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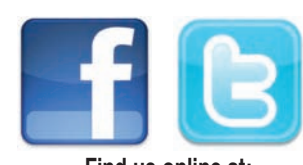
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'Be a Star' will benefit elderly and disabled

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

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

Part of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Ser-

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

"A lot of people don't realize it, but the elderly and disabled population is the fastest growing in the state," said Jodi Sobotka, community initiatives specialist for APS. "According

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It's a Holly, Jolly Weekend

TODAY
VA Medical Center Lighting of the Lights — 6 p.m.
"Nutcracker in a Nutshell" — 7 p.m., Hall Center for the Arts, Howard College.

SATURDAY
Breakfast With Santa — 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Heritage Museum.
Canterbury Christmas Bazaar — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Canterbury South.
Living Christmas Tree — 2 p.m. dress rehearsal, First United Methodist Church
Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade — 5:30 p.m., Gregg Street.
Christmas on Main Street — Immediately following parade, 300 block of Main.
Living Christmas Tree, 8 p.m. performance, First United Methodist Church

SUNDAY
Living Christmas Tree — 8 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

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Parade is a 'go'

Weekend forecasts of wintery weather have led some Crossroads area residents to question whether the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade is still "on" for

Saturday. The answer is a resounding "yes."

"Actually, the weather seems to be shaping up pretty well for the parade, which will get under way at 5:30 p.m.," said Rick Nunez, Herald parade coordinator. "People will need to bundle

up to stay warm, but that's fairly normal for this time of year. The parade will go on, and in fact, we've had a lot of late entries and we're expecting it to be one of the best parades we've ever had. It's something you're not going to want to miss."

Parade participants need to show up by 4:50 p.m. in order to be lined up.

The forecast for the start of the parade is 50 degrees, though 15-20 mile per hour winds may make it feel more like 40 degrees.



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Danelle Castillo, Canterbury North manager; Alyx Pappajohn and Shannon Nabors, executive director, display some of the items that will be for sale during the annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Unique gifts available at Canterbury

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

A tradition 20-plus years in the making continues this year when Canterbury hosts its annual Christmas Bazaar.

Area residents can take advantage of a unique shopping experience from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at 1700 S. Lancaster.

"This is a great place to bring grandma shopping," Executive Director Shannon M. Nabors said.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling brisket burritos for \$2, and home-baked desserts as part of the fundraiser. They will also be selling

the Canterbury cookbook, holiday decorations, handmade crafts, woodwork items and much more, according to Nabors.

"This is something that supports a long tradition of homemade and handmade items, which is sometimes lost," Nabors said.

"We are going to have a little bit of everything. From floral designs, a lady making salsa and more," said Danelle Castillo, Canterbury North manager,

Nabors said for some of the 30-plus vendors this is the only show they do each

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Rev. Miller to promote children's book

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

What better way to ex-

plain a story than by making it believable?

After all, it seemed to have worked for Joel Miller, retired pastor of North Birdwell Baptist Church, who will be having a book

signing Dec. 10 at the Heritage Museum.

Miller will be promoting his children's book, "(Believable) Bible Stories for Children," from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Before the book signing starts, Miller will also be hosting a story time for children from 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. All area children are welcome to attend.

"I have always been able

to make up stories and tell stories to kids and while I was at seminary I would write them down so that I wouldn't forget them," Miller said.

"(Believable) Bible Stories for Children" is Miller's first published book, but he has had work featured in local newspapers and magazines.

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Obituaries

Homer 'Lee' Williford Jr.



Homer "Lee" Williford Jr., 63, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Wes Massey, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating.

He was born May 10, 1948, in Big Spring to Evelyn and Homer Williford Sr. He was a general contractor, a lifetime resident of Howard County and a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Diana Womack of Big Spring; two daughters, Harmony Tatro and husband Gregory of Sterling City and Angela Coker of Big Spring; three sons, Todd Coker, Spencer Coker and John Corbett Williford, all of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Terrie Hobbs and husband Rick of Midland; one sister, Susan Barber of Coahoma; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Alejandra 'Ale' Smithwick Doporto



Alejandra "Ale" Smithwick Doporto, 69, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at her son's residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Nov. 6, 1942, in Little Rock, Ark., to Gregoria and Albert Smithwick Sr. She lived most of her life in Big Spring, except for the last 21 years in Odessa. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She is survived by her husband, Salvador Fuentes of Odessa; two daughters, Irma Leos and husband Johnny of Big Spring and Debra De Los Santos of Odessa; three sons, Johnny Doporto Jr., David Doporto and Jerry Doporto and wife Debbie, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Albert Smithwick and wife Celia of Big Spring and Joe Smithwick and wife Jeri of San Angelo; four sisters, Janie Frausto and husband Joe, Dorothy Bridges and Beatrice Ramirez, all of Odessa, and Mary Harrison and husband Eddie of Cibilo; half brothers, Benny Smithwick and Johnny Smithwick, both of Big Spring; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Doporto in 2002; one brother, Salome Smithwick; and two sisters, Frances Haro and Nancy Qualls.

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

Teri Nall

Teri Nall, 54, of Big Spring died Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- STEPHANIE ELAINE BAKER, 31, of 1606 Settles St., was arrested Thursday on warrants for theft – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500 and driving while license invalid (three counts).
- MAGGIE ANN-RENAVE POLLOCK, 19, of 1310 Virginia Ave., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for theft.
- TERRELL LANCE BELCHER, 21, of 1913 W. County Rd. 32, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- AMY NICOLE FAZ, 29, of 1504 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on warrants for dog or cat running at large and no dog or cat vaccination – rabies (two counts).
- THEFT was reported:
In the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 1000 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.
- STEVEN URIBE, 36, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke review.
- JOSE LUIS RIVERA, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for theft of property and judgment/sentence for criminal trespass.
- AMY NICOLE FAZ, 29, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for animal at large and no vaccination or license for animal (two counts).
- PEDRO ROSENDO AGUILAR, 50, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of theft of property, stealing/receiving stolen checks and judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
- VICTOR GUTIERREZ, 34, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a bench warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.
- RICHARD LEOS, 33, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for running a stop sign and violation of a promise to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

