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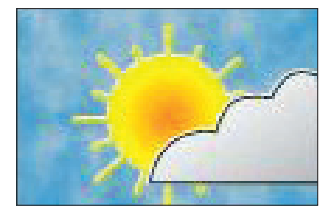


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An upper-level storm system passed through this area early today, depositing snow and ice on much of West Texas. Slick road conditions were listed as the cause of several minor traffic accidents and forced the closure of area schools.

Icy weather locks down schools, has emergency crews scrambling

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Old Man Winter decided to pay an early visit to Howard County and he was quite the rude guest. Frigid temperatures had people bundling up and snow and ice turned local streets into skating rinks, which resulted in schools and several businesses being closed throughout the area. This area had already been feeling the effects of a cold front that moved through the area several

days ago, but that was compounded by a low-pressure system that arrived last night, said Eric Platt, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland. "An upper-level storm system moved out of the Rockies and brought all this snow and ice with it," Platt said. Much of West Texas was hit by the storm system, which deposited between one and three inches of snow and ice on several cities. The most immediate effect of

the storm system was felt by area motorists, who were forced to contend with slick, snow-covered roads this morning. Conditions caused officials to first postpone, then cancel classes at Howard College and Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan schools. "The roads were just too icy," Forsan ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said. "We were very concerned about getting buses into

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PD clears additional robberies

Suspect responsible for multiple offenses, according to police

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Police Department say they have solved several more of the aggravated robberies that plagued the city in November, as the recent arrest of a Big Spring man continues to uncover evidence.

Ricardo Castillo, 31, was arrested at his home Nov. 23 in the 800 block of E. 14th Street and charged with several counts of aggravated robbery including the gunpoint robbery of a local woman in a church parking lot Nov. 22.



Castillo

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, Castillo was

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Juvenile, HC students are arrested

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Big Spring youth remains in custody after confessing to a pair of burglaries at the local YMCA, while two Howard College students have been arrested after being linked to a series of vehicle burglaries near the community college's dorms.

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Celebrating Christmas

Full weekend of activities planned

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Santa Claus is coming to town. Jolly ol' St. Nick will be much in evidence this weekend as a cornucopia of events signal the start of the Christmas season in Howard County.

assisted by 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," Phillips said.

cause of weather.

Canterbury Christmas Bazaar Saturday

People looking for good arts and crafts goods will want to be at Canterbury Retirement Community for its annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday.

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Howard College luminaria lighting cancelled

Howard College's annual Christmas Luminaria ceremony, which was to feature a visit from Santa Claus, was an unfortunate victim of the storm system that moved through the area this morning.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the event, which has long been described as the college's Christmas gift to the community, was cancelled be-

VA lights the lights

The Big Spring VA Medical Center will kick-start a weekend full of Christmas activities when it holds 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. today.

"Holiday carols will be led by veterans, refreshments will be served and, last but certainly not least, Santa will visit with all children," said Lauri Phillips, acting public affairs officer for the medical center.

VAMC Director Daniel Marsh,

KEEP YOUR EYES TOWARD THE SKY IN DOWNTOWN BIG SPRING FOR A HOLIDAY SURPRISE.

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Police blotter

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

- MARK CLINTON ROBERSON, 19, of Plano, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft – more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.
- ASHLEY DAWN SMITH, 24, of 1710 Young, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- MICHAEL PAUL HOGAN, 38, of 1710 Young, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- MARCUS LANCE HATTENBACH, 37, of 1806 E. 15th St., was arrested Thursday on charges of criminal trespass, evading arrest and resisting arrest.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 69, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LAQUANTHUS LAMAR RANDALL, 19, of Dallas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 25, of 1206 E. 15th St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of evading arrest.
- TERRENCE ALI YOUNG, 20, of 109 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- TEREL DEVON HOUSTON, 17, of 2609 Hunter, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JOHN PETER GORDON JR., 21, of 803 Lorilla, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- CHARLES RENE LANDRY, 18, of 610 Goliad, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- KENNETH DWAYNE NEWSOME, 18, of 2609 Hunter, was arrested Thursday on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon, possession of a controlled substance and evading arrest.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 300 block of Fourth Street.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 300 block of Fourth Street.
- MANUFACTURE/DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported (no location given).
- INTERFERING WITH AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL was reported in the 1100 block of 13th Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 100 block of 13th Street.
- CRIMINAL MICHIEF was reported: in the 1000 block of 16th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Hearn.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported: in the 1000 block of 16th Street.
- In the 600 block of Tulane.

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

- Note — A jail count was not available at press time.
- MICHAEL NEAL BIRMELIN, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under age 15.
 - DAVID CANALES, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 - ERNEST LEE CHANCE, 53, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
 - ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 69, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - ROBERT RAY COBLE, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
 - WELDON BRYANT DANIELS, 45, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of credit card abuse.
 - RUBEN DOMINGUEZ, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated.
 - NORA ANN FLORES, 38, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.
 - ALBERTO JOSE GALLEGOS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a probation violation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - JOHN PETER GORDON, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 - MARCUS LANCE HATTENBACH, 37, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass, evading arrest or detention and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
 - MICHAEL HOGAN, 38, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
 - TEREL D. HOUSTON, 17, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 - HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
 - CHARLES RENE LANDRY, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 - RANDALL LAMAR LAQUANTHUS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 - WILLIAM RYAN LOCKE, 35, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a

Sheriff

controlled substance.

- ABILENE RENE MOJICA, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- GARY LEE MOORE, 55, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- KENNETH DEWAYNE NEWSOME, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, evading arrest or detention and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- AMADOR RIOS, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of bond/protective order.
- MARK ROBERSON, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- ASHLEY SMITH, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia (two counts).
- MARCUS EMORY STURGILL, 20, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a probation violation for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- CLAYTON WILLIAM WIGINGTON, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a contempt charge for minor in possession of alcohol and charges of burglary of a habitation (two counts) and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- TERRANCE ALI YOUNG, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- LEROY ZUBIATE, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 3000 block of Piper Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of Tulane. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5000 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the area of George.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 400 block of Bell.

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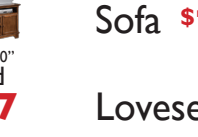

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OTHER VIEWS

Workers' rights: It's just another U.S. oxymoron

A classic American saying asserts, "The rich are different from the rest of us." So are the poor. While the rich enjoy rights, privileges and legal protections that the middle class can only envy, the poor suffer from weak and ill-enforced labor laws that the middle class need seldom fear.

And since media owners often generate their own fierce disputes with labor, battles over worker rights frequently go unpublicized.

Take the National Labor Relations Board. That healthy New Deal innovation has in recent times run afoul of big money politics, though the press has precious little interest in it anyway. Although its ostensible job is to adjudicate labor disputes, budget starvation and political pressure have instead converted it into a tar pit for burying significant cases.

Senate Republicans won't approve any pro-labor appointees and the Democrats seem unwilling to force the issue. That would anger their own big-business campaign contributors.

Much the same fear has stymied the proposed Employee Free Choice Act, aimed at making it easier to form a union. That bill has gone nowhere because many Democrats listen cheerfully to the rustle of business dollars raining into their re-election coffers. Thus it remains enormously difficult today for workers to organize, even with a president nominally on their side.

Fortunately, the Labor Department has improved a bit since the last election, but undoing eight years of hostility to workers takes time. This is especially true since some of its career civil service positions were filled with pro-employer officials by President George W. Bush just before he left.

The results of this paralysis of labor enforcement are tragic for the lunch-pail set. Bosses can get away with almost anything, like pressuring injured staff not to claim workers' compensation or to file actions over short pay.

They're dealing with toilers living on the economic edge, who panic at the thought of being fired. Not only would their pay be gone, but health insurance as well, if they're lucky enough to have any. With adjudication taking years, they simply can't afford the risk of complaining.

And there's plenty to complain about. The Government Accountability Office recently performed an undercover investigation of the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division. It found that the division mishandled 9 of the 10 cases that investigators presented. There was little effective enforcement against threats, short pay, or even child labor.

U.S. Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), the House Labor Committee chairman, observed, "It's clear that under the existing system, employers feel they can steal workers' wages with impunity."

Unfortunately, the problem is only getting worse. Illegal immigrants are especially reluctant to file complaints. That reality hovers over American-born workers too, fearing that they will simply be supplanted by even more vulnerable foreign replacements if they gripe.

The recession further undermines the status of workers by increasing the pool of their desperate unemployed colleagues. So does the steady outflow of jobs abroad to nations where employees are treated more like chattel than human beings.

Employers love that fear, and many have found that even if they can't export their jobs, they can often import grisly working conditions.

Creating more unions and passing stronger laws would be the normal response to such abuse, but our government is too much under corporate influence to allow such cures.

Consequently, the United States is developing an underclass the likes of which we haven't seen since the 1930s.

Minuteman Media columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Today may we enjoy the blessings, Lord, that you have given us.

Amen

Thanks-living is paramount

My Thanksgiving was really nice this year. My son came home from his internship at The Honor Academy and brought a half dozen young men home with him, so our house was a really fun mess.

On top of that, I was hosting a missionary pastor from Rwanda, East Africa, and he still finds it hard to believe human beings can eat this much.

