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From left, Big Spring High School seniors Crystal Ward and Malle Carrasco, along with sophomore Vicki Conner, received Class 5A All-Region Band honors in recent tryouts. The three will try to earn a spot on the all-state band in January.

Triple excellence

Three BSHS students awarded spots on Class 5A All-Region Band

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Three Big Spring High School band members decided to take a step up in class this year.

Seniors Crystal Ward and Malle Carrasco, along with sophomore Vicki

Conner, recently earned spots on the Texas Music Educators Association Class 5A All-Region Band during recent tryouts at Midland High School.

Ward was named first chair in both piccolo and flute, while Carrasco

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County court, attorney races draw candidates

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The race for Precinct 1 seat on the County Howard Commissioner's Court saw its first filing Thursday, as longtime county employee Yolanda Mendoza announced her candidacy.

Mendoza, who ran against incumbent Emma Brown four years ago



Mendoza

"I tried and wasn't successful the last around," time said Mendoza. "So I decided to try again. I've worked for the city and I've worked

for the county, and I really feel I can do something positive for the county and the county employ-

Mendoza will be runher hat in the ning on the Democratic ticket.

Brown, who has also run on the Democratic ticket in the past, has not vet filed for re-election, according to Democratic

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A pair of illuminated gingerbread creatures greet visitors during Howard College's annual Christmas Luminaria ceremony Thursday evening. The event, HC's "Christmas gift to the community," featured a visit from Santa Claus, caroling and a free band concert.

Go Scottish with St. Andrew's Day Celebration

Herald Staff Report

The community can literally and figuratively enjoy a little taste of Scotland Sunday night when the parish of St. Marv's Episcopal Church present its annual St. Andrew's Day Celebration.

Three members of the acclaimed, nontraditional Celtic band, The Rogues — Jones and drummer Randy

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Wothke — will join the parish for the evening service which begins at 7:30 Jones and Wothke are return performers from last year's event.

For St. Andrew's Day, the pipes and drums will enter playing "Highland Cathedral," followed by "Amazing Grace." Their solo portion of the Celebration will include "The Mason's Apron," "The Atholl piper Richard Kean, piper E.J. Highlanders" and "The Gravel Walk."

pipe and drum music, the audience participates by singing hymns well-known and anthems from the United States, England, Wales and Scotland.

Other participating musicians include Darryl Knapp, organist; and Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor; Gloria Steelman, flute and violin; Rocky Harris, Ryan Harris and Desmond Garcia, trombone; and Samuel Hale,

In addition to the traditional horn; along with the St. Mary's p.m. with the Thorn and Parish Choir and the choir of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church of Midland. Guest vocalists are Joyce Bradley, Joseph Dawes and Susan Dawes.

Lemon curd tarts, meat pies, pickled onions, scones and several new recipes will be added to the traditional Scottish fare available at the reception and provided by the women of the

parish. The evening will begin at 7:05

Thistle Pipe Band, which will perform in the parish's court-

There is no admission charge and the community is cordially invited to attend. The wearing of Scottish attire is encouraged and it is suggested that those planning to attend come early. Seats fill very quickly.

St. Mary's is located at 10th Street and Goliad in Big Spring.

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SANTA'S BACK!

The jolly old elf from the North Pole will take time off from his toy-building duties this weekend to visit the Big Spring Heritage Museum Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon.

Local photographer Bruce Schooler will be on hand to take holiday pictures that start at \$15, but there is no charge for children that simply want to meet with Santa Claus and deliver their Christmas

Santa is scheduled to visit the museum every Saturday during December between the same hours.

For more information, contact the museum at 267-8255.

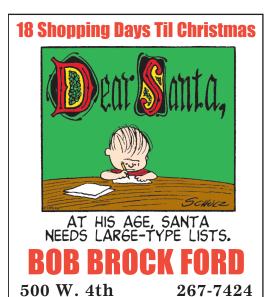
NATIVITY OPENS TONIGHT

The First Church of the Nazarene's Drive-Through Christmas Nativity will begin its 21st annual run beginning at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the church, located at 1400 Lancaster.

The event, billed as the largest live drive-through nativity in the state, will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. tonight through Sunday.

Seventeen scenes depicting the life of Jesus Christ will be presented. Narration for each scene will be provided by an audio CD provided by the church.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Call 267-7015 for more information.





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Howard's Diddle claims 400th victory

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring High School schedules fall sports banquet

The Big Spring High School booster clubs have scheduled a fall sports banquet for Saturday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. in the high school's cafeteria.

Male and female athletes that participated in football, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading will be recognized.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Training Athletic Center.

Call Denise Carillo at 816-1685 with any questions.

Lady Steers softball holding fund raiser at Pizza Inn Dec. 20

The Big Spring Lady Steers Lady Steers Booster Club will be holding a fundraiser for the softball team Dec. 20 at the Pizza Inn.

The Pizza Inn Doughnation Drive begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. Pizza Inn will donate 10 percent of the night's profit to the softball team.

Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area subvarsity basketball games for the 2007-08 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

Crossroads region varsity sports weekly calendar

Here's a look at the upcoming Crossroads varsity sports schedule:

TODAY.-SAT. Big Spring boys basketball at Midland Tall City Oilman's Tournament.

Big Spring girls bas-Clyde ketball at Tournament.

Coahoma boys basket-Stanton's ball at Hooptown Classic.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Borden County Tournament.

Grady boys and girls basketball at Water Valley Tournament.

FRIDAY

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

TUESDAY

Big Spring boys basketball at Midland Lee, 7:30 p.m. Big Spring girls bas-

ketball at Pecos, 6:30 p.m. Forsan boys and girls

basketball vs. Grady, 6:30 p.m. Coahoma girls basket-

ball at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Reagan County, 7 p.m.

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Big Spring girls basketball vs. Clyde, 7:30

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Stamford, 7:30

Coahoma boys basketball at Pecos, 7:30 p.m.

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

Some basketball coaches are thankful to just have a few victories over their career.

Not Earl Diddle. He's grateful for a few hundred.

Howard College women's basketball coach, Diddle picked up a milestone earlier this season, winning the 400th game of his career. The win came against Wayland



Diddle

leading the Hawk women to an 11-2 record. For Diddle, this milestone is more about the athletes he coached rather than his individ-

Baptist University's junior varsi-

ty Nov. 6 in Plainview. Since

then, Diddle has won eight more

games while dropping just two,

ual success. "Sometimes things are for other people especially this milestone," Diddle said. "This milestone is about my players. I'm very fortunate to come to my dream job everyday. All I've ever wanted to do was coach and I've just been fortunate enough to

"I've been very fortunate to have very good, very cooperative and very smart players through-out my career," he continued. "I've got 50 to 60 former players that are in coaching right now. From Mark Fox, the head coach of Nevada, to Wade Scott, the assistant coach at Houston, they're all over the place."