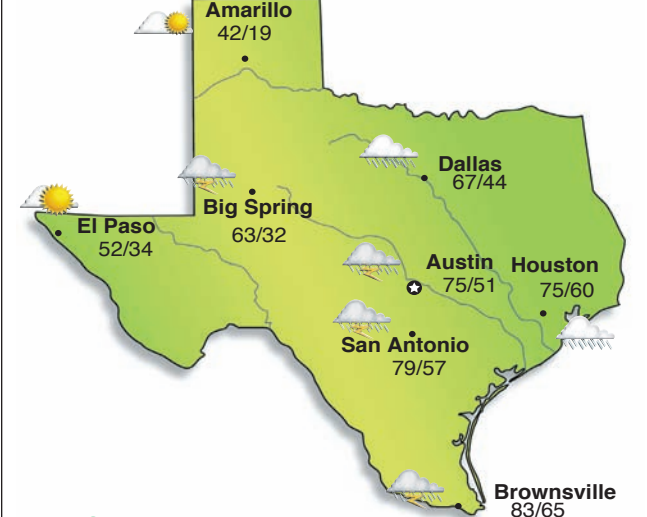
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Driver Droad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Douglas. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Sat 12/3	Sun 12/4	Mon 12/5	Tue 12/6	Wed 12/7
 63/32 Isolated thunderstorms in the morning. Lots of sunshine late. High 63F.	 46/29 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	 42/23 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 20s.	 46/26 Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	 57/31 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 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.
Abiene	62	35	rain	Kingsville	84	65	windy
Amarillo	42	19	pt sunny	Livingston	73	56	rain
Austin	75	51	t-storm	Longview	67	49	t-storm
Beaumont	75	59	cloudy	Lubbock	52	22	pt sunny
Brownsville	83	65	t-storm	Lufkin	72	58	rain
Brownwood	69	40	rain	Midland	61	33	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	80	66	windy	Raymondville	85	64	pt sunny
Corsicana	67	41	rain	Rosenberg	76	61	rain
Dallas	67	44	rain	San Antonio	79	57	t-storm
Del Rio	76	54	pt sunny	San Marcos	76	52	t-storm
El Paso	52	34	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	67	45	t-storm
Fort Stockton	65	35	mst sunny	Sweetwater	62	31	rain
Gainesville	61	36	rain	Tyler	66	47	t-storm
Greenville	64	42	rain	Weatherford	63	38	rain
Houston	75	60	rain	Wichita Falls	56	31	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	40	mst sunny	Minneapolis	36	25	sn shower
Boston	45	32	sunny	New York	48	39	mst sunny
Chicago	46	42	rain	Phoenix	53	37	rain
Dallas	67	44	rain	San Francisco	64	43	sunny
Denver	23	11	snow	Seattle	42	33	sunny
Houston	75	60	rain	St. Louis	57	50	cloudy
Los Angeles	64	41	windy	Washington, DC	50	37	mst sunny
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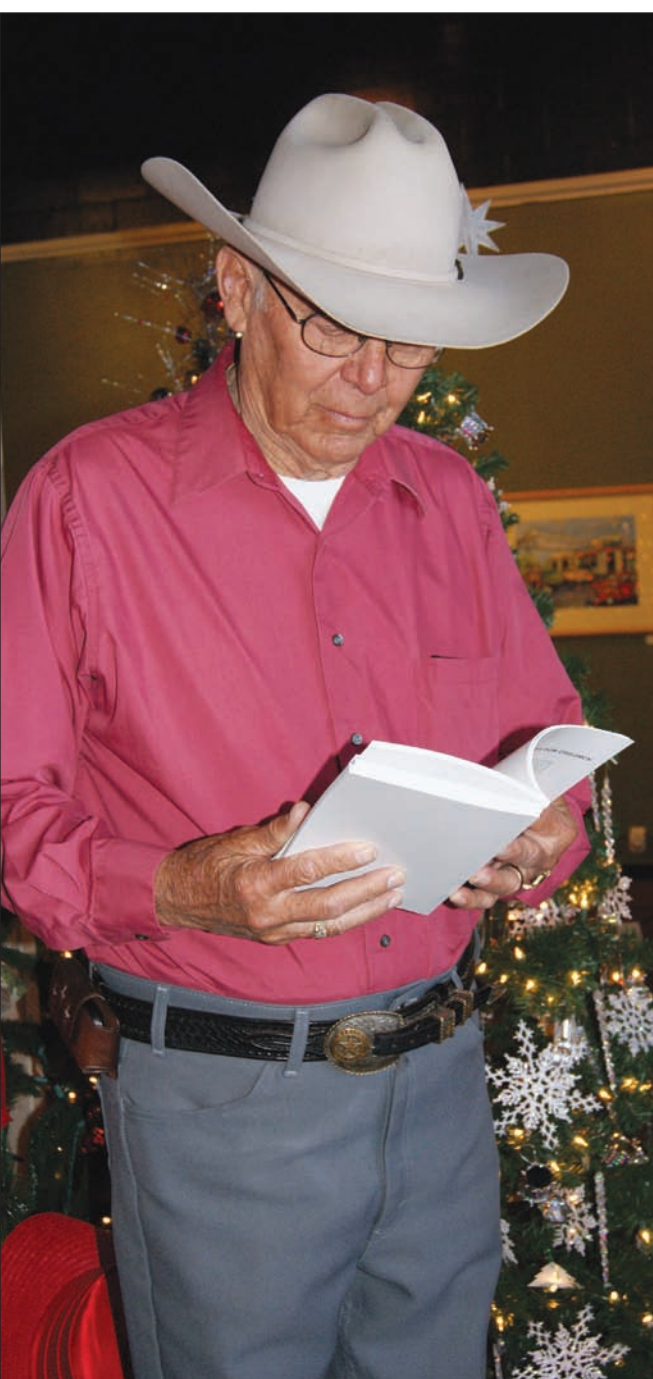
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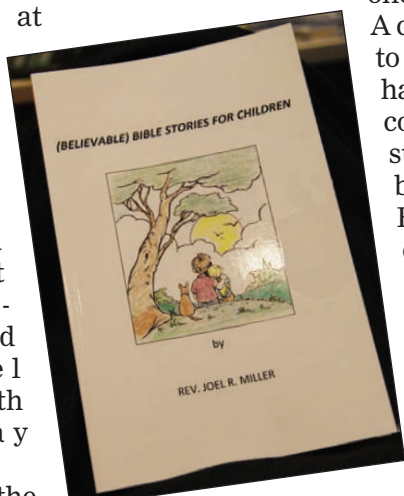
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The Rev. Joel Miller looks over the book he wrote, “(Believable) Bible Stories for Children.” He will hold a book signing Dec. 10 at the Heritage Museum.

BOOK

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The book contains 12 stories, all Bible based, with art work colored by children between the age of 2 and 10 years old. The works come from children at New Hope Christian School, Marantha Baptist Academy and Chapel of Faith Sunday school.



Heritage Museum Curator Tammy Schrecengost said. “This would make a great gift for children. It’s not only written for them, but it’s illustrated by them.”

For those who enjoy Miller’s first book, keep an eye out for a second one to follow. According to Miller, he has already compiled six stories for book two. His second children’s book will be based on different animals.

“I have some of the stories done already, but I am still working on the artwork,” Miller said. “There is still work to be done on it.”

For more information, contact the museum at 267-8255. Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry.

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• A benefit account for the Arguello family, who lost two family members in a recent house fire in Coahoma, has been established at Western Bank. Interested persons can contribute to the account at any of the bank’s three locations (two in Big Spring; one in Coahoma). For more information, call 432-394-4256.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo to help defray medical expenses for 4-year-old Zayde Stallings, who recently died of a rare heart condition. She was the daughter of Kenny and Renea Stallings of Big Spring. If you need more information, contact Four Seasons Insulation and Siding at 264-8610. The account number is 7938527277.

• A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Mike

Williams, 39, a lifetime resident of Big Spring who died Nov. 1. He leaves behind a wife and seven children. Any donations can be brought to the funeral home office at 301 E. 24th St. For more information, call 267-8288.

• American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

APS

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to the last census, people 65 and older make up 12.4 percent of the population. People between the ages of 21 and 64 with disabilities make up 15.1 percent of the population, and both of these demographics are the fastest growing in the nation.

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

Sobotka said the holidays can be an especially difficult time of the year for APS clients.

“More than 80 percent of all cases reported to Adult Protective Services involve neglect,” Sobotka said. “Because of illness or diminished

mental capacity, an elderly person may no longer be able to provide adequately for his or her own health and safety. They often lack heat, running water, meals and medical care. They often live in unsanitary conditions and many lack emotional support from family and friends. Under these circumstances, any time of the year is difficult; Christmas is even more so.”

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

“All you have to do is go to any First Bank of West Texas location and pick out a star,” said Sobotka. “The stars will have the client’s first name and requested gift. Each gift that is purchased for the elderly or disabled clients need to be returned to the bank.”

“The elderly and disabled people APS serves are our neighbors and part of our communi-

ties. Each are special and unique. This is everyone’s chance to contribute to a project that makes everyone feel like a star.”

