

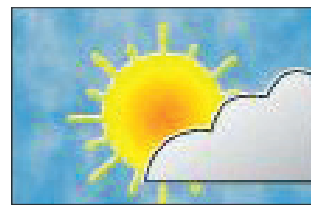
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Christmasy weekend

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring VA Medical Center will kick-start a weekend full of Christmas activities tonight.

That's when the center will hold its annual "Lighting of the Lights" ceremony. The event, which will conclude with the lighting of thousands of lights decorating the hospital, will begin at 6 p.m.

"Holiday carols will be led by our veterans, refreshments will be served and, last but certainly not least, Santa will visit with all children," said Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations director for the medical center.

VAMC Director Daniel Marsh, assisted by a couple of the children in the audience, will light the lights on the indoor Christmas tree, simultaneously illuminating the display of outdoor lights.

"We invite the community to join in this festive occasion," Hanslik said.



HERALD file photo

Big Spring VA Medical Center will hold its "Lighting of the Lights" at 6 p.m. this evening. The public is invited.

Canterbury to host Christmas Bazaar

Those looking for unique Christmas shopping items might find what they're seeking at Canterbury's annual Christmas Bazaar, scheduled from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the south building located at 1700 Lancaster.

Jennifer Mendez of the

Canterbury staff said vendors will be selling hand-made craft items during the bazaar. In addition, members of the Canterbury Auxiliary will sell baked goods, with the proceeds going to pay for future Canterbury events.

"Almost everything for

sale will be hand-made," Mendez said. "There will be blankets, Christmas decorations, jewelry, hand-painted glassware ... It's just a big crafts fair.

"Vendors will come from all across West Texas," she added. "This is a great way for people to get some early

Christmas shopping done at reasonable prices."

For more information, contact Canterbury at 263-1265.

Kids Day at museum

Kids and cookies — two Christmas staples — will take center stage at the Heritage Museum Saturday.

Baker Gale Pittman will lead two classes in holiday cookie decoration, geared especially for children. Classes are at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations for the classes can be made by calling 267-8255.

Another Christmas institution — Santa Claus — will visit the museum from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., director Nancy Raney said.

Christmas Parade Saturday

Preparations are almost complete for the 23rd annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, which will make its way north on Gregg Street starting at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 6, organizers said.

More than 40 entries have been received to date.

The theme for this year's event is "The Star of Bethlehem." Grand Marshals will be Bill and Joyce Crooker.

Entrants are eligible for three cash prizes —

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APS says you can 'Be a Star'

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

With so many worth while causes trying to make the holiday season happy for people from all walks of life, Adult Protective Services is hoping area gift-givers will look to a slightly different demographic at Christmas.

Part of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Adult Protective Services began the

"Be a Star" program this week, collecting Christmas gifts for the area's elderly and disabled.

"A lot of people don't realize it, but the elderly and disabled population is the fastest growing in the state," said Darla Barton, Community Initiatives Specialist for APS. "According to the last census, people 65 and older make up 12.4 percent of the population. People between the ages of 21 and 64 with disabilities make

up 15.1 percent of the population, and both of these demographics are the fastest growing in the nation.

"Those same numbers are always higher for West Texas. In Howard County, 14.1 percent of the population is 65 or older, and 23.6 percent are between 21 and 64 years old with disabilities. So Big Spring and the surrounding areas have a very real

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Census already? You bet

Hiring set to begin for important event

By BILL McCLELLAN
 News Editor

2008 may seem a bit early to begin working on the 2010 Census, but the federal government doesn't think so. In fact, the government is looking to employ your help — literally.

"It's a huge undertaking and the Census Bureau needs to recruit a lot of workers," explained Charlene Romero

McBride, Census 2010 partnership specialist.

Beginning next week, potential Census employees can begin notifying the Bureau of their interest in seeking work. Needed are workers to update address lists, conduct interviews with community residents and help recruit.

"Starting salary is \$12.25 an hour and

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20 Shopping Days Til Christmas

IF MY CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT, WE'LL INTERCEPT SANTA HERE...

BIG SPRING HERALD



Santa and Mrs. Claus are returning to the Heritage Museum Saturday, Dec. 6 • 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Clauses will ride in the Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade that evening.

Photos of your children with Santa will be available for purchase

Lady Steers top Paducah, 40-38

Herald Staff Report

ANDREWS — Nothing gives more confidence to a basketball team than a come-from-behind victory.

Big Spring's Lady Steers got that type of win Thursday in the opening round of the Kristen Corbin Classic in Andrews.

The Lady Steers trailed Paducah 33-23 heading into the fourth period. However, Sophomores Desiree Anderson and Valerie Ross combined to score 15 of Big Spring's 17 points in the final frame, leading the Lady Steers to a thrilling 40-38 comeback win.

"This was the type of win that can change a season," said Lady Steers Head Coach Mike Warren. "The confidence we receive from this win should be significant."

The Lady Steers (3-3) were able to utilize their full court press to near perfection in the fourth with Anderson coming up with several key steals to ignite the Big Spring transition game. She also hit several free throws in the game.

Ross helped the Lady Steers cut the margin significantly, hitting two big 3-pointers in the frame. Big Spring scor-

ing from their offense allowed it to set up its full court defense, something Warren feels is pivotal to the Lady Steers' success.

"We're really not a bad team when we can put the ball in the bucket," said Warren. "When we score, it lets us get into our full court press. We're really a pretty good pressing team. We forced Paducah into a lot of mistakes and capitalized on them."

See **LADY STEERS**, Page 2B

Steers falter vs. Midland Classical

Herald Staff Report

ANDREWS — Big Spring's Steers won't be defending their title at the Gym Bice Classic in Andrews this weekend.

The Steers are still searching for their first win of the 2008-2009 basketball season as they fell to Midland Classical, which is ranked second in the TAPPS small-school division, 74-60.

See **STEERS**, Page 2B

Bulldogs surge past Mustangs

Coahoma gets late scare from Sands in first round of Coahoma Invitational

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Generally the host team at a basketball tournament isn't supposed to face a challenge in the first round.

However, Coahoma drew a feisty group of Mustangs from Sands Thursday, but put together a late surge for a 64-51 win in the opening round of the 23rd Annual Coahoma Invitational.

Sands never led in the game, but did get as close at two points midway through the fourth quarter. Down 48-39, the Mustangs put together a 10-3 run, making the score 51-49 with 4:34 left to play.

The Bulldogs finally woke up, though, and outscored the Mustangs 13-2 the rest of the way.

"We were sloppy in the first half and at the start of the fourth period. We have got to learn to bring it for four quarters. We haven't done that this season," said Bulldogs Head Coach Kim Nichols. "We're getting better, but we're missing three players from a suspension, an injury and academics. Once we get everybody back, I think we'll be OK."

The Bulldogs (5-0) were led by Cody Sheppard's 21 points, while Josh Paniagua hit three treys on his way to a 13-point night.

Sands was led by Seth Fry's game-high 24 points.

The Mustangs play Sweetwater in a pool game at 1:30 p.m. today. Sweetwater topped Stanton Thursday, 42-27.

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma's Josh Paniagua (2) sprints down the court as Sands guard Johnny Rogers pursues Thursday in first round action at the 23rd Annual Coahoma Invitational. The Bulldogs won 64-51.

Bufs, Lady Bufs win openers at Bearkat Klassic

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

Garden City — The Forsan Lady Buffalos used a 17-3 first quarter advantage to fashion a decisive 62-21 win over the Garden City Lady Kat JV.

The win sets up a round two meeting with the Christoval Lady Cougars, who advanced with a win in the first game of the day over the Rankin Lady Red Devils, 42-23.

"We were able to shake off some of the rust from the Thanksgiving break," Head Coach Robert Hillger said.

Shelby Jones led the charge out of the gate for the Lady Buffs, scoring six points in the first quarter while Tori Gauer scored six in the second. Forsan hit 15 of 18 shots from the charity stripe, building a 36-9 lead after one half of play.

Both teams went ice cold in the third, combining to tally just six points in the stanza, something that Hillger believes can be attributed to the long-break between games.

"This is just our second game back from the Thanksgiving break and I think that we were just a bit tired in the third," he said, "but I really liked the way that we picked it back up in the fourth and closed it out."

In the fourth, the Lady Buffs exploded for 22 points while the Lady 'Kats had their most productive quarter, scoring 10.

Jones finished the game with 11, while her twin sister Kelsey scored nine.

Cassie Hirt paced the Lady 'Kats, scoring seven while Rachel Hirt hit the scoresheet with six.

See **KLASSIC**, Page 2B

Bulldogettes open tourney with easy win

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — For a girls basketball team in need of a win, the Coahoma Bulldogettes appeared pretty in sync with each other Thursday in the opening round of the 23rd Annual Coahoma Invitational, routing Ira's Lady Bulldogs, 74-25.

"We haven't been playing our best basketball lately and I told the girls coming into this game that we really needed to get a couple of wins in this tournament to get ourselves going," said Coahoma Head Coach Randal Petty. "This was a very good way to start this tournament. We really picked up our intensity and put a lot of pressure on their ball handlers defensively."

Coahoma (2-4) started strong in the contest and never let up. The Bulldogettes scored the first 12 points of the game with Ira not getting on the board until the 4:08 mark in the first period. The Bulldogettes led 19-4 after the opening stanza.

Coahoma put the game completely out of reach in the third. The Bulldogettes came out of the locker room in the second half and immediately embarked on a 22-2 run, giving them a 51-18 advantage with 2:03 left in the third frame.

Coahoma ended up holding Ira to a mere nine points in the second half with its full court defense.

