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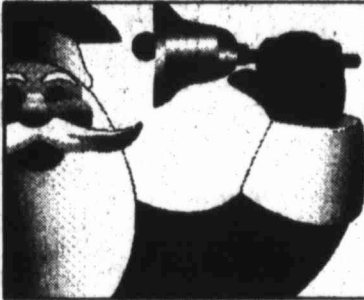


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## HELPING OTHERS...

Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including Salvation Army Angel Trees, Salvation Army kettles.

If your organization has an established program to help others, and you would like to be included in this list, call Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 234.



### Angel Tree locations:

- Big Spring Herald (seniors)
- Big Spring Mall
- Al's and Son B-B-Q
- Wal-Mart
- Cosden Credit Union
- Wal-Mart Fish
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- In addition, Beall's Department Store will give a 10 percent discount to all purchases of Angel Tree gifts.

### Salvation Army Kettles:

- Big Spring Post Office
- Wal-Mart
- Big Spring Mall

### Other efforts:

- H-E-B Food Stores Ring In A Miracle to benefit the Salvation Army. Tell your cashier what you want to give and either \$1 and \$2 added to your grocery total.
- Canned food drives at all Howard County schools through Dec. 11.
- TCA Cable of Big Spring will waive the cost installation for new customers who donate 10 cans of food for its food drive. 30.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 2009 Hearn, is collecting coats for state

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## Final 'Business After Hours' of year set Thursday at Harris Lumber

By T.E. JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will hold the final Business After Hours program of 1998 at 5 p.m. Thursday at Harris Lumber and Hardware, 1515 E. FM 700.

"It's basically like an open house for businesses," said Terri Newton, executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "It allows people to go into the business that is sponsoring the

program, and familiarize themselves with the workings of it."

The event won't be limited strictly to the Harris Lumber aspect of the industry, as Gaze Crystal Kitchen, a part of the Harris business, will also be part of the gathering.

According to chamber spokesman Debby ValVerde, there will be door prizes given away, as well as refreshments provided for those in attendance.

"We will have lots of door prizes to give away, and the

food is always really good," said ValVerde. "The program itself is designed to help generate business traffic in the Big Spring area. We want residents to shop here first."

Newton said that area business owners should bring plenty of business cards to the event, as one of the many benefits of attendance is the chance to network with other Big Spring merchants and service providers.

"This is really a good chance for people in attendance to net-

work with one another," said Newton. "You can exchange business cards with the other participants, and many times further your business opportunities. It's also a really good chance for business owners to get to know one another, and greet new arrivals to the community."

According to Newton the program will last about an hour and a half, and will showcase what the sponsor, Harris Lumber and Hardware and Gaze Crystal Kitchens, has to

offer.

"People will have the chance to meet business owners and operators in a non business-type atmosphere," said Newton, "as well as see the wonderful selection that Harris' has for the Christmas season. It's a real opportunity for everyone involved."

"We just want to encourage area residents to shop in Big Spring first. That has been the motto of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce since it was started."



YMCA program director Cindy Kincaid directs a group of youngsters in a painting class as part of the YMCA's after school child care program. Among the youngsters participating in the program (clockwise from left) are: Jennifer Petersen, Kimberly Hartfield, Lauren Hill, Colton Hartline, Christen Hawkins, Toni Rodriguez and Elizabeth Petersen.

## United Way teams with YMCA to single parent with two kids

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the final in an 11-part series on the member agencies of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Staff Writer

A single mother with two children, Cindy Churchwell of Big Spring is not unlike many other women in her situation — struggling to make ends meet and in need of quality child care while she's at work.

But thanks to the Big Spring YMCA and the United Way of Howard County, she doesn't have to worry about what her son, Ricky White, a fifth grader at Moss Elementary, is doing between the time he gets out of school and she gets off work as a carhop at the Wagon Wheel Drive-In.

Instead of being left to his own devices for a couple of hours each weekday during the school year and all day during

the summer, Ricky spends time at the YMCA, involved in its structured daycare program.

Most of the cost of that child care is "scholarshipped" by the YMCA, meaning the service is made available to Churchwell and her son at a reduced price, the balance of the cost provided by funds provided by the United Way and other funds raised by the YMCA's board of directors.

"This is a big help," Churchwell said one afternoon while picking Ricky up after getting off work. "I live with my mother and she takes care of my other (child), but she can't handle more than one at a time."

"But with Ricky here, I don't have to worry about him getting beaten up on the bus. I had that problem one year," she added, noting that this is the first school year her son has been involved in the YMCA's after school program.

"On top of that, I don't have to

worry about whether or not he's going straight home from school," Churchwell continued. "More than that, though, he really enjoys it here. They treat him well and there are lots of things for him to do ... it keeps him busy."

More importantly, Churchwell says she's appreciative of the YMCA's program because it's a service she couldn't afford without the scholarship help.

"It's impossible to afford good child care ... there's no way I could pay for it without some help," she explained. "They (YMCA) pay most of the cost. I wind up paying about \$15 a month and these people will never know how much I appreciate how much they do for us."

Ricky is just one of 77 children involved in the YMCA's child care program that benefit from scholarship funds.

In fact, 67.5 percent of the 114

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## Guns

### Stiffer background checks add delays to purchases under Brady's latest phase

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Up to a three-day delay and missing paperwork hinder local merchants at their busiest time of year, as the latest phase of the gun-restrictive Brady Bill goes into effect.

"The only ones this hurts are the licensed people. If a person wants a gun, they can buy a gun out on the street, without filling out any paperwork or filling out anything," said Golden Pawn Shop owner Joyce Parker.

The latest phase of the Brady Bill, which began today, calls for an immediate background check for any one purchasing a firearm.

This background check also applies to anyone whose guns come into the public scheme, such as customers of pawn brokers who borrow money and use the weapons as collateral, she said.

"This applied to guns you already own. It's not our fault, it's not the customers fault, but you can bet who's going to catch the heat," Parker said.

She said a customer had pawned four guns with her business, and came in today to pay the loan off and take his guns home.

Because of the latest law, Parker called the special 800-number, which is supposed to be a direct link to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to have the customer cleared.

She was told there would be a three-day delay, and the customer could not have his guns until his background clearance was completed.

"If they haven't called by Thursday, he can have his guns. I just give them to him if they haven't called and denied it," Parker said.

Denial of weapon ownership and possession might be issued for several criminal offenses, such as any felony conviction

or if an illegal alien attempts to buy a gun, she said.

Also, a person delinquent on child support payments will be denied. And now anyone convicted of a misdemeanor domestic violence charge will be denied a weapon, she said.

"The family violence is a new one," she said.

Parker said the three-day delay might be a reaction to the overwhelming volume of people across the country calling in for immediate back ground checks today.

Thus far, the paperwork needed to put this law into place has not been forthcoming, and Parker said she has been directed from Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire Arms officials to the FBI, and vice versa.

"It's a real runaround. We've always answered to the ATF, and now the FBI handles some things and the ATF some things. We were told to destroy all our old yellow sheets and paperwork, but we have not received any of the new ones."

"We called ATF, and they said we should use the old yellow sheets until we get the new ones. There's not anything else we can do," she said.

Parker pointed out that the Christmas season, when guns are given as presents, may not have been the most opportune time to begin a new process.

"This seems like a dumb time to start this, at our busiest season," she said.

Hal Boyd, owner of H&M Traders, agreed that the delay in receiving paperwork frustrates the process.

"But if we're patient this will work out. We went through this with the Brady check, and it eventually worked out," Boyd said.

And Boyd said if a person has a concealed gun permit, the new background check is waived. These licenses are good for two to four years, and a cus

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## Salvation Army official concerned over lagging Angel adoptions

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

The season of sharing and caring has arrived, and the Salvation Army continues to promote good will and peace, while urging residents to remember those less fortunate.

"We have 678 angels and only 157 have been adopted, and there are only two weeks left. But I have faith all these angels will be adopted," said Danelle Castillo, social services director for the Salvation Army.

The Angel Tree project is a communi-

ty-wide opportunity for Big Spring residents to open their hearts at Christmas time and provide seasonal gifts for those children and senior citizens who would otherwise not receive Christmas.

Christmas trees decorated with angel-shaped cards have been placed in retail outlets around Big Spring. These cards contain the first name and age of a child whose family qualifies for assistance by meeting financial requirements, Castillo said.

Due to the economy, as well as welfare reform, this year there are more families qualifying for the program than ever before, she said.

"Giving is taking on a brand new meaning," she said.

A canned food drive is under way now that will benefit the Salvation Army, she said. The food drive has participants all over the community offering discounts or bonuses for participating.

This food drive is used by the corps to fill their food pantry, which is a viable community resource throughout the year, Castillo said.

Also, food baskets and delivered meals may be provided this Christmas season as well.

Castillo said other projects in the works for this Christmas season are

Toys For Tots, which is organizing and accepting donations of new toys, in cooperation with the United States Marines, she said.

H-E-B Food Stores will also provide an additional promotion this season, along with their \$1 and \$2 Ring In A Miracle project currently under way.

"We haven't decided yet exactly what those will be," Castillo said.

The Angel Trees will remain in retail stores through Dec. 11, she said.

"Wal-Mart is pushing the Angel Tree project throughout the whole day

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## Christmas Lighting contest Edna Womack loved will continue

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

This is the first year that the Christmas Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will adorn Big Spring without the watchful eye and helping hand of Edna Womack.

"This will be hard for me. I would like this year to be in her honor, although she wouldn't

want the recognition. She liked results," said Terri Johansen, coordinator of this year's event.

Womack, who passed away earlier this year, was the staunch supporter of the contest, and kept interest going in the contest for many years, she said.

"She always wanted Big Spring to be beautiful, and went out of her way to beautify Big Spring in spring, summer, win-

ter and fall," Johansen said.

Womack, along with her fellow members in the Big Spring Garden Club Council, and the chamber of commerce, founded the contest many years ago, Johansen said.

As garden council membership dwindled, interest in the contest died also. But Womack sought others in the community to fill the shoes, and Johansen has been involved for the past

10 years, she said.

"Some folks spend thousands of dollars on their decorations, and then we see some who didn't spend a whole lot of money but who did something really unique and they still win," she said.

