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# City moves to take over Senior Center

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By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council Tuesday night. voted to move forward with possible acquisition of the ly

The council voted unanimousto allow Mayor Russ

Spring City Senior Citizens McEwen — along with council tions. Center from Howard County members Jo Ann Staulcup and Gloria McDonald, and several city administrators — the opportunity to begin negotia-

"There have been some talks and this would allow us to move forward with this," said McEwen. "This is a matter I See CITY, Page 3A

really feel strongly about. The people who are seniors in this community deserve a place to

# Where are the angels?

As deadline nears, more than 200 children without gifts in Angel Tree program

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Desperate.

That's the word local Salvation Army Capt. Linda Keeney used to describe the charity's annual Angel Tree program, which provides Christmas gifts for area low income children.

"Here we are, only a few days from the program deadline, and we still have 200 children still on

"I know we've gotten worried a few times in years past,

Keeney but this year has me genuinely scared."

gravely. "I know we've



Work crews were busy at the Big Spring Tuesday, installing a trio of security cameras which officials hope will help combat vandalism and other criminal activity at

# Council approves pact for Settles Hotel

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

"This is a great day for Big Spring.'

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen made that claim severDevelopment Company.

The funding — which will Attorney Linda Sjogren. al times during Tuesday night's come from Moore Development

unanimously approved \$3 mil- approved performance and SHDC must spend \$2 for every lion in funding and a 10-year tax escrow contracts with SHDC \$1 Moore Development spends, abatement for the Settles Hotel Monday night — does include a up to a maximum of \$3 million guarantee, according to City

"It essentially provides for a 2- See **COUNCIL**, Page 3A

meeting, as the city council for Big Spring Inc., which to-1 matching setup, where plus the interest on the escrow

# BSISD trustees to consider selling Runnels

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District may be on the verge of ending a 90-year association with the Runnels Junior High School building.

School trustees will consider selling the Runnels complex when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

The school board voted during its November meeting to put the complex up for sale; since that time, two bids have been received for the area, BSISD Manager Business Sandra Waggoner said.

The building was constructed in 1916 and served as the local high school until the 1950s, at which time it became Runnels Junior High.

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## Reaching out for the little ones

Spring Tabernacle Toys for Children set Friday morning

By BILL MCCLELLAN

**News Editor** 

Mona Lue Tonn may be a pastor, but that doesn't keep her from shining shoes. She doesn't do it for tips at the barbershop

though. She does it for the children Howard County.

"We've been busy," busy, said Tonn, taking time out from washing Teddy



Bears, sorting clothes and the aforementioned shoe shining.

It's Toys for Children time at Spring Tabernacle Ministries. and for the 12th year, church members and volunteers are busy readying hundreds of toys and articles of clothing for one purpose — to make Christmas brighter for the area's youth.

Most of the items to be distributed are used, but all have been cleaned and refurbished, and look as if they've been taken out of the box for the first time.

"I wouldn't give anything to these children that I wouldn't give to children of my own," said Tonn. "We work very

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### Big Spring native killed in Iraq

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A former Big Spring police officer has been killed in Iraq, officials announced Monday.

Steven Evrard, 36, of Big Spring, was among three men killed when their vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. A military spokesman said the casualties occurred when a roadside bomb went off as a security convoy was traveling on a road southeast of Baghdad.

A fourth man was injured but is in See EVRARD, Page 6A

"He was very well-respected and well-liked, the kind of guy who would do anything for anybody else."

-BSPD Lt. Terry Chamness

stable condition, military officials said. Evrard and the other men worked as security specialists employed by SOC-



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# Sports

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

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### IN BRIEF

#### Big Spring High School schedules fall sports banquet

The Big Spring High School booster clubs have scheduled a fall sports banquet for Saturday 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 Doughnation Drive begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. Pizza Inn will donate 10 percent of the night's profit to the softball team.

#### Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area subbasketball varsity 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 sched-

#### **FRIDAY**

Big Spring girls basketball vs. Clyde, 7:30

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

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

Coahoma boys basketball at Pecos, 7:30

#### **MONDAY**

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

#### **TUESDAY**

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

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

# Lady Buffs defeat Grady in overtime

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

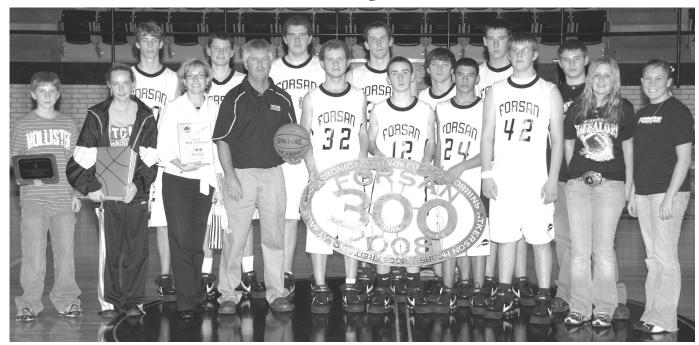
Tuesday night was a big night all around for Forsan basketball.

The varsity and junior varsity teams took a four-game sweep of the Grady Wildcats and Lady Cats. Then, Buffs' Head Coach Terry McDonald was honored for his 300th career win.

Varsity action for the special night began with an overtime thriller on the girls' side as the crowd at Buffalo Gym was treated to a very intense match-up with the Lady Buffs beating the Lady Cats, 50-49.

The Lady Buffs fell behind early, trailing 26-16 at halftime and did not fare much better in the third period, falling behind even further, 40-27 as the final frame began.

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Forsan Buffaloes Head Coach Terry McDonald (middle left, holding basketball) was acknowledged for his 300th career victory Tuesday night in Buffalo Gym in Forsan. He's seen above with the 2007-08 version of the Buffs' basketball team along with the training staff and members of his family.



Big Spring Steers guard Lance Gross pushes the ball past a Midland Lee defender in the Steers 75-44 loss to Lee Tuesday night at the Chaparral Center on the campus of Midland College. Gross had nine points in the Steers fourth straight loss.

### Steers fight, but fall hard to Midland Lee

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

MIDLAND — A final score can be misleading. At first glance, it appears Midland Lee's Runnin' Rebels dominated the Big Spring Steers for the second time in a week with an impressive 75-44 victory Tuesday night at the Chaparral Center in Midland.

However, the game wasn't in hand until midway through the fourth period for the Rebels, who scored a lot of easy layups with the game already decided, making the beating seem worse than it actually was.

intermission, Big Spring finally found its offensive rhythm to open the second half keyed by senior forward Jason Walker, who opened the third period with a layup he was fouled on. He successfully converted the old fashioned 3-point play then followed it up with a 3-point field goal on the Steers' next trip down the floor.

Walker then set up a Lance Gross 3-pointer and Tyrone Clemons made a basket, cutting the Lee lead to 31-25 with 4:02 left in the third period.

With the score 33-27, Lee went See **STEERS**, Page 2B

Trailing 26-14 coming out of on a 9-2 run to open up a 13-point advantage. However, Big Spring appeared to have momentum heading into the final frame, courtesy of Walker hitting a 3point shot just as the horn sounded to end the third period.

Leading 42-32, Lee opened the fourth stanza with 12-2 run for a 54-34 advantage, keyed by three 3-pointers by Josh Fields. From there, Lee coasted to victory. The Rebels sank seven of their eight 3-point attempts in the second half.

# CHS girls start district action with big victory

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COLORADO CITY — The best way to start any season is with a win, but it's especially important in the district season.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes used unselfish offensive and a strong interior defense on their way to a 60-24 win over the Colorado City Lady Wolves, opening District 5-2A play with a 1-0 record.

The Bulldogettes wasted little time putting distance between themselves and the Lady Wolves, busting out to a commanding 28-11 halftime.