Sobotka said among the items being requested are blankets for those who have little or no heat in their homes; portable electric heaters; small kitchen appliances and pots and pans; clothes, such as pajamas, robes and slippers, coats, shoes, gloves and scarves; hair dryers and electric razors; as well as lotions, perfumes and colognes.

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BAZAAR

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year. The bazaar started as a way to provide a venue for Canterbury residents to sell the arts and crafts they worked on throughout the year. Eventually, the show was opened to the public and now the majority of the vendors come from the community and Canterbury residents make up about 30 percent of the vendor list.

“This is easy shopping for the elderly and disabled. We are a handicap-accessible area and they don’t have to worry about fighting crowds or walking a big area,” Nabors said.

“These are local people and local vendors,” Castillo added. “It is one more way we can support our own.”

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Plane crashes in Midland

MIDLAND (AP) — Emergency officials in West Texas say a small plane has crashed into a residential neighborhood and the pilot has been injured in the fiery accident.

Midland Fire Department spokesman David Hickman says the twin-engine plane went down around 8 a.m. today. Hickman says the pilot has been transported to a hospital. Further details on his condition weren’t immediately available.

Hickman says the plane crashed near the back of one house, damaging a storage room and part of a garage. He told The Associated Press that the plane then traveled across an alley and smashed into a second house, which caught fire and was destroyed.

Lobby hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For more information on the program, contact Sobotka at (325) 795-5623.

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

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Community Christmas Parade
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Dec. 3
Breakfast with Santa
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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Linda Chavez for organizing the first LULAC council and providing a voice for minorities. Also, Raul Marquez for re-starting a local council and ensuring minorities continue to have a voice.

- John Thomas "J.T." Smith, who is being inducted to the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in the NFL and at the University of North Texas. Smith is a former Big Spring High School football player and a member of the 1974 graduating class. In 1987 was the top receiver in the NFL with 91 catches for 1,117 yards for St. Louis Cardinals.

- Howard County Volunteer Fire Department for continuing to make sure area residents are safe from harm during this time of drought and high fire danger.

- Salvation Army for continuing the Angel Tree program in order to ensure local needy families will be able to have a Christmas season with presents under their Christmas tree.

- Our readers for speaking up and voicing their opinions on what they would like to see in the daily editions of the Big Spring Herald and letting us know how important the color comics are to them.

- Kaleb Hill for organizing the benefit concert for the Arguello family who recently lost their home and two family members to a house fire. Also for all others in the community who have held fundraisers or helped support the fundraisers for the family.

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

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The campaign against Romney

On Monday, the Democratic National Committee unveiled a new ad targeting Mitt Romney. The 30-second spot (there is also a four-minute version on the DNC's website) is made to look like a movie trailer about "the story of two men trapped in one body."

"Mitt vs. Mitt" focuses on Romney's alleged inconsistency on two issues: 1) abortion, on which he pronounced himself staunchly pro-choice when running for both governor and senator in Massachusetts and now claims to be staunchly pro-life, and 2) health care, for which he once favored exchanges, a critical ingredient in health care reform in Massachusetts, and now opposes Obamacare, which relies on just such exchanges. The ad is running in five swing states, and in all the reports I read and heard on Monday, it is seen as an early effort by President Obama to target swing voters who might be drawn to Romney in a general election.

OK, call me a cynic, but that's not how I see it at all.

First of all, there is almost no money behind the ad. And I mean no money when we're talking about advertisements. Many of the new reports failed to address the point, but according to Republicans (and I haven't heard any Democratic denials), the "buy" is in the neighborhood of \$14,000, which in politics is chump change. Even more revealing is the fact that the ad, supposedly targeted to swing states, is also running in Washington, D.C.

D.C. is not a swing state. It's the home turf of the people who

write the stories and report the news about presidential politics, as many of them have dutifully done with this ad. More people will read and hear about this ad from the "free media" than from the actual buy. It's an old trick, and the wonder is that the press keeps falling for it.

The second point is about the audience for the ad. Swing voters? Get serious. Sad to say, but swing voters pay about as much attention to early ads as I do to spring training. Wake me up for the playoffs, if not the World Series. The people paying attention right now, in addition to the Washington press corps, are the hard-core activists, the kind of people who vote in primaries and caucuses, the "base," as we call them.

Like the candidate or not, they can be counted on to vote for the nominee of the same party they supported last time and the time before.

So why advertise to swing voters this early? Ask anybody who paid attention to the gubernatorial race here in California back in 2002, and they'll explain it to you.

In 2002, Gray Davis, the then incredibly unpopular Democratic governor of California, was running for re-election. Polls showed him getting clobbered by the moderate and very popular two-term Republican mayor of Los Angeles, Dick Riordan. Riordan's only problem was that he had to first win the Republican nomination.

Early in 2002, Davis began running negative ads against Riordan, challenging his pro-choice position by pointing to his support of pro-life judges and other officials. Need I add that Riordan's pro-choice position was, without a doubt, an asset in a general election — but not with Republican primary voters. By the time of the Republican

primary, Davis had spent some \$7 million attacking Riordan — far more than Riordan's Republican opponent could afford. It worked. He lost the Republican primary to the far more conservative Bill Simon, one of the few candidates for public office whom Davis could beat. And he did.

The lesson of the Davis campaign, which was widely considered to be politically brilliant (even if it did leave people feeling angry enough to recall him a year later), is that you don't have to sit on your hands while the other side picks its nominee. No law prohibits a competitor from trying to weaken the opponent he most fears by making sure that primary and caucus voters are very familiar with positions they will find unpopular.

Nobody is whispering in my ear, but speaking for myself, between Romney and Newt Gingrich, Democrats have far more to fear from Romney. Gingrich's hard-core conservatism helps him a lot more in January and February than it does in November. Maybe it's just a wonderful coincidence, but anyone paying attention to campaign news this week — and by anyone, I mean anyone planning to vote in the Republican primaries and caucuses — will be seeing footage of the "pro-choice" Romney that they will not like.

The president's supporters are doing Newt's work for him. Now why would they do that? To win swing voters 11 months from now? Call me a cynic, but I don't think so. Go, Newt.

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Am I my brother's keeper?

Am I my brother's keeper? Yes, we all know the origin of the question. Cain asked God this very thing when he was questioned on the whereabouts of his brother Abel.

Of course, we all know he was trying to hide the fact he had killed his brother. So when I ask this question, I am referring more to its use in an old Wesley Snipes/Ice T movie called "New Jack City," circa 1980's.

As the leader of a drug selling gang, Snipes would ask his subordinates this age-old question, to which they would reply in unison, "Yes, I am!"

I bring it up now, because I find myself a bit perplexed by the current state of some so-called charity organizations. In this time of giving, as the holidays are often referred to, I think it is an important question.

Some of the gentry may not be aware of this, but there are some organizations which pay their top executives quite handsomely from the money you so generously give under the impression you are helping your fellow man.

I am not going to name them here. You will need to do your own homework on this, but if your true intent is to help a less fortunate neighbor, I strongly urge you to do this very thing.

There are some top dogs in these organizations taking home more than \$500,000 a year in salary, leaving a mere 5 cents out of every dollar you donate to go to actually help the down-trodden. So please, check it out before you give.

On another note, I would also ask you to question your own intentions when you do write that check. Are you truly trying to help someone out or are you more concerned with a tax deduction, getting your name on a little star in the convenience store or seeing your name in the paper?