The contest is divided into commercial and residential groups. The winners receive certificates, and media recognition, but no financial reward.

Also, the homes and businesses are placed on a list of locations that may be visited by persons viewing Christmas lights, which is a holiday tradition in some families, she said.

"We don't have a grand prize. We do more of first, second, third and honorable mention, and we have best of the best awards. We also have those who

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OBITUARIES

Margarita  
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Rosary for Margarita  
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Ramirez, 78, a  
former long-  
time Big  
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dent, will be  
recited 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec.  
1, 1998, at  
Nalley-Pickle  
& Welch  
Rosewood  
Chapel by  
D e a c o n  
Horace Yanez. Funeral mass  
will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec.  
2, at Sacred Heart Catholic  
Church with Rev. Cornelius  
Scanlan, pastor, officiating.  
Burial will follow at Mt. Olive  
Memorial Park.

Mrs. Ramirez died Saturday,  
Nov. 28, in Fort Worth.  
She was born on Feb. 24, 1920,  
in Las Anamis, Colo. She mar-  
ried Pablo Ramirez on March  
24, 1934, in Big Spring. He pre-  
ceded her in death on Aug. 26,  
1990. Mrs. Ramirez came to Big  
Spring as an infant in 1921. She  
was a homemaker and had  
lived in Big Spring until moving  
to Fort Worth to live with  
her son in January of 1996. She  
was a member of Sacred Heart  
Catholic Church.

Survivors include: one daugh-  
ter, Juanita Marquez of Big  
Spring; six sons, Hilario  
Ramirez, Cosme Ramirez,  
Emilio Ramirez, Julian  
Ramirez, all of Big Spring, Joe  
Ramirez and Gilbert Ramirez,  
both of Fort Worth; 30 grand-  
children; 54 great-grandchild-  
ren; 13 great-great-grandchild-  
ren; two brothers, Andrew  
Alcantar of Midland and Frank  
Alcantar of Big Spring; and one  
sister, Guadalupe Ramirez of  
Big Spring.

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

Antonia M. Garcia

Rosary for Antonia M.  
Garcia, 76, Big Spring, will be 7  
tonight at Nalley-Pickle &  
Welch Rosewood Chapel.  
Graveside service will be 10

MYERS & SMITH  
FUNERAL HOME  
& CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Sallie Mae Lang, 76, died  
Thursday, November 26, 1998.  
Services will be 2:00 PM,  
Thursday, December 3, 1998,  
at Myers & Smith Chapel, with  
burial at Mount Olive. Viewing  
and visitation will be Tuesday  
and Wednesday.

NALLEY-PICKLE  
& WELCH  
Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park  
and Crematory  
906 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-6331

Margarita A. Ramirez, 78,  
died Thursday. Rosary will be  
7:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-  
Pickle & Welch Rosewood  
Chapel. Funeral services will  
be 10:00 AM Wednesday at  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church.  
Interment will follow at Mt.  
Olive Memorial Park.

Antonia M. Garcia, 76, died  
Saturday. Rosary will be 7:00  
PM Monday at Nalley-Pickle &  
Welch Rosewood Chapel.  
Graveside services will be  
10:00 AM Tuesday at Mt. Olive  
Memorial Park.

V. L. "Varnie," Jones, 77,  
died Sunday. Services will be  
11:00 AM Wednesday at  
Nalley-Pickle & Welch  
Rosewood Chapel. Interment  
will follow at Trinity Memorial  
Park.

Joy Ann Henry, 63, died  
Sunday. Services are pending  
with Nalley-Pickle & Welch  
Funeral Home.

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a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1998; at  
Mt. Olive Memorial Park with  
Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pas-  
tor of Immaculate Heart of  
Mary Catholic Church, officiat-  
ing.  
Mrs. Garcia died Saturday,  
Nov. 28, in a Big Spring nurs-  
ing home.

She was born on Jan. 17, 1922,  
in Waco, and married Manuel  
Garcia in 1942, in Waco. He  
preceded her in death on Nov.  
23, 1983. She lived in Spur from  
1962 to 1983, then she lived in  
Sterling, Colo., until coming to  
Big Spring in September of  
1998. Mrs. Garcia was a  
Catholic and a homemaker.

Survivors include: six daugh-  
ters, Maria Franco of Big  
Spring, Dominga Medina of  
Lubbock, Benita Garcia,  
Consuelo Rocha, both of  
Sterling, Colo., Rosie Monje  
of Austin, and Janie Ramirez of  
Anahuac; 23 grandchildren; and  
26 great-grandchildren.  
Arrangements under the  
direction of Nalley-Pickle &  
Welch Funeral Home.

V.L. "Varnie" Jones

Service for V.L. "Varnie"  
Jones, 77, Big Spring, will be 11  
a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998,  
at Nalley-Pickle & Welch  
Rosewood Chapel. The family  
will receive friends from 6 to 8  
p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the  
funeral home.

He died Sunday, Nov. 29, in a  
local hospital.

Joy Ann Henry

Service for Joy Ann Henry,  
63, Big Spring, is pending with  
Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral  
Home.

She died Sunday, Nov. 29,  
1998, in a local hospital.

WOMACK

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do not enter the contest, but  
want their house to be placed  
on the viewing list," Johansen  
said.

The commercial contest is  
divided into show window,  
inside decoration, lights only  
and other.

"The residential contest is  
divided into religious, lights  
only, homemade decorations  
and other, she said.  
"For the 'other' category, it's  
for something really unique and  
entrants can just fill in the  
blank," she said.

Entry forms for the contest,  
which is also sponsored by the  
Spade and Hoe Garden Club,  
are available now, and the con-  
test is due to be judged on Dec.  
8.

"This is what Christmas is all  
about. This shows the  
Christmas spirit and the com-  
munity spirit as we're trying to  
make Big Spring more beautiful  
and enjoy ourselves and our  
decorations at the same time,"  
Johansen said.

ANGEL

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(today), Castillo said.  
To adopt an angel, visit a local  
retailer and select your angel  
from the tree.

Purchase the gifts, which  
include clothes and foundation  
garments, as well as a wish gift  
a child might have requested.

Then, bring the gifts and the  
angel card to Castillo at the  
Salvation Army. Gifts may be  
wrapped if a giver prefers, she  
said.

"The season of giving has  
never been easier than it is  
now. Helping events are located  
everywhere, and all you have  
to do is join in," Castillo said.

GUNS

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tomers need only show the  
license to purchase a gun, he  
said.

However, persons with dis-  
honorable discharges from the  
military, anyone who has been  
a patient at a mental hospital or  
someone who has a drug con-  
viction may not receive the spe-  
cial license, he said.

"There are a lot of restrictions  
for getting a concealed permit,"  
he said.

YMCA

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scholarships provided by the  
YMCA this year went to child  
care expenses, accounting for

the lion's share of the agency's  
\$27,430 scholarship fund.

Those 77 child care schol-  
arships, according to Executive  
Director Peter Thiry, accounted  
for \$25,389 in 1998. Schol-  
arshipped memberships for  
19 individuals were provid-  
ed by \$1,305 and \$736 were used  
to provide physical education  
and sports programs available  
for 18 youngsters.

"We use all of our United Way  
funding for scholarships for  
people who can't afford to pay  
for the YMCA's services," Thiry  
explained, noting that the or-  
ganization received \$11,000 from  
the United Way this year and  
has asked for \$12,500 from this  
year's current campaign.

"The rest of our scholarship  
funds are raised by our direc-  
tors," Thiry added. "They go out  
and personally ask businesses  
and individuals for donations to  
supplement the money we get  
from the United Way."

While providing child care  
services is not something most  
people think of when mention-  
ing the YMCA, Thiry explains it  
is one of the organization's pri-  
mary ways of meeting its stated  
goals.

"The YMCA is a multi-faceted  
human service organization  
and our overall goal is to build  
strong kids, strong families and  
a strong community," Thiry  
said.

"To that end," he added, "we  
feel like quality child care is  
hard to find everywhere.  
There's no question there are  
some good child care organiza-  
tions here in Big Spring, but it  
has to be in the right place and  
be able to provide the services  
clients need."

"We have two vans that go out  
to the schools and pick up the  
kids at school as a convenience  
to parents. Once the kids are  
here, we provide them with a  
snack and a structured program  
under the supervision of  
trained staff members."

The YMCA's child care pro-  
gram, Thiry added, is licensed  
by the Texas Department of  
Human Services as a "preferred  
vendor" with its Child Care  
Management Services Program  
and receives referrals from  
state officials.

"Most importantly, the ability  
to pay is never a consideration  
as to whether the YMCA will  
provide any of its services,"  
Thiry explained.

"We won't every turn anyone  
away due to an inability to pay,"  
he said. "That's what we raise  
scholarship funds for ... that  
carries over for any activity we  
offer here."

"It (amount used for child care  
services) just goes to show what  
the greatest need in our com-  
munity is," Thiry added, noting  
that 70 percent of the recipients  
of scholarship funding are for  
children coming from single-  
parent families.

Scholarships are based on a  
family's annual income, but  
usually provide more than 50  
percent of the cost of service.

"We have very few 100 percent  
scholarships, but most of them  
involve minimal contributions  
by the families," Thiry  
explained. "We feel that if peo-  
ple pay something ... no matter  
how little it is ... they feel they  
have a more vested interest in  
the program."

CALENDAR

TODAY  
Big Spring Evening Lions  
Club, 8:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY  
Beginning line dance classes,  
9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.  
Coahoma senior citizens lun-  
cheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma  
Community Center.

VFW Post No. 2013, VFW  
Hall, 7 p.m.  
Big Spring Chapter NO. 67,  
Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30  
p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY  
Optimist Club, 7 a.m.,  
Howard College Cactus Room  
Big Spring-Downtown Lions  
Club, noon, Howard College  
Cactus Room.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior  
Citizens Center, Industrial  
Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.  
Fraternal Order of Eagles  
Aerie 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704  
W. Third.