Laci Sterling, a 5-10 junior post, did most of the work in the first half, scoring 17 of her game-high 22 points in the opening half.

"Laci did a good job for us tonight," Bulldogettes Head Coach Chris Sumrall said. "She got us going and we were able to distribute the ball where it needed to be for us to have a good night.'

"I was really proud of how unselfish we were tonight," Sumrall stated. "Our point guards did a really good job of passing the ball around and then on the defensive side we did a really good job of helping out."

In the second half, Christy Rich decided to give Sterling a break as the junior scored 12 of her 16 points over the final 16 minutes.

The Bulldogettes had little trouble closing things out defensively, allowing the Lady Wolves just three points in the final stanza.

Letesha McDuffie led the way with seven points for the Lady Wolves.

The Bulldogettes will next be in action Friday night as they host the Lady Bulldogs of Stamford High school. JV action tips off at six with varsity to follow.

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# Area roundup: Lady Bearkats defend No. 7 ranking

**Herald Staff Report** 

GARDEN CITY — Iraan's Lady Braves made the seventh-ranked Garden City Lady Bearkats look vulnerable. Well, at least for one half they did.

The Lady Bearkats led by seven at halftime, unable to put a comfortable distance between themselves and Iraan. However, Garden City came out of the intermission with guns blazing, outscoring Iraan 16-3 in the third period and cruising to a 53-30 victory from there.

The Lady Bearkats used a balanced scoring attack to fight off the Lady Braves with eight different players sinking baskets. Brittney Chudej had a game-high 10 points and Lyza Lopez chipped in nine. Amy Multer and Britton Avery each scored eight apiece with Whitney Kellermeier finishing with seven.

The Lady Bearkats try to continue a fast start to their season

Friday when they host an improving Forsan Buffaloes team at 6:30 p.m. 8 8 3 11—30 Iraan Garden City 12 11 16 14—53

Iraan: Stroup 5, Perry 5, Carson 1, Hernandez 3, Sanchez 6, Young 6, Peterson

Garden City (11-3): Whitney Kellermeier 7, Milissa Hirt 2, Amy Multer 8, Britton Avery 8, Brittney Chudej 10, Lyza Lopez 9, Morgan Schwartz 6, Paige Niehues 3.

Iraan 44,

Garden City 42

Garden City's Bearkats came up a bucket short of giving Garden City a clean sweep of Iraan Tuesday night in a very evenly played matchup.

Neither the Bearkats nor the Braves led by more than three points at the end of a period. With the score even at 23 at intermission, Iraan used a 9-6 advantage in the third stanza to gain just enough of an edge to hold off Garden City.

points as he teamed up with Wade Jansa, who scored 14, to lead the Bearkats comeback attempt in the fourth period that fell just short.

Garden City wraps up the first half of its season Friday, hosting a Forsan Buffaloes' team that won Garden City's own Bearkat Klassic earlier this season. Tip off is set for 8 p.m.

11 12 9 12-44 Garden City 9 14 6 13—42 Iraan: Galindo 14, Green 11, Chavez 6, Cade 4, Zuniga 4, Ledford 3, Gonzalez 2.

Garden City (8-4): Eric Hirt 16, Wade Jansa 14, Josh Colunga 6, Jake Schwartz 4, Nick Sanchez 2.

#### Stanton 65, Pecos 40

PECOS — With the score tied at 14 after one stanza, the Stanton Buffaloes used a dominant second period to run away with an easy victory over the Pecos Eagles.

The Buffs waylaid Pecos in the Eric Hirt led all scorers with 16 second, outscoring the Eagles 198 in the stanza for a 33-22 edge at intermission. From Stanton extended its lead with each ensuing period, dominating the Eagles in the second half, 32-

Adam Evans scored 20 points to lead the Buffs' charge, but Garrett Fulton might have made the biggest impact. The senior guard had eight points, eight rebounds and eight assists. Fulton's brother, Tyler, had 13 points and seven rebounds. David Erives finished with 10 points.

Stanton (7-4) opens District 5-2A play next Tuesday, hosting Colorado City at 7:30 p.m. before heading into the Christmas break.

Stanton 14 19 13 19-65

Pecos 14 8 7 11—40 Stanton (7-4): Garrett Fulton 8, David Erives 10, Tyler Fulton 13, Justin Hinojosa 6, Ramsey Fleckenstein 2, Victor Rodriguez 3, Chase Pinkerton 4, Adam Evans 20.

Pecos (5-6): Lujan 13, Zubeldia 3, Dominguez 3, Portillo 3, Madrid 10, Soto 6.

### **Obituaries**

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#### **Linda Porter**

Linda Porter, 59, of Colorado City died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, in an Odessa hospital. Graveside services for her cremated remains will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 15, 2007, at the Throckmorton City Cemetery in Throckmorton.

Linda was born Sept. 28, 1948, in Odessa to Coy Wells and Billie Atchison. She married Leonard George Porter on Oct. 23, 1998, in Midland.

She was a member of the Eagles and the American Legion Ladys Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard George Porter of Colorado City; and one daughter, Jennifer Wilcox of Midland.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Joseph Frank Clark; and a brother.

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

### **Take Note**

- Serendipity (for women only) will meet at College Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17. As we spend a short time with Mary the Mother of Jesus, come and experience Christmas in a new, different and exciting way. Door prizes, gifts, food and desserts and included. Free child care is provided. RSVP the church at 432-267-7429.
- 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-
- 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.0, 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
- 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.

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### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Tuesday:

- BRODERICK BRADLEY, 25, 2625 Hunter, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid and a Mitchell County warrant.
- ANTONIO FLORES JR., 27, 1212 E. 16th, was arrested on a local warrant.
- DEMETRIO ALVARADO, 50, 206 N.W. Fourth, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

# Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Tuesday (Note: officials reported 66 inmates in the county jail):

- JUAN LUIS CISNEROS, 37, was arrested by DPS on charges of failure to control speed and public intoxication.
- JUAN ARTURO VIRRUETA, 26, was arrested by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHNNY RAY VIERA, 22, was arrested by DPS on charges of theft, no liability insurance and driving while license invalid.
- PRISCILLA CARRILLO, 35, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of theft by check.
- NICHOLAS CRAIG MILLS, 27, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

### Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Tuesday:

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT at FM 700 and Goliad. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL on the 1900 block of Mittle. One person
- was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL at 18th and Winn. One person was
- transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL on 800 block of N. Goliad. One person
- was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL on the 1900 block of E. 11th. Service was
- MEDICAL on the 1200 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL on the 2500 block of N. Birdwell. One
- person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL on the 100 block of N.E. 10th. One per-
- son was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL on the 200 block of Circle. One person
- was transported to SMMC.

### Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-14-22-28-33. Number matching five of five: None.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night, in order: 0-2-7-4. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night, in order: 4-9-4. Sum It Up: 17.

### Weather

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Thursday — Sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the upper

50s. Light and variable winds.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. Friday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of

rain. Highs around 50. Southeast winds around 10

Friday night — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow. Lows in the upper 20s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Saturday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper

Sunday — Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Sunday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.



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### **Bulletin Board**

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#### **TODAY**

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

#### **THURSDAY**

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
- · Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

#### **FRIDAY**

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

### **Support Groups**

#### WEDNESDAY

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

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

#### **FRIDAY**

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

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

#### **SUNDAY**

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

#### **MONDAY**

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

#### **TUESDAY**

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

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By NOAH TRISTER

AP Sports Writer

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas' patience was rewarded by a coach who wanted out of the NFL after less than a sea-

Bobby Petrino was introduced as the Razorbacks' new coach Tuesday night, hours after he abruptly resigned from the Atlanta Falcons.

The move gave Arkansas a big-name catch to replace Houston Nutt, who left the Hogs two weeks ago and was hired by Mississippi.

"I knew I wanted to come back and coach in college football," Petrino said. "I'm very excited to get back and work with the student-athlete.'