Fox, who has led Nevada to an 81-18 record and three NCAA tournament appaearances in his first three seasons as head coach, chimed in with some thoughts about Diddle's accomplishments.

"I want to congratulate Coach

Diddle on his 400th win. It gives me great pleasure to know I had a small part in such a big accomplishment," Fox said via e-mail. "I want to wish him and his team well as they push that number forward."

Fox played for Diddle at Eastern New Mexico University where the Howard women's coach posted a 156-124 record and is the second-winningest coach in ENMU history.

Among Diddle's accomplishments in New Mexico is the creation and development of the

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Hawks head into break with 92-77 win

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

With close to a month lavoff coming up for the Howard College Hawks, it was important to hit that long break with some momentum.

Howard achieved just that Thursday night at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum by drubbing the Frank Phillips Plainsmen, 92-

Howard led by 18, 52-34, at intermission and the Plainsmen never got closer than 11 points in the second half.

"We got off to a great start by putting good pressure on them with our defense and getting a lot of easy baskets," said Hawks Head Coach Mark Adams. "I think that was the difference in the game. We got out of the gate early and was able to maintain that lead throughout the rest of the game."

Leading 16-11 with a little less than 14 minutes left in the first half, Howard went on a 9-2 run, jumping out to a 12-point lead. The Hawks sustained at least 12-point differential throughout the rest of the half.

Similar to Howard's matchup with Odessa College Tuesday, the Hawks got strong starts from Corey Allmond and Sean Watson to key their early advantage. Allmond had 14 in the first half while Watson scored 20.

"They're our two sophomores and our leaders. They've been coming to the gym ready to play and understand the importance of these conference games," said Adams. "What we're continuing to talk to them about is that they need to lead just as much on the defensive end as they do on the offense."

Allmond ended up with 24



Howard College's Corteze Isaac (23) looks to pass the ball out of a double team applied by Frank Phillips' Johnny Johnson (22) and John Claborn in the Hawks' decisve 92-77 victory at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday night. Howard has a month off over the holidays and picks play back up Jan. 3.

Corteze Isaac also finished in double figures with 14 points.

Howard's next game isn't until Jan. 3 of the new year against Mesa Community College in Arizona. The matchup will be the first of three games in Arizona for the Howard men. Gaining the momentum they did in the first semester was pivotal, according to Adams.

"We're beginning to find our-

points and Watson had 29. selves and figure out what we looking at a month. We just have can and can't do," he said. "Now we've got to continue to perfect that and keep things rolling next semester."

> However, the real difficulty might come in keeping the players focused after the long break.

"It's a challenge," Adams said. "Really there's two seasons in junior college basketball. In Division I and Division II, they get two to four days off. We're sports@bigspringherald.com.

to trust our athletes to go home, stay focused and stay in shape. Hopefully, we'll come back in Arizona with the same success and get us prepared for our road game against Western Texas College Dec. 10."

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, by e-mailing him at

HC women rally past Frank Phillips, 55-51



Howard College's Veronica Wilson examines Frank Phillips' defense as she dribbles into the front court in the Hawks' 55-51 victory Thursday night in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

It certainly wasn't pretty, but a win is a win. The Howard College

Hawk women shot 34 percent from the floor and trailed for a majority of their game against Frank Phillips' Lady Plainsmen. However, keyed by Monica Jones' 16 secondhalf points, the Hawks rallied to defeat Frank Phillips, 55-51.

Howard led just twice in the contest. Once with about 12 minutes left in the first period and then again when it mattered most — when the final horn sounded to end the game.

"We dodged a bullet tonight," said Hawks Head Coach Earl Diddle. "We didn't play very good basketball for most of the game, but we hung in there. The difference between a good season and a great season is to dodge these bullets sometimes. We had enough of 'it' tonight to come away with this win. I don't know exactly what 'it' may be, but we had 'it' in this game."

Trailing 29-28 at intermission, Howard watched Frank Phillips go on a 9-1 run to start the second half and increase its lead to 38-30 with 13:53 left in the game.

However, Jones took over from there, leading the Hawks on an 11-2 run and giving Howard its first lead since the first half at 43-40. With 4:45 left to play, Frank Phillips battled back to tie the score at 47.

However, Jones had other ideas. She took the ball the length of the court and laid it in, allowing Howard to regain its lead, 49-47. The Lady Plainsmen tied the score again at 49, but Aqueelah Watkins responded with a 2-point jumper from the top of the key with 1:45 left to play.

Jones iced the game in the final 30 seconds by hitting two free throws, putting the game out of ready for Frank Phillips.

"I thought Monica did a great job and came to life," Diddle said. "She was more engaged than in previous games. You've

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Obituaries

I.L. 'Lou' Burchett Wright I.L. "Lou" Burchett Wright, 70, of Big



Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dennis of Teeters, pastor Springcreek Fellowship, officiating.

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The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral

She was born Jan. 30, 1937, in Howard County and married John Elmer Wright Jr. April 4, 1958, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death May 17, 2007.

Lou was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1955. While in school she was a member of the 1954 district champion volleyball team and was named to the All State Volleyball Team as a spiker in 1955. She then attended Howard County Junior College, where she played both basketball and volleyball.

She worked as a secretary at Webb Air Force Base for 16 years, until it closed, then worked at the V.A. Medical Center for 16 years, retiring in 1994. She enjoyed sports and traveling and loved her family and the time they spent together. She was attending Springcreek Fellowship.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny E. and Shara Wright of Midland and Steven and Robin Wright of Big Spring; one grandson, Gentry Wright of Midland; one sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and George Rogers of San Angelo; one brother, Jerry Burchett of Onalaska, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Burchett.

The family suggests memorials to Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, P. O. Box 2213, Big Spring 79721-2213 or to Midland Christian School, 2001 Culver Dr., Midland 79705.

Arrangements areunder the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Agnes Blake



Agnes Blake, 87, of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, in Odessa. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Derrick Looney of Forsan

She was born Jan. 18, 1920, in Bowie County to Ethel and Will Wray. She had been a lifelong resident of Howard County. She attended Highway School and worked at Leonard's Pharmacy for

41 years. She also worked in the nursery at College Baptist Church and several other churches, and was a caregiver to elderly patients. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by a son, Dean Blake and his wife Patsy, of Vincent; six grandchildren, Tahita Holloway and her husband Jerry of Midland, Belynda Campbell and her husband Bruce of Houston, Don Blake and his wife Donna of Greenwood, David Blake of Arizona, Jana Lyn Kurtz and her husband Joe of Seattle, Wash., and Ronia Blake of Austin; and seven great-grandchil-

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Blake; a son, Charles Blake; a grandson, Danny Jay Blake; a brother, Bill Wray; a sister, Rosie Wray; and her pet and companion, Hobo.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Holloway, Don Blake, Dick Nichols, Bryan Winters, Mike McDaniel and Mike

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Lanny Turrentine

Lanny Turrentine, 64, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at his home. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 5, 1943, in Amarillo and married Frances Davis July 27, 1962, in Dallas.