Kylie Gee scored 19 from the post for Coahoma, while Hilari White chipped in 12.

The Bulldogettes connected on seven 3-pointers in the game with Mackenzie Stone, Shelbi Paige and Kalea Neff sinking two apiece, while White made one.

The Bulldogettes play Lorenzo in the second round. Lorenzo defeated Sands 42-39 Thursday in the most competitive game of the opening round of play.

"I think we can fair all right," said Petty. "We got a victory and things are going good for us right now. If we can place the type of pressure we did on Ira against Lorenzo and continue to shoot the ball real well."

Ira 4 12 6 3-25

Coahoma 19 10 28 17-74

Ira: McMillan 2, Gilbert 2, Nickerson 9, Trotter 8, Bryant, Jones 4.

Coahoma: Berkley Iden 5, Alex Moore 2, Shelbi Paige 6, Kalea Neff 6, Ashley Martin 2, K'Leigh Fowler 7, Hilari White 12, Kylie Gee 19, Jordan Martin 2, Kirstyn Pulis 5, Mackenzie Stone 8.

3-pointers: Coahoma 7 (Paige 2, Neff 2, White 1, Stone 2); Ira 1 (Nickerson). Free throws: Coahoma 10-22, Ira 14-30. Total fouls: Coahoma 25, Ira 17. Fouled out: A. Martin.

Stanton 51, Borden Co. 40

Stanton 6 14 15 16-51

Borden Co. 6 11 9 14-40

Leading scorers: Stanton — K. Jones 15, Rachel Fleckenstein 23; Borden Co. — Key 13, Richey 18.

Idalou 57, Sweetwater 38

Idalou 11 23 15 8-57

Sweetwater 9 7 13 9-38

Leading scorers: Idalou — Beeler 22. Sweetwater — McKinney 25.

Lorenzo 42, Sands 39

Lorenzo 3 6 16 17-42

Sands 5 12 3 19-39

Leading scorers: Lorenzo — Ramirez 10. Sands — Rodriguez 17.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma's Alex Moore brings the ball up the court in the Bulldogettes' 74-25 win over Ira in the first round of the Coahoma Invitational Thursday.

Sports in brief

Admittance at Hawks' game Saturday granted with canned food

Howard College is holding a canned food drive at Saturday's double-header of games vs. Frank Phillips College.

Anyone presenting a canned food good at the door will be admitted without charge into the contest.

The women play at 5:30 p.m. with the men taking the hardwood at 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring schedules Fall Sports Banquet

Big Spring High School has scheduled its Fall Sports Banquet for 6 p.m. Monday at the high school's cafeteria.

All athletes who participated in football, volleyball and cross country will be recognized.

Tickets are \$12 and can be bought at the door. For more information, call Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

Amigo's Washer Club sets date for winter tourney

The Amigo's Washer Club is holding its Winter Washer Tournament Saturday, Dec. 13, at the La Verda Club.

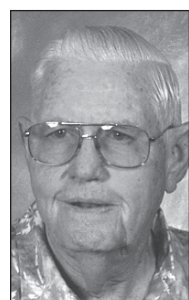
It's a two-man team competitions with the entry fee being \$20 per team. First, second and third place prizes will be given away.

All wanting to play must be registered by 12:30 p.m. the day of the tourney.

For more information, call 466-9969.

Obituaries

Alvin 'Sonny' Shroyer Jr.



Alvin "Sonny" Shroyer Jr., 77, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Sharon Wiese, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Friday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Sonny was born Nov. 30, 1931, in Big Spring to Alvin and Vallie Shroyer and grew up and was raised in Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School and was active in the Big Spring High School Band and FFA. He attended Howard College and Abilene Christian University and served in the U.S. Air Force.

He married the former Shirley Hathorn. Sonny owned and operated Shroyer Motor Company, following his father in the family business that has been operated by the family for 77 years. He was also involved in farming and ranching endeavors.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, a charter member of the Big Spring New Car Dealers Association and had been active in the Big Spring Evening Lions Club, as well as the Big Spring High School Band Boosters.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Shroyer of Big Spring; one daughter, Deborah Shroyer of Tucson, Ariz.; his mother-in-law, Christine Taylor of Big Spring; and all the faithful and devoted employees of the Shroyer Motor Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

All former and present employees at Shroyer Motor Company are considered honorary pallbearers.

The Shroyer family would like to thank and extend their heartfelt appreciation to the In Home Care staff and employees for their help and care during Sonny's illness.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to The Big Spring High School Band Boosters, c/o Rocky Harris, 708 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720; or to The Scholarship Fund at Howard College, c/o Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720; or a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

A.J. Broadwell

A.J. Broadwell, 85, of Odessa died Wednesday evening, Dec. 3, 2008, at Hospice House in Odessa. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at Sunset Memorial Gardens with the Rev. James Bishop of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be at Sunset Funeral Home from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 2008.

He was born March 6, 1923, in Hamlin to Hugh and Hattie Henson Broadwell, and was reared and educated in Roscoe. Mr. Broadwell entered the U.S. Army in 1943 after serving 2 1/2 years in the National Guard. He was involved in four military campaigns. His decorations include the EAME Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Silver Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Mr. Broadwell became an iron worker and built bridges throughout the United States. The Broadwells moved to Odessa in 1958 and worked in the oil industry. He later purchased B&H Mobile Home Park and owned and operated B&B Trailer Sales and was a mobile home dealer.

He married Mary Cravy Jan. 21, 1950, in Mexico. She preceded him in death, as well as one brother and two sisters.

Survivors include his daughters, Vickie Richards and husband Rudy of Spring, Terri Jackson and husband Nigel of San Diego, Calif., and Becky Broadwell of San Diego, Calif.; a son, Tony Broadwell of Odessa; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lora Mae Pollard and husband Bill of Big Spring.

Memorials may be directed to Home Hospice, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79762; Odessa SPCA, 7012 W. Mockingbird, Odessa 79763; or the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N. Big Spring, Midland 79705.

Visit our Web site at www.sunsetodessa.com to sign the guestbook.

Stella 'Hetchie' Alexander

Stella "Hetchie" Alexander, 94, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008, in a Clovis, N.M., nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Ollie M. Burns

Ollie M. Burns, 99, of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- FRANK LEE JACKSON, 50, of 202 E. 24th St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RONALD JOE HOPE, 36, of 2700 Lynn, was arrested Thursday on charges of failure to appear (two counts), disregarding a stop sign and speeding.
- GILBERT RECIO JR., 35, of 1007 Wood, was arrested Friday on charges of speeding, no driver's license, failure to appear and public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 200 block of 11th Place.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 3200 block of Avenue C.
- PROMOTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street. Police officials declined to comment on the details of the ongoing investigation.

Note: The BSPD reported the arrest of Bryson Vanderbilt, 23, of 1603 Robin, in the Wednesday edition of the Herald. According to police officials, Vanderbilt later provided a different address of 1604 Oriole to his bondsman.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- ANTONIO LIMON IBARRA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for resisting arrest, search or transportation and a charge of theft.
- ANGEL COSTILLA TORRES, 28, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of possession of a prohibited weapon – switchblade/knuckles.
- IGNACIO ALFONSO GONZALES, 21, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and driving while license invalid.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported near High School Drive in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of N. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of W. First Street in Forsan. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of N. Broadway in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Lexington. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the area of Warehouse Road.

- The Big Spring Salvation Army will be conducting free blood pressure and glucose screenings Dec. 10 and Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Army's Corps Building, located at 811 W. Fifth St. The screenings are being sponsored by In-Home Care. For more information, contact the Salvation Army at 267-8239.

- Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Canterbury South. Please contact Jennifer Mendez at 263-1238 or leave a message.

- The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

Your Local Weather

Sat 12/6	Sun 12/7	Mon 12/8	Tue 12/9	Wed 12/10
65/36	68/46	72/40	58/31	63/34
Plentiful sunshine. High near 65F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Windy with a few showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
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Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 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.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 24-20-12-21. Bonus Ball: 33. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 26-28-19-5-34. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$25,724. Winning ticket sold in: Dallas.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-4-9-7. Sum It Up: 22.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-2. Sum It Up: 13.

Take Note

- Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

- 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. After Dec. 1 the number to call for rides to treatment will be (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

- The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

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Cowboys optimistic about Ware; less so about Barber

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Cowboys line-backer DeMarcus Ware returned to action in a limited capacity Thursday, while running back Marion Barber missed practice again.

Owner Jerry Jones, however, anticipates both injured players being ready for Sunday's game at Pittsburgh.

"I do, yes I do," Jones said. "DeMarcus got a lot of work today, relatively speaking. Marion didn't, but Barber, we've got to get him supported there. ... But I feel good about it."

Jones hopes Barber, who has a dislocated right pinkie toe, will practice Friday.

But coach Wade Phillips, in his daily briefing with reporters, expressed some doubt about

Barber being able to play after he missed another practice.

"Everybody felt sure that he will be able to go, but he hasn't been able to go yet," Phillips said. "Obviously, I feel better about DeMarcus and not as good about Marion."

Jones indicated the Cowboys might promote Alonzo Coleman from the practice squad to add depth at running back. With Felix Jones already out for the season, the only other running back currently behind Barber is rookie Tashard Choice.

"Coleman will be it, and he's practiced good this week," Jones said.

Ware and Barber were both hurt Thanksgiving Day in the Cowboys' 34-9 victory over Seattle.

In the locker room before prac-

tice Thursday, NFL sacks leader Ware had said he was feeling better since he sustained a hyperextended left knee.

"Everything's been going well," Ware said. "They've been treating me real well, and I've recovered well."