In January, Petrino left as head coach at Louisville to take over in Atlanta, agreeing to a five-year, \$24 million contract handed out by a team that felt he could help Michael Vick reach his full potential.

However, the star quarterback came under investigation for a grisly dogfighting operation that led him to plead guilty to federal charges.

Vick was sentenced Monday to 23 months in prison without ever taking a snap for Petrino. That night the Falcons lost to New Orleans 34-14, and hours later Petrino left the team with a 3-10 record to return to the college ranks.

Petrino got a five-year deal

worth \$2.85 million per year to Wednesday morning, the unitake over the Razorbacks, according to an athletic department spokesman.

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"One of the most attractive things about coming to the University of Arkansas is the fan base," Petrino said. "It basically ranges all the way from Fayetteville to Little Rock to West Memphis, and I'm excited about that — to be the main show — there's no question."

Arkansas fans were divided all year over Nutt's status, and after he left, the school looked for a proven coach to replace him.

The Razorbacks came close to hiring Wake Forest's Jim Grobe last week, but Grobe remained with the Demon Deacons, raising questions as to whether a top candidate would come to Fayetteville.

With Petrino, Arkansas may get the last laugh. He went 41-9 in four high-scoring years at Louisville before leaving to join the Falcons.

"First of all, offensively, we want to be very aggressive," the 46-year-old Petrino told a cheering crowd when he was introduced. "What I like to do first is establish the fact that everybody expects to score every single time we take the field on offense. That is the expectation."

Arkansas was clearly eager to announce Petrino's hiring. Instead of waiting until

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versity held a news conference that started around 10:30 p.m. local time Tuesday night. A couple hours before that, some fans braved foggy, rainy weathto stand outside at Fayetteville's small airport, hoping to catch a glimpse of Petrino on his way in.

Jeff Long, Arkansas' incoming athletic director, handled the search for a new coach. Long takes over for Frank Broyles, who is retiring at the end of the year. Long said he wasn't deterred as the search appeared to drag on and many wondered if the Razorbacks needed to lower their standards.

"I wasn't listening or reading," Long said. "I was going to work to find the best coach.'

Petrino's stint in Atlanta was one of the shortest for a noninterim coach since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger.

Pete McCulley was fired after starting out 1-8 with San Francisco in 1978, and Sid Gillman lasted only 10 games in his second stint as San Diego coach, going 4-6 in 1971 before quitting.

In an interesting twist, Lou Holtz coached the New York Jets for 13 games in 1976. He went 3-10, then left the team with one game remaining to become the coach at Arkansas.

Petrino was the latest college coach to flop in the NFL.

mediocre years with the Washington Redskins.

Nick Saban made it through just two seasons with the Miami Dolphins before returning to the college ranks at Alabama.

There were signs of dissension in Atlanta, in particular because of the way Petrino dealt with his players.

To some he seemed aloof, feeling no reason to share personnel decisions with affected play-

He could walk through the locker room without speaking to anyone and was openly criticized by two of the team's stars, Pro Bowlers Alge Crumpler and DeAngelo Hall.

A decision to cut nose tackle Grady Jackson, one of the team's most productive defensive linemen, during the bye week drew the ire of veteran players.

Atlanta owner Arthur Blank and general manager Rich McKay were scheduled to hold a news conference Wednesday. There was no immediate word on who would take over for the team's final three games.

Meanwhile, Petrino will try for a fresh start with Arkansas — something both the coach and school appear ready for.

The Razorbacks played in the Southeastern Conference championship game in 2006, but they finished that season with three

Steve Spurrier quit after two straight losses. During the offseason, fans used the Freedom of Information Act to investigate Nutt's cell phone records.

This season started with Nutt's long-term status shaky, and the mood in Arkansas worsened when the Razorbacks began SEC play 0-3. They finished strong, beating then-No. 1 LSU in their regular-season finale to go 8-4.

However, within days of one of his biggest victories at Arkansas, Nutt departed and defensive coordinator Reggie Herring was named interim coach.

Herring will coach the 25thranked Razorbacks when they face No. 7 Missouri in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1. Then Petrino is the only person in charge.

"It was one of the most difficult things I've had to do," Petrino said. "I truly believe from the bottom of my heart that I made the right decision."

AP Sports Writer Paul Newberry in Atlanta contributed to this report.

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#### CITY

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go and congregate, and in many cases, it's the only meal they get each day.

"What we're talking about doing is the city would take over the operation of the Senior Citizen Center. Our structure in municipal government lends itself to these types of operations because we have professionals with management structure that can do this.'

County Commissioner Bill Crooker recently laid out the financial details of the proposed transfer, explaining the county would still be responsible for the same fiscal totals through this budgetary year.

"I've given you (the commissioner's court) a proposal for the transfer of management of the Senior Citizens Center,"

said Crooker. "There is the matter that we would guarantee for the 2007-2008 fiscal year the \$108,000 we have in our budget for operational costs, and that we would turn over the funds from the grants — approximately \$84,000 — and all money and accounts held by the county for the Senior Center would be given to the city of Big Spring.

"That would include all lawn and maintenance equipment, as well as the two vehicles that are

being used to deliver meals. I visited with Jackie (Olson), and she's had a chance to review this proposal and this is acceptable to her, and we feel it pretty much covers the subject."

Commissioners, facing a \$1 million budgetary shortfall for the coming year, approved a resolution in November that shows the court's intent to begin negotiations on the matter, but did not provide for any financial details.

The council also approved the sale of property at 1200 Utah to the county during Tuesday's meeting — land that is expected to become part of the site for a new \$11.57 million jail facility commissioners have planned for the location.

According to city officials, the property is being sold to the county for \$14,500 — the price, plus attorney fees, the city invested in the lot.

#### COUNCIL

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account," Sjogren said. "SHDC would then have to spend \$6 million plus two-times whatever the interest amount is on the account to receive the maximum financial payment.

"Payments will only be made for eligible 4A expenditures, as determined by Moore (Development's) council... Reconciliation requires that once they reach substantial completion or three years after the effective date, there will be a reconciliation to make sure the payments have kept the correct ratio."

Sjogren said the interest accrued by the \$3 million, which will remain in escrow, was a bargaining point in negotiations between Moore Development and SHDC.

"The repayment and clawback agreement is Moore reason Development requested

the guarantee from Mr. request the council unan-(Brint) Ryan (SHDC mansaid Sjogren. "And, in exchange for that, they were able to work out the situation on the escrow. That way, if negotiations were to fail or the deal were to fall through, we have a little more than just the ethics of SHDC to fall back on.'

McEwen said although SHDC will get the interest from the escrow account, it's not a situation where the company could simply take that money over the next three years and walk away from the project.

"If we reached that three-year mark and no work has been done, the contract would not allow Mr. Ryan to keep the interest accrued by the escrow account," said McEwen.

City Councilman Troy Tompkins, who, before being elected to the council acted as spokesperson and contact point for SHDC, implored the council to pass the measure by unanimous vote.

imously support this item at this time," Tompkins.

Because the agenda item was an emergency reading, it would have to be passed by a unanimous vote to avoid going to a final reading during the council's next meeting.

McEwen said the reason for the emergency reading was a time crunch Ryan faced with the closing of 2007.

"He said he'd like it done by the 21st (of December), and the reason for that is they are in a position where he has some obligations buildings that he has and those optioned, options will run out Dec. 31," said McEwen. "And he doesn't want to exercise options on large buildings if he doesn't know for sure he has this agreement. So, it's logical that we do it that way, and that's the reason for the emergency reading. He has things that have to be taken care of by the

is our only meeting in December."

McEwen said a renovated Settles Hotel could be the rallying point for downtown Big Spring, and eventually, the city as a whole.

