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LOOKING BACK

A special photographic look back at the Big Spring High School Steers' Class 4A, Division II regional semifinals playoff game at Texas Stadium. Despite a 31-21 loss to Aledo's Bearcats, it was a memorable day — one that capped a memorable season for the Steers and their fans. Pages 6-7

HC TEAMS PLAY TONIGHT

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks play host to Hill College teams tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Lady Hawks play at 6, and the unbeaten Hawks, now 9-0, take the floor at 8. Page 5

BRIEFLY

SPRING REGISTRATION

Howard College began registering students for Spring semester registration continues today at Howard College.

Registration will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday.

Students should begin the admission and registration process at the Student Assistant Center, centrally located in the campus' main administration building at 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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Two still in critical following Saturday wreck

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Two people are listed in critical condition in Lubbock and Big Spring hospitals and three more sustained minor injuries in an automobile accident Saturday night on the State Highway 350. Trooper Shon Parker of the Department of Public Safety said Tracy Turner was life-flighted to Lubbock while another critically-injured person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by ambulance. A third person was also taken to the hospital with minor injuries. The accident happened in the

3900 block of East Highway 350 at about 10:45 p.m. Saturday.

"There were four cars headed toward Snyder and a Chevrolet pickup headed toward Big Spring," Parker said. "The second car in line headed toward Snyder tried to pass the first car and the pickup came over the hill. Of course he had somebody in his lane of traffic. He swerved to miss the car and did miss it. He was trying to correct himself to keep from running off the road and went into his lane of oncoming traffic and hit the third car in line."

Parker said the fourth managed to avoid the collision, but the dri-

ver stopped and served as a witness.

"There were five people with injuries," the state trooper said, relating details from his sickbed at home. "There were two critically injured. There were two taken by ambulance (to Scenic Mountain Medical Center) and one flown to Lubbock. The other three just had minor injuries."

"The driver of the pickup was named John Garcia and the driver of the other car was named Tracy Turner," Parker added. "Tracy Turner was the one that was flown to Lubbock."

Parker said the vehicle that caused the accident didn't stop,

and that authorities are looking for that driver.

"Anyone with information should contact the Department of Public Safety," he said.

"The only thing we know about it is that it's a dark-colored, possibly brown car," Parker continued.

No citations have yet been issued in connection with the accident.

Those with information should call the DPS office at 267-5671 or 264-7777.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Principal of the Week



Kid time! Washington Elementary School Principal Steve Waggoner takes a few minutes during the morning to read to first-grader Desiree Galaviz, left, and kindergartner Malachi Garcia. A veteran of 28 years as an educator, Waggoner likes to spend a little time working with the students each day.

Washington's Waggoner stays in touch with kids

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Not all the troublemakers are sent to the principal's office at Washington Elementary School.

"There are times when the kids come here and take me away from all of the administrative stuff or I get to the classroom and work with the kids," said Steve Waggoner, the school's principal. "It gets me back to the real world and the reason why I do this and why the teachers at Washington do this — it's because of the kids."

By working with the students, Waggoner also hopes to forge trust.

"I want kids to know that you don't have to get into trouble to come to the principal's office," Waggoner said. "I try not to make the kids afraid to see me, so if they

are in trouble and they feel they have no one to talk to, they come to see me."

Artwork from Washington students decorate the walls of the 28-year educator's office like the refrigerator in the home of a proud parent.

"I keep them up for the rest of the year and then take them down at the end of the year," he said. "Then, I start all over."

Musical talent along with his parent's encouragement helped the Woodward, Okla., native become the first person in his family to graduate from college. The young trumpet player decided on a life as a band director in high school.

"Band was my life in high school and I decided I wanted to become a band director," he said.

After graduating from the University of Oklahoma, Waggoner joined the BSISD in 1974 as band director for Runnels Junior High School.

Following his stint at Runnels, he was eventually appointed to the high school and led bands with an impressive membership of 160 to 190 students, dwarfed by bands in the district with 250 to 350 members.

"I was a fun time," he said. "We had really good times and really down times but I worked with a good group of kids that tried as hard as they could for me and that's all I could ask for."

The demanding life of a high school band director prompted Waggoner to return to Runnels.

"For a high school band director,

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Work well under way on Festival of Lights

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

In just about two weeks, Comanche Trail Park will come to life in a wonderland of twinkling Christmas lights.

Each year, the Festival of Lights draws thousands of visitors from around the area and beyond.

"Last year I think we had people from 30 states and nine countries," said organizer Pat Simmons. "The year before I think it was 33 states and seven countries. We had like 18,000 last year that we interviewed."

Simmons said the festival, which opens Dec. 15 and runs from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each night through Dec. 31, features an incredible number of lights.

"It's going to be great. We have

"We have started on two of the bridges. We've got the paneling up on that and we're working on the trail with rebar. Monday we'll probably start putting up our big poinsettias off of (Highway) 87. We'll be working on that."



SIMMONS

almost a half million lights," she said. "We're getting right there."

Wilderness Camp work crews started putting up the lights Wednesday, she said.

"The weather hampered Monday and Tuesday," she said, but stressed that the effort is off to a good start.

"We have started on two of the bridges. We've got the paneling up on that and we're working on the trail with rebar," Simmons

said. "Monday we'll probably start putting up our big poinsettias off of (Highway) 87. We'll be working on that."

The poinsettias, which first graced the banks of the Comanche Trail Lake Dam last year, seem to have taken root and spread, Simmons said.

"We're going to be adding more poinsettias this year. We're going to have 20," she said. "We had eight last year."

Work crews can use donations of twist ties for attaching lights to their frames, Simmons added.

"Right now we're doing floral strings and it's costing us a bunch of money," she said.

Either the wire or the notched plastic twist ties will work, Simmons said.

Right now the prison workers are providing all the labor needed to set up the lights, Simmons said, but later on in the process, volunteers might come in handy.

"Toward that last week we might need some volunteers to wrap some trees and some different things," she said. "Probably the better part of next week I'm going to get some of my committee out."

For more information or to volunteer or donate twist ties, call Simmons at 263-4607.

Parade

Road project will change lineup spots

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Now that Turkey Day is over, it's time to start looking forward to stockings, Santa Claus and chestnuts roasting on an open fire.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and Big Spring's traditional kickoff of the holiday season is the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

The parade, set to stroll down Gregg Street at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, has 50 entries so far, but is still accepting late entries, said coordinator Elizabeth Flores.

"They just need to come in and fill out an entry form as soon as possible so that we can get them in," she said. "We will fit them in somehow."

Flores said the parade had 53 entries last year.

"We usually have more than 10 late entries — sometimes a lot more — so I'm anticipating it will be larger than last year," Flores said.

The theme for this year's parade is "Home for the Holidays" in conjunction with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's marketing program of the same name, Flores said.

"Our parade marshal is Bert Andres," she said. Andres was longtime executive director of the Boys Club before retiring several years ago. He still volunteers at the club.

