone wishing more information can contact Pastor Kohl at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 267-7163.

IN THE MILITARY

Army Pvt. Clinton T. Newman has graduated from basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

Newman is the son of Debbie Saffell, Pleasanton, and Fred C. Newman, Big Spring.

He is a 1997 graduate of Pleasanton High School.

WHO'S WHO

Marta Paige Mathews of Big Spring graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education during December commencement.

Mathews is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Mathews.

Oops! Number mixup causes red faces

WARWICK, R.I. (AP) — Ray Brigidi hoped his real estate agent could generate some excitement about his house.

A typo on the "For Sale" sign caused a stir, all right.

Prospective buyers who called the toll-free telephone number on the sign hoping to hear an automated listing of

homes for sale got a wrong number — and an earful from a phone sex line.

Brigidi discovered the mix-up Sunday night, when he called expecting to hear a description of his three-bedroom house.

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Rondal and Yuri Demyen, sons Kyle and Alex and daughter Rachel, Nazasaki, Japan. He is employed by the VA Medical Center.

Kuo-Ching Yoang and wife Grace Lee, daughter Ann and son Alexander, San Antonio. He is the cook at Hunan Restaurant.

Cristina Woody and son Bryce, Dallas. She does waitress work.

Adam and Joyce Lester, Ruidoso, N.M. He is retired from the Sweetwater Cotton Gin.

Ray Ryan, Fort Collins, Colo. He is a retired school teacher.

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She is the daughter of Rick and Donna Cunningham, Big Spring.

He is the son of Terry and Tommye Ellis, Abilene.

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West Texas leading state's peanut boom

GORMAN (AP) — These lush plains east of Abilene are all Dickie Norris has known for most of his 40 years. Patched among the huge oak trees and gentle slopes is some of Texas' most prolific peanut-growing land.

Norris also believes the goober industry's glory days are past in his native Eastland County. That's why he's joined a growing number of farmers headed for the flat, treeless expanse between Lubbock and Odessa.

"It was a pretty big move, I'll tell you," Norris said. "I have a wife and three kids and a pretty nice place down there that's paid for. But there's no future in central Texas for peanut growers. It's over."

Texas will produce a record 400 tons, second only to Georgia in peanut production. But historically peanut-orient-

ed Eastland and Comanche counties, nestled between Abilene and Waco, aren't at the forefront anymore.

Gaines County, among the most spacious on the High Plains, will yield more than a third of the state's production this year and West Texas as a whole will account for two-thirds. A dry summer, meanwhile, left Eastland-Comanche growers with little to show.

"It was a very disappointing year in Central Texas," said Mary Webb, executive director of the Texas Peanut Producers Board, based in Gorman. "Dryland was a complete bust because the rains came too late."

North-central Texas farms also have been plagued by disease and overworked land. When 1995 farm legislation allowed farmers to lease or sell their federal production quotas

to growers outside their county, they found plenty of eager takers out west.

"I like it out here," said Norris, who moved to the Seminole area in Gaines County last year. "The kids like the school, but it's been an adjustment. It's not for everybody. I'm really starting over."

Peanuts are one of the few field crops still tightly controlled by government quotas and price supports. Farmers commit to produce a certain amount of peanuts each season; if they can't meet the quota level, they lose the right to grow that amount the next year.

Hefty quota levels have forced some growers to plant peanuts on the same plots year after year, increasing the crops' susceptibility to disease and decreasing soil nutrient levels. Conventional wisdom

says peanuts should be rotated onto land just once in three years.

"Under the rules set out by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, you have to protect your quota pounds, and the quotas belong to the farms," Mrs. Webb said. "I personally know of one farmer who has had peanuts every year for 50 years (on the same land)."

In one sense, reducing Eastland County's quotas, in turn shrinking its peanut industry, may actually help some growers here.

"A lot of our land was peanutted out," Eastland agricultural extension agent David Vestal said. "Now that we've moved a few of those (quota) pounds out, we've been able to rest some land for a period of time. That allows us to build back the soil, which certainly makes a big difference."

Unlike elsewhere in Texas, the wide-open spaces of Gaines County allow growers a chance to reap tons of peanuts without planting all their land. Abundant groundwater and disease-resistant dry air are pluses, too.

Within three years, Mrs. Webb said 40 percent of Eastland County's quotas will be leased to outsiders, mostly in West Texas. Still more quota allotments are being sold outright.

Land that's known nothing but peanuts for generations now is flush with coastal hay and cattle.

"I've got a lot of good friends who have farmed (in the Gorman area) all their life," said Norris, who predicts his Eastland County quota responsibilities will be moved to Gaines County by 1999. "I don't know what they're going to do."