"This is a day I have been looking forward to for what seems like three or four years, even though it's only been a little over a year," said McEwen. "This is a good day for Big Spring, for considering this, because the Settles Hotel could be the crown jewel of downtown redevelopment.

"I've said it many times before, I know of no rural community that has a viable economy that doesn't have a revitalized downtown. They just go hand in hand. This is awfully important and I've had a lot of comments about spending \$3 million of taxpayer money, but the fact of the matter is if we do not revitalize the Settles Hotel, we're going to spend in the same range to tear it down. I'd rather spend \$3 million and have something to show for it - a revitalized Settles — than to tear it down and have another parking lot downtown that doesn't need to be used."

SHDC announced plans for a \$12 million renovation project in December 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project



includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

The council approved a tax abatement contract during the meeting that would grant the company a 10-year, 100 percent suspension of taxes on the Settles and any other properties owned by the company.

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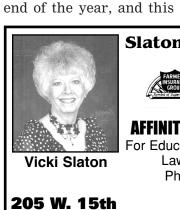
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### **FORSAN**

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**BIG SPRING HERALD** 

However, trailing 40-27 in the fourth period, the Lady Buffs put on the clamps defensively, holding the Lady Cats to zero points in the final period and setting up some last second the-

Forsan, on a 10-0 run and still trailing by three, brought the ball up the court with only 10 seconds left to play. As if scripted from a movie, the ladies calmly worked for the open shot, finding Shelby McDonald open on the left side of the arc, who drained the 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded, sending the game into overtime knotted at

"It is not often we get a chance to play in a game like this," said Lady Buffs' Head Coach Robert Hillger. "The atmosphere was intense and the girls really stepped up and took hold of the moment.

In the extra period, both squads traded baskets with Sandi Golleher giving Forsan their first lead of the game with

1:34 left, draining two free throws and putting the Lady Buffs up, 48-46.

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However, the Lady Cats scored the next three points, taking a one point lead with 14 seconds left. Golleher was fouled and sent back to the line, but missed the free throws, giving Grady a chance to ice the game. Unfortunately for the Lady Cats, they lost the ball out of bounds on great defensive pressure from Forsan's Miranda Park.

Again faced with the clock running down and needing a basket, the Lady Buffs once again worked to get an open shot and found Charley Stanley, who nailed a 10-footer, giving Forsan a 50-49 lead with only 2.8 seconds left.

Grady was unable to get off a shot and Forsan celebrated their fifth win of the season, improving their mark to 5-6. The Lady Buffs opened the season 0-5, but have won five of their last six contests.

The varsity boys walked away with an easy victory, improving to 8-1 on the season and defeating the Wildcats, 51-34.

Adam Baliey led all Buffs' scorers with 16 points while collecting 13 boards.

Grady tried to keep pace all night, but was unable to get much going without 6-5 center Justin Tubb who suffered an ankle injury last week.

"It certainly changes things with him not in the ball game," said McDonald, "but I have always found that in a situation like that, someone else will step up from a place you may not expect. We planned for Tubb and with him out you don't know where to plan for. So, it doesn't necessarily make it easier with their main guy out."

For Grady, it was Dylan Cox who stepped up to lead the Wildcats with 16 points, including three 3-point buckets. However, it was not enough as Forsan had three players in double figures with Nathan Atkerson pouring in 11 points and Jeremy Robbins adding 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Forsan used the strength of a 23-8 third period to put the Wildcats away for good after leading by only six at halftime. The Buffs will travel to

Garden City this Friday to take on the Bearkats with the Lady playing the Lady Bearkats first, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

After the boys' game, McDonald was honored in recognition of his 300th career victory. McDonald actually got the win last week in the Garden City tourney, but in order to be honored in front of the home crowd, Forsan waited to have the celebration.

Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson, among others, presented McDonald with several plaques and assorted gifts in appreciation for his accomplishment. Many former players, coaches and Buffs' supporters congratulated McDonald and his family at mid-court.

McDonald is proud of the accomplishment, but reflected all the credit onto his players, current and old, and to the various administrators and coaches he has worked with over the years.

"This is all about the student athletes I have been fortunate enough to coach," said McDonald. "The achievement is a credit to all the past teams that I have coached and to this years' team. I have been able to be around some great kids and see them grow into young adults. I have also worked with good administrators, school personnel and coaches that have been of great assistance to

McDonald went on to say that the people associated with his career have had a great effect on him and his family.

"That is the great thing about coaching in a small school system," McDonald said. "You get to know and be involved with the students on a daily basis."

**Notes**: In junior varsity action, the Forsan boys ran their record to 4-0 as they knocked off the Wildcats, 43-37. Evan Burton put up 16 points and Riley Wood added 12.

The ladies' junior varsity squad remained undefeated on the year at 8-0, led by Brittney Roemer with 9 points and 11 rebounds. Kelsey Jones added 8 points and Morgan Forshee netted 7 points on the night.

Both JV teams will play Garden City Friday night.

### **COAHOMA**

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Coahoma, Bulldogs rushed out to a 15-14 lead after one quarter of play thanks to backto-back three pointers by Paniagua Matthew Tatum. However, untimely miscues down the stretch cost the Bulldogs dearly on their way to a 67-58 loss to Reagan County.

"We had them," said Bulldogs Head Coach Kim Nichols. "We got sloppy at the end and I'll take full responsibility for that."

"We haven't really taken the time and practiced the clock management part of the game vet." Nichols went on to say. "That will change though. You can't go out and play a good team hard for three quarters and then fall apart at the end and expect to win."

Colter Morgan did his best to keep the Bulldogs in it as the 6-7 senior swatted shot after shot inside the defensive paint.

On the night, Morgan collected 10 rejections to go along with his 12 points.

"Colter did a good job for us tonight," Nichols

said. "We have to do a better job to reacting to him blocking the shot though. We have to be able to be in position to do some-

thing with it when he

knocks it away."

Coahoma found itself holding a slim 32-29 advantage with less than a minute to go in the first half after Logan Stone drove to the basket to score two of his 10 points.

The Owls stormed back, however, finding themselves ahead 33-32 before Brit Campbell nailed a three pointer at the buzzer to close out the 9-0 run, staking Reagan County to the 36-32 lead.

Both teams came out running after the break trading baskets the entire

third period.

Reagan County managed to hit the scoreboard for 19 in the quarter while the Bulldogs answered with 16 of their own, allowing the Owls to enter the final eight minutes up

Try as they may, the Bulldogs were never able to close the gap in the final quarter as the Owls

repeatedly answered every Coahoma basket with one of their own before finally putting the Bulldogs away when Campbell hit both ends of a one-and-one opportunity with 12 seconds remain-

Tatum paced the way for the Bulldogs with 17 points while the trio of Jordan Gonzales,

Brandon Davenport, and Campbell accounted for 14 apiece for the Owls. Coahoma will next be in

action this Friday as they travel to face the Pecos Eagles.

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# Symphonic Christmas a must-see

ne of the joys of the Christmas season is its music, and we are certainly blessed here in Howard County. Saturday, the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra with a host of friends — will be performing some of the most cherished carols and holiday favorites ever written during "A Symphonic Christmas."

Whether your taste leans toward classical, such as "Ev'ry Valley" from Handel's "Messiah," spiritual — "O Holy Night" — or traditionals, like "Silver Bells," you'll find plenty in this concert to bring joy to your heart.

Special performances will be presented by the Coahoma Choir Kids, directed by Sandra Wallace, and two more guest vocalists, tenor Dann Coakwell and soprano Joyce Bradley. The entire production will be conducted by Dr. Keith Graumann.

Set in the Municipal Auditorium, it promises to be a wonderful evening of musical diversity, all with one message — Merry, Merry Christmas.

Saturday's program calls for the Coahoma Choir Kids to perform "On This Still, Silent Night," "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" and "Shepherd's Pipe Carol" accompanied by the full orchestra. They will also sing an unaccompanied version of "Non Nobis Pacem."

