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BIG SPRING HERALD

Museum prepares for joyful **Saturday**

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Santa, exhibits, fund-raiser and parade watch

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents looking to get into the holiday spirit need look no further than the Big Spring Heritage Museum this

Saturday, as the facility's staff prepares for a day of old fashion Christmascheer.

"We have a day planned," said Nancy Raney,

Raney

museum director. "Santa Claus will be here from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There's no charge for the children to talk to Santa, but local photographer Bruce Schooler will be taking photos, and there is a small charge for those.

"Dimples the Clown will also be here to entertain the children with balloon animals, and we'll be opening the new model railroad exhibit, which everyone has really worked hard on.

"The Christmas Tree Forest will also be on display, and at 5 p.m. we'll be enjoying cookies and hot chocolate on the patio while we watch the *Big* Spring Herald Christmas Parade.'

Raney said the museum will also be holding a fund-raiser from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., as area children will have the chance to stuff their own plush animals, thanks to San Angelo-based Snuggle Factory Animaland.

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play at the Big Spring Heritage Museum, part of the holiday-themed Christmas Tree Forest exhibit. Patrons can visit the forest, as well as participate in several other holiday-themed events at the museum Saturday.

Settles back on Moore board agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Negotiations between Moore Development and Settles Hotel Development Company will take center stage this evening, as members of Moore's board of directors prepare for yet another executive session to hammer out contract points.

Development Moore directors voted unanimously in April to provide up to \$3 million to help Brint Ryan — manager of the Dallas company and the founder and See MOORE, Page 3A

"... there are a lot of intricacies involved in a deal like



this, and we Wegman have to make sure everything is just right before we move forward."

CEO of Ryan & Company - renovate the Settles

Living Tree to usher season in with music

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A long-standing local Christmas tradition will be held for the 29th straight year Saturday when First United Methodist Church holds its Living Christmas Tree musical gala.

The event, featuring more than 100 local singers and a professional orchestra, has traditionally announced the beginning of the Christmas season in song, and this year is no different, organizers said.

Two Saturday performances are scheduled at the church, located at Fourth and Scurry

streets. A dress rehearsal will held at 2 p.m., with the main performance scheduled for 8 p.m.

A final performance will be staged at 8 p.m. Sunday.

All performances are to the public, although tickets will be required for the evening events, said Nell Burgess, church secretary.

"The tickets are available at the church office, so anyone can come by and get one," Burgess said. "But we require tickets, because if you don't have a ticket, there's a good chance you won't be able to get a

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STEERS CALM TORNADOS

The basketball is finding the bottom of the net often for the Big Spring Steers who improved their season record to 3-1 Tuesday night with a 65-44 win over the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes. Although Big

Spring never trailed, the Tors were able to cut the Steers' lead to four points with just under five minutes left to play, 46-42.

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FLU SHOTS FOR VETS

The Big Spring VA Medical Center will provide free flu shot clinic for veterans from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, officials

The vaccines will be free to all veterans. Veterans currently enrolled in VA Health Care will be required to show their VA identification cards in order to receive their shots.

"We are trying to get as many folks as possible to receive the vaccination," said Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations director for the medical center.

For more information, contact the VAMC at 263-7361.

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads region varsity sports weekly calendar

Here's a look at the upcoming Crossroads varsity sports sched-

THURS.-SAT.

Big Spring girls basketball at Idalou Tournament.

Big Spring boys basketball at Andrews Tournament.

Coahoma boys and girls basketball hosting Coahoma Invitational Tourna-ment.

Garden City boys and girls basketball hosting Garden City Tournament.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

Grady boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

TUESDAY

Big Spring girls basketball at Midland High, 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.

DEC. 6-8

Big Spring boys basketball at Midland Tall City Oilman's Tournament held at South Oak Cliff.

Big Spring girls basketball at Clyde Tournament.

Coahoma boys basketball at Stanton's Hooptown Classic.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Borden County Tournament.

Grady boys and girls basketball at Water Valley Tournament.

DEC. 7

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Wellington at Idalou, 6:30 p.m.

Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area subbasketball varsity games for the 2007-08 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

NCAA FBS **Bowl Championship** Series standings

- 1. Missouri
- 2. West Virginia
- 3. Ohio State 4. Georgia
- 5. Kansas
- 6. Virginia Tech 7. LSU
- 8. USC
- 9. Oklahoma
- 10. Florida 11. Boston College
- 12. Hawaii 13. Arizona St.
- 14. Tennessee
- 15. Illinois
- 16. Clemson 17. Oregon
- 18. Wisconsin
- 19. BYU
- 20. Texas

Coahoma sweeps past Eldorado, Snyder year," Nichols said. "We still the fact Colter Morgan decided to 5:40 remaining in the game. The

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — After having just a little over a week of practice, Coahoma Bulldogs (1-0) Head Coach Kim Nichols wasn't expecting a whole lot in the Bulldogs' season opener against the Eldorado Eagles.

He got more than he anticipated as the Bulldogs, powered by a 25-5 run during the second quarter, routed Eldorado, 75-36.

"It's a good way to start the

need to get into basketball shape, but we will get there eventually."

With the Eagles holding a 3-2 lead early in the first, Logan Stone buried a basket to ignite a 14-0 run for the Bulldogs over the next seven minutes ending when the Eagles hit back-to-back treys to draw Eldorado to within seven at 16-9 at the end of the first.

The second quarter belonged to the Bulldogs, however, as six different players scored during the stanza for Coahoma. That, and

do his best imitation of a redwood, put any doubt of the outcome to rest.

The Bulldogs aided their own cause during the second by going 10-for-13 from the charity stripe, helping to build a 41-14 cushion entering the half.

The second half was more of the same as Coahoma extended the advantage to 57-24 after the

Morgan finally put the exclamation point on the night with

6-7 senior post took a pass on the right wing and drove hard to the basket and finished with a twohanded slam, igniting the crowd inside Bulldog Gymnasium.

"Defensively we did a real good job of shutting them down," Nichols commented. "We just never let them get any good shots

Coahoma finished the night with 13 blocks with Morgan col-

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Terrance Clemons goes up for two points over two Lamesa defenders in the Steers' 65-44 vic-

Steers calm Tornadoes, 65-44

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

LAMESA — The basketball is finding the bottom of the net often for the Big Spring Steers.

The Steers improved their season record to 3-1 Tuesday night as they handed the host Lamesa Golden Tornadoes a 65-

Although Big Spring never trailed, the Tors were able to cut the Steers' lead to four points with just under five minutes left to play, 46-42. However, the Steers applied a high pressure defense, allowing them to go on a 19-2 run to end the game.

Big Spring's full court press made the biggest impact throughout the night.

"We got a lot of tips and steals

that turned into easy layups advantage. with our press," Steers' Head Coach Marcus Morris said. "We need to play fast and execute. We can't play too fast all the time, but we have to execute when we do. It was a good win. This is a fun group to coach and we're just getting better."

The Steers opened the game on an 11-0 run with Lamesa not finding the basket until the 3:55 mark in the first period with a pair of free throws. However, the Tors ended the period on a 14-5 run, narrowing the Steers' lead to 16-14 after one.

Big Spring jumped out quickly again in the second stanza, scoring the first 10 points. Lamesa couldn't muster a run of its own and the Steers went into halftime with a 32-19

However, Lamesa dominated the next 11 minutes of play, outscoring Big Spring 23-9 through the third period and the first three minutes of the fourth. Unfortunately for the Tors, the Steers had three consecutive steals and easy layups by Tyrone Clemons, Lance Gross and Sidney Parker to distance themselves from Lamesa.

Clemons, Parker and Jerrell Williams each had several key steals in the final five minutes of the game to erase any doubt to the outcome.

"In high school basketball, good teams are going to make a Morris run," explained. "Lamesa has good players and a good coach and they made

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Forsan splits with Highland

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The Forsan boys varsity basketball team barely had time to make sure their uniforms and shoes fit as many of the players were fresh off the gridiron.

However, it didn't take long to shake off the rust as they easily took care of the Highland Hornets Tuesday night in Buffalo Gym, 39-31.

Senior forward Adam Bailey led the Buffs opening the season with a double-double, scoring 13 points and hauling down 10 rebounds as the Buffs never trailed.

Controlling the opening tip, the Buffs jumped out to an early first quarter lead, building a 12-point advantage. Senior forward Blake Grantham led Forsan as he scored six of his eight points in the first frame.

The Buffs continued to build on their lead midway through the second period going up 20-5 before the Hornets got a little offense going.

Highland center Jackson Richburg got a hot hand and outscored the entire Buffs' team, 6-3, ending the first half with the score, 26-11. The Hornets outscored Forsan in

the third, 10-5, cutting the lead in half and building momentum for the final period as Nick Richburg scored four of his 12 points on the night.

However, the Buffs withstood a determined Hornet team as Forsan closed out the game to start the season 1-0 before the Garden City Tournament this weekend.

Jeremy Robbins and Cameron Parker each added eight points for the Buffs, who will play Thursday against San Angelo Cornerstone. The Garden City Tournament has been changed to a round robin style on the boys' side as four teams slated to play are still in the hunt for football titles.

The Buffs are also scheduled to play Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. against El Paso Jesus Chapel and again on Saturday against host Garden City.

The Forsan Lady Buffs varsity basketball team is still in search of their first win of the season, falling to the Highland Lady Hornets Tuesday night, 51-18.

Highland got started quickly with a 6-0 run before Tori Gauer scored two of her six points to slow down the

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Lamesa blows past Lady Steers, 40-17

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

LAMESA — The score may not suggest it, but the improvement can be seen on the basketball court for the Big Spring Lady

The Lady Steers fell to 0-6 on the season as the Lamesa Lady Tors used a strong first period to blow past Big Spring, 40-17.

However, Lady Steers Head Coach Randal Petty noted the improved effort on the defensive end for the Lady Steers.

"Definitely a lot more effort on defense," said Petty. "We slipped back to a 2-3 zone defense. It seems like the man to man and press defenses were hurting us with giving up offensive rebounds. We just want to limit teams to one shot by blocking out and getting the rebound."

Lamesa jumped out to a 10-4 lead halfway through the first period and finished the opening stanza with a17-6 advantage.

However, Big Spring was able to slow Lamesa down in the sec-

ond period, keeping them to just four points. Unfortunately for the Lady Steers, they couldn't build off of their strong defensive effort, managing just three points in the stanza.