My brother and sisters all made an appearance and I actually spanked all of them in our family's annual Texas Hold'em competition.

Yes, the Brewer is a Bible thumping, column writing, conference speaking, world traveling, guitar playing, card dealing shark. As Davy Crockett once said, "I'm a screamer."

So here it is after Thanksgiving and the parade is over. You have survived the ballgame and the spandex wearing mayhem at

Walmart. Black Friday has come and gone and hopefully without a black eye, but don't you dare let go of being thankful.

This week's sip from the Master's cup comes served with leftovers from our last holiday.

For you and I, Thanksgiving is not just a day on the calendar but an actual lifestyle we get better and better at. The good book says in Colossians 2:7 that we are to "abound in thanksgiving." It means we are supposed to overflow with thankfulness and actually upgrade in being thankful people.

That same pesky book which Paul wrote concerning those nasty 'gnostics, also says in chapter four, we as Christians should be devoted or sold out in commitment to, three different things.

The first is prayer because God wants us with him more than anything else. The second is "being watchful" which means paying attention to spiritual things because we are all residents of heaven living in Texas.

Finally, the third thing we are supposed to be devoted to is indeed thanksgiving. Dedicated,

devoted, purposely intentional about being more thankful today than we were yesterday. If you are thankful, it means you love your life.

People who are not devoted to being thankful tend to be committed to being critical. They live life identifying with the bitter beer face commercials and generally are very comfortable being unhappy.

If that is you, let me say on behalf of everyone within your general proximity, you're no fun to be around!

Thankfulness doesn't just come from good things happening to you.

Thankfulness is something you practice. It is a skill which must be developed. It's an intentional position of your heart and something we can all get better at.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: Psalms 91:1

The Rev. Troy Brewer can be contacted through his websites at www.troybrewer.com or at www.freshfromthebrewer.com



TROY BREWER



Uncle Mort on oxygen

Uncle Mort, my 96-year-old kin down in the thicket, may have the largest "alibi collection" on the planet.

"I've banked on alibis to wiggle out of predicaments since Hector was a pup," he laughed. "The way I figure it, alibis and fibs are first cousins. Liberal dependence on both keeps us off the slippery slope of outright lies."

I felt yawns coming on as Mort rambled. My eyes widened, though, when he offered an alibi for the Dallas Cowboys' 7-6 football win over the Washington Redskins.

I had heard him offer alibis on thousands of subjects over the years, but this was the first time in memory that he'd made excuses for a win.

He blamed the 'Boys' poor offensive showing on oxygen deprivation.

"If they had lost, they could've blamed it on a bunch of school kids determined to make the Guinness Book of World Records," my uncle maintained.

My curiosity aroused, I was determined to hear him out.

He was happy to oblige, explaining that earlier in the week, a crowd of 4,626 Arlington eighth-graders gathered 'round the giant screen to learn the techniques of administering CPR.

Guinness officials have confirmed this to be the largest CPR training session ever held,

topping the old record by almost 1,000.

"Those kids dang nigh pumped all the oxygen out of the place, causing the Boys' offense to be light-headed," Mort surmised. "I'm shore 'nuff glad that their defense sucked it up."

I attended a high school football playoff game at the stadium. Add me to the list of people overwhelmed by this \$1.2 billion venue which is billed as the largest covered athletic facility in the world.

It is surreal. The huge screen had a \$40 million price tag, more than the total construction figure for the old Texas Stadium. It gets more attention than play on the field. Game action and ever-changing ads lighting up virtually all usable space on stadium walls seem to compete for attention. People-watching, with glances at the big screen that provides frequent shots of smiling, hand-waving fans, is big, too. Some things never change, but even though the crowd shots shown on the big screen span but a few seconds, most of the "subjects" are eager to "ham it up" in what well may be their "15 seconds of fame."

The old claim is that you "can't know the players without a program;" at Cowboys' Stadium, you can't know the score without binoculars.

The stadium indeed has four scoreboards — one in each corner. Surely they sent the wrong ones; these seem better suited for a junior high school field. The long and the short of it is that they are tiny in a cavernous place where "big" reigns.

Eyes squint to locate the 'boards marked as "home" and

"away." And even the strongest squints fail to lock in on an American flag permanently displayed inside the stadium. Critics of the current "bring your own flag" policy are having a field day, protesting that "America's team should have America's flag."

Still, the impressive facility is alive with movement, color and excitement.

CPR training or not, this wonder of the sports world takes the breath away.

Everyone should eventually see this magnificent facility. If the thought of donning football pads or band uniforms doesn't compute, maybe you can sign up for CPR training.

Coming to mind is the story of the leather-lunged Texan, on a crowded airplane. Nudging the man next to him, he asked, "Where you from, son?" The man answered "Chicago." The Texan, acknowledging the "great lakes up there," boasted that if we had these lakes in the Metroplex, "we'd be a whole lot bigger'n Chicago."

The vexed "victim" responded: "Why don't you move them?"

Admitting that he didn't know how to get the job done, the Texan was advised to "get a straw."

A straw? The Chicagoan closed out the conversation with this response: "If you can suck half as hard as you can blow, you'll have 'em there in 30 minutes."

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DR. DON NEWBURY

Take Note

• T&P Federal Credit Union has set up an account for Arthur Hernandez Jr. for medical expenses. Arthur has had numerous medical problems the past couple of years. He has had several surgeries on his stomach, the last one a few weeks ago. After the surgery he developed a staph infection. He is still in the hospital. The out-of-pocket expenses, the travel and expenses for his wife and many other numerous expenses are mounting up.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded

West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. 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. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is 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.

Obituaries

Carol Jean Lightfoot

Carol Jean Lightfoot, 57, of Stanton and formerly of Arlington, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at the Stanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. No services are planned.

She was born April 11, 1952, in Perryton to Patsy and Jefferson Hyatt. She was a homemaker and a longtime resident of Arlington before moving to Stanton recently.

She is survived by one daughter, Christy Brorman and her husband Jeff of Big Spring; and three grandsons, Chance Urias, Taylor Brorman, and Luke Brorman, all of Big Spring; one sister-in-law, Donna Hyatt of Dallas; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Lightfoot; one son, Patrick Lightfoot; one brother, Sidney Hyatt; and one sister, Prissy Hyatt.

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

Paid obituary

Teresa Barber

Teresa Barber, 54, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Robert Turner, minister of Anderson Street Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born July 9, 1955, in Big Spring and married Jackie Barber Feb. 12, 1977, in Paint Rock. He preceded her in death July 20, 2008.

Teresa was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1974. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Kaman Barber of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Donovan Barber of Big Spring; her mother, Verlone Atkinson of Big Spring; one brother, Roger Atkinson and wife Mary Ellen of Big Spring; a niece; a nephew; and two great-nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her father, Vernon Atkinson.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

Erma Gene Brown

Funeral services for Erma Gene Brown of Stanton will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Alexander officiating.

Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Mrs. Brown was born in Stanton on Nov. 10, 1952, and passed away Nov. 29, 2009, in Louisville, Ky.

Funeral services are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Lawrence 'Larry' Carpenter

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — Lawrence P. "Larry" Carpenter, 59, of Big Spring, formerly of Sioux City, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, in Colorado City. Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at Morningside Chapel, Christy-Smith Funeral Home in Sioux City, with the Rev. Michael Erpelding officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery, Jackson, Neb.

Larry was born Sept. 22, 1950, to Francis and Louise (Brady) Carpenter. He was raised in the Sioux City area and attended Sioux City schools. He later moved to the Minneapolis area and started working for Honeywell Industries. Later, he worked for Toro and at several various manufacturing companies in the Minneapolis area until his retirement. He later moved to the Big Spring area about three years ago. Because of health reasons, he moved to Colorado City six months ago. He was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his siblings, Joe Carpenter of Merville, Iowa, Mary Louise and Jerry Owings of Sioux City, David and Darlene Carpenter of Prescott, Ariz., and Patty Youngstrom of Milford, Iowa; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

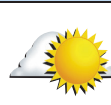

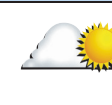
Condolences may be sent online to christysmith.com.