The parade route will have a slight modifica-

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Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 2, 2002

Many options appear when you least expect them. Opportunities come in a manner that could be surprising. You find that if you kick back and work with the unexpected and new, you will gain. What you can count on is the changeability of situations. Learn to read between the lines with others. You'll find unusual solutions when you learn to bottom-line issues. In September 2003, you start an unusual career-building cycle. Take classes and bone up on your specialty prior to that date. If you are single, you could meet someone quite unique this year, which will encourage you to learn new forms and different styles of relating. If you're attached, understand a loved one more by not automatically reacting. Lie back and specialize in listening. SCORPIO can be your best friend or your worst enemy.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)*** Extremes punctuate your interactions at work. Communication riles you as well as others. No one quite knows what to do with new information and possibilities. Give yourself a day or so to work with the present issues. Tonight: Find a nice spot to chill out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)*** Others let you know exactly what they want. The problem you will encounter will be a lack of consistency. You recognize how very changeable those around you are. Leave space for change, though maybe not immediately. Tonight: Just ask. Others will say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)*** Read the Aries message for a hint. You might want to put a lid on some of the

information you're hearing, which indeed could be quite contrary. Use your ability to detach before making any major decisions. Postpone as much as you can. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Your humor mixed with sensitivity could easily save the day. You can trust that everyone has new and different opinions. What counts is what you think and feel, which could take a while to sort through. Dig into your creativity. Tonight: Play away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)*** You mean well, but convincing others of your positive thinking and attitude could be complicated, to say the least. Someone close could be creating an uproar. There is nothing you can do to get matters back under control. Tonight: Follow the path of calmness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** Others have plenty to say. Review a personal matter that could be close to the heart. Consider more of what is a priority in your world. Don't let others walk on you. Claim your power, if need be. Think through a decision. Tonight: Swap war tales with your pals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*** Use caution with your finances. Sometimes you become quite distracted when you are too social or overly involved with people. Focus on what works. Refuse to let family or friends talk you into something that doesn't work for you. Tonight: Work on your holiday list.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

21)*** Listen carefully to someone close who means a lot to you. Consider more carefully your options that involve a child or loved one. A family member's actions tell you a lot about where his or her head is. Read between the lines. Tonight: Do what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Step back. You might want to ease someone's concern about a work- or health-related matter. Know your limits, and you'll gain right now. By tomorrow, you'll find that the whole picture changes. Hold back on a major decision. Tonight: Say "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** Keep aiming for what you want, but don't be surprised if events point you in a different direction. Carefully realize your limits with a child or loved one. Unexpected financial developments could reverse themselves in a few days. Tonight: Where the gang is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Your reaction bowls others over. Know when to establish limits and how to say that something is enough in a more sensitive manner. Not everyone can

respond to uproar. Deal with a boss by simply following through on his or her directives. Tonight: A must appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Read between the lines and come to a greater understanding of associates. Your nerves could be more fragile than you're aware of. You gain insights into associates who might encourage you to head in yet another direction. Tonight: Relax while watching a movie.

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A Letter of Thanksgiving
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OUR VIEWS

Don't miss 24th
year of a favorite
holiday tradition

One of our favorite — and longest lasting — holiday traditions is this weekend. It's the 24th year for the Living Christmas Tree, something you'll want to be sure and take the whole family to.

It takes place beginning Saturday in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary. Many Crossroads area residents have seen this highly inspirational production before, but for those who have not it is truly a holiday tradition not to be missed.

A 36-member orchestra and 70 to 80 singers will be perform with music centered around "Repeat the Sounding Joy," by David T. Clydesdale.

There is no charge to attend either of the two performances of The Living Christmas Tree, scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. However, tickets must be obtained in advance to ensure that there will be enough seating for those planning to attend. A nursery will be available. Tickets always go quickly, so don't waste time getting yours.

There is also a 2 p.m. dress rehearsal on Saturday which is open to the public. No tickets are required for the dress rehearsal.

Tickets may be reserved through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the church office. First UMC is located at the corner of Fourth Street and Scurry.

The Living Christmas Tree is one of Big Spring's most wonderful traditions. Don't miss it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May all our cares fall from us like leaves falling from the trees, when we give our cares to you. Amen

America's most majestic symbol

Several years ago when I was working in the production department for a printing company, we used to have a saying: "The eagle has flown." This saying was heard mostly on Fridays, because this was payday and the day that checks were passed out. The eagle in this case was synonymous with money, because over the years the picture of this majestic bird has been printed on different denominations of our nation's currency.

Most people know that the American Bald Eagle is America's symbol, but there is a story behind this fact that may not be common knowledge. In the earliest days of our nation's history, our forefathers decided we needed a national bird that would be symbolic of the character and values of our people.

In the beginning there was a great deal of sentiment for the wild turkey, because of its keen eyesight, elusive qualities and also the fact that it provided food and other benefits, especially in relation to the tradition of Thanksgiving.

The eagle won out for reasons I'll share a bit later, but this is probably the basis for the saying we have all heard: "You can soar with the eagles or roost with the turkeys." This is the reason many people began to refer to someone else as a "turkey." In relation to this, I want to share a true story that you may appreciate.

The former chairman of the board of a large bank in our state was a well known civic leader, wealthy and very aggressive, but small in size — around 5'6" tall. Quite naturally, in a large organization with several hundred employees, it takes a while for people to get to know each other, especially new people who have just been hired. One day this chairman got off the elevator on a floor where you must have security clearance and

a new security guard who thought she was just doing her job, hollered, "Hey, turkey, where are you going?" Unfortunately, what this lady didn't know is that this man was not a turkey. He was an eagle and she lost her job. As I said, this is a true story.

For thousands of years throughout the world, the eagle has been admired for its grandeur, its grace in flight, its great size and awesome power. It gets its name from the white head feathers that gives it the appearance of being bald. The soaring eagle in flight so captivated the imagination of our nation's forefathers, they adopted it as our national bird and it came to be a symbol of the true meaning of liberty.

Our national symbol, however, is much more than what "meets the eye." The eagle displays a sense of responsibility that is a companion of genuine liberty. He mates for life and returns to the same nest each year, making necessary repairs and additions. He takes an active role in providing for his family and teaching his young to

fly. While this may appear to be redundant, it's far too important to miss. The reason the bald eagle is America's symbol is because he possesses many of those characteristics and qualities that has made America great and must be reinstilled in our society, if we are to preserve the freedom which God has so graciously entrusted to us.

We live in a day when symbols have almost become America's stock in trade so the next time you see an American Bald Eagle, stop for a moment and think about what he represents: the United States Of America, the greatest nation on earth. In view of what I have shared, I want to leave you with this verse from the Bible: "Yet those who wait for the Lord, will gain new strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary." Isaiah 40:31

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OK, Republicans, justify this. I want to hear your explanations for why the

Republican leadership went against the will of 318 members to grant an unconscionable gift to corporations that set up offshore tax shelters to avoid paying their U.S. taxes. Come on, Rush, I really want to hear this one — and do, please, include the word "patriotism."

According to Citizens for Tax Justice, the offshore tax-shelter dodge costs this country as much as \$50 billion annually. This amendment was not to shut down the loophole — though Lord knows that needs to be done. It was just to prevent rewarding these financial traitors with government contracts.

The House leadership — that would be your speaker, Dennis Hastert, and your majority leader, Dick Armey — going against the will of both the House and the Senate, took out the "Wellstone Amendment," sponsored by the late populist senator. It would have prevented runaway companies, those that set up mailboxes in Bermuda in order to avoid paying their taxes, from getting government contracts related to homeland security. They replaced the Wellstone Amendment with a toothless provision that affects no company.

The polite term for these

corporate tax-dodgers is "corporate inversion" or "corporate expatriates," but they are tax cheats, pure and simple. They don't move anywhere, they just get a shell address so they won't have to pay their share of the taxes. And guess who gets stuck paying their share instead? And now we're going to reward these tax cheats with government contracts.

Here's Rep. Richard Neal of Massachusetts on how it works: "Let's take Tyco, formerly of New Hampshire, now of Bermuda, for example. Tyco avoids paying \$400 million a year in U.S. taxes by setting up a shell headquarters offshore, but it was awarded \$182 million in lucrative defense and homeland security-related contracts in 2001 alone. If Tyco had just paid its tax bill, Congress could easily have paid for 400 explosive detection systems (EDS), which are badly needed to protect U.S. travelers at airports around the nation."

"Or let's examine corporate expatriate Ingersoll-Rand, formerly of New Jersey, and now also in Bermuda. Ingersoll-Rand was as much last year in U.S. defense and homeland security federal contracts as it avoids in U.S. taxes annually merely by renting a mailbox in Bermuda and calling it 'home.' If Ingersoll-Rand paid its U.S. tax bill, Congress could easily afford to fund the Cyberspace Warning Intelligence Network, estimated to cost \$30 million, or it could also buy 400,000 gas masks for American citizens."