They don't know what they're going to do.

"The biggest majority of them (lost) \$50,000 to \$100,000 last year and they can't afford to come out here; it cost a lot of money to move out here and start over. That's what I was afraid of if I waited another year or two."

Gaines County isn't exactly a newcomer to peanuts, but it was merely a bit player until the 1980s. Last year's yield of 216,559 pounds marked a 19-fold increase from the 12,828 pounds produced in 1980, just after the government permitted non-quota farmers to grow non-quota "additional peanuts."

Additional peanuts, which make up 52 percent of Texas' crop and a vast majority of the West Texas output, may be contracted only for export or peanut oil and not sold domestically.



Courtesy photo
Howard County 4-Hers placed well and received several awards at the recent District VI Steer and Heifer Series in Big Spring. Pictured are (front row) 4-H members Megan Knight, Lindsay Moates, Frances Clark, Trevor Bibb and Terrell Bibb. Pictured in back are John Purcell, Kyle Kight and Cody McCann.

County 4-H members place well at District VI show in Big Spring

By BRANDON MCGINTY
Assistant County Agent

During the weekend of Dec. 6-7, a group of Howard County 4-Hers participated in the final show of the District VI Steer and Heifer Series in Big Spring.

Year end awards were given as well as awards for the show. In the Heifer Division, Cody McCann placed second and also won the overall District VI Heifer Series.

In the Steer Division, John Purcell placed first with his Angus steer and second with his Charolais steer. Frances Clark placed fourth with her Hereford steer and Kyle Kight placed second with his Hereford steer and first with his Charolais steer, and was recognized as Reserve Champion Breed and Reserve Grand Champion overall.

Lindsay Moates placed first and also won the Champion American Cross Steer.

Terrell Bibb placed second in the American Cross Division and won Reserve Champion American Cross Steer.

Megan Knight placed third with her American Cross steer and Trevor Bibb placed third with his European steer.

We appreciate all of the support of the parents, grandparents and volunteers that helped make this show a success.

Democrats, Republicans join forces in tax overhaul debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leading Democrats have joined Republicans in the clamor to overhaul the tax system, broadening debate on an issue certain to get plenty of attention in Congress next year.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., plus the libertarian Cato Institute and a San Francisco think tank called Redefining Progress, are promoting various ideas following GOP-sponsored debates on a flat tax and national sales tax. Many other alternatives are expected to crop up when Congress returns in late January.

This fall, House Republicans revived the tax reform topic with a series of well-attended debates featuring a flat tax advocate, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and a national sales tax proponent, Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La. Armey and Tauzin limited the debate to proposals already introduced as legislation that promised a single, flat rate.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., applauded the debates. While not endorsing

either option, he backed an effort to scrap the income tax code by 2001 and replace it with a new system.

Kennedy proposed a "post-card tax return with progressive tax rates."

"Democrats can and must seek genuine tax simplification," he told the National Press Club last week. "But the tax rate on the post card cannot and must not be the same flat rate for all Americans."

Gregory Jenner, national tax policy director at the accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand, said, "One of the things that seems to be occurring frequently these days is the co-opting of issues of one party by another. I don't think there is complete ownership of tax reform by one party."

Kennedy also proposed a major overhaul of the Social Security payroll tax, which he called "our most regressive tax." Currently, individuals pay a 6.2 percent rate on all wages up to \$65,400; their employers match that amount.

Kennedy would remove the \$65,400 cap and use the proceeds to cut Social Security

taxes to 5.3 percent for everyone. "Everyone earning less than \$80,000 a year would receive a tax break," he said. His proposal would not affect the 1.45 percent Medicare payroll tax.

Jenner said Kennedy's tax idea amounts to "redistributing the tax burden to the upper-income levels."

Kennedy left the details for his post-card tax return until next year, but a spokesman said it is "roughly similar" to the 10 percent tax plan advanced by Gephardt, who is eyeing a run for the presidency.

Gephardt says that under his plan, 75 percent of taxpayers would pay a 10 percent federal tax on a post-card-sized return. He would eliminate nearly all deductions, credits and exclusions from taxes, except for the home mortgage interest deduction.

Another new voice in the debate is economist Stephen Moore of the Cato Institute, who would let taxpayers choose between the current system or a 25 percent flat tax.

Regulators, TU considering two-year \$263 million rate rollback

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Utilities Electric Co. plans to cut rates over the next two years, a move that would save many residential customers almost \$100 during the period.

The Dallas-based utility, in its proposed agreement with state regulators, would avert a fight with consumer advocates and lawyers for cities and other users who want Texas Utilities Electric to cut its rates

even more.