Big Spring State Hospital sale  
in teh Recycling Building, west  
of Rip Griffins. Surplus items  
will be for sale including desks,  
tables, chairs, office equipment,  
VCR's, appliances and TVs.  
Viewing and bidding will be

A BIG SPRING  
AROUND THE TOWN

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale  
is at 2 p.m. Call 263-0618 for  
more information.

THURSDAY  
Gideons International Big  
Spring Camp No. 4206,  
Hermans, 7 a.m.

Big Spring Senior Citizens  
Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30  
a.m. for 65 and over.  
Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard  
College Cactus Room.

Texas Tech Ex-Students  
Association Big Spring  
Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg  
Building, 303 S. Main.  
Evening line dancing class,  
6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior  
Center.

Book Club meeting, 7 p.m.,  
Howard County Library  
Reading Room. The book  
'Ghost' by Danielle Steel, will  
be discussed.

Genealogical Society of Big  
Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard  
County Library. Call Bernice  
Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.  
Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30  
p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron  
Long, 267-8715.

BRIEFS

THE AMERICAN BUSI-  
NESS WOMEN'S Association is  
having their annual arts and  
craft show Saturday, Nov. 7,  
and again on Dec. 5, in the Big  
Spring Mall.

The funds raised will go into  
a college fund for women.  
If you have questions, call  
P.J. Heckler at 267-8239.

SHANNON HEALTH SYS-  
TEM IS accepting applications  
for the Margaret Shannon acad-  
emic scholarship to be awarded  
in December.

The scholarship program was  
initiated earlier this year. Two  
\$500 scholarships are awarded  
annually, one in the fall and  
another in the spring.

To qualify, students will be  
enrolled in one of the following  
educational efforts:  
-as juniors or seniors in a col-  
lege-level allied health science  
degree, such as a bachelor of  
science in nursing or pharma-  
cy;

-in an accredited technical or  
vocational school leading to  
certification in an allied health  
field, such as LVN, medical  
records, radiography or respi-  
ratory therapy;

-in graduate studies, such as  
medical doctor, doctor of  
osteopathy, physician assistant  
or health administration.

Students need to be enrolled  
for at least nine semester  
hours, maintain a 2.5 grade  
point average overall and a 3.0  
in major courses, and be resi-  
dents of Shannon's 19-county  
service area, which includes:  
Brown, Coke, Coleman,  
Concho, Crockett, Howard,  
Irion, McCulloch, Menard,  
Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Reagan,  
Runnels, Schleicher Sterling,  
Sutton, Tom Green and Val  
Verde counties.

Deadline for entry is Dec. 15.  
The scholarship winner will be  
named Dec. 30. For more infor-  
mation or an application, call  
Shannon Marketing at (915)657-  
5064.

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DONATIONS of layette items  
for newborns: sleepers, booties,  
disposable diapers, baby toi-  
lettries, large gift bags, flannel  
fabric. Items may be delivered  
to Simpler Pleasures, 1305  
Gregg, of Family Life Center  
(northeast door) of First Baptist  
Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m.,  
Mondays, Tuesday and  
Thursdays.

THE EDUCATIONAL  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SCHOLARSHIP Foundation is  
preparing to award \$250,000 in  
college scholarships.  
Scholarship applications for  
high school and college stu-

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FRIDAY  
6:18 a.m. — 1900 block Wasson,  
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to SMMC.  
9:55 a.m. — 1200 block  
Lindbergh, trauma call, patient  
transported to SMMC.  
2:52 p.m. — SMMC, medical  
call, patient transported to 3200  
block Parkway.  
3:47 p.m. — N. 10th and  
Lancaster, traffic accident, ser-  
vice refused.  
6:22 a.m. — 400 block Donley,  
dumpster fire, extinguished.

SATURDAY  
5:41 a.m. — 1400 block Tucson,  
trauma call, service refused.  
6:32 a.m. — 2600 block Carol,  
medical call, patient transport-  
ed to SMMC.  
10:58 a.m. — 1900 block  
Wasson, trauma call, patient  
transported to SMMC.  
4:13 p.m. — 500 block W. Fifth,  
medical call, patient transport-  
ed to SMMC.  
5:47 p.m. — 1400 block Robin,  
trauma call, patient transported  
to SMMC.  
6:06 p.m. — 1400 block Robin,  
trauma call, patient transported  
to SMMC.  
7:06 p.m. — Sixth and Abrams,  
trauma call, patient transported  
to SMMC.

SUNDAY  
12:35 a.m. — 200 block Refinery  
Road, medical call, patient  
transported to SMMC.  
2:42 a.m. — 1100 block Hilltop  
Road, medical call, patient  
transported to SMMC.  
3:34 a.m. — SMMC, medical  
call, patient transported to 1400  
block N. Eighth.  
6:34 a.m. — 1000 block  
Stadium, medical call, patient  
transported to SMMC.  
9:14 a.m. — 4100 block E.  
Fourth, medical call, patient  
transported to SMMC.  
2:02 p.m. — 5 miles north on  
350, traffic accident, service  
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4:25 p.m. — 2500 block N. 87,  
traffic accident, canceled en-  
route.  
8:39 p.m. — 400 block Circle,  
medical call, service refused.  
10:57 p.m. — 500 block NE  
Ninth, medical call, patient  
transported to SMMC.  
2:33 a.m. — 1800 block Austin,  
Haz mat.

FIRE/EMS

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POLICE

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block of 11th Place.  
• HARASSMENT by tele-  
phone was reported in the 1800  
block of Marcy.  
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF  
was reported at Comanche  
Trail Park and 1700 block of  
State.  
• BURGLARY OF A VEHI-  
CLE was reported in the 400  
block of Edwards and 3300  
block of W. Hwy 89.  
• ATTEMPTED BURGLARY  
was reported in the 1700 block  
of Wasson.  
• DRIVING WHILE  
LICENSE INVALID was  
reported in the 1000 block of W.  
19th.  
• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF  
A VEHICLE was reported in the  
700 block of E. 15th.  
• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIO-  
LENCE was reported in the 200  
block of Monticello.  
• BURGLARY OF A BUILD-  
ING was reported in the 500  
block of Gregg.  
• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT  
was reported in the 1500 block  
of Sycamore, 1300 block of  
Settles, San Antonio and  
Seventh streets, 2400 block of  
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# Authorities believe escaped prisoner still in woods near prison

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Still confident an escaped death row inmate is on prison property, authorities kept up a dogged pace Sunday, scouring snake-infested woods and creekbeds for convicted killer Martin E. Gurule, who scaled two razor-crowned fences and disappeared three days ago.

Since Friday, when Gurule dodged prison guards' assault rifle fire and made it over two perimeter fences at the Ellis I Unit, helicopters, trucks and dogs have slowly combed more than 17,000 swampy, wooded state-owned acres that surround both Ellis I and the neighboring Estelle Unit.

The rifle blasts stopped six other death row inmates before they could reach the fences about 20 feet away.

On Sunday, Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials braced for

Gurule to make his move, certain that three days without food will motivate him to move from his hiding place.

"He just passed 48 hours," noted Glen Castlebury, a TDCJ spokesman. "If he's laying down, he's not doing a great deal of movement, exertion, so he is conserving his strength. For an able-bodied man, 48 hours without food, you are coming up on the time you will expect him to start moving."

Some 500 prison guards, sheriff's deputies and police officer fanned out across a seven-mile area, concentrating their search mainly on the 11,672 acres of the Ellis I grounds, where woods, a few adjacent homes, even deer hunters' blinds could easily hide a man.

Gurule, 29, was sentenced to death for shooting Minas "Mike" Piperis on

Oct. 12, 1992, during a robbery at U&I Restaurant, which Piperis co-owned with his brother, George. Gurule also was charged with killing restaurant worker Anthony Staton, but that case never went to trial.

People in the area, where the prison complex is the main employer, profess no fear at having an inmate on the loose, but admit they're wondering how it happened.

"I don't see how he got out," said Cecilia York, 36, a former TDCJ guard who now works as a cashier at Mel's Meat Market about 8 miles southwest of the prison.

"No, I'm not worried," she added. "If he comes here, we have lots of knives to throw at him."

Prison officials say Gurule and the six other death row inmates escaped

late Thanksgiving evening from a recreation yard fence by cutting a fence with a hacksaw, which has yet to be recovered.

They waited for more than three hours atop the Ellis I Unit's flat-topped roof before making a run for the fences at about 12:15 a.m. Friday.

As Gurule hit the second of the two fences circling the prison, a motion detector was set off and tower guards made out the moving bodies in heavy fog and began shooting. No one was hit.

On Saturday, a homeowner claimed he fired shots at an intruder who fit the fugitive's description, spurring authorities to shift their search about four miles east of the unit. The search was moved back to the prison grounds after authorities concluded Gurule

wasn't there, officials said.

Prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said Sunday that authorities now believe the homeowner made up the whole incident.

"We went out to the scene immediately and with the assistance of the Walker County Sheriff's Office, we searched the area," Fitzgerald said. "We could not even find any spent casings. We are inclined to believe it was a hoax at this time."

By Sunday morning, searchers redoubled their efforts, targeting the southeast quadrant of the Ellis I grounds, where Gurule's scent had been detected on Friday by dogs.

"There will come a time that he will move, that he will have to move and it is his movement that will be undoing," Castlebury said.

# First 12 days of December likely to be busy in Texas' death house

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Six condemned killers are likely to be marched into the Texas death chamber in early December, marking the busiest monthly execution schedule of the year in the state and the most active capital punishment period in Texas in more than a year and a half.

The inmates set for execution over a 12-day period beginning Thursday include a Canadian man who would become the first citizen from his country to be put to death in 46 years. Two others are convicted triple murderers, including one man convicted under the state's serial killer statute. Another inmate is convicted of four murders.

Seventeen convicted murderers have received lethal injection this year in Texas. If all six men now on the execution schedule are put to death, it would make 1998 the second most active year for the death penalty in Texas since executions resumed in 1982 following a hiatus prompted by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling the death penalty unconstitutional.

Last year, Texas built on its reputation for having the nation's busiest death chamber by executing a record 37 inmates.

State officials said there was no intentional pattern to the setting of the execution dates.

"Each case is separate and apart from one another," Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for the Texas attorney general's office, said. "It just happens that the judges set those dates. There's no coordination among the hundreds of trial judges around the state."