If this is what Republicans want to stand for, fine with me. Their

leadership has thwarted all efforts to have a debate and vote on a separate bill, the Corporate Patriot Enforcement Act, a bipartisan bill to deny benefits to corporations that flee to tax havens. In Texas, the home of the blunt, we call legislators who sell out the people in order to kiss the butts of their campaign contributors "whores."

And why would Republicans do such a despicable thing? Well, let's look at the lobbyists hired to fight the offshore provision: former Republican presidential candidate Robert Dole (paid by Tyco), former House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, Bush family confidant Charlie Black, former House Appropriations Committee Chair Robert Livingston, former Sen. Dennis DeConcini (one of the Keating Five) and Reagan White House Chief of Staff Kenneth Duberstein.

Here's the good news: If the people ever put up enough money, we could get exactly the same team to argue for our side. That's what I mean by "whores."

The D's, plus Sen. John McCain, tried to get this and other obnoxious special-interest provisions taken out of the bill. So the R's promised to "tone down" the offensive amendments with corrective legislation — sometime next year. But the incoming House Majority Leader Tom DeLay has already announced that he agreed only to "consider" such changes, not actually make them. Don't put any money on this prospect.

The Homeland Security bill was 35 pages long when President Bush, who had

long opposed it, did a 180 in the summer and pretended he invented it. He decided to support it instead of ignoring the proposal by Democrats (one of those "down the memory hole" moments for the D.C. press corps, which keeps announcing the bill's passage is "a major victory" for the Bush administration). By then, the "Homeland Security" bill had become a 435-page behemoth, so larded with pork and special-interest legislation that Sen. Robert Byrd (no stranger to pork) kept dropping the triple-phone-book sized bill on his desk, repeatedly calling it "this mon-(SET ITAL) stros (END ITAL)-ity."

The other special provisions tucked in the bill to reward other big Republican contributors are almost as disgusting. I must admit that the amendment protecting the Eli Lilly Co. from future lawsuits is a fine example of really fast service for a contributor. It was just a few weeks ago that The New York Times ran the first serious look at Thimerosal, the vaccine preservative that may be related to autism, and — wham, bam — no problem for the Lilly company. (And don't give me that bull about how it's just an arbitration panel, parents can still sue, yadda, yadda, yadda. The purpose of that stinking amendment could not possibly be clearer. The Lilly Co. bought itself a very nice piece of legislation indeed.) It's one thing to pass this kind of special interest legislation. It's another to call it "patriotism." That could gag a maggot.

Mustangs earn rematch with Sanderson

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

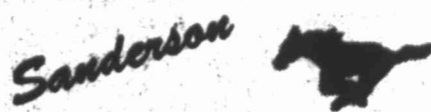
The Sands Mustangs entered the 2002 season ranked No. 2 nationally among six-man football teams in the United States and Canada.

On Friday night, they can make it official with a win over the Sanderson Eagles. With a victory, Sands would clinch its first-ever berth in the state championship game — and become just one of two teams left alive.

Sands is scheduled to begin semifinal action Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in Big Lake. The Mustangs head into the game sporting a 12-1 record — their only loss coming to Sanderson win Week 3 of the high school season.

Sanderson, which upended previously unbeaten Valley Saturday night in Gail, heads into the game with a perfect 13-0 record.

The Mustangs should have



Sanderson Eagles vs. Sands Mustangs

- When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
- Records: Sanderson 13-0, Sands 12-1.
- Where: Big Lake.
- Radio: KBTS 94.2 FM.

plenty of confidence going into the affair. Sands, which has won

10 straight since their 50-40 loss in Sanderson, has staged a pair of back-to-back dramatic playoff victories. Two weeks ago, the Mustangs survived a 46-44 overtime threat from Ira. Then, on Friday night, they upended unbeaten Fort Elliott, 45-41.

Sanderson, which has breezed through its first three playoff games, downed Valley, 56-34. Prior to that, the Eagles had ripped Rule, 46-0, and defeated Borden Co.

Colts upend Texans

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Dwight Freeney tried to pressure Houston's rookie quarterback on every play. Brad Scioli just waited for the right moment. Both of them were successful.

Indianapolis held the Texans to 165 yards, forced three fumbles and sacked David Carr six times, three by Scioli and one each by Freeney, Chad Bratzke and Josh Williams, in a 19-3 victory Sunday.

"I just wanted to try to be relentless, and stay with it," said Freeney, a rookie defensive end. "This is a good team out there. Sometimes the record doesn't show it. The last time we played them we got, like, four sacks in the last minute. So we have to stay with it."

"I was missing it all day," he said of his pursuit of Carr, the No. 1 overall pick this year. "I was coming real close. Then I finally got it in the fourth quarter."

That's also when Scioli was most effective as Carr was forced to pass on almost every play in a desperate attempt to catch up.

"Earlier in the game, with the score a little closer, they didn't have to drop back and go downfield as much. ... But once time was running out, we knew they had to open it up, so that was our chance," said Scioli, whose three sacks cost Houston 16 yards.

He also had seven tackles for the Colts (8-4).

"We just went out and played our game," Scioli said. "Our defense has continued to get better as the season has gone on. ... You see guys knowing the reads a lot better and you just feel the energy and intensity has picked up."

Indianapolis kept a one-game lead over Tennessee going into their AFC South showdown next week.

The Texans (3-9) never got closer than 41 yards to the end zone until the final minutes of the game. They reached the 26, but a holding penalty, a sack by Freeney and another penalty pushed them back to the 47 for a punt.

Vick sets NFL record for rushing yards by QB

Michael Vick set an NFL record for yards rushing by a quarterback with 173 on 10 carries.

The 173 yards were the most by a QB since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger. The previous mark was 127 by the Bears' Bobby Douglass in 1972.



Dames' quarterback Gary Hames throws a pass downfield during the third quarter of the Turkey Bowl, a western Alaska football game based loosely on the Dallas-Cowboys' traditional Thanksgiving Day event. The Dames beat the Slanderers, 31-24 despite four inches of snow and 28-degree weather.

A 'COOL' TRADITION

Alaskans honor former Big Spring resident at half of Turkey Bowl IV

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

BETHEL, Alaska — Bruce Anders has never met Lathy Williams or even know where Big Spring, Texas, was.

That didn't stop the Alaskan football fan from paying tribute to the former Big Spring High School graduate last week during last week's Turkey Bowl — a western Alaskan tradition that pits two local teams against each other on Thanksgiving Day.

At the half of the game, players — and those few fans who braved the 28 degree weather in the Bethel Sandpit — staged a halftime show.

LeAnn Rimes wasn't there, however. Nor were the cheerleaders ... or more than two officials.

"I think someone had an old picture of her, though," said Anders, who began the Turkey Bowl four years ago as a way to bring football to Bethel, a city of approximately 6,000 sitting on the Kuskokwin River — about 400 miles west of Anchorage and the nearest road.

"We watch the Cowboys every year on Thanksgiving, and I just thought we should have something like that here," said Anders, a local attorney, who doubles as a wide receiver for Anders' Slanderers. "It isn't grand in any sense, but at least we get to play."

"And now we know who to thank for the halftime show, too." Williams, a former Big Spring High School student, produced the halftime show at the Cowboys' Thanksgiving Day game against Washington. The show, complete with Rimes and an elaborate floor show, was broadcast nationally.

The only thing going nationally in Bethel was the mailing list at the city's main newspaper, *The*

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Bruce Anders
Attorney/wide receiver

Delta Discovery.

"They like football way too much," said publisher/editor Ted Horner. "I wouldn't want to get out there and do that on the ice."

The Turkey Bowl is actually the second football game in Bush Alaska — that portion of the state of the road system — to spring from Texas. Five years ago, during the Iditarod Sled Dog Race, a group of Texans staged a six-man game on the frozen Bering Sea.

The wasn't much of anything frozen Thursday. Unseasonably warm weather in the area allowed the quarterbacks on both teams to shed their gloves — improving the passing abilities for both of Bethel's two football teams. Unfortunately, the glare ice beneath the 4-inch snow base made footwork anything but easy.