Not accusing, just asking. If your true intentions are to help, if your heart has been

softened to the point where you believe you should help, then I applaud your conviction. And while there are some truly great organizations out there which could use your help, I find myself wondering if that is the route everyone should take. How many times have you been in the store and seen someone buying what you knew in your heart was not enough to feed their family?

Have you ever seen your neighbor standing hopelessly in his driveway, knowing his car has just been repossessed and he has no way to get to work?

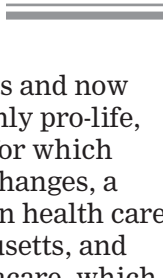
While some of these organizations are very helpful in putting our dollars and the ones who need them most together, I believe we should be able to see somewhere we can help by just looking around us. Just a thought.

Am I my brother's keeper? Yes, I am.

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Church News

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship is Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry. Sunday school, led by Pastor Don Rosentreter, is in the parish hall after worship.

Wednesday noon Bible study studies "Held in High Esteem." Bring a brown bag lunch.

We continue to collect supplies for the Candelaria Medical Mission and a complete list is available at the church.

Gateway Baptist Church

Gateway Baptist Church is located at 2302 Gatesville Road. Sunday services are at 10 a.m. for Sunday school and 11 a.m. for worship with Pastor Jim Mills leading the service.

Sunday evening service is at 6 p.m. and Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. Both services are followed by a fellowship meal. Revelations is being studied in both evening services.

Upcoming events are:

Dec. 17-18: DuoPraise Ministries with Bro. David Garrett and his wife Karen, from Mesquite, Texas will be singing, praising and preaching the word of God. Services will be at 7 p.m. each evening.

Gateway has a clothing ministry and food pantry open Thursday's from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. for individuals needing assistance with these items.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our new website is <http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. Sunday school is at 10:15 a.m.

Bobby Roever will be reading the liturgy. The readings this week are Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85, 2 Peter 3:8-14, and Mark 1:1-8. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

The flowers this week are given by Nancy and Scot Herrin in celebration of their anniversary.

If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart. The general consensus is to plan on using the flowers two or three weeks. Schedule accordingly when donating.

Pastor Carroll Kohl is on KBYG every morning for a devotion sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 a.m. and 6:50 a.m. "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on KBYG each Sunday morning.

Mid-week school meal is from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and practice for the Children's Christmas Program is from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. During practice, everyone is welcome to play dominoes or 42.

Last Wednesday, Advent services began. Please plan on attending all of the Advent services held Wednesdays. Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching. Mark your calendars for the remaining two Advent services: Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 for 7 p.m.

The LWML will meet Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at Jeanie Knocke's home. This meeting will be our Christmas salad and ornament exchange. So bring your favorite salad or dessert and a wrapped ornament to exchange.

December 18 will be the Congregational Christmas

Party and Chinese Auction. Please bring a "finger food," a "white elephant" item to be auctioned and your change for the auction.

Children's Christmas Program will be Dec. 21. Practices for this program are Wednesday evenings between 6:30 and 7 p.m. There is still time for your children to be involved.

The Board of Evangelism would like to thank everyone who helped with our third annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal. Thank you to Rick at Fuller Foods of Colorado City for providing the turkeys. Everyone who joined us for the meals (either delivered or shared on site) was indeed a blessing to us. Thank you to all of the cooks and drivers whose help made this a wonderful time. Also thank you to all those who worked behind the scenes.

Our class titled "Cross Talk" has been completed. Thank you, Pastor Kohl, for leading this interesting Catechism refresher course with discussions by Dr. Karl Barth and the Rev. Jim Likens.

Scheduled 7 p.m. meetings at the church for December include: Dec. 12, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet Dec. 13. The Elders meet Dec. 15. The Board of Assimilation will not meet in December.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

Look for SCF Float in the Big Spring Community Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011.

Please join us for the United Blood Services Blood Drive on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 11 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Our goal this time is 19. Check their website to see how you can pre-register online at www.unitedbloodservices.org.

Contact Barbara Harkness for more information

We would be blessed to have you attend our Candlelight Service on Saturday, Dec. 24.

Volunteers needed for a "Christmas in November" project for a local sister in Christ. If you have carpentry, electrician, or plumbing skills and would like to get involved, contact Derrick at 935-3036 for more information. Material donations would be appreciated, too.

Our "Manna House" food pantry is low on supplies. Please do what you can to help us stock up for the winter and spring. Contact Casie Fillingim & Jennifer Boyd for more information.

"Free Indeed," a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship, is in need of donations of new underwear, socks, coats, etc. for the cold months ahead. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated, as well.

Sunday School classes are available for all ages. A new Adult class has just started up! Classes meet from 9:15-10:15 am. "Holy Grounds Cafe" is open from 10:15 am-10:45 am with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 am-12:00 pm.

Fellowship begins each Wednesday evening with a meal at 5:30 pm. Children's Activities, Youth Worship and Adult Prayer Meeting start at 6:15 pm. The Praise Team meets at 7:00 pm.

Youth meets Wednesday evenings for Jr. High and Sr. High students. Plans for Sunday evening events and field trips are in the works!

A weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 am each Saturday in the dining room at the church. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Our "Between the Lines" Women's Ministry will meet this month on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at the church. We will be having a "Red Dress Tea Party" and all ladies of all ages are invited to attend!

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

First United Methodist Church

It is Living Christmas Tree week at First United Methodist Church.

Tomorrow the choir, symphony and actors will practice together for the first time at the dress rehearsal which is scheduled for 2 p.m. No ticket is required for the rehearsal performance.

This is the 33rd year the Methodist Church, along with volunteers from all over the area, have come together to create this Christmas tradition. "Christmas Through Music" is this year's theme which will include many new arrangements of favorite Christmas carols, plus a few exciting surprises, as well as the ever popular "Hallelujah Chorus." Evening performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Eddie Vandewalker, director of music and his chancel choir crew have been working for weeks on this production. Dozens of volunteers help in preparation as well as during performances. Committee Chairs include See **CHURCH**, Page 7A

Going against the grain seldom works

We've all had those days when everything we tried to do seemed to be going against the grain. Like a carpenter's plane going against the grain of the wood, our efforts leave more roughed up edges than smooth surfaces.

By observing plants and animals, we can see that man's attempts to go against the grain of nature have often been disastrous. Often a plant removed from its native environment will fail to thrive if it survives at all. However, the opposite reaction sometimes occurs.

In the southern U.S., an invasive vine called Kudzu has smothered other plants and killed even the tallest of trees. Kudzu, a plant native to Japan, was brought to the U.S. in 1876. It was supposed to have prevented soil erosion in the South, but it has become a monstrous climbing, coiling, strangling vine fit for a science fiction movie.

In the animal kingdom, it has been documented that fish moved from a cold body of water to a warm body of water have grown in size and multiplied in number until they have endangered other species of fish. Plant-eating fish even have been known to become meat eaters when their environment was changed.

In spite of these lessons from nature, we still persist in going against the grain of truth and knowledge.

While we applaud the few artists, musicians, and others who have succeeded by going against the grain of tradition and proven knowledge, rubbing against the grain seldom works for most of us. We mistake stubbornness and individuality for creativity; thereby repeating the mistakes of others.

In our eagerness to do good works, Christians also are guilty of going against the grain of God's plan. We tend to rush ahead of God in order to do what we think ought to be done, failing to wait for His instructions.

In the Scripture, Jesus replied to the Jewish leaders who had accused Him of wrong doing: "The Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing, and in the same way" (John 5:19 TLB).

When we follow the example of Jesus by observing what God is doing before we start an endeavor, we have a better chance of succeeding with God's blessing. Going against the grain seldom works.

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The Blackwood Legacy

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Dennis Burns, tree construction; Amy Burchett, greenery and lights; JoAnne Forrest, publicity, and Joan Pierce living nativity.