Leadership of the Public Utility Commission, which earlier criticized TU Electric for what it called excessive earnings, must still approve the plan.

But the proposed \$263 million rollback has support of the PUC staff, some large industries and the state's public utility counsel, who represents residents and small businesses.

"This is a good deal for consumers," said Laurie Pappas, Texas deputy public counsel, who added that the proposed rate cuts track estimates of the company's excess earnings.

Residential base rates, which include much of residential electric bills minus the utility's fuel costs, would drop 4 percent in 1998 and another 1.4 percent in 1999 under the plan.

MOVING ON UP



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) Lt. Pam Jordan shows off one of the many duties she has enjoyed during her 16 year career with the department. Jordan will assume her new duties as captain and second in command at the BSPD on Dec. 28.

Big spenders find happiness has no price tag

By LARRY ELLIOT
The Guardian

It's often said that those who say money can't buy happiness simply don't know where to shop. So, when you've finished leafing through the newspaper, the odds are that you'll be off to the mall, armed with your plastic for a bit of conspicuous consumption.

After all, Christmas is only a few days away and spending money makes you happy, right?

Wrong. According to economists, it's a myth that the more we spend, the better we feel.

Put another way, the notion that Karl Marx is less relevant to the modern world than shop-

ping malls may have to be reassessed. There is something in Marx's belief that capitalism would be brought down by its own contradictions.

The evidence — published in this month's edition of The Economic Journal — that the link between happiness and income/consumption is tenuous — is quite compelling.

Measured by annual growth in per capita incomes, the West is much, much richer than it was 50 or even 20 years ago. But in the U.S. reported happiness has gone up only fractionally over the post-World War II period, and in Europe reported levels of "satisfaction with life" are only slightly higher than in the mid-1970s. In some coun-

tries, including Britain, they're actually lower.

Nor, according to economist Andrew Oswald of Warwick University in England, is this the end of matter. Rich countries tend to have higher levels of suicide, and in the past 20 years the number of male suicides has gone up.

The last 20 years have, of course, been a period of very high unemployment in Europe, and Oswald finds that unhappiness is far more prevalent among the jobless.

Money, he concludes, buys us very little well-being, and yet we see everyone around us striving to earn more of it. Why is that? Oswald says it is akin to the spectator who

stands up at a football game to get a better view; by the time all his neighbors are also standing up, he or she is no better off than before.

Chinese economist Yew-Kwang Ng argues that once the basics of life are provided for, further consumption can actually make us worse off. "Our ways to increase happiness further then take on the largely competitive forms, like attempting to keep up with the Joneses," he says. "From a social viewpoint, such competition is pure waste. On top of this, production and consumption continue to impose substantial environmental costs, making economic growth quite possibly

happiness-decreasing."

American economist Robert Frank puts it like this: In Society A everyone lives in a house with 5,000 square feet of floor space, while in Society B everyone has 3,000 square feet of floor space. Contrary to the accepted norms of Western society, provided people from Society A do not come into contact with those from Society B, there is no discernible difference in respective levels of well-being.

But it takes far more resources to build a 5,000 square foot house than a 3,000 square foot house, and they might add more to our total well-being if they were used in a different way. Frank cites a

number of hypothetical examples: would we rather have the extra 2,000 square feet of floor space or a 15-minute commute by a rapid transit system, for example?

And who would be happier: people in 5,000-square-foot homes who can only find time to see their friends once a month, or people living in 3,000-square-foot homes who meet up with their chums once a week?

Frank argues that we'd all be better off if we all agreed to consume less, just as we'd all be better off if we left the office at 5 p.m. rather than 8 p.m. But we don't, because we think that everybody is consuming more and enhancing promotion.

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Court Records:
Deed Records:
Warranty Deeds:
grantor: Jimmy Ray Nash
grantee: Abner H. Shellman
property: a parcel of land out of tract no. 8 of the William B. Currie Subdivision of the southeast 1/4 of section 42, blk. 32, T-1-N T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 8, 1997