Coakwell will perform "Ev'ry Valley," as well as popular tunes such as the "Christmas Song" and "Christmas Waltz."

Other selections the symphony will perform include a number of well-known pieces including "Silver Bells," "Carol of the Bells," "The Little Drummer Boy" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

The show's finale will be Bradley's rendition of "O. Holy Night."

Make plans now to attend "A Symphonic Christmas" this Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are just \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students and are available at the *Herald*, Blum's Jewelers, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Faye's Flowers, and First Bank of West Texas. They'll also be on sale at the door the night of the perfor-

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### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we take care of our earthly errands, Lord, with You in mind.

Amen

# White House? Go through 'El Barrio'

n spite of the anti-immigrant climate that has been sweeping the nation, a Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll says 60 percent of Americans are still in favor of a legalization plan for law-abiding illegal immigrants. Other polls say two

Republican presidential candidates are surging, and they happen to be the only ones who have shown some compassion for the people who already pick our crops, mow our lawns and wash our cars and dishes. And yet another poll says immigration has

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become a much more important issue to Latino voters.

This could become the ultimate issue that determines who will be our next president. The winner, however, will not be chosen by those who bash immigrants but by those who are tired of xenophobic rhetoric.

The immigration pendulum has swung so far to the right that now it has no choice but to swing left.

For several years, pollsters told us immigration was not a significant issue to Latino voters. They said there were other issues Latinos found far more important. It was hard to believe, but that's what they said.

However, perhaps because most Latinos recently have felt the often racist sting of the anti-immigrant movement, one poll has found that 79 percent of Hispanic voters now say immigration is a very important issue in the presidential race, up from 63 percent in June 2004.

According to the same survey, by the Pew Hispanic Center, the support Republicans had gained in the past few years among Hispanic voters now has gone back to the Democrats. It found that 57 percent of Latinos align themselves with Democrats and 23 percent favor Republicans — a 34-point gap that has not been seen since the late 1990s.

Sunday night, most of the Republican candidates who originally had refused to participate in a Spanish-language TV debate were finally on Univision — trying to win back the voters they have been alienating with their anti-immigrant rhetoric for several months.

Is the pendulum making an about-face? With 18 million potential Latino voters going to the polls next year, many of whom happen to be positioned in key Electoral College states that could swing an election, Latinos can decide who will be the next president.

Without the support of at least 30 percent of Latinos, no candidate can make it to the White House. And without some compassion for illegal immigrants, no candidate can win that kind of support from Latinos.

Luckily for Republicans, the two candidates who are now surging in the polls — Sen. John McCain and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee — are the ones who still could win a significant portion of the Hispanic vote. Perhaps even Rudy Giuliani could win enough Latino votes to become president but only if he comes to his senses and stops pretending that he is an immigration hawk. The

rest of them have no chance to win the Hispanic vote or the race for president. And with Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., flip-flopping and turning against granting driver's licenses to illegal immigrants and Sen.

Barack Obama, D-Ill., failing to give a clear explanation of his (512) 463-0604

position on that issue, Democrats are not doing too well, either.

Most of the Republican candidates have tried to out-tough one another regarding immigration. But the Democrats — instead of tackling Republicans head-on and exposing their often destructive, divisive and downright racist attitudes — have tried to play down this issue.

Instead of showing how Latinos have been used as guinea pigs to score points for Republicans on the immigration issue and speaking out in defense of the millions of people who live among us undocumented but filling many jobs that keep our economy going

— the Democrats rather would duck than fight. They still are hoping to win the Hispanic vote by default.

Democrats figure Latinos will have no other choice but to vote for them. And for that reason, they figure they have no need to be strong advocates for Latino issues right now. Why should they alienate the anti-immigrant zealots when they don't have to? Republicans have done such a good job of alienating Latino voters that Democrats figure they don't have to do anything — nada!

But with the immigration pendulum changing direction and compassionate GOP candidates surging in the polls, Democrats could end up taking the Latino vote for granted — just enough to lose the race for president.

Bottom line: If Latinos vote in a significant bloc, they will determine who will be the next American president. And candidates who flip-flop on immigration, bash illegal immigrants or hope to win by default will not make it to the White House.

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# Incompetence tax threat to business

here's an old saying in the training business, "If you think training is expensive, try ignorance.' Which is to say, the expense, inconvenience, loss of reputation and other costs, large and small, suffered by a busi-

ness, an institution or a society due to incompetence and ignorance are far greater than the costs of properly training people or designing things to work right in the first place.

I call it the incompetence tax, and to a large extent, it is voluntary. Those compa-

nies who wish to avoid it usually can by providing good training for their staffs and being smart about how they implement their business practices.

Well-run businesses that invest in training their people and in designing easy-to-use, fail-safe systems around their business pay low or no incompetence tax at all. Most businesses, however, think that they are somehow exempt from the incompetence tax. So, they don't do the necessary training and systems design.

Examples of businesses that pay the incompetence tax can be found daily.

The TJX Companies, the outfit that runs T.J. Maxx and other clothing stores in the U.S. and Canada, could wind up paying an incompetence tax of more than \$50 million to fix the problems caused when hackers breached the wireless computer networks the stores used to run their point-of-sale sys-

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Even though the weaknesses of the systems at TJX were wellknown by experts in the computer security field, incompetent network security practices exposed the credit card and other personal data of 45 million of customers to identity thieves for 18 months.

Exxon paid an incompetence tax of around \$3.5 billion, caused when its employee Joseph Hazelwood, of Exxon Valdez fame, managed to bang that supertanker into a long-charted reef on a calm night in a marked and lighted channel more than a mile wide. Capt. Hazelwood shared the blame with a long list of other individuals and government agencies that all contributed their particular form of incompetence to the disas-

Closer to home, all of us have probably seen a case where a business loses money, loses revenue or loses customers due to the incompetence tax. Those losses are as real and as damaging as if the money had been stolen from them in a robbery, or taxed from them in the conventional way by government.

Case in point: I rented a car during a recent business trip and, as usual, I had to show my driver's license to a gate guard, who checked my rental agreement against my ID before letting me off the lot in their car. With everything apparently in order, I went on my way for the week's business and returned the car on my way home. Only then did I notice that the rental agreement that came in the car when I rented it listed the renter's name in half-inch-high letters as someone else, not Mike

Sullivan as it should have been.

Despite the supposedly tight security check on my way out of the rental facility earlier in the week, the gate guard didn't actually confirm that the name on the rental contract agreed with the person shown on the driver's license and sitting in the car.

Long story short: the rental car company decided it was easier for them to simply give me that week's rental free, than to try to untangle the mess of contradictory paperwork their mix-up caused. Incompetence tax: about \$300. That kind of dough would help pay for a lot of training to make the people and the systems less prone to such errors.

When the restaurant manager comps your meal because of the slow or sloppy service you received, they've paid a bit of incompetence tax. When they don't even know such problems exist and lose customers who will never return, they wind up paying a much higher incompetence tax.

Before businesses complain about government regulation, the difficulty of finding good employees or other costs of doing business, they should first focus on exempting themselves from as much incompetence tax as they

Investing in good training and good business practices is a much more efficient way for businesses to compete and succeed than raising prices, lowering quality or cutting staff.

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# Broncos' Young heads home to face Houston

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — It's a big week for Selvin Young.

Denver's undrafted rookie ran for a career-high 156 yards in a win over Kansas City on Sunday and gets to play in a prime-time game in his hometown Thursday night against the Houston Texans.

Young knows his performance against the Chiefs won't matter when the Broncos play the Texans.

"It's not about what you've done last time, it's what you're doing now," he said. "What are vou doing for me lately. So it's being consistent, trying to do what I can do and ... learn from the things that I did wrong last week and try to get better.'