"Other than the first quarter, this was a pretty close ballgame," Petty said. "We can play close with teams, but we've got to learn how to put the ball in the

Big Spring's offensive troubles continued in the third period. The Lady Steers managed just two points in the third stanza. The Lady Tors took advantage of Big Spring's offensive inconsistency and opened up a 34-11 lead heading into the final period.

It was still Big Spring's inability to consistently beat a full court press that stymied their offensive production.

"We've got to learn to handle the pressure," Petty said. "A lot of the pressure we're seeing is just one on one. It's not like we're facing too many double

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Big Spring's Katy Thompkins (34) tries to outhustle a Lamesa defender to a loose ball in the Lady Steers' 40-17 loss Tuesday night in Lamesa.

Obituaries

Phillip Manuel Lopez



Phillip Manuel Lopez, 21, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil services will be at 7 p.n. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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He was born Dec. 23, 1985, in Big Spring. He had worked in the oil field. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by three daughters, Angelica Lopez, Nevaeh Lopez and Elena Lopez, all of Big Spring; mother, Patricia Galan Lopez of Big Spring; father, Adolfo Lopez of Weatherford; four brothers:, Dimas Moralez Jr. of Midland, Adolfo Lopez Jr. of Abilene, Albert Lopez of Dallas and Gabriel Lopez of Big Spring; two sisters, Alexia Lopez Ponce of Grand Prairie and Alyssa Lopez of Big Spring; maternal grandparents, Isidoro and Manuela Galan of Big Spring; paternal grandparents, Jose V. and Jususita Lopez of North Richland Hills; maternal Great Grandmother, Florence Gamboa of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Pauline Smith

Pauline Smith, 92, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at Heritage Oaks in Lubbock. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Donita Lee, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, officiating.

She was born Oct. 23, 1915, in Canton to Mary Ann and Henry Franklin Howie. She married L.W. "Smitty" Smith on Feb. 16, 1937, in Stanton. He preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 1981. She lived in Big Spring for a number of years and worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone. She and her husband were in the grocery business in Lubbock and later owned Smitty's Trading Post at Buffalo Lake. They retired in 1973 and moved to Glasscock County. She returned to Lubbock in 1982. She was a member of the Oakwood United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda Smith and husband Bill of Mansfield, and Sandy Black and husband Alton of Lubbock; one sister, Maxine David of Stockton, Calif.; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Randall Howie; and two sisters, Johnnie Crittenden and Lois Webb.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Raymond Flores

Raymond Flores, 65, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, in Colorado City after a lengthy illness. Funeral mass will be held Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City. Burial will follow in Mitchell County Cemetery with Fr. George Varakukala officiating.

Mr. Flores was born July 14, 1942 in Colorado City to Miguel Flores and Simona Rivera Flores. He served in the Army and was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church. He worked as a mechanic for Costin Implement for 38 years.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Flores of Colorado City; sons, Jessie Flores and wife Lisa, Mark Flores, Gilbert Flores and wife Lucy, all of Colorado City and Edward Flores of Sweetwater; daughters Sylvia Mason and husband Rick of Snyder and Sarah Flores of Colorado City; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; sisters Nellie Jordan, Mary Reyes and Josie Gillilan, all of Colorado City, Eloisa Lyons of Abilene and Theresa Hodnett and Lupe Rowland, both of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Rosary was held Tuesday at Kiker-Seale Funeral

Bernarda Valencia

Bernarda Valencia, 75, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

- The Big Spring High School junior class will meet Thursday at the Big Spring High School library at 6:30 p.m. to form committees and vote on the 2008 prom theme. All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Carrie Fox at 816-9687, Karen Martin at 213-1388 or Bebe Johnson at 213-2105.
- Angel Food ordes for December be taken Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 267-2203
- Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.
- Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar at Canterbury South for Saturday. Hours for the bazaar are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Prissy Stanley at 263-1238 or leave a message.
- St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-
- A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m.

- JESUS RAMIREZ, 50, of 1611 Donley, was arrest-
- ed Tuesday on 13 local capias warrants. • ROBERT SANCHEZ, 43, of 1023 Stadium, was
- arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication. • DENISE DEANDA, 35, of 604 S. Abrams, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants and charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and theft.
- SALVADOR SANCHEZ, 36, of Nevada, was arrested Tuesday on a local citation.
- RICHARD LOFTIN, 30, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Tuesday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and a parole revocation.
- JODIE MILLS, 26, of 1514 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday on an Ector County warrant.
- THEFT was reported:
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 1000 block of 20th Street.
- in the 3300 block of FM 700.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-PORTATION was reported in the 1000 block of 14th
 - BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:
 - in the 2700 block of Central.
 - in the 2800 block of Crestline.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1000 block of 15th Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Lamar.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report. • BENJAMIN EDWARD MOORE II, 27, was trans-

ferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a

- charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation. • STEPHANIE ANN YANEZ, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation
- for theft of service. • DAVID WESTBROOK, 33, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance and violation of a promise to appear.
- CARLOS SALGADO MONTANEZ, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly
- DONNY JUAREZ, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for forgery of a financial instrument.
- PAUL EUGENE MERRELL, 54, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Matthews. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of
- Morrison. One person was transported to SMMC. • **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N.
- Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of
- Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC. • **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of N.E.
- Third Street. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of State.
- One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

- · Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. SoutheastWinds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. SouthwestWinds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 50s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 70s.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Sunday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Sunday night...Mostly clear. Colder. Lows in the

upper 30s. Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.. Tuesday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-13-16-27. Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize: \$24,550.

Winning ticket sold in: Dallas.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-7-3. Sum It Up: 22.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-5-0. Sum It Up: 5.

Road to Recovery

 Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

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Texas Schoolboy Playoff Pairings

CLASS 5A DIVISION I

Region I Odessa Permian (12-0) vs. Euless Trinity (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Lubbock Coronado (11-1) vs. Arlington Bowie (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Jones AT&T Stadium

Region II

Dallas Skyline (11-1) vs. Round Rock (8-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco's Floyd Casey Stadium

Plano (11-1) vs. Spring Westfield (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Round Rock ISD

Region III

Cypress Ridge (11-1) vs. Fort Bend Hightower (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Cypress' Berry Stadium

Cypress Fairbanks (8-4) vs. Galena Park North Shore (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cypress' Berry Stadium

Region IV

Converse Judson (8-4) vs. La Joya (6-6), Saturday, Laredo Student Activities Center

SA Reagan (10-2) vs. Los Fresnos (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Victoria

DIVISION II Region I

Abilene (11-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Mansfield Timberview (9-3) vs. Lewisville Hebron (10-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Region II

Dallas Carter (7-5) vs. Pflugerville (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium Longview (11-1)Leander (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Corsicana

Region III

Fort Bend Clements (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Galena Park ISD Stadium

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Katy (12-0) vs. Pasadena Memorial (9-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Rice Stadium

Region IV

Smithson Valley (11-1) vs. Harlingen South (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, CC's Buccaneer

SA Madison (11-1) vs. Weslaco (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Weslaco

CLASS 4A DIVISION I

Region I

Wolfforth Frenship (10-2) vs. Aledo (10-2), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium

Region II

McKinney Boyd (9-3) vs. Copperas Cove (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco's Casey Stadium

Region III

Austin LBJ (10-2) vs. Rosenberg Lamar (10-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas A&M (Kyle Field)

Region IV

New Braunfels (12-0) vs. Gregory-Portland (8-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, CC's Buccaneer Stadium

DIVISION II Region I

Lubbock Estacado (6-6) vs. WF Rider (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Hereford (8-4) vs. Everman (12-0), 3 p.m. Saturday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium

Region II

West Mesquite (9-3) vs. Red Oak (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium Dallas Highland Park (12-0)

Houston Stratford (9-3) vs. vs. Dallas S. Oak Cliff (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium

Livingston (10-2) vs. Dayton (9-3), 7 p.m., Friday, Galena Park ISD Athletic Complex

Waller (9-3) vs. Lumberton (11-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Deer Park Stadium

Region IV

Lake Travis (11-1) vs. CC Calallen (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Blossom Stadium

Schertz Steele (11-1) vs. Beeville (10-2), 8 p.m. Friday,

CLASS 3A DIVISION I Region I

Andrews (10-2)Abilene Wylie (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

Region II

Dallas Roosevelt (11-1) vs. Gilmer (12-0), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium

Region III

Liberty Hill (11-0) vs. Navasota (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Temple

Region IV

Pleasanton (10-2) Gonzales (10-2), 7 p.m., Saturday, San Antonio

DIVISION II Region I

Snyder (10-2) vs. Argyle (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday,

Seminole (8-4) vs. Vernon (11-1), 4 p.m., Saturday, Sweetwater

Region II

Celina (12-0) vs. Pittsburg (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium Glen Rose (8-3) vs.

(10-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium

Region III

Waco LaVega (12-0) vs. West Orange-Stark (11-1), p.m. Friday, Sam 7:30 Houston St.

China Spring (11-1) vs. Kirbyville (11-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Kyle Field, College

Region IV

Wimberley (6-6) vs. Cuero (10-2), 6 p.m. Saturday,

Llano (9-3) vs. Palacios (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Seguin

CLASS 2A DIVISION I Region 1

Littlefield (10-2) vs. Early (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Midland's Communications Grande Stadium

Region II

Caddo Mills (12-0) vs. Farmersville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Greenville

Region III

Tatum (11-1) vs. Newton (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin's Martin Stadium

Region IV

Salado (12-0) vs. Santa Rosa (11-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Victoria

DIVISION II Region I

Canadian (12-1)Coleman (10-2), Saturday, Wolfforth Idalou (12-0) vs. Blanco (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium

Region II

Boyd (8-4) vs. DeKalb (8-4), 6:30 p.m. Saturday at McKinney's Ron Poe Stadium Cisco (12-0) vs. Gunter (12-

Texarkana Pleasant Grove 0) 2 p.m. Saturday, Birdville

Region III

Elysian Fields (11-1) vs. Crawford (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Athens

Camden (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stephen F. Austin's Bryce Stadium

East Bernard (9-3) vs.