Sunday Pastor Bill Ivins will bring the message at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship. Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m.

Angel Tree gifts are due back at the church Dec. 4. Their party will be Saturday, Dec. 10 in Garrett Hall.

Wednesdays are back on schedule this week with Bible Study and Luncheon at noon, catered by Just Peachy. Real Life Wednesday will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Be sure to order your poinsettias by Dec. 11, or order blanks will be inserted into the bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Ernestine Day at 264-6120.

She is also in charge of the flower calendar for 2012 and will be glad to assist you in selecting a day to have flowers on the altar during worship services.

The Living Christmas Tree will come down Sunday night and be completed Monday, Dec. 5 all volunteers are welcome as we store our gift to the community for another year.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday and are led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The lectionary Bible study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring will meet on Wednesdays.

Sunday will be Communion Sunday and we will have our Holiday Meal following worship in the church social hall.

The lectionary is Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; II Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, at 5:17 p.m. in the church library has resumed weekly meetings. The children's choir and the chancel choir, which practice Wednesdays, at 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. have resumed.

Ellen Austin is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." The Baylor Walker family lit the Advent Candle during worship last Sunday.

The African Children's Choir, which appeared here last year, is making a return visit to First Presbyterian, Big Spring at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The entire community is invited to the free program. Families who are hosting choir members and chaperones are reminded they will arrive at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon and there will be a Host Family Meeting at the church at 5 p.m.



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Special to the Herald

This Blackwood Legacy, comprised of Rick Price, Luke Yates and Daniel Childs, is considered one of the most successful and hardest working gospel music groups today. The group is on tour more than 250 dates per year, this group truly demonstrate the love of God through their music, ministry and testimonies.

Blackwood Legacy will be presenting a special concert for the Big Spring community Saturday Dec. 3, 7 p.m. at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church. Admission is free and a love offering will be received.

Built on the legendary music

of the Grammy and Dove award winning group, Blackwood Brothers Quartet, Rick Price and Chris Blackwood formed the Blackwood Legacy as a tribute to them. The Blackwood Legacy was recently signed to Mansion Records, and will be soon releasing their first album under the new label.

Inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame with the Blackwood Brothers, Price has over 30 years of gospel music under his belt. Believing "the road to the future is paved with memories of the past," and recognizing the need to reach audiences of all ages. Price has gathered some of the

"finest" musicians on the Gospel scene today. He is joined by Luke Yates, a gifted pianist and amazing vocalist originally from the Spokane, Wash. area, and Daniel Childs the great grandson to Blackwood Brothers founding father Roy Blackwood, and a well-known musician and singer in his own right.

The Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 512 Birdwell Lane. For more information, contact the church at 432-267-7157.

You can also visit the group's website at www.TheBlackwoodLegacy.com or find them on Facebook.

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News in brief

Chancellor: European financial crisis solution to take years

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel flatly rejected any quick-fix ideas to try to resolve the European financial crisis, telling lawmakers Friday that treaty changes and stricter controls were the only path forward — and that the process could take years.

Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy are pushing for a reorganization of existing European Union regulations, which they say is needed to prevent the eurozone from breaking apart.

In laying out to the lower house of Parliament plans she will take to a Dec. 9 EU summit in Brussels, Merkel insisted the 17 nations who use the euro currency need to take measures to restore market confidence. She added that eurozone financial regulations had been violated too frequently.

"The German government has made it clear that the European crisis will not be solved in one fell swoop..." she said. "It's a process, and this process will take years."

Camp Victory now in Iraqi government hands

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq (AP) — Inside palace walls built by Saddam Hussein, U.S. generals plotted the war's course, tracked the mounting death toll and swore in new American citizens under gaudy glass

chandeliers.

Just outside the palace, American troops whacked golf balls into man-made lakes or fished for carp while others sat down with a cigar and a can of non-alcoholic beer hoping for a respite from incoming rockets or mortar shells.

Along another lake some distance away, a jailed Saddam tended to tomatoes and cucumbers in a small, walled-off enclosure with guards patrolling overhead.

Ever since the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division fought their way into the Baghdad airport grounds nearly nine years ago, the sprawling area they renamed Camp Victory has held a special place in the American military experience in Iraq.

From here, the highest-ranking generals sitting behind banks of telephones and video screens communicated with commanders in the field and political leaders in Washington and dictated strategy that unfolded on the streets of Fallujah, Mosul and Najaf.

Next moves unclear on payroll tax cut extension

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate defeat of competing Democratic and Republican plans to extend a cut in the Social Security payroll tax has punted the issue to the House, where GOP leaders are facing ideological divisions within the party over whether to pass the tax holiday.

The focus is on the GOP-controlled House after Senate votes Thursday exposed wide reluctance by Republicans to go along with the costly proposal — a centerpiece of President Barack Obama's jobs agenda.

As expected, Senate Republicans defeated Obama's plan to extend the payroll tax cut through the end of next year while also making it more generous for workers.

But in a vote that exposed rare divisions among Senate Republicans, more than two dozen of the GOP's 47 lawmakers also voted to kill an alternative plan backed by their leader, Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to renew an existing 2 percentage point payroll tax cut.

A spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Republicans weren't planning on negotiating with Democrats before unveiling a payroll tax cut plan — and the spending cuts to pay for it — next week. But the Senate vote would seem to indicate that House Republicans will be hard-pressed to muscle a payroll tax cut through without Democratic support. And those votes could be hard to come by if the GOP plan contains spending cuts Democrats dislike.

Cain to meet with wife to determine his bid's future

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Set to meet with his wife for the first time since a woman came forward

claiming she had a 13-year extramarital affair with him, Herman Cain is preparing for one last campaign stop before he decides whether to press forward with his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

Cain, who has denied the affair and allegations of unwanted sexual advances from other women, planned a Friday afternoon campaign stop in Rock Hill, S.C., before heading home to Atlanta to assess whether the accusation of an affair would be enough to force him from the GOP contest.

With a little more than a month before Iowa has its lead-off caucuses, time is working against the Georgia businessman as he tries to steady his campaign.

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Lady Steers fall to Caprock in tournament

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

ANDREWS — In spite of a 13-9 first-quarter lead and the 17 points put up by senior Cerbi Ritchey, the Lady Steers fell to Caprock in the first round of the basketball tournament in Andrews Wednesday 55-45.

After the Lady Steers jumped out to the early lead, Caprock bounced back to tie the game at 26-26 by the time the buzzer sounded at halftime, 17 points in the second frame to Big Spring's 13.

The Lady Steers could not find their shot from 3-point range, hitting only one out of nine attempts. Meanwhile, Caprock dropped seven out of their 11 tries. Another deciding factor in the game was the 20 turnovers, while only forcing 12 from the opposition.

Bridgette Tuit was good for eight points and Diamond Mayes found seven in the paint for Big Spring in the loss.



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A PRESENCE IN THE PAINT — Lady Steer Diamond Mayes grabs a rebound in recent round ball action.

Aggies fire Mike Sherman

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M was supposed to return to national prominence this season.

Instead the Aggies finished the regular season with a disappointing 6-6 record that cost Mike Sherman his job.

Athletic director Bill Byrne announced Sherman's firing in a statement Thursday night.

The Aggies, who are leaving the Big 12 for the SEC next season, must now find a

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Bulldogettes get split, Lady Buffs grab one-sided win in Coahoma

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes of Coahoma earned a split in their home tournament Thursday, defeating the JV squad of Midland Christian 46-35 and then falling to Grape Creek 53-39.