The temperature and the ice proved to be the right mix for the quarterback Gary Hames and the Dames who claimed a decisive 35-21 win.

Among the stars in the contest for the Dames were Gary and Joe Hames, Andre Achee, Phil White, and one player named only "Steve the Era Pilot." The Slanderers were led by Anders, Thor Williams, Erin McCrum and Eric Whitney.

The Slanderers, who won last year's game, led off the scoring with a hook-and-lateral play, allowing Williams to hit Anders for a quick 7-0 lead.

It was all Dames from there, however.

Using a solid passing game, the Dames answered right back. On their ensuing possession, they inched upfield before Hames' capped the drive with a short touchdown run through the heart of the Slanderer defense.

The Dames went on to reel off a 28-7 run over the final minutes of the game, which was played with a 90-minute running clock.

"The unorthodox game duration resulted from the directives of our wives back home," said Anders. "They demanded we come home quickly, instead of leaving me to slave in the kitchen all day while you roll around in the snow with your little friends."

"We held fast to the deadline," he added.

Hames, who threw for more than 270 yards and 3 touchdowns in the game, was named the Turkey Bowl most valuable player for his performance.

The post-game celebrations weren't a blessing to all, however.

"I wonder which will be more painful — my sore muscles and scraped joints tomorrow morning, or (my ears) from the speech I'll get from the wife when I get home for coming here without having first cut up the celery for the stuffing," said "Steve the Era Pilot."

BRIEF

Registration

The Big Spring Youth Basketball League has started taking registration for boys and girls, ages 8-14, who desire to play basketball this winter. The registration fee is \$20 and includes a team t-shirt and award. The deadline to register is Saturday, Dec. 7. All registration is taking place at the YMCA.

Boys and girls will be divided into one of several divisions based on their age as of Aug. 1, 2003. Player evaluations and a player draft will take place Monday, Dec. 9 for players in the 10 & Under Division, as well as the 12 & Under and 14 & Under divisions. Time and place will be announced.

Adults interested in coaching a team should attend one of two mandatory meetings for coaches scheduled for Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. Both meetings will be held at the YMCA.

Games will be held on Saturdays, beginning Jan. 4, 2003.

Local chapter needs basketball officials

The local officiating chapter is looking for individuals interested in serving as referees for area basketball games this season.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez after 4 p.m. at 283-8731 or contact Mandy Rodriguez during business hours at 284-4135.

Hawks, Lady Hawks to face Hill College

The Howard College Hawks will put their unbeaten record on the line tonight at home against Hill College.

Howard College, under head coach Chris Jans, enters the game sporting a perfect 9-0 record.

The Hawks' game with Hill is scheduled to begin at approximately 8 p.m.

The Lady Hawks will also host Hill College, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Howard College women, who just completed a strong performance at the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Pre-Season Tournament, are 7-3 on the season.

Coahoma Invitational event begins Thurs.

The Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament is scheduled to begin Thursday, Dec. 5, in the Coahoma High School gymnasium.

Teams from throughout the area will participate in the three-day event.

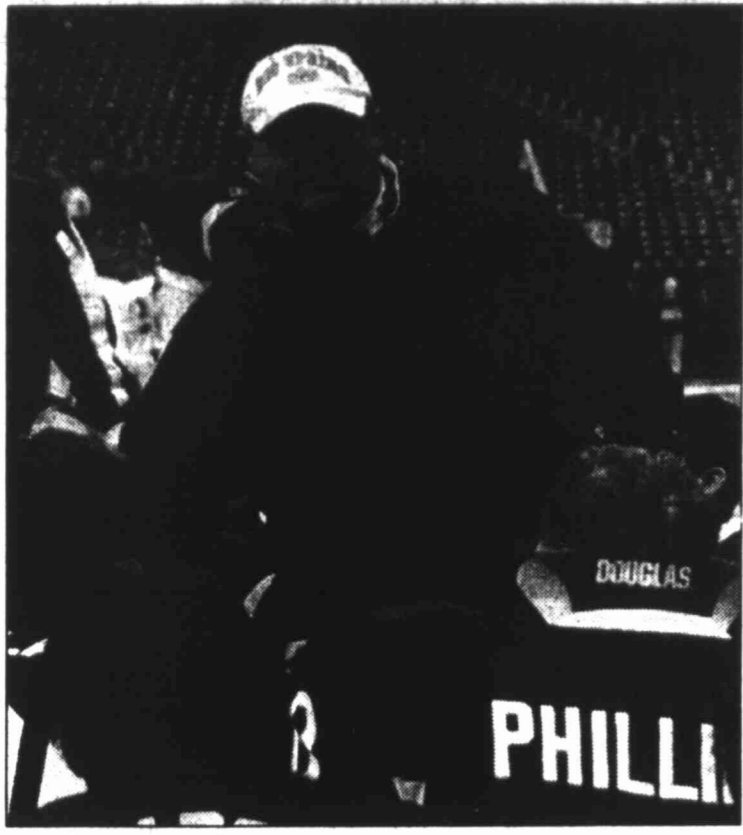
Dolphins' QB injured in loss to Buffalo

Miami Dolphins quarterback Ray Lucas was hurt in the loss at Buffalo, but regular starter Jay Fiedler replaced him.

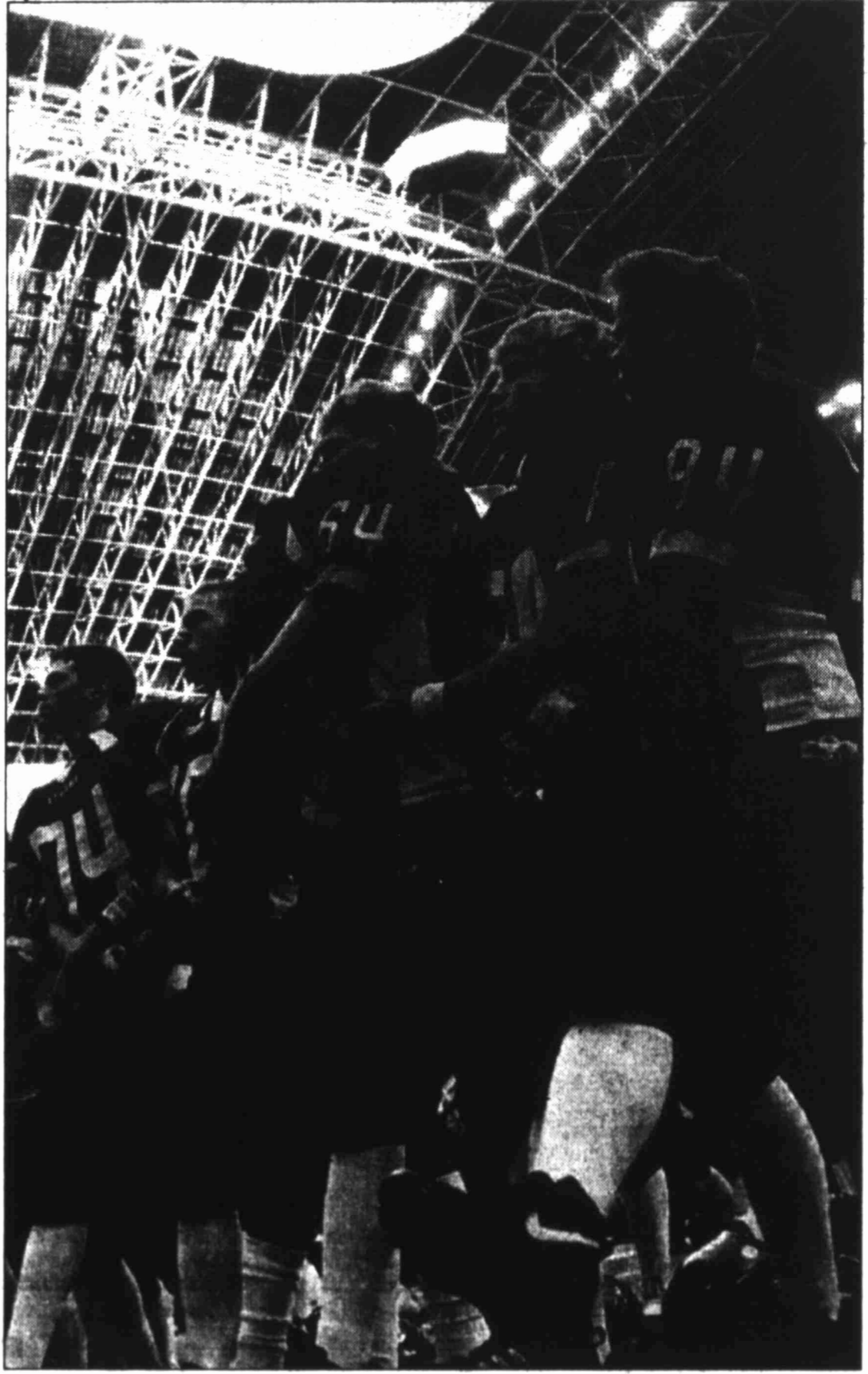
Lucas was diagnosed with a nerve injury in his neck after he was hit on a blitz by linebacker Keith Newman and fell forward into Dolphins tackle Todd Wade.