Altair Rice (11-1) vs. Stockdale (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria

Region I

(8-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Mills (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Denton's Collins Complex

Region III

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Region IV

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(5-6), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Tyler

2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hondo

Region I

Rankin (10-1) vs. Grady (10-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Big

Rule (11-0) vs. Turkey Valley (12-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowery Field

Region III

Trinidad (10-1) vs. Abbott (11-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Hubbard

Richland Springs (11-0) vs.

DIVISION II Region I

Sanderson (5-5) vs. Jayton (8-4), 7:30 p.m., Friday,

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Refugio (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas State's Bobcat Stadium

CLASS A DIVISION I

Sunray (9-2) vs. McCamey

Region II Seymour (8-3) vs. Valley

Joaquin (10-2) vs. Alto (11-

DIVISION II

White Deer (10-1) vs. Sundown (12-0), 3 p.m., Saturday, Plainview Nazareth (11-1) vs. Iraan (8-

Region II

Goldthwaite (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tarleton State

3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kilgore's Tenaha (9-3) vs. Grapeland

Region IV

Bremond (9-2) vs. D'Hanis (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday,

Harper (10-2) vs. Sabinal (9-

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Spring Region II

Region IV

Calvert (12-0), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Lampasas

Midland

Region II Matador Motley County (11-1) vs. Follett (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins

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Sgt. Stephen Stansel having a colorful military career

doesn't seek the way out. Disarming bombs isn't something I would consider fun. Spending weeks underwater in a submarine would activate my claustrophobia. Scuba diving to remove explosive mines from the floor of the Persian Gulf strikes me as a good way to get my whole day ruined.

These activities were Steve's daily diet for several periods in his military career. You may be fascinated to hear his story, as I was. One inter-

esting aspect is that Steve spent most his career in Navy, but is now in the Army National Guard.



Big Spring with his mother and his brother Kevin when he was nine years old. (Kevin is a career Marine, and we told his story in a Troop Salute in the Herald on Oct. 24.) Steve attended Big Spring schools through Runnels Junior High, but attended high school at Elbow and Forsan before moving to El Paso when he was 16. He graduated from Andress High in 1987. Born in 1969, Steve is now

BOND

Steve is still a high

gt. Stephen Stansel achiever. At the moment he is busily completing preliminaries to attend Class 52 of the U.S. Army National Guard OCS Candidate (Officer School) in February 2008. Congratulations, Steve, on your acceptance to this program. The competition is fierce and it is an accomplishment to be accepted.

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Steve now lives with his wife in Big Spring. His wife is Lissett Zapata of Colombia, whom he married March 28, 2006. The marriage brought Steve's three children into her life, plus a boy whom they are in process of adopting. The children are: Calvin (14), Lehana (9 rhymes with Lee Anna), Elijah (7), and Eric (12 the boy to be adopted).

Steve is an electronics technician at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring. His electronics training began in the Navy immediately after boot camp. Central to his job is emergency room equipment, but if it is something that plugs in at the hospital, he might be asked to fix it when it breaks.

Let's review the varied aspects of his career. He was heavily into all of the sports he could find the time for in high school (and modestly says he was good at all of them). Graduating from high school just after his 18th birthday in 1987, Steve immediately joined the Navy. After basic training, then technical trainTroop Salute



ing (electronics), Steve volunteered for submarine duty and was assigned in 1988 to the USS Providence (SSN 688 Class submarine) home ported in Groton, Conn. Steve's uncle had been in the submarine service, and he was influenced strongly by the uncle's stories about his own submarine experiences. After almost three years

on the East Coast (and many ports in the Atlantic and Mediterranean), Steve asked for and got a trans-USS to the Indianapolis in Pearl Harbor (1990). Ports of call were now in the Pacific and Steve seemed hungry to see the whole world. During his time here he qualified as a scuba diver, which would serve him well in his next type of duty.

On sub duty, Steve oper-

ated the Early Warning System on his subs. As a non-professional, I understand that to mean if an enemy found his sub, he was the guy that took the blame. It also meant that he had to understand with proficiency all of the electronics on the sub, and that he carried a heavy weight of responsibility. While at sea, the crew was six hours on watch, six hours training to do the job of any other crew member aboard, and hours sleeping. six Twenty-four-hour days like we landlubbers think of it do not apply underwater.

When he was separated from duty on the sub, Steve was attached for a year and a half to the base at Pearl Harbor. There, he took more advanced training in diving and helped to train others in the dive locker. He influenced several of his mates in this group to go with him to his next assignment.

This challenging assignment was Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD — you know, "bomb squad"). An EOD team in the current war is usually working with IED's, which means Improvised Devices, Explosive because most Iraqis use homemade bombs.

The Navy operates on land, sea and air, so Navy EOD teams have to learn all types of explosive devices. Steve worked

Force groups during the eight years that he did this.

After EOD training, Keflavik, Iceland was his base for about two years (1996-1997). While away from the base (most of the time), his team was sent as needed to many places, including Iceland, Scotland, Ireland and England, among others, sometimes with U.S. forces and sometimes in joint operations with allied forces. Many things they learned dealing with the Irish Republican Army during this time caused U.S. forces to rewrite some of their instruction manuals that are still being used.

In 1997, Steve was reassigned to Mobile Unit 2 South Carolina based in Charleston. "Mobile" was appropriate, for they were sent to many places during the five years he was based there. These included Kuwait, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Antarctica, South Korea, Bahrain and Greenland, among others.

After too many close calls with explosives, Steve requested a discharge from the Navy, granted in 2002. This ended almost 15 eventful years. He held various jobs in civilian life before being employed by the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring, where his skills fit the needs of the employment.

In July 2006, Steve joined the Army National

during the two-hour

with Army, Navy and Air Guard. He had always wanted to have a college degree and be an officer. In the National Guard, coupled with his job at the VAMC, Steve had completed three years toward his college degree, and with the OCS course scheduled soon, it seems he will realize both goals in the next year or so. He credits his Marine brother Kevin for influencing him to join up again and pursue his goals.

Steve has expressed a further goal of reaching 25 years in the military and retiring as an O-5 (Lt. Colonel). With nine years to go, the current story may one day appear to be only prologue. Good Luck, Steve, for the rest of your life.

Note: Steve works with the National Guard recruiting. Anyone wishing answers about joining up, call him on his cell phone at (432) 599-0779, or e-mail him sstansel1969@aol.com

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Armando Anthony Franco, 22, died Friday. Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Phillip Manuel Lopez, 21, died Monday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Pauline Smith, 92, died Monday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Bernarda Valencia, 75, Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

MUSIC

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No tickets are required for the dress rehearsal, she added.

The theme for this year's event "Remember Christmas."

Jim Wright, musical director for FUMC, will direct the event for the eighth year. Host for the evening is Larry Russell,

Greenville who has performed across the world, Burgess said.

Laurie Churchwell will handle staging, while the script for the event was written by Sue Partee.

The adult choir is a music minister from expected to be 100 singers

strong and will be accompanied by an orchestra composed of musicians from throughout the West Texas area, Burgess said.

Traditional Christmas music, including standards such as "Deck the Hall," will be performed

event. As it has for the past three decades, the evening will conclude with a performance of "The Hallelujah Chorus."

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Hotel, which he agreed to purchase for \$75,000 from the city of Big Spring.

And while SHDC has yet to take ownership of the Settles — the \$75,000 has remained in escrow several months, according to city officials the company has moved forward with the purchase of several other properties near the downtown landmark.

According to Terry Wegman, executive direcof Moore tor Development, the perforcontract mance and

and Moore Development has been bounced back and forth for quite some time.

"We're making progress" on the contracts. It seems like we've been bouncing these things back and forth forever now," said Wegman. "But there are a lot of intricacies involved in a deal like this, and we have to make sure everything is just right before we move forward."

Since announcing the project, Ryan and SHDC have also acquired several other properties, including 313 and 315 Runnels, adjacent to the Settles Hotel, which served as a Greyhound

escrow contract between bus station during the of the things everyone board room, located at 215 hotel's heyday.

> Earlier this year, SHDC also got a helpful nod from the Texas Historical Commission, which confirmed eligibility of the downtown landmark to be nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in May, making the project an "excellent candidate" for federal tax credits, according to Ryan.

> While talks with SHDC will dominate the board's executive session, a local pair are expected to take the reins during the open portion of the meeting.

"When we talked about our goals and objectives for the coming year, one

agreed on was more local marketing," said Wegman. Cynthia Scott and Kim Howell are doing that type of marketing work with their business,

Fresh Ideas. "We wanted to have them come in and talk to the board about what they have in mind to help promote Big Spring, and basically just throw ideas back and forth. What things work? Bulk mail? The Internet? This will

scenarios." The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

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"They will be bringing the machine that stuffs the animals and all of the different accessories,' said Raney. "It's going to be a really good time for everyone, regardless of age.

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helps the museum out."

Raney said the stuffed animals, similar to the ones sold by Build-A-Bear Workshops, make great holiday gifts.

"Prices range between \$15 and \$25, so its very reasonable compared to some of the prices you'll pay at the malls,"

Raney. "There are two different packages for people to choose from, silver and gold. The silver package includes the collectible animal, a wishing star, birth certificate and carry-home box. The gold package includes the same thing, as well as an outfit.'

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Area roundup: Grady girls dominate Wink, 63-43

Herald Staff Report

LENORAH — Powered by a 22-point third period and 29 points overall from Eva Dyck. Lady Grady's Wildcats improved their season record to 5-1 with a 63-43 victory over the Wink Lady Wildcats (1-1) Tuesday night.

Grady raced out to a 7-point lead in the first period, outscoring Wink 17-10 in the opening stanza. However, Wink fought back within two points, taking an 11-6 advantage in quarter.

Leading 23-21 at the half, Grady hit the floor running in the third period, amassing 22 points while holding Wink to a mere 12. This time Grady didn't slow down.

As if the 12 point lead heading into the fourth wasn't enough, the Lady Wildcats put their foot down on the accelerator and extended their lead to 20 before the final buzzer blew. Grady outscored Wink 18-10 in the

final stanza.

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Kandace Schuelke had seven ponts and Linsey Chavez, Rachel Romine and Samantha Rodriguez each chipped in six. Lauren Robinson had Grady's lone 3-point field goal on the night as she added five total points for the Lady Wildcats. Kenzie Madison rounded out the scoring with four points.

The Lady Wildcats will be participating in the Garden Tournament starting City Thursday. They're slated to San Angelo take on Cornerstone at appoximately 2 p.m.

6, Walker 6, Clayton 5, Solis 6, Curtis 10.