Castilaw led Coahoma with 14 points in each of the two games, while Goodblanket hit for 11 in each outing. Wilson's 15 points over the two-game span was good enough to come in third amongst the Bulldogettes, with Pace finding eight and Maddox

scoring five.

Meanwhile, the Lady Buffs of Forsan outscored El Paso Jesus Chapel 61-3 in a one-sided tournament match. Head Coach Robert Hillger said this was simply a matter of inexperience on the part of EPJC.

"Their ladies were very inexperienced," Coach Hillger. "But we also shot very well, hitting 50 percent from the field."

By quarter, Forsan scored 28, 17, 4 and 12 points, with the three points against them coming in the third period.

Cheyenne Galloway had 18

points and four rebounds in the game for the Lady Buffs. Raegan Haggard 10 points, while Brittney Hergert put up eight, with five boards.

Ali Knight matched her seven points with seven rebounds and Maria Ortiz scored six points on seven rebounds.

Kayla Tilley added seven points, three rebounds and three assists in the game and Jahnia Willard chipped in with five points, two rebounds and an assist.

Forsan will play Grady today at 2 p.m in Coahoma.

Briefs

Bowl-A-Rama Christmas tournament

Bowl-A-Rama of Big Spring will host their second annual Christmas tournament Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

Bowlers must be checked in by 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$25 if paid by Dec. 13 and \$30 afterward. The tournament is open to all bowlers and the handicap is 100 percent of 230.

Eight places will be paid, including a \$150 first place prize and \$100 for second. For more information, visit the website at: www.bowlarama.com.

Hawk Buddies B-ball program

Howard College's Earl Diddle and Jamie Fisher will be hosting a basketball clinic Dec. 10 for girls in grades K-8. The fee is \$20 and space is limited to the first 100 kids.

For more information, call Coach Diddle at 264-5043 or Coach Fisher at 264-5155.

Eagles continue their recent tailspin, crash in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP)—During his time playing in San Francisco, Michael Robinson said the mention of the Seattle Seahawks came with a label no NFL team wants to have.

"I've been playing against the Seahawks for four or five years and the identity used to always be that they were soft," said Robinson, now Seattle's starting fullback. "And we're trying to change that identity."

Marshawn Lynch is certainly doing his part to help the Seahawks shed that image.

Seattle's hard-charging running back bulled through Philadelphia for 148 yards and a pair of first-half touchdowns, David Hawthorne returned the third of Vince Young's four interceptions 77 yards for a score, and the Seahawks rolled to a 31-14 victory Thursday that added to the Eagles' miserable season.

Lynch ran into and escaped from a massive pileup for a 15-yard TD run in the first quarter, then made a quick cut and went back against the flow for a 40-yard scoring dash on the first play of the second quarter to give the Seahawks (5-7) a 14-0 lead.

It was the second-best performance of Lynch's career and a caper to what has been his finest stretch as a pro. Lynch never had consecutive 100-yard rushing games

until a few weeks ago. Now he's done it in four of Seattle's past five, and the only time he didn't, Lynch had 88 yards in a victory over St. Louis.

His first-quarter, escape-act touchdown against Philadelphia (4-8) gave Lynch eight straight games with at least one score and added a highlight reminiscent of his famous tackle-breaking, 67-yard TD run in last year's NFC playoffs against New Orleans.

It's all adding up to more dollars likely coming Lynch's way. He's a free agent after the season.

But on a night he deserved praise, Lynch was deferring praise to others before he jetting out of the locker room with the same elusiveness he showed the Eagles.

"It was all about the offensive line. We managed the game, we came out victorious, everybody's happy, and now

we're on to our break," Lynch said during his brief locker room appearance. "Thank you."

Golden Tate's 11-yard, toe-tapping touchdown grab along the back edge of the end zone in the third quarter on a pass from Tarvaris Jackson pushed Seattle's cushion to 17. Jackson finished 13 of 16 for 190 yards and the one TD pass.

But the Seahawks' third victory in their

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are the dealer and bid One Club. Partner responds One Heart. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ AJ ♥ AQ73 ♦ J8 ♣ AQJ62
- ♠ A984 ♥ — ♦ AJ6 ♣ AK9754
- ♠ AKJ2 ♥ 96 ♦ AQ ♣ AQ832
- ♠ 10 ♥ K95 ♦ AQ83 ♣ AK876

1. Four hearts. You should not risk losing a game by raising to only three hearts, an encouraging but non-forcing bid that shows about 16 to 18 points. You'd feel pretty silly if partner passed, since even if he has only six points he will probably make four hearts.

By raising to four hearts, you indicate about 20 points, which in turn shows interest in slam. Note that this sequence, where the opener leaps to game in responder's suit, is altogether different from that where a player opens the bidding with one of a major and responder raises directly to four. In the latter case, the responder's jump to game is pre-emptive rather than forward-going.

2. One spade. Partner's heart response adds nothing to the value of your hand. Had partner responded in diamonds or spades, the outlook would have been much more promising. The heart response warns of a

possible misfit, and until a suit fit is discovered, you should tread very gingerly. A rebid of three clubs (16 to 18 points) over one heart might result in missing a game in spades; two clubs would run the same risk while severely understating your values.

3. Two spades. Here you have adequate high-card strength for a leap to three notrump, showing at least 20 points. However, the hand might play better in spades at either game or slam, so it is wiser to show your spades en route. Partner is required to respond to the jump-shift, even with minimum values for his first response.

4. Two diamonds. Bidding one club first and following up with two diamonds constitutes a "reverse." Reverses show hands that contain at least 17 points, including distributional features. They also guarantee holding greater length in the first suit mentioned.

Here, after bidding two diamonds, you plan to support hearts on the next round and in that way identify your 1-3-4-5 distribution. This projected series of bids is more desirable than any other sequence because your hand is too good for a simple raise to two hearts, and you lack the four-card trump support needed for a jump-raise to three hearts.

Tomorrow: A costly failure to unblock.

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replacement to lead the team into their highly competitive new league.

The school hasn't named any candidates, but possible replacements could include Houston coach Kevin Sumlin or Louisville coach Charlie Strong. Sumlin, who has led the seventh-ranked Cougars to a 12-0 record, was an assistant at A&M from 2001-02. Strong also spent time with the Aggies, working as a graduate assistant in 1985.

Sherman, 25-25 in four seasons at A&M, had three years remaining on his contract and the buyout will be about \$5.8 million. He was given a one-year extension to his original contract in July, but it was never executed.

He was hired at the end of the 2007 season three days after Dennis Franchione resigned.

His best and only winning season came last year, when the Aggies won their last six regular-season games and lost in the Cotton Bowl to finish 9-4.

"I appreciate Coach Sherman's selfless service to Texas A&M as our head football coach and his tireless efforts in building leaders of character," Byrne said in the statement. "He is truly one of the great offensive minds in football, both collegiate and professional, and I know that he has much to offer the game of football in the future."

Byrne said he will talk with the assistant coaches to decide who will serve as the interim coach for Texas A&M's bowl game. He also hopes to meet with the team and remaining staff Friday.

Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin thanked Sherman for his contributions to the program and said he created a "solid foundation for Texas A&M to build upon in the future."

"Decisions of this nature are never easy, and I appreciate the patience of Aggies everywhere as we carefully evaluated the current state of our football program and the prospects for the future," Loftin said.

The Aggies entered this season with 18 returning starters, a top-

10 ranking and were expected to contend for the Big 12 championship and be a factor in the national title hunt.

Instead they lost early games to Oklahoma State and Arkansas after holding double-digit halftime leads to fall to 2-2.

They won three in a row after their first skid, but a three-game losing streak, which included two overtime losses, ensured the Aggies of a mediocre season.