grantor: T.J. and Lou Dell Castle
grantee: Holly L. Meeks
property: lot 4, blk. 28, College Park Estates
filed: Dec. 9, 1997
grantor: Rodney R. and Lynn Robertson
grantee: Jose M. and Raquel P. Mireles
property: lot 4, blk. 18, College Park Estates
filed: Dec. 9, 1997
grantor: Prudential Residential Services
grantee: Fred M. and Michelle Arzate
property: lots 1 and 2, blk. 1, Sunset Place Addition
filed: Dec. 9, 1997
grantor: Sybil Blackwood
grantee: Vince and Shawn Hatfield
property: a certain 1.74 acre tract of land out of section 33, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 9, 1997
grantor: Freddy L. Brown
grantee: Marcellous Weaver
property: lot 7, blk. 7, Suburban Heights Addition
filed: Dec. 9, 1997
grantor: Frances Wheat, Lawrence Reagan Wheat and Lee Elise Wheat Kall
grantee: Marcellous Weaver
property: lots 7 and 8, blk. 26, Original Town of Big Spring
filed: Dec. 9, 1997
grantor: Frank and China Long
grantee: Joe Gomez and Maria Dominguez
property: lots 2 and 3, blk. 50, Original Town of Big Spring
filed: Dec. 10, 1997
grantor: La Quinta Spence Fortenberry a/k/a Joy Spence Fortenberry
grantee: Ronald L. and Barbara L. Ball
property: a 1.0 tract of land, more or less, out of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Dec. 10, 1997
grantor: Dorothy Dublin Garrett, as trustee of the Dorothy Dublin Garrett Revocable Trust, Melinda Sue Partee, individually and Melinda Sue Partee as independent executrix of the Estate of Dorothy Ann Turner
grantee: Prescription Services, Inc.
property: the north 50' of lot 4, blk. 89, Original Town of Big Spring
filed: Dec. 11, 1997
grantor: Lester Marvin Gross
grantee: George and Susan Williams
property: all of lot 19 and 20, blk., 15, Washington Place Addition
filed: Dec. 12, 1997
Grant Deed:
grantor: Dorothy Dublin Garrett and Sue Partee
grantee: The Boy's Club
property: the east 75' of lots 1 and 2, blk. 19, Original Town of Big Spring
filed: Dec. 10, 1997
grantor: Virginia Sawyer Hutto
grantee: Bruce S. Hutto
property: an undivided 1/6 interest in lot 10, blk. 14, North Parkhill Addition
filed: Dec. 10, 1997

grantor: Virginia Sawyer Hutto
grantee: Tommie Hutto-Blake
property: an undivided 1/6 interest in lot 10, blk. 14, North Parkhill Addition
filed: Dec. 10, 1997
grantor: Virginia Sawyer Hutto
grantee: Al Blake
property: an undivided 1/6 interest in lot 10, blk. 14, North Parkhill Addition
filed: Dec. 10, 1997
Warranty deed with vendor's lien:
grantor: Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.
grantee: ATRA Corp.
Property: the west 70' of lot 5 and 6 and the east 50' of lot 7 and 8, all in blk. 53, Original Town of Big Spring
Date filed: Dec. 10, 1997
grantor: Lelsa Ann (Reid) Malnes
grantee: Ronald K. Malnes
property: undivided 1/2 interest in the south 1/2 of the east 1/2 of lot 3, blk. 26, Saunders Addition, Coahoma
filed: Dec. 12, 1997
grantor: Martin W. Phillips
grantee: Rick L. and Debra D. Liles
property: lot 12, blk. 5, Central Park Addition
filed: Dec. 16, 1997
Trustee's deed:
Quit claim deed:
grantor: Florence Sue Fortenberry Robertson
grantee: La Quinta Spence Fortenberry a/k/a Joy Spence Fortenberry
property: a 1.0 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Dec. 10, 1997
grantor: Harold G. Talbot and Clifton Talbot
grantee: The Record Owners
property: the northwest 1/4 of section 5, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 11, 1997

118th District Court
Court Filings:
Filing:
Family:
Angela Lee Rodriguez vs. Theodore "Ted" Diaz, Jr.
Christy Michelle Reyes vs. Charlie Leos Daniel Scott Winn vs. Amy Dales Barbee Winn
Divorce:
Accounts, notes & contracts:
Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. vs. Andy Wostal and Ken Allmand
Robert D. Miller vs. Planned Parenthood of West Texas
Injuries & damages:
Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:
Margaret Palacios vs. Christopher Gammans
Shirley Brumley vs. Kevin Dale Coats
Other:
Seizure of certain contraband material vs. Santos Ramiro Martinez, Jr.
Rulings:
Due to the Christmas holidays and the closure of the courthouse, public records will not be printed in the Sunday, Dec. 28 edition of the Herald.