Lanny grew up in Monahans and Como and graduated from high school in Dallas. He graduated magna cum laude from TCU in 1966 with a degree in religion and history. Lanny was a golf professional and a life member of the PGA. He moved to Big Spring in July 1988 from Grand Prairie and worked at the Big Spring Country Club from 1988 until retiring in 2000. He was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a member of Disciples of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Turrentine of Big Spring; two daughters, Christina Santos of Irving and Kari Riley of Mesquite; one son, David Turrentine of Deer Park; eight grandchildren, Joshua Riley of Plano, Lauren Head of Grand Prairie, Rachel Dalton of Irving, Allie Ruiz of Irving, Ethan Riley of Mesquite, Zachary Turrentine of Deer Park, Braden Turrentine of Deer Park and Kara Santos of Irving; and one greatgrandson, David Caiden Head of Grand Prairie. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721-0823.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Ted O. Groebl III

Ted O. Groebl III, 42, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, in Lubbock. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Coahoma Church of Christ. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 29, 1965, in Big Spring.

He is survived by two daughters, Kassady Groebl and Wanda Groebl of Colorado City; his mother, Wanda Jo Hamblin of Gardenerville, Nev.; his father, Ted O. Groebl Jr. of Midland; two sisters, Natalie Permenter of Big Spring and Deborah Costilla of Midland; and a brother, Kevin Groebl of Midland.

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

Geneva Franklin

Geneva Franklin, 87, of Stanton died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, in Midland. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph

shifting to the southeast after midnight. Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Much colder. Highs in the upper 40s.

Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Sunday night...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers or light freezing rain or light sleet. Colder.

Lows in the upper 20s. Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of

showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent

chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent

chance of rain or snow. Lows around 30.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance

of showers. Highs in the mid 40s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 30. Thursday...Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the

upper 50s.

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Police blotter

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

- DEVON BUTLER, 22, of 2410 Neill Road, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- EUGENE SCOTT, 58, of 1511 Tucson, was arrested Thursday on a California warrant.
- DEWEY SIRRATT, 50, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANNY KELLY, 50, of San Angelo, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.
- FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of 19th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1100 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

lowing activity: Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail

- reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report. • RAY JOHN-MANUEL ZAPATA, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a
- CHRISTOPHER LIMON, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence.
- MARK KIRBY, 34, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th
- Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N.
- Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Wood.
- One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of E. FM
- 700. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Scott.
- One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of
- Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 400 block of W. Sixth Street.

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

Winning numbers drawn: 4-8-9-17-28

Number matching five of five: one.

Prize: \$24,569. Winning ticket sold in: Sugar Land.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 14-20-27-34. Bonus Ball: 27. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:

drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-0-3-9. Sum It Up: 12.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-3. Sum It Up: 15.

Take Note

• The Cossacks Motorcycle Club has scheduled a fund-raiser benefiting its annual "Bykes for Tykes" Christmas Toy and Food Run today at the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third St. Hamburger plates will be available for \$5 per plate from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Live music will be provided by "Texas Raw" from 8 p.m. until closing. Tickets for the dance are \$5 per person.

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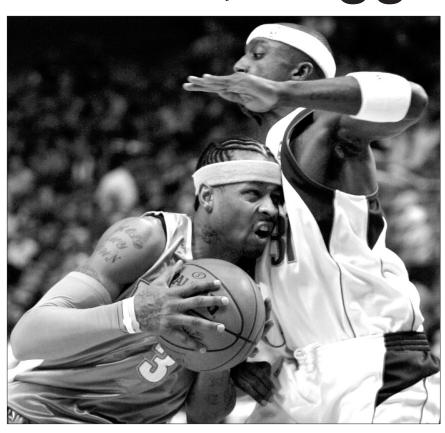
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Iverson, Nuggets rout struggling Mavs



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Denver Nuggets guard Allen Iverson (left) drives into Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Terry for a basket in the Nuggets' 122-109 victory at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Thursday.

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — On a night when Allen Iverson had his first 30point, 10-assist game this season and Dirk Nowitzki matched his season high with 32 points, the historical footnote comes from the little black wire hardly visible on the ties of their coaches and the ones tucked inside the jerseys of two other players.

The microphones.

The NBA began a fan-oriented, electronic invasion into previously off-limits aspects Thursday night by allowing listening devices on the court, ingame sideline interviews with coaches and cameras in the locker rooms during pregame and halftime chats. This will only happen on games nationally televised by TNT, ABC and ESPN, and the very first was Denver's 122-109 victory over Dallas.

Iverson was the star of the show, scoring 35 points and dishing out 12 assists one night after scoring 51 points in a loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

"A.I. had it all going from everywhere," Nowitzki said. "He was driving and making shots in-between.'

In the other games Thursday, Atlanta edged Minnesota 90-89 and Portland beat Miami 112-

Iverson made 12 of 19 field goals and was 11-for-13 from the line. It was his sixth time scoring 30 points and his fourth time with at least 10 assists. However, this was his first 30-10 game of the season.

"I thought A.I. had a real good feel for the game," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "His game is to get to the free-throw line and to run. Dallas tried to get the ball out of his hands. He definitely did a good job getting the guys involved."

Karl and Dallas coach Avery Johnson said before the game they were only wearing microphones because they have to, reflecting an attitude shared by colleagues throughout the league. Lakers coach Phil Jackson compared it to Big

Brother watching, Pat Riley called it an invasion of privacy and Pistons coach Flip Saunders wondered how strategy can be avoided in anything that comes from a locker room.

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"What's public, what's private on TV?" Karl said.

The microphones are only part of some new rules aimed at taking fans a step closer to the action whenever TNT, ESPN or ABC cameras arrive. Other changes:

· Remote-controlled cameras in the locker room can capture halftime pregame, postgame discussions.

 Players will be asked to wear microphones, too. Dallas' Jerry Stackhouse and Denver's Eduardo Najera became the pioneers Thursday night.

· Coaches will be subject to interviews during the game, the visiting coach talking between the first and second quarters, the home coach between the third and fourth.