Of the latest cases, the most controversial involves Joseph Stanley Faulder, whose Dec. 10 execution has attracted attention of government officials and capital punishment opponents

in Canada, which does not have the death penalty.

Faulder, 61, was convicted of the July 1975 robbery, beating and fatal stabbing of 75-year-old Inez Phillips at her home in Gladewater.

It was nearly two years later when he was arrested on unrelated offenses in Colorado that he was charged with the woman's death and returned to Texas.

Faulder contends Texas authorities violated international law by denying him access to a Canadian consul who should have been informed of his arrest.

Texas officials say he was carrying an American state driver's license when he was arrested and they did not know he was a Canadian citizen.

He was imprisoned for 15 years before the Canadian government and his family, who believed he was dead, learned of his whereabouts.

Texas prosecutors acknowledged the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations was violated, but said both Faulder and his attorney at the time had access to all information that could have been obtained by the Canadian government. Federal appeals courts so far have agreed, refusing a reprieve.

Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy plans to press Canada's campaign for clemency when he meets Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Washington today.

Other scheduled executions include:

- Andrew Cantu, set for Thursday, two days before his 31st birthday. Cantu was convicted of the June 11, 1990, stabbing deaths of three people at an Abilene home in what authorities believe was a murder-for-hire scheme. At the time of the murders, Cantu was on parole after serving seven

weeks of a five-year term for burglary.

- Daniel Lee Corwin, 40, set for Dec. 7. The Orange County, Calif., native was prosecuted under the Texas serial killer statute for the abduction, rape, strangling and stabbing of three women from Huntsville, Normangee and Conroe. At the time of the 1987 killings he was on parole after serving nine years of a 40-year term for aggravated rape in Brazos County. He confessed to capital murder after being sentenced to 99 years for attempted capital murder in Brazos County.
- Jeff Emery, 39, set for Dec. 8. Emery, from Hennepin County, Minn., was being held in St. Paul, Minn., on three counts of burglary when he was arrested for the 1979 murder of a Texas A&M student at her apartment in College Station. Authorities said LaShan Muhlinghaus, 19, was raped and fatally stabbed when she walked in after Emery had broken into her place. The murder went unsolved for four years until Emery's ex-wife went to police in Milwaukee with information about how he came home that night covered with blood.
- Danny Lee Barber, 43, set for Dec. 9. Barber was condemned for the October 1979 beating and stabbing death of Janice Louise Ingram during a burglary of her home in Balch Springs in Dallas County. Barber, from Los Angeles, also has life sentences for three other Dallas County murders.
- James Ronald Meanes, 42, set for Dec. 15. The welder from Cuyahoga County, Ohio was convicted of the 1981 shooting death of a Houston security guard, Oliver Flores, during the robbery of an armored truck carrying more than \$1 million. An accomplice, Carlos Santana, was executed in 1993.

# DoT expected to rule for Love Field in battle with DFW over interstate flights

FORT WORTH (AP) — Fort Worth officials and attorneys say an ill wind is blowing as they await a federal ruling on interstate flights at Dallas Love Field.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports they expect the U.S. Department of Transportation to rule soon.

Fort Worth officials working to protect D/FW Airport from increased Love Field competition expect the ruling to be at odds with the Wright Amendment, the newspaper reports today. They cite a June 30 letter from DOT general counsel Nancy McFadden.

She wrote that "careful analysis" found that "expanded service at Love Field would not injure DFW" and would have "little, if any, impact on Dallas-Fort Worth Airport's growth," the newspaper reported.

The comments were in one of several letters the agency exchanged with Houston-based

Continental Airlines before deciding to review the conflict over proposed Love expansion.

In a Fort Worth lawsuit against Dallas, State District Judge Bob McCoy ruled last month that the cities' 1968 agreements to limit competition for DFW Airport can be used to block new long-haul flights from Love Field. The agreements limit competition for DFW Airport.

But an appeal is almost certain. Also, the DOT said Aug. 25 it would decide whether federal law pre-empts local control in determining the future of Love Field expansion.

In her letter, McFadden said that, while the agency has not specifically addressed the issue of airport ownership rights, it has opposed similar restraints at other airports where restrictions appear unjustified.

If the federal agency rules as many expect, it could wipe out the 30-year-old agreements

directing North Texas interstate passenger flights to DFW.

Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr said a DOT ruling dismantling Love Field's seven-state passenger flight restriction would be a blow to DFW.

"It would have devastating ramifications for DFW, for the neighborhoods around Love Field, and we'll fight it all the way," Barr said.

Advocates of opening Love Field to wide-ranging nonstop flights characterize the situation as one of restoring federal control over interstate commerce.

"I don't see how they (Transportation Department officials) can rule any other way than that federal law governs in this case," said Ed Faberman, an attorney for Love Field-based Legend Airlines. Legend has sued to open up Love to long-haul passenger flights.

# NEA to help fight vouchers in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The National Education Association will help train teachers, parents, and civic and business leaders to fight school vouchers in the Edgewood School District, the San Antonio Express-News is reporting.

The Edgewood district in west San Antonio was thrust into the national debate over school vouchers when the Children's Education Opportunity Foundation announced its Horizon Scholarship last spring.

The scholarship provides fully paid private school tuition — up to \$3,600 for elementary and middle school and up to \$4,000 for high school — for low-income families in Edgewood. The foundation has doled out some \$3 million worth of vouchers in the first year.

The TSTA asked the NEA to intervene in the controversy, as the education lobby group has in Milwaukee, Wis., and Cleveland, Ohio.

"This issue (vouchers) is probably the most controversial issue dealt with since the Brown decision," said the NEA's Sheila Simmons, citing the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court case on segregated schools.

"This issue has the same impact and poses some dilemmas for us as educators," she said.

Critics of vouchers say the scholarships are an indictment of Edgewood, pitting public schools against private ones. The program also could ignite debate over a state-funded voucher program in the Texas Legislature next year.

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# EDITORIAL

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FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

### United Way effort comes to close, but time remains to give

Volunteers for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County officially end this year's drive Tuesday. That means time has almost run out for Howard County residents who had planned to give, but who haven't.

On Friday, United Way will hold its victory luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Big Spring Country Club. Everyone is anticipating a successful outcome. Certainly, a lot of people have been working toward that end.

We've said it before, but we don't mind saying it again — United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is one of the best causes you can put your money into. That's because the funds go to 11 local agencies, with services that range from helping newborn to the elderly and from the less fortunate financially to the abused physically and emotionally.

"We feel very confident our goal will be met," said Richard Steel, local United Way board vice president and cabinet chairman.

That means that thousands of citizens in Howard County will have school clothes, single mothers will have a place to put their child while they work and the battered wife or girlfriend will have someone she can turn to for help.

It means kids who would otherwise be out on the street can benefit from the Boy's Club, the YMCA, the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts. It means that the family of five who loses their home in a fire on a cold winter night will have shelter, food and clothing.

It means Howard County citizens reaching out to their neighbors and giving them a hand up out of a desperate situation.

It takes a lot of time and effort and people to make it all happen. But it only takes a dollar or two from each of us to make it work. Please, if you haven't given, reconsider.

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

In regard to the article in Sunday's paper, Nov. 22, concerning the Wilderness Camp: Mr. Fuqua, I wholeheartedly agree with you that if these men are going to stay here in our city and continue to contribute to the better appearance of our city as they already have in so many areas of our community, I believe that they need to be housed in a better facility than those old barracks.

I happened to pass by the Camp a few days ago and saw the walls of the barracks next to theirs were beginning to fall in. I had the pleasure of living in those barracks in the middle to late 50s and I can tell you they were not all that good then. We froze in the winter, cooked in the summer and in the dust storm season you could track people down the hall.

I am reasonably sure 40 to 45 years in age has not improved the situation. I think we should provide these inmates with a decent place to serve out their time, for whatever the mistake they may or may not have made.

FRED D. PAINTER  
Big Spring

### TO THE EDITOR:

At the close of the last Big Spring Steer home football game, and as the clock was winding down to the last few seconds of the football game, my mind flashed back to the opening home game, and all the expectations one has for a football team at the beginning of the season. I thought of the events that captured my mind at the moments. One scene seemed to be very focused and prevalent.

It wasn't the cheers from the crowd, as the Steer football team charged on to the field, it wasn't the gallops up the middle of the line by Coby Ford, and it wasn't the great halftime shows put on by the Steer band. Unfortunately, it was the number of fans that

showing respect for our flag and the National Anthem.

While the anthem was being played, people coming in late, and trying to beat the kickoff, kept right on moving towards their seats. Students running around, paying tax, and yes, five of six adults sitting down, the men with their hats resting on their heads.

This type of social behavior is totally unacceptable to me. It makes me wonder where we lost it all. I can remember, when I was in elementary school, we used to begin each day with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee." I wonder if they still do that?

Many of these same disrespectful people need to take a stroll down the halls of our local VA Medical Center, and see the limbless and the psychological battle scars on the faces of those who fought in those wars so long ago. Or, maybe these same people need to go see the movie "Saving Private Ryan" to feel the real effect of war, and to appreciate the real sacrifices these people made.

It seems to me that these lessons of respect need to begin in the home, with the parents. Of course, if the parents are poor role models, then what can we expect from their children?

The school systems need to support this area, beginning at the elementary level and following through when parents drop the ball.

In a time when there is much voter apathy, and not even half of registered voters exercise their rights, and then complain about the way government is run, we have only ourselves to blame. Perhaps we all need to practice being better citizens, and honoring our country to make it a better place for all. Not too many years back there was a saying out there, "America, Love It or Leave It."

MAX WILLIAM WEBB  
Big Spring

## In search of the whitest snow, blackest nights

One fall day a long time ago I was visiting on the beautiful campus at Sewanee, Tenn., admiring the lofty perch and attitude of the University

You don't have to have lots of money to walk around up there on the mountaintop, but with a fat pocket you'd feel more at home.

That day a small, black and white sign sat on an easel outside of a stone building.