Super student not waiting for employers to call him

By KATHY A. EDGAR
Arlington Morning News

ARLINGTON — Julian Samuels seldom has a free moment. When he's not building light sculptures for his lawn decoration business, he's producing estimates for his computer supply company. He's also a full-time student who sings in a choir that performs frequently throughout the Arlington-D/FW area. Julian is 17 years old. "Each person has a special gift, and mine happens to be entrepreneurship," the Lamar High School senior said. His business ventures began at age 11, Julian said, when he saw some light sculptures at a crafts show. He told the artists, Judy and Burl Hediger of Irving, that he wanted to learn to make the lawn decorations. They at first didn't take him seriously, Mrs. Hediger said, figuring he would lose interest. But he asked until she relented. "He was just a little fellow back then but he has a wonderful personality," she said. "His mother would bring him and drop him off, and I'd teach him to do the lights." Julian eventually learned to weld together the 3/8-inch steel rods to form the frameworks, and he has come up with several design ideas. The frames are still built at the Irving site by the Hedigers' crew, then Julian picks up the ones for his customers, brings them home and attaches the lights after school and on weekends. Julian buys the frames from the Hedigers — and occasionally helps manufacture the forms — and keeps the profits from his sales. So far this year, he has put lights on about 500 yard decorations, he said, using black plastic ties. He estimates he uses 20,000 lights each year in strings of 100 each. "These are the longest-lasting lights you can buy," Julian said. "They'll burn for four or five seasons and they'll withstand rain, hail or snow. Then people can replace them or I

can re-string them for \$20 a strand." The most expensive yard decoration he does is a five-car train that sells for \$1,700. Some run as low as \$150, he said, and a 1,000-light Santa-on-a-motorcycle decoration he recently designed retails for \$600. He declined to reveal sales or earnings. Last year, he said, most of his earnings went back into the company for supplies and other expenses. He also put some money in savings and in April used some as start-up for his computer supply business. Tech.Stuff is handled entirely through the Internet, he said. Julian sells new and used computers and related equipment to large companies but has virtually no overhead, he said, since he keeps nothing in stock. When a potential customer asks for an estimate, Julian contacts a distributor and gets a price. He then tacks on a small percentage for himself and E-mails the estimate off to the customer. His only completed sale so far was for 20 NEC computers to a large corporation he declined to name. Were they aware they were dealing with a 17-year-old? "Oh, they never had a clue," Julian said. "As far as they know, Julian Samuels is the head of some big corporation." He said he plans to concentrate on his computer business once the holidays have passed, but right now he's busy filling Christmas orders for lawn decorations. His company handles customers in Arlington, he said, and he also does a thriving business in the Chicago area, where his grandmother lives. He makes the sculptures here, he said, then rents a truck for delivery to Chicago. Although his is a one-man company, his goal is to open a factory here or in Chicago with 10 or 15 people welding the frames and another 20 or 30 people attaching lights. "I want it so I don't have to do the work anymore," he said. "Before I pass away, I want to

own the entire company." His mother, Linda Samuels-Sims, has no doubt he'll do it. "Since he's been in this world he's been thinking of ideas," she said. "Julian was born focused, and when he gets an idea he researches it and follows through. I try to guide him but he usually tells me what's going on."

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Make good use of time by hiring team players

By DONNA COBBLE
Scripps Howard News Service

Q: During a recent performance review, I was told to improve my time management skills so overall productivity could increase. This sounds good and who wouldn't like to accomplish more, but I don't share the opinion that my time management skills are poor and I was tempted to suggest that the person conducting my review walk a few miles in my shoes so to speak! Instead, I choose to take the feedback and try to improve. What suggestions do you have for someone who doesn't waste time, but is open to ideas for getting more out of each hour?
A: We should frequently evaluate our time management habits to avoid getting into the rut of doing something a particular way when another way might be more efficient. Time wasters are often difficult to spot without careful scrutiny and candid feedback. For example, how much time do you spend waiting — waiting for a return telephone call, waiting for data from the accounting department, waiting for a meeting to begin or waiting for your next appointment to arrive? Never be without some task which can be accomplished while waiting. Even though the object of your wait may have top priority and require full concentration, minor tasks can be done during the waiting period if you are prepared. Waiting is one of

the most prevalent and least recognized time wasters in the workplace today.

Another time waster is poor telephone habits. Keep calls to

a minimum time, plan calls before placing, leave messages instead of asking for return calls, don't hesitate to screen calls, but be sure they are promptly returned.

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Thursday, December 25.....NO PAPER
Friday, December 26.....Tuesday, 12 NOON
Sunday, December 28.....Tuesday, 5 p.m.

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High School diploma/GED required. Qualified applicants will be required to pass a criminal background check. Applications may be picked up in person at the Juvenile Probation Department located in the court House Annex M-F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Retirees welcome.