Young is the latest in Denver's rich tradition of successful running backs who were undrafted or low draft picks. Injuries pushed Young into the starting role and the former University of Texas standout has made the most of his opportunity, averaging 5.7 yards a carry.

Young's effort Sunday gave him 569 yards for the season, making him the sixth undrafted

for more than 500 yards.

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Denver coach Mike Shanahan isn't surprised by Young's success. When asked if he thought Young would be this type of player, he brought up a low draft pick who went on to unprecedented success in

Denver. "We thought Terrell Davis would be the type of player he was, too, that's why we took him in the sixth round," Shanahan said. "You never know what guys are going to do and you give them an opportunity to show what they can do. I think we've seen what Selvin can do in the preseason. I said in preseason it wouldn't surprise me if he was a starter in the National Football League and be an over 1,000-yard back."

Davis was a sixth-round pick in 1995 and ran for more than 6,000 yards in his first four seasons in Denver.

Texans coach Gary Kubiak said he liked Young during the draft, but at the time he had plenty of depth at running

"He's a fine player, Houston kid and a lot of people talked about him coming out of

rookie in league history to rush Texas," Kubiak said. "They've done a great job of finding backs that nobody else can find and this kid's been a great surprise for them.'

Shanahan said Young is as mature as a five-year veteran and the Broncos are lucky to have him. He added that he thinks he could be the full-time starter.

"The guy is tough as nails," Shanahan said. "He blocks in pass protection, he blocks in the open field. We've got him in the nickel and he takes on linebackers and gets the job done."

As smooth as his transition to Denver has been, there's one thing he hasn't adjusted to yet.

"I'm looking forward to going home, getting away from some of this snow, going back to seeing some good dry grass more than anything," he said.

Young expects to have dozens of family and friends at Thursday's game, including his five younger brothers.

"I've got a bunch of little brothers," he said. "I'm more excited about letting them get the chance to see me play at home and I just can't wait to come back."

While the Broncos rave about their undrafted rookie running

Denver Broncos running back Selvin Young (35) carries the ball for a long gain in the first quarter of the Broncos' win over the Kansas City Chiefs in Denver, Sunday.

back, the Texans are a bit ries against the Buccaneers. apprehensive about the possibility they'll have to start theirs.

Darius Walker, who made his NFL debut Sunday, could start against Denver as Ron Dayne struggles with a sore ankle. Dayne injured his ankle two his ankle," Kubiak said. "We'll weeks ago and aggravated that injury against Tampa Bay. He was limited to just seven car-

Walker had 16 carries for 46 yards and six receptions for 35 yards Sunday. Houston's other running back is former practice squad player Adimchinobi Echemandu.

"Ronnie's still very hobbled, just treat the heck out of him and see how much progress we can make with him."

#### **STEERS**

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"We were more competitive this time, but we gave up too many layups," said Steers' Head Coach Marcus Morris. "We knew we couldn't do that coming into the game. Plus, they hit some big shots down the stretch. Three pointers and layups, it's hard to come back from that."

"We played together well in the third period," Morris continued. "We got the ball into our posts and our guards did time. Lance Gross had nine and their job. We played a pretty

good basketball game. We looked like a really good team for three quarters playing against a good Midland Lee team. We just need to learn to sustain that for four quarters."

Midland Lee was led by Malcolm Miller with 16 points, scoring a pivotal five points in the third period to thwart the Big Spring run. Wayne Betts had 15 and Dave Morris chipped in 11.

Jason Walker again led Big Spring in scoring, finishing the night with 13 points, despite having just one point at half-Terrance Clemons finished

with eight.

Morris was encouraged by the Steers' stout performance against a team that pounded them so heavily Friday.

"We played better defense this time," noted Morris. "We kept up with this team for three periods instead of just one like we did the first time we faced them. Hopefully, we can keep improving. You can learn something from a loss."

The loss drops the Steers' to 7-5. Big Spring had won seven straight games after opening the season with a loss, but has lost four straight since then.

"If you look at our schedule, it

was easy to see that this was going to be a tough and challenging stretch for us," Morris said. "We've just got to keep the kids positive. They're hungry to win. We've got to keep that going."

The Steers have just one game remaining before Christmas break with the Snyder Tigers paying their second visit to Steer Gym this season at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

"It will be a good basketball game," noted Morris. "Snyder is a good basketball team and can play with these guys. Just because they're not a 5A team doesn't mean they can't compete. Anybody can be beat anytime in basketball and I hope our guys understand that."

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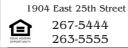
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#### Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS** Young hearts thrive

unfettered and wild, like wild roses, but longloves term are cultivated

the under gentle hand of committed gardeners.



and limitations of love, Saturn stabilizes Venus in Scorpio. Applying structure and discipline our relationships surely pleases milady.

MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Any task you perform just for the money is destined for doom. So do it for the fun, the intrigue, the love. When you show heart, you win in every way. Aquarius and Pisces are lucky friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May The planetary 20). highlight positions curiosity, research and possibly a new love. Satisfy your need for learning about subjects and people, especially Cancer people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Show that you're in charge and you'll earn respect. Though you may not know it for several months, what you do today has an important lasting effect. Tonight, loved ones need your common sense.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's surprising how many people aren't good for their word, but you are. Even what you say casually in passing is important to someone. You realize and honor this.

you into trouble. Trust that others know their You'll find business. shortcuts by listening and reading carefully between the lines. This is also how you will receive magic words tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. getting You're passionate. Passion is the difference between doing a job and being a professional. Passion is the difference between liking someone claiming someone. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Instead of vacillating, make decisions and go with them. It turns out there is no right or wrong, only action and inaction. Your love life thrives when you take risks. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). Give in on the little issues, and be strong on the big ones. Someone who is inappropriately dependent on you will learn self-care as soon as you let go. Tonight, romance is better than the movies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're showered with attention — and even fame if you seek it. Friends acquaintances are more available and will go where you lead. Tonight, love progresses.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You couldn't be more focused, even when there are substantial distractions. Trying to justify your actions will weaken only position. Take a stand. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You're not afraid of what anyone else thinks, which is what makes very you successful at getting your point across with a lot of LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). originality.

Second guessing will run plenty of extra energy available to see a project through.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Enough of those critical people. A true friend accentuates your characteristics, good helping you get what you want. Tonight, you find new ways to keep a healthy balance between love and work. ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "I was born Jan. 7, 1969. My life has been such a rollercoaster and a disappointment most of the time. Am I ever going to find real happiness and the security I crave so much? My pets are the best thing in my life, which is great, but I feel left out removed and from everybody else. Thank you for your advice." OK, Saturn's been

transiting your moon in Virgo, so you're cut some slack for your glum outlook. With an earthy Capricorn sun and Virgo moon, you're prone to episodes of feeling mired in the mud. But selfcriticism and self-doubt are a catch-22, and when you feel isolated and lacking the positive energy to make connection, you isolate yourself and end up feeling worse. With Mars firing up your Cancer rising, use this as an opportunity to risk bravely sharing yourself with another. You have a dynamic Mars in Scorpio who wants to play, flirt and be the center of attention. Do you see this part of you? For more help, explore psychic cellar — your complex family relationships as the root of your instability. The security you crave is There's internal.

# Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 27vear-old man and was recently engaged to "Shawna," a beautiful 27year-old woman. We've been together for five vears and have worked hard to make sure we are financially stable. The problem is our sex life. It is nonexistent. When we first started dating, sex was frequent and more exciting, but now, I am lucky if we are intimate once every three months. There is no compromise on this issue, either. I can't even get a deep, passionate kiss.

I am an attractive guy. I'm in good shape and try to be a kind person. I am frequently hit on by other women, but completely faithful and would never hurt Shawna. I enjoy treating her well. I love this woman. She is my world. But what about my needs?

