

SPECIAL
Microdermabrasion
Chemical Peel
\$100.00
Reg. \$250.00
LIMITED TIME ONLY

Dr. Steve Ahmed
Open Saturdays
• 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
1700 FM 700
264-1900

Slaton Insurance Agency
267-2398
205 W. 15th
Call For A Quote Today!

FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP

Vicki Slaton

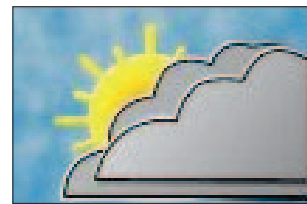
Tax Associates
Specializing in Income Tax
Sam Castro
406 Runnels
(432) 264-6134
(432) 264-8813

BIG SPRING

HERALD

MONDAY

DECEMBER 10, 2007



VOLUME 103, NUMBER 8

COPYRIGHT 2007

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

Missing man's body found

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The body of an 82-year-old man reported missing from Gilmer was discovered in a field near the Old Colorado City Highway Saturday morning, and investigators with the Howard County Sheriff's Office are now trying to piece together events that took place during the last hours before his death. Berry Barney Steelman was returning from a visit in the

Texas Panhandle to his home in Gilmer when family members say he disappeared somewhere near Snyder, according to HCSO Investigator Josh Peterson.

"Steelman's car was discovered abandoned on the Old Colorado City Highway, about a half-mile from Midway Road Dec. 2," said Peterson. "It wasn't until Dec. 5 that we received a report from Upshur County that Steelman was reported missing, most likely by family

members.

"As soon as we received the missing person report, we began searching for Mr. Steelman. We had searchers on horseback, as well as the Department of Public Safety helicopter looking. The DPS helicopter spotted his body in a field approximately a mile from where his car had been discovered."

Peterson said there were no signs of foul play when the body was found.

"The report from Gilmer said he had a heart condition," said Peterson. "It appears he died of natural causes. An autopsy is being performed in Lubbock."

According to Sheriff Dale Walker, information gathered during the autopsy may be the only way investigators will be able to piece together the last hours of Steelman's life.

"It's just such an odd set of circumstances," said Walker. "We've looked at the footprints, and he walked all over that

field, mostly in circles. We're not sure if he had a stroke or a heart attack and was disoriented, or what happened at this point. I'm really hoping the results from the autopsy will help shed some light on this."

Walker declined to comment on the condition of Steelman's vehicle when it was found.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

COOKING UP A STORM



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Mike Lindsey grills some hamburgers during the Cossacks Motorcycle Club fundraiser supper Friday evening at the Eagles Lodge. The Cossacks were raising money for their annual Bykes for Tykes event.

Council to eye Settles

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The Settles Hotel and its possible renovation is expected to be the top topic of discussion when the Big Spring City Council holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers at 307 E. Fourth.

The council will consider two resolutions pertaining to the historic old building, which has stood vacant for most of the past three decades.

The first resolution would approve a performance agreement between Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. and Settles Hotel Development Co.

Moore Development directors voted unanimously in April to provide up to \$3 million to help SHDC Manager Brint Ryan renovate the Settles Hotel, which he agreed to purchase for \$75,000 from the city of Big Spring.

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

A performance agreement is necessary, Ryan told Moore officials, so that his company can move forward with development plans in the downtown area. It is also expected to clear the way for the company's official purchase of the hotel — the \$75,000 has been held in escrow pending finalization of the pact.

Pending approval of the performance agreement by all parties, the council will then consider a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a tax abatement agreement with SHDC.

Also Tuesday, the council will consider whether to authorize Mayor Russ

See **COUNCIL**, Page 3A

INDEX

- Classified 3-5B
- Features 5A
- Obituaries 2A
- Opinion 4A
- Sports 1-2B



Find us online at:
www.bigspringherald.com

To reach us:

Please call 263-7331. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you miss your paper, please call (432) 263-7335 before 7 p.m. weekdays and noon Sunday.

NUN SHOCKS STUDENTS

GROSSE POINTE PARK, Mich. (AP) — Sister Kathy Avery won't put up with swearing on the playground at her school, and she's not above repeating the offending language to make sure everyone understands which words she won't tolerate.

The principal of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School had students stay after a Mass last month and informed the fifth-through eighth-graders that she has a zero-tolerance policy for cursing.

Just in case anyone wasn't sure what she was talking about, Avery read off a list of the very words and phrases that she was banning.

A VERY 'STIFF' DRINK

NEW YORK (AP) — A bottle of 81-year-old Scotch sold for \$54,000 at this New York's first liquor auction since Prohibition.

An anonymous collector bought the pricey potable at Christie's sale of wines and spirits on Saturday.

The 100-lot auction sold a total of \$304,800 worth of rare wine and liquor. The top lot was a collection of 729 bottles of whisky, which went for \$102,000.

The \$54,000 bottle was distilled at Macallan in Scotland in 1926, bottled in 1986 and rebottled in 2002.

Prohibition lasted from 1920 to 1933, but New York State did not allow auctions of spirits until this year.

15 Shopping Days Til Christmas



BOB BROCK FORD
500 W. 4th 267-7424

South Mountain Realty

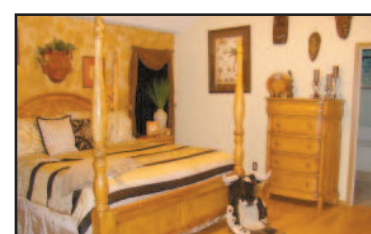
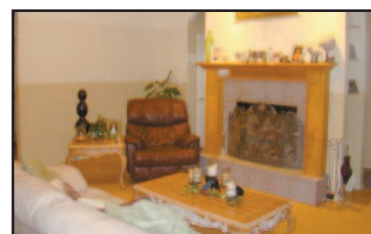


408 E. FM 700
Big Spring, TX 79720
432-714-4886



Kim Pollard/Broker

NEW LISTING



719 CRAIGMONT COURT ~ 3 Bedroom / 2 Baths

Sports

BIG SPRING HERALD

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

Page 1B
Monday, December 10, 2007

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 Athletic Training 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 Dough-nation 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 sub- varsity 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:

TUESDAY

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

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

Forsan boys and girls basketball vs. Grady, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

Big Spring girls basketball vs. Clyde, 7:30 p.m.

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

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Stamford, 7:30 p.m.

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

DEC. 17

Big Spring boys and girls basketball vs. Snyder, 6 p.m.

DEC. 18

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

Coahoma boys and girls basketball at Merkel, 6:30 p.m.

Host Stanton finishes fourth in Classic

By **BRANDON HALLFORD**

Special to the Herald

STANTON — Stanton's Hooptown Classic came to a close Saturday with the host Stanton Buffaloes claiming fourth place after a heartbreaking defeat to the Wall Hawks, 42-38.

"I thought that we played well." Head Coach Ken Van Curren. "We hung with them and we actually had a good chance of winning. I think that we just finally got fatigued and that ended up costing us."

Fatigued or not, the Buffs left nothing to chance as they mount-

ed comeback after comeback before four straight free throws by Wall senior Logan Dodds in the final minute of the contest put the game out of reach for Stanton.

Things looked bleak in the early going for the home team as the Hawks opened up a quick 7-0 lead.

After a Tyler Fulton basket cut the lead to five, Dodds again connected from downtown pushing the lead to 10-2 before Stanton reeled off a 5-0 run that was capped off by David Erives' 3-

pointer with 30 seconds remain-

ing in the quarter.

Usry answered right back for the Hawks, throwing up a shot as time expired in the stanza to stake Wall to a 12-7 score after one quarter of play.

The second quarter both teams clamped down defensively as Wall held the Buffs to no field goals in the stanza. For their part, Stanton wasn't exactly benevolent, allowing the Hawks to convert only two of their trips down the court in the quarter.

Stanton, however, was able to cut into the Hawks' lead as the Buffs shot five of six from the

charity stripe in the second, while Wall mustered just two shots from the free throw line, leaving the visitors holding a slim 18-14 entering the locker room.

Stanton came out of the half red hot, scoring on their first four possessions of the half. Chase Pinkerton gave the Buffaloes their only lead of the game as the senior hoisted a three that found nothing but the bottom of the net for the 21-18 advantage.

See **HOOPTOWN**, Page 2B

HC women head into break on high note

By **ERIC C. RODEWALD**

Special to the Herald

Although the Hawks were literally outrebounded Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum vs. Cisco Junior College, the Howard College women's basketball team rebounded well from a Friday night overtime loss at the hands of Jacksonville College by downing Cisco, 68-54, to finish the two-day Whitten Inn Classic.

Howard's Kandace Griffin was 7-for-10 from 3-point range and added a 2-pointer, for a team high 23 points. Freshman guard Danielle Cota was the only other Hawk in double figures with 12 points.

Howard raced to a 15-4 lead, but needed a Griffin trey to take a 28-27 half-time advantage. Out of the locker room, the lead changed hands with Cisco holding a 40-38 lead with 13:46 remaining in the game. It would be the last time Cisco held the advantage, however, as the Hawks went on a 15-2 run over the next six minutes to stake a 53-42 lead.

Howard held a 15-12 advantage over the final eight minutes to claim the 14-point victory. Cisco's 6-3 center, Ana Miguera, proved to be a handful in the paint, scoring 25 points while pulling down eight rebounds in the losing effort.

Monica Jones led Howard in rebounding with six, while Jotosha McDonald dished out five assists.

Candace Lambert scored eight and

See **HOWARD**, Page 2B



Howard College's Kandace Griffin shoots a 3-pointer against Jacksonville College Friday night at the Whitten Inn Classic held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Griffin made seven of 10 3-point shots in the Hawks' 68-54 win to close out the Classic Saturday against Cisco Junior College.

The legend continues: Romo rallies Cowboys past Lions

By **LARRY LAGE**

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Flozell Adams has blocked for more quarterbacks than he can count in his decade with the Dallas Cowboys.

Tony Romo measures up pretty well.

The emerging star threw two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter, including one to Jason Witten with 18 seconds left, to rally the Cowboys to a 28-27 win over the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

"I've had something like 14 starting quarterbacks here, and he's one of the coolest under pressure. I admire him for that," Adams said. "When you see your quarterback cool, it keeps everybody else cool."

Romo was nearly flawless on the TD drives in the fourth that lifted the Cowboys (12-1) to a comeback that gave them their first NFC East title since 1998, when Adams started as a rookie teammate of Hall of Famer Troy Aikman.

Dallas coach Wade Phillips raved about Romo's latest perfor-

mance — saying it was "Elwayesque" — after he helped his team rally for its seventh straight win.

"What he does in a pressure situation defines him," Phillips said.

After guard Kyle Kosier recovered his fumble, Romo connected with Witten for a 16-yard TD with 18 seconds left that put the Cowboys ahead for the first time.

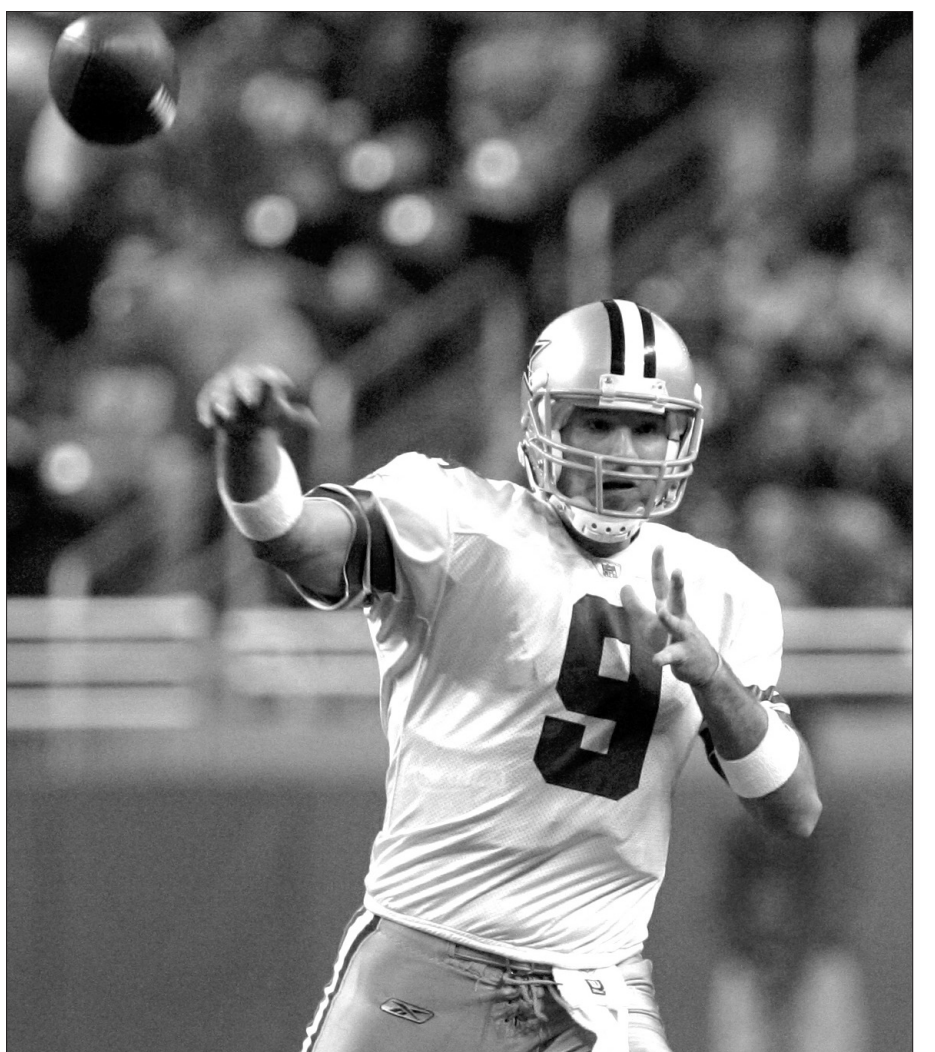
The Lions led 10-0 after the first quarter, 20-7 in the second and 27-14 after the third, then collapsed in part because Romo picked them apart.

"You're not always going to get it done in those situations, but I do enjoy being in those situations," he said. "It gets your juices flowing and makes the game a lot of fun."

Romo was 35-of-44 for 302 yards and two TDs, taking what the defense gave him with short passes to Witten and running back Marion Barber.

"That's the cover two," Lions coach Rod Marinelli said of his

See **NFL**, Page 2B



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo throws a pass in the Cowboys' come from behind victory over the Detroit Lions Sunday in Detroit.

Take Note

• 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.

• 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 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• 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.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Support Groups

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 398-5239.

• 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.

TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous meetings have been canceled. They will no longer take place at the Howard County Library. If you have questions, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

• **WAYNE GREEN**, 27, of 1811 Nolan, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JAMES RUSSEL HALL**, 57, of 406 Vikki St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 67, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CLINTON D. CALHOUN**, 31, of Louisiana, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BOBBY D. FOSTER**, 36, of 1429 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication and warrants from Hendricks and Aransas counties.

• **BENJAMIN E. MOORE**, 27, of 1305 State, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and assault Class C/family violence.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- in the 2600 block of Fairchild.
- in the 1200 block of Johnson.
- in the 1600 block of Donley.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of Owens.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- in the 1100 block of 13th Street.
- in the 100 block of Eighth Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

- in the 200 block of 10th Street.
- in the 1100 block of 13th Street.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1100 block of 13th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MARCUS LAMON COLE**, 21, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for accident involving damage to a vehicle.

• **JAVIER IDARRA DELGADO**, 47, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.

• **JOE KEITH RUBARTS III**, 28, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **DUSTIN TRENT NELSON**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury - family violence.

• **GLORIA K. LUNA LOZANO**, 40, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ABEL L. TORRES**, 19, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **NATHAN LOZANO TORRES**, 20, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **ANDREW JUAREZ JR.**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a building.

Fire/EMS

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

Note — Additional information on a number of structure fires reported in the Big Spring area during the weekend was not available at press time.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. Three people were transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Scott. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of N. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2800 block of Lawrence. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Chickasaw. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of N. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of Derrick Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Holbert. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1300 block of Utah. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3300 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2400 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry. Service refused.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk?