Grady (5-1): Eva Dyck 29, Linsey Chavez 6, Kandace Schuelke 7, Lauren Robinson 5, Samantha Rodriguez 6, Kenzie Madison 4, Rachel Romine 6.

Reagan County 47, Garden City 31

GARDEN CITY — Garden City's Lady Bearkats couldn't

overcome a slow start as they points with Paige Niehues chip- to create separation in the secfell to the Lady Owls of Reagan County, 47-31, Tuesday night.

The Lady Owls jumped out to a 12-2 lead in the first period and extended that lead to 15 points, outscoring the Lady Bearkats 11-6 in the second stanza.

However, Garden City was able to cut into that margin in the third period after trailing 23-8 at halftime. The Lady Bearkats outperformed the Lady Owls coming out of the locker rooms, besting them for a 14-11 advantage in the third quarter.

Unfortunately for Garden City, Reagan County withstood the Lady Bearkats charge and comfortably cruised through the final stanza with a 13-9 advantage.

Whitney Kellermeier led Garden City with eight points and Morgan Schwartz added seven. Amy Multer had six ping in five. Britney Chudej scored four and Lisa Lopez added one.

The Lady Bearkats play host to their own tournament beginning Thursday in Garden City. They open with El Paso Jesus Chapel with the start time slated for 5 p.m.

V. Goodloe 10, Sosa 2, Hernandez 10, Smith 6, M. Goodloe 6.

Garden City (3-2): Kellermeier 8, Amy Multer 6, Britney Chudej 4, Lisa Lopez 1, Morgan Schwartz 7, Paige Niehues 5.

Boys basketball Reagan County 51, **Garden City 33**

GARDEN CITY — Reagan County's Owls (2-0) used a 16-8 third period run to pull away from the Garden City Bearkats (2-1) Tuesday night in a 51-33 win for the Owls.

Garden City kept the game close through most of the first half, however, the Owls started ond period and held a 7-point advantage at halftime, 27-20.

The Owls started the second hot and by the time the third period was over, Reagan County had taken a commanding 15-point lead, 43-28.

Unfortunately, the Bearkats couldn't amount any consistencv on offense, scoring just five points in the final period.

Wade Jansa led Garden City with 12 points. Brett Chudej and Jake Schwartz each added six apiece.

The Bearkats host their own tournament beginning Thursday in Garden City. They'll open play in a roundrobin format at 6:30 p.m. against El Paso Jesus Chapel.

Campbell 11, Joel Hernandez 8, Gonzales 7, Davenport 6, Goodloe 5, Evans 2.

Garden City (2-1): Wade Jansa 12, Brett Chudej 6, Jake Schwartz 6, Nick Sanchez 4, Eric Hirt 3, Josh Colunga 2.

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much taller Lady Hornets.

However, it was not enough to keep them down long as the Lady Hornets raced out to a 26-7 halftime lead on the strength of a 20-5 run.

The Lady Buffs were unable to make any halftime adjustments, mustering just two points in the period. They entered the fourth trailing, 41-9.

In the final frame, Forsan found the basket a little more often as Gauer scored four points and Sandy Golleher put in three of her five points, but the Lady Hornets were just too much as they were led by a game high 26 points from forward Kelsey Owens.

The Forsan ladies fall to 0-3 on the season and will look to get into the win column this weekend in Garden City Tournament. They will open play at 12:30 p.m.

Notes: In junior varsity action, the Lady Buffs remained unbeaten on the season,, defeating the Water Valley Lady Cats,

Thursday against Iraan.

Brittney Roemer and Kay'C Stanley paced Forsan early as Roemer scored eight of her game high nine points in the first quarter and Stanley scored all of her six points in the second frame.

Morgan Forshee and Shelby Clark each added seven points in the win

and Chanda Lee scored six points for the Lady Cats.

The JV girls will play in Robert the Lee Tournament this weekend, opening up with Bronte Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

The Forsan JV boys were scheduled to play tonight as well, but Highland did not suit out a JV squad. The JV Buffs will play **Bronte** Thursday in the Robert Lee Junior Varsity Tournament.

in action Thursday as they host the 22nd annual Coahoma Invitational. The Bulldogettes open the round robin format for the girls' side at 9:30 a.m. against the Miles Lady Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs close out the first day of tournament play at 7:30 p.m. against Sterling City.

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South dealer.

♦ K 10 4 3 2 ♥ Q 9 6

♦ 10 5

South

♣K 8 2

North-South vulnerable.

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lecting five while Cody Sheppard swatted four of his own.

Matthew Tatum led the way for the Bulldogs, scoring 20. Sheppard hit the sheet for 18 while the Paniagua brothers, Josh and Jovie, scored 10 and

ontract:

EAST

East

♣10 9 4

North

SOUTH

West

Pass

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

When as declarer you're faced

with what appears to be an evenmoney guess, you can sometimes improve the odds by analyzing the

way an opponent has elected to

Take this case where South was in

six hearts and West led a diamond.

Had West led anything else, declarer

contract seemed certain, but when

declarer won with the king and

played the ace of hearts, East showed

out and presented South with a deli-

cate problem as to how to continue.

The obvious way of trying to

would have made the slam easily. Even with the diamond lead, the

Solution to an Even-Money Guess

seven, respectively. The

Bulldogettes (6-2), powered by Janice Gonzales 15 points, burst out to a 17-4 lead after one quarter of play before cruising to a 60-32 win over the Lady Tigers of Snyder.

Gonzales hit three-offour from behind the arc Lacey Sterling adding 12 in the victory.

By Steve Becker

overcome the unlucky trump break

was to rely on a club finesse, hoping

East had the king. If South had adopted this line of play, though, the finesse would have lost and he would

But South spotted an alternative line of play that had at least as good

a chance of succeeding as relying on the club finesse. So he drew a second

round of trumps and then cashed the

A-Q of diamonds.

West could have ruffed the last

diamond, but, not anxious to be on lead, he discarded a spade. South now had to make a crucial decision,

since he was in dummy for what

appeared to be the last time. The

question was whether to throw West

into the lead and force him to return

a spade or a club, or whether to cash

the ace of spades, discard a club and

Declarer decided that the reason

West had not ruffed the diamond was

that he did not feel he was in position

The location of the king of spades

was superficially a 50-50 proposi-

tion, but West's reluctance to take the

lead indicated he very likely had that card. So South thrust West into the

Against this play, West could do

nothing. A club return would auto-

matically give South 12 tricks, while a spade return would allow dummy's

queen to win to produce the same

then take a club finesse

to make a safe return.

have gone down one

Teryn Bibb also made it to the double digit mark Coahoma for the Bulldogettes, scoring 13 and 10, respective-

"I saw some good things out there tonight," Coach Chris Sumrall said. "We were able to move the ball around and get some good shots. We are getting better every game."

The Bulldogs Heather Sheppard and Bulldogettes will next be

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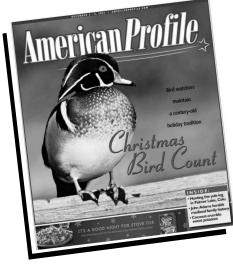
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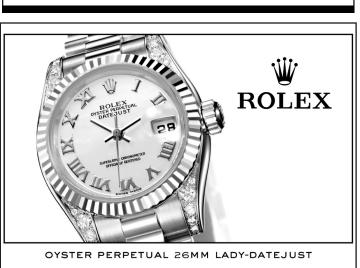
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OUR VIEWS

It's time to make **United Way real** focus for us all

ith little time remaining in its 2007 campaign, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is far short of where it had hoped to be at this time in the fund-raising effort, having raised only a little more than one-third of its \$305,000 goal.

What's worse, statistics show that people are giving less this year nationwide. There are lots of excuses — high gasoline prices, price hikes at the grocery stores and an overall uncertainty about the future...

That's not a good sign. And it's something we as a community shouldn't be willing to accept.

Although an uphill struggle is at hand, United Way officials have to redouble their efforts, and we as a community have to do the same in making sure we support that effort.

While any of us could find plenty of reasons to "explain away" this and other fund-raising drives, there's simply no excuse for Big Spring and Howard County not meeting the goal set by the United Way.

Sure, there's a sense of uncertainty for all of us. Come to think of it, that's human nature.

However, it is for just that reason that we as a community cannot afford to come up short for the United Way — remember where the United Way money you donate goes.

Agencies that receive funds from the United Way are the West Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross, Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Humane Society, Northside Community Center, Victim Services, The Salvation Army, West Side Community Center, West Side Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council, Isaiah 58, CASA of West Texas and the YMCA of Big Spring

These agencies offer a wide variety of services to an equally wide range of clients, from the very young to the elderly. Some of those programs geared toward the disadvantaged, while others make sure homebound senior citizens receive balanced nutrition. Still others make sure the youth of our community are served with after school programs and the like. Others provide services and advocacy for crime victims and abused children.

The bottom line is that all 15 are vital to the health of our community, because either we, someone in our family or someone we know will need those agencies' services.

So we here at the *Herald* want to encourage campaign workers to keep the faith, but more importantly, want to make sure each of us does his or her part by donating what they can.

It is, after all, the Christmas season — a time of giving. A time of peace and good will toward our fellow man. So, this holiday season, please remember those who are less fortunate.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

The wise path is the path You lead us on, Lord.

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God calls home an angel

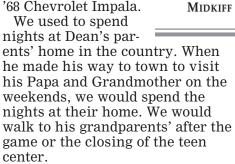
t 11:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, when my friend Dean was called home.

We used to catch catfish and spend hours just talking about everything when we were in our early teens. Dean

liked talking about cars and later in his life collected some of his favorites.

I remember when he bought a Mustang Cobra soon after he graduated from high school.

My favorite was his '68 Chevrolet Impala.



Ron

Dean and I spent most every weekend together from age 13 to 17. During the week we would hang out every chance we got.

When I turned 16, I spend most of my days and evenings with my girlfriend, but as soon as I left her house, Dean would be waiting in town to pick me up and we would cruise until the early morning hours doing what most teenagers did in a small Midwest town in the late '70s.

After graduating from high school, Dean went to work in Columbus, Ohio, where he worked until he retired about eight years ago. Even while he was working in Columbus, we got together often and spent time together.

Dean was one of those guys that once you met him you would never forget him. He had the heart of a giant and a quiet personality and humble way about him that made you feel comfortable and at ease in his presence. As for enemies, I don't know a single person

who had a bad thing to say about Dean. He simply did not have any enemies.