I know Shawna loves me and she has always been the one wanting to move forward in our relationship, but I am beginning to think it's only because I am a reliable roommate and a good provider.

don't want roommate. I want a wife with whom I can be intimate, and I see no sign this is going to happen. What can I do? Always Disappointed in Louisville

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MARCY SUGAR

Dear Louisville: A lack of libido this early in the relationship indicate a medical or psychiatric problem, or even a sexual orientation issue, and must be resolved before you make the arrangement permanent. Insist on couples counseling before you move forward with your wedding plans. Shawna also needs to see her doctor. If she refuses to do these things, it means she is sufficiently invested in the relationship things will not improve.

has rarely been there for me or my siblings. I see him a couple of times a year and it is usually awkward. We all have a of anger lot and resentment toward him. also makes rude comments about our mother for no reason. (He was the one to leave her.) Since the birth of my baby, Dad has been a little better. He calls every month or two and seems to like my son. However, I don't want to include him and his family at my son's first birthday party. Neither my mother, my siblings

Dear Annie: My father

and I are not close. He

it for all of us. I am polite to my father

nor I enjoy being around

him. I'm afraid he'll ruin

despite how I feel and I don't want to hurt his feelings. It seems silly to have two parties. What should I do? — Daughter in New York

Dear Daughter: Have one party and invite whomever you wish. If decide Dad's vou presence would be too stressful, ask him to come the day before or after for a special birthday dinner with only your immediate family. If that's too much, have him drop by during the week for cake and ice cream. Sing "Happy Birthday." Blow out the candles. It's enough.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Looking Out the Window," who has agoraphobia. I am a 38year-old mother who has had panic attacks off and on for 20 years. When they began to get so bad that I didn't want to leave the house, a friend urged me to see my doctor, who referred me to the psychiatry department of the local hospital. I had a panic attack while waiting to see the psychiatrist, but I stuck it out and am glad I did. I have been on medication for the last two months, and it has helped enormously. Just knowing I have the pills in my purse is often all I need. — Looking Out the Window Less and Less

Dear Looking: We are sure the quality of your has improved life dramatically. Sometimes all it takes is the confidence of having help within reach. Thanks for words the

encouragement. Annie's Mailbox written by Kathy Mitchell andMarcySugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmail box@comcast.net.



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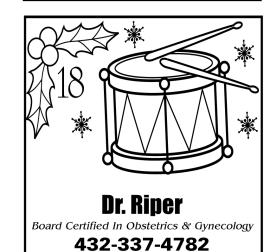








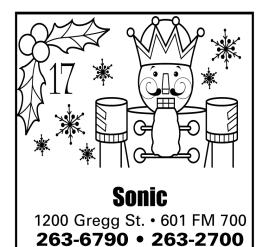


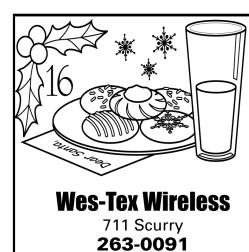


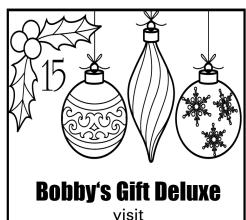
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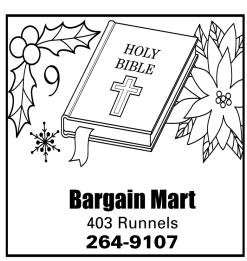
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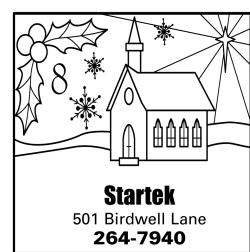














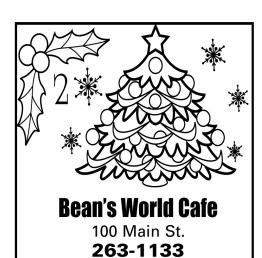








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#### **ANGELS**

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gotten worried a few times in years past, but this year has me genuinely scared. A have a dozen angel cards sitting on my desk right now because we don't have room on the trees to put them up.'

With nearly 500 children and more than 70 area seniors — represented by Angel cards on the trees — counting on the program for gifts to open Christmas morning, Keeney said she's afraid the Dec. 15 deadline to return cards and gifts may come and go with many left out.

Adopting a holiday angel is simple, according to Keeney.

"They just take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that

child or senior," said Keeney. "The card has a wish list, but the gifts don't necessarily have to be what's listed on the card. Once you buy the gifts, you simply attach the card to the gifts and bring them to our office, or drop them off where you got the card."

Keeney said Angel Trees are set up at the Big Spring Mall — one in the mall itself and a Bealls second inside Department Store — and Wal-Mart, with a fourth one added this week at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Keeney said it's very important gift-buyers tape or tie the card to the gift to ensure the correct packages get to the right angel.

"It's not hard at all, and it only takes a few minutes of your time," said Keeney. "And if you don't have time to go out and purchase the to help pick up the last of the items on the list, you can make a monetary donation. You can fill the list for between \$25 and \$50 in most cases, but you can spend as much or as little as you would like. Every penny counts, especially with so many angels left on the trees."

A fifth Angel Tree — bearing the cards for needy senior citizens — is located at the Big Spring Herald office.

Keeney said she and her staff will keep the doors of the Salvation Army office located at 811 W Fifth Street — open Saturday in hopes of collecting as many gifts as possible, but if area shoppers aren't able to provide for the last of the angels, there's little the local charity can do.

"We haven't been contacted by any local groups wanting

angels this year," Keeney. "So, there's no safety net this year, which makes us very, very nervous. Our funds are so low right now there's just no way we'll be able to make up the difference. We desperately need the community's help, or many of these children may go without this holiday season."

Distribution of the collected gifts is expected to take place Tuesday at the Big Spring Refinery Union Hall. For more information on the Angel Tree program, call 267-8239 or stop by the Salvation Army office.

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#### Robber was 'mugged'

ELMWOOD PARK, N.J. (AP) — When a thief started taking cash from his register over the weekend, Dunkin' Donuts employee Dustin Hoffmann fought back by clobbering the man with a ceramic mug.

But Hoffmann admits he was less worried about the stolen cash than how he might look on the video-sharing site YouTube.

"What was going through my mind at that point was that the security tape is either going to show me run away and hide in the office or whack this guy in the head, so I just grabbed the cup and clocked the guy pretty hard," Hoffmann told The Record of Bergen County.

The man came into the shop and ordered a pastry Sunday night, according to Elmwood Park Police Chief Donald Ingrasselino. Once Hoffmann opened the register, the man jumped over the counter and started taking cash.

#### TOYS

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hard. If you look at our infants room, it looks like

a store; it's beautiful." Room after room at the church is filled with ageappropriate items. There are lots of rooms and that's good because the Toys for Children program has toys and clothnewborn from

through age 16 or 17.

Spring Tabernacle's gifts for children project began in 1995. That year, 87 children received toys.

"It's been growing every vear. We must be doing some good," Tonn said with a smile.

Last year, 284 children were given four gifts apiece. That's more than 1,000 gifts to children who otherwise might not be given anything.

So how does the pro-

gram work? Do hundreds — a thousand — kids go running through the church, snatching gifts in a free for all?

"No, that would be a nightmare," Tonn said, while rolling her eyes. "No we have the parents pick them out."

In fact, Tonn prefers parents don't bring their children with them unless they have no other recourse.

"We just don't have

enough volunteers to watch the children while someone takes the parent around to pick out toys," said Tonn. "So if they must bring children, they need to bring someone to watch the children.'

Tonn said if the child is raised by a grandparent, then the grandparent may pick out the toys.

"We'll have about seven or eight volunteers taking the parents around, so be prepared wait.

Sometimes it is a long wait, but there's just nothing we can do about that," said Tonn.

Parents will also receive stocking stuffers and a bag of oranges.

There is no pre-registration, no proof of income is necessary.