The low point of the season came when Texas A&M ended its more than century-old rivalry with Texas with a 27-25 loss at home on Thanksgiving.

At times, Sherman seemed to be grasping for ways to deal the team's narrow losses. Four of their six defeats were by a combined 10 points, including a 53-50 four-overtime loss to Kansas State.

"I've never experienced a season like this and I don't plan on experiencing a season like it again," Sherman said after the loss to Texas. "This was a very difficult season to swallow. We have good kids, they work hard,

but for whatever reason the ball bounced funny for us sometimes, and we didn't make the play when we need to make it to win the games we didn't."

Current and former players expressed their thanks and support for Sherman via Twitter as they learned the news on Thursday night.

"It's unfortunate to see Coach Sherm go. He is like another father to me. He helped me become the person I am today."

"I will never forget, never," tweeted Von Miller, the former A&M pass-rusher taken second overall in the year's draft by the Denver Broncos.

Texas A&M quarterback Ryan Tannehill was disappointed to see Sherman leave.

"I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to play for such a great coach and great man as Mike Sherman," he said. "He helped us become not only better football players, but better men. ... He will be missed."

Sherman came to Texas A&M after spending two seasons a Houston Texans assistant coach.

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last four games wasn't secured until Hawthorne stepped in front of a swing pass intended for LeSean McCoy and raced untouched in the other direction with 4:24 left. It was Hawthorne's third interception of the season, but he was getting plenty of grief from his teammates for the length of time it took him to get to the end zone.

And of course, the first guy to greet Hawthorne in the end zone was Lynch running off

the sideline without his helmet.

"They have not backed off yet, there's no time. Maybe some teams quit at this time of year, but we're still trying to do something," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "We're still trying to get something accomplished this year."

Making his third straight start in place of Michael Vick, out with two broken ribs, Young couldn't find the same magic he did in the 2006 Rose Bowl when he led Texas to an upset of Carroll and USC.

Young's first pass of the night was an awful interception thrown right to Seattle safety Kam Chancellor and nowhere near an Eagles receiver. Young was intercepted in the third quarter as well when a perfect pass deflected off the hands of Riley Cooper and into the hands of cornerback Brandon Browner. Both turnovers led to Seattle touchdowns.

Then came a pass for McCoy when Young clearly didn't see Hawthorne, ruining the Eagles' last chance to rally. Seattle safety Earl Thomas jumped Young's primary target and by the time he came back to McCoy, Hawthorne

was ready for the pass.

"That was just a bum-head play on my part. I should have known there was a man there," Young said. "I just lost a linebacker when I released it. He just popped into the picture. That's all on the quarterback's fault. I saw the coverage, I saw the man, I just lost a linebacker on that route."

Young added one more interception in the final moments, another one grabbed by Browner that left the quarterback with a career-high four picks.

Young finished 17 of 29 for 208 yards. McCoy got more chances than he did last Sunday against New England when he touched the ball just 14 times, a number that drew criticism from Eagles fans believing the leading rusher in the NFL deserved more opportunities.

McCoy finished with 84 yards on 17 carries and added another four catches for 49 yards, including a 2-yard TD grab that drew the Eagles within 24-14 with 12:51 left in the game. But he was upstaged by Lynch.

"This is really tough. Knowing that this is a good team, but I feel like we are a better team, no disrespect to them," Mc-

Coy said. "They played hard, but knowing that they are a good team, but we are far, far better. Way more talented. We didn't get it done. We played poorly today."

The quick bounce-back by the Seahawks only magnified their missed chance last Sunday when they blew a 10-point fourth-quarter lead and lost 23-17 to Washington. Even with the win over Philadelphia and another home game coming up against St. Louis, any hopes the Seahawks have of jumping into the playoff race are likely gone.

"We felt like we let one go last week and that was all we could think about," Hawthorne said. "So to come on a fast week and get it out this fast, it's a positive."

Notes: Carroll thinks LT Russell Okung may have a serious pectoral injury sustained in the closing seconds. ... Lynch's career high was 153 yards rushing against Cincinnati with Buffalo in 2007. ... Philadelphia CB Nnamdi Asomugha left in the first half with a head/neck injury and did not return. ... Philadelphia fell to 5-2 in Thursday night games. ... Jackson's 137.0 QB rating was the best of his career.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Pisces moon stirs up sensitivities, which can be quite positive as long as you're with people who gravitate toward the more upbeat emotions. For instance, it will be even easier than usual to make people laugh or to warm them up with a smile. Make a conscious effort to avoid saying or doing anything that might hurt feelings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will choose to forgive someone. Honestly, it's more for you than it is for the other person. You want to move forward, and the only way is to make peace with the past and let go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Trust in yourself and your ability. You will accomplish something that people who are older and more experienced cannot do or haven't done for unknown reasons.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You could move a mountain with a spoon if it were the only tool you had. You are persistent enough to chip away at a problem, and it will diminish one tiny chunk at a time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are confidently self-assured, and yet you may wonder at times today whether you have crossed an invisible line of some kind by being more assertive than is really necessary for the situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You used to be more passive than you are, but you found that letting people impose their will on you was time consuming and joyless. You're too busy now doing your own thing and doing it your own way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll feel generally good about your decisions, even though it will be a while before you know whether they play out the way you want them to. For now, revel in optimistic faith.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is always a risk that when you state what you think, others won't agree. You'll be inclined to stand back and assess the group before you add your two cents to the discussion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Conflict leads to stress. But it also leads to change. Since you want to make change, you'll likely be willing to deal with some of the stress that comes along with the fight.



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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You get to say what you want and how you feel, and you allow others to do the same. Even in disagreements, proper communication can allow both parties to leave the conversation feeling successful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You generally don't like asking for help. But just because you can do something for yourself doesn't mean you should. You may be inaccurately assessing what is already on your plate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your friends think of you, but they may not reach out to you every time you cross their minds. So you'll really appreciate the wave of loving attention you get today, and it's much deserved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Relationships work best with a balanced approach. You'll figure out when to let go, when to hold on and when to push a little bit. You'll shine in this regard, and people will look to you for social cues.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 2). You'll see the big picture as it is, and you'll also get a vivid image of how you want it to be. The new year shows you growing in faith and influence. You'll adjust your actions to head toward your own personal Promised Land. One relationship will open professional doors for you. Vows and agreements are signed in May. Scorpio and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 33, 16 and 17.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You'll capitalize on an asset you once tried to hide. You now see it for the gift it truly is. TAURUS: Sometimes you wish there was a class you could take about the opposite sex. There probably isn't,

though a book might help. GEMINI: Risk rejection. The more you do this the more confident you'll become and the less likely you'll be rejected. CANCER: You'll take what a loved one says to heart, and you'll act on the information. LEO: You'll channel your energy into trying to impress someone who isn't so easily impressed. VIRGO: You'll be delightfully spontaneous and will cause someone's heart to skip a beat. LIBRA: Your loyalty is to be commended. You speak highly of your loved ones behind their backs. SCORPIO: You're not ready for your secret wishes to be known except by you and the magical forces on the wind. SAGITTARIUS: You'll be able to relax with someone who once made you quite nervous. CAPRICORN: You'll ignore what you don't know how to address, and you'll focus on the most positive aspects of others. AQUARIUS: It's fine not to have a plan when it comes to fun. PISCES: You'll keep your communication short and sweet and create a bit of mystery in the process.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Pisces and Sagittarius are adaptive signs that fall into the modality of "mutable." They can custom fit their mannerisms, attitudes and behaviors to suit their special bond and are quite willing to do so. The relationship is elevated because of the specific kind of attention they give to each other. It doesn't matter that each behaves differently outside the relationship; that's part of the human condition.