I could write a book about our childhood together and tell you stories about our teenage days and how we lived. And believe me, Dean lived life to the fullest. I am a much better person because of how he influenced me.

After years of working, Dean married Pam. They settled near our hometown where he built a small house and semi-retired. Although Dean never became a father, he has been a great "Uncle Dean" to my children and many others I know around our hometown. He was always there to help out a friend in need.

I was having a conversation with Lyndel Moody, one of our composing employees, Tuesday around 5 p.m. when my phone rang. The number was unfamiliar so I let it go to voice mail. While unlocking the door to my apartment upon my arrival, I remembered the unknown call and consequential voice mail left earlier. I perched in my recliner and pushed the voice mail button to retrieve the message. To my surprise it was an old friend from high school. It was Paul Miller in West Palm Beach, Fla. I quickly returned the call. I could sense right away that something was wrong.

"Dean is gone," was all he could say. After a long silence we regained our composure and reminisced about times we spent with Dean. We both knew how much brighter our lives had been because of our old friend. We vowed to call each other more often and not let the next call be of the same nature.

I hung up the phone and immediately called Pam. She told me that Dean died peacefully with all his family around him. His doctors told him and the family on Nov. 5 that a third surgery was not necessary and he should go home and spend time with his

family and friends. Pam told me he was hopeful up until the end. She also told me that the hospice nurses kept him from feeling much pain and he died with a smile.

I could hardly make myself talk to Pam while fighting off my heartache. She seemed very brave and was taking things well. I expressed my sympathy and asked her what I could do.

She replied that I had already done enough just by being his friend and calling to talk with him during his illness. I asked her to let the rest of the family know that they were all in my prayers. It was all I could do to keep from breaking down.

Pam told me it was OK. She was trying to comfort me when I should have been stronger for her. I told her to call me if she needed anything.

I believe that during our lives we are blessed with people like Dean.

I believe God sends us angels from time to time to help us throughout our lives. I am so blessed and thankful that Dean was one of my angels. I know that I am a better person because of him.

My heart aches and I feel as if a part of me has died but I also know that there is a reason for everything.

I feel some comfort knowing how blessed I was to have this man as a friend and the joy he brought to me and those he knew.

I also pray that God eases the heartache and pain felt by Dean's mother and father, Donna and Stanley, along with Pam and the rest of his family.

God called for Dean, his angel, to come home. I am sad and happy all the same. I will miss him the rest of my life.

Goodbye old friend!

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Latino-American History

or Latino immigrants, no other American holiday is more precious than Thanksgiving.

"El dia de accion de gracias," as we know it in Spanish, is a welcomed opportunity to reflect on

the reasons why we came here and to express our gratitude for the religious, political and economic freedoms we enjoy — just like the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony.

You may not know it — not from the way many Latinos often are seen protesting in defense

of their civil rights — but you can be sure that last Thursday, many more Latinos were giving thanks for being your fellow "Americanos."

Nevertheless, in the interest of historical correctness and selfesteem, it would be disingenuous for Latinos to pretend there were no other Thanksgivings, especially because we know they were cele-

brated by our Spanish ancestors. Because history is written by the winners, American history ignores Spanish contributions to North America — for a whole century before the Mayflower arrived in

And that includes at least two Spanish-language Thanksgiving ceremonies held on U.S. soil many years before the Pilgrims' famous feast in 1621.

In fact, Spanish explorers held religious Thanksgivings every time they stepped ashore on what is now U.S. territory, starting with the Juan Ponce de Leon expedition from Puerto Rico to Florida in 1513.

But contrary to popular wisdom, the first Thanksgiving with Indians is not the one we commemorate every November.

On Sept. 15, 1565, 56 years before the Plymouth Thanksgiving, Spanish explorers led by Pedro Menendez de Aviles celebrated the first U.S. mass and invited the Timucua natives to a Thanksgiving meal in what is now St. Augustine, Fla. Historians speculate they ate salted pork, garbanzo beans and biscuits.

On April 20, 1598, 23 years before Plymouth, 600 colonists led by Juan de Onate celebrated the end of a long expedition across Mexico's Chihuahua Desert. Their Thanksgiving ceremony with Indians, near (what later became) El Paso, is still known as the Texas Thanksgiving and has been recognized in resolutions by the state Legislature.

They came across the U.S.-Mexican border before there was a border and before the Anglo-Saxon ancestors of today's border vigilantes had even arrived in the New World.

Of course, while expressing our gratitude on Thanksgiving Day, the hidden history of our other Thanksgivings becomes a sour note for many Latinos — especially at a time when illegal immigration and the Mexican border have polarized this country and turned many Americans against the Hispanic population.

When Latinos recall their long history of contributions to this country — from those who built the first city to those who still are fighting to defend this nation we have little choice but to feel offended by the tone of today's public debates over immigration, the Mexican border and the Spanish language.

It puts a damper on an otherwise wonderful holiday.

For living in the greatest country on earth, it's necessary to be thankful.

This is a privilege not to be taken for granted!

But when we are reminded that there are ignored Hispanic Thanksgivings and centuries of hidden Hispanic heritage, saying "gracias" becomes a little more difficult as we cut into our Latinostyle turkeys every year.

Certainly, we cannot be thankful for the prejudice and discrimination displayed by a growing number of Americans who feel threatened by the growth of the U.S. Hispanic population.

In the spirit of reconciliation and Thanksgiving, all we can do is recognize that their attitude toward Latinos is based on their limited knowledge of Latino-American history.

Ignorance of Latino contributions to U.S. society feeds a vicious cycle of widespread prejudice and discrimination.

Occasionally, during the next year, this column will be devoted

to Latino-American history. We'll try to fill some of the gaps in American history books and

school curricula. And we'll examine how ignoring America's Hispanic heritage has a negative effect on the image of the Hispanic community and the self-

esteem of young Latinos today. Who knows? By next Thanksgiving, maybe we will have outlined many reasons for young Latinos to feel proud of their heritage and for many non-Latino Americans to say "gracias" to

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their Hispanic neighbors.

Favre admits similarities with Romo

By CHRIS JENKINS

AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. -With prime playoff positioning at stake for the Green Bay Packers and Dallas Cowboys Thursday night, Brett Favre doesn't feel the need to play along with one of the game's other compelling story lines.

Still, Favre has to admit there are some striking similarities between himself and Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo.

Favre sees himself in Romo's knack for turning broken plays into big gains.

He can identify with Romo's rise from relative obscurity. And if there is any other player in the league who plays with the level of pure joy Favre does, it's Romo.

But Favre thinks the comparisons are a little overblown, and not necessarily fair to the kid.

"I am sure he is probably tired of answering this question or talking about it himself," Favre said. "I think he's his own player. I think the fact that he's from Wisconsin and is younger than me and watched me play and was a Packer enhances this whole scenario."

Romo spent this week fighting the comparison,

"Brett's Brett," Romo said. "At the end of the day, anyone who tries to pretend there's another Brett is just kidding themselves. That's like saying you've got the next Jordan and all that stuff. That's just what people want to talk about. But the reality is, he's one of a kind and there'll never be another one like him. It's just neat to be able to watch him from time to time."

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Romo did indeed grow up in Burlington, a small town in southeastern Wisconsin. But unlike many folks in America's Dairyland, Romo didn't have a Favre shrine in his house as a kid. Didn't wear holes in a tattered No. 4 jersey. Didn't own a cheesehead.

Truth be told, Romo was more of a basketball guy. He wanted to be like Mike, not Brett.

And — gasp! — he even admitted this week that he rooted for John Elway, not Favre, in the 1998 Super Bowl.

"I understand the angle and it's nice and fun, but I have to beat the guy this week," Romo said. "At the end of the day I don't want him to pass for 265 yards against us. That's the bottom line. I'll root for him on every other game."

But even if Romo didn't grow up idolizing Favre or trying to pattern his game after the three-time MVP, the end result certainly looks familiar.

"Absolutely," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said earlier this week. "I had a conversation with Brett this morning and he even made the statement that Romo reminds him of himself in his early years."

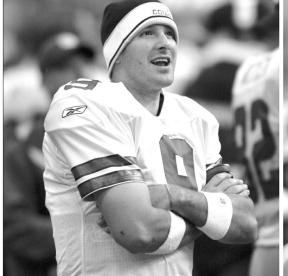
Favre says the most pronounced similarity is Romo's ability to scramble out of trouble and try to make a jaw-dropping play — and get away with it, at least most of the

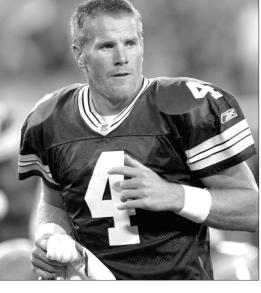
"His creativity to bail himself out is very good," Favre said. "It's probably the same mentality I had. There is never a bad play, which can get you in trouble sometimes. For the most part it's worked out for him.'

Favre sees similarity in their backgrounds, too.

Favre was a secondround draft pick out of Southern Mississippi and threw only four passes for Atlanta as a rookie. Most fans scratched their heads when then-Packers general manager Ron Wolf made a trade with the Falcons to bring Favre to Green Bay.

Romo signed with the Cowboys as an undrafted





Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, left, and Green Bay Packers Brett Favre, right, meet for the first time Thursday with playoff positioning at stake.

free agent in 2003, and didn't even get to throw a pass in a regular-season game until last year.

rise to where he is now is some ways like mine: a virtually unknown and all of a sudden has success," Favre said. "You go, 'Who is this guy? What is he about? Where is he from? What is he like?' Last year it was like, 'Flash in the pan, or can he keep it up?' I think he has proven that the guy is legit.'

Maybe those humble roots play a role in the joy both players display on the field.

"He's always smiling," Favre said. "I think that

goes hand in hand with winning and being a leader and saying the right things and doing the "To a certain degree, his right things. All of that he does well, on top of playing well on Sundays. The guy, barring some injury, could have a great career."

Despite all the comparisons, the two really don't know each other.

Romo went to Favre's offseason charity golf tournament with Cowboys teammate Marco Rivera two years ago.

"He was nice," Romo said. "We didn't chat too much or nothing, but he was a good guy. He just had a lot of people tugging at him and stuff like that. You could tell, it's a little different being him."

Favre remembers seeing Romo there, and briefly remembering what it was like to be in his position.