O.T. Teague

O.T. Teague, 89, of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Today's Weather

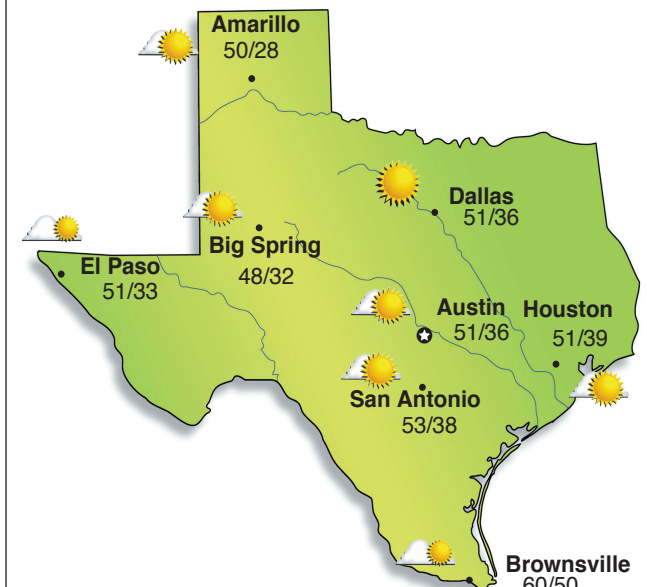
Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 12/5	Sun 12/6	Mon 12/7
 48/32 Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 48F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	 61/29 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 20s.	 52/36 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM



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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	50	37	mst sunny	Kingsville	57	44	mst sunny
Amarillo	50	28	mst sunny	Livingston	51	33	sunny
Austin	51	36	mst sunny	Longview	51	34	sunny
Beaumont	50	37	sunny	Lubbock	50	28	mst sunny
Brownsville	60	50	pt sunny	Lufkin	52	33	sunny
Brownwood	52	37	mst sunny	Midland	49	34	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	54	45	mst sunny	Raymondville	59	46	mst sunny
Corsicana	51	35	sunny	Rosenberg	51	39	mst sunny
Dallas	51	36	sunny	San Antonio	53	38	mst sunny
Del Rio	52	37	pt sunny	San Marcos	52	35	mst sunny
El Paso	51	33	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	52	35	sunny
Fort Stockton	56	39	pt sunny	Sweetwater	50	36	mst sunny
Gainesville	50	34	sunny	Tyler	52	34	sunny
Greenville	50	33	sunny	Weatherford	50	34	sunny
Houston	51	39	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	52	34	sunny

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 18-19-25-28-29.
Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 11-12-19-34. Bonus Ball: 34.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-1-0-9.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-9. Sum It Up: 16

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Big Spring Herald 2009 Parade Route

Saturday • December 5, 2009 • 5:30 pm

	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
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Thank you for taking part in the 2009. Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade. The parade route will start at 8th & Scurry heading north on Scurry to 4th, turning right on 4th St., and proceeding East on 4th to Benton, turning left for 1 block then left on 3rd, proceeding West on 3rd ending at Scurry & Main Street. Please Do not Block driveways, and please **DO NOT LITTER**. All entries must be ready to go by 4:50 pm at which time we will tighten up the procession. If you are late or not ready at this time, you will be asked to move to the side and re-enter at the end of the parade. Judges have a list of the order or the floats so please be on time and ready so that we have no confusion.

Church News

Baptist Temple

This Sunday during our 11 a.m. worship service, our children will be presenting "Remedy." It's a musical about the coming of Jesus Christ into our world to save humanity. Afterwards, we will be having our Christmas dinner in the fellowship hall. Sunday evening's message will be from 1 Corinthians 5:1-13.

Our weight-loss support group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Baptist Temple fellowship hall. There is no cost and it is open to anyone interested in attending.

We are temporarily postponing our 12-Step Recovery group that meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays due to Dean Thomas's (director of the group) surgery, but will start this group again after the New Year.

We have Sunday school classes for all ages and they meet at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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

First United Methodist

Just as you are opening your Friday paper the preparation for The Living Christmas Tree goes into high gear. The tree is up, the decorations are done, the actors and choir members have practiced their parts and tonight those two parts of the production come together. Tomorrow morning the orchestra comes on the scene with an all-morning practice and then at 2 p.m. we have the official dress rehearsal which requires no ticket for attendance. Regular performances will be at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. On the front line of all this preparation you will find Linda Lindell, Don Turner, Eddie Vandewalker and Laurie Churchwell who all have a role in the performances plus those who took on the momentous task of erecting the tree, led by Ray Alexander. Thanks to them and the dozens of others whom we have not mentioned. We know who you are and we thank you from our hearts. Job well done, good and faithful servants.

This second Sunday in Advent our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will bring a sermon entitled "A Gift Worth Understanding" with scripture readings from Malachi, Luke and Hebrews. Services of worship are held at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Snack supper and activities for all ages begin at 5:30 p.m.

Be sure to turn in your order for poinsettias as soon as possible. They will be placed in the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones soon after the Living Tree comes down.

This coming week the Prison Fellowship Angel gifts are due. Those bringing their gifts this Sunday should take them to the special tree in Garrett Hall. Wednesday the 9th is the deadline for those gifts to be delivered to the church in preparation for the party to be held for the angels Dec. 12.

Remember to get those addresses of our service men and women to Joyce Willis or Holly Moore soon in order that they receive our church's Christmas gift.

Dates to remember: March to the Manger Dec. 13 and Eddie Vandewalker's first Christmas music program here at First Methodist Dec. 20. And, of course, there is that very special service Christmas Eve. It's all at the corner of Fourth and Scurry, in the heart of downtown Big Spring. First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite any-

Making room for Christ in Christmas

Once again it's time for children of all ages to start reading those holiday favorites — "The Night before Christmas," "The Gift of the Magi," and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." It's time for all of us to start singing "Jingle Bells," "Deck the Halls," and "Silent Night."



BONNIE WHEAT

It might also be a good time to watch a few old movies such as "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "Scrooge," or "It's a Wonderful Life."

Yes, the literature of

Christmas is filled with nuggets of enchantment and wisdom for all ages. Both heroes and villains are eager to step from the pages of the classics to remind us that the magic of Christmas is more than shiny tinsel and blinking lights.

In the biographical realm, perhaps no Christmas character has ever been demeaned more than the poor innkeeper of Bethlehem who did not have a place for Mary and Joseph to sleep.

The writers of Christmas plays have for generations made him the villain of their scripts, and the song composers have also tried to make him responsible for Jesus' humble birth. Tradition has credited the innkeeper with an event that was part of God's

Devine plan foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament.

The innkeeper was just the messenger who delivered the news that he had no place for Mary and Joseph to spend the night in his inn.

Yet we, like the busy innkeeper often find that our lives are too busy and our schedules are too crowded to make room for Jesus at Christmas. We criticize the innkeeper for his shortsightedness while we overlook our own lack of vision.

Jesus gave his disciples some advice about judging other people that might help us keep a right perspective on the innkeeper: "And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in

your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye" (Matthew 7:3-5 NASB).

This Christmas season, before we laugh at the Rudolphs for the way they look, blame the Grinches for stealing our Christmas joy, or ridicule the Scrooges for their humbug spirits, maybe we should examine ourselves.

Perhaps we should look deeply into our hearts to see if we have left room for Christ in Christmas or if we have just filled all of the available space with tinsel and lights.

one 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.

Tom continues to lead a Bible study, along with Big Spring's new pastor, Craig Holstedt, on the week's lectionary in the library of First Presbyterian, Big Spring, on Wednesday at 5:17 p.m.; however, the Bible study did not meet Nov. 25.

The Session will have its monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 3, at 5:57 p.m. in the church social hall.

Sunday, Dec. 13, Jerry Gahr, CLP from Midland, will preach in Tom's absence.

The lectionary for the second Sunday of Advent is Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6. The sacrament of communion will be celebrated during the worship service. Following worship, everyone is invited to join in our annual holiday potluck meal.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

Presbyterian Women met Tuesday in the fellowship hall to make Christmas gifts for the students.

The Lectionary Bible Study met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice was at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, all women of First Presbyterian Church Big Spring are invited to celebrate Christmas from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the home of Claudie and Rip Patterson.

The Working Women's Bible Study group will have a very special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 8 at Janie Conley's home. We are having a baked potato supper followed by a DVD "Crossing the Jordan." Please RSVP at 267-2035. The offering will go toward the Christmas Adopt a Family project sponsored by the Service and Church Life Committees.

Lisa Harwood will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning. Jamie Walker is liturgist. Communion servers for December are Helen and Lynn Glass and Dick and Janie Conley. Ushers for the month are Louise Hitch, Sue Carter, Patti and Joe Horton.

Sunday is Communion Sunday and Stewardship Commitment Day. That afternoon at 3 p.m. we will have a Christmas Family Event, making tabletop nativity scenes in the fellowship hall. At 5 p.m. we will go caroling and return to the church for a soup and cornbread supper at 6:30. Please plan to come and join in the fun.

The lectionary for the second Sunday of Advent is Malachi 3:1-4; Luke

1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6. The choir will offer "A Child of Hope" by Lani Smith as the anthem; "Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come" by Mark Bender is the offertory anthem.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our Web site: www.fpchs.org

St. Paul Lutheran

Sunday services are at 9 a.m. with Sunday school for all at 10:15 a.m. We are located at 810 Scurry and the office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. You can call at 267-7163. Our e-mail address is stpaulc@sbcglobal.net. Our worship service is led by Pastor Wayne K. Frost.

A very special thanks goes to everyone who helped make our Nov. 21 garage and bake sale a success. All proceeds from the sales will benefit

LWML projects.

The December LWML meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday the 9th in the parish hall. A small gift exchange, fun and worship is planned for all.

At 5 p.m. Dec. 13, the congregation will be having a pot luck Christmas dinner. Everyone is invited to bring a friend and join us.

Remember, the next trip to the orphanage, Casa Hogar in Mexico, will be leaving the weekend of Dec. 11-13. For more information, contact Richard Sanders at 816-1631.

Friends of Unity House

During December, meetings will be at Unity House, 303 E. Fifth St.

We will be encouraging people to participate in World Healing Day, Dec. 31, 2009. This is becoming known as World Day of Prayer Super Bowl.