"I wouldn't say (I'm) ready.

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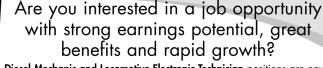
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Party Chairman Ro Gore. The race for the Precinct 3 seat on the Howard County Commissioner's Court has garnered three candidates thus far, as Winston Odom, Dick Paschal and Jimmie Dubose Wayne Long have declared their candidacy. Dubose is currently the

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Ada Gresham, 83, died Graveside Saturday. Services were at 1:00 PM Trinity Fridav at Memorial Park.

Jonneal Eshleman, 68, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 3:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Agnes Blake, 87, died Thursday. Graveside services were at 10:00 AM Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ted O. Groebl, III, 42, died Thursday. Memorial Services will be at 4:00 PM Monday at Coahoma Church of Christ. The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 5:30 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

only Democratic candidate who has filed for the post. If no other Democrat candidates file, Dubose could bypass the March primaries and concensolely on November election.

"I ran four years ago, and missed it by 140 votes," said Dubose. "But I was running a against a long-time incumbent in Bill Crooker. We both ran a good, clean race, and that's something I hope we can bring back to Texas politics.

"My platform for this race is simple. It's all about common sense. If it's not broke, don't fix it. And if you can't afford it, don't buy it. It really is that simple."

Both Odom and Long are running on the Republican ticket, guaranteeing at least one March contest for the

Crooker has announced he will not seek re-election. Crooker will end a 40-year run as county commissioner when he

Thomas also filed for reelection with the Democratic Party, according to Gore. Thomas drew first his

County Attorney Mike

opponent Thursday in local attorney Joshua Hamby, who filed to run on the Republican ticket, according to Margarita Durand-Hollis, party chairman.

The race for sheriff is also shaping up into a worthy contest, Charles Gary Morgan the director of environ-

"I felt I hadn't performed

that well in tryouts, so

when I saw how I placed,

the first thing I felt was

that if I had played better,

I would have placed high-

Conner added she wants

to reach the heights

attained by her two senior

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to make the all-state band,

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hard it is to qualify," she

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colleagues.

said.

mental services for the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home — announced his candidacy this week, pitting him against former Spring Police Department officer Stan Parker, who filed for the office Monday.

Both Morgan and Parker will be running on the Republican ticket.

Incumbent Dale Walker said this week he plans to run for re-election, but hasn't vet filed. Walker has run as a Democrat in

tryouts

both of his past elections. Howard County Tax Collector and Assessor Kathy Sayles and Justice of the Peace Bennie Green both filed for re-election on the Republican ticket, according to Durand-Hollis. Neither has garnered an opponent.

Other positions up for election during the March primaries and November election are constable Precincts 1 and 2, district attorney and several state and federal offices.

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earned first-chair honors in clarinet. Conner was named first-chair clarinet in the 5A second band.

All-region band honors are nothing new to Steer Band members — 55 earned a spot on the Class 4A band this year — but having three members excel at a higher level is unprecedented.

"I don't know that it's ever been done, to have two kids finish at the top of the heap at the 5A level," BSHS Band Director Rocky Harris said.

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with Harris' assessment.

"It was a pretty big deal," said Ward, who earned a spot on the allstate band her sophomore year. "It may not be as imprint as some on the upcoming competitions, but it was a honor to be included ... There were about 40 flute players competing for a spot on the band. About threequarters of them were people I knew, and they were pretty good."

Carrasco, who has twice landed a spot on the allstate band, echoed Ward's comments.

"I was happy-dance excited. I've never finished that high in Class 5A," she said. "To compete against those kind of players and see how I ranked was a great feeling."

Conner may be the newcomer to this elite group, but was no less excited.

"I was happy," she said.



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Dallas Mavericks forward Josh Howard flies to the rim over Denver's Kenyon Martin the Nuggets' win over the Mavs Thursday night in Dallas.

coach at Indiana State

University and played a

large part in recruiting

Diddle was recognized

in a short ceremony fol-

lowing the Hawks' victo-

ry over Odessa College

received a plaque to com-

memorate the coaching

Counting Diddle's 11-2

night. He

Bird.

Tuesday

NBA

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But with the company I work for, it's mandatory," Johnson said. "We just have to adjust."

While the utterances broadcast Thursday night were somewhat historic because they were firsts, they weren't very revealing. Among the insights: Karl saying, "When we pass the ball, we usually play well," and Mavericks coach Avery Johnson telling his team during an early timeout, "Good hustle, men, keep it up."

The Mavericks didn't, allowing their most points this season in a quarter (39, the first), a half (64) and a game. The problems were at both ends of the court as the Mavericks also committed a season-high 19 turnovers.

"It was a layup drill out there," Nowitzki said. "At no point in the game I thought we could really stop them."

Linas Kleiza benefited from Iverson's passing, scoring a season-best 23. Carmelo Anthony had 23 points and Kenyon Martin, a Dallas native, had 18 points and seven rebounds. Marcus Camby added 14 rebounds and eight points. Denver made 50.5 percent of its shots and that was with

on the game so I really don't pay much attention to my record. It is very nice that they recognize me, though."

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263-7331, ext. 237, or by emailing himsports@bigspringherald.c Anthony going 9-for-30.

For all his statistical prowess, Iverson's most impressive number might've been his gamebest playing time of 42:54. Now in his 12th season, the 32-year-old guard played a full 48 minutes the previous night in a loss at home to the Los Angeles Lakers.

"He's the Energizer bunny," said fellow startguard Anthony Carter. "He just doesn't get tired. He was charged up for this game."

Stackhouse scored a season-high 23 points and Josh Howard had 20. Howard had 17 at halftime, then got his fourth foul seconds into the third quarter and didn't score again until there was 8:18 left in the game.

Hawks 90, **Timberwolves 89**

Joe Johnson's 18-footer at the buzzer helped host Atlanta avoid an embarrassing defeat.

Minnesota, which lost

its fifth straight to drop to a league-worst 2-15, had a one-point lead after Marko Jaric's laying with 2.2 seconds left.

Josh Smith had 28 points and seven blocks to lead Atlanta. Johnson added 21 points, and Marvin Williams finished with 20.

Craig Smith scored 20 points for Timberwolves, and rookie Corey Brewer had 18 rebounds — two more than Al Jefferson's previous season high in a loss to Atlanta on Nov. 24.

Trail Blazers 112, **Heat 106**

Brandon Roy had 25 points, Travis Outlaw had 20 and Portland handed visiting Miami its fourth straight loss.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 14 points and 10 rebounds and reserve James Jones had all of his 14 points in the first half for the Trail Blazers, who had lost their past five meetings against the Heat.