"We do all this on faith. We figure if they show up and wait and wait, then they must have a need," Tonn said.

Tabernacle, Spring

located at 1209 Wright, will open its doors for the Toys for Children project at 10 a.m. Friday.

For more information, to volunteer or to make donations of "like-new" items, go by the church between 9 a.m. and 11

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### **BSISD**

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When the current junior high was built in 1998, Runnels was shut down and is now used solely for storage purposes.

Also Thursday, trustees will

hear a report on a recently program instituted that requires the district to fingerprint all new employees.

"That was part of Senate Bill 9, which was passed during the last session of the (Texas) Legislature,' **BSISD** Superintendent Michael Downes said.

While applauding the aim of the program, Downes noted that the state is only providing partial funding.

"It will provide another level of security for school districts," he said. "I had hoped the new requirement would be fully funded, but sadly enough, inadequate funds were provided."

Waggoner estimated fingerprinting all new employees this school year will cost the district between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider:

Proposals for vending machine services and contract renewal for auctioneer services.

 Budget amendments for textbooks and campus activity

· Personnel matters.

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### **EVRARD**

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SMG Inc., a security firm based in to the Minden, Nev., according Clearance Coalitions Munitions

Program, which has headquarters at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville.

Evrard, who was on his second tour in Iraq, and his colleagues were tasked with handling and destroying captured munitions in Iraq.

Evrard, the son-in-law of Big Spring Police Department Sgt. Tony Everett, served on the local police department from 2001 to 2006 as a corporal in the patrol division, BSPD Lt. Terry Chamness said.

"He was a very good officer, a real gogetter," Chamness said. "He was very well-respected and well-liked, the kind of guy who would do anything for anybody else."

Evrard is survived by his wife, Tanya, of Big Spring. No funeral plans have been announced.

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### Max Webb honored as Paul Harris Fellow by Big Spring Rotary

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When Northside Community Center Director Max Webb stepped through the doors of the Howard College Cactus Room Tuesday's weekly Rotary Club meeting, the local charity leader had no idea what was waiting for him.

Webb, who was awarded Paul Harris Fellowship Award by the Rotary Club Tuesday afternoon, was stunned, but that didn't stop longtime friend and Rotarian Hayes Stripling from presenting him with the certificate and medal.

"The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is the highest honor given by Rotary International to any individual," said Stripling. "It indicates the recipient, who is chosen by Rotarians, is someone who is very, very important to the community, and this is a token of our gratitude, esteem and honor. Not many people receive this award and it's held in very high esteem among 1.5 million Rotarians in all parts of

the world."

Webb's response was

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"The truth is, I really don't know what I did to deserve this award," said Webb with a smile. "I didn't know anything about this until just a few minutes ago."

Webb's humble reaction is one Stripling said he not only expected, but was prepared for.

"In 80-plus years, I have only known, met and been acquainted with less than 10 people I truly conselfless," Stripling. "Selfless people, as you know, never consider themselves. It's always about the other person. Max Webb is one of the few people I know who is utterly selfless. That's one of the rarest attributes, traits and characteristics found in the human tribe."

Webb, who was accompanied by his wife, Barbara, and Northside Community Center Administrative Assistant Bobby Armstrong, answered the beaming comments on his behalf with one of his greatest attributes — a smile.



Rotary member Hayes Stripling, left, presents the Paul Harris Fellowship Award to Max Webb, director of the Northside Community Center, and his wife, Barbara Webb Tuesday afternoon.

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### LOCAL



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These Coahoma students were recently named to the Region 6 All-Region Choirs. Standing are Reagan Reid, Tenor I and Ryan Reid, Bass I, who were named to the Freshman/Junior High Region Choir. Reagan is a third year member of the choir and Ryan is a seventh-grader selected for the first time. Seated from left to right are Teryn Bibb, Soprano I and a third-year member of the high school All-Region Choir, Kenzie Moore, Alto, and Heather Kirby. Soprano 2, both second-year members of the Freshman/Junior High Region Choir.



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# Commissioners approve burn ban that limits fireworks use in county

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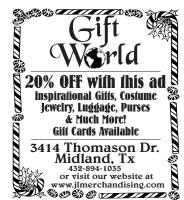
No fins, no sticks.

That's the message delivered by the Howard County Commissioner's Court Monday, as the panel enacted a burn ban that will outlaw aerial fireworks that include sticks — such as bottle rockets — and missiles that include any type of

County Judge Mark Barr said it was necessary for the court which approved the measure by a unanimous vote — to do so quickly to meet state deadlines.

"To place a ban on aerial fireworks — we're talking about things like bottle rockets — you have to do so before Dec. 15," said Barr. "And I'm really afraid of what this season could bring with so much fuel out there."

Barr said despite the recent wet weather, he's worried a quick dry spell could mean disaster for



"I have to tell you, I'm scared to death we're going to burn something up," Barr told commissioners during the meeting. "I know it's wet out there right now, but we all know it will dry out."

The burn ban currently in effect was recently approved by the court, and if conditions don't cooperate, according to Barr, it could stick around a lot longer than just 90 days.

"At the end of that 90day period, we can either let the ban lapse or we can renew it," said Barr. "I'm really not sure what we'll be doing at this

plenty of rain and things look better, we might let it lapse. If it's still windy and dry — which it will most likely be — then I'm sure we'll renew it. It all depends on what the situation is. We just want to make sure people understand how incredibly dangerous out there it is

right now." According to Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan, the recent rains have not diminished the dangers that lie ahead.

"We've been seeing a heavy influx of wildfires over the last month," Sullivan said. "We expect-

point. If we've received ed that because of the rains this year. Rain is always good for our area. but the end result is always high fuels. We have the highest amounts of fuel this year than we've seen in the past 25 years.

"The recent rains have helped to slow down some of the grass fires, but once things start to dry out again, the fuel is still going to be there. We really need people to be safety minded."

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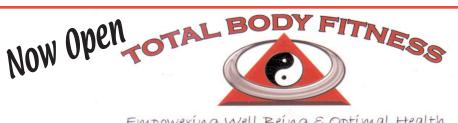
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"I HEARD THAT SANTA'S SLEIGH IS OVERLOADED, SO HE'S GIVIN' OUT GIFT CARDS THIS YEAR."

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"If Mommy didn't see PJ before he was born, how did she know it was him?

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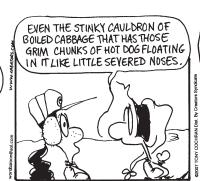
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### This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 12, 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

On this date:

1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1897, Katzenjammer Kids," the pioneering comic strip created by Rudolph Dirks, made its debut in the New York Journal. In 1906, President

Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be secretary of commerce and labor: Straus became the first Jewish

Cabinet member. In 1913, authorities in

Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered. In 1937, Japanese aircraft

sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.) In 1963, Kenya gained its

independence from Britain.

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

In 2000, a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election, transforming George W. Bush into the president-elect.

One year ago: A suicide bToday's Birthdays: TV host Bob Barker is 84. Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch is 83. Singer Connie Francis is 69. Singer Dionne Warwick is 67. Rock singer-musician Dickey Betts is 64. Actor Wings Hauser is 60. Actor Bill

Nighy is 58. Country singer LaCosta is 57. Gymnastturned-actress Cathy Rigby is 55. Actress Sheree J. Wilson is 49. Pop singer Daniel O'Donnell is 46. Rock musician Eric Schenkman (Spin Doctors) is 44. Rock musician Dimichino (Nine Days) is 40. Actress Jennifer Connelly is 37. Actress Madchen Amick is 37. Country singer Hank Williams III is 35. Actress Mayim Bialik is 32. Model Bridget Hall is 30.

Thought for Today: "There are two cardinal sins from which all the others spring: impatience and laziness." Franz Kafka, Czech author (1883-1924).

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