Recycle your unwanted items!

Call 263-7331 today.

A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• 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.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice Office for lunch and its monthly meeting. Formore information, call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

Weather

Today — Rain in the afternoon. Areas of fog and freezing drizzle in the morning. Highs in the upper 30s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

Tonight — Cloudy with rain likely. Lows in the mid 30s. East winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Tuesday — Cloudy with showers likely. Highs in the upper 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southwest in the afternoon. Chance of showers 60 percent.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow showers. Lows around 30. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain or snow showers in the morning. Then a slight chance of showers in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-10-15-18-26-44 Number matching six of six: 1. Prize: \$30 million. Winning ticket sold in: San Antonio. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$4 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-8-17-22

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$26,300. Winning ticket sold in: Houston. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 6-3-2-1. Sum It Up: 12.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 8-2-1. Sum It Up: 11.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 1-8-4-2. Sum It Up: 15.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 8-0-4. Sum It Up: 12.

BIG SPRING HERALD

www.BigSpringHerald.com

Big Sky, Big Heart, Big Spring

432-263-7331

(Main Switchboard)

432-264-7205 (Fax)

Missed Your Paper:

432-263-7335

(Mon.-Fri. 8a.m.-7p.m.)

432-264-7205 (Fax)

Sun. 8a.m.-noon)

Ron Midkiff

John A. Moseley

Rick Nunez

Robert Smith

Tony Hernandez

Publisher... Ext. 250

Managing Editor... Ext. 230

Advertising Manager... Ext. 229

Circulation Manager... Ext. 244

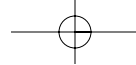
Production Manager... Ext. 256

The Big Spring Herald is a member of The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Texas Press Association, West Texas Press Association, Texas Daily Newspaper Association, The Associated Press.

Published afternoons Mon. thru Fri. and Sunday mornings, except Christmas Day. All materials copyrighted.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Periodicals postage paid at Big Spring, Texas.

USPS 1431-48 USPS 0055-940 ISSN 0746-6811
BY THE MONTH HOME DELIVERY: \$8.65 monthly; \$93.42 yearly (includes 10% discount). MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$12.50 monthly Howard & Martin Counties; \$13.25 elsewhere.



COWBOYS

Continued from Page 1B

bend-but-don't-break defense. "It opens up other things for the tight end, but not the deep stuff. But you have to tackle and you have to rush."

The Lions (6-7) have lost five straight and officially can't live up to quarterback Jon Kitna's predictions of a 10-win season.

"We got a great moral victory, I guess," Kitna said.

The latest loss delayed the inevitable, though. The Lions would've had trouble reaching the goal with a closing stretch that includes road games against San Diego and Green Bay, along with a home game versus Kansas City.

Detroit competed as a double-digit underdog Sunday, but the final score meant nothing to Marinelli.

"It's about winning," he said. "I'm just not going to throw bouquets out for a good hard effort."

The Lions had chances to win a game only they thought they could. It was a situation similar to the final week last season, when they went to Dallas with only pride at stake and beat a Cowboys team jockeying for playoff position.

Kevin Jones ran for 92 yards and two scores and T.J. Duckett had a 32-yard TD run Sunday.

"It was like a boxing match," offensive tackle Damien Woody said. "We had them on the ropes, but we didn't knock them out and that's what is most disappointing."

After Barber scored for the third time early in the fourth period, the Lions had an opportunity to go ahead by more than a TD. But Jason Hanson's 35-yard field goal attempt sailed just wide right.

"You don't say it's over, but that was the season," Hanson said.

The blown chance came back to haunt Detroit. After Witten fumbled inside the Lions' 1 and Detroit was forced to punt, Dallas got the ball back at its 17 with 2:15 and no timeouts left.

"I felt bad for (Witten)," Romo

said. "I told him when we went to the sidelines that he was going to get another chance."

Notes: Cowboys WR Terrell Owens was limited to three catches for 21 yards. "The only thing that matters is this hat on my head," Owens said, pointing to the 2007 NFC East Division Champions cap. ... Lions PR Troy Walters (concussion), TE Casey FitzSimmons (leg bruise) and S Kenoy Kennedy (hamstring) were injured. ... Lions LB Boss Bailey was inactive because of flulike symptoms.

While four teams were clinching playoff berths, the New England Patriots stayed on track for a perfect season.

Indianapolis qualified for the postseason, and Seattle and Green Bay won their divisions Sunday, big news in those cities, for sure. Still, the achievements of the Patriots continued to overshadow everything else in the NFL as they moved to 13-0 with a 34-13 romp past Pittsburgh.

After struggling in their last two games against weak teams, the Patriots blew out an opponent they just might see again in the postseason. Tom Brady threw four touchdown passes, shattering Steelers safety Anthony Smith's guarantee of a victory, with Randy Moss catching two of them.

The Patriots became the fifth team with a 13-0 record, joining the 1934 Bears, 1972 Dolphins, 1998 Broncos and 2005 Colts. They can become the first team since the 1972 Dolphins to finish a regular season undefeated; those Dolphins were 14-0, then won three postseason games for the NFL's only perfect season.

The victory clinched a first-round playoff bye, and the Patriots should be big favorites to take a 15-0 record into their season finale at the New York Giants.

"This is the point in the year when we're going to have to start playing our best football," Patriots offensive tackle Matt Light said. "I don't think anyone can say we've been doing that the past couple of weeks. It's good to be back on track."

The Colts routed Baltimore 44-20 to secure a playoff berth for the sixth consecutive year. The Seahawks beat Arizona 42-21 for the NFC West crown. The Packers' 38-7 victory over Oakland secured the NFC North title.

Miami remained winless by falling to Buffalo 38-17.

The weekend began with Washington beating Chicago 24-16 on Thursday night.

On Monday night, it's New Orleans at Atlanta.

Patriots 34, Steelers 13

The Patriots had a short week to prepare for the Steelers (9-4) after beating the Ravens on Monday night on a touchdown with 44 seconds left. Didn't matter.

New England was sparked by Smith's guarantee.

"We've played against a lot better safeties than him," coach Bill Belichick noted.

Brady is four scoring passes shy of Peyton Manning's record of 49 set in 2004. Moss caught touchdown passes of 4 and 63 yards in a span of 1:59 midway through the first half and has 19 to move into second place for a season. Jerry Rice's record of 22 is in sight.

The visiting Steelers would have clinched a playoff berth with a victory, but still lead the AFC North.

Colts 44, Ravens 20

At Baltimore, the Colts (11-2) strolled back into the playoffs for the sixth straight year. Peyton Manning threw four touchdown passes, including the 300th of his career.

Baltimore (4-9) has lost a franchise-record seven straight. Coming off an inspired effort in a 27-24 loss to the unbeaten Patriots, the Ravens committed five turnovers, had a punt blocked and managed only 57 yards of offense through the first 30 minutes.

In the playoffs last January, Indianapolis failed to score a touchdown in a 15-6 victory that eliminated the Ravens. In the rematch, the Colts scored three TDs in the first quarter and two more in the second.

Seahawks 42, Cardinals 21

At Seattle, Matt Hasselbeck threw four touchdown passes, his most this season, and the Seahawks (9-4) clinched their fourth consecutive NFC West title. Seattle led 24-0 midway through the second quarter and cruised to its fifth consecutive victory, its longest streak since a team-record 11 two seasons ago that helped the Seahawks reach their only Super Bowl.

Hasselbeck completed 22 of 33 throws for 272 yards and no interceptions; he's completing 63 percent and has 11 touchdowns with just three interceptions during this winning streak.

Arizona (6-7) got a career-high five interceptions that rattled Kurt Warner, who also was sacked five times. Patrick Kerney had his third three-sack day in four games. He leads the NFL with 13 sacks.

Packers 38, Raiders 7

At Green Bay, the Packers (11-2) assured an end to their two-year absence from the postseason with three games left. Will Blackmon, a backup cornerback who has missed most of the season because of a broken foot, returned a punt 57 yards for a touchdown and recovered a muffed punt by Raiders returner Tim Dwight in the end zone.

Ryan Grant, acquired in a trade with the Giants just before the season, rushed for a career-high 156 yards and a touchdown, his fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season.

Brett Favre extended his quarterback-record consecutive starts streak to 250 regular-season games despite leaving last week's loss at Dallas because of a sore left shoulder and right elbow. Favre threw for 266 yards with two touchdowns and an interception against Oakland (4-9). His biggest play went to Greg Jennings for an 80-yard touchdown.

Bills 38, Dolphins 17

Rookie Trent Edwards' four touchdown passes, two each to Lee Evans and Robert Royal, led host Buffalo (7-6) over the

woeful Dolphins.

Miami (0-13) is off to the third-worst start to a season in NFL history, joining Oakland (1962) and Indianapolis (1986). And the Dolphins, who host Baltimore next weekend, are one loss short of matching the 0-14 record set by Tampa Bay, as an expansion team in 1976, and New Orleans in 1980.

Miami has lost 16 straight dating to last season, matching the eighth-longest streak in NFL history.

"They're all frustrating. And they all weigh on you more and more," Dolphins defensive end Jason Taylor said. "You lost another game. You wish it was the other way around."

The Bills' running attack produced two 100-yard rushers for the first time since 1996, with Fred Jackson going for 115 and Marshawn Lynch adding 107.

Buffalo's defense did its part, racking up a season-high five sacks and forcing four turnovers, including safety George Wilson returning rookie quarterback John Beck's fumble 20 yards for a score.

Chargers 23, Titans 17, OT

LaDainian Tomlinson scored on a 16-yard run in overtime after the Chargers rallied from a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter for their third straight victory and seventh in nine games.

Tennessee (7-6) had a chance to run out the clock in a game the Titans desperately needed to stay close to Cleveland and Jacksonville for the AFC's two wild-card berths. But they gave the ball back to San Diego (8-5) with 2:24 left in regulation and went three-and-out in overtime.

The loss wasted a strong performance by the Tennessee defense, which had five sacks and three interceptions. But Philip Rivers started the rally with a 7-yard TD pass to Tomlinson with 7:29 left. Then Rivers moved the Chargers 80 yards in 2:15, throwing down the middle on fourth-and-5 to Chris Chambers for 20 yards. He hit Antonio Gates for a 2-yard score with 9 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter to force OT.

HOOPTOWN

Continued from Page 1B

Stanton pushed the lead to five just 20 seconds later as Garrett Fulton, the older brother of Tyler, hit a short jumper from the left of the lane.

Trailing 34-27, the fourth and final period belonged to the

Hawks.

The visitors scored the first nine points of the stanza, reclaiming the lead 36-34. Stanton kept the score tight, but could never regain the advantage.

Dodds was the leading scorer of the game, hitting for 19 points while Usry added another 16 for the Hawks.

Garrett Fulton paced the

Bufs' attack ripping off 14 points while Tyler Fulton and Erives both scored eight. Pinkerton also had six in the Stanton loss.

Coahoma 50, Grape Creek 46

The Coahoma Bulldogs played in the fifth-place game against the Grape Creek Eagles.

After a back and forth battle,

it was the Bulldogs walking away with the hard earned 50-46 win.

After Grape Creek claimed a 25-22 lead at halftime, thanks in large part to a Landon McCall three-point heave as time expired, the Bulldogs limited the Eagles to only four points in the third period, allowing Coahoma to enter the final stanza with a 36-29 lead.

Grape Creek attempted to rally in the fourth, but it was too little too late as Coahoma was able to stave off the Eagles.

Colter Morgan paced the Bulldogs with 23 points while Cody Sheppard joined him in double figures with 11. Jovi Paniagua added another five for Coahoma.

HOWARD

Continued from Page 1B

McDonald and DeAndrea Thomas each had six.

Howard Head Coach Earl Diddle was pleased with the Hawks first half as Howard heads into the break with a 12-3 record.

"I was really pleased with the way we performed over the course of the first half of the season," Diddle stated. "We were very consistent."

According to Diddle, consistency isn't a given in junior college basketball.

"I thought we grew stronger as a team as the season progressed," Diddle said. "That's sometimes a hard thing to do

with such a mix of freshmen and sophomores, especially the first time freshmen that have to adjust to the college game."

Howard is off to its best start in Diddle's four years, only falling to then No. 18 Northeastern Oklahoma, 52-45; preseason No. 3 Midland College 64-60; and Jacksonville College 66-64 in overtime.

With the Western Junior College Conference beginning play early this season, Howard has rebounded from their opening night loss to Midland to defeat defending national champion Odessa College, 97-55, and Frank Phillips College 55-51, for a 2-1 start.

The Hawks are tied for second place in the conference with Midland, trailing South Plains College who beat Midland, 66-64, to stake a 3-0 conference record and a 1-game lead over both Midland and Howard.

Diddle said he is looking forward to the second

half of the season and the potential of the Hawks. Howard returns to play on Jan. 2 vs. Eastern Arizona College at Thatcher, Ariz., and then play three more contests in Arizona before resuming WJACAC play.

In Saturday's other contest, Jacksonville defeated

New Mexico Junior College, 64-47, as Shene Gaskin and Evonne Jefferson scored 14 and 11 points, respectively, to

lead Jacksonville to its second win in as many days. New Mexico JC went 1-1 after defeating Cisco Friday 75-56.

Atwood Hats WIDE VARIETY Howard County Feed & Supply 701 E. 2nd 267-6411

QUICK CASH REBATES The Quick Way to Payday We'll cash your personal check in minutes, deposit it on your next payday, up to 14 days, give you the money you need, the long distance you want and the discount you deserve!

su | do | ku © Puzzles by Pappocom Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

Contract Bridge Famous Hand By Steve Becker Jason Feldman, along with Joe Grue, John Kranyak, Justin Lall and Ari Greenberg, who were members of last year's winning squad. In today's deal, from the round-robin match between the U.S. and France, the French pair of Thomas Bessis and Julian Gaviard reached six notrump as shown. As can be seen, 12 tricks can be made easily by taking a diamond finesse, giving declarer five diamonds, four clubs, two hearts and a spade. But an effective falsecard by Lall, East, steered declarer away from the winning path. Bessis won Greenberg's king of spades with the ace and cashed three rounds of clubs, learning that West had started with only one club. Bessis then cashed the king of diamonds, on which Lall dropped the ten! Assuming the ten was a doubleton or a singleton, it seemed to declarer that even if he played a diamond to the jack and it won, he would have only three diamond tricks. This meant he would need four tricks from the heart suit, so he next led a diamond to the ace, catering to the possibility that East had started with the Q-10 doubleton. When the queen did not appear, he took the heart finesse and finished down two, -200. At the other table, Grue and Kranyak stopped in four hearts, making just four for plus 620, to give the U.S., Poland, Italy and Team Europe — qualified for the 64-board semifinal, followed by a 96-board final. The winning U.S. squad was comprised of newcomers Joshua Donn and

ST. ANDREW'S DAY SERVICE



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Bag piper Richard Keen, left, drummer Randy Wothke, and bag piper E.J. Jones, members of the internationally-known group The Rogues, march out of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church's church ending the annual St. Andrew's Day evening prayer service. The parish's annual service and Scottish music festival drew about 250 people Sunday night who braved the cold, rainy weather. Local and regional musicians also lending their talents to the service were the choirs of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas Episcopal Church of Midland; organist Darryl Knapp; singers Joyce Bradley, Joseph and Susan Dawes; conductor Dr. Keith Grauman; St. Mary's choir master Linda Hill; brass members Samuel Haul, Ruben Chance, Rocky Harris and Ryan Harris; and flute and violinist Gloria Steelman.

COUNCIL

Continued from Page 1A

McEwen to enter into negotiations with Howard County regarding operation of the Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

Informal discussions between city and county officials have been ongoing for the past several weeks on the subject. The county, facing a \$1 million shortfall in its budget, would benefit from the city taking a more

predominant role in the center's operation, County Judge Mark Barr said in November.

McEwen has expressed support for the action. "Our structure in municipal government lends itself to these types (of operations) because we have professionals with management structure that can do this," he said recently.