"Ansel Adams Photo Exhibit," the sign said. Hidden away, no trumpets or fanfare, the photographs were all the more dramatic because of their low-key presentation. I stood for a solid hour admiring the artist's work, trying to decide how his snow was whiter than most snow, and his night blacker than the nights of all

others. Nobody else came in the room while I was there. Since that day, I've been afraid of passing up art. I'll wheel in for any show, no matter how small, including elementary-school lunchroom displays, or art on the airport walls. There's no telling what genius a thumbtack holds aloft.

So that's how I happened to wander into a rather dramatic gallery the other day at Ole Miss, just before closing time. Museum director Honnie Krause was kind enough to direct me to a new "Southern Photography" exhibit I'd read about somewhere.

Dueling kudzu. That's what they should have called it. The photographs by William Christenberry and William Eggleston were wonderful, don't get me wrong. Somehow both of those men know how to shoot the stomp-down ordinary and render it art.

But I left the place wondering again, for the millionth time, exactly what separates a picture of kudzu from "Kudzu, a Photograph." You know what I mean.

One of my favorite books of all-time is a collection of

Eudora Welty photographs, mostly rural people and scenes she captured while a young woman and employed by the Works Progress Administration.

Eudora has modestly called the photographs snapshots, but that's not true. Her artist's eye saw things that those of us who really do take snapshots would miss. It didn't hurt, of course, that she was a traveler in what had to be one of the world's most colorful times and places.

I have known photographers who were technically perfect, but who just didn't have an artist's eye. And I have known people who could "see" a good photo, but were lacking in the technical skills to get what they saw on film. Few master both.

Idiot-proof cameras don't solve the problem. Somehow what I see never ends up on the 4-by-6 card the Wal-Mart clerk runs through her monster machine.

Nevertheless, inspired by Christenberry and Eggleston, I took my time on the way home, a drive along Mississippi 30 between New

Albany and Booneville. It's as fine and picturesque a road as you'll find anywhere.

Sure enough, by slowing down I noticed a sight I'd never noticed before. A once-grand, three-story house with dangling shutters and missing doors had a brand-new doublewide parked in front of it, a tobacco spit away from its crumbling porch. The old and new were neighbors.

Birney Imes could take its picture and produce a work of art. "The New South at Twilight," he might call it. A New Orleans gallery would sell it.

I stopped the car and grabbed up my camera — I was the one on the road, not Birney or one of those Williams — and pointed at what I saw. The icon that means "insufficient light" popped up, as if to say: "Get real. You can't presume to shoot a picture worthy of a name."

I sulked for a while, then comforted myself with this thought: "At least I saw it."

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## No surprise government outraged by shooting

It should surprise no one that a government that sanctions the mass slaughter of innocent children should become outraged when one of its licensed killers is himself killed.

One should not, of course, shoot abortionists. Sudden death denies them the opportunity for repentance and redemption. But sympathy should be reserved for the dead babies and for the women who will have to answer to God for what they have done — not for the doctor who kills for money.

That's what abortion is — killing innocent humans for money. Abortionists are government-licensed hit men. Abortionists are the only hit men in America, to my knowledge, who take Visa or

MasterCard for the hit.

There is no softer way to state the facts. Embryology has finally caught up with the church and recognizes that human life begins at conception. Nor is calling abortion "murder" anything new. Abortion has been condemned as murder of the innocent for two millenniums.

You would think, from all the rhetoric and the federal resources being devoted to catching two people who have attacked abortionists, that they were the greatest threat the American people are facing.

That's silly, of course, but it does show you what the federal government really cares about. It's darn sure not human life. Nor is it the safety and welfare of the American people. It's power. The government becomes enraged when someone questions its political orthodoxy.

Early church leaders were quick to point out that abortion poisons the whole society. Once you treat human life in the womb as if it were garbage, all human life becomes degraded. It's no coincidence that

euthanasia follows on the heels of abortion. It's no coincidence that the slaughter of foreigners for domestic, political, public relations purposes becomes accepted. It's no coincidence that entertainment becomes focused on sex, violence and death. And it's no coincidence that children learn to hate life.

This pagan society not only murders children in the womb, it murders the spirit of those who escape the abortionist. Those who don't end up in the garbage can behind the abortion clinic end up in a garbage heap of a society where government and private industry combine their efforts to destroy childhood innocence.

I heard a shallow discussion the other day on the issue of censorship, and everyone was saying, "Who's to say what is acceptable and what isn't?" Well, the answer is God, but once you reject God, then it really is up in the air not only as to who is to say but what he is to say.

What happens is that government steps in and says what is permissible and what isn't. If

you ask me, government is a urine-poor substitute for the creator of the universe. Pity the creatures who would allow a bunch of political lawyers, bureaucrats and politicians to determine their morality. Such folks are ripe for the slave's chains. And they will get them, too.

Abortion is wrong, and politicians can't make it right. Laws can't make it right. Supreme Court rulings can't make it right. Sophistry can't make it right. It's a pitiful person who can't see for himself that taking an innocent life is wrong. It's a repulsive creature who so values his selfish pleasures and ambitions that he would sacrifice a child on the pagan altar of hedonism.

I love those people who defend the lives of children. I love those people who don't sell their consciences. I don't advocate or condone shooting abortionists or blowing up abortion clinics, but I darn sure have no sympathy for anybody in that evil industry.

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Mallard Fullmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

Ward #62: education (ed-yew-kay-shun) definition... The Teachers Unions.

Anyone who criticizes the Teachers' unions is "anti-education."

(Presumably, anyone who criticizes how the AUTOWORKERS UNION built his car is "anti-transformation.")

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NEW YORK (AP) — Optimistic about shopping season gains in consumer confidence and on Wall Street, bargain hunters are hunting Thanksgiving bargains.

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# Big bargains rule as the holiday shopping season gets under way

NEW YORK (AP) — Retailers, optimistic about the holiday shopping season with recent gains in consumer confidence and on Wall Street, saw a lot of bargain hunters over the Thanksgiving weekend.

"Price remains No. 1 on everyone's list, and we saw that shoppers would buy if they thought the price was right," said Kurt Barnard, a consultant and president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report in Upper Montclair, N.J.

Even in these healthy economic times, consumers put value above most else when

making a purchase. Discount stores like Wal-Mart and Target were big winners over the weekend.

Many merchants are going to great lengths this year to encourage shoppers to buy early in the season, rather than wait until the days before and after Christmas, when stores slash prices to clear inventories.

The biggest push came on Friday, when more merchants than ever opened before dawn and used incentives — ranging from free giveaways to significant price cuts — to entice shop-

pers to arrive early.

The promotions drew record crowds, with some stores reporting that thousands of people were waiting for their doors to open.

"I saved \$100," Joe DiMattia said proudly after he bought a new coat for his wife at the Quakerbridge Mall in Lawrence Township, N.J.

TeleCheck Services Inc., a check approval service, said the amount of sales paid for by check on Friday rose 4.4 percent from the same day a year ago.

Many stores, however, reported that sales slowed as the

weekend progressed. That was attributed to the far fewer promotions taking place and warmer-than-usual weather through much of the country.

"The stores that offered the great deals early on were absolutely the most successful this weekend," said Kimberly Baughman, general manager of the Great Lakes Crossing mall in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Even with the slowdown on Saturday, many stores reported healthy sales gains for the weekend. But many remained cautious Sunday, knowing that any stock market volatility or

unusual weather in the coming weeks could keep shoppers home.

"People are feeling very upbeat," said John Konarski, vice president of research for the International Council of Shopping Centers, a New York-based trade group. "But they know most of their season is still to come."

Especially strong this weekend were discount stores, which lured value-oriented consumers who like the wide selection of merchandise that's available under one roof.

Toy stores, too, found shop-

pers buying discounted merchandise, with many retailers offering price cuts on everything from Barbie dolls to Blue's Clues games. Crowds also gathered for the hard-to-find Furby dolls, which sold out of most stores.

Retailers now have 25 shopping days left until Christmas, and they are counting on people like Shawn Winstead to keep spending through the season.

"Normally, I have an amount beside each name" to spend on holiday gifts, she said this weekend while shopping. "This year, I just relaxed on that."

## Former Chilean dictator Pinochet says he would rather die than stand trial

LONDON (AP) — Gen. Augusto Pinochet has told his family that he would rather die than stand trial in Spain on charges of genocide and torture, a British newspaper quoted his nephew today as saying.

Chile today stepped up pressure to get Britain to send the former dictator home.

Chilean Foreign Minister Jose Miguel Insulza, warning of damage to relations with London, had a 40-minute meeting with Defense Secretary George Robertson before heading to Spain with his message that the general will likely be tried in Chile if Britain blocks extradition.

"I made clear the value that we attach to our warm relations with Chile, on which we hope to build in the future," Robertson said in a brief statement after the meeting.

Chile, including Pinochet himself when he was commander-in-chief of the military until March, has been a regular arms buyer from Britain. Sales now average only about \$1.65 million a year, officials said.

Chile canceled a trip to

inspect two frigates that Britain's Royal Navy wants to sell after London police arrested Pinochet Oct. 16 on a Spanish warrant.

The Defense Ministry meeting wound up a four-day blitz by Insulza on leaders of the Labor Party government which is under increasing pressure from its own lawmakers and internationally to send Pinochet, 83, for trial in Spain.

"He would rather kill himself or be killed by his guards than face the humiliation and indignity of being sent to face trial in Spain," Pinochet's nephew, Rafael Pinochet Savedra, was quoted as saying in a London tabloid, The Mirror.

The general's wife, Lucia, told the tabloid that Pinochet was "very weak and depressed about his position."

A Chilean government report says some 3,000 people were murdered or disappeared at the hands of his secret police during in 1973-1990 rule after he overthrew a Marxist who had been elected.

Many are skeptical about the Chilean government's claims he

may be tried at home.

Fourteen lawsuits brought by families of people killed or tortured are pending in Chile. Critics say there is scant chance of Pinochet being tried in Chile, where he has immunity, and if did face trial it would be before a military court packed with his supporters.

Pinochet remained under police guard at a London hospital, where he is recovering from back surgery. British newspapers reported he is planning a move to a nine-bedroom home on the private Wentworth estate in Surrey, southwest of London.