Ware was already sporting a brace on his knee and said he would wear it in the game. He said he planned to go full speed.

"I won't even be out there if I'm not full blast, because that's the way I play," Ware said. "I'm just excited to just be able to go out and play. ... Just to be out there, I'm excited."

Barber will need some kind of protection in his shoe to stabilize his injured toe.

Jones, speaking before a topping-out ceremony at the new Cowboys stadium, said he had

no problem with Phillips' decision Wednesday to give veteran players Terrell Owens, Greg Ellis, Flozell Adams, Zach Thomas and Marc Colombo a break from practice — even after the team had been off four of the previous five days.

"No, not at all. I understand and respect 32 years in the NFL with Wade, his sense of resting players and having them use their legs in the game," Jones said. "We've got a month of regular season and then hopefully the playoffs, and we want to keep these veteran players as fresh as we can. ... I don't have a problem with it at all."

One player needing every practice possible is cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, who will play for the first time Sunday after a six-game NFL suspension for

violating the league's personal conduct policy.

The owner said Adam Jones is in good shape and "doing well in practice." The cornerback is expected to be involved in kick returns and all defensive packages, maybe even as a starter.

Jerry Jones took part in placing the last beam at the top of the \$1 billion-plus facility the Cowboys will move into next season. Construction is scheduled to be completed by June 1.

Among former players attending the ceremony were NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith, Michael Irvin, Tony Dorsett, Rayfield Wright and Cliff Harris.

"It's absolutely unbelievable how big and how beautiful it is," said Smith, who was inside the new stadium for the first time.

Chargers throttle Oakland, 34-7

By BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — LaDainian Tomlinson can still run the ball and his San Diego Chargers finally looked like world-beaters.

It might not matter, though, because the Chargers still need a miracle to get to the playoffs.

Tomlinson scored on a 3-yard run against his favorite punching bag and Philip Rivers threw three touchdown passes, including a 59-yarder to Vincent Jackson, to give the Chargers a 34-7 victory against the Oakland Raiders on Thursday night.

The Chargers beat their archrivals for the 11th straight time in a series dating to the birth of the AFL in 1960.

The Chargers (5-8) snapped a three-game losing streak and won for just the second time in seven games.

Once considered favorites to reach the Super Bowl, they're still in deep trouble, trailing Denver by 2 1/2 games in the AFC West. The Broncos have four to play.

"It was desperately needed but it was one win for us," Tomlinson said. "We don't want to make it more than what it is."

On Sunday, Tomlinson was held to 24 yards, the second-lowest total of his brilliant eight-year career, in a listless 22-16 home loss to Atlanta.

"After the showing last week, I think we wanted to prove to everyone that that wasn't us," said Tomlinson, who's having the worst season of his career. "It's good that it was a short week. We got to show people who we are as a group."

San Diego's Darren Sproles caught two TD passes. His 87-yard touchdown on a punt return in the fourth quarter was called back after rookie Antoine Cason was called for an illegal block in the back.

Oakland quarterback JaMarcus Russell was intercepted twice by linebacker Stephen Cooper and also lost a fumble, leading to 17 points for the Chargers.

Russell sprained his right ankle after his second pickoff and didn't return.

X-rays were negative, and Russell left the locker room on crutches.

Andrew Walter replaced Russell at the start of the third quarter. Walter was intercepted by Matt Wilhelm late in the fourth quarter.

The Raiders (3-10) reached

double digit losses for the sixth straight year. They are 22-71 since being routed by Tampa Bay and former Raiders coach Jon Gruden in the Super Bowl in San Diego on Jan. 26, 2003.

"It's clear that we're not close," cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha said. "We don't play good football, we don't play sound football. We've been undisciplined. You just wonder how many people care and how many people are upset."

Tomlinson's TD midway through the first quarter was his 137th, moving him into sole possession of fifth place on the career list. He had been tied with Marshall Faulk, who was at the game working for the NFL Network.

L.T. had 91 yards on 25 carries. He has 1,906 career rushing yards and 22 total touchdowns, 19 on the ground, in 16 games against the Raiders. They are his most yards and touchdowns against any opponent.

"I think there are always certain teams that you enjoy playing and you seem to match up well against and seem to have a great game against," Tomlinson said. "I can't explain it."



AP Photo/Denis Poroy
San Diego receiver Vincent Jackson pulls in a pass for a 59-yard touchdown against the Oakland Raiders during the second quarter of their NFL football game Thursday in San Diego.

STEERS

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Last season, the Steers swept through the Bice Classic, beating all three of their opponents by at least 19 points.

This year the Steers fall in the first round, despite jumping out to an early lead on Midland Classical. The Steers led 18-13 after one period of play, but Midland Classical out-scored Big Spring 22-12 in the second, taking a 5-point lead into the locker rooms

at intermission. The Steers could never quite catch up from that point. Big Spring was led by Jerrell Williams, who posted a game-high 25 points. Drew Barker led Midland Classical with 22. Big Spring faces Paducah in the loser's bracket at 4:30 p.m. today.

LADY STEERS

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Anderson put the Lady Steers ahead for good by making a layup with 1:30 remaining to play. Big Spring simply held on for the win from there.

Ross finished with 12 points, while Anderson scored 11. The Lady Steers play host Andrews at 6 p.m. today in the new arena next to the football stadium. Andrews defeated both Crane and Presidio Thursday.

Paducah 9 12 12 5-38
Big Spring 10 7 6 17-40
Paducah: Stice 6, Hardeman 2, Hinojosa 2, Hurd 4, Walker 6, Slover 14, Thomas 4.
Big Spring: Valerie Ross 12, Deseree Anderson 11, Linzee Yarbar 6, LaShaunte Anderson 4, Cerbi Ritchey 4, Bridgette Tuitt 2, Lauren Porras 2.
3-pointers - Big Spring 2 (Ross 2). Free throws: Paducah 8-18, Big Spring 6-10. Total fouls: Paducah 7, Big Spring 20. Fouled out: None.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding Quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:

East	South	West	North
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♥
Pass	?		

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠AKQ62 ♥J74 ♦AJ6 ♣K8
2. ♠AQ93 ♥QJ86 ♦AKJ2 ♣10
3. ♠AJ6 ♥KQJ32 ♦AQ5 ♣74
4. ♠AQ62 ♥J5 ♦KQJ3 ♣AJ8

- 1. One spade.** This may seem to be an enormous underbid, but that is not really so. By doubling one club and then bidding one spade over partner's heart response, you portray a strong hand — typically 17 points or more — that was too good for an immediate one-spade overcall of one club. At this point, you must keep in mind that partner's one-heart reply to your takeout double does not promise any strength at all. You hope to hear from partner again, but if he passes, the odds strongly favor that there is no game in the hand.
- 2. Three hearts.** With your excellent trump fit, 17 high-card points and singleton club, you don't need

much more than K-10-x-x-x of hearts in partner's hand to have a good play for game. A two-heart bid would be too pessimistic, and four hearts too optimistic. Three is just about right.

- 3. Two hearts.** Again you have 17 high-card points, but your distribution is not nearly as good as in the previous hand. There is no singleton club here, and that makes a world of difference. Moreover, the raise to two hearts is in itself a very positive move; it tells partner you had more than a minimum double, as well as a trump fit, and that is really just about all you have in this case.
- 4. One notrump.** This may seem unduly conservative, but since partner has promised no strength, one notrump is as far as you should want to go. If you were to jump to two notrump instead, you would be contracting single-handedly for 62 percent of the tricks with only 45 percent of the points in the deck, and you would thus be placing yourself in distinct jeopardy. The one-notrump bid, on the heels of your takeout double, indicates a hand of at least opening notrump strength.

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COAHOMA

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Coahoma plays twice today. The Bulldogs faced Stanton at 10:30 a.m. and finish the day's events vs. Sweetwater at 7:30 p.m. Nichols said the Bulldogs have to defend better if they hope to once again defend their home tournament.

ment. "We've got to turn it up a notch defensively," said Nichols. "We were too sluggish in the first half. I know it's right after the Thanksgiving break, but that's no excuse. We've got to play better. We've got to play harder."

7, Seth Fry 24, Ethan Zant 2, Logan Gaskins 3.
Coahoma: Josh Paniagua 13, Karly Griffin 6, Lane Douglass 7, Hunter Williams 6, Isaac Garcia 4, Jovi Paniagua 7, Cody Sheppard 21.
3-pointers: Sands 5 (Gomez, Fry 3, Gaskins); Coahoma 6 (Josh Paniagua 3, Griffin 2, Jovi Paniagua 1)
Free throws: Sands 2-6, Coahoma 12-20. Total fouls: Sands 16, Coahoma 9. Fouled out: None.

Leading scorers: Midland JV - Sanders 9; Wall - Dean Beard 14, Logan Niehues 12, Justin Walling 10, Scott Speck 13, Reed Niehues 11.
Sweetwater 42, Stanton 27
Sweetwater 12 12 8 10-42
Stanton 0 13 6 8-27
Sweetwater - Vause 11. Stanton - Fulton 12.
Ira 74, Midland High JV 59
Midland JV 18 16 13 12-59
Ira 17 12 21 24-74
Midland JV - Sanders 21. Ira - Fine 29.