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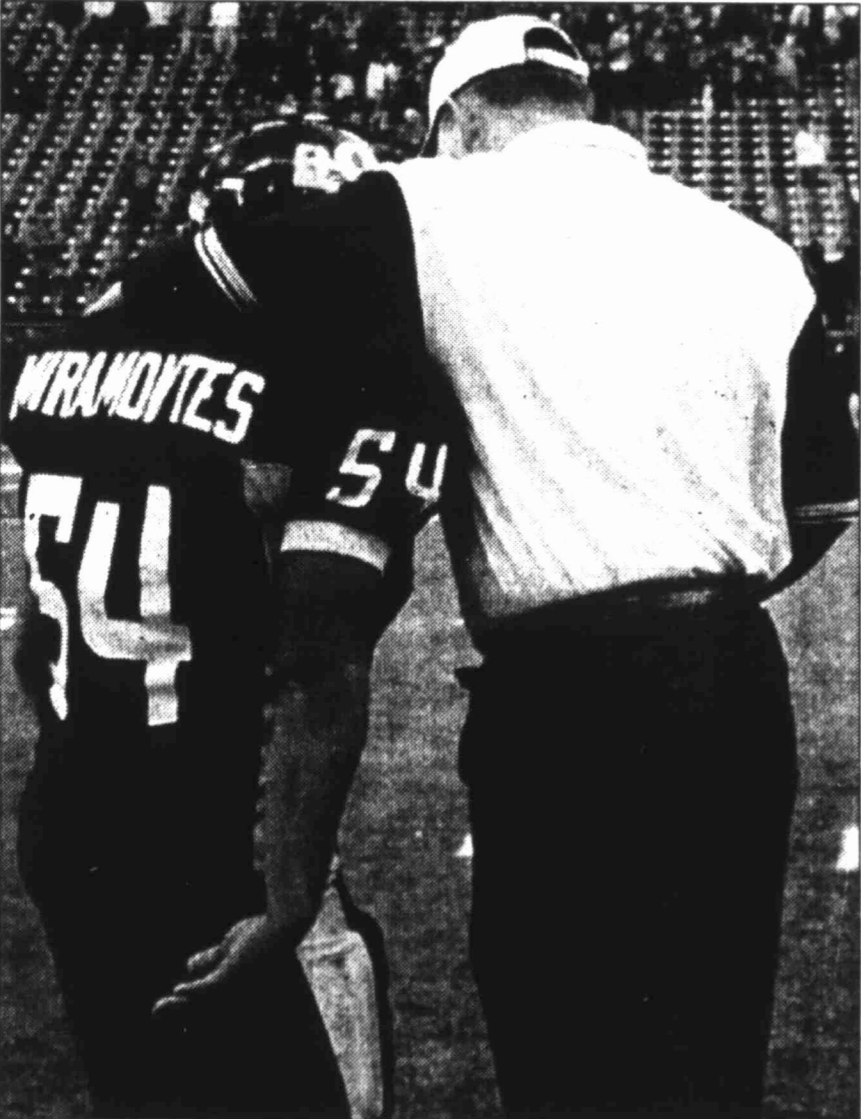
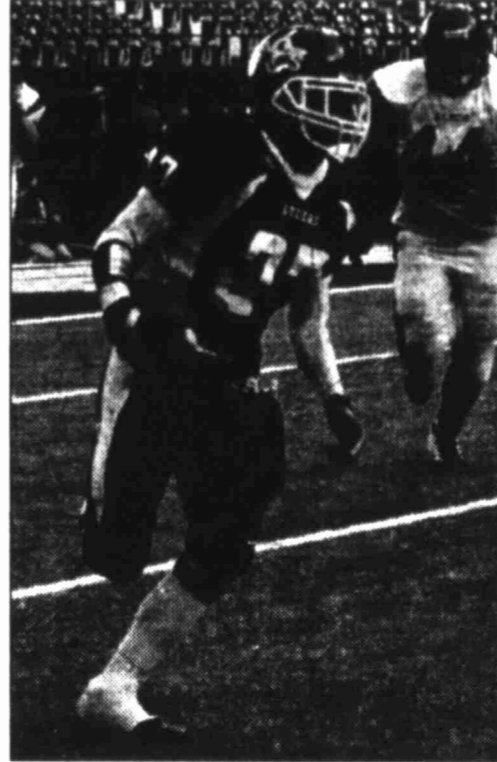
A photographic look at the Steers'



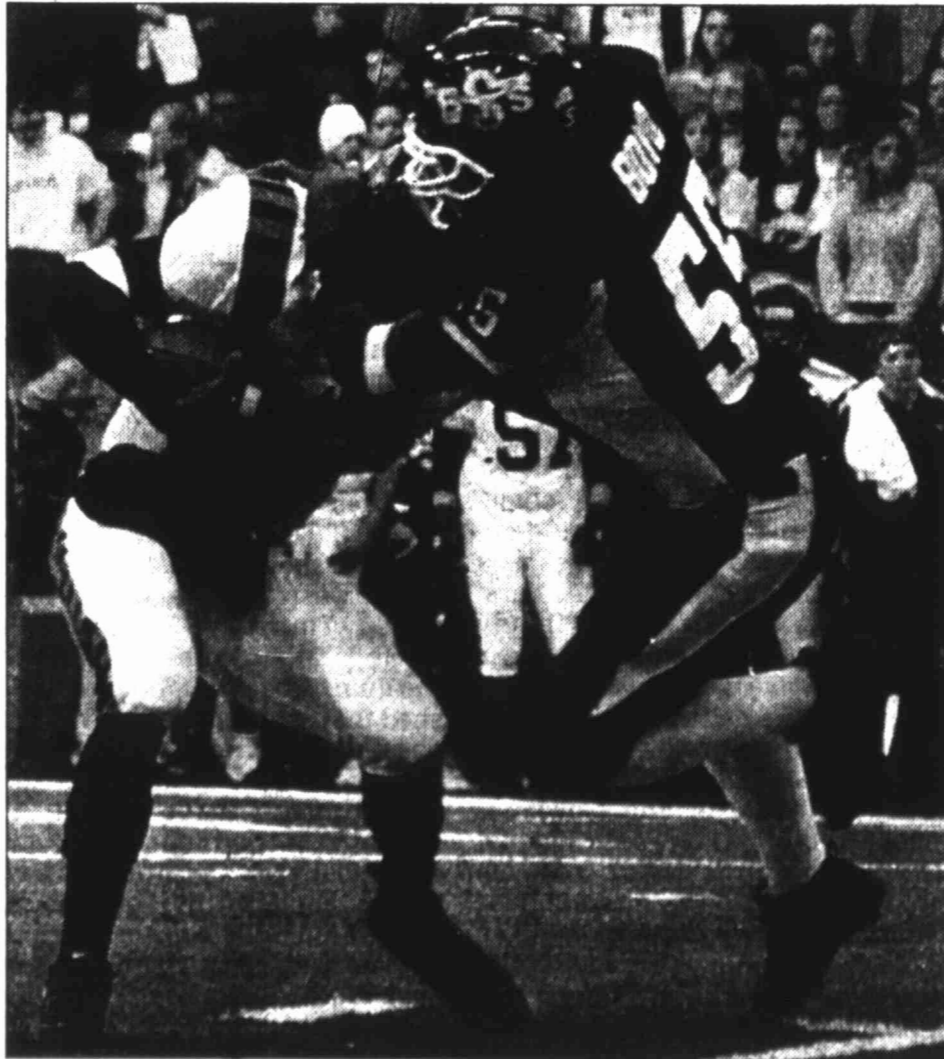
Big Spring head coach (top left) speaks with his players following the Steers' 31-21 loss to Aledo. (Bottom left) BS quarterback Tye Butler and receivers Brandon Mendoza and Curtis Woodruff take a break to discuss strategy.