"I knew who he was," Favre said. "He wasn't the starter at the time, but I do remember being in his shoes one time and knowing what that was like, (thinking) 'Hey, I'd like to have my own golf tournament, I'd like to have this, wanting to be accepted or whatever."

And now? "He's definitely made people remember his name," Favre said.

STEERS

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their run at us. We just made more runs." Morris called a timeout

to correct the Steers' defensive pressure when Lamesa had trimmed the score to 46-42. His advice worked as the Steers allowed only one more field goal following the timeout.

spread out on defense and take away more passing lanes," Morris said. "Any time I put Sidney in I tell

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teams. We've got to get our head up and make the

cross court pass to get to

Abbi Lloyd and Callie

Partee led Big Spring with five points each.

Katy Thompkins scored three points, Linzee

Yarbar contributed two

and Andrea Claxton and

Clarissa Carrisalez each

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Chesworth with bringing

much needed hustle and energy off the bench.

The Lady Steers start

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him that he better get tips and steals and he always gets a lot of tips and steals. He makes something happen on the defensive end in that role

and I think he enjoys it."

For the first time this season, Jason Walker didn't lead the Steers in scoring, although he did chip in 10 points. Terrance Clemons led all scorers with 18 points. Clemons' brother Tyrone added 10.

Gross scored 11 of his 13 "I told everyone to points in the second half. The Steers were powered by Williams in the first half who scored five of his eight total points in the

Tournament Thursday.

opening period.

Morris was not surprised the scoring was as spread out as it was.

"As we get new guys in the offense and everyone figures out their place on the floor, then we're going to see a lot more balance in the scoring," Morris

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about Jason up until this point, but pretty much anybody on any given night can score for us."

The Steers take part in the Andrews Tournament beginning Thursday. Their first opponent will be Paducah Thursday at a

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said. "We've talked a lot time still to be determined. Morris hopes the Steers will be tested this weekend.

"Hopefully, we'll get to see some strong competition which is what we

need more than anything this time of year," commented Morris. "I think that if we go play our game then we have a chance to win this tournament."



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DeBakey to receive Congressional **Gold Medal**

(AP) — HOUSTON Famed heart surgeon Michael DeBakey's immigrant parents taught their children to treasure two things: their education and their American citizenship.

DeBakey's lifelong academic devotion led him to pioneer now-common procedures such as bypass surgery and invent a host of devices to help heart patients. Now the country DeBakey loves so dearly has awarded him its top civilian honor.

On Tuesday, the 99-yearold was presented with the bill that President Bush signed to authorize his Congressional Gold Medal.

Congress voted last month to award the medal to DeBakey, who helped revolutionize the treatment of injured soldiers and veterans while changing the face of cardiovascular surgery.

Shares of Texas homebuilders hit longtime lows

DALLAS (AP) — Shares of two big Texas-based homebuilders fell to their lowest levels in more than four years on Tuesday after their chief executives said that the troubled housing market will weaken even more next year.

"This is my fourth downturn," said Donald J. Tomnitz, CEO of D.R. Horton Inc. "No question about it, this is the most difficult downturn Horton and I have worked

through."

Tomnitz said his company would continue to decrease housing starts to cut its inventory of unsold homes.

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Timothy Eller, the CEO of Centex Corp., said, "There is no way to predict when this thing will bottom.'

Shares of Fort Worthbased Horton, the nation's largest homebuilder by deliveries, slipped 17 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$10.41, their lowest mark since early 2003.

Centex shares lost 10 cents, to \$18.28, their lowest level since late 2002.

Cornyn, Rove attend **East Texas panel** on immigration

TYLER (AP) Republican U.S. Sen. Cornyn John said Tuesday that while failures at the federal level to address immigration issues have left people frustrated, state lawmakers should not be attempting to fix the problem.

Cornyn, joined by former White House strategist Karl Rove at the East Immigration Texas Summit, said states passing tougher immigration laws focused only on enforcement and not economic impacts.

"Immigration is the federal government's responsibility, under Constitution," Cornyn "Piecemeal said. approaches at the state level deal with only one aspect of the issue."

Cornyn and Rove, the former deputy chief of staff to President Bush, was also joined in the panel discussion by Republican U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall.

The summit was sponsored by Texas Employers for Immigration Reform, TylerMorning Telegraph reported in its Wednesday editions.

TYC reinstates overtime payment for quards

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Youth Commission has resumed paying overtime to guards and will soon release overtime payments held back over the past month, agency officials said.

The state's juvenile prison system Tuesday that a check will be issued to employees by mid-December for any overtime they worked during November.

Acting Executive Director Dimitria Pope suspended overtime payments in late October

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when she learned that the system, which they said agency had used most of its annual overtime budget over the previous two months.

to review the overtime

lacked accountability and consistency.

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of corrections officers at numerous commission facilities. It also blamed "the lack of a uniform staff schedule throughout the institutions."

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State Program Revenues	1,656,831
Federal Program Revenues	278,933
Total Revenues	7,670,083

EXPENDITURES

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Transfers Out (Use)

Net Change in Fund Balance

Fund Balance - Sept. 1 (Beginning)

Fund Balance - Aug. 31 (Ending)

Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance

EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Instruction	2,826,217
Instruction Resources & Media Services	146,144
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	23,439
School Leadership	271,164
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	88,502
Health Services	3,942
Student Transportation	208,242
Food Services	313,244
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	269,629
General Administration	365,810
Plant Maintenance & Operations	615,513
Security & Monitoring Services	2,392
Data Processing Services	92,971
Community Services	10,971
Debt Service:	
Principal On Long-Term Debt	275,000
Interest On Long-Term Debt	191,165
Bond Issuance Cost & Fees	355
Capital Outlay:	
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	1,105,300
Intergovernmental:	
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts	100,270
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed Program	6,000
Total Expenditures	6,916,270
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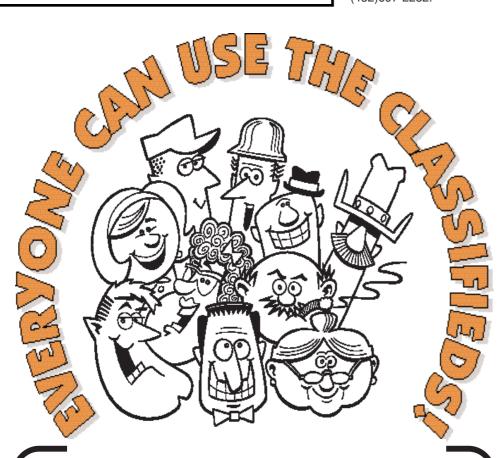
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By JOHNNY SCHAFER

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'The reference section?" you question. "Isn't that the section of the library where you cannot check out books?" Imagine that, books you can't check out of a library. So, what makes the reference section so special?

Well, two things: the availability of a reference librarian and the wealth of information contained in the reference section available to patrons at all times.

A patron in need of assistance is encouraged to ask the reference librarian for help. Often a patron will be hesitant about asking a librarian. who may be performing some duty, for assistance.

In reality, the primary duty of a reference librarian is to help patrons in finding information. A reference librarian can research the answer to a specific question, locate information contained within the library, instruct the patron on using the computer catalogue, the microfilm reader, and online databases, such as TexShare.

The reference librarian can perform an interlibrary loan search when a patron requires a book or an article not found within the library. The reference librarian has knowledge of newspaper clipping files and other items stored in the library's vertical file system (filing cabinets).

The reference section itself is like a mini library where a patron can research information on any number of topics. As mentioned in an earlier article, the reference section contains numerous Texas telephone books and microfilm of the *Big Spring Herald* newspaper.

In addition, the reference section contains encyclopedias of people and places, science and technology, life sciences, psychology, myths and legends, careers, country music, sports, American television and theater, musical instruments, medicine, cats and dogs, animal life and the environment, to list a few. Patrons also have access to the Statesman's Yearbook, the Almanac of the 50 States and the Texas Almanac.

Patrons seeking legal information can utilize reference books such as Black's Law Dictionary, Legal Thesaurus, The

Bill of Rights, Veterans Benefit Manual, Personal Legal Forms (a much used resource), various Texas law code books, Texas rules of court, Texas Law in Layman's Language (I did not know anyone could write such a book), and Texas Law Finder.

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Collectors can find reference books on coins, ceramics, post cards, antiques, baseball cards, vintage action figures, comic books, stamps, antique glass and even cookie jars.

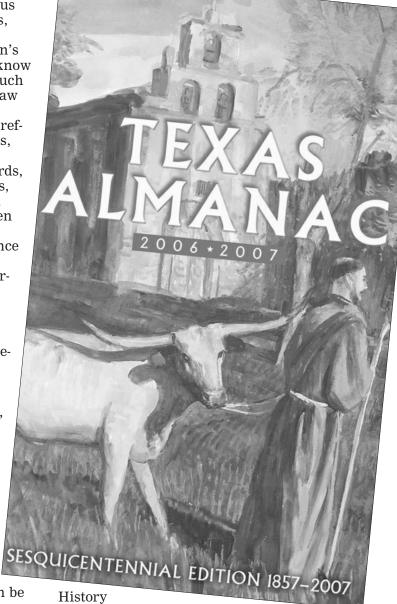
The medical reference section includes the Physicians Desk reference (PDR), Merck's Manual of Medical Information, Grey's Anatomy (not to be confused with the television show), family medical guides, and sources on arthritis, cancer, medical tests, snoring and sleep apnea and numerous other ailments.

The reference section is home to volumes of biographies of notable poets, authors, artists, musicians and world figures. Literary criticisms of authors' works can be found, also.

Shade tree mechanics can reference Chilton's Auto Repair Manuals up through 2002.

In the religion section there are books such as World Religions, Encyclopedia of American Religions, Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics, Strong's Concordance of the Bible, and Encyclopedia of

Potential college students can research information on two year and four year colleges and universities. Information on scholarships and grants that are available to get into these institu-



buffs can browse through atlases of world history, a book of old maps, encyclopedias of the ancient world, dictionaries of American history, books on U.S. history, fashion through the decades, history of costume and eras in our history such as the Roaring Twenties.

Closer to home, books of Texas history are in abundance. For example the Historical Atlas of Texas, The Portable Handbook of Texas, Courthouses of Texas, Encyclopedia of Texas, and several books specifically on the history of Howard County and Big Spring are located in the reference section.