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Grand Opening Dec. 15



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The Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, prepares to cut a ribbon at the ceremony marking the church's new membership with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Monday.

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Birdwell Lane Baptist

Our church is in the community to help you in the spiritual needs that you may have. We would count it a privilege to be acquainted with you, to be able to help you when and where the need should arise. Our pastor, Steve King, is just as close as the telephone.

We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane and Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. with children's church during the morning worship for ages 4-12. A nursery is provided for your little ones. Midweek service is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. For a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is a Bible-believing, Bible-preaching, Bible-teaching, missionary-minded Baptist Church — for the winning of souls to Christ, to the edifying of the saints, and for the glory of God — where you are always welcome.

Come worship the Lord and hear God's word with us.

We will be working on our lighted Christmas float this Friday and Saturday.

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Our 23rd Annual Live Drive-Through Nativity is Dec. 11-13, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the First Church of the Nazarene parking lot, 1400 S. Lancaster. This event has become a Christmas tradition in Big Spring and surrounding areas. Make plans to attend this year's presentation.

We hope you will join us for coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday morning fellowship followed by worship service at 10 a.m. Ahoy Mates! "Adventure Bay! sets sail Sundays at 10 a.m. for ages 4-11.

Wednesdays, our Naz Family classes begin at 6:30 p.m. for all ages. There are classes that not only feed you spiritually but also allow you to kick back and relax.

Adults can choose one of the following options: The Coffee Class is studying Joy Comes in the Morning from Max Lucado's book, "He Still Moves Stones." Another is the study of the Nazarene Holiness movement and how it relates to our lives today. Or, you may be a part of a study of The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith by Timothy Keller.

Also on Wednesday nights at 6:30, NazKidz (ages 4 years through third grade) meets in the classrooms at the north end of the fellowship hall for Bible class. NazWhiz (fourth grade through sixth grade) meets in the fellowship hall to become Bible "whizzes!"

Youth Explosion with Pastor Cal, for seventh through 12th graders, is also at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

We wish you an awesomely blessed week.

If you have any questions about the Church of the Nazarene, call at 267-7015 or e-mail us at church@nazfamily.org. Also look us up on our Facebook page under Big Spring First Church of the Nazarene.

Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Street in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Our phone num-

ber is (432) 264-7818. Our Web site is www.lutheranonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15.

Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching this Sunday. Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Alex Byrd. Our elders are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke. Thank you to Karen Thibeault for playing for the Thanksgiving service.

The flowers on the altar were given in honor of God's glory by Phyllis Graumann. We also thank Daniel Budke for the lovely Thanksgiving arrangement on the altar last week.

This week, the liturgy will be read by Bobby Rover. The readings for this week are Malachi 3:1-7b, Psalms 66:1-12, Philippians 1:2-11, and Luke 3:14 (5-20)

Last Sunday, the Advent season began. Our second Advent service was this past Wednesday evening. The last two Advent services will be held Dec. 9 and 16 at 7 p.m. Meals will be provided at 5:30 p.m. prior to Mid Week School at 6 p.m. Join us for the fellowship/meal and stay for the service at 7 p.m.

Boards will present their 2010 budgets at the Dec. 13 Voters' meeting directly after Sunday school.

Our Thanksgiving meal was well attended. Thank you to all who brought the desserts. A special thank you goes to Jeanie Knocke for all the time, planning, organizing, and effort behind making this a time to remember and cherish.

We are still accepting clothing and toys for the "Home Town Christmas." If interested, either bring your items to church or take them to Jeanie Knocke at Wells Fargo. During this season of giving, remember that Jesus encourages us to remember all of His children.

The Board of Education will meet Tuesday.

The LWML will have their Christmas Ornament Salad Dinner Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Our hostess, Leighrene Kohl, will be opening her home to us for this wonderful and fun meeting.

Our traditional Christmas Children and Congre-

gational program will be Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for our Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 6:30 p.m. and the Christmas Day service at 9 a.m. Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching both services.

Our church will be responsible for the lights on the four bridges at the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park. If you are interested in working on this project, contact Kent Ivey.

If you are interested in beginning or attending a new Men's or Women's Bible study, please contact any member of the Board of Education. These Bible studies could be any day or evening of the week and could be held either at church or in a home.

December 14, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The LWML will meet Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Leighrene Kohl's home. The Elders meet Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the church.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. We have Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

CNC Class met at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Sunday, St. Mary's youth will provide a soup meal after church. We will have our much-loved Santa Fe Soup with bread and dessert, prepared and served by the youth and parents, who will also set up and clean up for the meal. Please join us for this youth fund-raiser.

St. Mary's Needlepoint Class is held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, in the library.

Noon Holy Eucharist Service is held every Wednesday in the chapel.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbt.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Go-liad.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 W. FM 700 on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

At this month's meeting we will celebrate the 1998 Walks, Women's Walk 8 LD Natalie McDonald, Men's Walk 9, LD Gary Tucker, Women's Walk 10, LD Phyllis Martin and Men's Walk 11, LD Chris Wingert.

Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

January 14 we will honor the 1999 Women's Walk 12, LD Kay Simpson, Men's Walk 13, LD Gary Reid, Women's Walk 14, LD Terry Tucker and Men's Walk 15, LD Mike Moates. Please plan to attend.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community will meet at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane in 2010.

For more information, see our Web site www.signal-emmaus.org

Spring Creek Fellowship

Christmas is a special time at Spring Creek Fellowship and we hope and pray it is a wonderful

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sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

Amusing incidents occasionally occur in major tournaments. For example, there was the time some years ago when a young Polish pair, representing their country for the first time in the annual world championship, arrived at a dreadful grand-slam contract. After the opening lead was made and dummy appeared, declarer could see that his partner had overbid his values by at least two tricks. Declarer looked at the dummy, then looked at his partner and said: "That dummy is an insult to Poland!"

If you were West on the following layout, you might have similar feelings if you reached Six Spades due to partner's overoptimism after you opened two notrump. However, they don't allow you to back up and change the contract, so the question is how to proceed after North leads the ten of clubs (assume the missing trumps divide 3-1 or 2-2).

West
 ♠ K Q 10 9
 ♥ A K 3
 ♦ A 10 2
 ♣ A 3 2

East
 ♠ A J 8 7 6
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ J 6 5 4

The only genuine chance for the slam is to find South with the doubleton K-Q of clubs, as well as the king of diamonds. Accordingly, you play a low club from dummy, and South, luckily for you, produces the queen.

You next cash three rounds of

trumps (South turns up with three of them) and continue with the A-K and another heart, ruffing in dummy. Now you play the club five, taken by South with the king. You hope South will return a diamond away from the king, which would hand you the slam, but he smartly exits with a heart instead.

After discarding a diamond from your hand and ruffing the heart with dummy's last trump, you return the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. Miraculously, you are now on the verge of making the contract if North holds the jack of diamonds. You hope he started with a hand such as:

♠ 5 ♥ Q1082 ♦ J843 ♣ 10987

If that's what he was dealt, he will be a dead duck when you next play the queen of spades in this position:

North
 ♠ J
 ♥ 9 8

West
 ♠ Q
 ♥ 10
 ♣ 3

East
 ♠ 5
 ♥ J 6

South
 ♠ 9 7 6

Whatever North discards on the spade queen, you make the slam. Of course, you must also be sure to congratulate your brilliant partner on his sagacity in contracting for such a dreadful slam!

Tomorrow: Protecting your investment.

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In pursuit of the creator

There is never a more appropriate time to pursue and give thanks to our Creator for His glorious blessings than during this Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season.

People everywhere seek to achieve goals and obtain more success in life, but we seldom see those who chase after more of God's favor and goodness. Even in adverse times, many strive to reach their dreams in all the wrong places, yet they want their lives to count, be full, enjoyable, and successful.

By the same token, their first priority is to achieve the desires of their heart, rather than pursuing their Creator first, Who can cause all their goals to become successful



JERRIE STOCKS

and their priorities less apt to be misdirected.

Oftentimes when our priorities are out of sync, our lives are in disarray.

God's Word demands that our attention be centered on Him. Giving God our full allegiance takes the burden off our shoulders and gives Him the freedom to allow us to achieve our goals.

When we let other things become first place in our lives, in essence we are telling God, "I know how to order my life. I know what's right for me." But when things begin to fall apart, we often learn our lessons a bit too late and feel that God has forsaken us, even though He was there all along waiting for us to give our attention fully to Him.

First and foremost, we must chase after God and develop a craving for a deep, strong relationship with Him.

When this happens, we have the assurance that God

will be a closer friend than any earthly person is capable of being.

God's words must be special to us, not just a passing afterthought.

Though many do not fully understand how very special they are, God's words truly enhance our lives and set us apart from non-productivity. When we line our lives up with His priorities, we find ourselves more fulfilled and we allow Him to invest more of Himself into our hearts.

Realizing how valuable God's strength is in our weakness and understanding that He is the light in our darkest hours puts us in a position for His medicine to heal our wounds and hurts. It is then that He becomes a shelter from the storms we face.

By His Word and our faith in His Word, we can override any impossibility that we face. The enemy is defeated and God is revealed through us.