The Steers closed out their 2002 season with a solid showing under the famed "hole" in Texas Stadium. Big Spring finished the year at 8-5 and advanced to the regional semifinals for the second time in three years.



Following the loss to Aledo, the Big Spring coaching staff quickly hurried onto the field to congratulate their players on a their performance. The Steers, behind a solid push from center Kaniel Miramontez (54) and the entire offensive line, rolled up more than 300 yards in the game.



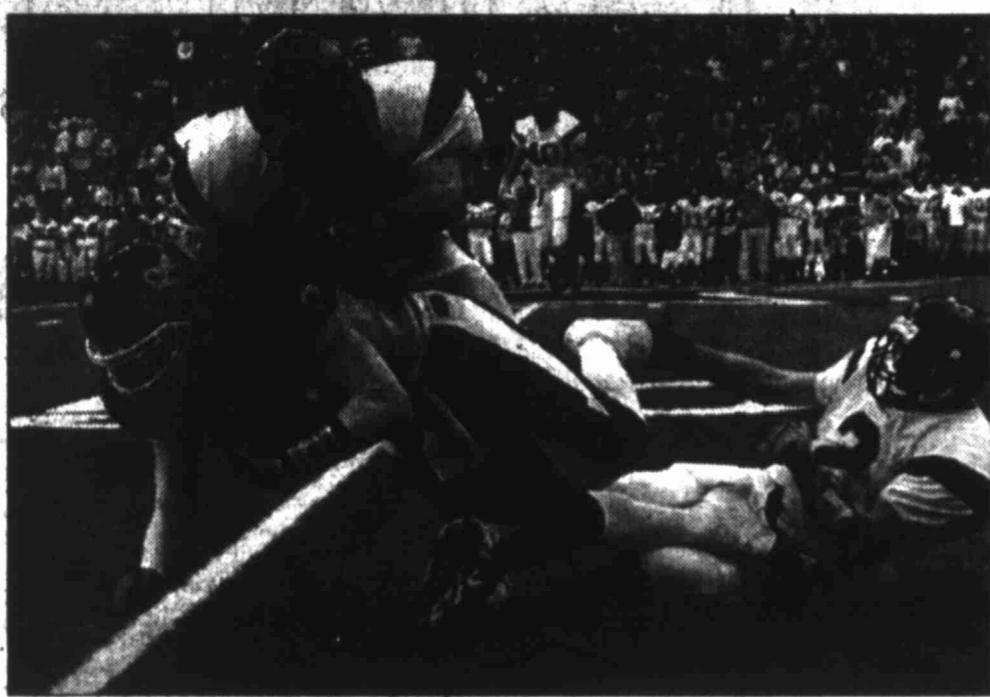
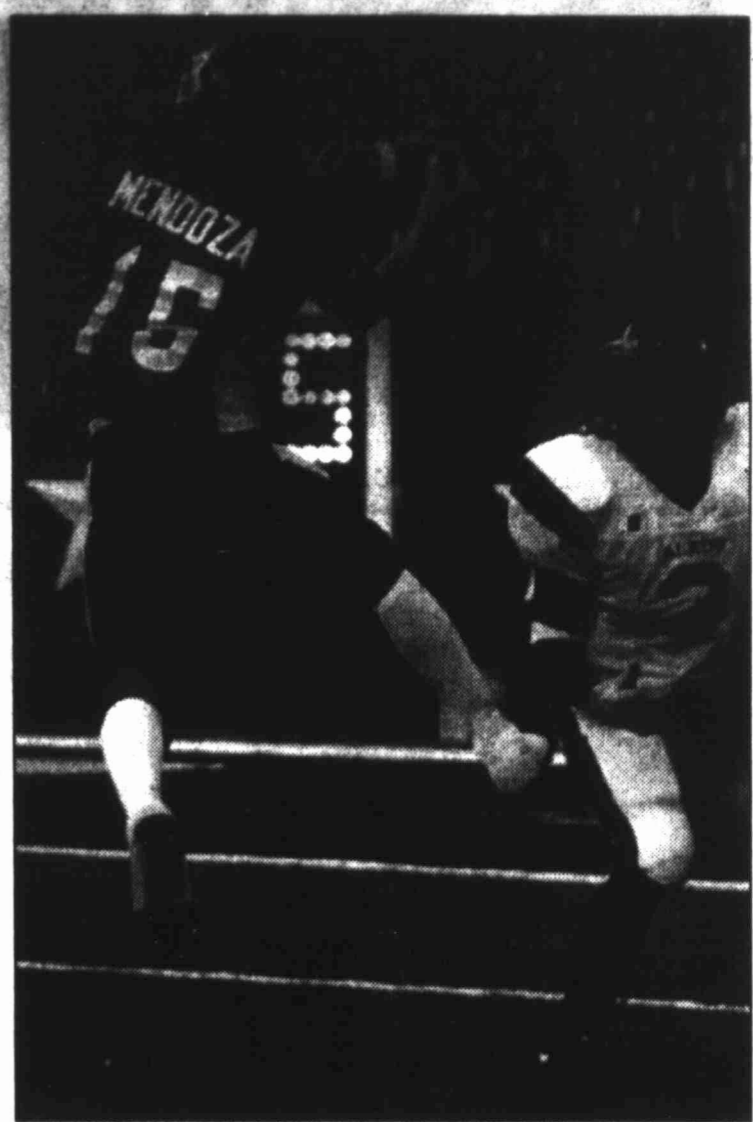
Josh Mathews (top left) scrambles from the shadow of his end zone while Studley (above) helped entertain fans from the sideline. Big Spring defensive tackle Jarod Boyd (left) entertains himself with a sack of Aledo quarterback Broderick Newton.



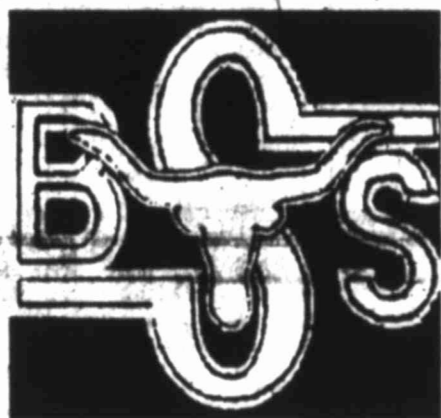
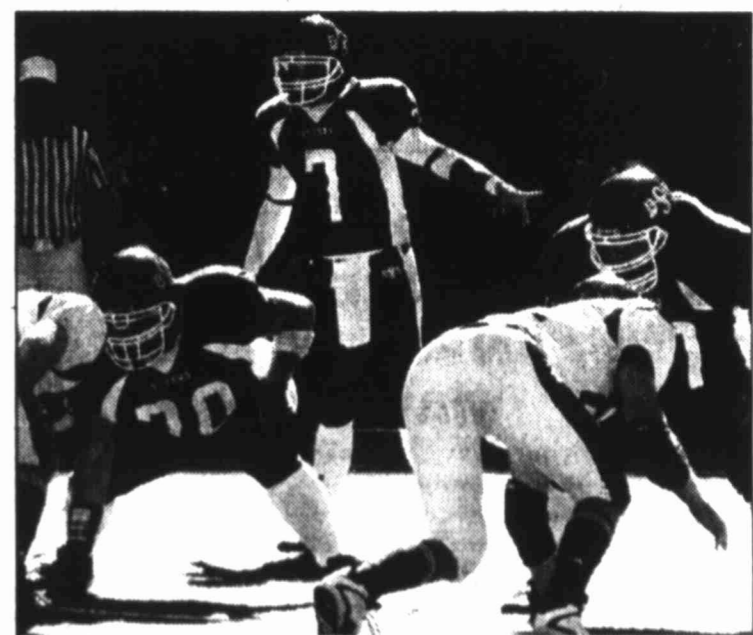
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... A Special Place