KLASSIC

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Forsan 17 19 4 22-62
Garden City JV 3 6 2 10-21
Forsan - Goeller 16, S. Jones 11, Gauer 10, K. Jones 9, Miranda Park 9, Faith Belew 4, Shelby McDonald 3
Garden City - C. Hirt 7, R. Hirt 6, Adrana Ramirez 3, Britni Cook 3, Leticia Ramirez 2

resilient squad from Lubbock hung tough, outscoring the Buffs 15-14 in the second which left them down by 10 at intermission. "We told the boys at the half that this team came to play and were not just going to roll over," Head Coach Terry McDonald said. "We have to come out ready to play from the start. Don't get me wrong, I will take 32 points in a half anytime, but I feel like we left some points out there. We have to take advantage of all the opportunities we get."

final sixteen minutes for the easy win. Jeremy Robbins scored a game-high 15 while Evan Burton scored 14. Jeremy Freitag and Alex Huckabee both hit double-digits, scoring 11 apiece. Forsan plays Rankin at 4:30 p.m. today.

Garden City 67, Jesus Chapel 17
Jesus Chapel 6 5 4 2-17
Garden City 19 18 13 17-67
Leading scorers: Jesus Chapel - Adams 5; Garden City - Morgan Schwartz 27, Macy Schwartz 16.
Boys Bracket
Rankin 43, Christoval 42
Rankin 9 11 7 16-43
Christoval 11 8 7 16-42
Leading scorers: Rankin - Schmitz 18, Dupriest 14; Christoval - Houstley 14, Sorrells 13.

Buffs 65, Christ the King 36
On the boys side of the bracket, it was the Forsan Buffaloes using a balanced offensive attack to best Lubbock's Christ the King, 65-36. Forsan looked to be cruising to the win, opening up a 19-8 advantage after the first quarter of play, but the surprisingly

pace of the game finally caught up to the outmanned Lubbock squad as the Buffs outscored Christ the King 33-13 over the

Forsan 19 14 13 19-65
Lubbock 8 15 9 4-36
Forsan - Jeremy Robbins 15, Evan Burton 14, Jeremy Freitag 11, Alex Huckabee 11, Nathan Atkinson 8, Riley Wood 3, Ryan Flores 1
Lubbock - Cam Aberle 9, Matt Guerra 8, DJ Tyler 7, Jason Saiz 5, Jordan Saiz 5, Calvin Leatherwood 2
Girls Bracket
Christoval 42, Rankin 23
Rankin 8 2 8 5-23
Christoval 12 13 10 7-42
Leading scorers: Rankin - Hailey Avalos 8; Christoval - Shelby Sanders 14, Lauren Holt 13.

Grady 44, McCamey 24
Grady 9 19 10 6-44
McCamey 2 4 6 12-24
Leading scorers: Grady - Dylan Cox 17, Jacob Rodriguez 19; McCamey - Walker 14.
Garden City 47, Jesus Chapel 25
Jesus Chapel 11 5 5 4-25
Garden City 14 11 9 12-47
Leading scorers: Jesus Chapel - Robinson 11. Garden City - Brett Chudej 14.

News at a glance

Report says man accused in 'exorcism' of Rusk County girl should have been in jail

HENDERSON (AP) — A series of missteps in the legal system allowed a 19-year-old man to be free at the time a Rusk County child was killed when he should have been behind bars as part of a condition of probation for a felony, according to a newspaper report.

Blaine Milam, and Jessica Carson, 18, were arrested Tuesday and face capital murder charges for allegedly beating to death Carson's 13-month-old toddler during an "exorcism." Investigators think the couple used a hammer to "beat the demons out" of her. Authorities said the toddler, Amora Bain Carson, was also bitten more than 20 times. They are jailed in lieu of a \$2 million bond for each.

According to court documents obtained by the Tyler Morning Telegraph, Milam was sentenced by state District Judge Clay Gossett to 180 days in jail as part of the probation conditions agreed upon on Aug. 22 for a second-degree felony criminal solicitation of a child.

That sentence, if followed, would have had Milam behind bars until February. Those conditions also prohibited him from being around children except his own biological children or siblings.

Officials also confirmed that Milam had failed to register as a sex offender in Rusk County and had not changed his previous address from Longview.

Rusk County District Attorney Michael Jimerson and Gossett both indicated that anytime a sentence is ordered as part of a probation agreement, the confinement period is to be served before the person began their probation.

"It is what we refer to as upfront time," Jimerson said.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison could face off with Gov. Rick Perry in bruising governor's race

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison took the first formal step Thursday toward a run for Texas governor, accelerating an already contentious prelude to what will probably be a bruising Republican primary battle in 2010 between her and Gov. Rick Perry.

Hutchison released a statement saying she was establishing a gubernatorial exploratory committee, as required by law, and transferring \$1 million into it from her federal account.

"Texas has not really had a scrubbing of our state government, really in years and years and years," Hutchison told Dallas television station KXAS on Thursday. "I think we need to prioritize spending. Right now the priorities should be education and transportation and access to health care."

Hutchison reported to the Federal Election Commission in October that she had about \$8.7 million in her federal campaign account through Sept. 30. Perry reported having almost \$3 million at the end of June. He is not required to file another report until January, and a spokesman declined to release an updated total.

Hutchison's announcement was less than an hour old when the two campaigns offered a preview of the tenor of the primary.

Hutchison's statement took several swipes at Perry, saying there's "too much bitterness, too much anger, too little trust, too little consensus and too much infighting" in Austin.

"The tone comes from the top," she said. "Texans are looking for leadership and results."

Perry's staff wasted no time responding.

"Kay Bailout has been talking about running for governor and passing legislation for years and neither has ever happened," said Mark Miner, a spokesman for Perry. "Today she continues her streak of indecision."

Revocation license of Dallas towing company involved in Texas-OU parking uproar upheld

DALLAS (AP) — The towing company at the center of an uproar over parking during the Texas-Oklahoma football game was told Thursday to cease operating by the municipal Permit and License Appeal Board.

The board unanimously upheld a two-year revocation of the license of Lone Star Auto Services, accused by city officials of routinely violating Dallas transportation codes, The Dallas Morning News reported Thursday in its online edition.

The private towing company vowed to continue operating while it appeals the Dallas appeal board's ruling to state district court. But Dallas city attorneys say it would be illegal for the company to continue operating.

Dallas officials accused Lone Star of numerous misdeeds, including overcharging motorists attempting to reclaim their vehicles, failing to maintain notice signs and towing people from lots for which the company is not responsible.

Texas-OU fans were upset after their cars were towed on Oct. 11 from what the motorists thought were legal parking lots near the State Fair of Texas. City officials last month revoked Lone Star's operating license.

Lone Star refused to admit guilt, but did agree to refund \$200 to 26 drivers affected during Texas-OU weekend.

Bailout's option to buy bank stocks not attractive due to plunging stocks

Stock intended to eventually earn taxpayers a profit as part of the Bush administration's massive bank bailout has lost a third of its value — about \$9 billion — in barely one month, according to an Associated Press analysis. Shares in virtually every bank that received federal money have remained below the prices the government negotiated.

Most of the Treasury Department's investments since late October have been in preferred bank stocks, more than \$180 billion worth, with investments in giants like Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase, and many small community banks. But the government also negotiated options to buy up to 1.2 billion shares of common bank stock that was valued at \$27 billion.

The Treasury Department said it did not expect these common stock options to be profitable immediately and negotiated them so taxpayers could share in the wealth if the bank stocks recover.

Now, however, the value of that common stock is worth less than \$18 billion. If the government exercised

all its warrants to purchase the stock today, it would lose money on 51 of its 53 agreements. Taxpayers would be out \$9.1 billion.

The government can exercise its options to buy the common stock anytime over the next decade, but the options were "immediately exercisable," according to banks' securities filings.

Employers issuing pink slips as economy sinks deeper into recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the economy sinking faster, employers are giving more Americans dreaded pink slips right before the holidays.

The Labor Department releases a new report Friday that's expected to show the employment market deteriorated in November at an alarming clip as the deepening recession engulfed the country.

After bolting to a 14-year high of 6.5 percent in October, the unemployment rate likely climbed to 6.8 percent last month, according to economists' forecasts. If they are right, that would mark the worst showing in 15 years.

Skittish employers, which have slashed 1.2 million jobs this year alone, probably axed another 320,000 last month, economists forecast. If that estimate is correct, it would represent the deepest cut to monthly payrolls since October 2001, when the economy was suffering through a recession following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Employers are slashing costs to the bone as they try to cope with sagging appetites from customers in the United States as well as in other countries, which are struggling with their own economic troubles.

India's top law enforcement official admits government 'lapses' in Mumbai attacks

MUMBAI, India (AP) — India's top law enforcement official admitted Friday there were government "lapses" in last week's terror attack on Mumbai, amid a public uproar over security and intelligence failures in the deadly siege.

"There have been lapses. I would be less than truthful if I said there had been no lapses," Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram told reporters, saying he was seeking to bolster the country's security.

The assault on India's financial capital left 171 dead and 239 wounded. Chidambaram, only days in the post after the previous minister was ousted after the attacks, made the acknowledgment as new details surfaced that a Pakistani militant group had used an Indian operative as far back as 2007 to scout targets in the Mumbai plot.

The surviving gunman, Ajmal Amir Kasab, 21, told interrogators he had been sent by the banned Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba and identified two of the plot's masterminds, according to two Indian government officials familiar with the inquiry.

Kasab told police that one of them, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, Lashkar's operations chief, recruited him for the attack, and the assailants called another senior leader, Yusuf Muzammil, on a satellite phone after hijacking an Indian vessel en route to Mumbai.

PARADE

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\$100 for the Best of Show Award (for best interpretation of theme); \$75 Mayor's Award (for best use of lighting); and \$50 Grand Marshal's Award (for best costuming).