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FOR SALE Blue Chow puppy, Beagle and Black lab, 1 pair peacocks, 1 pair geese, chrome headache rack 263-1701.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
On Tuesday, December 9, 1997, the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, passed and approved on second and final reading of an ordinance described as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12, BY ADDING SECTION 12.4B, REQUIRING THE NUMBERING OF RESIDENCES AND BUSINESS PREMISES, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS DISCUSSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
1679 December 21 & 22, 1997

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RFP 98-403
Advertisement for Request for Proposals
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting proposals for the following:
PROPERTY, CONTENTS GENERAL LIABILITY PERSONAL INJURY LIABILITY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LIABILITY SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL LEGAL LIABILITY AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY & PHYSICAL DAMAGE CRIME COVERAGE BOILER INSURANCE TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR BOND WORKERS' COMPENSATION
Specifications may be obtained from Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 3:30 p.m. on February 24, 1998 at which time they will be read into record in the office of the Director of Purchasing, Administration A-Wing, Room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. The RFPs will then be reviewed and final determination of award will be made at a future board meeting. Questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs.
1680 December 21 & 22, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Coahoma ISD will receive sealed bids for school property having the legal description as follows: Block 31, T1N Section 45, PT NE/4, Howard County, Texas being 63.5 by 138.5 tract of land Tax Account 51045-0186-00. Physical address being 4th house on West side of road on Scout Hut Road in Sand Springs, Texas. Sealed bids will be received in the Business Office or you may mail them to Coahoma ISD, P.O. Box 110, Coahoma, Texas, 79511 until 4:30 January 19, 1998. The Board of Trustees will take action regarding all bids at the regular scheduled meeting on January 19, 1998 in its regular monthly meeting. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
1678 December 21 & 22, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, December 9, 1997, the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, passed and approved on second and final reading of an ordinance described as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 3.3, ESTABLISHING THE PERMIT PROCEDURES FOR ANIMAL PERMITS, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS DISCUSSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
1675 December 21 & 22, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following address have gone before the board of Adjustments and Appeals and have been ordered to be abated by demolition:
BILLIE J CHEW DMR LOT 4 BK 1 STARBUCK ADDITION, LOCATED AT 1418 ROBIN
A. C. GILBERT ADDRESS UNKNOWN OR PATSY GILBERT ADDRESS UNKNOWN, LOT 12 BK 2 MT. VIEW, LOCATED AT 1411 MESA
JOHN S. GUNN G/O JANA HILL 703 E. MAIN, MEXIA, TX 76667
3349 VERNA NELL MC MILLIAN, RUBY L. JOHNSON CLYDE POLK ALL UNKNOWN, LT 5 BK 7 COLE & STRAYHORN, LOCATED AT 608 E. 12TH
ARNULFO F. HERNANDEZ, JR. 410 NW 5TH, BIG SPRING, TX 79720, LT 6, BK 4, BAUER, LOCATED AT 410 NW 5TH
JAMES T. MARLOW, 1304 CIRCLE, BIG SPRING, TX 79720, LT 7, BK 5, MONTICELLO, LOCATED AT 1304 COLLEGE
OMA T. MURRAY ESTATE, C/O GLEN MURRAY, 700 E. 12TH, BIG SPRING, TX 79720, LT 5 BK 107 ORIGINAL TOWN, LOCATED AT 208 NW 2ND
DEWEY STEWART, DMR, W/25 LT 8 BK 4 MOORE, LOCATED AT 808 NW 4TH
E.A. BURNELL & E.L. MCCURDY, BOX #1, BIG SPRING, TX 79721, FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN LORENE R. JONES, BOTH UNKNOWN, LT 2 BK 39 ORIGINAL TOWN, LOCATED AT 1002 GOULD
EVE CAVADOS, 806 W. 8TH, BIG SPRING, TX 79720, BIG SPRING EDUCATION EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, 1110 BENTON, BIG SPRING, TX 79720, E/50 LT 5, BK 6 CEDAR CREST, LOCATED AT 806 W. 8TH
Kenny H. Davis Building Official
1679 December 19, 21 & 22, 1997

Deep-fried turkey gaining in popularity

HOUSTON — In spite of the potential danger of lowering an unwieldy turkey into a small vat of boiling oil, fans of Cajun Deep-Fried Turkey say it's worth the risk because the turkey comes out moist and juicy, and deep-frying cuts hours off the cooking time. It is definitely an outdoor activity. Even then, never leave the oil unattended.

Most experts insist that the turkey weigh no more than 12 pounds. The turkeys are injected with a spicy marinade, then plunged into a pot of boiling oil and deep-fried.

"Hoppin John" Martin Taylor describes his method in "The Fearless Frying Cookbook" (Workman, \$10.95).