In other business Tuesday, the council will consider:

- First reading of an ordinance approving a

settlement agreement with Atmos Energy West Texas Division.

- Emergency readings of resolutions authorizing the sale of property at 1200 Utah to Howard County; and authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with AT&T for long distance services.

- Equipment and vehicle bids.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Shuttle launch off until January

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA on Sunday delayed the launch of space shuttle Atlantis until January after a gauge in the fuel tank failed for the second time in four days.

With only a few days remaining in the launch window for the shuttle's mission to the international space station, senior managers decided to stand down until next month in hopes of better understanding the perplexing and persistent fuel gauge problem.

"We're determined to get to the bottom of this," said LeRoy Cain, chairman of the mission management team.

Whether Atlantis can fly as early as Jan. 2 "is all going to depend on what we find out," he said.

The trouble with the fuel gauge resurfaced just before sunrise Sunday, about an hour after the launch team began filling Atlantis' big external tank for an afternoon liftoff.

Shuttle managers had said they would halt the countdown and call everything off if any of the four hydrogen fuel gauges acted up. Three failed during Thursday's launch attempt; no one knows why.

Launch director Doug Lyons said Sunday's failure was similar to what happened before, except only one gauge malfunctioned this time.

"We would rather have launched today, obviously," Cain said. "This was going to be in the very

least a good tanking test for us, and that's what it's turned out to be."

NASA quickly established an engineering team to come up with ideas on how to pinpoint and fix the problem, which has bedeviled NASA or the past two years. The engineers will report back to Cain on Tuesday. Most inspections and repairs could be carried out at the launch pad. If the shuttle has to be returned to its hangar for more invasive work, there will be no hope of launching in early January, Cain said.

NASA had until Thursday to launch Atlantis with the European Space Agency's space station laboratory, Columbus.

CINEMARK
The Best Seat In Town

CINEMA 4

1801 East FM 700 (432) 263-2232

ADULT MATINEE BEFORE 6PM-\$4.00 / ADULT \$6.00 / CHILD / \$4.00

- AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 7:00 PM
- BE MOVIE (PG) 5:00 PM
- BEOWULF (PG-13) 7:30 PM
- ENCHANTED (PG) 4:50 PM 7:20 PM
- FRED CLAUZ (PG) 4:30 PM
- THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13) 4:40 PM 7:10

VALID 12/10/07 THRU 12/13/07
ADVANCE TICKET SALES • NO PASSES • NO SUPERSAVERS
Showtimes available at cinemark.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Ted O. Groebl, III, 42, died Thursday. Memorial Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Coahoma Church of Christ.

WY AUCTIONS
and Services Unlimited

1009 W Industrial Midland
432-683-2262
or
432-349-6890

Reliable Life
Insurance Company seeking representative for Big Spring area. GED or High School Diploma
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
WE WILL TRAIN
Many company benefits
Base pay + Commission

CALL FOR INTERVIEW or apply at Workforce in Big Spring, Texas

ENGLISH
325-450-7193
ESPAÑOL
806-781-3212

Holiday Gifts Galore!

Susie's **West Texas' Favorite Candy & Gift Store**

SOUTH S/40 FORTY Confections

Specializing In Quality Corporate Gifts
Reflecting Your Company's Image

Special Occasions * Party Favors

Midland Delivery * Nationwide ShippingG

Plaza Oaks Shopping Center - Wadley at Garfield - Midland
570-4040 Open Mon-Sat. 10.5-3.0
shop online: www.susiesouthforty.com

Christmas Decorating Contest

Enter Your Home or Business

Categories: (Circle the appropriate category)

RESIDENTIAL:

- A. Religious
- B. Lights Only
- C. Original Homemade
- D. Other

COMMERCIAL:

- A. Show Windows
- B. Lights Only
- D. Other

NON-JUDGED ENTRY:

- A. Residential
- B. Commercial

**JUDGING will be Monday, December 17
Starting at 6:00 pm**

Winners will receive media recognition.

ALL entries will be listed as places to go and lights to see.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

Entries must be returned to the
Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1391 or 215 W. 3rd
By December 14, 2007, 5:00 pm

Sponsored by:
Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce
Big Spring Herald KBST/KBTS

Big Spring Pack & Ship

Your Wrapping, Packing, and Shipping Solution

Don't Let Your Holiday Gifts Arrive Late.

Bring This AD in for
5% off

UPS Ground Shipping !!!

Now Open

Mon-Fri. 8:30Am To 6:00Pm Sat. 9:00Am To 3:00Pm

808 Gregg St
(432) 599-8018

* Gift Wrapping

- * Pick Up Service
- * Printing Services
- * .08 Copies
- * Color Copying
- * Photo and Doc. Scanning
- * Office Supplies
- * Stationery
- * One Hour Business Cards

- * Faxing/ Send and Receiving
- * World Wide Tracking
- * Gift Baskets
- * Web Design
- * Graphic Designing
- * Logos
- * Advertising Design
- * Marketing Supplies

Free Shipping Supplies ! !
bigspringpackandship.com



CLASSIFIEDS

710 Scurry

263-7331

www.bigspringherald.com

Cemetery Lots

SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$ on monuments/markers. We deliver to all cemeteries. Little Red Barn across from Mt. Olive Cemetery. Mt Olive Monuments. 432-264-7722.

SPECIAL SALE. Two grave spaces for the price of one. Pay-out plan available. \$50.00 Down. The Little Red Barn across from Mt. Olive Cemetery. 432-264-7722.

Educational

AMAZING OPPORTUNITY! Train for a new career in Medical Assisting, Medical Office Specializing, or Computer Business Systems! Call now for more information! **800-497-1557**
Southeastern Career Institute
Westwood Village Shopping Center
4320 West Illinois, Suite A
Midland, TX 79703

Help Wanted

NURSERY WORKER needed. Call 432-267-7971, 267-7214.
Maintenance/ Electronics/ Electrician Positions
The Colorado River Municipal Water District has openings for Maintenance Workers in Big Spring. A CDL license and mechanical experience are helpful. CRMWD has an opening for an Electronics Technician and also an Electrician. Electronic and/or Electrical experience required.
District benefits include paid vacation and holidays, sick leave, retirement plan, and group insurance. EOE
Applications are required to be considered for employment and are available at the District's office, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas or by calling 432-267-6341.

Help Wanted

Ameri-Tech Building Systems

DRUG FREE WORK PLACE
Immediate openings!!!

Office Coordinator & Sales
Seeking a mature, responsible individual! Candidate must be highly motivated to work at fast paced growing manufacturing business.

Must have ability to communicate well with others and excellent phone skills, well organized with the ability of working independently.

If you're willing to learn, we are willing to train you.

Excellent pay with commission and a full range of benefits.
Fax resume to:
Jamie White
936-598-6359

DAY'S INN needs House-keeping. Apply at Front Office @ 2701 South Gregg Street.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST/ Assistant needed. Experience preferred. Drop off resume at 1708 E. FM 700.

PIZZA INN
NOW HIRING COOKS AND DRIVERS FOR EVENING SHIFTS. ALSO ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY LEVEL MANAGEMENT POSITION. APPLY IN PERSON AT 1702 GREGG. NO PHONE CALLS.

Help Wanted

DUNCAN DISPOSAL - Now hiring a driver for the Coahoma area. Need at least a Class B CDL. Experience Preferred for a driver's position. Please come by the Duncan Disposal office at 8220 West Hwy 80, Midland, TX- just east of the airport to apply in person. Must be able to pass mandatory DOT and corporate drug testing requirements. No phone calls please. The job includes 40+ hours weekly Mon- Fri., with some Sat. mornings. An hourly rate with benefits package is available. Equal Opportunity Employer.

FARM HAND Wanted! Experience only apply. Call after 7:00 p.m. (432)684-5418.

FURNITURE MOVERS and Forman with DL needed. Part-time to Full-time. Call for interview 432-263-2225 or 263-3123.

Gill's Fried Chicken looking for Management positions and Cooks. Experience a plus. Competitive wages. Benefits package includes health, vision & dental. Apply in person, 2100 S. Gregg. No phone calls.

Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home
We recognize that our employees are our greatest asset, providing flexible schedules and one of the most attractive benefits packet:
Currently hiring the following positions:

Licensed Vocational Nurses Certified Nurses Aides (Full-time or Part-time)
Salary Based On Experience
Part Time Receptionist
5:00- 8:00 p.m.
Monday- Friday
9:00- 3:00 p.m. **Weekends**
Part Time Volunteer Coordinator
1809 N. Hwy. 87
Big Spring, Tx 79720
(432)268-8387
(432)268-1987 Fax
"Equal Opportunity Employer"

Help Wanted

GREATER OPPORTUNITIES OF THE PERMIAN BASIN INC.: Project Head Start has the following position available:
Teacher Aide: Must be 18 years of age and have a High School Diploma or GED. Must be able to attend training and participate in child development classes and occasionally attend out-of-town training.
Teacher: Must have a degree AA or BA in Early Childhood Education, Child Development or related field or a CDA Credential.
All applicants must: Be 18 or older.
Pass a pre-employment drug screen.
Post-employment Criminal History check must be clear of felony convictions to continue employment with the agency.
Agency offers OJT, benefit package for all full and part-time employees. Applicants may apply at Lakeview Head Start 1107 NW 7th St. Big Spring, Tx. Positions will be opened until filled. Applications available on line www.gopb.org. All interviews will be held at the Administration Office at 206 W. 5th in Odessa, Tx..

HANDYMAN NEEDED for full-time or part-time work. Apply at any First Bank of West Texas Locations.

HOUSEKEEPING NEEDED. Competitive pay and paid holidays & vacation. Pick up application at Holiday Inn Express, 1109 N. Aylesford Street.

JANITORIAL/ GROUNDS help needed. Howard/ Mitchell Rest Areas. Multiple shifts available. Call (903)757-7244 between 9-4, Monday-Friday to arrange an interview.

MIDWEST FINANCE CORP now hiring assistant manager/collector. Benefit package. Pay DOE. Apply in person, 600 S. Gregg. No Phone Calls!

Help Wanted

NEED A job today? Come be a delivery driver for Domino's Pizza. We pay competitive hourly wages & put cash in your pocket daily! Working for the other guys? Bring your experience over to Domino's Pizza and get paid top dollar. Part time and full time positions available. Need day hours? Need night hours? We have all shifts available. We work with ALL types of schedules. **Apply now and get hired on the spot (some restrictions apply).**
2111 Greg Street
EOE, Drug Free environment

NEEDED LVN or RN 8-5 M-F Chg./tx Nurse \$18.50 + DOE/ \$25.00 DOE. 10-6 Chg. Nurse-M-F starts @ \$20.00 + DOE. Could be more. Call Tammy at Mountain View Lodge 432-263-1271.

NEIGHBORS CONVENIENCE Store now hiring cooks, cashiers, stockers. All Shifts. Apply at 3315 E. FM 700.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY
Big Spring Area Routes
Midland Reporter-Telegram
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has delivery positions available in the Big Spring Area for both Home Delivery and Retail Outlet distribution. Earn \$1000 per month. Good organization for customer tracking, a reliable vehicle and a dependable commitment to early morning deliveries ranging from 2:00am-6:00 am.
If interested please call Mark Groves 432-687-9002

NOW HIRING for entry level maintenance and field positions at natural gas processing plant NW of Big Spring, TX. Send resume to 11703 E. FM 846 Coahoma, TX 79511 or email mwcol@crcom.net or fax to 432-399-4290.

NOW SEEKING Part time LVN position for Martin County Home Health. If interested please contact Allison Williams, RN @ (432)756-3259 or fax resume to (432)756-4510.

PARKVIEW NURSING & Rehabilitation
Now Hiring for Certified Nurse Aides.
We have the following shifts open:
* 6am-2pm shift
* 10pm-6am shift
Please apply in person at 3200 Parkway Rd.

POST OFFICE NOW HIRING Avg. Pay \$20/hour or \$57K annually including Federal Benefits and OT. Paid training, vacations. PT/FT. 1-866-795-4058 USWA.

Help Wanted

PROMINENT LODGE N. of Sterling City looking for hard-working, energetic, pleasant, individual to host, cook, clean for guest. GOOD PAY and TIPS. Will Train. Jan.-Feb. Call Monica 325-280-3675.

THE CITY of Big Spring is hiring for the following positions....
Police Officers Cert. & Non Communications Officer
Assistant Finance Director
Wastewater Plant Operator
Utility Service Worker
Heavy Equipment Operator - Landfill
Heavy Equipment Operator - Sanitation

Human Resource Technician
EXCELLENT BENEFITS including 100% paid Employee Health Ins. FULL Retirement after only 20 years of service!
Call (432)264-2346 or go to www.ci.big-spring.tx.us
EOE/Smoke & Drug Free Workplace

VACUUM TRUCK DRIVER
Safe driving record, Class A CDL w/Tanker/Hazmat endorsement. Drug and alcohol testing. Health/Life insurance, retirement, paid vacation. Apply at Midwestern Vacuum Truck Co, 1146 North College Ave, Snyder, TX. (325)573-6385.

WHITTEN INN now hiring the following positions: **Housekeepers, Maintenance, Desk Clerks.** Apply in person, on I-20 next to TA Truck Stop.

Items for Sale

FIREWOOD. PREMIUM OAK FIREWOOD. Satisfaction Guaranteed. \$285.00 Full Cord & \$175.00 Half Cord. Delivered and Stacked. Call 325-648-2818 or 512-913-8297.

Miscellaneous

BRAND NEW double size mattress set \$100, TWIN \$90, Both new, 806-549-3110.

CHERRY 4 POSTER Victorian bedrm set, bed, dress/mirror, nitest, still boxed, Worth \$2795, sell \$990.....
SOLID WOOD pub table and 4 chairs. U assemble \$ I'll sell for \$395. 806-549-3110.

CHOCOLATE BROWN 100% leather sofa & love. NEW, List \$2049. Sell \$785.....
AIR NUMBER bed, dual control, pick your number, NEW \$899. 806-549-3110.

FURNITURE- WHITE, French Provincial full-size canopy bed including boxsprings/mattress, triple dresser, desk by DIXIE. Maple full-size bed including boxsprings/mattress, double dresser, night stand. Call (432)267-7732 or 213-4618.

Train to be a tax pro.

H&R Block, the leader in tax services for fifty years, is looking to hire and train individuals who want excellent pay, flexible hours. You'll learn by working on actual cases, hands-on, to become a tax professional able to complete even the most complex Federal returns.
Don't miss this great opportunity.

To apply, call 432-263-1931

H&R BLOCK 1512 S. Gregg
Big Spring, Texas 79720

Available only in select areas


ACCOLADE Home Care

We are currently seeking an RN field and HCA field in the Big Spring area. It is an honor to care for our employees & to serve our patients. We offer competitive salaries, benefit pkgs, supportive work environment, tuition asst and online CE courses. Opportunities for advancement are offered to all who work hard with a great attitude. Happiness & joy are cornerstones of our workplace.

Please call our office at:
432-264-1164 Email: GolleherV@Fms-Regional.com

The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.
One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.
Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



BIG SPRING HERALD

Advertise to keep the spider away from your door.
Call today
(432) 263-7331

We Can Save You Money By Advertising Your Business In Our Professional Service Directory!
Call **263-7331** for more information.

EDITORIAL

"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."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

Ron Midkiff
Publisher

John A. Moseley
Managing Editor

Bill McClellan
News Editor

OUR VIEWS

Best place to get gifts is right here

There's not any doubt about it, the holiday season is in full swing. Everywhere you look around Big Spring, Christmas decorations are up. It's a Crossroads Christmas, and, as we've often noted, there is none better.

Stores seem to be getting a little busier. That's not really a surprise because, as usual, with just 13 shopping days remaining before Christmas, most of us haven't finished all of our holiday gift shopping.

And that's why we want to take this opportunity to again remind our readers that we've found there's no better place to shop for Christmas gifts than right here in Big Spring.

Yes, we know we've said this before. And you can expect us to keep saying it — it's important to shop at home.