In today's uncertain times, where can we turn but to our Creator, the giver of life, the God who transforms our hearts? His truth alters our attitudes, changes our bad habits, and gives us more insight into His Word, which is all truth, all light, all joy, and all peace, and it electrifies our being with who we truly are in Him. Most often, adversities drive us to our knees, but God wants our allegiance in the good times, as well.

When we accept the Bible as the authoritative Word of God, it becomes personal to each of us. His Word is a sword, a flame of fire, a love letter that we devour, yet can never contain its fullness.

There may be times when we don't know where to turn, but God is always there, ever ready to intervene on our behalf, encourage us, and gently correct our errors. He gives us new hope to face the future and all the while, He patiently waits for us to call

out to Him.

No other book or relationship will change our lives as the Bible will when we crave after Him and pursue Him as a lover.

God desires that kind of closeness with His family. God's Word is an inexhaustible spiritual storehouse of wisdom, riches, counsel, truth, and answers to all of life's questions.

Joshua 1:8 reminds us that, "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. Then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." When we develop a deep desire for our lives to be abundantly blessed, our pursuits will automatically be in search of our Creator first. God bless.

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► Religion in the news

Christian group to pay off \$10K in strangers' parking tickets

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A Christian group will once again camp out in front of City Hall and offer to pay off up to \$10,000 dollars in parking tickets for any passers-by.

Organizers say the Dec. 12 event is an example of how easy it is to receive God's grace.

The Grace Gift Parable giveaway was first held in 2004, when Treasure Valley church leaders doled out nearly \$7,500 to delinquent parkers, including one woman who arrived with more than a dozen tickets.

Montie Ralstin, Jr., the pastor at Boise Valley

Christian Communion, says the event is to help people understand that even though they've made mistakes, forgiveness is available.

The \$10,000 for this year's event was donated by area businesses and the Christian Churches of the Treasure Valley.

Court sides with district in Plano candy cane suit

DALLAS (AP) — A suburban Dallas school district's rules regulating when students can hand out religious materials are constitutional, a federal appeals court has ruled.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Or-

leans said on its Web site that it upheld the 2005 Plano school district regulations in its decision Tuesday.

The most recent rules allow students to distribute materials before and after school, at three annual parties, during recess and at designated tables during school hours. Middle and high schoolers can also hand out items during lunch periods.

Those rules were adopted after four families with students at Plano schools sued, saying their children had been banned from handing out pencils saying "Jesus is the reason for the season," candy canes with cards describing their Christian origin, and other religious materials.

CHURCH NEWS

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time for you and your family. We will be having special Christmas celebrations for every age group and Sunday school class.

December 20, we will have a Spring Creek Christmas for our 6 p.m. worship service. We will have members of SCF who will be sharing with us in song, poetry, testimony, stories and instrumentally. This will be followed by a church-wide fellowship of food and fun. We have a place for you and your family where you can connect with the Body of Christ at Spring Creek Fellowship. Christmas and the New Year would be a good time to get involved with a church that wants to make a difference in people's lives.

Why not come check us out?

Spring Creek Fellowship is a ministry minded church. Manna House is our food pantry from which we have dopted about 50 families in need of food. Manna to Go is our outreach to the homeless of our community.

We also have a ministry of collecting hats and lap blankets for patients who are undergoing chemotherapy. One of our newest ministries is a socks and underwear drive for school-aged kids. There are many kids who do not have enough of these bvasic necessities and we want to help supply their needs. We will be donating these items to the schools and they will get them where they need to go.

We want to be Jesus' hands and feet and praise Him for being able to minister where He leads us.

Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, will be preaching a series of sermons on

the sounds of Christmas. This week's sermon is "Christmas Sounds ... the Prophet's Voice," based on Isaiah 9:1-7. Our youth pastor, Chris Tucker, will be preaching Sunday night. Meet with us at 9:30 a.m. Sunday for Sunday school, followed by worship

at 10:45. Sunday evening worship begins at 6 p.m. SCF is located in the College Park Shopping Center. Come experience why we say Spring Creek Fellowship, where you make connections for life!

The manger

Most of us have heard the story of Joseph and Mary and the fact that because of a census, they had to travel from Galilee to Bethlehem. As I read the Christmas story, I saw so much God did to make it legal for Jesus to buy back what Adam and Eve lost when they rebelled that day in the garden. There is not room to share it all in this article, so I will talk about the manger.



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Mary was with child. "So it was that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:6-7). Now, God wasn't up in heaven chewing his nails saying "Oh, No! My Son is about to be born in a dirty old stable. What am I gonna do?" No, all this didn't catch Him off guard or by surprise. Everything was well planned. Everything had a special purpose. God had it all planned. He had it prophesied in the Old Testament. His ways are higher than our ways. Read Is.55:9.

The stable represented humility, a humble birth and the fact that Jesus came as Savior for all mankind, not just the elite or those who think they are better than others. He was sending us a message much deeper than the surface knowledge of the black and white word, that Satan could understand. The Word is spiritually discerned, the natural mind cannot understand spiritual things.

There was something much bigger than the people of that day understood and more than many today understand. There was a purpose for Jesus to be laid in a manger. The manger was the feeding trough for the animals in the stable. Spiritually, Jesus being laid in the manger was representing that He was, and is, our spiritual food.

You have read "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps.34:8). Also, when the Lord gave the last supper, when He broke the bread He said, "Take eat this is my body of the new covenant." He took the cup and said, "Drink, this is my blood of the new covenant (Read Matt.26:26-28). He said "I am the Bread of Life." The word says "Desire the milk of the word, that you may grow" (1 Peter 2:2-3). Jesus is the Word, our spiritual food. Only by feasting on Him can we grow spiritually. The manger being the feeding trough of the stable, we can see why Jesus was laid there. God was showing us that the Word, Jesus, truly is our spiritual food.

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Abernathy downs Lady Steers in tournament

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — The Big Spring Lady Steers were frustrated by the Abernathy Lady Lopes Thursday afternoon in Andrews.

A second quarter in which the Lady Steers were outscored 20-4 helped Abernathy open up a big lead on the way to a 61-28 win in the first round of the Kristen Corbin Classic.

The Lady Steers turned the ball over 25 times in the game. Several came in the second quarter.

"We just lost our composure a little

bit," head coach Mike Warren said. "We're still young enough to where based on how we do, we start forgetting plays and we get flustered."

Big Spring hung in with the Lady Steers through the first quarter, when the score was 14-9. But the Lady Steers never topped 10 points in a quarter, and second-chance opportunities for Abernathy made for a runaway win.

"We started playing zone defense, and we ran that the first quarter and I thought that helped us a little bit," Warren said. "So we'll work on some things and try to get it straight."

Valerie Ross' eight points paced the

Steers on the afternoon. Abernathy's cause was helped by seven three-pointers in the contest, three of them from junior guard Maecee McLenny. She finished with a game-high 16 points.

Warren said he's looking for his team to put together a full game.

"We showed that we would go through periods of playing with them in that first quarter," he said, "kind of like the last game, when we did that for a half. We just have to play like that through three quarters or four quarters."

Tournament games were canceled Friday. They will resume Saturday.



HERALD Photo/Joe Zigtema
Logan Yarbar fires a shot against Abernathy in Andrews Thursday.

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Tyler Tannehill goes up for a shot over a Lamesa defender Thursday in Andrews. The Steers overtook the Golden Tornadoes in the fourth quarter on the way to a 60-55 victory.

Steers overtake Lamesa late in win

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — Big Spring coach Marcus Morris said it after the Steers' 60-55 victory over Lamesa in the first round of the Andrews Tournament on Thursday.

"We're starting to come together," he said.

The Steers turned a 12-point deficit in the third quarter into a come-from-behind win in the final frame at Mustang Arena to put together their first win since the end of football season.

Jerrell Williams led the Steers with 22 points, connecting on four three-pointers, despite being held scoreless in the sec-

ond quarter and scoring only two in the third. Xavian Parnell was the only other Steer in double figures with 10.

"When he catches fire, he's going to make some shots," Morris said of Williams. "He shot a lot last year, and we hope to see a lot more this year. He's a fun player to coach, and what can you do when they guy's shooting the ball? Everybody recognizes it."

After scoring 25 points in the first quarter to grab a 25-15 lead, the Steers scored just seven in the second quarter and fell behind at halftime 32-27.

"In the first quarter, we seemed to have practice fresh in our minds, and we were moving the ball well," Morris said.

"(In) the second quarter, we had a little lull, but it's exactly what we thought it was. And we found a way to win."

Lamesa opened up its widest lead with a 7-0 run to start the third quarter, but the Steers responded with a run of their own to cut the lead to three heading into the final frame.

With Williams out for much of the third quarter, Morris turned to his bench for a boost. Micheal Menefield scored six points for the Steers off the pine in the third quarter, and Tevian Parnell added four in the frame to set up Big Spring's fourth quarter comeback.

"Those guys made some shots, and it was fun to see them get

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Coahoma boys, girls coast to easy wins

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs have been lighting up the scoreboard recently in record fashion.

The Bulldogs tied the Coahoma invitation record for most points scored in a game in their 86-51 win over Sands on Thursday.

Joanna Gonzales scored a game-high 22 points, hitting five of the team's nine three-pointers on the night.