Books

in the reference section that might be of particular interest to someone or that might be used just for musing through are as follows:

Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life and Culture Grams these two books are great for people who are going to be traveling to a foreign country and want to learn about the cultural values before arriving.

The Firefly Visual Dictionary makes use of illustrations to define

words.

"10,000 Garden Questions" answers just about every question a gardener can ask.

"Courthouses of Texas" showcases the courthouses of all 254 Texas counties. The author traveled 17,000 miles compiling the pictures in this book.

"Texas — Then and Now." The author gathered Texas landscape photos, some dating back more than 100 years, and re-photographed the scenes from the same vantage points used in the original photos.

"Roadside History of Texas" provides a short but interesting history of places one encounters traveling the highways and roads of Texas.

"World Religions Cookbook." This book comprises a list of recipes from religions around the world.

"Bit and Spur Makers in the Texas Tradition' provides an historical perspective of Texas bits and spurs.

The author of "Earth From Above," an aerial photographer, flew over six continents during a 15-year period taking photographs of the earth to dramatize ecological issues. The result is an amazing array of breathtaking photographs of earth from above.

If you like nostalgia, then you need to look at "1902 Edition Sears and Roebuck Catalogue." You will be entertained.

Yearn for the simpler lifestyle — a back to nature approach to living? "The Firefox Book" series documents the lifestyle and culture of the people in southern Appalachia.

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I have been able to address only a few of the topics covered as there are more than 2,200 books in the reference section of the Howard County Library.

So, the next time you are in the library, why don't you discover what the reference section has to offer you?

One last note: From Wednesday to Friday, the Howard County Library will accept canned or boxed food goods as payment for library fines.

One canned or boxed food item will equal 50 cents. Please, no glass containers or bagged items and no dented cans. No change will be given for overpayment of fines. Proceeds will be donated to charity.

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White House meetings herald start of talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just 24 hours after securing an agreement between Israeli and Palestinian leaders to resume longpeace stalled talks, President Bush invited the pair to the White House to ceremonially inaugurate the first formal, direct negotiations in seven years.

Capping an intense flurry of diplomacy that salvaged a joint Israeli-Palestinian agreement at nearby Annapolis, Md., to launch a fresh round of talks, Bush planned to meet separately with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, then Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and finally to get them together for an afternoon session and declaring the talks formally under way.

low expectations for the Annapolis conference amid intense skepticism, Bush administration officials crowed with delight.

"President Bush has invited them both to the White House tomorrow to inaugurate those negotiations, and the two sides have agreed that they will return to the region and meet on Dec. 12 to continue the process," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice reporters Tuesday.

Bush, along with Rice, had earlier salvaged a "joint understanding" between the Israelis and Palestinians, who had remained far apart on the details of the statement until the last minute.

US-led coalition airstrikes accidentally kill 14 workers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S.-led coalition troops killed 14 road construction workers in airstrikes in eastern Afghanistan after receiving faulty intelligence, Afghan officials said Wednesday.

The coalition said it was looking into the incident in Nuristan province, but did not immediately com-NATO's ment. International Security Assistance Force said it has conducted airstrikes against Taliban fighters in the area, but did not say when.

"ISAF was engaged in Nurgaram and Du Ab (districts), and in those places we used airstrikes against (Taliban)," ISAF spokesman Brig. Gen. Carlos Branco told a news conference. "The situation is not clear at all at this stage. We are carrying out the investigation and trying to get a clear picture."

The engineers and laborers had been building a road for the U.S. military in mountainous Nuristan province, and were sleeping in two tents in the remote area when they were killed Monday said night, Sayed Noorullah Jalili, director of the Kabul-based road construction company Amerifa. There were no

survivors, he said. "All of our poor workers have been killed," Jalili said. "I don't think the Americans were targeting our people. I'm sure it's the enemy of the Afghans who gave the Americans this wrong information."

Pakistan's Musharraf to become civilian president

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP) — President Pervez Musharraf stepped down Wednesday from his powerful post as Pakistan's military commander, a day before he was to be sworn in as a civilian president in a long-

delayed pledge not to hold both jobs.

During a change of command, Musharraf relinquished his post by handing over his ceremonial baton to his hand-picked successor, Gen. Ashfaq Kayani.

"(You) are the saviors of Pakistan," Musharraf said in an emotional final speech to the troops. He appeared to be blinking back tears as the guard of honor performed a final march-by.

Musharraf's retirement from the military has been a key opposition demand and the move may help defuse a possible boycott of parliamentary elections in January by parties opposed to his rule. Since seizing power in a coup in 1999, Musharraf has served as president while retaining his post as head of the armed forces.

Musharraf After meeting their own promised to give up his army role at the end of 2004. But he reneged on that pledge, saying the country still needed strong leadership in the face of Islamic extrem-

Businessman pledges \$70M to ORU

TULSA, Okla. (AP) -Oral Roberts University, the debt-ridden evangelical institution riven by scandal, has been handed a \$70 million lifeline.

Mart Green, founder of

the Christian office and educational supply store chain Mardel, said Tuesday he would immediately give \$8 million to the university, with the rest to come after a 60-to-90-day review of the university's financial records.

Green said his family must approve the financial review before the \$62 million is given and is requesting at least two seats on the board of regents for his family members.

"Let's straighten the ship," Green said, four days after the school's president stepped down amid accusations that he misspent funds to support a lavish lifestyle. "Let's get integrity. Let's get trust built back and the rest will go away."

Green said he has never attended the university and had no ties to the Oral Roberts family. He said he has been following the university's story in the media in recent weeks and decided he wanted to help.

Sarkozy calls rioting in French suburbs 'unacceptable'

PARIS (AP) — French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Wednesday that rioters who shot at police would be brought to justice and called the violence that rocked Paris suburbs "absolutely unacceptable."

It was the first time Sarkozy, who had just returned from China, entered the fray since the rioting broke out Sunday night. The violence ebbed Tuesday night after police were deployed in force and quickly rounded up youths lobbing Molotov cocktails and setting cars ablaze.

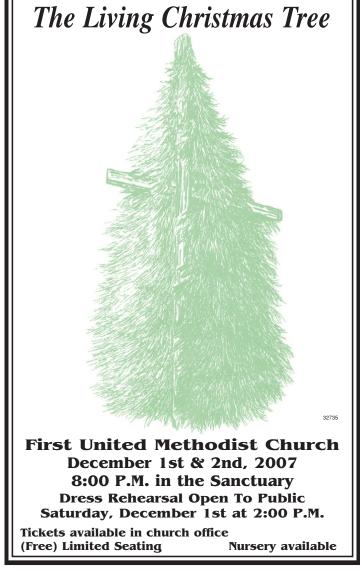
The violence has drawn comparisons with riots that raged through suburbs nationwide in 2005, and has shown that anger still smolders in poor housing projects where many Arabs, blacks and other minorities live largely isolated from the rest of society.

"We will find the shooters," and they will "be brought to account before justice," Sarkozy said after meeting with a wounded police captain hospitalized in Eaubonne north of Paris.

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As the Cancer moon releases into Leo, she wonders, "Why does everyone like the Leo moon so?" The Leo moon stimulates our joie de vivre, and that does feel good, doesn't it? Having shored basic up emotional and physical needs in Cancer, Leo gives us the freedom to express our authentic selves — and play.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Yes, it is a fine experience to have your talents

touted with no prompting from you. But some days, like today, it seems no is one noticing.

What you do

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draw attention is fun for everyone.

TAURUS (April 20-May Travelers and worldly types intrigue you with stories and knowledge. You reminded that there are many places you have yet to see. But for now, you're still working on extending some roots.

GEMINI (May 21-June You're creative, ambitious and ready to explore where those qualities will take you. It seems you can do any work as long as it's not the work you're supposed to be doing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just because you started something doesn't mean you should finish Re-assess this it. afternoon, and leave

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pride out of the equation. You're determining your future with these choices. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you move yourself forward, it's not only for you. It affects your whole group. Embrace your status as a shining example. Greatness can come of the slightest step

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The afternoon brings a swell of emotion. Someone who reminds you of yourself has the power to move you like no one else could, both in positive and negative ways.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Continue to be patient with an overly critical person. Your compassion heals. And if that critical person is inside you in form of the an unrelenting drive toward beauty and perfection, give it a rest for today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some mysteries are best left uninvestigated. When someone tells you, "You don't want to know," believe it. Run the other way, and take your curiosity with you. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). You're around agreeable people now. Still, a person who agrees with every single thing vou have to say is Encourage suspect. others to be truthful, even if it's not in accordance with your opinion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Gentle and sweet winds blow through your life. Your warrior spirit is tamed. You want only to love and be loved. The rest suddenly seems as unimportant as it really

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You take the problem that affects your group quite personally. You're inclined to speak up, ask questions and act. You won't regret what you did — only what you didn't do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone is trying to write to Holiday Mathis, contribute to a project that you would rather do — or perhaps must do alone. Too many opinions will stifle your creativity. Smile and say thanks, and then follow your own inner muse. ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "I am being drawn to study the mystical arts, deepening my understanding of astrology, tarot and psychic ability, and I

can't understand why it's so irresistible! Am I tapping into a higher calling, something else that I need to be doing with my life? Is magic the answer to finding true love? I was born Jan. 22, 1982, in Hayward, Calif."

You've been feeling

enchanted, as if under a magical spell, right? That was Neptune in Aquarius passing over your Mercury. It's kind of like fairy dust being sprinkled all over your trip to the bookstore or being blown in the faces of the interesting people you meet. Neptune on Mercury suspends disbelief and replaces your rational mind with absolute fascination for a subject you had no idea you had any capacity for or interest in! Keep developing your psychic gifts and exploring the mystical arts — they're helping you connect with inner your world, offering you guidance in times of need. With your moon and Neptune joined in your birth chart, these spiritual-magical open you up to new expressions of yourself and new ways of being. they're Yet, second nature to you, really. Wait until Neptune's transiting your done decide Mercury to whether this is a life calling or if it's just for personal your development. Either way, the magic is real!