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Dear Margo: For better or for worse — not for hospitals?

Dear Margo: I've been married for quite a number of years, and something has been bothering me recently.

My husband comes up with all kinds of excuses not to be with me when I have any kind of surgery. It all started four years ago when I had rather serious surgery.

He dropped me off at the front door of the hospital and went home to wait for the doctor's call. He came to visit me once during my four-night stay.

I admit that I didn't make a fuss since it did seem OK, at the time, for him to simply wait at home and call me to keep in touch.

Since that time, I've had other surgeries that required either an overnight or a two-night stay.

He never stayed in the hospital to see me post-surgery, nor did he come to visit. He did, however, keep in constant contact with me.

Lately, this has bothered me more, as I see the behavior of

others. In his favor, his first wife died of cancer, so perhaps he became hospital phobic after that. But it does seem rather selfish, the more I allow myself to think about it.

As more friends and family say he is getting away with murder, I, too, am beginning to wonder. Should I make more of a fuss or simply insist that he "be there for me" if hospitalization is necessary again?

We are both retired, so a work schedule does not come into play. — *Confused After a Lot of Years*

Dear Con: You don't say what the general nature of the relationship is, so I will just assume there is no underlying hostility floating around and that this is your major issue.

To find out his reasons for basically saying you're on your own in medical situations, have you tried asking him?

If it's simply that hospitals give him the willies, that would be a good thing to discuss. As things are now, he is definitely "not there for you."

The outlines of this problem make him sound selfish and self-centered.

If he has a fear of hospitals, I

suggest he get some help in overcoming his phobia, and also in understanding that you need support, not abandonment. — *Margo, correctively*

Brushing Off Difficult Questions

Dear Margo: I grew up in a small town, left for college and moved away 30 years ago. After living outside of the United States for several years, I have now returned to my home state, but several hundred miles away from my old hometown.

I attended my high school class reunion, but that visit didn't go well, and I need advice about whether I should visit again.

Several people at the reunion asked about my older brother, who still lives there. I was not sure how to deal with these inquiries because my brother sexually terrorized me as a child and I ended all contact with him years ago.

Our mother keeps me informed about my sister-in-law's and nieces' activities, but we do not discuss him.

Obviously, I am not going to

discuss his behavior toward me, but I felt hypocritical smiling and telling them he is fine and happy, which is really all they wanted to hear.

What can I say to end these inquiries and not give away our family secrets? — *Childhood Trauma Survivor*

Dear Child: How nice for your brother that the whole town doesn't know.

Should you find yourself in a similar situation, feel free to skip the hypocritical smile and just say you were never really close and don't know anything of his life now. Over and out.

I am not for playing yourself false, and I also don't have a problem with cutting people off if they're going where you do not want to go. — *Margo, directly*

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"RUFF IS HOUSE-BROKEN, BUT HE'LL NEVER BE HYDRANT-BROKEN."

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"Mommy, did I load my shoes with the right feet?"

HAGAR

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"OTHER THAN THAT..."

"HOW'S BUSINESS?"

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"I FIND THAT BLATANT AFFRONT TO WOMANHOOD DISGUSTING AND CHEAP!"

"AFRAID YOU MIGHT LOSE?"

"NOT IF MY BRIBE CHECK GOES THROUGH."

WIZARD OF ID

"BOO! I'VE SEEN THIS ACT BEFORE"

"EXCUSE ME"

"BANG"

"ANYONE ELSE CARE TO HECKLE?"

"BAD DAY, BUNOP?"

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"I'M AFRAID I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WINE"

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"LET ME PRESENT A VERY EXPENSIVE WINE THAT WILL KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF!"

AGNES

"YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW SAYINGS."

"THE SAYING IS, 'YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS.'"

"MINE IS A NEW SAYING."

"I LIKE THE OLD SAYING."

"I REST MY CASE."

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"LUCY, WHERE ARE YOU?"

"C'MON, LET'S GO HOME. I'VE BOUGHT YOU A NICE STEAK FOR YOUR DINNER."

"FORTUNATELY, DOGS DON'T HOLD GRUDGES."

SNUFFY SMITH

"HOW COME YOU THREW SALT OVER YORE LEFT SHOULDER, AUNT LOWEEZY?"

"IT SCARES TH' DEVIL AWAY, RUTHIE!!"

"MY MAW DON'T B'LIEVE IN THAT!!"

"SHE SEZ IT'S BAD LUCK TO BE SUPERSTITIOUS!!"

BEEBLE BAILEY

"HAVE YOU GOT THE DISHES DONE YET?"

"FINALLY"

"BUT NOW EVERYONE IS HUNGRY AGAIN!"

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 2011. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On Dec. 2, 1939, New York Municipal Airport-LaGuardia Field (later LaGuardia Airport) went into operation as an airliner from Chicago landed at one minute past midnight.
- In 1942, an artificially created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time, at the University of Chicago.
- In 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., for conduct that "tends to bring the Senate into disrepute."
- In 1970, the newly created Environmental Protection Agency opened its doors. (Its first director was William D. Ruckelshaus.)
- In 1980, four American churchwomen were raped and murdered outside San Salvador. (Five El Salvador national guardsmen were later convicted of murdering nuns Ita Ford, Maura Clarke and Dorothy Kazel, and lay worker Jean Donovan.)
- In 1991, American hostage Joseph Cicippio (sih-SIHP'-ee-oh), held captive in Lebanon for more than five years, was released.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Julie Harris is 86. Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is 80. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is 72. Actress Cathy Lee Crosby is 67. Movie director Penelope Spheeris is 66. Actor Ron Raines is 62. Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 61. Actor Keith Szarabjka is 59. Actor Dan Butler is 57. Broadcast journalist Stone Phillips is 57. Actor Dennis Christopher is 56. Actor Steven Bauer is 55. Country singer Joe Henry is 51. Rock musician Rick Savage (Def Leppard) is 51. Rock musician Nate Mendel (Foo Fighters) is 43. Actress Rena Sofer is 43. Rock singer Jimi (cq) HaHa (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 43. Actress Lucy Liu (loo) is 43.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Indian tourist city
- Sheet of stamps
- Bouquet
- Condo kin
- "If I may interrupt..."
- Former book-club leader
- Skirt style
- Salon service
- Flask filler
- Scratch out someone's portrait?
- Poorly lit
- Frying medium
- Ready for picking
- Reeking
- Short poem
- Gymnastic apparatus
- Polly, to Tom
- Large dolphin
- City southwest of Tulsa
- In addition
- Symbol of sturdiness
- Southwest landform
- Opposite of bueno
- In the know
- Coming into view
- Got around
- Loads
- Answered a charge
- Every other hurricane
- Infer one of the wild cards?

DOWN

- Feel sorry (for)
- Boo-boo
- It's over your head
- Fills with dismay
- Filmsy
- Aside (from)
- It might be checked
- Incentive
- Old Testament prophet
- Valentine edging
- Impression
- Story's setting
- Cut down
- Dozes, with "off"
- In the future
- Foam-toy name
- Austen novel
- Solemn assent
- USN rank
- Wear away part of the highway system?
- The Producers extra
- The other side
- Author Carr
- Fruit holder
- Old hand
- Dishonor
- Computer device
- Require runners to rerun?
- Bee product
- Nullify
- Sympathizer's statement
- Unprotected
- Strong-ox yoke
- Edit
- In reserve
- College major
- Begins energetically
- Faust writer
- Walking on air
- Serenity
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- Monumental
- Pac-12 school
- Talk into something
- High hair
- Prompted
- History-book chapters
- Departed quickly

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