He is due in court on Dec. 11, the deadline for Home Secretary Jack Straw to decide whether to permit extradition proceedings to begin.

Some 150 lawmakers signed a statement urging extradition.

"I am not trying to threaten Jack Straw in any way," Ann Clywd, head of Parliament's all-party Human Rights Committee, said in a British Broadcasting Corp. radio interview Monday. "But we think it's a very important decision."

## Battle over 2000 census between Clinton, GOP reaches Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration and the Republican-led House of Representatives are squaring off in a Supreme Court fight over whether the 2000 census results can be adjusted to make up for an expected undercount of minorities.

After hearing arguments today, the court is expected to aim for a decision by March in a case that could affect the shape of congressional, state and local election districts nationwide, as well as billions of dollars in federal financial aid.

Both sides say a ruling by March is vital so plans for the next census, on April 1, 2000, can go forward. Adjusting the census results presumably would help Democrats because minorities and urban residents are more likely to be missed by the national population count. The Census Bureau, a Commerce Department agency, estimates that 4 million people were overlooked in 1990.

"Congress has vested the (commerce) secretary with broad discretion to conduct the decennial census in such form and content as he may determine, and has specifically authorized the use of sampling procedures" to adjust the results, Clinton administration lawyers argued in court briefs. The House's lawyers countered that every census "since 1790 has been designed to determine the population by counting the people, one by one." If the Constitution's framers, in requiring a census every 10 years, "had intended to permit whichever method was thought most accurate at the time, they would have used open-ended language," House lawyer Maureen E. Mahoney wrote. The administration is asking the justices to reverse two lower-court rulings that federal law bars use of statistical methods to adjust the census figures.

Also challenging the government's plan are taxpayers from six states who say it would lower the population count for their states and counties. The states are Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Two years ago, the Supreme Court ruled that the 1990 census results did not need to be adjusted even though minorities were undercounted. This time, the court is asked to decide whether the government

can adjust the numbers when it wants to.

The lower-court rulings addressed only the federal law and did not decide whether the Constitution's requirement for an "actual enumeration" bars the statistical methods planned by the government.

The lower courts barred adjustment of the figures only for deciding how many House members each state gets. Even if the administration loses its Supreme Court appeal, it still could create separate adjusted figures for handing out federal aid and creating election districts within states.

Los Angeles, New York and other cities hope the government would do so. But Congress could refuse to pay for the adjustment and thereby force the administration to use unadjusted figures for all purposes.

About two-thirds of Americans mail in their census forms. Census workers then start knocking on doors to find the rest, but that strategy does not find everyone. The government wants to survey 750,000 people across the country and use the results to decide where people have been undercounted or overcounted.

## Reno has until end of day to decide on investigation of Harold Ickes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno is poised to decide if an independent counsel should investigate whether Harold Ickes, a former top White House aide, committed perjury before a Senate committee.

Reno had until the end of today to send a decision on Ickes to a special court, which selects counsels.

Justice Department officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, have said there is a good chance that Reno will order what would be the seventh independent counsel of her tenure to look into a top Clinton administration figure.

Since she launched a preliminary inquiry into Ickes in September, Reno has been weighing whether there is evidence that Ickes, a former deputy White House chief of staff, lied to a Senate committee about what the administration may have done to assist the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in the union's strike against Diamond Walnut Co.

Ickes has denied any wrongdoing.

In 1995, Ickes met with Teamsters leaders about the standoff. An administration memo prepared for him noted that the union had given \$2.4 million for Democratic candidates in 1992 and suggested that the party should consider helping the Teamsters on key issues, such as the strike, if it wanted to continue to receive that support.

Ickes was heavily involved in managing President Clinton's 1996 re-election fund raising.

He told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, which was investigating campaign finance practices, that he was not aware of any steps the administration had taken to help settle the strike.

According to a Teamsters memo obtained by the committee, Ickes said he asked then-U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor if he would urge Diamond Walnut to settle its dispute with the union.

Ickes has acknowledged asking Kantor to make a phone call. Kantor subsequently called the company's chief. He has said the call was not motivated by fund raising and that the administration never acted to punish the company on

behalf of the Teamsters.

The Ickes case is the second of three independent counsel decisions before Reno in recent days. Last week, she decided against ordering an investigation of Vice President Al Gore, saying there was "clear and convincing" evidence that Gore did not lie to campaign finance investigators last year about how a Democratic media fund was financed.

Reno must decide by Dec. 7 whether an outside prosecutor should examine whether Clinton and his aides illegally funded political issue adver-

tisements in 1996.

Republican senators have threatened action to fight Reno's reluctance to seek independent counsels for the campaign funding matters. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said on "Fox News Sunday" that Congress should take Reno to court because "she has abused her discretion."

The Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said on ABC's "This Week" that he would do "everything in my power" to enact legislation removing the attorney general's power to seek independent counsels.

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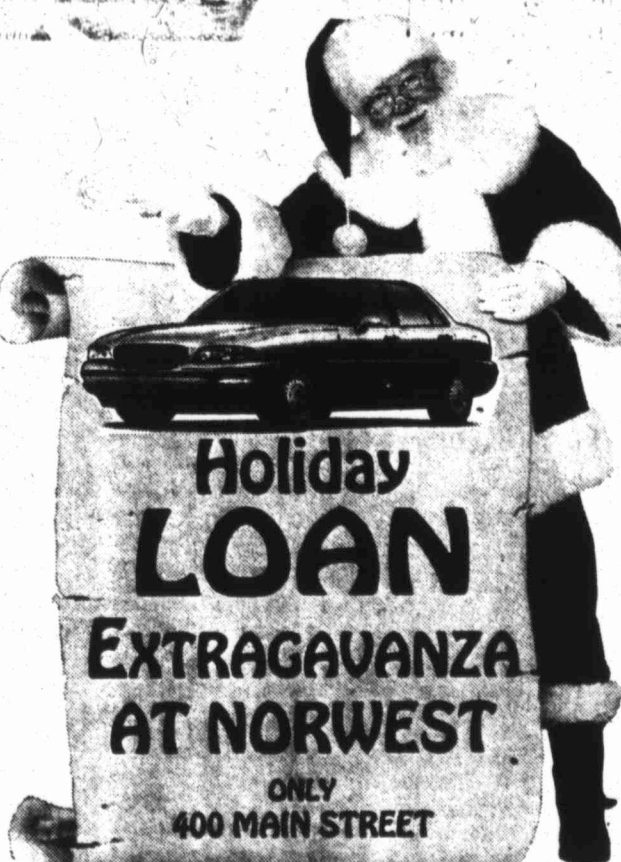
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### IN BRIEF

#### Quarterback Club states final meeting of season

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold its last meeting of the season at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Complex.

Final arrangements for the 1998 Football Banquet will be made and the club's officers for 1999 will be elected.

#### BSHS football banquet scheduled for Dec. 7

The Big Spring Quarterback Club's 1998 Football Banquet has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Jerry Larned from the Texas High School Coaches Hall of Fame will be guest speaker for the event.

Tickets for the banquet, priced at \$10 each, are available from members of the booster club.

#### Steer Baseball Boosters schedule first meeting

The 1999 Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Complex.

Anyone interested in supporting Big Spring High School baseball teams is encouraged to attend.

#### Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall.

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

#### YMCA youth basketball program being revamped

Registration for YMCA youth basketball is currently under way with Program Director Cindy Kincaid saying those who took part in last year's program will see wholesale changes.

The program is being expanded to include seventh- and eighth-graders.

Youngsters whose families are not YMCA members will have to purchase basic program memberships for \$15 to participate, but Kincaid said the program will continue to scholarship children from low income families.

The YMCA has also scheduled a basketball camp for boys and girls on the first three Saturdays in December. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

### TONIGHT

#### BASKETBALL

7 p.m.  
• Ranger College at Howard College. Lady Hawks.

### PLAYOFFS

#### FRIDAY:

7:30 p.m. — Stanton (12-1) vs. Spearman (13-0), Lowrey Field, Lubbock.

7:30 p.m. — Borden County (12-1) vs. Balmorhea (8-3), site TBA.

### ON THE AIR

#### TODAY:

COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
7:30 p.m. — LSU at Houston, FXS, Ch. 29.

#### FOOTBALL

7 p.m. — New York Giants at San Francisco 49ers, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

#### FIGURE SKATING

7 p.m. — Financial Pro Championships (taped), ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Tennessee holds on to No. 1 spot in AP football poll

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another week, another 1-2-3 finish for Tennessee, Kansas State and UCLA in The Associated Press' Top 25 college football poll.

For the fourth consecutive week, No. 1 Tennessee (11-0) maintained its solid lead over No. 2 Kansas State, which led No. 3 UCLA by a much greater margin.

Tennessee, which plays Mississippi State on Saturday night in the SEC title game and a berth in the Fiesta Bowl, received 41 first-place votes and 1,669 points from 68 of the 70 sports writers

and broadcasters on the AP panel. Kansas State (11-0), which plays Texas A&M on Saturday for the Big 12 title and 24 first-place votes and 1,638 points.

UCLA (10-0), with a game remaining against Miami on Saturday, collected three first-place votes and 1,579 points. State and UCLA were off over the weekend.

Florida State (11-1), set for either an Orange or Sugar Bowl bid, held steady at No. 4, while Ohio State (10-1) was No. 5, followed by No. 6 Arizona, No. 7 Florida, No. 8 Wisconsin, No. 9 Tulane and No. 10 Texas A&M.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, the top five were Kansas State, Tennessee, UCLA, Florida State and Ohio State.

In the AP poll, Arkansas was No. 11, followed by No. 12 Georgia Tech, No. 13 Nebraska, No. 14 Virginia, No. 15 Michigan, No. 16 Notre Dame, No. 17 Air Force, No. 18 Syracuse, No. 19 Georgia and No. 20 Texas.

Oregon was No. 21, followed by No. 22 Penn State, No. 23 Mississippi State, No. 24 Missouri and No. 25 Virginia Tech. Notre Dame (9-2) fell seven spots to No. 16 after a 10-0 loss at Southern

California, while Texas A&M (10-2) dropped four places to No. 10 after a 26-24 loss at Texas. Both Rose Bowl-bound Wisconsin (10-1) and Liberty Bowl-bound Tulane (11-0) improved two spots from last week.