In addition, first-place plaques will be awarded in

the following categories — individual or family; civic group, school or church; commercial; and industrial. Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

Only entries received prior to the deadline will be considered for prizes, but additional participants will be welcomed right up

to the start of the parade. Parade Coordinator Rick Nunez said that persons wishing to participate need to show up in the vicinity of Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th by 4:30 p.m. the day of the parade.

For more information, contact Nunez at 263-7331.

Living Christmas Tree

For the 30th consecutive

year, First United Methodist will host the Living Christmas Tree, with performances scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free, but tickets must be procured from the church office. There is also a dress rehearsal at 2 p.m. Saturday, open to the public.

More than 70 singers, an orchestra and a children's choir will combine

to present "Tell Me The Story," the theme for this year's event. The evening will combine traditional Christmas classics with new standards, officials said.

For more information, contact the church at 267-6394.

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

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stake in a program like this."

The program, which is being sponsored by First Bank of West Texas, will run until Dec. 21 — the week before Christmas — according to Barton.

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First Bank of West Texas has locations at 607 S. Scurry, 1810 E. FM 700 and 500 W. Broadway in Coahoma. Lobby hours are 9

a.m. until 4 p.m.

For more information on the program, contact Barton at 432-684-3201.

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

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the pay goes up to around \$19 an hour for some of the jobs," said McBride.

In addition to competitive pay, workers can choose full- or part-time, have flexible hours, paid training and have an opportunity to work in their own community.

There are several stipulations, which most residents can easily meet. Workers must be U.S. citizens, must be 18 or older and must have a valid driver's license.

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OUR VIEWS

We'll see you at the parade

Everyone loves a parade, and, boy, do we have a parade for you. The 23rd annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade will again make its way north on Gregg Street beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

That's right, the Christmas season officially begins in Big Spring when Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive to take part in the colorful festivities.

The parade has become a tradition in our community and we wouldn't have it any other way. After all, who doesn't like tradition, especially during the Christmas season, and there's nothing more traditional than a Christmas parade.

That's why we've been working long and hard to make this one of the best Christmas parades we've ever put on.

The theme for this procession is "The Star of Bethlehem," and there's little doubt in our collective minds the entries in the parade — to be overseen by Grand Marshals Bill and Joyce Crooker — will put us all, spectators and participants, in a festive mood.

Those who registered their entries prior to the deadline will be competing for three cash prizes including \$100 for the Best of Show Award, the entry that best interprets the theme; the \$75 Mayor's Award, which goes to the entry with the best use of lighting; and the \$50 Grand Marshals' Award for best costuming.

In addition, plaques will be presented to the first-place award winners in the following categories — individual or family, civic group, school or church, commercial and industrial. And we will again provide a special award to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry in the parade.

While only registered entries will compete for the cash prizes and plaques, we'd be please to welcome all late entries, as long as they arrive to be added to the procession before the parade starts.

According to Parade Coordinator Rick Nunez, those wishing to be added to the parade need to show up in the area around the Primitive Baptist Church, located at 201 E. 24th St., by 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

And don't forget, whether you are a participant or one of the thousands who annually line up along Gregg Street to view the parade, that West Texas winters tend to be chilly once the sun sets. So bundle up, bring a thermos of hot chocolate or coffee, and joins us.

We'll see you there!

You can't be thankful and miserable

So Thanksgiving has come again and found us abundantly blessed. Most of our abundance remains as an extra pant size or more junk in our trunk but I still buy into the abundance thing. I had some friends from east Africa staying with me and they found the whole Thanksgiving holiday a miraculous event — that a nation would actually put together an official holiday where people give thanks. Amazing.

I, of course, explained that non-Christians are not obligated to be thankful to anyone in particular but have pretty much agreed to be generally thankful. It's kind of like being generally married, I think. Weird I know but secular or sacred, I love Thanksgiving.

Anyway I would like to generally share some wide-ranging thoughts on thankfulness in general. Being thankful is not just a character trait but also an emotional and spiritual gold mine. These are points I consider worth sipping on in this week's confession from a highly-caffeinated Christian.

(1) You can't be thankful and miserable at the same time.

One of the neat things about an attitude of gratitude is a move towards thankfulness is a move away

from misery. It's a lot like trying to whistle and sing at the same time.

(2) The opposite of thankfulness is not being unthankful ... it's selfishness.

Being thankful turns your attention to how awesome God is and from what you don't have to what you do have. It also launches you into a self-realization that none of us are self-made men or women. We are abundantly blessed.

(3) A huge key to being thankful is choosing to see the truth over the facts.

Jesus doesn't say you shall know the facts and the facts will set you free. There's a big difference and it takes intentional faith to choose the truth over the facts.

(4) Thanksgiving is the gateway to God's manifest presence.

The Bible says over and over again that we enter into His courts and through His gates via thanksgiving. If that's true, and I think it is, it is also true a sure fire pathway to the other direction is through griping and complaining. I can't tell you how many times I have sent my thought life to hell by partnering with the enemy in refusing to be thankful.

(5) Learning to be thankful in all things, is knowing who is with you in all things.

When the disciples thought they were going to drown they woke up Jesus and asked why He didn't care. He calmed the storm and asked them where their faith was. The

point was not that he could calm the storm. The point was that if He was in the boat, the outcome was certain. If you can't thank God for all things, we can at least thank Him in all things.

A word worth its weight in gold

There once was a guy named Rudyard Kipling who lived from 1865 to 1936. He was English, yet born in Bombay, India. He eventually became a successful writer and is the author of books like Captain Courageous, How the Leopard Got His Spots, and The Jungle Books.

Kipling's writings not only made him famous but also brought him a fortune. A newspaper reporter came up to him once and said, "Mr. Kipling, I just read that somebody calculated that the money you make from your writings amounts to over one hundred dollars a word."

The reporter reached into his pocket and pulled out a \$100 bill and gave it to Kipling and said, "Here's a one hundred dollar bill, Mr. Kipling. Now you give me one of your hundred dollar words."

Rudyard Kipling looked at the money, put it in his pocket and said, "Thanks!"

It is in that vein that the Brewer says a hearty Texas "Thank You" to those of you who look to the Fresh from the Brewer column each week for your sip from the Master's cup.

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Quotables: Change, healthcare

Quotations on a variety of topics currently in the news....

— Barack Obama, discussing the many Clinton-era alumni he is selecting for his administration of "change": "Understand where the vision for change comes from first and foremost. It comes from me. That's my job . . . to provide a vision in terms of where we are going and to make sure that my team is implementing it."

— Emory University law and economics professor Paul Rubin, formerly a member of the Reagan administration and an unpaid adviser to the McCain presidential campaign: "Today, the U.S. is in better shape than in 1932. But it faces similar circumstances. The stock market has been in a tailspin, credit markets have locked up, and (Obama ran) on expanding the role of government, laying the blame for the economic turmoil on the current occupant of the White House and his party's economic policies. Barack Obama is one of the most liberal members of the Senate. His reaction to the financial crisis is to blame deregulation . . . (With the heavy Democratic majority in the Senate, he will have) more power than any president has had in decades to push a liberal agenda. And given the opportunity, Mr. Obama will likely radically increase government interference in the economy."

— The late novelist Michael Crichton — author of "Jurassic Park" and "The Andromeda Strain" — on global warming, in a 2005 National Press Club speech: "Our approach to global warming exemplifies everything that is wrong with our approach to the environment. We are basing our decisions on speculation, not evidence."

— Brookings Institution fellows

Robert Crandall and Clifford Winston, on the U.S. auto industry: "The most constructive role the government can play at this point is to provide a short-term infusion of capital with strict repayment rules that will essentially require the automakers to sell off their assets to other, successful companies. Why is such a dramatic step necessary? For the unavoidable reality that the fundamental problem the automakers face is not their pension, health-care, or other legacy costs. It is that they are not making cars and trucks that enough Americans want to buy. And this has been true to some degree since the first energy shock hit the U.S. in the early 1970s."

— Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in 2005, on war with the West: "Is it possible for us to witness a world without America and Zionism? You had best know that this slogan and this goal are attainable, and surely they can be achieved."

— Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in 2008, on war with the West: "The big powers are going down."

— Sheik Yusuf al-Qaradawi of Egypt — a country with a per-capita GDP of \$1,697, ranking it 111th in the world, compared with America's 10th-ranking \$45,790 — on the recession gripping the developed world: "The collapse of the capitalist system based on usury and paper and not on goods traded on the market, is proof that it is in crisis and shows that Islamic economic philosophy is holding up."

— General James Conway, Marine Corps Commandant and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on al-Qaida's shifting focus to Afghanistan and Pakistan from an Iraq where "it smells like (U.S./Iraqi) victory": "I don't think there is anybody in Iraq these days planning a strike on the U.S. But I fear there are people in Afghanistan or Pakistan who could be doing that very thing."

— George Shultz, secretary of state in the Reagan administration, on the need to continue the Bush administration's policy of pre-emption against regimes advancing

Islamofascist terror: "In this age where there are people who want to do damage to us through terrorist tactics, you want to be aggressive in trying to find out what might happen before it happens, and then stop it from happening. That is, take preventive action . . . That's an uncomfortable idea for people, particularly when the act of prevention takes place in some other country. Even if it takes place in this country, it has its problems."

— "The Week" magazine: "Emergency rooms in Canada are so crowded that patients are dying while they wait to be treated, Canadian doctors said (last month). Treatment is free in Canada's national health care system, and at many hospitals packed ambulances idle outside for hours because there is no place to leave patients . . . 'We've had people have heart attacks in the waiting room, people seize in the waiting room, and patients have miscarriages in the waiting room,' said Dr. Brian Rowe of the University of Alberta Hospital. 'It's like a Third World country.'"