If you haven't been looking around, you probably don't realize just how many shops there are in Big Spring. From the downtown area to Scurry and Main streets with all of their interesting boutiques, to Big Spring Mall and all along Gregg Street and FM 700, there are a wide variety of gifts available.

From the latest item to hit the stores to antiques and hand-crafted items, you'll find just about everything you need right here at home.

As we have also noted before, when it comes right down to it, shoppers are limited only by their imagination.

With our Festival of Lights, the performance of "A Symphonic Christmas" and so much more on tap in the next few days, we encourage you to take advantage of everything the Crossroads has to offer — not just for entertainment, but for shopping, as well.

Make this a completely Crossroads Christmas if at all possible.

We believe you'll find a lot of satisfaction in the long run.

What's more, we'll all be the better for it.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

- In person at 710 Scurry St.
- By telephone at 263-7331
- By fax at 264-7205
- By e-mail Managing Editor John A. Moseley at editor@bigspringherald.com or News Editor Bill McClellan at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com.
- By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721

LETTER POLICIES

- The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.
- Limit your letters to no more than 300 words.
- Sign your letter.
- Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as a street address for verification purposes.
- We reserve the right to edit for style and clarity.
- We reserve the right to limit publication to one letter per 30-day period per author.
- Letters that are unsigned or do not include a telephone number or address will not be considered.
- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. They can also be e-mailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we spend some special time with You, Lord.

Amen

Religion doesn't disqualify a president

As experienced readers of this space (both of you) know, I am not a fan of the Republican Presidential candidates.

I like the Libertarian, Ron Paul, but he'd drive me crazy as President. I admire John McCain but he's in love with the war. It goes down from there — to Rudy Giuliani, who is Dick Cheney without the charm.

But I don't understand why some people, and more than a few, think Mitt Romney is unqualified because he is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A Mormon.

There seems to be this feeling that Mormonism is more cult than religion and a kooky cult at that. To that I say, let's put it to the test:

Do Mormons drink sacramental wine and pretend they're drinking the blood of their founder? No, Mormons don't drink at all, actually.

Do Mormons, as a matter of ritual, hire a non-medical person to mutilate their baby sons' penises when they're eight days old? I don't believe so.

Do Mormons rush into crowded buildings and blow themselves up in expectation that God will reward them with eternal life in a heaven equipped with 32 virgins per martyr?

Never heard of it happening. All of those things happen in

other religions.

What about polygamy? Well, what about it? The Mormon Church withdrew its sanction of polygamy in 1890 — 117 years ago. If you're expecting Mitt Romney to take two or three more wives any time soon you're going to be sadly disappointed. Actually, of the four major Republican candidates, he's the only one who's had only one wife.

My point is this: Looked at from the outside, all religions seem more than passing strange and, at their extremes, downright crazy. That is because they are not rational; they are systems of belief. Attempts to justify religious beliefs rationally are always a little absurd (see "scientific creationism").

Belief and the feeling of well-being it engenders need no further justification.

I'm fine with that. It's a free country; believe what you want (except for the bombing, of course).

I'm sure Mormons practice things that seem odd to the rest of us. So what? Looked at objectively, from a distance, they are an admirable people — clean-living, industrious, generous and civic-minded.

If you don't want to vote for Mitt Romney, I can think of a number of very good reasons not to do so. Being a Mormon isn't one of them.

I suppose you now imagine that I think the Democratic candidates are the cat's pajamas, a bunch of would-be philosopher-kings vying to lead us out of the wilderness.

Not even close. I think they tend to be professional politicians who

have spent their political lives walking around with a tin cup, begging money from rich contributors. They have sold out so many times to so many people that they can hardly remember who owns them anymore. They just know it's not the American people.

Not that I blame them. That's our system. If you don't do it you don't get to be a serious candidate for President. You get to be Dennis Kucinich.

Still, there's something about each of the Democrats that I can like. It's an extremely intelligent, articulate group, for the most part very knowledgeable about the problems that beset this country.

What's missing, I think, is a sense of boldness in addressing those problems, a message that some solutions require sacrifice, not merely by the very rich but by all of us.

I'd like a candidate to tell Iowa that corn-based ethanol is a fraud and that the state is setting itself up for disaster by depending on it for so much of its economic prosperity.

I'd like him or her to tell the American voter that the problem with gasoline isn't that it's too expensive, but that it's too cheap.

It's not enough to talk truth to power; you have to talk it to voters too.

I'm not holding my breath.

Don Kaul is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington correspondent who, by his own account, is right more than he's wrong. E-mail him at dkaul1@verizon.net.

DISTRIBUTED BY
MINUTEMANMEDIA.ORG.



DONALD KAUL



ADDRESSES

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
• **GEORGE W. BUSH**
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

• **KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**
U.S. Senator
703 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4305
Phone: 202-224-5922

• **JOHN CORNYN**
U.S. Senator
517 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4305
Phone: 202-224-2934

• **RANDY NEUGEBAUER**
U.S. Representative
19th Cong. District
1510 Scurry
Big Spring
Phone: (432) 264-0722

Unfriendly fire: Cluster bombs keep killing

Jesus Suarez del Solar died instantly. The Lance Corporal was an early casualty of the U.S. war in Iraq. But he was not killed by enemy fire.

The 20-year-old stepped on our own unexploded ordnance on March 27, 2003. It is likely that the bomblet that killed Jesus was just one of thousands that the United States scattered in the early days of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Air Force dropped cluster bombs where he was patrolling just days before, and these deadly weapons leave behind tens or hundreds of thousands of unexploded bomblets which can be detonated days or even years later.

During 2003, the U.S. dropped or fired nearly 11,000 cluster bombs. These may have accounted for well over 200,000 individual bomblets.

Although varied in size and configuration, a cluster munition is essentially a large canister-as long as 13 feet and weighing up to 1,000 pounds-packed with little explosives. Designed to break open in mid-air, its bomblets disperse over areas as large as two or three football fields. The bomblets-a single canister holds hundreds-range in size from the equivalent of a soda can down to a flashlight battery, and each is filled with shrapnel and an explosive charge.

Cluster bombs are intended to explode on impact. But, according to independent and military analy-

ses, failure rates range from 5 to 15 percent. In the field, the rate can climb as high as 40 percent when the submunition is buffeted by wind or rain, falls on uneven or soft terrain or encounters other environmental factors. This means that every cluster bomb attack leaves large numbers of dangerous unexploded bomblets.

A 2006 Handicap International report estimated that nearly 3,000 Iraqis have been victims of cluster bombs since 2003. The report goes on to fault U.S. and Iraqi officials for failing to adequately track unexploded ordnance casualties.

Even without that tracking, one thing is clear — the number of cluster bomb-related deaths will continue to rise. The United States' use of them in Iraq exposes civilians to decades of danger.

A closer look at Cambodia-where the U.S. dropped cluster bombs extensively between 1969 and 1973 — forecasts a grim future. That war is long over, but the weapons still kill.

In 2005, three Cambodian boys were playing with steel balls. The balls were 30-year-old BLU-63s, some of tens of thousands dropped on their country long before they were born.

The bomblets exploded. One boy died of massive abdominal injuries, and the two other boys were seriously injured.

Handicap International asserts that over the last 40 years, in former warzones throughout the world, civilians have accounted for 98% of cluster bomb casualties.

But, civilians are not the only ones in danger. Like Jesus, U.S. service men and women are

threatened.

A USA Today report estimated at the end of 2003 that at least eight U.S. soldiers had been killed by unexploded bomblets. But, the Pentagon does not track cluster bomb casualties among U.S. soldiers, making it almost impossible to update or confirm these figures.

As one of the world's top manufacturers of cluster weapons, the United States should be leading the efforts to protect its own soldiers and civilians from these deadly little weapons. Eighty-two countries are now working together on an international agreement to ban cluster munitions, and the United States should be at the table.

The Bush Administration has so far refused to join the negotiations; but, there is some good news. The Senate passed a one-year de facto moratorium on the export of cluster bombs in September. This crucial first step must be followed with more concrete action-like the Cluster Munitions Civilian Protection Act which is now gathering co-sponsors.

Passage of this bill would be a fitting tribute to Lance Cpl. Jesus Suarez del Solar and other service men and women killed by our own bombs, and would help ensure that forty years from now children can safely play where war once raged.

Frida Berrigan is a senior program associate at the New America Foundation's Arms and Security Project.

DISTRIBUTED BY
MINUTEMANMEDIA.ORG.



FRIDA BERRIGAN

BUSINESSES & SERVICES

\$54.60 Per Month
Call 263-7331 to place your ad today!!



AC & HEATING JOHNSON AC, HEATING & SHEET METAL • Servicing all heaters central & wall • Duct work - all sheet metal work • Registers & Grills We Carry All Heating Parts & Filters, Belts 1408 E. 4th 263-2980	HEATING & AC Crossroads Refrigeration Air Conditioning, Heating & Ice Machines We service all makes and models! Cell: (432) 270-0501 24 Hour Service TACLA26711C	AIR CONDITIONING WARREN REFRIGERATION AIR-HEAT-ICE NEW CUSTOMER SPECIAL 10% Off Labor (Limited Time) Loran Warren NATE Certified Service Technician Licensed and Insured TACLA26537C CALL (432) 263-5144	AUTO CARE G & M Auto Care Locally Owned & Operated Service 1972 263-1091 George & Mary 900 E. 3rd St. Big Spring	AUTO PARTS A Modern Auto Dismantler WESTEX Since 1947 • 14 Acres of dismantled vehicles • 20,000 sq ft. of Warehouse storage • Specialize in late model quality auto parts • Foreign and domestic parts for cars, trucks, mini-vans, 4x4 and sports utility vehicles Hrs. 8 a.m.-5:30 Wk/day 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Sat. 1511 Hwy 350 • (432) 263-5000	BED LINERS C & D Truck Accessories 2706 N. HWY 87 432-263-3600 Rhino Linings THE SPRAYED-ON LINER®
CATERING Tee's Catering <i>A Taste of Elegance</i> Big Spring's only Catering Company • Menu Design • Now Booking Your Holiday Events • Corporate Events To 750 Call Theresa Andrews at 432-264-0579 Call 432-599-1689	CONCRETE J. T. Builders Remodeling • Drywall Ceramic Tile • Electrical Plumbing • Roofing Brick & Concrete Work Driveways • Sidewalks Fireplaces • Stucco Swimming Pool Decks JOHNNY TALAMANTEZ (432) 213-0882 Cell (432) 935-6310 Res.	CONCRETE All Types Concrete Work Block & Brick Repair Trenching & Tractor Service & Landscaping Campbell Concrete Contractors Call-Tommy Campbell Concrete Contractor (432) 466-0623 2006 Runnels (432) 935-3644 Big Spring, TX 79720	YOUR AD PUT YOUR AD HERE CALL 263-7331 Herald Classifieds HERALD	CONCRETE MARQUEZ FENCE CO. All types of fences, tile fence & repairs. Concrete work, carports, stucco work All work guaranteed. Free Estimates Benny Marquez-Owner 267-5714	CONCRETE STUCCO DRIVEWAYS SIDEWALKS BLOCK FENCES Chico and Sons Concrete (432) 466-0573 (432) 816-6561 621 Sgt. Paredez Fred Rubio Big Spring, TX 79720
CONCRETE All types of residential, concrete & stucco work. Repair & block work. For a free estimate Call David 432-935-2002	ENTERTAINMENT "The Place" Mix Beverages Open 7 Days A Week 6:00 pm- 2:00 am Tue-Texas Hold'em Poker "Free" Thur - Karaoke Fri. & Sat. - D.J. Come Join us for fun, dancing, singing, poker, pool. 1800 N. Birdwell 432-267-9232	FENCES Quality Fence Co. Jimmy Marquez-Owner <i>Finest In Fencing</i> Wood & Chainlink Free Estimates 432-267-3349	FENCES CHAINLINK METAL • CEDAR DOG KENNELS ORNAMENTAL IRON B & M Fence Co. COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL GET OUR PRICE & COMPARE FREE ESTIMATES ROBERT MARQUEZ 263-1613 • 1-800-525-1389 1006 Lamesa Hwy. • Big Spring	HOME IMPROVEMENT J & J's Handyman Service (FREE ESTIMATES) Want Christmas Lights Up? YOU GOT IT! Tile, Remodeling, Painting, Carpentry, Drywall, Garage Doors, and Home Repairs Jay Flores Sr. (Owner) 264-6412 (Home) 816-2437 (Cell)	YOUR AD PUT YOUR AD HERE CALL 263-7331 Herald Classifieds HERALD
HOME IMPROVEMENT RS HOME REPAIR Custom Wood Decks, Remodel, Carpenter, Painting, Plumbing, Minor Electrical FREE ESTIMATES Garage door repair, Appliances installed 816-3030	HOME IMPROVEMENT L & R Construction Painting, Dry Wall, Tape & Bedding, Texture, Repairs, Remodeling, Addition, Tile & More. 432-213-5540	HOME IMPROVEMENT EXECUTIVE PAINTING Commercial - Residential Int. / Ext. Faux - Finish, Mural and Stucco Applications. Spray Cabinetry Work. Drywall / Texture Repairs Free Estimates & Color Consultation Gary - 432-816-3903	HOME IMPROVEMENT Gibbs Remodeling New home Construction • Room Additions Dry Wall Hanging & Finishing Ceramic Tile • Installation & Repair All Remodel Needs Of Any Room In Your Home. Call 263-8285	HOME IMPROVEMENT ENTRY DOORS/ GARAGE DOORS/OPENERS Remodeling • Contractor Repaired/Remodeled Refinishing Kitchen & Bath Specialist BOB'S CUSTOM WOODWORK 409 E. 3RD 267-5811	HOUSE LEVELING Safe Co. House Leveling Pier • Beam Slab Foundation 40 Yrs. Experience FREE ESTIMATES 325-728-9394
INTERNET SERVICES Westex Telecom High Speed DSL OR Dial-Up Internet Access Local Customer Service 268-8800	JANITORIAL Breathe-EZ Cleaning Service Lowest Prices, Outstanding Service, Insured! Office, Homes, Restaurants, Make Ready's, Floor Care All Types, Air Ducts, Carpets: (Dry & Extraction), Pressure Washing & Much More! 1-866-843-1837	LANDSCAPING We Dig And Move Trees, Lot Clearing. Call Us For Your Landscaping Needs Decker Farm Supply & Nursery Stanton • 756-3444	YOUR AD PUT YOUR AD HERE CALL 263-7331 Herald Classifieds HERALD	LAWN SERVICE LAWN & MAINTENANCE CARE Fall Clean-up, and tree trimming. FREE ESTIMATES CALL ARRON (325) 644-2017 OR CELL (432) 967-1220	LAWN SERVICE Gary Lee Mowing, Tilling Tree Trimming Trim Hedges Hydromulching Fescue Grass Clean Flower Beds Call 432-264-0299
LAWN SERVICE AAA CUTTING EDGE INC. Est. 1997 Fall Cleanup Mowing, Edging, Weedeating Flower Bed Maintenance Free Estimates 432-816-9639 432-853-1013	LAWN SERVICE FALL CLEANUP HAULING • TILLING TREE TRIMMING • ODD JOBS CALL 267-5460 CELL 816-6150 Scoggin Lawn Service	NAIL SALON Pro Spa Nail Salon  Pedicure: \$21.99 Manicure: \$11.99 Full Set: \$20.00 & up Refill: \$13.99 & up SPECIAL Solar Nails: \$29.00 111 E. Marcy Dr. Ste 110 (432) 263-6245 (Next To Wal-Mart)	OFFICE CLEANING Vera's Janitorial Just in time for the holidays. Evening Office Cleaning Great References Call 432-466-1640 After 5 pm leave message	OIL FIELD LC Sandblasting Inc. Tank cleaning, trailers, pipe, high pressure steamer, painting, coating, fiberglass repair, tank batteries, antique cars, brick, graffiti removal. NO JOB TOO BIG OR SMALL 432-213-3399	PEST CONTROL Southwestern A-1 Pest Control SOUTHWESTERN Since 1954 (432) 263 - 0441 Max F. Moore 2008 Birdwell Lane swa1pc.com New Website mm1@swa1pc.com Check It Out !!
PRODUCTS AVON Great Products at affordable prices! To buy products or for a great career opportunity, Let's Talk! www.youravon.com/annetteholmes Call: Annette Holmes, Ind. Rep. 267-3901	RENTALS VENTURA COMPANY 432-267-2655 Houses • Storages Commercial Buildings For rent/sale Reduced 606 State \$10,000 Reduced 1402 Main - \$18,500 w/\$5,000 Down 1003, 1011 E. 11th	ROOFING "A NAME YOU CAN TRUST" CONTACT: JEFF DENTON 1-806-239-0241 BURR SETTLES (432) 935-9118 TOLL FREE: 1-888-548-1669 - Locally Owned And Operated - Insurance Claims Specialist - Licensed And Bonded For Your Protection - FREE ESTIMATES	ROOFING JOHNNY FLORES ROOFING Shingles, Hot Tar & Gravel. All type of repairs! Work Guaranteed. Specializing in Hot Tar Roofs and Doctor of Repairs! Free Estimates!! Big Spring & Surrounding Areas. 267-1110	WEB/PRINT Big Spring Pack & Ship Your Wrapping, Picking, and Shipping Solution *No waiting Lines *Lots of help * More Shipping Choices  FedEx DHL Free Shipping Supplies with all carriers !! Pickup Service, Moving/Packaging Supplies Copying Services, Faxing, Photo and Doc. Scanning, Office Supplies, Full Service Printing Marketing Supplies, Ad Design, Web Design. (432) 599-8018 808 Gregg St. Big Spring, TX 79720 bigspringpackandship.com	WEB DESIGNS Bond Web Designs web designing and hosting www.bondwebs.com Lane Bond 2605 Ann Drive Big Spring, TX 79720 (432) 263-4033 (432) 213-0391 cell lane@bondwebs.com
YOUR AD PUT YOUR AD HERE CALL 263-7331 Herald Classifieds HERALD	SCHOOL Maranatha Baptist Academy School Age Pre • 4-5 K-12 • A.C.E. Home Schooling Individualized Tutoring Available 903 Johnson 263-7696	YOUR AD PUT YOUR AD HERE CALL 263-7331 Herald Classifieds HERALD	SIDING Four Seasons Insulation & Siding Specializing In Wall Insulation Thermal Replacement Windows & Siding Call 264-8610	WINDOW TINT C & D Truck Accessories 2706 N. HWY 87 432-263-3600 Solar Gaurd Window Tint 5 year limited warranty	