"She kind of caught fire and got everybody else involved," head coach Derek Faught said. "Everybody was penetrating and kicking it out for threes, and we got some steals, and we got some steals on our press and really started rolling."

Kylie Gee scored 20 points for the Bulldogs, K'Leigh Fowler put in 13 and Jennifer Castilaw added 12. Coahoma's fast-paced offense has worked well this season, keeping opposing defenses on their heels.

"If you can get a quick outlet and go, usually you can catch the defense out of position, and we've been working on that all year long," Faught said. "So far, so good."

Coahoma jumped out of the gate with 21 points in the first quarter, allowing just 10. They poured on 23 more in

the second quarter, and the rout was on.

While the Bulldogs' offense has been clicking so far this season, Faught said the team needs some work on the defensive end.

"We have to really concentrate more on defense and blocking out," Faught said. "That's what going to win us some tough games, not our offense."

The secret to good defense, Faught said, is hustling on every play.

"I just want to keep the effort up," he said. "They're doing a good job so far with their effort, and that's all defense is. We're just trying to get them to play hard every single night."

Coahoma boys 83 Sands 36

COAHOMA — The Bulldogs knew they had a size advantage heading into Thursday's matchup with Sands.

They used that size to overpower a quick but small Mustang lineup in a 83-36 win Thursday night at the Coahoma Invitational.

The Bulldogs grabbed 20 offensive rebounds and ran the floor all night in the win. Martin Leija led the Bulldogs with 14 points, followed by Lane Douglass and Isaac Garcia with 13 each. Tanner Ruiz was the other Bulldog in double figures with 11.

"We played better

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Forsan splits two games in Garden City Tournament; Girls win big

Herald Staff Report

GARDEN CITY — The Forsan Buffaloes may have been conserving their energy in the first game of the Garden City tournament against Christoval.

But they made sure to bring it in the second game.

Forsan split the first two games of the Garden City Tournament Thursday, falling 50-31 before winning the night cap 58-42 over El Paso Jesus Chapel.

As it turns out, these are the only games they will play. The tournament was canceled Friday due to weather concerns.

The Buffaloes found themselves in a 16-3 hole after the first quarter against the Cougars, and they never recovered that deficit.

"We came out real flat," head coach Brad Batla said. "The last three quarters we played a lot better, but that first quarter killed us."

Forsan made just 11 field goals in the

contest and five free throws.

"We were just off," Batla said. "They played decent defense, but we missed a lot of baskets we should have made."

However, Forsan decided in its second game against the Chargers to turn the tables, running out to a 23-10 lead after the first frame.

"We came out in that second game and got after them," Batla said. "We forced some turnovers, and it was just kind of a total reverse from the first game."

The Buffaloes shot 12 of 17 from the free throw line to help buoy their lead throughout the game.

"We didn't turn it over as many times in that second game, we got to the free throw line and we made our free throws. That always helps," he said.

Forsan girls 57, Christoval 18

GARDEN CITY — It was another game, and another big win for the

See **FORSAN**, Page 16

Sports in brief

Howard College game vs. Dyess AFB cancelled

The Howard College Hawks' game against Dyess Air Force Base scheduled for tonight has been canceled.

The team is off until after Christmas, when it will travel to Phoenix for four games over New Year holiday weekend. The next home game is scheduled for Jan. 14 against New Mexico Junior College.

The Hawks are 12-0 to start the season and currently atop the WJCAC Region 5 standings.

Area Tournaments battle wintry weather

Area teams competing in tournaments have had to juggle schedules due to the frosty weather in West Texas.

Garden City's Booster Club Klassic has been canceled. The Coahoma Invitational cancelled all of its Friday games and will make them up Saturday.

The Andrews tournament will also resume Saturday. The Steers will take on Greenwood at 10:30 a.m., a team they lost to in four overtimes Nov. 26.

Several Steer netters make All-District squad

Kristina Chang, C.J. Bursleson and the doubles team of Jonathan Ray and Mikael Gonzalez made the second-team all-district list released Thursday.

Steer netters that received honorable mention were: Mikael Gonzales, No. 1 singles; Jeremy Langford, No. 2 singles; Jonathan Womack, No. 3 singles; Matt Garza, No. 5 singles; Tyler McKinley, No. 6 singles; Jessica Womack; No. 2 girls singles, Langford/Womack, No. 1 doubles; and C.J. Bursleson, Anna Scott and Seth Yarbar; Mixed Doubles.

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Dear Margo: Considering the economy and kleptomania

Dear Margo: I graduated from college last summer with highest honors after receiving a full scholarship. I worked hard, believing it would pay off in the job market. Well, once school was over, I found it very difficult to find decent employment. The only place I could find work was at a grocery store — which is the same job I had before I went to college. I live in an expensive area, and my wages are low. Because of this I've had a hard time paying my bills. I've resorted to eating expired food at work and forgoing



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expenses like fixing my car. My entire savings has been spent on medical bills after developing some health problems this year. I am uninsured and worry about what would happen if I got sick again. I've tried to apply for government assistance, but was denied food stamps because I make \$20 too much per month. I've been told I don't qualify for medical assistance, either. Asking my parents to help is not an option. To make ends meet, I've had to make some moral compromises. Namely, I've started shoplifting — a lot. At first I stole food from work occasionally, but now it's become a daily occurrence. I've also started stealing from other places (I steal my medications

from pharmacies). I am "smart" about it, so I've never been caught, but I know that eventually I will get caught. It will make my life much worse, but I can't seem to stop. I feel like I'm getting what I deserve in the absence of better opportunities. I know I sound crazy, but I can't afford counseling. How can I stop? — *Confused in California*

Dear Con: You are very aware, which is a start, and you are also right that your "luck" will run out. Shoplifting, one kind of kleptomania, is thought by some to be a type of mental illness. Here are my concrete suggestions: Consider moving from the expensive area you are in now. Ask your employer to knock off \$20 from your

pay. Hunt up free mental health care in your community. This can be done through your local hospital. What is called for is behavior modification. You might also get some information by Googling this subject. You do not sound crazy at all, but you are troubled, and I think your situation can be "fixed." I wish you the best of luck in tackling this problem. — *Margo, supportively*

How To Keep On Keeping On

Dear Margo: I am 55 and have treasured the close friendships I've maintained over the years. My husband died six years ago; my best friend, three years ago. I've joined a community service group (Order of the Eastern Star) to keep

myself active and have continued to be active in my house of worship. I have three sons — one in the service, one in aerospace, living in another state, and the youngest in college. I miss my friends from the past and long for the conversations we shared about our common interests. What would you do? — *Maureen*

Dear Maur: You're a little young to have lost those closest to you, but this does become a fact of life for everyone who is older. While you cannot rebuild a common history with new friends, you can begin new chapters. I had the nutty idea when I was younger that by the time one reached middle age, you didn't make new good friends ... because you already

had them. To my delight, I was wrong, and have made wonderful and close friends despite having crossed the 50-year line. Getting out and about as you are is the thing to do. If you pursue things that interest you, you will meet others who share that interest. I'm betting you have some wonderful decades ahead of you with new people in your life. — *Margo, optimistically*

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The nurturing Cancer moon has an agenda. She wants us to focus on the word "home" and all it means to us. Chances are it's not so much the actual brick and mortar that makes up the dwelling but the things we do to care for ourselves (and other people and pets) under that roof that makes it feel like we belong there.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In your book, it's no fun to merely beat the competition — you must also crush them. It will be a fun day for you because your opposition is well matched and many are counting on you to win.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have an unusual interest, so it's



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all the more fantastic to find someone who shares it. Talk about that rare activity or study you so enjoy, and you'll be surprised by who chimes in with enthusiasm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been called an overachiever, though you have no clue what that means. How can a person possibly achieve too much? You won't be surprised at your high level of productivity today, though others might be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Make whatever plans you have more special by giving them more of your attention. Assume that every little detail will matter to the others involved. Dress up for dinner. You won't regret devoting the extra effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are givers, and there are takers. You're definitely a giver, though it benefits you

today to do a little of both. People will be flattered by your enjoyment of their offerings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Like a wool sweater on a cool autumn evening, you are the perfect complement to your surroundings. You blend in without disappearing and are present without needing too much attention. Your quiet confidence attracts followers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will break down the walls that divide people. You didn't sign up for this, but it's something you're good at. Very few people can create peace like you can. Your talents will be heralded.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's like you're in a raft on a quiet stream, but you're just starting to hear the rushing sound from the waters around the bend. Class-four rapids lie ahead. Brace yourself

for the excitement to come this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A personal victory precedes a public victory. Right now you're proud of yourself and give yourself credit for all of your hard work. Next, others in your circle will pay attention. Then the whole world will see your success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Troublemakers exist in every workplace, but you needn't do anything about the one in your circle. Just keep a cool head and do your work well. He will prove to be his own undoing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Blazing a new trail is a job for the brave. That's why you were chosen and not someone else. Your intuition is well suited to finding the best way forward, and your confidence is strong.

PISCES (Feb.