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got to get into the rhythm of the game and we struggled to do that as a team. Monica got into a rhythm and really too over in the second half."

Jones finished with 18 points while shooting 50 percent from the field. She also had a game-high 11 rebounds, earning a double-double. Candace Lambert was the only other Hawk to score in double figures with 10 points. Rachel Dryver was Howard's top performer off the bench, fin-

ishing with seven points and seven rebounds.

Howard hosts the Whitten Inn Classic Jacksonville Mexico Junior College all coming to Big Spring to participate in the tournament. Cisco and New Mexico open play at 5:30 p.m. tonight with the Hawks tipping off against Jacksonville at 7:30 p.m. Diddle feels that Jacksonville could be the Hawks' toughest test of the season to date.

"Jacksonville's going to be an extremely tough game for us. They're

probably going to be the biggest challenge we've faced so far," Diddle said. "They've played a very Friday and Saturday with tough schedule. It's going College, to be a tough tournament Cisco College and New for us especially starting with Jacksonville. But I'm looking forward to it. Hopefully, we come out with a little more fuel in our tank than we did against Frank Phillips."

record so far this season,

he is 408-321 in his 36-year

However, no matter how

many victories Diddle col-

lects, he says he's more

focused on the games

individually than he is

about his overall victory.

about the wins. I just

think about the game,"

Diddle said. "My focus is

"I really don't think

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The Classic continues Saturday with Mexico matching up with Jacksonville at 2 p.m. while Howard takes on Cisco at 4 p.m.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS What if one day you woke up and everything you thought was true just wasn't anymore? That's the unseasonable kind of April Fool's joke that planet Uranus is fond of pulling off — in the middle of winter, no less. Surprises can't help but inspire a change in your point of view. All things unexpected will be met with an open and amused mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Social duty calls. You don't have to answer. Your only true duty is to your own truth, which might seem at odds with the things people are asking you to do. When in doubt, wait for a clear signal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Something about the saying "Fake it till you make it" doesn't ring right with you. However, pretending is an excellent way to move toward your goal. Lose the selfjudgment. Everyone has to start somewhere.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're bringing your talent to a new level. Hard work and attitude will overcome any lack of ability you may encounter. What you can't do now, you'll be able to do in three weeks time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Is it destiny? You'll ask. The secret is this: Destiny is what you're creating right now with your thoughts and actions. Tonight features personalities big (including yours).

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Fireworks are to be expected. Be the strong one who stands up for the weak. Your protection is a valuable gift and will be seen as such after the drama blows over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Maintain the belief that love is easy and there's nothing to worry about. When you do this, relationships get instantly breezy. Levity is exactly what's needed your re-energize connections.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The old ennui sets in. Reach out to your people. favorite Α spiritual person broadens your horizons. Perhaps it's time to take that pilgrimage you always talked about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Meet the deadline. When you focus on the job that needs to get done by the end of the day, all time seems to stop and start on your command. So the trick is to get really focused!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Following your dreams is only possible if you have dreams in the first place. So forget about what's logical and likely to happen. Get unrealistic — until you do, you have no clue about what's possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Success is not about having "more," it's about having "different." Stars encourage you to figure out how you can make "different" happen in the next 48 hours. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You're popular. You'll be shaking hands and kissing babies just like a politician. Your cause deserves it, even if your cause is simply to have a good time. Competitors consider you dangerous. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). Relationships feel complex, political and delicate. Right and wrong are easily lost in a morass of artificial rules. Luckily, your moral SYNDICATE, INC.

compass, as long as you remember to use it, will keep you in line.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: The promises you make establish an anythinggoes mood, but it's those you intend to keep that get the prize. TAURUS: Financially, physically, emotionally diving deeper into intimacy feels safe and true. GEMINI: Bond over points of connection. The little ways you complete each other keep your attention hooked. CANCER: Domestic bliss is a potent aphrodisiac. Show off your talent for romancing hearth and home. LEO: You're willing to gamble everything for love. you have When everything to offer, there's nothing to lose. VIRGO: An everyday encounter seems extraordinarily heartfelt. Tuck it away for safekeeping. LIBRA: Whether it's a quality or object, you admire what another has. But by virtue of seeing, you possess it already. SCORPIO: Someone truly appreciates you — not only for your loveliness but also for the person become. you've SAGITTARIUS: You don't need to know what's coming next; just keep releasing love into the universe. Love finds you. CAPRICORN: Α resourceful friend encourages you right when you need it most. AQUARIUS: Even if they don't really know you, let them believe you're something special. You are. PISCES: It doesn't matter how many people or who you've loved but how love changes you. 2007 CREATORS

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My daughter and her husband recently separated. My daughter said simply that she wanted to "find herself," which seemed totally out of character. My husband and I were hard on her, telling her she should make more of an effort to work things out. She suffered in silence for months until she finally broke down and confessed that her husband been has abusing steroids. She hoped he'd stop if she walked out, but he can't see that he has a problem. She stills loves him but said she can never trust him again.

We live in a small town, and my son-in-law's family and everyone else thinks my daughter is terrible for leaving. She doesn't want anyone to know the real reason because she doesn't want people to think ill of him. It's been tough because his mother has been very mean, but my daughter refuses to let me tell his family the truth.

Please warn people of the signs of steroid abuse. My daughter became suspicious when her husband got very moody and had no interest in sex. — Sad Mom

Dear Sad Mom: Many athletes use steroids in an attempt to gain strength and look more developed. physically However, there are serious side effects to steroid abuse, and silence may not be the best way to help your son-in-law. You don't have to broadcast the details, but please encourage your daughter to talk to his parents and enlist their help. Surely they want what's best for their son. Here are some facts from the National Institutes of



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Health (nida.nih.gov/Infofacts/St

eroids.html): The major side effects from abusing anabolic steroids can include liver tumors and cancer, jaundice, fluid retention and high blood pressure. Other side effects include kidney tumors, severe acne and trembling. In addition, men can suffer from shrinking of the testicles, reduced sperm count, infertility, baldness development of breasts.

and Women can develop increased facial hair, male-pattern baldness, changes in or cessation of the menstrual cycle and a deepened voice. People who inject

anabolic steroids run the added risk of contracting transmitting HIV/AIDS or hepatitis. Scientific research also shows that aggression and other psychiatric side effects may result from abuse of anabolic Researchers steroids. report that extreme mood swings also can occur, including manic-like symptoms leading to Depression violence. often is seen when the drugs are stopped and contribute may to dependence. Researchers report also that users

may suffer from paranoid jealousy, extreme irritability, delusions and impaired judgment stemming from feelings of invincibility.