Georgia Tech, with a last-minute, 21-19 win over Georgia, improved five spots to No. 12, while Texas returned to the Top 25 with its win over Texas A&M.

Miami, 66-13 losers to Syracuse, fell out of the rankings.

The final regular-season poll will be released Sunday. The final AP poll will be released Tuesday, Jan. 5.

## Nine Buffs in 2-2A spotlight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Forsan's Buffaloes were well represented, as befitting their return to the high school playoffs following a 12-year hiatus, when District 2-2A coaches met recently to select their all-district football team.

The Buffs, who finished the season with an 8-3 record, falling to Iraan in the Class 2A, Division II bi-district playoffs, earned nine first-team selections and four second-team spots on the 2-2A honor squad.

In addition, Forsan head coach Steve Park shared the league's coach of the year honors with Sonora counterpart Dale Heath.

Sonora, the 2-2A champion, grabbed the lion's share of the all-star team's individual accolades, as senior running back/defensive back Anthony Renfro was named the district's most valuable player and sophomore running back Tom Jacoby was named offensive player of the year.

In addition, senior linebacker Brad Legan made it a sweep for Sonora by being named defensive player of the year.

Forsan picked up five spots on the team's first offensive unit and four defensive positions, three of them unanimous selections.

Of the five Forsan honorees on offense, only junior running back Brian Mims was a unanimous selection, while seniors Cory Walker and John Newton were picked by all the coaches to their respective defensive line and linebacker positions.

In addition to Mims, the Buffs placed quarterback Cade Park, wide receiver Wes Osburn, tackle Dale Dolloff and center Jerrod Fishback, all seniors, on the first-team offense.

Forsan also had six players earn academic all-district honors — seniors Park and Fishback, juniors Derek Wash and Kyle Newton and sophomores Dustin Morgan and J.D. Newton.

John Newton and Walker were joined on the first-team defensive unit by teammates Daniel Smith at defensive back



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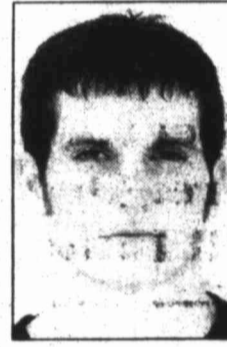
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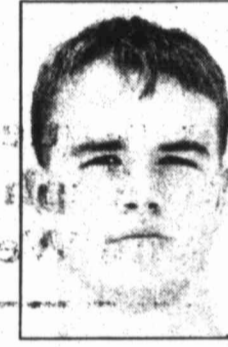
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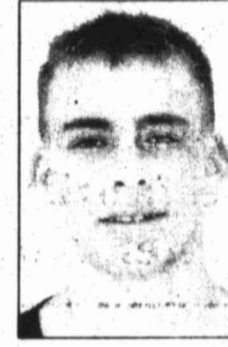
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Linemen: Dusty Nolen, senior, Eldorado; Andy Sanchez, junior, Sonora; Dale Dolloff, senior, Forsan; Tony Martinez, senior, Eldorado.

Tight end: Brad Legan, senior, Sonora.

Wide receivers: Alton Bybee, senior, Eldorado; Wes Osburn, senior, Forsan.

Quarterback: Cade Park, senior, Forsan.

Running backs: Lance Mitchell, junior, Eldorado; Brian Mims, junior, Forsan; Austin Nixon, senior, Eldorado.

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OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR: Tom Jacoby, sophomore, Sonora.

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CO-CHANGES OF YEAR: Dale Heath of Sonora and Steve Park of Forsan.

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Offense  
Center: Daniel Williams, senior, Junction.

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Tight end: Mitchell Bethune, senior, Wall.

Wide receivers: Demetrio Castro, senior, Sonora; Dustin Fought, sophomore, Ozona.

Quarterback: Bryce Williams, sophomore, Sonora.

Running backs: Justin White, senior, Forsan; Graham Bloodworth, junior, Sonora; Cory Braden, senior, Wall.

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Defenses  
Linebackers: Russell Book, senior, Wall; Jarrett Williams, senior, Junction; Jerrod Fishback, senior, Forsan.

Ends: Derek Kretschmer, senior, Wall; Michael Castilleja, senior, Sonora.

Linebackers: Will Weatherford, senior, Wall; Anthony Sanchez, sophomore, Sonora; Robert Quroz, junior, Sonora; John Newton, senior, Forsan.

Secondary: Demetrio Castro, senior, Sonora; Mark Childress, senior, Junction; Casey Murray, senior, Junction; Mitchell Bethune, senior, Wall.

Punter: Ross Crawford, junior, Ozona.

HONORABLE MENTION  
(Forsan only)

Offense  
Blake White, tight end; Jaylan Everett, lineman; Cory Walker, running back.

Defense  
Kyle Newton, linebacker; Brian Mims, end; Chris Rios, secondary; Dale Dolloff, lineman.

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT  
(Forsan only)

Jerrod Fishback, senior, Cade Park, senior; Derek Wash, junior; Kyle Newton, junior; Dustin Morgan, sophomore; J.D. Newton, sophomore.

## Bledsoe leads Pats to big win

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drew Bledsoe is getting the hang of being a hero.

For the second time in less than a week, Bledsoe kept New England in the AFC East race. With a broken finger on his throwing hand, Bledsoe drove the Patriots 82 yards in 10 plays to give New England a 25-21 win over Buffalo.

The winning score actually came after the game was over — thanks to a pass interference call on Buffalo's Henry Jones in the end zone. Bledsoe, who broke the finger on a last-minute drive against the Dolphins last Monday night, threw a 1-yard TD pass to Ben Coates for the win.

"It's what you dream of when you're a kid on the playground," Bledsoe, who played with a splint on his broken finger, said of the winning drive. "We haven't had too many the last few years, but this feels great."

The result is a two-tiered race in the AFC East, the NFL's toughest division with the Patriots and Bills (each 7-5) a game behind Miami and the New York Jets (each 8-4).

The Dolphins beat the Saints 30-10 as Dan Marino threw three touchdown passes to O.J. McDuffie to become the first NFL passer to throw 400 TD passes — the three gave him 401. And the Jets beat Carolina 48-21.

In other games Sunday, it was Kansas City 34, Arizona 24; Atlanta 21, St. Louis 10; Baltimore 38, Indianapolis 31; Jacksonville 34, Cincinnati 17; Tampa Bay 31, Chicago 17; Seattle 20, Tennessee 18; Green Bay 24, Philadelphia 16; Washington 29, Oakland 19, and Denver 31, San Diego 16.

The New York Giants are at San Francisco in tonight's game.

Of all those, the Bills-Patriots was a classic, a shootout between Bledsoe and Doug Flutie, who had an NFL career-high 339 yards. Both came through in the clutch, the way Marino and John Elway have so often in their 16 NFL seasons.

Flutie put the Bills ahead on a 4-yard TD pass to Andre Reed after a 67-yard drive that took 8:58 and featured eight penalties, four on each team.

But it was a penalty on the Bills that decided the game — the call against Jones, who was covering Terry Glenn on Bledsoe's desperation pass on what should have been the game's final play.

## UConn moves back into top spot in basketball poll

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut moved to the top of The Associated Press college basketball poll today, the second time in school history the Huskies have been ranked No. 1.

After a week that saw 10 ranked teams suffer their first loss of the season, the Huskies

(4-0) climbed one spot to their first No. 1 ranking since Feb. 13, 1995.

That stint at the top lasted just one week as Connecticut won at Georgetown, which had been ranked the week before, before losing at home to No. 15 Villanova by 23 points, the worst loss in their nine seasons at Gampel Pavilion.

The Huskies will play two

ranked teams this week — No. 15 Washington in the Great Eight in Chicago on Tuesday night and No. 9 Michigan State on Saturday in Gampel. They received 52 first-place votes and 1,751 points from the national media panel.

Maryland (7-0), which won the Puerto Rico Shootout in impressive fashion last week, jumped from fifth to second with 16 No.

1 votes and 1,698 points. The ranking is the Terrapins' highest since they were No. 2 during the 1975-76 season.

Preseason NIT champion North Carolina (6-0) moved from ninth to third and had one first-place vote and 1,549 points, 18 more than Duke (5-1), which dropped from No. 1 after losing to Cincinnati in the final of the Great Alaska Shootout.

## Will lockout end in December? Or is January 'drop dead' date?

NEW YORK (AP) — The month of December is almost upon us, and commissioner David Stern is still refusing to reveal his "drop dead" date.

"I have one in my head, and I keep pushing it back," Stern said. "It's out there, and I worry about it a lot."

Others worry about it, too. But they don't know when that actual date is. And now, with negotiations stalled for the foreseeable future, some are wondering if the date when it becomes too late to save the season might fall in January.

"It could be that they don't meet for another month," agent Steve Kauffman said. "I've been telling my players for the past couple of weeks that they

shouldn't expect to play until mid-January at the earliest."

Many people close to the lockout feel Stern is following a calendar similar to the one employed by NHL commissioner Gary Bettman during the 1994-95 lockout.

The hockey lockout included a period from Dec. 6-Jan. 7 in which no talks were held. The sides then made "final" offers and "final-final" offers before a marathon session settled it.

It would take another three weeks of lockout limbo to reach that month lull. The sides in the NBA dispute have gone 10 days since their last full bargaining session and are at odds over whether there will be preconditions for a resumption.



Here are the Howard County Little League Football Division II champion Packers. Front row, from left, are: Michael Rively, Jeremy DePorto, Zack Chesworth, Matthew Almazon, Jacob Peredez, Nicholas Rivers, Chawn Dully, Alex Urias and Tavienae Clemmons. Second row: Andy Urias, Logan Churchwell, Thaddeus McCallister, James Wyre, Kenna Jones, Chance Cain, Arturo Accuzo, Eddie Diaz and Joseph Overa. Back row: Talbot Moore, Michael Morton, Justin Weatherby, Curtis Osborn, Paul Wylie, Rocky Seiszer, Jimmy Yanez, Jerry Duffer, Jettley Walker and Marcus Cole. Standing behind the team are coaches Mark Choate and Tim Cain.