19-March 20). Thinking on your feet is a task that can't really be taught. Thankfully, you never needed the lesson. You seem to come up with the right response or answer without a worry.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 4). Your tenacity is trumped only by your optimism. You focus on solutions this year and will find them -- not just for yourself but for family and organizations, too. A personal triumph happens in March. Much time, energy and planning will go into a fantastic June event. Your work will bring in big money in August. Aquarius and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 22, 5 and 17.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Sagittarius and Pisces usually hit it off immediately. Sagittarius is a friendly sort, and Pisces is adapt-

able and amenable to a Sagittarian's lead. Though it's fun, laughter and adventure from the start, there comes a point when these two must work to really understand each other. It's lucky for Pisces to occasionally be bold. Sagittarius does well to listen closely and let Pisces be in charge, too.

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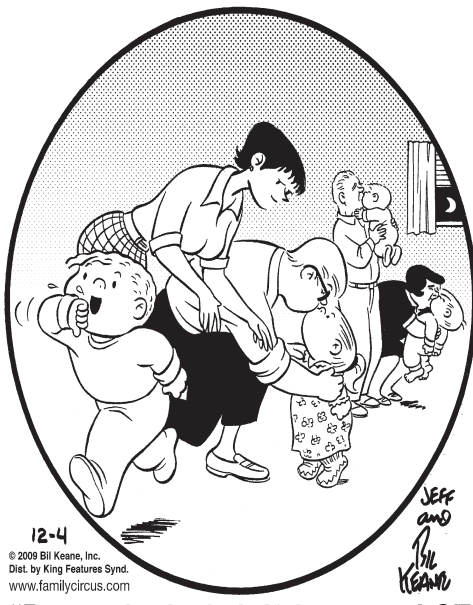
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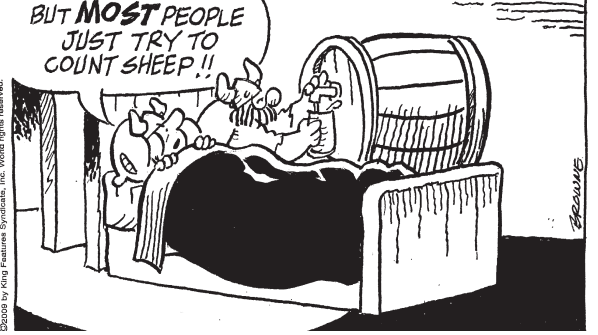


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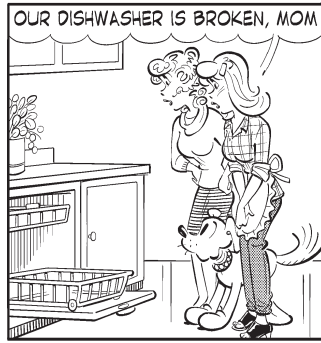


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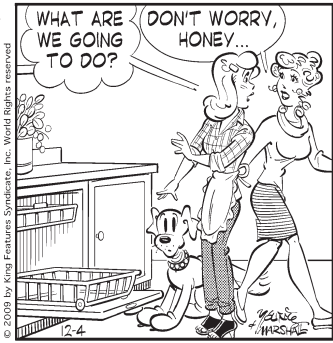


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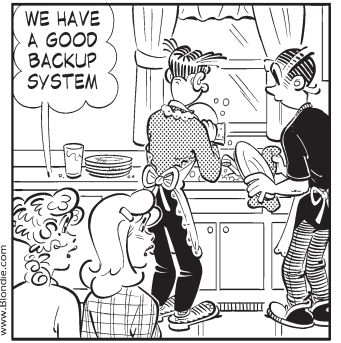
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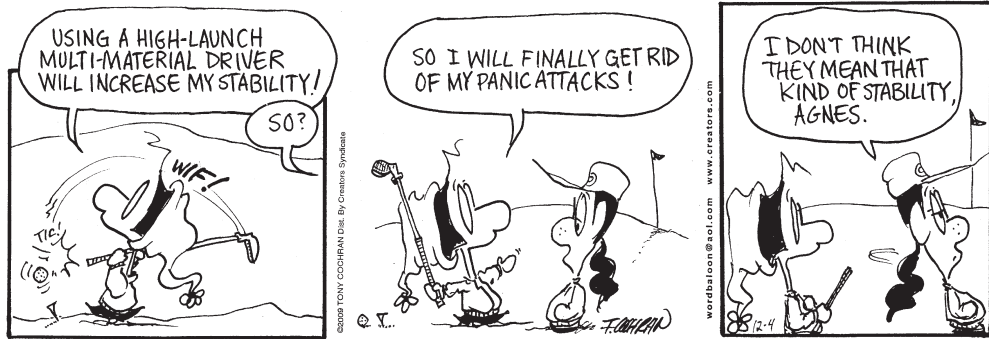
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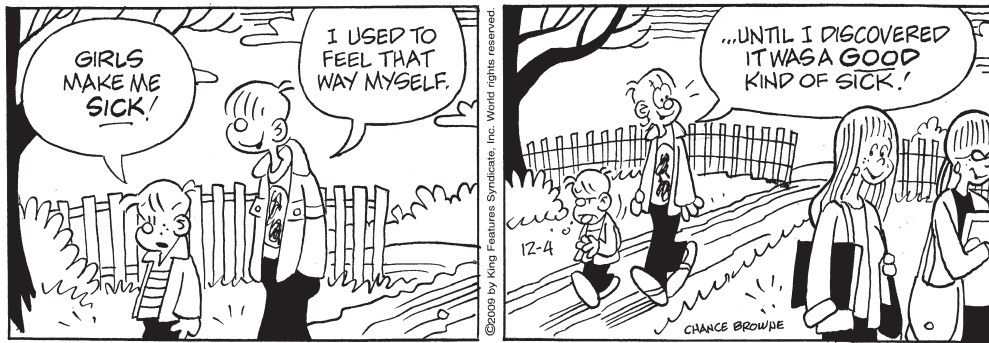
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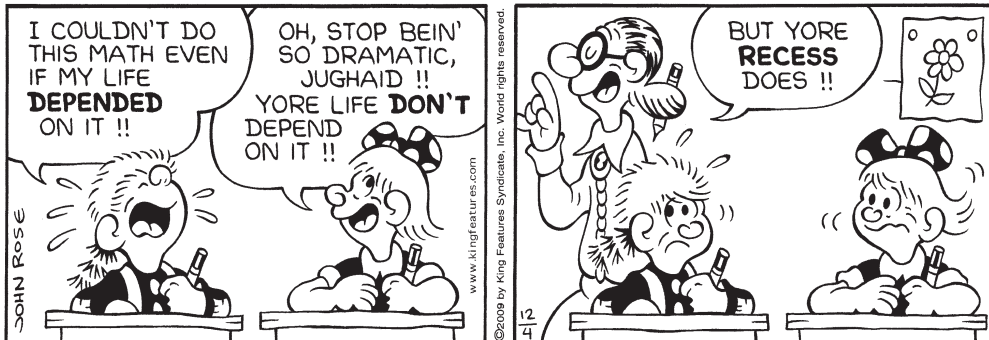
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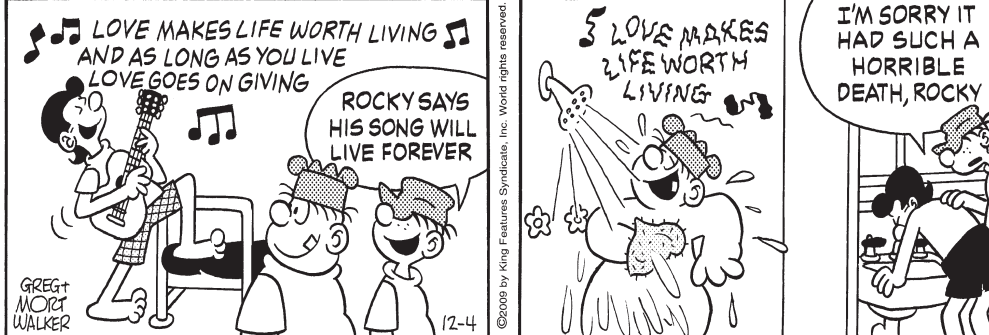
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 2009. There are 27 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 4, 1619, settlers from Bristol, England, arrived at Berkeley Hundred in present-day Charles City County, Va., where they held a service thanking God for their safe arrival. (Some suggest that this was America's true first Thanksgiving.)

On this date: In 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States.

In 1875, William Marcy Tweed, the "Boss" of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson left Washington on a trip to France to attend the

Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1942, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II. President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard.

In 1978, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein was named to replace the assassinated George Moscone.

In 1984, a five-day hijack drama began as four armed men seized a Kuwaiti airliner en route to Pakistan and forced it to land in Tehran, where the hijackers killed American passenger Charles Hegna.

In 1991, the original Pan American World Airways ceased operations.

In 1996, the Mars Pathfinder lifted off from Cape Canaveral and began speeding toward Mars on an odyssey of 310 million miles. (It arrived on Mars in July 1997.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress-

singer Deanna Durbin is 88.

Game show host Wink Martindale is 76. Pop singer Freddy Cannon is 73. Actor-producer Max Baer Jr. is 72.

Actress Gemma Jones is 67. Rock musician Bob Mosley (Moby Grape) is 67. Singer-musician Chris Hillman is 65.