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More Polyamory . . .

polyamorous situation and many people felt my answer was

condescending. apparently did not choose words carefully, my because I have no problem with how consenting adults want to live. I was merely

pointing out that the polyamorous lifestyle was by no means mainstream. I received a letter from a clergyman in Houston, the

Margo Howard Reverend

Storm Weaver, whose letter I would like to share with you because he speaks for me, as well:

I have a response for "Happily Poly." I've spent years providing support and pastoral care for individuals who have "culturally chosen fringed" lifestyles, including polyamory. If Happily and her family came to me, I

would tell them the cat's out of the bag, so to speak, so people are going to have an opinion. It is up to her and her family how they respond to those opinions . . . but they won't stop people from having them. If she lets it get to her, it will compromise the joy she has in her family.

The success of complex family style hinges on open, honest communication, and on acknowledging that you are something different, and once you are visible you will be targets for people's curiosity and commentary. Hold on to another, protect one those who really need protecting (whether it's a family partner or a child who is learning how to integrate into a social environment where kids have only two parents. instead of four or six), and never forget that you came to this place in a spirit of love and joy.

I am encouraged that people like Happily are becoming more visible. For the past 25 years one of my most difficult struggles was in helping people who were terrified to let their alternative family be seen in public. Those days are passing, and those of us who have

Dear Readers: I ran a been involved in this letter from a woman in a area since early on see the ability to talk about things like polyamory or same-gender-parent families in public as a real blessing.

> will Many people disagree with these choices, and it's unlikely that family groupings like polyamory will ever become "commonplace," but knowing that these kinds of families exist, that they are our neighbors and sometimes our friends, that happy families can develop even in groups that are not typical is encouraging. As a longtime proponent of honesty in dealing with familial alternatives, I say, "Be as happy as you can. Your joy is the thing that will eventually quell the commentary."

> Give It a Rest, Granny Dear Margo: We have one grandson to carry on the family name, and he refuses to find a wife. We've explained to him that it's the Lord's plan that we all marry and that he's cheating some poor girl out of her special day, but the boy will not listen. We've heard that Native Americans have arranged marriages. My husband is one-quarter Cherokee. How would we go about arranging a marriage for grandson? our

Dear Con: Whether or not it's the Lord's plan that we all marry, it is clearly not your grandson's. One cannot force marriage on the unwilling, either provide some girl with a special day or to carry on the family name. Because your grandson is onesixteenth Cherokee, he likely would not be a candidate for a match up anyway, even if he were willing -- which he isn't.

Concerned Grandmother

Without wishing to add to your concerns, it may be that your grandson is gay. I suggest you drop the subject in the name of family harmony. --Margo, unattachedly Dear Margo is written

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Recently, free to go for it. while visiting out-of-town relatives, I was reunited with a second cousin whom I had not seen in 28 years. We are both in our early 40s and single. We hit it off instantly, a total personality click, and spent quite a bit of time together during my stay. Although we didn't act on it, the chemistry between us is very strong. Since returning home, we have kept in touch on a daily basis and have discussed our feelings for one another.

We don't know what to do. Is it morally or, more importantly, biblically wrong for us to pursue an intimate relationship? The answer is all that's keeping us apart. I'm sure we are not the first people to be faced with this issue. Your advice will be greatly appreciated. — Waiting for the Answer

Dear Waiting: Second cousins may legally marry in all states, so obviously an intimate relationship is acceptable. (Many states also permit first cousins to marry.)

Bible has no The prohibition against marriages between cousins. In fact, many biblical married couples were related this way. Feel

Dear Annie: I hosted Thanksgiving dinner for my in-laws. I arranged all the trimmings and even made homemade cranberry sauce. I told them dinner was at 6 p.m., but they were welcome to come any time after 4:30. Instead, they decided to show up 30 minutes late, for no particular reason. After all the hard work and preparation I did, I was not happy. Worse, after dinner, everyone relocated to the sitting room and never offered to help.

When invited to a dinner, especially one that takes days to prepare, I believe it shows good manners to arrive on time or even a little early. I also think one should at least offer to do something, even if it's as simple as cutting the pie. I don't expect my guests to be put to work, but I believe it's nice to offer.

Is there proper etiquette for this situation? A lot of people disagree with me. Not Impressed in Ottawa

Dear Ottawa: People should arrive on time for a dinner party of any kind, give or take 10 minutes (unless specifically invited to come earlier). Arriving a half-hour late is very

inconsiderate. Although it is kind to offer, guests are not required to help tidy up, since hosts should save the cleanup for when the guests have gone home. Family members, however, are expected to offer to pitch in.

Dear Annie: "Scared Grandmother" said her pregnant daughter-in-law locked her other children in their bedroom all watching morning cartoons while she slept. You suggested baby sitters or day care.

I, too, am faced with one of my adult children leaving toddlers confined to a room for hours with only occasional visual checks. I, too, think it is neglect. My daughter is not pregnant, however. She's lazy. It's not like she uses the time to clean or do laundry. She mostly watches TV. I wish we had the money to hire a sitter or put the children in day care, but not everyone is rolling in dough. Day care around here is \$26 per child per day.

daughter Mynothing wrong with what she's doing, nor does her husband. Calling Child Protective Services will probably mean loss of contact for us. The average family can't spend money

on expensive services. When are you going to tell parents to start being responsible for their own children? — Grandma

Dear Grandma: always tell parents they are responsible for their own children, but the parents didn't write to us. There is nothing we can say to grandparents that will force their grown children to listen to them. In your case, if your daughter "visually checks" her children on periodically, it may be sufficient supervision. If the children are in danger, however, Child Protective Services can be called anonymously, and parents are often given a warning first.

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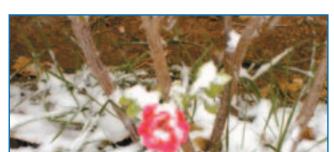
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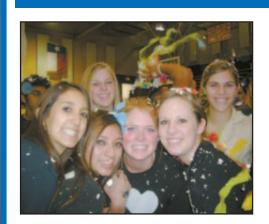
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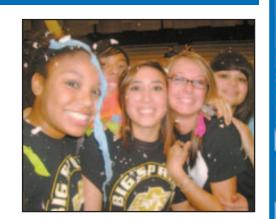




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8 :P			Pushing Daisies (CC)	Destilando Amor	Kitchen Nightmares	Criminal Minds (CC)	La Esclava Isaura	Bionic Woman (CC)	House-Payne House-Payne		Great Performances	MythBusters (CC)	Vengeance	UFC Unleashed	The Closer (CC)	(CC)	Christmas That's-Raven	Maryland College		Ghost Hunters (CC)
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"WAIT, DOC! THAT'S **NOT** WHERE IT HURTS!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"It's OK, Lord, to take pictures in the dark, but don't grumble so loud when they don't turn out."

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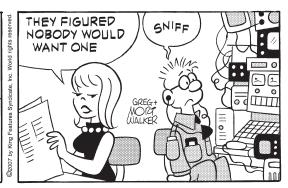
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2007. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 28, 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Cocoanut

Grove nightclub in Boston. On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

1943, President In Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began conferring in Tehran during World War

In 1958, the African nation Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe

Mariner 4 on a course to Mars.

In 1979, an Air New Zealand DC-10 en route to the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard. In 1987, a South African

Airways Boeing 747 crashed into the Indian Ocean with the loss of all 159 people aboard. 1990, In Margaret

Thatcher resigned as British prime minister during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major.

In 2001, Enron Corp. collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion deal to take it over.

Today's Birthdays: Recording executive Berry Gordy Jr. is 78. Former Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., is 71. Singer-songwriter Bruce Channel is 67. Singer Randy Newman is 64. Movie director Joe Dante is 61. CBS News correspondent Susan Spencer is 61. "Late Show" orchestra leader Paul Shaffer is 58. Actor Ed Harris is 57. Actress S.

Epatha Merkerson is 55. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff is 54. Country singer Kristine Arnold (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 51. Actor Judd Nelson is 48. Movie director Alfonso Cuaron is 46. Comedian Jon Stewart is 45. Actress Garcelle Beauvais-Nilon is Hip-hop musician apl.de.ap (Black Eyed Peas) is 33. Actress Aimee Garcia

is 28. Actress Scarlett Pomers ("Reba") is 19. Thought for Today: "No man can be a patriot on an empty stomach." William Cowper, English poet (1731-1800).

is 29. Rapper Chamillionaire

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Newsday Crossword

68 Just beat

superior

71 Drops from

above

72 To-do list

DOWN

1 Facilitate

lake

2 Cleveland's

invaders

4 Aniston's ex

role of '97

6 Auto-loan ad

7 Tolstoy et al.

8 Writer Wilde

colleague

letters

9 Gertrude

Stein's

nutshell

69 Monk's

ACROSS 1 Oodles

- 6 Oodles
- 10 Séance sound 70 **13** Golf pro Els
- 14 Mexican
- moolah 15 Identical **16** Clinton
- Presidential Center site
- **18** German river
- **19** Be a noodge to **3** Pantry
- **20** Actor Mineo
- 21 Hockey venue
- **22** Auction signal 24 Muzzle loaders
- **26** Howdy Doody critter
- 31 Utter
- 32 Damn Yankees role
- **33** Notable times 35 Jrs.' exams
- **39** Simple rhyme scheme
- 40 Secluded valleys
- **42** Tater topper
- 43 Safari venue **45** "Get!"
- 46 Tech's
- customer **47** Took the bait
- 49 Rocky Balboa
- portrayer 51 Denver
- neighbor 55 NAŠA
- spacewalk
- **56** Scopes trial
- org. **57** Wary of people
- **59** List of
- misprints
- **64** Apportion, with "out"
- 65 Candy on a
- stick 67 Candy shapes

MUSIC BOXES by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

- 10 High-tech "satellite" medium
- **11** Modify **12** Exec's extras
- **15** Wretched one
- **17** Worn down 23 German
- engraver
- 25 Globalpositioning
- display 26 Harsh
- criticism
- 27 Brain area
- **5** Jennifer Lopez **28** Bator,
 - Mongolia 29 Attractive
 - eyes
 - **30** Farm bundles **34** Election Day

 - line
 - **36** "Not to mention . . ."

- www.stanxwords.com **37** New driver,
 - often 38 Ticked off
- **41** Toils away
- **44** Facilitate 48 Lab worker,
- at times 50 Cowboy's rope
- 51 Disney deer 52 Poseidon's
- purview 53 Part of UV
- 54 Mary Tyler
- Moore Show spinoff
- 58 Berra of baseball
- 60 Singer McEntire
- **61** PD dispatches **62** Ripped off
- **63** Condos and
- co-ops: Abbr. 66 Sawbuck