— Bill Clinton, during the presidential campaign, discussing the popularity of Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin: "I get why she's hot out there, why she's doing well. People look at her, and they say: 'All those kids. Something that happens in everybody's family. I'm glad she loves her daughter and she's not ashamed of her. Glad that girl's going around with her boyfriend. Glad they're going to get married....' (Voters will think,) 'I like that little Down syndrome kid. One of them lives down the street. They're wonderful children. They're wonderful people. And I like the idea that (her husband) does those long-distance races. Stayed in the race for 500 miles with a broken arm. My kind of guy.'"

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Our choir presents "Hope has Hands" during the morning worship service this Sunday. Our children will present "Emmanuel: The Story of Christmas" during the morning worship service Dec. 14, followed by Christmas dinner in our fellowship hall.

We have Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We have activities for all ages at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Mondays we have Financial Peace University class that meets at 7 p.m. We are almost through the course for this semester but will offer it again in the spring.

Our 12-Step group meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the fellowship hall. It is open to anyone struggling with addictions of any kind. It is free but donations are accepted to cover the cost of the workbook.

For more information, call us at 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at btcbigspring.org

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Liturgist for worship services in December is Jamie Walker. Lisa Harwood is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments Sunday. Communion servers for the month are Helen and Lynn Glass, and Janie and Dick Conley. Ushers are Katie and Jerry Grimes, and Janie and Dick Conley.

Presbyterian Women combined their November and December meetings Tuesday. The Rev. Allan Guthrie led the Bible study, and members prepared Christmas baskets for our shut-ins and college students.

Wednesday activities: Bible study at 5:17 p.m., youth group and choir practice at 6 p.m. resumed this week and will take place next week.

During Advent, the children, youth and adult video classes are meeting together in the Fellowship Hall. Activities begin each week with breakfast served by Ellen Austin at 9:30 a.m., followed by singing at 9:45 a.m. The emphasis this year is on remembering our homebound members through a cookie project and a Christmas program at Park Place.

Sunday we will decorate cookies. Dec. 14, after breakfast and singing, we will deliver the cookies to the homebound. Dec. 21, we will practice for our Christmas program, which will be performed twice: once for Park Place residents at 4 p.m. and again for our church at 5 p.m. The performance of "Remembering" in the chapel will be followed by a chili supper, hosted by the Church Life Committee, featuring Max Green's infamous chili. Everyone is invited to come and share the fun and joy of the Advent season.

You may purchase a poinsettia to decorate the church for Christmas. Each plant is \$15 and may be taken home after the Christmas service. Proceeds from these sales will go to the Youth Mission Trip. Our Youth Group decided, rather than go on a ski trip during Christmas break, to use their funds to go on a mission trip to help those affected by recent storms on the Texas coast. Another opportunity for giving is to order a Christ-

mas gift, which might be a goat, a sewing machine or literacy training, from Church World Service to help a neighbor a world away, given in the name of someone you love. Ask at the church office or order by phone 1-800-297-1516, ext. 222 or online at www.cwsbestgifts.org

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14, our church will host a short Christmas concert by our choir following the Big Spring Symphony's Tour of Homes at 4:30 p.m. You don't have to attend the Tour to come to the concert, which will be in the Sanctuary.

The lectionary for the Second Sunday in Advent is Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8. "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," arranged by Gustave Holst and "A Cradle Carol," words by Rebekah Pringle, music by Dan Forrest, are the choir's offering during worship. Based on Isaiah 40:1-2, Rev. Bronaugh will preach on "The Lord's Desire."

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Sunday we will celebrate Communion during morning worship.

Following worship, we will have our traditional holiday meal in the church social hall. Come and share the food and fellowship.

The Coahoma Presbyterian Women will have the Christmas meeting Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. at Pam Hicks' house. Rae Nell Best will present a short program. Please bring a gift (under \$20) and finger foods to share.

The lectionary for the second Sunday in Advent is Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8.

First United Methodist Church

It's Friday and as you read this there's not a quiet corner at Fourth and Scurry where First Methodist Church is putting the finishing touches on rehearsals for the 30th annual Living Christmas Tree. Saturday at 2 p.m. the orchestra, choir and actors will have dress rehearsal and you're invited. No ticket is required at that time, just don't be surprised if occasionally we stop and start over again. And, at 8 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday we will present "Tell Me The Story" — our gift to you with love.

This second Sunday in Advent service will feature our youth director, Brent Williams, in his portrayal of Joseph after he wakes from the dream. Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes in between at 9:45 a.m.

Everyone is invited to take part in Christmas caroling Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13. We will be going to nursing homes and our shut-ins before returning to the church for hot chocolate.

Our new parsonage will be one of the featured locations in the Symphony Guild's Tour of Homes on the afternoon of Dec. 14. This will be a wonderful opportunity to support the

Sometimes it does take a committee

"My hair looks like it was combed by a committee," my husband declared one morning after stumbling into the bathroom and looking into the mirror.

After forty-something years of marriage, I'm no longer surprised by Dwayne's creative comparisons. That morning I had to agree with his analogy. His hair did look as if it had been styled by a large committee with many divergent opinions. Some had voted for the George-Washington-wave look,



BONNIE WHEAT

but some had insisted on a more explosive-looking Einstein style. Others on the hair grooming committee seemed to have favored a just-got-out-of-bed punk look. It took a strong-willed hair brush, some extra-hold hair spray, and the chairman of the board to get the situation under control.

Sometimes committees just don't work the way they were intended to work. Good ideas get stuck in committees. Jobs don't get done because everyone can't agree on what the job is, much less how to get it done. Committees hamper progress and interfere with good plans. They prolong decisions that need to be made quickly, and impede action. Committee meetings have been known to evolve into shouting matches and fist-

swinging brawls. However, lest we get the idea that we don't need the advice of others, the Bible has something to say about multiple opinions: *Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart* (Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 NASB).

Perhaps the mark of Christian maturity is recognizing the value of other people. Sometimes it does take a committee.

symphony as well as see this lovely home restored and open to the community.

And Sunday night, Dec. 14, the Rev. Sharon Weise, her husband Bill and their family invite the First Methodist congregation to a holiday open house at the parsonage from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It's Teddy Bears on Parade all over the house with a special Teddy Bear Sunday school class in one room while a group of the fuzzy little creatures have a picnic on the patio.

It's all part of the many special activities at or sponsored by First Methodist Church, where families grow in Christ.

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church invites you to worship with us this Sunday. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., morning worship is at 11 a.m., and the evening worship service is at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Salem is pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. For further information, call 394-4655.

First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene welcomes everyone to our exciting and spirit-filled services.

Sunday mornings, we have a "meet and greet" time with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. with a mixture of contemporary and traditional music sure to uplift your soul. This is followed by a scripture-based message from our pastor.

Wednesday nights, all adults are invited to join us at 6:30 for your choice of one of three interactive Bible Studies in the Sanctuary Building. Kim Shafer is presenting "How to Know when You Are Heading in the Right Direction:

Discovering God's Will," by Andy Stanley. Pastor Brown is presenting ministry through various DVD presentations beginning with John Bevere "Driven by Eternity," and Leonard Hadley's class meets in the commons with various scripture studies.

The youth are invited to Youth Explosion! with pizza and fellowship, youth praise and worship, and Biblical messages addressing "hot topics" held in the "Salt Shaker."

This is a busy season for the children at FCN. With help from the adult Sunday school classes, they enjoyed putting together four Thanksgiving baskets.

The children are preparing and practicing for caroling at several nursing homes the evening of Dec. 16.

New Hope Christian School and the FCN children's choir will present their Christmas programs at the church on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. The community is invited.

FCN is gearing up for the annual Live Drive-Thru Nativity, Dec. 12-14 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

We hope everyone will take time to enjoy the beautiful, live, narrated, picture story of Jesus, from birth through his resurrection and ascension. Saturday is Nativity set up day, beginning with a big, homemade breakfast for all workers.

Our Prime Timers Group for those 55 and older is at 6 p.m. the first Sunday of each month.

A learning class for 2-3-year-olds will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Parents are encouraged to attend a special meet and greet this Sunday following morning services.

First Church of the Nazarene's ministry to Hispanics is led by the Rev. Felix and Marta Torres and meets for worship and Bible Study at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday in the fellowship hall. You are invited to this service that is in Spanish.

Dare to Care Ministry will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

The members of Alive in Christ Lutheran Church have been active with numerous activities and worship opportunities during recent days in this Festive Holiday season. Wor-

ship services were held on Thanksgiving Day with a number of guests present to join in the congregation's praise and thanksgiving to God for His bountiful blessings both physi-

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The "Tardy Bells," a bell choir composed of Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association members, performed a medley of Christmas music for the Triple L. Group at First Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon.

CHURCH

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cal and spiritual. Special thanks are in

order to Daniel Budke and his mom Dolline for the beautiful Thanksgiving Altar arrangement of fruits and vegetables.

The day following Thanksgiving, five high

school students and two adult counselors left for Dallas for a statewide "Glory Bound" youth gathering. It was a very blessed weekend with our youth getting to fellowship with

more than 1,200 other Lutherans.

The congregation was then happy to welcome its pastor, the Rev. Robert Boyce, back Sunday following four weeks of ab-

sence from the pulpit as he recovered from sinus surgery.

Advent worship services also began this past Sunday at 6:30 p.m. as the congregation gathered to celebrate the coming of Jesus. The four weeks prior to Christmas, Christians throughout the world gather for special worship services as they prepare their hearts and lives for the celebration of God's gift to the world in the person of His Son.