Musician Terry Woods (The Pogues) is 62. Rock singer Southside Johnny Lyon is 61. Actor Jeff Bridges is 60.

Rock musician Gary Rossington (Lynyrd Skynyrd; the Rossington Collins Band) is 58. Actor Tony Todd is 55. Jazz singer Cassandra Wilson is 54.

Country musician Brian Prout (Diamond Rio) is 54. Rock musician Bob Griffin (The BoDeans) is 50.

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Newsday Crossword

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Texas Tech stuns No. 20 Washington in 2OT at home

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Pat Knight wanted his Texas Tech team to go into a zone defense out as it came out of a timeout by No. 12 Washington with the Red Raiders leading by two points in overtime.

John Roberson told his coach he thought man-to-man would be better.

"That's how he got the steal," Knight said. "The kid steps up."

Roberson, who scored a season-high 25 points, turned the steal into a layup with 44 seconds remaining to seal the undefeated Red Raiders' 99-92 victory.

Texas Tech is 8-0 to start a season for the first time since 1929. Knight isn't focused on the history.

"This means a lot to us," he said. "This gets us ready for the rest of the nonconference, but it really prepares us for the Big 12."

Texas Tech withstood an official review at the end of regulation that took away a 3-pointer that would have given Tech the win in the matchup of unbeaten teams.

Elston Turner of the Huskies missed two free throws with 4.8 seconds left in regulation and the score tied at 80.

Mike Singletary of Texas Tech brought the ball up and appeared to have won the game on a running 3-pointer as time expired but officials determined he did not get the shot off before the buzzer.

The crowd swarmed the court, thinking the game was over. The fans, and the debris they left behind, had to be cleared from the court before the overtime could begin.

Knight said he suspected Singletary's basket might be negated although he believed he shot it in time.

"I just stood there and waited for the worst," Knight said. "We ended up winning twice, I guess."

Roberson said he's surprised how well he and his teammates are playing. But he knows the season is still young and

one big win is just that, one win.

"I don't want to start praising yet," the junior said. "We have a lot of basketball to play. For us to come along this quickly, I'm shocked, to be honest. I'm just going to keep telling them, 'Don't be satisfied.'"

Texas Tech, which had five players in double figures, outscored the Huskies 19-12 in overtime.

Quincy Pondexter scored a career-high 31 points for the Huskies (5-1), the only ranked team from the Pac-10, a conference that is struggling early in the season.

"It took us a half maybe to understand how to play basketball, both ends of the floor," Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said. "We made some careless efforts rotating and getting back on defense and gave them some easy baskets in the first half."

He had high praise for Roberson.

"He really ran his team and took his opportunities when they were there," Romar said. "He was an outstanding lead guard out there tonight and was probably the difference in the ball game."

Down nine points at halftime, the Huskies used a 10-2 run to tie it at 60 when Darnell Gant hit a jump shot with about 13 minutes remaining. There were nine lead changes over the next 8 minutes.

A double technical foul was called with 3:49 remaining in regulation after D'walyn Roberts fouled Washington's Isaiah Thomas and the two got entangled going for the rebound under the Huskies basket. Thomas hit the first of his two free throws to put Washington 76-74. The technicals canceled each other out and no free throws were taken.

Tech went up 78-77 on a free throw by Roberson before Thomas missed a jumper with 2:31 remaining. Roberts missed a dunk and Thomas came back with a 3 to put Washington up 80-78.

Singletary hit a jumper in the lane to tie it at 80 with 1:17 remaining.

That's when Brad Reese, who scored a career-high 17 points, fouled Turner with 4.8 seconds remaining in regulation.

Reese, a reserve, was 3 of 5 from 3-point range, his last capping a 10-4 run by Texas Tech to go up 38-32 with 4:51 remaining in the first half. Texas Tech led 50-41 at halftime.

"Brad was good; he was on fire," Knight said. "I thought he did the best job of all our guys" who guarded Thomas, who finished with 18 points on 4-of-15 shooting.



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Texas Tech's John Roberson, left, scores in front of Washington's Venoy Overton in the second half in Lubbock Thursday. Roberson had 25 points.

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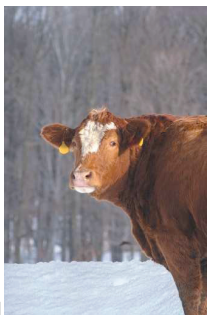
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With Love,
Sam

Nebraska-Texas roles switched from '96 upset game

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska is trying to ruin unbeaten and third-ranked Texas' chance to play for the national championship. It'd only be payback for the 1996 Cornhuskers.

Even so, such an upset would be hard-pressed to match the magnitude of the 1996 game in St. Louis, where 20-point-underdog Texas stunned the Huskers 37-27 and ended their hopes of winning a third straight national title.

Jason Peter, who played defensive tackle on Nebraska's 1994-95 consensus and '97 coaches' national championship teams, said he remembers that loss to Texas more than any of the 49 wins he was part of during the Huskers' domination of college football in the mid-

1990s.

"There was a big emptiness in everyone's stomach knowing what we just let slip from our fingers, our grasp," Peter recalled. "You can chalk it up to a bunch of things — looking ahead, guys coming off the flu after that Colorado game in the snow — or you can chalk it up to Texas having our number. We just couldn't get the job done."

The setup for Saturday's game at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, is similar to the situation in '96.

The Longhorns (12-0), led by Heisman Trophy front-runner Colt McCoy, have a quick-strike offense averaging 43 points a game and a defense and special teams that rank among the nation's best. All they need is a win over Nebraska to play in the

national championship game in Pasadena, Calif., almost surely against Florida or Alabama.

The 21st-ranked Huskers (9-3), like the Longhorns in '96, are playing their best football late in the season and have nothing to lose. If they win, they will have overachieved by earning a BCS bowl bid. If they lose, they'll likely play in the Holiday Bowl and meet preseason expectations for coach Bo Pelini's second year.

"Texas is the favorite, but if you ask those fellows from the '96 Nebraska team, that doesn't mean that much," said John Mackovic, who coached the Longhorns from 1992-97.

Texas entered the 1996 Big 12 championship game 7-4 and unranked. The Longhorns had gotten off to a 3-4 start but

won their last four regular-season games to take the South Division.

Nebraska, which had a 26-game win streak end with a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in the second game of the season, was 10-1 and ranked No. 3. With a win over the Longhorns, the Huskers would have played Florida State in the Sugar Bowl for the national title.

Mackovic's gutsy fourth-down call that all but finished off the Huskers.

Leading 30-27, Texas faced fourth-and-1 at its 28 with 2:38 left. Instead of punting, Mackovic had quarterback James Brown roll to his left. Brown could have run for the first down, but he passed to tight end Derek Lewis. The play went for 61 yards to the Nebraska 11, and the Longhorns scored to put the game out of reach.

"I firmly believed it would work. I had no question in my mind," Mackovic said. "Had we given the ball to Ricky Williams, we would have had a 3-yard loss.

But we never intended to give him the ball. We intended to fake it to him and for James to roll out and have the option to run or pass."

COAHOMA

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we have played," head coach Kim Nichols said, "a little quicker. We didn't have to set up too long in the half court can run, and they were really moving down the floor."

The Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead with a 23-9 first quarter, and kept their foot on the gas the entire way. The Mustangs didn't top 10 points in a quarter the entire night as the Bulldogs used the fast break to score quickly

and often on Sands. "That's the way we like to play, but who we're playing dictates how we do that sometimes," Nichols said. Johnny Rogers led Sands with 16 points, including four three-pointers. He was the only Mustang in double figures.

Coahoma advances to play Sweetwater Saturday at the Coahoma Elementary Gym.

"They're athletic, and hopefully we can play with them," Nichols said. "I think there are some things we can take advantage of if we're smart about it."

FORSAN

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Forsan Lady Buffs.

Forsan cruised to a 57-18 win over Christoval in its first and only Garden City Booster Club Classic game Thursday. The tournament was canceled Friday morning due to weather concerns.

The Lady Buffs defense never allowed more than seven points in a quarter, and the team committed just seven fouls throughout the game.

"We played pretty good man defense today," Forsan head coach Robert Hillger said. "We didn't get in foul trouble, and we played man the whole time. We caused some turnovers with the man pressure as well, so that helped us."

The Lady Buffs connected on 25 field goals in the game, one of their

best shooting performances of the season.

"We shot the ball pretty well, and we were good decision makers with the ball," Hillger said.

The team only had to shoot six free throws during the game.

"We made more shots tonight, and we didn't have a tendency to have to get to the line to get points, which is uncharacteristic for us," Hillger said.

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Forsan-Amber Hill 14, Kelsey Jones 14, Shelby Jones 9, Morgan Forshee 8, Megan Crane 6, Brittany Roemer 5, Casey Stanley 1

STEERS

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out there and compete," Morris said. "They're a big reason we won the game."

Williams came back fresh in the final period, and he gave the Steers the lead back with a three-pointer at the six minute mark to make it 51-49.

From there, Pavel Plakhotny hit a three-pointer, and the Steers never looked back.

Williams made four free throws in the last minute to ice the game for Big Spring.

The Steers will get a rematch with Greenwood on Saturday, a team they lost to in four overtimes Nov. 26.

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