playoff game at Texas Stadium

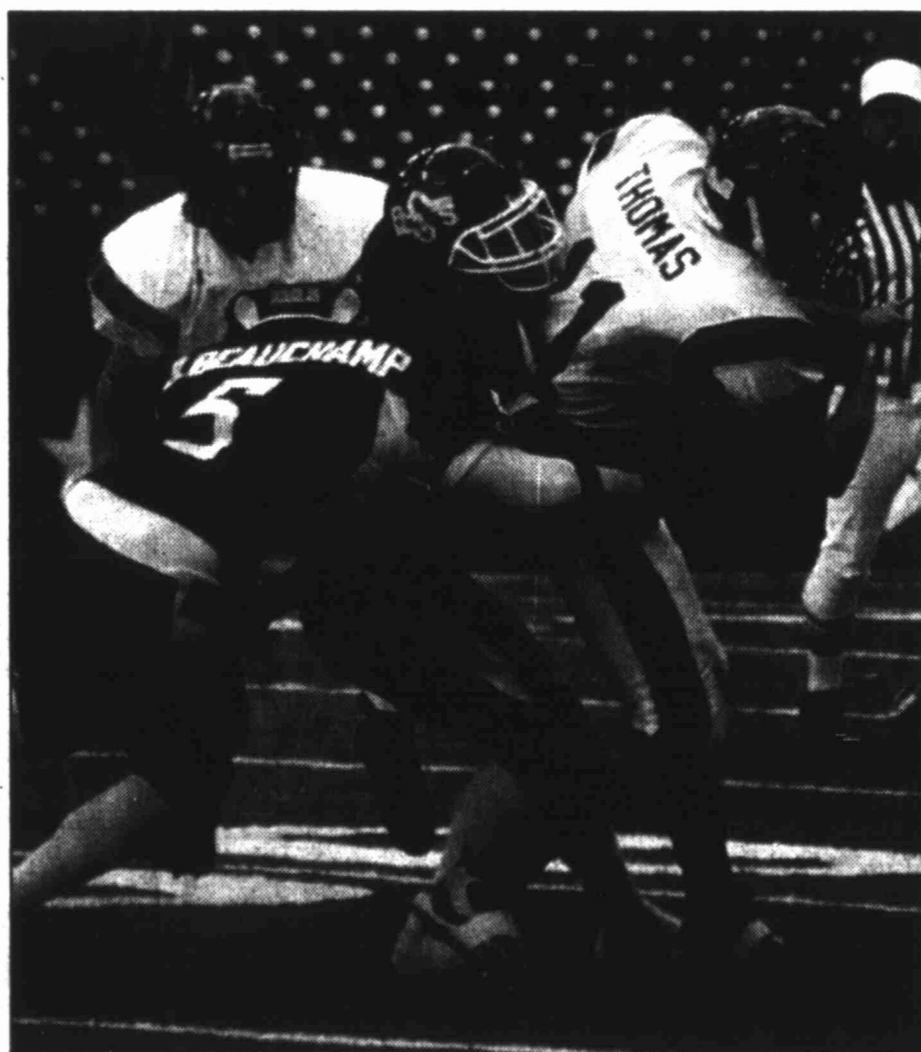
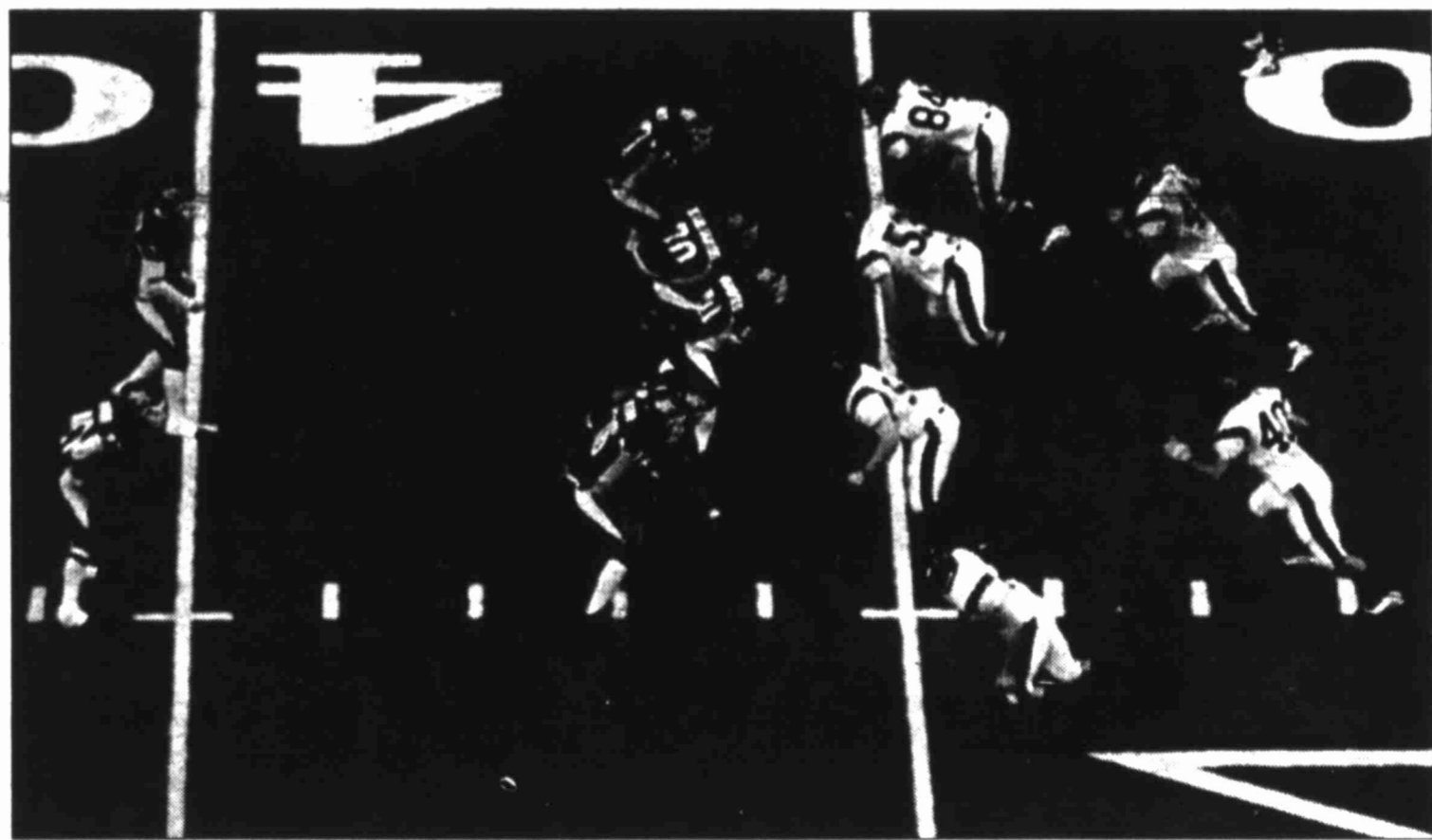


The Big Spring band (above) helped energize a large crowd at Texas Stadium with a rousing performance. The band also performed the national anthem prior to the start of the regional semifinal playoff game. Brandon Mendoza (top right) hauls in a 41-yard pass from Butler late in the fourth quarter as Aledo's Broderick Newton looks on. The BSMS offensive line (right) paved the way for a 282-yard passing effort by Butler, who completed passes to several receivers, including Curtis Woodruff (left).