Following are tips to help you safely deep-fry a turkey.

Handle turkey, pots and oil carefully. Use heavy gloves.

Use water to measure the capacity of your deep-fryer if you are unsure how much oil will be needed. Measure with wrapped turkey in pot; then remove. With turkey immersed, top of water should be 4 to 5 inches above bird and below top rim of pot. Choose a pot with a basket. If necessary, hook a heavy wire hanger to the wire band that secures the turkey's legs to help when lowering and lifting the turkey from the fryer. Use a sturdy cooking spoon, tongs or a large fork for extra

support; don't depend on the wire band alone, as it can loosen during frying.

After the turkey has been removed and the burner turned off, let the oil cool at least one hour before moving the pot from the burner.

Before you begin to fry, season the turkey. You can inject strained bottled Italian salad dressing for the marinade or use the Cajun Injector, a kit that includes a 16-ounce jar of marinade and a syringe-type injector. The kit is available at many supermarkets and specialty food shops.

Use about 1 ounce of marinade per pound of turkey. (It's better to buy a fresh turkey than the pre-basted type because pre-basted turkeys are saltier, said Reece Williams, who helped develop the injector.) Marinades can be injected into a whole turkey in about five minutes.

Remove giblets from turkey cavities, wash cavities and pat dry. Inject the marinade into the turkey thighs, legs and breast.

Oil should be heated to 375 or 400 degrees in a 40-quart cooker (such as a propane or butane cooker with steamer basket and cover); this takes about 30 minutes.

Sprinkle Cajun seasonings over the entire bird and inside the cavity. Carefully lower the turkey into the oil in the basket and deep-fry 2 to 3 minutes per

pound, maintaining oil at 350 degrees (some experts recommend 365 degrees). When done, remove the turkey carefully and allow oil to cool. Makes 12 to 15 servings.

READER'S METHOD
A reader, Tom Keeling, has made a study of frying turkeys. He seasons the turkey in a salted water bath of 1 cup salt and 2 teaspoons or more of Zatarain's liquid concentrated crab and shrimp boil; stir well. Let turkey sit in the flavored water before cooking. "If you can afford it, substitute buttermilk for water," he said.

Heat the oil to 375 or 400 degrees. Remove turkey from water bath and dry with a towel. Inject with strained Italian salad dressing or liquid garlic concentrate, if desired. Place 2 or 3 garlic pods in turkey cavity. Pat turkey liberally with kosher salt and sprinkle liberally with Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning. The heavier the coating, the stronger the Creole flavor. Wash hands immediately and don't touch eyes or mouth.

Place seasoned turkey in the deep-frying basket. When thermometer reads 375 degrees, put on a pair of heavy gloves, lift the basket over the pot and slowly immerse turkey. There will be a violent popping, the oil will violently roil, and steam will emerge in an upward swoosh.

This is normal. Avoid getting in the way.

If you have misjudged the amount of oil and it goes over the sides of the pot, stop and remove the turkey to avoid a fire. Carefully ladle excess oil out of pot.

Estimate cooking time — 2 minutes per pound — and cook. Normally the turkey will float closer to the surface of the oil when done and the skin will break along the breast and thigh. The turkey should be deep golden brown to dark brown. Internal temperature should be 180 degrees. When turkey should be done, be sure it is not stuck to the bottom or sides of the basket; free it if stuck.

When you pull the basket out, be careful the oil doesn't drip on an open flame. Move the basket and turkey to a thick bed of newspapers you've spread out. If you don't care how it looks, roll the turkey out of the basket onto a pan or platter.

Getting the turkey out can be tricky if you want a picture-pretty bird, Keeling said. Pull the basket out and let oil drip off; place on a bed of newspapers; put a stainless-steel wire through the cavity and out the neck (use heavy gauge stainless or copper only) to ease handling. Place on a platter and serve to an audience that will enjoy the dish immensely.

Before you head out of town, shop Big Spring this holiday season!

(It only makes good dollars and sense)

Good marriage is created through daily touch-ups

DEAR ABBY: In this hectic and often confusing world in which we live, one of the most priceless treasures I possess is a happy and mutually sustaining marriage. Hanging in our bedroom is a wall plaque we received on our wedding day, almost 20 years ago. Over the years and through various moves, it has accompanied us and always found a place of honor in our home. The author's name is not shown. I wish I knew who wrote these beautiful sentiments, for although 20 years have passed, the words of wisdom are timeless. Perhaps you



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

will find it worth sharing with your readers. — VALERY STEWART, OXNARD, CALIF.