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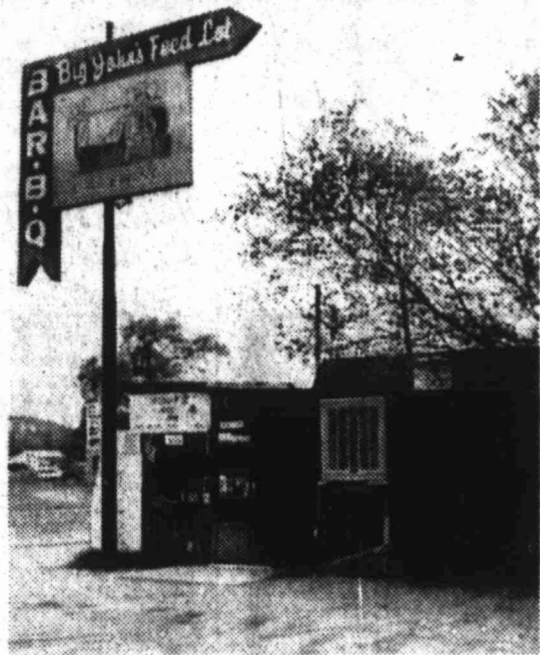
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MONDAY												NOV. 30											
CH	KMD	KPEL	KERA	FAM	KOSA	WFAA	KWES	WTBS	UNI	DISH	WASH	TMC	SHOW	HBO	KMLN	AAE	DISC	TNT	FSN	ESPN	AMC	BET	
6	News (CC)	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy	Oh No! Mr. G.	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	Rosanne	Al Prosser	First Step With The Muppet	Waltone (CC)	(10) Movie: Mimi (CC)	Daughter	(CC)	Sam Soltyn John Hayes (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Glenn Shaffer	ER (CC)	Last Word Sports News	Countdown	Bride (CC)	Planet Groove	
7	NFL Football	Mad About You	Arrested Development	AXN Life, Camera	Paul Holes	NFL Football	Suddenly	(10) Movie: Honey, I Blew Up The Kid	Vivo por Elena	Christmas Card (CC)	Today's Country (CC)	Movie: The Rainmaker	Light of the Southwest	Movie: The Rainmaker	Biography	Wild Discovery	WCW Monday Nitro (CC)	NHL: Shots Over Miami	Figure Skating: Profe-	Movie: Moon Over Miami	BET Soundstage		
8	Glants at San Francisco	Mad About You	Arrested Development	Famous Families (CC)	Raymond Bicker (CC)	Glants at San Francisco	Caroline Will & Grace	Up the Kid	Desenzuero	(10) Movie: Magic Island	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: Galactica	Movie: The Rainmaker	News Life in Word	Ultimate Guide	Wild Discovery	Houston H.S. Extra	International Championship	(45) Movie: Good News	Sparks (CC)			
9	48ers (CC)	Mad About You	Arrested Development	Famous Families (CC)	L.A. Doctors (CC)	48ers (CC)	Debra (CC)	(10) Movie: The Secret of Santa Vittoria	Cristina: Education Especial	(CC)	Emmy-Maria Niggard	Odyssey (35) Movie: Star Hunter	Movie: Galactica	Movie: The Rainmaker	Biography	Wild Discovery	Babylon 5 (CC)	FOX Sports News	ESPN NewsCenter	Movie: I Was	BET Tonight		
10	News (CC)	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Laher	700 Club	News (35) Late	News (CC)	News Tonight Show	My Success	P. Impacto Noticias	Wall Street	Dallas	Star Hunter	Movie: Galactica	Movie: The Rainmaker	Biography	Wild Discovery	Babylon 5 (CC)	FOX Sports News	ESPN NewsCenter	Movie: I Was	BET Tonight		
11	Nightline	Cops (CC)	Novo (CC)	AXN Life, Camera	Show (CC) Married... With Children	Nightline	Ent. Tonight	(CC) Late	(35) Movie: Al Primo de la Noche	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Dukes of Hazzard (CC)	Movie: Dreamer	Orlando (CC) Red Shoe	Mr. Show: Bob Teen Killers	Secrets Vampires	Biography	Wild Discovery	Babylon 5 (CC)	FOX Sports News	(CC) NFL Great	a Male War Bride (CC)	Sparks (CC) 227 (CC)	
12	Hollywood	Judge-Brown	Marlin (CC)	Paid Program	Late Late Show	Politically Inc.	Rosanne	Night (CC) News	Life Stinks	Gordo y Pasa El Buzabazo	Movie: The Adventures of	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: Roger Corman	(12:10) Movie: One	Faith Pleases God	Rise of Christianity: The	Ultimate Guide	Revenge of the Nerds III	Last Word Ultimate	ESPN News NFL Great	Movie: Moon	Midnight Love	

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Nov. 30, the 334th day of 1998. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 30, 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

On this date: In 1804, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase went on trial, accused of political bias. He was acquitted by the Senate.

In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens - better known as author Mark Twain - was born in Florida, Mo.

In 1874, British statesman Sir Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace.

In 1900, Irish author Oscar Wilde died in Paris.

In 1936, London's famed Crystal Palace, constructed for the International Exhibition of 1851, was destroyed in a fire.

In 1949, Chinese Communists captured Chungking.

In 1962, U Thant of Burma was elected Secretary-General of the United Nations, succeeding the late Dag Hammarskjold.

In 1966, the former British colony of Barbados became independent.

In 1981, the United States and the Soviet Union opened negotiations in Geneva aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe.

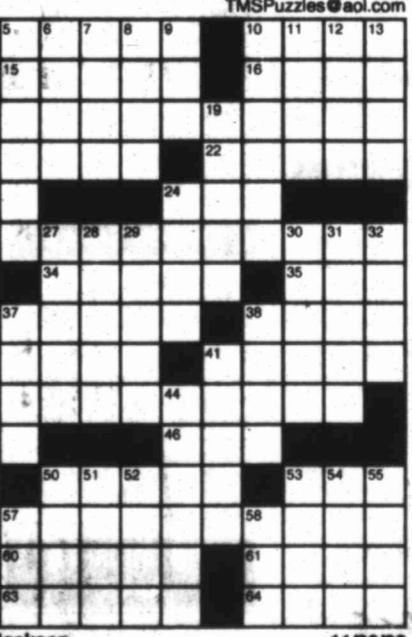
Ten years ago: Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. was declared winner of the corporate free-for-all to take over RJR Nabisco Inc. with a bid of \$24.53 billion.

Five years ago: President Clinton signed into law the Brady bill, which requires a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and background checks of prospective buyers. Authorities in California arrested Richard Allen Davis, who confessed to abducting and slaying 12-year-old Polly Klaas of Petaluma.

One year ago: Czech Premier Vaclav Klaus formally handed in his government's resignation in the wake of a campaign financing scandal. In Tajikistan, French hostage Karine Mane was killed with five suspected kidnappers when a grenade exploded during a failed rescue operation; a companion had been released hours earlier.

THE Daily Crossword

- Edited by Wayne Robert Williams
- ACROSS
- 1 Equal scores
  - 5 Beethoven's "Fur"
  - 10 Practical jokes
  - 14 United Emirates
  - 15 Pie nut
  - 16 \_\_\_ of Caves
  - 17 THE BEST
  - 20 Lamprey
  - 21 Nprnsensical
  - 22 Consecrate
  - 23 Picnic pest
  - 24 Penultimate Greek letter
  - 25 THE BEST
  - 33 Manicurist's targets
  - 34 Writer/singer Leonard
  - 35 Ajaccio assent
  - 36 By mouth
  - 37 Spread here and there
  - 38 Highland honey
  - 39 Lawyer: abbr.
  - 40 Odists
  - 41 Bloody passage
  - 42 THE BEST
  - 45 Knack
  - 46 Lend a hand
  - 47 Out in the open
  - 50 Scour
  - 53 Health retreat
  - 56 THE BEST
  - 59 Pain in the neck
  - 60 Nonresonant metallic sound
  - 61 Painful
  - 62 City in Spain
  - 63 Secret messages
  - 64 Flock females
- DOWN
- 1 Bandage
  - 2 Wrath of the Romans
  - 3 British peer
  - 4 Mom-&-pop store grp.
  - 5 Word derived from a name
  - 6 Singer/Home
  - 7 Religious image
  - 8 Vaul
  - 9 Letter carrier: abbr.
  - 10 Onionlike bulb
  - 11 Poker stake
  - 12 Wildebeests
  - 13 Understands
  - 18 Desert monsters
  - 19 "A Doll's House" playwright
  - 23 Plummeted
  - 24 I'm glad that's over!
  - 25 \_\_\_ blanche
  - 26 Rodeo rope
  - 27 Group of eight
  - 28 Out into view
  - 29 "We hold ... truths to be ..."
  - 30 Lion's plains
  - 31 Forces out
  - 32 City on the Arno
  - 33 Genesis character
  - 37 Genite
  - 38 Demand for service
  - 40 \_\_\_ Nova, Berlin
  - 41 Mystery story?
  - 43 Cloud over
  - 44 Makes watertight
  - 47 Translucent gem
  - 48 Evil behavior
  - 49 Call back
  - 50 Normandy town
  - 51 Landlocked African nation
  - 52 Clair or Coty
  - 53 Pack cargo
  - 54 Mer's mate
  - 55 God of war
  - 57 Broadcast watchdog agcy.
  - 58 Half a fly?



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Today's Birthdays: Movie director Gordon Parks is 86. Actor Erem Zimbalist Jr. is 80. Actress Virginia Mayo is 78. Former New York Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm is 74. Actor Richard Crenna is 71. TV personality and producer Dick Clark is 69. Radio talk show host G. Gordon Liddy is 68. Country singer Teddy Wilburn is 67. Actor Robert Guillaume is 61. Country singer-recording executive Jimmy Bowen is 61. Singer Luther Ingram is 64. Singer Rob Grill (The Grassroots) is 54. Playwright David Mamet is 51. Actress Margaret Whitton is 48. Actor Mando Patakin is 46. Musician Shuggie Otis is 46. Singer June Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 44.