Dear Annie: I am a senior widower and have wearing wedding band on my right hand. I always thought this was proper, but I recently heard otherwise. Annie, I was married to my love for 43 years and want to remember her by wearing my ring. Am I correct in wearing it on my right hand? I really don't want to take it off. - Need Guidance in Los Angeles

Dear L.A.: Those who continue to wear their wedding rings on their left hands give the impression that they are still married. But you may wear your ring wherever you like. There are no rules.

Dear Annie: I can't believe your response to "Want Stuff to Call My Own in N.C." You said, "Many men are content with whatever they can sit on and don't care whether things match or reflect taste of any kind."

You should apologize to all men who do care what they sit on and who have taste of some type. — Jacksonville Tasteful Husband

Dear Jacksonville: Oh, please. We didn't say ALL men. We said "many," and based on our informal research (a good portion of the guys we know), we will stand by that. We're glad you are one of those husbands who cares furniture and has decent taste and an interest in decorating his home. You will never convince us that you are in the majority, but we appreciate knowing you are out there.

OPINION

Troy

BREWER

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- All of those who participated in:
- The Living Christmas Tree at First United Methodist Church.
- The Christmas Bazaar at Canterbury.
- Heritage Museum's Christmas activities.
- And, of course, the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

These and so many other events make Howard County a great place to be during the holidays. If you were fortunate, you were entertained by the wonderful music at First UMC, bought a unique gift or two (and maybe a breakfast burrito) at Canterbury, gave Santa your wish list at the museum and delighted to the beauty of the city of Big Spring's float while enjoying hot chocolate along Gregg Street.

- Speaking of the city of Big Spring, congratulations to all of the parade winners.
- · Wonderful job, Howard College, on Thursday's Christmas Luminaria celebration. There was something for people of all ages to enjoy.
- A salute too, to future Living Christmas Tree and Big Spring Symphony Chorus members. We're talking about the young fourth and sixth graders who presented a Winter Festival Thursday at Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. A wonderful treat it was.
- We'll make this brief and present our "salute" next week, but since we are on the subject of Christmas, don't forget that the First Church of the Nazarene Drive Through Nativity begins this evening at 6:30 and runs until 9:30 p.m. This "don't miss" event continues nightly through Sunday at 1400 Lancaster.
- Big Spring High School students Crystal Ward, Malle Carrasco and Vicki Conner, on being named to the Class 5A All-Region Band. Great job!

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we follow where Your path leads, Lord.

Amen

Entertaining 'The Dragon' a waste

he year was 1975 and the Brewer was a 9-year-old with a heavy Texas accent and a mind full of mush. My folks took me to the Seminary South movie theatre in Fort Worth to see a film that would have a profound effect on our culture, our generation and, yes, even

"Jaws" is not a movie about deep human insight and it doesn't have any kind of profound philosophical message, yet there probably is not another film that made a bigger impact

on any one society. Thirty-two years later, the impact is just as effective as it was back then. It doesn't matter if you are in fresh or salt water, that famous John Williams sound track starts to play in your head. We no

longer feel safe in the water. While the fear may be very real, the threat is really not. There is more than 10,000 miles of American coastline. Millions of people swim in those waters and every year there are fewer than 12 shark attacks. Most of those are provoked and usually only one or two are fatal. None of that matters though when you are the guy in the water and the "Jaws" theme is bouncing between your ears.

The odds of you being eaten by a shark in American waters are astronomical. I tell myself this every time I swim in the ocean, because I'm convinced I'm going to hit the shark lotto.

While all of us worry about sharks, we very seldom worry

about things like lighting strikes. I think the threat is very real when it comes to lighting. In 1985 alone there were 600 people killed in America by lightning and, over the past 100 years, there have been more than 24,000 people lit up and sent to eternity with a thunderclap. Those are just the people we know of.

Attacks by grizzly bears are relatively rare and sporadic. Yet I'm scared of a big ol' bear getting me when I'm in a national park. A total of 162 bear-inflicted injuries were reported from 1900 through 1985 in Canadian and American national parks. The truth is, there were only 19 human deaths from grizzly attacks documented in the national parks in North America and an additional 22 deaths in Alaska outside the parks.

In my mind, there must have been thousands killed by grizzlies over the past century but it's just not true. In the history of the United States there have only been 20 reports of death by black bears and only 13 by mountain lions.

For each person killed by a mountain lion in the past 100 years, 300 people have died from bee stings. I'm not scared of bees. but when I'm in Big Bend National Park, I am thinking about mountain lions. Yet the truth is that for each person killed by a mountain lion in the past 100 years, 750 people have died when their cars collided with a deer. That's not something I fret over. For each person killed by a mountain lion in the past 100 years, 1,100 people have been killed in hunting accidents.

I could go on and on, but the bottom line is that a lot of our fears

are really not warranted at all. In fact a lot of the mental battles we fight are over things that are not even existent. We tend to exhaust ourselves on fantasized battlefields of endless "what if" rabbit trails.

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So much of the strife in our very limited brain space is over things that are not even actually going

I call these imagined threats, "Dragons." A lot of dragons I have fought have not been battles over what people actually thought about me, but were battles over what I thought people thought about me. I've exhausted myself on things not even real.

Biblically, the devil comes in the symbolic form of a serpent trying to deceive us, and a roaring lion bringing condemning accusations against us. By far, though, the scariest form of the devil from hell is that of the dragon. The beast that is mentioned 13 times in the New Testament shows up in our lives as an overwhelming threat that wants to chew us up and spit us out. The thing about dragons they are not real.

Just like the John Williams score playing when you go swimming in the river. Just because fear and strife are real, does not mean the threat is real. Knowing the truth makes you a dragon slayer. I refuse to waste my time and energy on battles that don't exist and in doing so I am better equipped to win the real thing.

John 8:32

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments at www.FreshfromtheBrewer.com.

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Corporate media censors news

he corporate media in the United States likes to think of themselves as offering the official, most accurate news reporting of the day. The New York Times motto of "all the news that's fit to print" is a clear example of this perspective.

However, with corporate media coverage that increasingly focuses on a narrow range of celebrity updates, news from "official" government sources, and sensationalized crimes and disasters, the self-justification of being the most fit is no longer

PETER **PHILLIPS**

valid in the United States. We need to broaden our understanding of censorship in the United States. The dictionary definition of direct government control of news as censorship is no longer adequate. The private corporate media in the United States significantly under covers and/or deliberately censors numerous important news stories every year.