The children of the congregation will begin their practice for the Candlelight and Children's Christmas Eve program which will be held Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating or having your child in this program, we welcome all visitors and friends to join us. There are still parts available. Practices will be at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the youth classroom.

We are also forming a Chime Choir and we invite anyone interested to join us. This coming week will provide further holiday season worship and study opportunities as the congregation gathers Sunday for worship at 9 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class

for all ages are at 10:30 a.m. and Advent worship at 6:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation Classes will continue Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. with Adult Midweek Bible study following at 7 p.m. Look for our float in the Christmas parade this Saturday and go by the Heritage Museum and take a look at our Christmas tree on display.

What a joyous season for celebrating and sharing God's abundant love and promise of eternal life! As the spirit of remembering that God sent his precious Son to be our Savior fills our hearts, we strive to show others that we are Alive in Christ (the church at the base of the mountain under the water tower at the end of Lynn street in the Kentwood addition.)

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

If you are looking for a church home, consider us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services are held at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's church is held during Sunday morning service and is for ages 3 to 12 years of age. For a

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Are you a good citizen? How do you treat others?

It may surprise you to know that God requires each of us to be good citizens, and He talks about it in Romans 13:1-4. The apostle Paul is the author of the book of Romans and he makes it very clear that we are to obey the laws of the land.

Verses 1 through 4 say, "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

"Therefore whoever resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good and right and you will have praise from the same.

"For the rulers are God's ministers to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid: for he does not bear the sword in vain: for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices



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evil." Since God Himself instituted government, the church, and the home, it would be hard to imagine a world without rules and authority, for God is a God of order and He expects us to honor and obey the laws of the land.

A good citizen not only obeys the law, but he is mindful of the minor details as well. Think how much nicer it would be if all shoppers were careful to return their shopping carts to the places provided for them. How many times have you had to get out of your car and move a shopping cart in order to drive into the parking space?

Truthfully, we should be grateful that the business has not only provided shopping carts, but a space for them to be parked.

If they were all left just anywhere the shoppers parked them, it could create havoc for all of us.

When shopping, a good citizen is careful to return an unwanted item taken from the shelf to its rightful place. We have all seen items left in places where they did not belong. Recently, while shopping for bath towels, I found a pack-

age of bacon left on the shelf where the towels were. This is not only disrespectful, but it is wasteful as well. Perishable items that are found throughout the store must be discarded, as the manager has no way of knowing how long the items may have been unrefrigerated. A person who is that disrespectful obviously lives their lives in a disturbed and unthankful manner, never thinking once of the other person.

What we call 'The Golden Rule' was spoken by Jesus Christ Himself and is a simple plan for all of us to follow, yet so many seem to think it is only a quote from some cartoon. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," is in truth a very powerful statement. Have you ever taken a moment to examine the logistics of what He is saying?

What Jesus is actually conveying to us is "the way we treat other people is exactly the way we will be treated."

It makes no difference if we know the person or if we do not.

Actions and attitudes reside in our hearts, and they speak loud and clear through the way we live our lives. The law of sowing and reaping applies to ev-

everyone. We should treat others the same way we want to be treated.

God guarantees our harvest will come, be it good or bad.

I see life as a precious gift from God and have a hard time understanding why and how others seem to perceive it so cheaply. They seem to think that payday never comes, but be assured that it will. God keeps very good records, accurate and to the minute. He knows all and sees all.

According to 1 Peter 2:9, Christians are God's own special people. We should shine as stars in this world. He calls us out from Himself as Special. We are in truth, role models for the world, but sadly, many do not represent Him in the fashion that He deserves.

We should strive to be all that God wants us to be, and nothing less. We should be good citizens not only in the market place, but in our own homes, our neighborhoods, and our work places. Everywhere we go we must be the light on the hillside that Jesus spoke about in his Word. If we are not, who will?

This column will be continued Dec. 12. God bless.


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The youth are practicing for our Christmas program Dec. 21. For further information, call 267-8214 or 267-7157.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

St. Mary's Church is helping with the Salvation Army Angel Tree Drive. If you don't have time to shop for the children on the trees, you may come by St. Mary's church office and leave your donation with the church secretary. The youth group will be shopping for gifts on Dec. 7. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The vestry will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the church library.

St. Mary's annual Advent Offerings concert is scheduled at 12:05 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. The Lone Star Brass Quintet of the Midland-Odessa Symphony will be our special guest performers. Their performance will be followed by a delicious soup lunch provided by St. Mary's ECW. This concert is a gift to the community from St. Mary's. There will be no admission charge, but those in attendance will have the opportunity to contribute to Isaiah 58.

Safeguarding the Children Class is Saturday, Dec. 20, from 10 a.m. to noon in the library.

For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

Advent Season has begun and Don and Nita Taylor lighted the first Advent candle during the Sunday morning worship service

at 10:30. Evening service is at 5 p.m. with Lay Pastor Jacque Mauch leading both services.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. The adults class discussion will be Mary's Commitment, taken from Luke 1:26-38 and 46-55 and will be led by Bill Lovelace.

Angel Food orders will be taken Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the church. Orders will also be taken Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. December delivery date is Dec. 20 from 10 a.m. until noon.

We are so blessed by all the volunteers who come out to help on delivery day. The words "thank you" doesn't seem sufficient, but again we do say thank you and God bless.

Chapel of Faith

As we prepare for the celebration called Christmas, let's not forget what the real celebration is all about — the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus! With all that is part of the season we tend to push Jesus to the background. Let's change all that this year — let's make an all-out effort to put Jesus first in everything we do. You may be surprised how much better things will be. The congregation of Chapel of Faith invites you to join with us as we celebrate the season.

Our worship services are at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday with a time of fellowship and refreshments before services start. The services are informal and always present a wonderful message of hope and inspiration. This week, Pastor Joel Miller will speak on "Brothers and Sisters," taken from Hebrews 2:11-13.

Continuing with the Advent ceremony, Associate Pastor Scott Willis will light the second of the Advent candles and tell the significance of this candle.

December 13 at 7 p.m., the congregation will gather for a holiday dinner and a Christmas program. Rachel Overby will provide special music.

The Angels from the Salvation Army Angel Tree

have been distributed to the members of the congregation along with money to purchase the items requested. This year the church is sponsoring 10 Angels.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites everyone to Sunday service at 9 a.m. The church is located at 810 Scurry St. We are led in worship by Pastor Wayne Frost. Adult, youth and children's Sunday school classes follow at 10:15 a.m. Anyone who has recently moved to town or is looking for a church home, please come to visit us.

Small group Bible studies are ongoing and anyone wishing to join may contact the church office at 267-7163 for places and times.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League's bake sale was a huge success. All the proceeds to be sent to the High School Bible Class. Thanks to everyone who donated baked items or helped in any way.

Operation Ongoing Support for our troops continues for the month of December. The items include: Pop Tarts, Christmas candy, moleskin and blister packs. Chocolates are great for this time of the year.

You can also donate to the AT&T Phone Card Fund. This allows our troops to call their loved ones, especially important during

the holidays. Items can be brought to the church office anytime between 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or when you join us for services.

First Christian Church

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent and the Brandon Johnson family will lead us in lighting the Advent candles of Hope and Peace. Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

Dr. Ken McIntosh's sermon will be contrasting 2 Peter 3 with the remake of "The Day the Earth Stood Still."

The church will hold a men's prayer breakfast 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall. We face a major plumbing repair project and the purpose of the breakfast is to assess what carpentry skills and tools we possess among us to accomplish the follow-up carpentry repair after the plumbing is replaced.

Also Saturday, we will be making a special outreach trip to Abilene to host a Christmas show for Covenant Place. Our members Bob and Marla Rainwater will perform a mix of secular and religious Christmas music for residents.

There is still time for singers to join our choir for its Christmas Cantata performance and for dancers to learn a special liturgical dance to be performed at our early Christmas eve service. Contact the church office if you want more information.

Club News

Director of Texas Retired Teachers Association speaks to retirees

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association (BSA RTA) met Nov. 17 at Howard College's Cactus Room.

Most of the meeting was devoted to a legislative update from Tim Lee, director of the Texas Retired Teachers Association. Mr. Lee discussed the financial con-

dition of the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Fund. Although recent financial losses in investments have cost TRS about \$25 billion, the TRS still has about \$85 billion. Trends in the stock market affected our retirement fund, but we are still in good financial condition, due to the diversity of our investments. Over half of today's earnings in the system were earned in the last seven years. Retirees'

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benefits will not be affected, because they are backed by TRS and the credit of the state of Texas.

The outlook for a 2009 cost-of-living-adjustment is less positive than the possibility of a 13th check. Mr. Lee pointed out this is a great time for investing in the retirement system. We have capital; one in 20 Texans gets something from TRA. Ninety-five percent of the \$6 billion annual budget stays in Texas. The pension fund has provided billions of dollars for our economy for decades.

An important consideration, and one that retirees need to be informed about, is that some legislators want to go to a 401K or Defined Contribution Plan for retirees. This would be a fiasco for retirees. Some legislators want to see the demise of Social Security or pension plans for any taxpayer group.

Mr. Lee answered questions from the group about items of interest to retir-

ees in a positive way. He feels the TRS of Texas is a strong, viable system, but individuals need to stay abreast of developments in Austin and continue to contact our legislators frequently.

The next BSA RTA meeting will be Dec. 15. Jeanine Fishback will conduct the Big Spring High School Choir in a Christmas program. Any interested person is welcome and invited to join us.