5 Easy Ways To Place Your Ad In The Big Spring Herald Classifieds!

1 By Phone... 263-7331	2 By Fax... 264-7205	3 In Person... 710 Scurry	4 By e-mail... classifieds@ BigSpringHerald.com	5 By Mail... P.O. Box 1431
--	--	---	--	--



TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Former UT dean, presidential adviser dies in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Elspeth Rostow, former dean of the University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs and a former presidential adviser, died at his home Sunday of a heart attack. She was 90.

Rostow taught courses on the American presidency and U.S. foreign policy at the LBJ school this semester and was the Stiles Professor Emerita in American Studies. She served as dean of the school from 1977 to 1983.

She served as a member of the President's Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and the President's Commission for a National Agenda for the Eighties. President Ronald Reagan appointed her to the board of the United States Institute of Peace.

Ann Rostow said her mother would be remembered by those whose lives she touched as an "extraordinary educator" and an articulate, thoughtful, intriguing person.

European Union ambassador honors Irish frontier soldiers

SAN ANGELO (AP) — The European Union's ambassador to the United States placed wreaths on the headstones of five Irish frontier soldiers Sunday at the Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, a restored military post.

"I'm aware of how many Irish people found a way of making a life in other countries by serving in the armed forces," said Ambassador John Bruton, a former prime minister of Ireland. "Today we recognize that the heroism of these people is being honored."

Bruton said that it was important to honor those who were foreign born who helped settle the American frontier.

While the grave sites of the five Irish soldiers killed in the Indian wars of the 1870s are unknown, the headstones commemorating their sacrifice are located between the headquarters and quartermaster buildings at the east end of the parade ground. The post closed in 1889.

Parent sues Comal school district over son's death

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — The mother of a 12-year-old boy who was struck and killed by a truck after exiting his

school bus has sued the school district, alleging it failed to enforce its own rule against unloading students along highways.

Ryan Matthew Padilla was killed on a Comal County farm-to-market road in December 2005 when the driver of the pickup swerved onto the shoulder to get past the stopped school bus.

The truck's driver, Roy Mack Miller Jr., was sentenced this summer to 11 years in prison after being convicted of manslaughter.

Two year after Ryan's death, his mother, Yvonne Skeen, has filed a lawsuit against the Comal ISD, saying its "conscious indifference" contributed to the death.

State hopes plan reduces need or collegiate remedial work

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is set to consider an overhaul of the state's plan for preparing students for college in an effort to reduce the number of students who arrive on campus needing remedial work.

Teams of high school teachers, university professors and education experts have been working on the proposal since the Texas Legislature ordered new standards in 2006.

The proposal, which is scheduled to go before the board next month, will define the necessary skills to do college-level work in English, math, science and the social sciences. Students who don't meet the requirements will be directed to community colleges for extra help.

Education officials hope the plan will help more students get bachelor's degrees, and do so more efficiently. Currently, more than half the entering freshmen at Texas colleges and universities need remedial classes.

Victims of fatal van-train crash in Spring identified

SPRING (AP) — The driver accused of causing a fatal collision between his van and a train was due in court Monday, officials said.

Dionicio Briagas, 25, is charged with three counts of manslaughter. He remained in the Harris County Jail on Sunday with bail set at \$105,000.

Harris County authorities say Briagas steered around a crossing arm to beat the train last Thursday. His three pas-

sengers died at the scene.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office identified the victims as Diego Sanchez, 18, Mario Mendoza-Lopez, 32, and Cirilo Garcia, 23.

Spokesman Joe Arbona said Union Pacific was also investigating the incident. He said the train was going about 38 mph, which was within the track's speed limit.

"It's important to note that even a slow-moving train will take a great deal of time to stop," Arbona said.

The crash occurred in an area known as Old Town Spring, a historic shopping district in Spring, a suburb north of Houston.

Ex-TYC guard indicted in alleged assault of female inmate

PARIS, Texas (AP) — A former Texas Youth Commission guard has been indicted for allegedly sexually molesting a white inmate who civil rights activists had complained got off easier than a black teenager sentenced by the same judge.

The mother of the white teenager, now 16, said she hopes the indictment will cause state officials to re-examine her daughter's case and release her.

"I feel now they ought to send my daughter home," the woman told The Paris News. The newspaper did not identify the woman.

Jaime Segura, 30, faces two felony counts of indecency with a child and two counts of official oppression, said Allyson Mitchell of the Texas Special Prosecution Unit.

Segura was arrested Friday and has posted bail, according to the Brown County Jail.

He is also facing four earlier indictments involving youths at the same facility, Mitchell said.

A phone listing for Segura could not be found, and it was not immediately clear if he had an attorney.

Shaquanda Cotton, the black teenager, won her freedom from the Brownwood youth prison earlier this year following an outpouring of racially charged protests. Her story was first reported by The Chicago Tribune.

Cotton was convicted of shoving a hall monitor at Paris High School in March 2006. She had no prior criminal history, and the hall monitor wasn't seriously injured.

Three months earlier, the judge who

sentenced Cotton gave the white teenager probation for burning down her family's house. Cotton's supporters said the outcome of the two cases were evidence of racial injustice.

The white teenager was later sent to the youth prison after violating her probation. Her sentence was due to end Dec. 15.

Her mother has previously said her daughter attempted suicide in the spring by swallowing a handful of pills, only to have another six months added to her sentence when she knocked down a guard who rushed to rescue her.

Mexican records show political donor hasn't finished law school

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A contributor to Democratic politics accused of pretending to be a lawyer didn't finish law school in Mexico, according to his transcript, but his lawyer said he is still authorized to practice law in that country.

Mauricio Celis, 36, has been indicted on felony charges of perjury, theft, falsely holding himself out as a lawyer and impersonating a public servant. The perjury indictment accuses him of lying about graduating from law school.

Celis has a controlling interest in the CGT Law Group of Corpus Christi even though he is not an attorney.

Texas law prohibits anyone from owning a controlling interest in a law firm unless he is a licensed lawyer.

Celis, who is free on \$50,000 in bonds, has also been sued by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott for allegedly practicing law without a license.

Records for the Universidad Regiomontana in Monterrey, show that Celis got good grades in law school after starting courses in January 2006. But Celis still needs to complete several semesters of course work. His transcript from the school is stamped "incomplete."

"He got excellent grades, assuming this is all authentic, but he didn't finish his studies in law school, he didn't get a degree, and he didn't get a cedula (professional license)," said Roberto Rosas, a Mexican law instructor at St. Mary's University.

Rosas, a graduate of the University of Guadalajara law school, examined the records last week and said Celis still needs to complete several steps to become a licensed Mexican lawyer.

You deserve a factual look at . . .

Jerusalem (1)

Whose city - whose "holy city" - is it?

It is forty years since Israel's victory in the Six-Day War in 1967 that the city of Jerusalem, which had been divided for nineteen years has been reunited under Israeli rule. But there is still much talk that the "Middle East problem" cannot be solved unless the city, or at the very least its eastern part, be "returned to its rightful owners," the Muslim Arabs. In fact, this claim for Jerusalem, together with the "return" of the 1948 refugees, whose descendants have miraculously swollen to 5 million, are posited as "non-negotiable demands" in discussions with the Arabs.

What are the facts?

A city of many nationalities. Before the end of the 1967 Six-Day War, during which the Israeli Defense Forces re-conquered Jerusalem from the Jordanians, claims to Jerusalem being a Muslim holy city were rarely, if ever, asserted. Jerusalem had always been a city in which many religions and nationalities lived side by side. It was only after the old city was back in Jewish hands that the Muslim Arabs declared their desire to wage "jihad" (holy war) to bring the city back into Arab possession.

The notion to call Jerusalem an Islamic holy city has only come about in modern times, especially after the Arabs lost the city to Israel in the Six-Day War. It now has gained currency by dint of constant repetition. The basis for the claim is that Jerusalem does indeed contain an Islamic holy site, namely the Temple Mount (sacred to both Muslims and Jews) with its two mosques, El Aksa and the Dome of the Rock. It is the place from which Mohammed, who had never set foot in the city, is believed to have ascended to heaven. But aware that it was the holy city of Christians and Jews, and wishing to convert them to his new religion, he commanded his followers to build a mosque in Jerusalem. But never in Muslim history did this mosque or this city compare in significance to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina - cities that no "infidel" may visit.

A tenuous Muslim claim. It is on the basis of this religious tradition that the Muslims designated the entire Jewish Temple Mount to be their holy site. The Israeli government, in its constant spirit of accommodation to Muslim sensibilities, has largely

acceded to this tradition and has put the area in and around the two mosques entirely under Muslim control. But how would Christians feel if, instead of from the Temple Mount, Muslim tradition had Mohammed ascend from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and if the Muslim Arabs were to claim that site as their property?

Jerusalem has been the center of Jewish life, of Jewish yearning and of Jewish thinking for over 3,000 years. That is the reason that the State of Israel has rededicated the Jewish holy city to be its indivisible capital."

The Christian world, often ready to consent to Muslim claims against Jews and Israelis, would be greatly astonished and would certainly resist such claim. But Muslim Arab assertiveness doesn't end there. On the tenuous claim of their right to the Temple Mount, they have construed a claim to the entire city of Jerusalem (or at the very least to its eastern

part), which they have declared to be their "third holiest city." And, it would be an insult to all Muslims and all Arabs to leave the city in the hands of the "infidel Jews."

Jerusalem: Never an Arab capital. But the city of Jerusalem - in contrast to Baghdad, Cairo, and Damascus - has never played any major role in the political and religious lives of the Muslim Arabs. It was never a political center, never a national or even a provincial or sub-provincial capital of any country, since Biblical times. It was the site of one Muslim holy place, but otherwise a backwater to the Arabs. The passion for Jerusalem was not discovered by the Muslim Arabs until most recent history.

At the center of Jewish life. But Jerusalem has stood at the center of the Jewish people's national life since King David made it his capital in 1003 BCE. After the return from Babylonian exile, Jerusalem again served as the capital of the Jewish people for the next five-and-a-half centuries.

Jews are not the usurpers in Jerusalem. They have been living there since the Biblical era and have been the majority population since the 19th century. Jews have synagogues and other holy sites in most cities of the world. But do they claim sovereignty over those cities because of it? Of course not! It would be preposterous and people wouldn't accept it. And the Muslim Arab claim to Jerusalem, based on the mosques on the Temple Mount, is just as untenable. Jerusalem has been the center of Jewish life, of Jewish yearning and of Jewish thinking for over 3,000 years. That is the reason that the State of Israel has rededicated the Jewish holy city to be its indivisible capital.

This message has been published and paid for by



Facts and Logic About the Middle East
P.O. Box 590359 ■ San Francisco, CA 94159
Gerardo Joffe, President

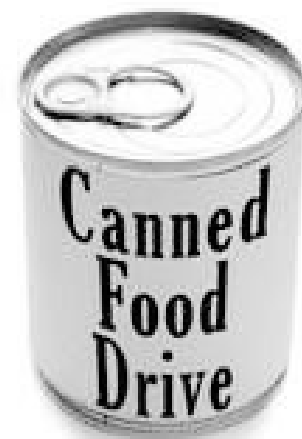
FLAME is a tax-exempt, non-profit educational 501 (c)(3) organization. Its purpose is the research and publication of the facts regarding developments in the Middle East and exposing false propaganda that might harm the interests of the United States and its allies in that area of the world. Your tax-deductible contributions are welcome. They enable us to pursue these goals and to publish these messages in national newspapers and magazines. We have virtually no overhead. Almost all of our revenue pays for our educational work, for these clarifying messages, and for related direct mail.

7D

To receive free FLAME updates, visit our website: www.factsandlogic.org

The Medicine Center
has joined the effort
to help the
Salvation Army

**Restock The Shelves
With
Canned Goods**



We Are Offering A **DISCOUNT** On A Prescription With The Donation Of At Least 2 Cans Of Food.

Offer Ends December 15th

PLEASE HELP RESTOCK THE SHELVES!

33493

Miscellaneous

PECANS FOR sell, halves and pieces for \$5.00 a pound. Buffalo meat for sale at \$5.00 a pound. We have ground meat, round steak, and roast. Also have land for sale South of Big Spring and in Coahoma. Call 432-263-8785.

RICH CHERRY dining table, chairs, china cabinet, tiny scratch \$585. QUEEN PILLOWTOP mattress & bottom box, newer, \$150. 806-549-3110.

National Ads

\$\$\$ CASH to Your Door \$\$ NO Selling. NO Boss. Not MLM. Easy PT from Home. Go to: www.Quiknezcash.com TODAY!

****\$700.-\$800,000 FREE CASH GRANTS/PROGRAMS-2007!, Personal bills, School, Business/Housing. Approx. \$49 billion unclaimed 2006! Almost Everyone Qualifies! Live Operators Listings 1-800-592-0362 Ext. 178.

****\$700.-\$800,000.++ 2007! FREE CASH GRANTS/PROGRAMS! Never Repay! Personal/ Medical bills, School, Housing, Business. AS SEEN ON T.V. Live Operators, Listings, Call 1-800-270-1213 Ext. 176.

**FREE CASH GRANTS/PROGRAMS! \$700.-\$800,000 2007 Never Repay! Personal, Medical, Business, Real Estate, School. No Credit check! Same Day processing! Live Operators! Listings 1-800-274-5086 Ext. 177.

1000 ENVELOPES= \$10,000. Receive \$10 for every Envelope stuffed with our sales material. Guaranteed! Free information. 24 hour recording 1-800-211-8057.