The common theme of the most censored stories over the past year is the systemic erosion of human rights and civil liberties in both the United States and the world at large. The corporate media ignored the fact that habeas corpus now can be suspended for anyone by order of the president. With the approval of Congress, the Military Commissions Act (MCA) of 2006, signed by President George W. Bush on October 17, 2006, allows for the suspension of habeas corpus for United States citizens and non-citizens alike. While media, including a lead editorial in The New York Times Oct. 19, 2006, have given false comfort

that American citizens will not be the victims of the measures legalized by this act, the law is quite clear that "any person" can be targeted. The text in the MCA allows for the institution of a military alternative to the constitutional justice system for "any person" regardless of American citizenship. The MCA effectively does away with habeas corpus rights for all people living in the United States deemed by the president to be enemy combatants.

A law enacted last year allowing the government to institute martial law more easily is another civil liberties story ignored by the corporate media in 2007. The John Warner Defense Authorization Act of 2007 allows the president to station military troops anywhere in the United States as well as to take control of state-based National Guard units without the consent of the governor or local authorities, in order to "suppress public disorder." The law in effect repealed the Posse Comitatus Act, which had placed strict prohibitions on military involvement in domestic law enforcement in the United States since just after the Civil War.

Additionally, under the codename Operation FALCON (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally) three federally coordinated mass arrests occurred between April 2005 and October 2006. In an unprecedented move, more than 30,000 "fugitives" were arrested in the largest dragnets in the nation's history. The operations, coordinated by the Justice Department and Homeland Security, directly involved over 960 agencies (state, local and federal) and are the first time in United States history that all of the domestic police agencies have

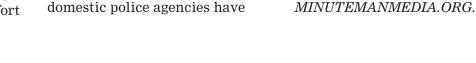
been put under the direct control of the federal government.

Finally, the term "terrorism" has been dangerously expanded to include any acts that interfere, or promote interference, with the operations of animal enterprises. The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act signed into law on November 27, 2006, expands the definition of an "animal enterprise" to any business that "uses or sells animals or animal products." The law essentially defines protesters, boycotters or picketers of businesses in the United States as terrorists.

Most people in the United States believe in our Bill of Rights and value personal freedoms. Yet, our corporate media in the past year failed to inform us adequately about important changes in our civil rights and liberties. Despite our busy lives, we want to be informed about serious decisions made by the powerful, and we rely on the corporate media to keep us abreast of significant changes. When the media fails to cover these issues, what else can we call it but censorship?

A broader definition of censorship in America today needs to include any interference, deliberate or not, with the free flow of vital news information to the American people. With the size of the major media giants in the United States, there is no excuse for consistently missing major news stories that affect all our lives.

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Church News

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First United Methodist Church

Sunday, the Rev. Clark Williams will be preaching at both services of worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages will be held at 9:45 a.m. Our early service is broadcast in Spanish on 1400 KBYG radio while the 10:50 service is aired on KBST FM 95.7.

Sunday afternoon has been set aside for All Church Christmas Caroling. There will be three or more singing groups to go to nursing homes, hospitals and shut-ins. Please join us; you will find it a blessing. Meet at the church in order to leave at 3 p.m. Returning to the church at 5 p.m., the groups will be served hot chocolate and more.

Youth Hall will be the scene of the GIG (God Is Good) Christmas party at 5 p.m. This is a very active and dedicated group of pre-teens who welcome newcomers.

Our thanks to the volunteers who spent literally hundreds of hours getting ready for our 29th annual presentation of The Living Christmas Tree. Once again it was truly an inspiration and a most appropriate introduction to this glorious season. Our thanks, too, to all the folks who filled our sanctuary to overflowing both Saturday and Sunday nights. And to the choir, the orchestra, the tree crew, the decorators. those who fed and directed and gave up their own free time, we simply say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

If you've been looking for a church home, there could be no better time than now to visit us at First United Methodist.



Robert Mesker installs one of many signs he created for Spring Tabernacle Ministries at 1209 Wright.

of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry streets. You'll find open doors, open hearts and open minds.

College Baptist Church

The Christmas Season is in full swing, and music fills the air at College Baptist. The King's Kids will present "Cookin' Up Christmas" at 6 p.m. Sunday. The youthful singers are directed by Tamera Sneed and Elesha McMeans. Their assistants are Penny Evans and Tracy Watson.

The church choir will present "Gift of Heaven" Dec. 16, during the morning worship. The production is under the direction of our music minister, Jamie Scott.

Many Christmas parties are already scheduled. Members of the Adult I department are planning a progressive dinner for

We're located in the heart Dec. 14. On the same date, Adult 3 will have a party in the Cactus Room at Howard College. They will enjoy entertainment Marla by and Bob Rainwater.

The College Class will travel to Lubbock Friday, to have dinner and view the Christmas lights.

Spring Tabernacle

Sping Tabernacle Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. This Sunday morning, Terry Miller of Winnipeg, Canada, will be preaching. The church is preparing for another Camp Meeting Feb. 8-10 and is anticipating people coming from across the

United States and Canada. Path, Spring Tabernacle's substance abuse recovery ministery, meets at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Those who wish to attend are invited to this fellowship, which includes a meal. The church is also continuing

its food and clothing ministry each Thursday at 10 a.m.

Mona Lue Tonn, pastor, said the church has an abundance of clothing. If anyone knows of a ministry, perhaps in Mexico, clothing, call 267-5321.

Spring Tabernacle is located at 1209 Wright.

St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The long-awaited St. Andrew's Celebration this Sunday. The evening will begin with the Thorn and Thistle Pipe Band playing in the courtyard at 7:05 p.m.

After their performance, we will continue our special program in the church at 7:30 p.m. Join us for a delightful reception in the Parish Hall after the service.

The Vestry will have that might be in need of their meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the church library.

> St. Mary's annual Christmas Caroling Party is Saturday, Dec. 15. Please meet at the church at Charlie and Charla Lewis' home.

> For more information St. about Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 visit or www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church

Last Sunday afternoon, members of the church celebrated the birth of Kayla Hope Miracle with

a shower honoring her parents, Ryan and Faith, and big sister Emma Grace at 2 p.m. in the church parlor.

Wednesday Regular church activities, Bible Study at 5:17 p.m., Youth group from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and choir practice at 6 p.m., took place as usual.

Sunday, breakfast will again precede Sunday school, which will have a special advent emphasis. Take Ten fellowship will precede worship at 11 a.m. The Rev. Shannon Weisenfels, associate pastor at First Presbyterian in Midland, will preach on the second Sunday of Advent season. the Lighting the Advent candle will be Pat Fleming, Pam Morgan, Meredith Morgan and Caroline Morgan.