DEAR VALERY: Indeed I do — and here it is. Read on: THE ART OF MARRIAGE A good marriage must be created. In marriage, the little things are the big things ...

Never being too old to hold hands.

Remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.

Never going to sleep angry.

Having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.

Standing together facing the world.

Forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.

Speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

Having the capacity to forgive and forget, and then forgetting what you forgive.

Giving each other an atmosphere in which to grow.

Not only MARRYING the right person, but BEING the

right partner.

DEAR ABBY: Re: visible house addresses. As a longtime member of an ambulance corps, I endorse making house numbers visible from the street. More than once I have had to run up and down a street trying to locate the house from which 911 was called because someone was having chest pains, or worse. In addition to having visible house numbers, if possible someone should be stationed at the front door or outside to signal to the responding emergency personnel.

I do not agree, however, with encouraging your readers to find or start a group to paint curbside addresses. While this practice can be helpful in certain circumstances, it is worthless when snow, ice or leaves cover the curb.

The efforts of those who want to help should concentrate on your last suggestion: Your street numbers should be clearly visible from the street and

well-lighted at night. — C.B. YOUNG JR., RAMSEY, N.J.

DEAR C.G.: Sorry, living in sunny California, I failed to consider adverse weather conditions in other sections of the country. I should have thought about parked cars blocking curbside numbers. I concede that clearly visible numbers on the house is the better idea.

Other readers complained about places of business not having address numbers that are easy to spot. Those could be important to emergency personnel as well as to customers.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 21:
When you expect only the best, you'll find you can create it. Your financial acumen is greatly aided by your intuition. Take a look at all sides. Gathering information and acquiring expertise are high priorities this year, especially financially. You gain because of your talent and energy. If you are single, no one will deny your charisma; but you should get to know another very well before committing. If attached, romance flows this year. Make plans for that dream trip. LIBRA pushes you forward.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
All's well that ends well, and today you prove that old adage. Tend to details in the morning. Take charge, then enjoy socializing. You feel in sync with friends, which allows greater tenderness in your relationships. Attend several get-togethers. Tonight: Be in the swing of things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Excellent communications allow others to express what is going on. A caring relationship puts a smile on your face. A trip might be in the offing; make calls, and let others make their propositions! Complete

some of your holiday errands. Tonight: Others clearly adore you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You feel open to others, and express caring. You easily handle family matters, forging renewed closeness. Don't forget friends and family who are at a distance. There is a twist to your perspective. Visit another, or meet halfway, to swap gifts. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
It is clear what is going on; a partner wants to dote on you. How he sees you might be much different from what you thought. Take in feedback, and be open to it. Prepare your home for all the holiday celebrations. Visiting with a family member puts a smile on your face. Tonight: Order in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Finally, you get nearly everything done. You feel less uptight and more willing to get into seasonal celebration. Take a nap, and indulge yourself. Give yourself a present: Push yourself less. Socializing lights up your life. Tonight: The party whirl begins with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You tend to details, loosen up and let out your love of life. Understandings are reached, and you feel like all is well. It is, if single, a flirtation dominates; there are opportunities

left and right. If attached, you are happy to rekindle the fires. Tonight: Grin and bear it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Look at the big picture. You are past a hassle and are willing to open up. Loved ones and children are warm and receptive. Though you might find the holiday season challenging, you are mellow. Break past precedent, for the sake of all concerned. Tonight: Use your charisma.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Visit friends, and enjoy the holidays. There might be some magic between you and another, and you could disappear together. This afternoon, tend to all details that involve holiday shopping. Make time for someone or something special. Tonight: Don't tell.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Say yes. There's no need to make peace with a boss or important relative; he is receptive to your ideas. Remember, there are many ways of approaching an issue. You succeed beyond your wildest dreams. You have a lot of reasons to celebrate. Tonight: The party goes on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You might opt for a minitrip today to visit a friend or find the perfect place to wind up your shopping. Intuition is accurate; on some level, you

feel like you have a shot at a new beginning. Stay connected to people who need your help. Tonight: You are a favorite.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Another clearly gets your message, prompting newfound intimacy and closeness. Discussions are powerful and reveal strong feelings. Indulge in loving exchanges. Someone clearly wants to make plans for the future. Tonight: Go for a sleigh ride or to a concert.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Others certainly have a lot to share. Popularity is high, and others need to reach out for you. Much is going on that you cannot share, especially regarding a romantic relationship. One-to-one conversations are important. Make time for this person! Tonight: Yes is the only answer.

BORN TODAY
Tennis player Chris Evert (1954), actress Jane Fonda (1937), ventriloquist Paul Winchell (1922)

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