ADRENALIN : C.W. TIFFIN'S SECOND FICTIONAL NOVEL. All humans possess the chemical 'Adrenalin' It's the body's fight or flight mechanism. In most, it lies dormant. But in extreme situations, it can be uncontrollable and the results deadly! Go to: www.trafford.com/07-0380 or call: 1-888-232-4444.

ADULT HIGH School Diploma for home FAST! Nationally accredited. Payment plan. FREE Brochure! 800-470-4723 www.diplomaathome.com

CLASS A Drivers Needed OTR or Regional No NYC Top Pay / Great Benefits Start ASAP Call Now 1-866-317-0289.

COMPLETE T-SHIRT PRINT SHOP! \$1195.00+shipping Silkscreen equipment, supplies-training video. Free Brochure. Video & Manual only \$19.95. www.homecashbusiness.com 1-800-311-8962.

CONSOLIDATE BILLS!! Bad Credit Welcome. \$2,500 - \$200,000/ 7% Average Rate. SAVE MONEY NOW! Toll-Free 1-866-496-2016 PaylessSolutions.com

DIRECTV SATELLITE Television, FREE Equipment, FREE 4 Room Installation, FREE HD or DVR Receiver Upgrade. Packages from \$29.99/mo. Call Direct Sat TV for details 1-800-380-8939.

DRIVERS - A Great Career! England Transport now offers on the job CDL training. No credit check, no co-signers. No down payment Toll Free 1-866-619-6081 Ad # 3120.

FEDERAL POSTAL JOBS! Now Hiring! Earn \$12 - \$48 per hour / No Experience Full Benefits / Paid Training 1-866-409-2663 ext. 22 Closed Sundays.

GOODBYE DIAL-UP! Fast Broadband Satellite Internet. 30-50X Faster. \$0 Upfront Plan plus \$100 Rebate. Money Back Guarantee! www.ContinuousBroadband.com 1-866-425-4990.

MYSTERY SHOPPERS - Get paid to shop! Retail/Dining establishments need undercover clients to judge quality/customer service. Earn up to \$150 a day. Call 1-888-534-5015.

NOW HIRING Home Typists. \$5000 Guaranteed in 30 Days. Apply Online: www.Job862.com

OWN A Computer? Put it to Work! Earn \$1500-\$7500/mo. PT/FT FREE info package online. www.HeresLiving.com

POST OFFICE NOW HIRING! Avg. Pay \$20/hour or \$57K Federal Benefits and OT. PT/FT 1-866-483-1059 USWA.

National Ads

RELIABLE HOME Typist Needed Immediately. \$430/PT-\$825+/FT Guaranteed! Simple Data Entry. Make Own Schedule. PC Required. 1-800-757-1037.

SANTA'S BRINGING PIANO LEARNING FUN to your home computer! Perfect gift for kids & adults! Free Shipping with Promotional Code: HOLIDAY07. Visit www.adventus.com/gift 1-888-999-6434.

SECRET ENCOUNTERS 1-800-442-MEET .69 p/m Ladies Free!! 1-800-201-TALK

STOP RENTING!! Gov't & Bank Foreclosures! \$0 to Low Down! No Credit Check! Call NOW! 1-800-728-6701.

TIMESHARE! PAYING too much 4 maintenance fees and taxes? Sell/rent your timeshare for cash. NO Commissions/Broker Fees! 877-379-6524 www.vpresales.com

TOOL DISTRIBUTORSHIP Breakaway from Your Job! Entrepreneur Ranked Top 5 Franchise. Minimum \$25,000 Required 1-888-609-0111.

TRUCK DRIVERS Wanted-Best Pay and Home Time! Apply Online Today over 750 Companies! One Application, Hundreds of Offers! http://hammerlanejobs.com

On the Farm

BEARDLESS WHEAT Seed for sale. Cleanded and sacked. \$9.00 per bag. Call (432)268-3084.

NEW MAHINDRA Tractors are located at 6011 East Hwy 80, Midland TX. (Take Exit 144, off I-20, Located North Service Rd. of Business 20.) Full service dealer. Hours 8am-7pm Monday-Friday, Saturday 8am-12noon. Low interest rates and long term financing available. Cultivate your dreams. The Tractor that out weighs, out lifts and out performs the competition. www.beenetractors.com

Pets

SUGAR GLIDER with accessories and food. Would make a Great Christmas gifts for a kid. \$100.00. Call (432)263-3022 or 230-7300.

Real Estate for Rent

South Plains Apts Efficiency, 1 & 2 Bdrms New Appliances & Fixtures Dish Network w/300+ Channels Incl 34 Latino Hi-speed Wireless Internet Picnic/BBQ Area New Laundry & Vending 3304 W. Hwy. 80 (432) 714-4840

\$280/MO! BUY a 3 bed, 2 bath! 5% dn, 20 yrs, 8% apr! For listings 800-544-6258 x F086.

1212 EAST 19TH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, CH/A. Fenced yard. \$425. month, \$200. deposit. Call (432)263-1792, 816-9984.

1734 PURDUE 3 Bdr, 2 bath, CH/A, Tile floors, Large Kitchen and living area. \$770.00 month, \$595.00 deposit. Call 432-816-1330 after 4:00 p.m.

2 Thru 6 Bedroom Homes. Pool, 24 hour maintenance, Central Heat and Air, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, furnished. Washer/ dryer connections. (432)263-3461 -Tom.

611 RIDGELEA- 3 Bdr, 1 bath, carport, CH/A, pergo floors. \$560. Month, \$395. deposit. Call 432-816-1330 after 4:00 p.m.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY @ 207 N. Gregg. Metal building with offices. 40x100ft, \$500 month, \$500 deposit. 1 Year lease. Call (432)263-5000.

FURNISHED APT. extended stay hotel. Weekly \$245.00 plus tax, monthly \$700.00 and up. Microwave and fridge. Call 1-800-677-8175.

RUSTIC RANCH style split level, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, workshop, city acreage w/view. \$475., Non smoke or pets. Grounds maintenance, excellent credit history required. McDonald Broker 432-270-0707.

Real Estate for Rent

THE OFFICE Building, 710 Gregg Street, for lease, excellent space for a medical doctor or lab available, also have individual offices starting @ \$250. per month with bills paid. Call (432)770-5656 or (432)517-0038. Broker/ Owner.

Real Estate for Sale

2 Thru 6 Bedroom Brick Homes. No Down Payment. Owner Financing. Bad Credit OK. 6 Month warranty. Call Maria (432)263-3461.

2804 CACTUS. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fireplace, 1750 square feet. Reduced to \$105,000 for \$118,500. Call Cesar @ Coldwell Banker, EPR or (432)599-2584 for showing.

32 CITY Lots for Sale By Owner. \$750.00 Cash or \$1,000.00 with \$100.00 Down. Payments \$100.00 per month. Call (432)689-2429.

4059 VICKY. Completely remodeled, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, 2 car garage. Granite countertop & new appliances, new tile & carpet. Call (432)263-0786, (432)935-3726.

6-1/2 ACRES CISD, with water well, duplex rentals. Call 432-517-0642 for more info.

BEAUTIFUL- CUSTOM Built 2002 home on 9 acres. 4/5 Bdrm, 3.5 bath, inground pool, 1200 sq. ft. Storage/shed, horse stalls. Price Reduced. Call 361-492-0270.

COAHOMA ISD, 6 acres, 2200 sq. foot, 4 wells, 30x40 shop, 20x40 shop, 30x80 horse barn, lots of trees also city water. \$210,000.00 Negotiable. 432-517-0786.

FORECLOSURE 3 bd, 2 ba Only \$35,300! Must see! For listings 800-544-6258 ext. F906.

OWNER WILL finance 508 State. EZ Terms. Low Down. Low monthly. Contact 512-573-3556.

ONE BEDROOM, one bath, with garage and carport. Fenced backyard. Owner will finance with \$1,900 down, \$290. month. Call (512)321-3333. (512)940-5200, (432)631-8100.

OWNER FINANCE

TOUGH CREDIT OK ONLY 2% DOWN 3726 Adams, 3 bed, 1 1/2 bath, CH/A. \$53,900. Recorded info. 432-687-2696.

OWNER FINANCE, \$5000 down. 1901 Morrison. Call (432) 264-9907.

OWNER FINANCED Houses for Sale. 1413 Sycamore and 508 State. Easy Terms. Call Reagan at 432-634-6818.

REDUCED!! COAHOMA ISD. All electric 3/2, 2418 square feet, extra large closets & bedrooms, stained concrete floors throughout, custom cabinets on 1 acre. Foster Ave. Call 432-517-0515.

REMODELED 2 bedroom, big kitchen & livingroom, on 2 lots, fenced. Needs a little paint. Call 432-466-3335 or 432-267-3826.

Vehicles

2003 YAMAHA, V-Star Classic 650, mileage 9,500 miles, custom paint job, custom handlebars, 2-in drag pipes, hyper-charger. \$5995. or best offer. Call (432)599-0351

2005 HARLEY Davidson DYNA Lowrider. Cobalt Blue with lots of chrome. Less than 4k miles, and garage kept. Forward controls, custom grips, detachable windshield and sissy bar. \$11,500 Firm. Scott 432-213-2732.

Legals

Public Notice The Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 PM on December 17, 2007, to discuss the 2006-2007 Academic Excellence Indicator System Report. The hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular board meeting. Any and all interested persons are invited to attend. #5628 December 10, 2007

Legals

Forsan Independent School District will be accepting proposals for the purchase and installation of new athletic lockers for the field house, located at the Forsan campus. Sealed proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on December 17, 2007. Proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope: SEALED PROPOSAL - ATHLETIC LOCKERS. Please mail or deliver your proposal to: Forsan ISD Attn: Business Office 411 W. 6th Street PO Drawer A

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury in Sagittarius has a thing for honesty. Sometimes it comes off as TMI, and others as evangelical zeal — Mercury knows a good thing and can't help but convince you of its merit. For Uranus, the buck stops here. You can speak your piece, but you've got to listen, too. And if you're making someone uncomfortable, back off, preacher man.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can plan your life on paper, but you have to live it through your heart. Be willing to abandon the plan in favor of your heart's dictates. By the end of the day, you'll have broken a few of your own rules.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The world is just not moving at the pace you'd like it to move. If you can accept this with a smile, you are truly mature. If not, at least accept it with a blank face. Getting mad only worsens the problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). With your wacky ways, you could alienate someone who is both wonderfully and hazardedly "normal." There's no time to explain. Keep going in your own zany style.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Projects seem to come to a close — an illusion. The road bends, but it doesn't end. Keep going. Talking with Sagittarius or Leo will help you push through limitations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A new relationship is interesting, exciting and bound to cool off sooner or later — well, hopefully later. For now, fuel the fire by not revealing too much too soon. Enjoy the dance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Shake it up. Design

your day in random order, wear the clothes in the back of the closet, sleep on the other side of the bed. Small changes in routine alter your perspective drastically.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get quiet enough to hear the sound that the Earth makes when it spins. When you're open to being affected by the minutia of this day, you'll experience starkly beautiful moments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're attracting what you want at an impressive speed. You'll see a glimpse of the abundance that is to come and be further inspired to do the work that is needed to get it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A dominating force steps out of the way, and you're finally in charge. Apply social grace to business arrangements. It sweetens the deal, and besides, you do it so well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This is no time to believe what you hear. The same person who is a font of information is also a font of misinformation. Wait to act. Better information comes tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Within your group of friends, there are many with strong opinions. This can lead to battles of will and hurt feelings if taken too seriously. Keep things light by steering clear of controversial topics.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Planets smile on you when you focus on activities outside of work. Enjoyable hobbies connect you with interesting characters, secret knowledge and potential love.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: Please help me to understand this frustrating period of unemployment I'm going through. I was born April 15, 1951, in San Antonio, Texas. I really need a job, and when I apply for the jobs that I would really excel in, I never hear a

word back. Will I EVER get another job — especially with the school district my daughter attends? Thank you for any insight you can afford!

I'm sorry. Unemployment is difficult. We lose confidence and begin to doubt ourselves, and the prolonged self-questioning is frustrating. As an Aries, you can validate your efforts in your own eyes, so live in your strengths by focusing on them.

With Mars and Mercury in Taurus, you lean toward tried-and-true paths. This also gives you incredible persistence in taking practical steps to achieve your goals, reinforced by transiting Saturn's trine to your Mars right now. Keep at it to succeed. Jupiter and Pluto will cross into your solar house of career at the turn of 2008, bringing change in many Arians life directions. Keep your eyes peeled for new ways to use your skill set — a slight shift of perspective could open new doors.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sagittarians take gambles. And Felicity Huffman rolls the dice with her outrageous, offbeat roles, as she should. Jupiter in Pisces opposes shock-jock Uranus, so she brings originality to her roles — for big personal and professional payoffs. Jupiter in Pisces favors all performing arts, most especially dancing. On a dance show, Felicity would be both popular and a pleasure to watch.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." To write to her, go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

© 2007 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

Annie's Mailbox ® : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I've been married for almost two decades to a good husband. During most of those years, I was obese. I was a stay-at-home mom to our children, depressed and bored, and I ate a lot. The more I ate, the more I wanted to sit at home and hide from the world.

For much of that time, my best friend was my neighbor, a married man who lives next door. He has always been a father figure to me. We never

crossed any lines and we never acted inappropriately. He was kind, appreciated me for who I was inside and made me feel comfortable. Everyone accepted our friendship.

I finally stopped feeling sorry for myself and lost 150 pounds. I gained confidence and, suddenly, the friendship with my neighbor created problems. When I take out the garbage, my husband accuses me of doing it just to talk to my neighbor. He follows me outside and glares at me continuously. My neighbor's wife now feels threatened by me. She and her sister are openly rude. Her sister accused me of looking to have an affair.

My neighbor was one of the few people who never judged me on my appearance. Why should it matter that I am thinner? I am not out to steal anyone's husband. Do I have to give up this friendship? — In the State of Shedding Friends

Dear Shedding Friends: Your husband has become jealous and insecure — which, by the way, is not an uncommon reaction when spouses drastically change their appearance. Your neighbor's wife now sees you as a threat, whereas before, she absurdly assumed her husband would not find you attractive enough to

pursue. You may need to scale back the friendship long enough to give your husband time to be reassured of your love and fidelity. (Your neighbor's wife is her husband's problem.)

Dear Annie: I wanted to comment on the letter from "Pensacola, Fla.," who wondered what to give his wife for their 25th anniversary.

My wife and I have three great children. Three years ago we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. I took 150 family photographs, sorted them chronologically and burned them onto a DVD, along with six of her favorite songs. When I gave it to her wrapped up, she thought it might be jewelry, which she rarely wears. When I put it in the DVD player, the tears flowed. We were watching our history together. Even now, a few years later, we get nostalgic when we watch it, as do our kids. Without a doubt, it's the best gift I've ever given. — A Husband Who Wants to Keep His Wife

Dear Husband: We are truly impressed with the effort you put into making such a special, individualized gift. It's not only lovely, but it can be shared with generations to come. © 2007 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

su | do | ku © Puzzles by Pappocom ANSWERS

6	2	8	7	9	1	3	5	4
4	3	5	2	8	6	7	1	9
9	7	1	3	5	4	8	6	2
5	1	2	6	3	7	9	4	8
8	4	3	5	2	9	1	7	6
7	9	6	1	4	8	5	2	3
2	6	7	9	1	3	4	8	5
3	5	4	8	7	2	6	9	1
1	8	9	4	6	5	2	3	7

BARCELONA APARTMENTS \$299 MOVE IN SPECIAL + APPLICATION & SECURITY DEP. ALL BILLS PAID 538 Westover 263-1252 Housing Assistance Accepted

Lasagna on the ready



Roasted Vegetable Lasagna

2 eggs
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
4 cups low-sodium tomato sauce
3 cups low fat mozzarella cheese
2 eggplants (about 3 lbs.), quartered lengthwise
6 medium zucchini (about 3 lbs.)
Canola oil cooking spray
1 lb. whole-wheat lasagna noodles
15 oz. low fat ricotta or low fat

cottage cheese (or a combination of both)

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Grease a 13x9x2-inch baking pan, set aside.