The choir will offer two

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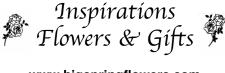
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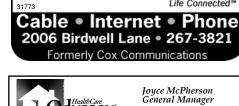
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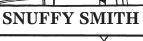
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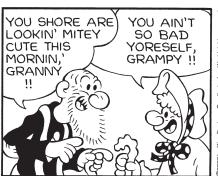
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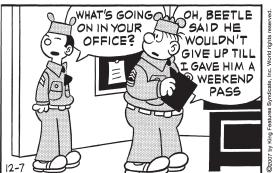


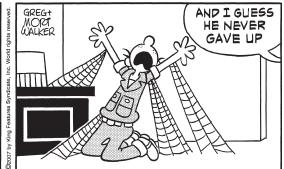


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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2007. There are 24 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. On this date:

In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1796, electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.

In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the U.S.

In 1907, the first Christmas Seals to help the fight against tuberculosis were sold, in Wilmington, Del. (Some sources say Dec. 9.)

In 1946, fire broke out at Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff. In 1972, America's last

moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral. In 1982, convicted murderer Charlie Brooks Jr.

became the first U.S. prisoner to be executed by injection, at a prison in Huntsville, Texas. In 1983, in Madrid, Spain, an Aviaco DC-9 collided on a

runway with an Iberia Air Lines Boeing 727 that was accelerating for takeoff, killing all 42 people aboard the DC-9 and 51 aboard the Iberia jet. In 1987, 43 people were

killed after a gunman aboard a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner California apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger, the two pilots and himself, causing the plane to

In 1987, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev set foot on American soil for the first time, arriving for a Washington summit with President Reagan.

Today's Birthdays: Actor

Eli Wallach is 92. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 76. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 75. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 70. Broadcast journalist Carole Simpson is 67. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Johnny Bench is 60. Country singer Gary Morris is 59. Singer-songwriter Tom Waits is 58. Sen. Susan M. Collins, R-Maine, is 55. Actress Priscilla Barnes is 52. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Larry Bird is 51. Former "Tonight Show" announcer Edd Hall is 49. Rock musician Tim Butler (The Psychedelic Furs) is 49. Actor Jeffrey Wright is 42. Actor C. Thomas Howell is

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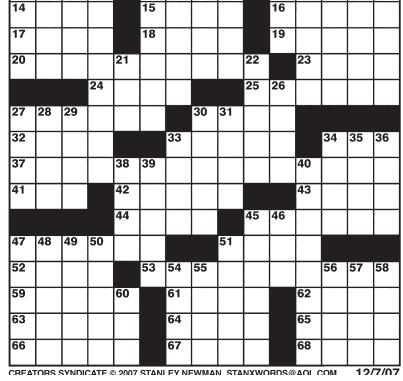
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CHURCH NEWS

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anthems: "Arise, Shine, Jesus Has Come," by Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo, and "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending," words by Charles Wesley, music by David H. Williams.

The lectionary is Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.

The Working Women's group will have a Christmas party at the home of Janie Conley at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13.

The Presbyterian Women's group will not have their regular study this month, but they will have a Cookie Exchange Tuesday, Dec. 18, with each member asked to bring cookies to be sampled and given to shut-in members of the church family and to the needy. The Youth will deliver cookies and Angel gifts Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Friends of Unity

We invite you to join in our celebration of life during the month of December. The birth of a baby in a manger is about new life sent from God.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church

Angel Food order distribution day will be Dec. 15, between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. January order forms can be picked up at this time.

The Christmas luncheon will be held this Sunday immediately following Sunday school. There will be an administrative council meeting following the luncheon. All members are urged to attend.

Birdwell Church will be furnishing sandwiches and two helpers for the annual Christmas party at the Big Spring State Hospital

The Christmas Eve communion and candle light service will begin at 5 p.m. We welcome all who would like to join us for this important service of the season.

Worship services are held each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship time and Sunday school immediately following the worship service. Sunday night services are held at 5 p.m. Bible study is held the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and the United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

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Worship services are at 9 a.m. Sunday school and Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m. Elders is Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday prayer service is at 6:30 p.m., Voters Assembly is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Saturday the congregation meets at 9 a.m. at the spring at Comanche Trail Park to put lights on the

bridges.
Call 1-800-324-1851 to register for the Life Line Screening to be held at our church Saturday. Complete wellness package costs only \$139. These screenings are for stroke, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis.

Operation On-Going Support is much appreciated by our chaplains and military. December's care package items are athlete's foot medicine (such as Lotrimin), instant cup of soup and red licorice. The AT&T phone card fund will be enhanced this month by church members signing the Christmas greetings to other church members in lieu of exchanging cards and donating the money saved to the AT&T card fund.

This mutual greeting card will be placed in a prominent place at the church.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Join us Sunday as we celebrate the birth of through Christ Christmas program. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by morning worship services at 11 a.m.. The children and youth of the church will present their Christmas program, "My Favorite Christmas Things," during the worship service. Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate Jesus' birthday in song and scripture.

Wednesday, Dec. 12, Mid-high youth (the "middies") will be meeting at 6 p.m. for a Christmas celebration. The Senior High Youth will meet at 7 p.m. at the church for worship and study.

Thursday, the Ministry Team will be meeting in the church fellowship hall at 7 p.m.

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If you are looking for a church home, consider us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Our services Sunday are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are 7 p.m. Wednesday. Children's Church is 11 a.m. Sunday for ages 4-9. If you need a ride for services, call 264-9924 or 267-

The junior and senior youth will be practicing the Christmas program Saturday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the church.

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This Sunday evening service will be at



Randy Wothki, left, and E.J. Jones — members of the acclaimed, nontraditional Celtic band, The Rogues — will return Sunday night to perform in the St. Mary's Episcopal Church St. Andrew's Day Celebration.

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Canterbury South at 4 p.m. There will be no 5 p.m. service at the church.

At 5 p.m., after the Canterbury South services, we will go caroling at the area nursing homes.

For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Chapel of Faith

The newly organized Chapel of Faith will meet at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in temporary quarters at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The church is an inter-denominational group. Everyone is welcome. If you are looking for an informal, yet meaningful worship service, Pastor Joel Miller and members invited you to attend Chapel of Faith.

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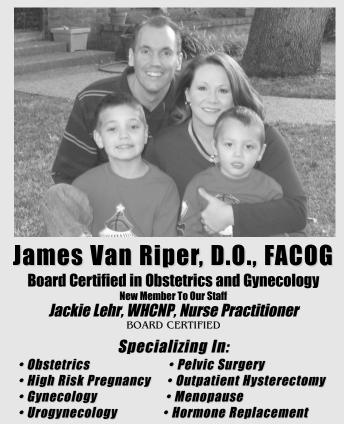
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