The Mary Jane Club

The Mary Jane Club met for its monthly meeting Nov. 13 at the home of Bonnie Cushing. The meeting was called to order by Joyce Choate, president, and members answered roll call by revealing one of their talents. Numerous talents were mentioned, including a painting, ceramics, teaching high school students, taking care of grandchildren, making pies, teaching, collecting, bookkeeping, sewing, playing piano and perhaps the most unusual one — pistol shooting.

Following discussion of the club's business, Carol Peterson presented a very

interesting program of acrylic and water color paintings created by her. She prefers to paint things of nature, such as birds and flowers. Carol has painted since age seven and still has a drawing of her mother which she drew at a young age. She sold her first water color painting when only 17 years old for \$50. Her paintings are displayed at the present time at the Art Center in Sioux City, Iowa. In the past few years she received an honorable mention for an entry in the Big Spring Art Association Competition at the Heritage Museum.

After the presentation by Carol, the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by hostesses Bonnie Cushing and Joyce Choate.

The next meeting will be held Dec. 11 at the home of Lucy Griffith with the annual Christmas salad luncheon and gift exchange. The program will be presented by Helen Gladden on "What Miracles Are Made Of."

More Club News can be found in Sunday's edition of the Herald

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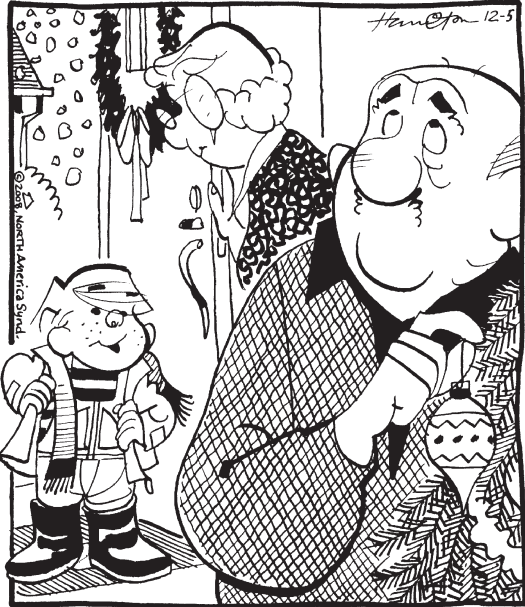
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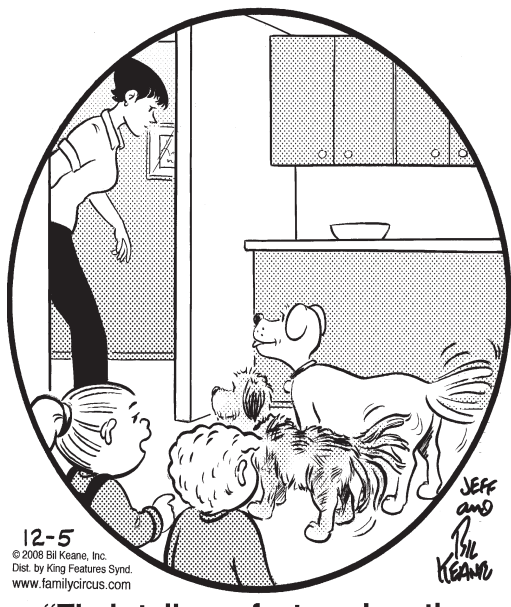
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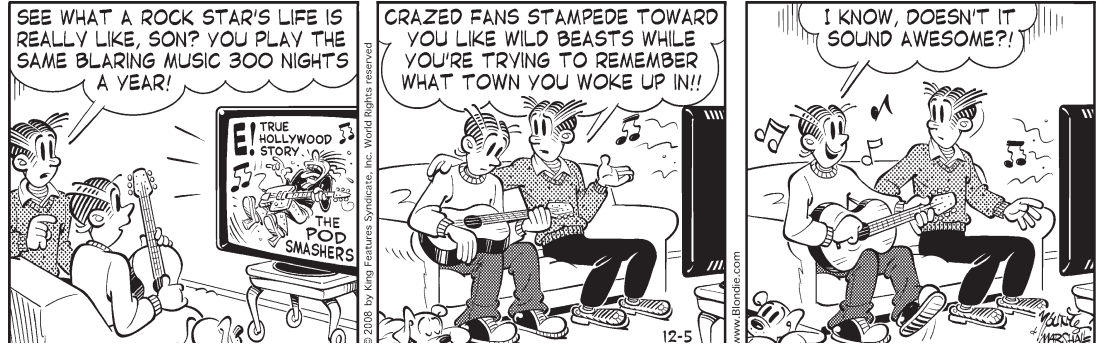


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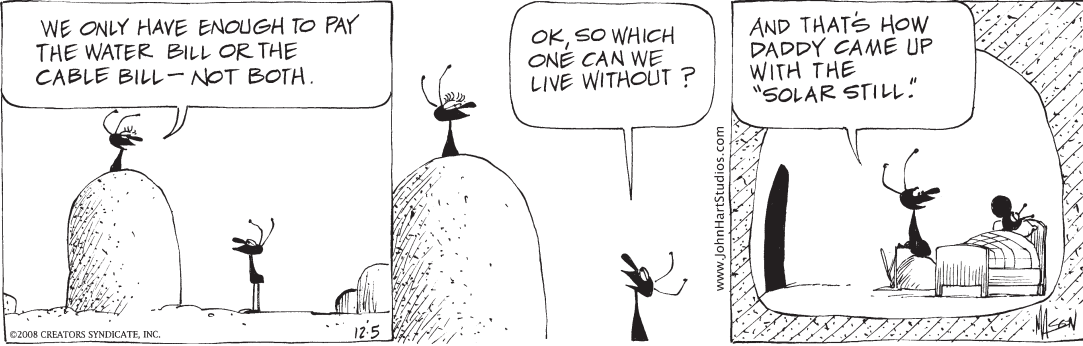
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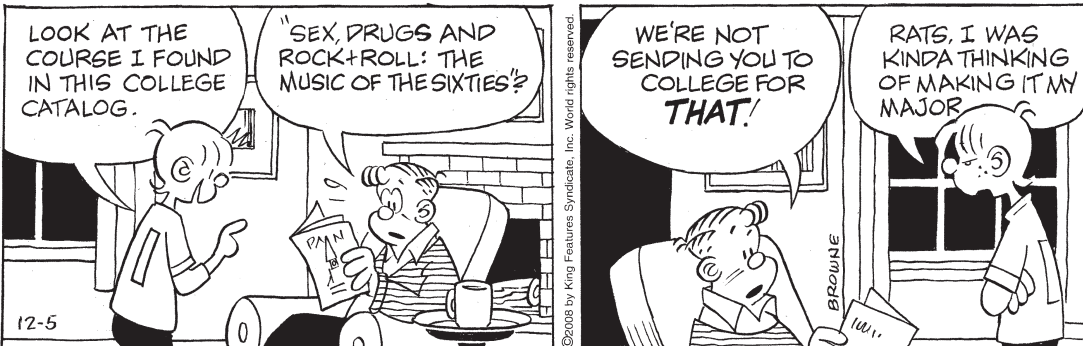
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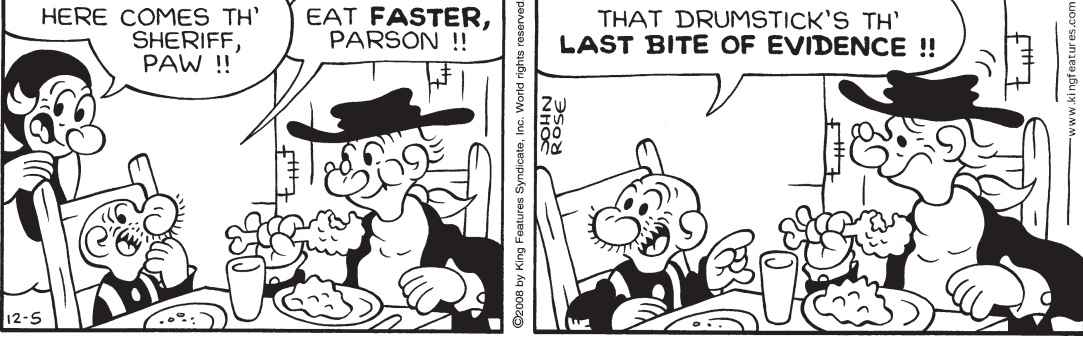
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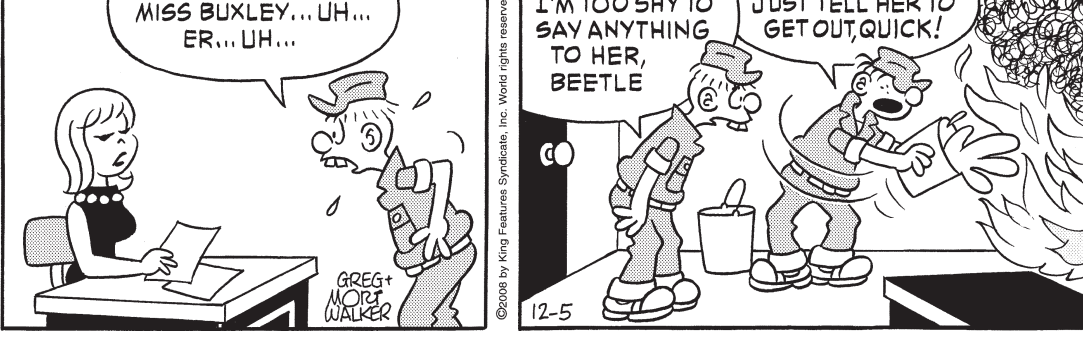
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