Slice the eggplant and zucchini in 1/2-inch slices. Layer on two baking sheets and coat both sides of the vegetables with cooling spray. Roast for 20 minutes. Toss the vegetables and continue to roast until well browned and soft, about 20 minutes more. Transfer vegetables to a large bowl.

Reduce the oven temperature to 375 degrees.

Cook the lasagna noodles according to package directions. Separate the noodles and let them cool slightly.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, mix together the ricotta and/or cottage cheeses, eggs, Parmesan, nutmeg and garlic powder.

To assemble: spread a thin layer of sauce over the bottom of the prepared pan. Cover with a layer of pasta (noodle strips slightly overlapping). Spread with one-third of the ricotta mixture. Sprinkle one-quarter of the mozzarella over the ricotta. Spoon one-third of the roasted vegetables on top. Top with 1/2 cup of tomato sauce and continue the assembly as directed until you have 4 layers of pasta and 3 layers of filling. Spread the remaining sauce on top and sprinkle with the remaining mozzarella cheese.

Cover the pan with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and continue to bake until golden and bubbly, about 15 minutes more. Let stand for 15 minutes before serving.

Makes 12 servings.

Per serving: 360 calories, 11 g total fat (5 g saturated fat), 45 g carbohydrate, 23 g protein,

11 g dietary fiber, 310 mg sodium.

Lasagna is the perfect dish to have on hand for the types of impromptu gatherings that typify the holiday season. This week's recipe for a meatless version of the Italian classic is a healthy one-dish meal that you can feel good about serving to your guests — whether you were expecting them or not.

In recent years, the selection and quality of whole-grain pastas has come a long way. Today whole-wheat lasagna noodles, like the ones used in this recipe, are easy to find and are a great alternative to processed white pasta. The quality of reduced-fat cheeses has also improved. It's nearly impossible to distinguish our healthier lasagna, made with low fat ricotta and part-skim mozzarella cheeses, from its full-fat counterparts.

The meaty eggplants called for in the recipe provide the dish's hearty texture. They are

also extremely low-calorie; one-half cup of cooked eggplant provides less than 20 calories. When shopping for eggplant, choose one that has a fresh-looking cap and shiny skin. Zucchini, which are considered a summer squash, but available year round, are similarly low in calories. They are also a good source of vitamin C.

The tomato sauce layered throughout the dish provides a great source of lycopene, frequently noted for its potential role in reducing prostate cancer risk. Conflicting studies regarding its efficacy have caused some confusion among consumers.

However, a recent comprehensive assessment of the available data found a probable link between foods containing lycopene (namely tomatoes and tomato products) and a decreased chance of developing the disease.

NUTRITION WISE: Is fast food the problem?

Research links frequent eating at fast food restaurants to greater weight gain and an increased tendency to be overweight. Although eating fast food doesn't make weight gain inevitable — this depends on your food and drink choices, as well as portion sizes — studies show that most fast food items provide a higher concentration of calories. In other words, if you're concerned about your weight and you dine regularly at fast food restaurants, the statistics aren't on your side.



KAREN COLLINS
MS, RD, CDN

According to a federal dietary survey of more than 9000 Americans, an increase in fast food consumption yielded not only higher calorie intake among participants, but also a decrease in the concentration of vitamins and minerals in

their diets. Moreover, men and women who reported eating fast food on at least one of two survey days had higher average BMIs (a measure of body fat) compared to participants who did not eat fast food on either day.

A study published in the Lancet in 2005 also looked at the impact of fast food restaurant use. The study surveyed more than 3000 young adults at baseline and again 15 years later. People who ate fast food more than twice a week at both survey times gained 10 pounds more over the study period than those who reported visiting these restaurants less than once a week. These findings were echoed in another study published last year in the Journal of Adolescent Health, which reported on the fast food habits of more than 9000 adolescents; data from this study showed a correlation between frequency of consuming fast food and greater weight gain five years later.

Why is it so easy to consume too many calo-

ries at fast food restaurants? For starters, fast food menus contain lots of energy-dense foods — think fatty meats, full-fat cheese, creamy dressings and fried anything. These selections pack a high concentration of calories into a relatively small portion of food. While a modest serving of energy-dense foods is okay occasionally, the portions served at most fast food restaurants are anything but. Many chains classify relatively large amounts of food as a "medium" serving, only compounding the impact of energy-dense foods on our weight.

Despite the many stud-

ies linking fast food dining frequency to weight and weight gain, the problem may not be the fast food restaurants themselves. If people in these same studies had avoided these restaurants altogether, but still indulged in large amounts of high fat meat, fried foods and sugary soft drinks elsewhere, the results would likely have been no different. In the Pound of Prevention study, a trial of almost 900 women aimed at preventing weight gain, people who ate at fast food restaurants more often displayed fewer low fat eating behaviors in general

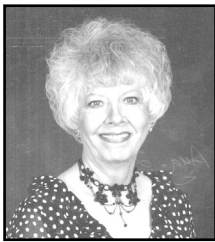
and lower physical activity. Personal responsibility clearly plays a strong role.

If you are a frequent fast food patron, consider limiting visits to fewer than once a week. Before you go, review the menu and nutrition information online or ask for handouts at the restaurant to help identify more healthful options. Look for choices that provide a small portion of lean protein plus a vegetable or fruit. Also, skip the French fries and choose water or other zero-calorie drink options.


Much of the data linking weight gain and fast

food use was collected roughly a decade ago. Recent years have seen the availability of more healthful options on many chain menus. Today, it is not impossible to eat at fast food restaurants and maintain a healthy weight, but you will likely have to work harder to do so.

AICR's Nutrition Hotline is a free service that allows you to ask a registered dietitian questions about diet, nutrition and cancer. Access it online at www.aicr.org/hotline or by phone (1-800-843-8114) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday-Friday.



Slaton Insurance Agency



FARMERS®

AFFINITY DISCOUNT ON AUTO INS.
For Educators, Engineers, Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers, Physicians and Scientists

Vicki Slaton

205 W. 15th (432) 267-2398

Caring Hearts
Home Health

We Bring The Caring Home

**Your Home, Your Health,
Your Choice**

1900 Scurry 714-4510





SOUTHWESTERN A-1 PEST CONTROL, INC.
SINCE 1954

www.swa1pc.com
mm@swa1pc.com

2008 Birdwell

Max F. Moore
President / Certified Applicator

432.263-0441 • 432.267.8190 fax
mm@swa1pc.com email

James Van Riper, D.O., FACOG
Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology
New Member To Our Staff
Jackie Lehr, WHCNP, Nurse Practitioner
BOARD CERTIFIED

Specializing In:

- Obstetrics
- Pelvic Surgery
- High Risk Pregnancy
- Outpatient Hysterectomy
- Gynecology
- Menopause
- Urogynecology
- Hormone Replacement

410 North Hancock
Odessa, Texas 79761
(432) 337-4782

A LASIK Deal Like No Other!

\$1999

Featuring the latest in bladeless technology

1-800-251-0074

Dr. Alan Smith, M.D.
Odessa-Midland Texas






The Big Spring Herald Delivery Deadlines Are:
Weekdays by 6 p.m. & Sunday Edition Deadline is 12 AM Sunday

If your paper is not delivered by these deadlines, please call our Circulation Dept. at 432-263-7335. Our Customer Service Rep will help you with your delivery.

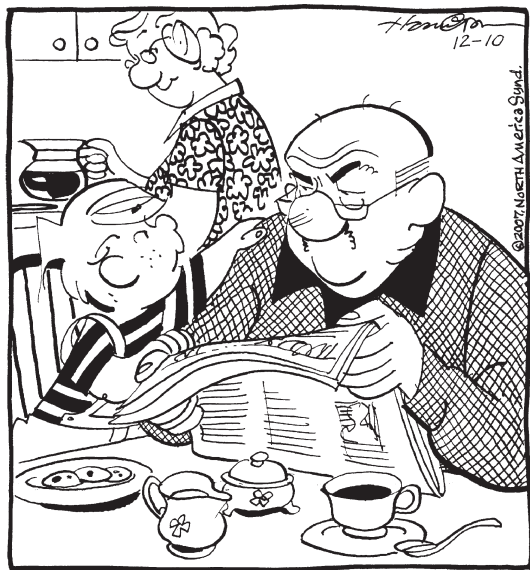
**Customer Service hours are Weekdays 8:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



MONDAY

Table with 24 columns (channels) and 12 rows (time slots) listing TV programs and their corresponding channels.

DENNIS THE MENACE



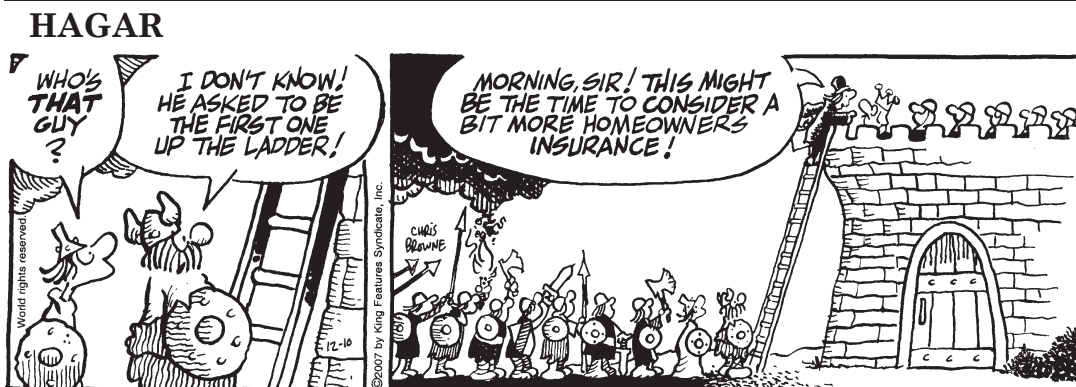
MRS. WILSON SAID YOU COULD GIVE ME SOME TIPS ON HOW TO PLAY THE GRINCH IN OUR CHRISTMAS PLAY.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

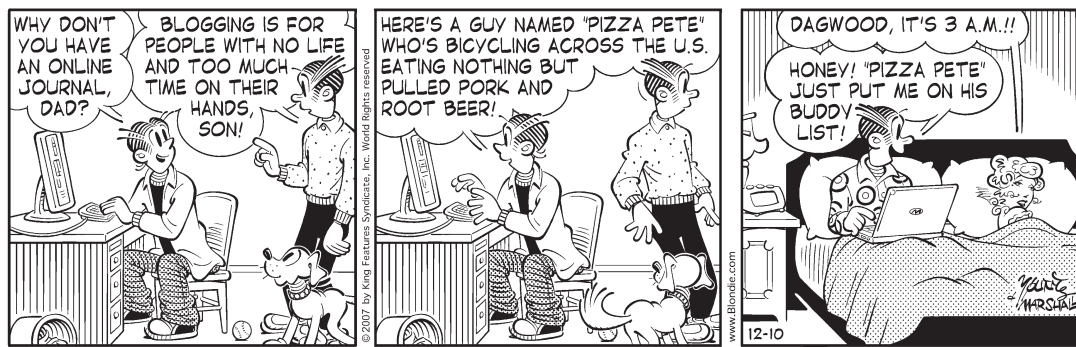


...But I always fell asleep and never did hear the end.

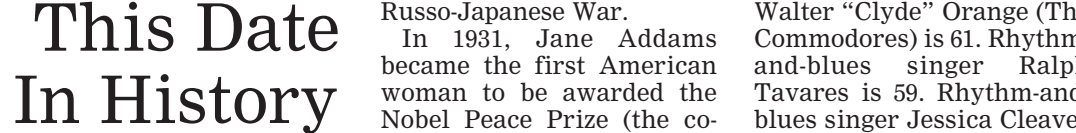
Advertisement for suddenlink west texas and i like it! Cable-Internet-Phone-HDTV-DVR. 2006 Birdwell 267.3821



BLONDIE



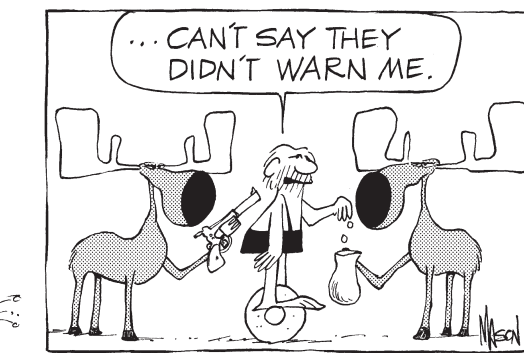
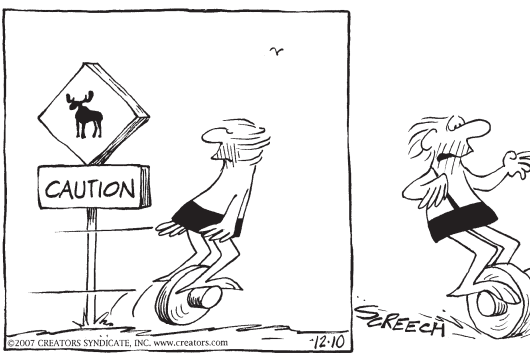
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE AN ONLINE JOURNAL, DAD?



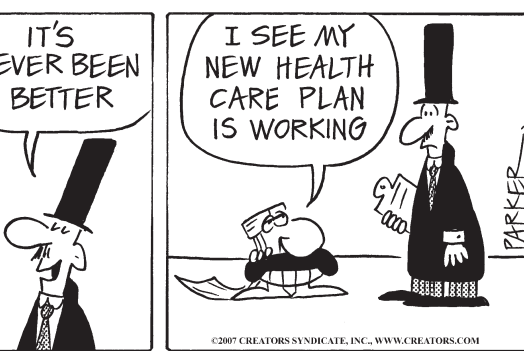
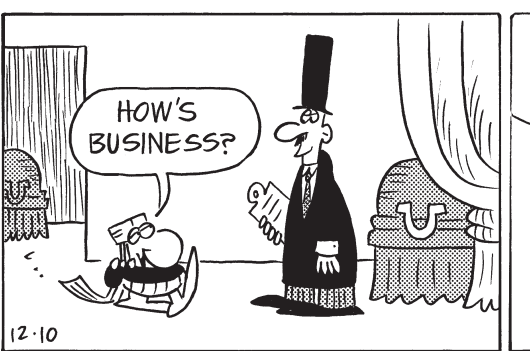
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 2007. There are 21 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 10, 1967, singer Otis Redding, 26, and six others were killed in the crash of their plane in Lake Monona, Wis. On this date: In 1787, Thomas H. Gallaudet, a pioneer of educating the deaf, was born in Philadelphia. In 1869, women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory. In 1906, President Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War. In 1931, Jane Addams became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize (the co-recipient that year was Nicholas Murray Butler). In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights. In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award. In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received his Nobel Peace Prize. Today's Birthdays: Actor Harold Gould is 84. Former Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter is 77. Actor Tommy Kirk is 66. Actress Fionnula Flanagan is 66. Pop singer Chad Stuart (Chad and Jeremy) is 66. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 61. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tavares is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jessica Cleaves (Friends of Distinction) is 59. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 56. Actress Susan Dey is 55. Actor Michael Clarke Duncan is 50. Jazz musician Paul Hardcastle is 50. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh is 47. Actress Nia Peeples is 46. TV chef Bobby Flay is 43.

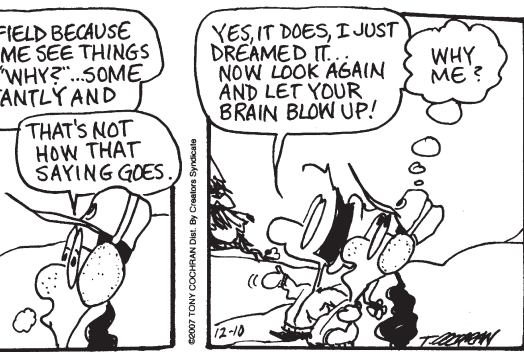
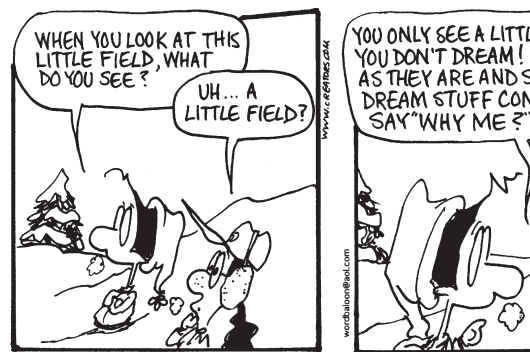
BC



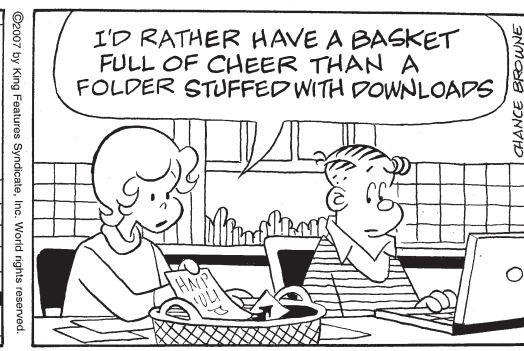
WIZARD OF ID



AGNES



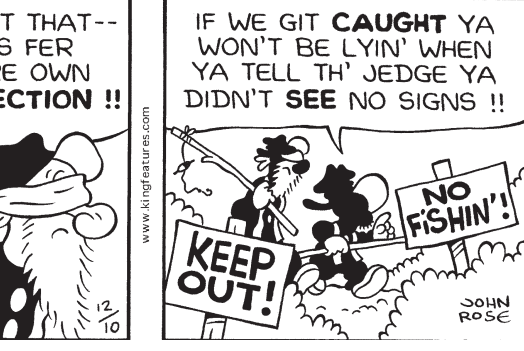
HI AND LOIS



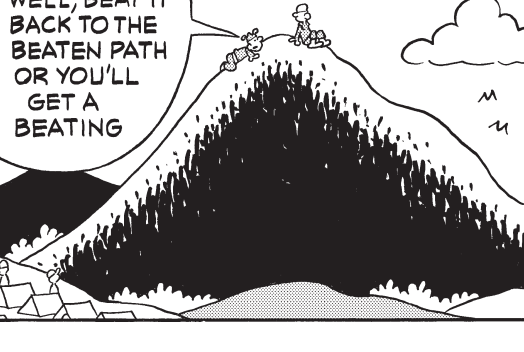
THE OTHER COAST



SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILEY



Newsday Crossword THAT'S THE PRICE by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 Big pig 4 British fellow 8 Camel's South American cousin 13 Magic-spell opener 15 Regulation 16 Wild West movie 17 Wander 18 China's continent 19 Hindu guru 20 Underwater explosive 23 Silent assent 24 Trembled 25 Like half-melted snow 27 Shouts for the matador 29 Female relatives 32 Banned insecticide, for short 35 Reason to close a window 38 Folklore bridge guard 39 Honolulu's island 41 Distant 42 Capital of Norway 43 Like potato chips 45 Pass, as legislation 48 Recipe abbreviation 49 Creek 51 Verse writer 53 Laundry appliances 56 Cooked in oil 59 Your and my 61 Simple drawing of a person 64 Pier 66 Sound quality 67 Important times 68 State-run game 69 One of the Great Lakes 70 Frolic 71 See-through 72 Stage-show backgrounds 73 Speak 6 False name 7 Oyster product 8 Goes ballistic 9 Attorney's expertise 10 No matter what 11 Interoffice note 12 Desertlike 14 Playground retort 21 Phone button 22 Rev, as an engine 26 War honoree 28 Strongbox relative 30 Right-angle shapes 31 Sow's supper 32 Physicians, informally 33 Pub missile 34 Decidedly inferior 36 Ceiling fixture 37 Golf hazard 40 Computer operator 44 Buys, as merchandise 46 Beverages from beans 47 Actress Hatcher 50 Got together 52 Striped feline 54 Ceremonies 55 Win a point 57 Italian coins 58 Serious play 59 Barn birds 60 "Now we're in trouble!" 62 Create with yarn 63 Catch sight of 65 Hwy.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-73 indicating starting positions for words.

COME MEET Gordon Mitchell, licensed hearing instrument specialist. *Gordon* specializes in helping people with nerve type hearing loss. He will be demonstrating the newest in hearing aid technology **THIS THURSDAY.**

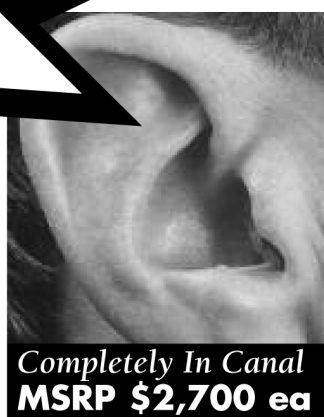
Call today: 432-267-7052



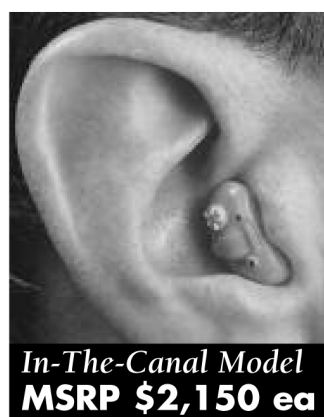
Gordon Mitchell
Licensed Dispenser

Any Style
Prescription Digital

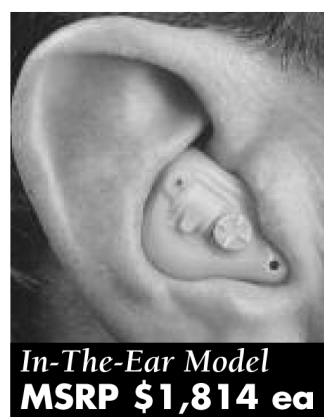
each



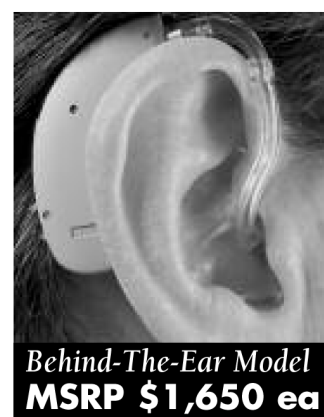
Completely In Canal
MSRP \$2,700 ea



In-The-Canal Model
MSRP \$2,150 ea



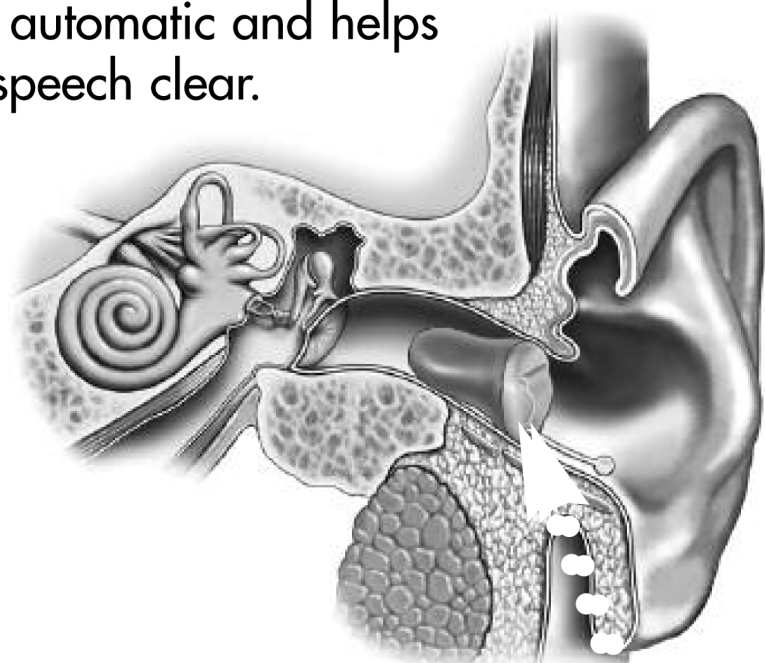
In-The-Ear Model
MSRP \$1,814 ea



Behind-The-Ear Model
MSRP \$1,650 ea

Available with one year mechanical warranty and one year loss and damage.

Try our tiny, new 100% Digital Hearing Aid from **STARKEY**. It's fully automatic and helps makes speech clear.



ALL HEARING AIDS ON SALE

HEARING AID BATTERIES

HEARING AID REPAIRS
(parts available)

66%

New stock Digital Completely-In-The-Canal Model



HEARING CHECK UP

Appointments are limited. Call now.



LIVINGSTON

Audiology and Hearing Aid Centers

Call today:
432-267-7052
211 Johnson in Big Spring

www.lhac.com

Serving West Texas and the Permian Basin since 1953

GOOD NEWS FOR BIG SPRING

Free Digital Hearing Demonstrations at Livingston this Thursday!

\$995

**MEDICAID
ACCEPTED**

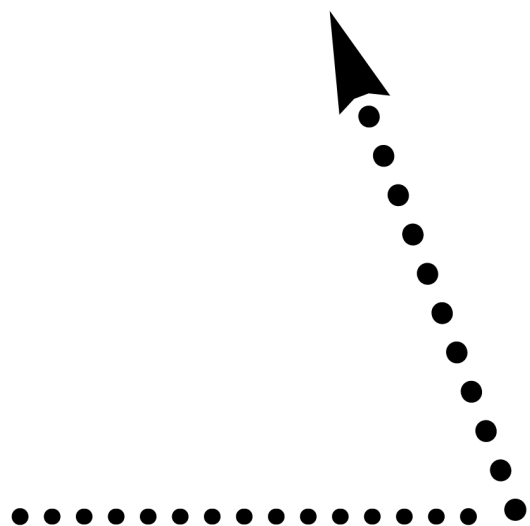
ANY SIZE - ANY STYLE PRESCRIPTION DIGITAL

**SAVE
30-50%**

FREE

SAVE

FREE



THIS THURSDAY ONLY!

Colorado authorities search for links in shooting sprees

By JUDITH KOHLER

Associated Press Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Authorities searched a home in suburban Englewood early Monday, seeking any link between two deadly shooting sprees at Christian religious centers that left both communities baffled and stunned.

Five people, including a gunman, died in the attacks Sunday at a megachurch in Colorado Springs and at the Youth With a Mission missionary center in the Denver suburb of Arvada. Five others were wounded.

"Violent crimes of any sort are tragic enough, but when innocent people are killed in a religious facility or a place of worship, we must voice a collective sense of outrage and demonstrate a renewed commitment to keeping our communities safe," said Gov. Bill Ritter.

Police in Arvada said they believed the shootings — which occurred 12 hours and about 65 miles apart — were probably linked, though they had nothing conclusive to back up the theory.

"Given the circumstances, I think it is a good possibility that the two are linked," Arvada Deputy Police Chief Gary Creagor told The Associated Press early Monday. "But we have to prove that they are."

At a news conference Sunday, Police Chief Don Wick said that there was "reason to believe" the shootings were connected, though he declined to elaborate.

Early Monday, authorities were searching a home in suburban Englewood, about 15 miles south of Denver, that they said could be related to the Colorado Springs shooting case. Authorities could be seen coming and going from the home, and at one point searching the bushes in front.

The violence began about 12:30 a.m. Sunday, when a man opened fire at the Youth With a Mission office after he had been denied a request to spend the night there. Witnesses told police that the gunman was a 20-year-old white male, wearing a dark jacket and skull cap, who had a handgun.

The center had been having a Christmas party when the gunman attacked.

More than 12 hours later, at New Life Church in Colorado Springs, a gunman with a high-powered rifle entered the church's main foyer and opened fire, Colorado Springs Police Chief Richard Myers said.

One church member was killed, and another who was badly wounded died later Sunday at Penrose Community

Hospital in Colorado Springs, said hospital spokeswoman Amy Sufak. Their identities were not released.

The gunman was killed by a member of the church's armed security staff before police arrived, Myers said. Officers also found several smoke-generating devices on the church campus; their intended purpose wasn't clear.

Jessie Gingrich, who had left New Life and was in the parking lot getting into her car, saw the gunman get a rifle from his trunk and open fire on a van with people inside. She cowered in her car, fumbling with the ignition key.

"I was just expecting for the next gunshot to be coming through my car. Miraculously — by the grace of God — it did not," she told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday.

About 7,000 people were on the church campus at the time of the shooting, said Senior Pastor Brady Boyd said. Security had been beefed up after the shootings hours earlier in Arvada, he said.

Ashley Gibbs was getting into a car with David Harris when they heard the gunshots — a sound like someone kicking ice from the side of a car, she said. Harris said he saw the gunman, and it looked like he knew how to handle a weapon.

"I was in the military for about three years, and the way he was holding the rifle looked just like the way we were taught to when I was in the military," he told NBC's "Today" show on Monday.

They stayed in the vehicle and prayed for the gunman.

"It was obvious that he was in some sort of pain and going through a lot," Gibbs told NBC's "Today" show. "I just prayed God would bring him peace."

New Life, with about 10,000 members, was founded by the Rev. Ted Haggard, who was dismissed last year after a former male prostitute alleged he had a three-year cash-for-sex relationship with him. Haggard, then the president of the National Association of Evangelicals, admitted committing undisclosed "sexual immorality."

The two dead victims at the missionary center were identified as Tiffany Johnson, 26, and Philip Crouse, 24.

Johnson, who grew up in Chisholm, Minn., loved working with children and wanted to see the world, said family friend Carla Macynski.

"Tiffany was a well-liked, easygoing 26-year-old. She was friendly, adventurous and a definite leader. She wanted to see the world," Macynski said as she choked back tears. Johnson had traveled to Egypt, Libya and South Africa with the missionary group.

Crouse, of Alaska, had helped build a foster home at a Crow reservation in Montana, said Ronny Morris, who works with a Denver chapter of the mission.

Staffer Dan Griebenow, 24, of South Dakota, was shot in the neck, according to Youth With a Mission. Staffer Charlie Blanch, 22, suffered gunshot wounds to his legs, according to ministry officials. His hometown wasn't immediately known.

The missionary center is on the grounds of the Faith Bible Chapel. Cheril

Morrison, wife of chapel pastor George Morrison, said Crouse had just hung up Christmas lights at her home and that Johnson was "an amazingly beautiful person."

Mimi Martin, who lives near the center, said she received a warning call at about 9 a.m. telling neighbors to keep their doors and windows locked.

"Why would anybody want to hurt those kids?" Martin said.

Darv Smith, director of a Youth With a Mission center in Boulder, said people ranging from their late teens to their 70s undergo a 12-week course that prepares them to be missionaries.

Paul Filidis, a spokesman with Youth With a Mission, said staffers are usually former missionaries themselves and that the "mercy ministries" performed by trainees include orphanage work.

Youth With a Mission was started in 1960 and now has 1,100 locations with 16,000 full-time staff.

Congratulations Coach McDonald!

Forsan ISD will celebrate Coach Terry McDonald's **Recent 300th win** as a high school varsity basketball coach

Come Celebrate This Milestone

Tuesday, December 11th

following the games, approximately 9:00 p.m. in the FHS Gym.

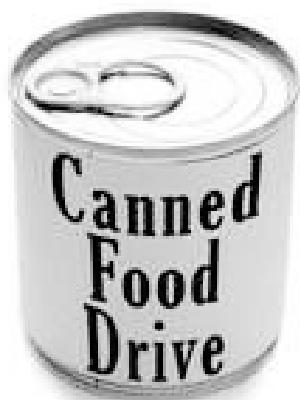
8212

We invite *His friends, fans, Ex-players, supporters and the entire community to share in this celebration.*

Salvation Army Can Food Drive

Help Stock the Pantry during the
**Big Spring High School
"Winter Concert"**

Monday, Dec. 10 • 7 p.m. • No Admission Fee



Can Food Accepted at the Concert to benefit the Salvation Army

Please help restock the shelves!

33371

LETTERS TO SANTA

Don't Miss This Section

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Area Schools Students, Submit Their Letters To Santa Claus

"DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007"

Advertisers, Don't Be Left Out!

33506