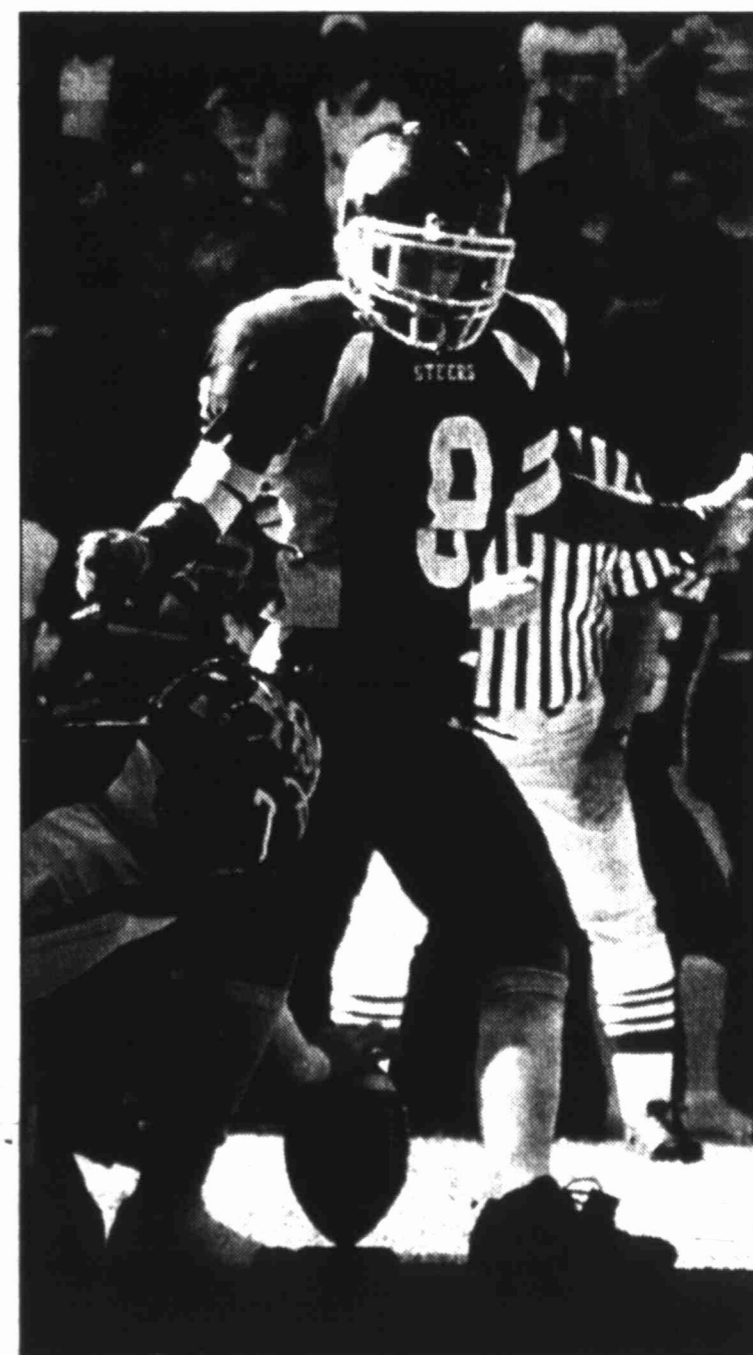


Big Spring Steers

2002 Bi-District Champions
2002 Area Champions
2002 Regional Semifinalist



Quarterback Tye Butler (left) looks for an open receiver down field while scrambling during the first quarter. Butler turned the run into an 11-yard scoring run. Jeremy Cerda and Dustyn Beauchamp (above) wrap up the Bearcats' backup quarterback for a loss late in the game, while Jordan Cobb (right) splits the upright on an extra point attempt.



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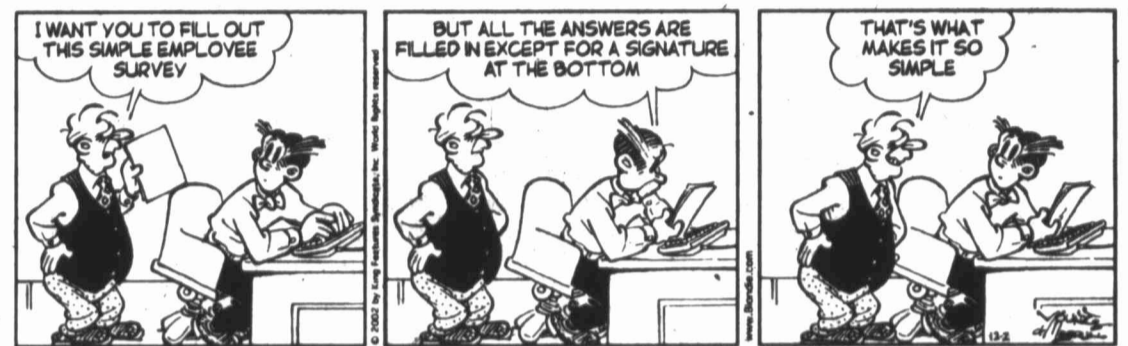


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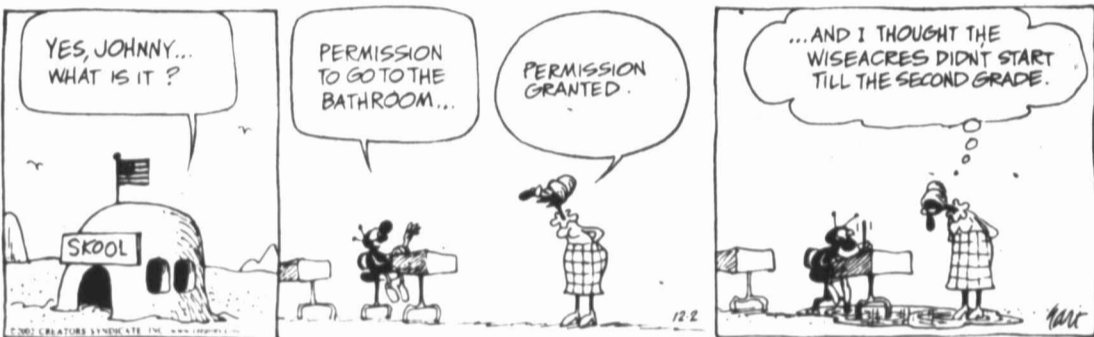
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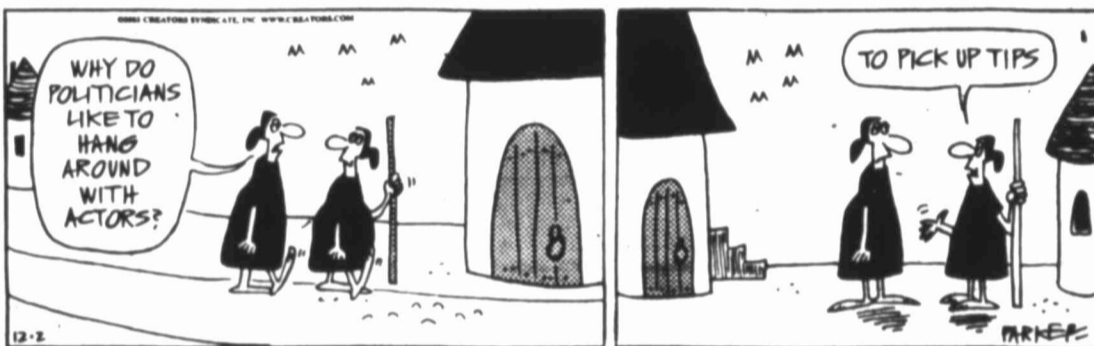
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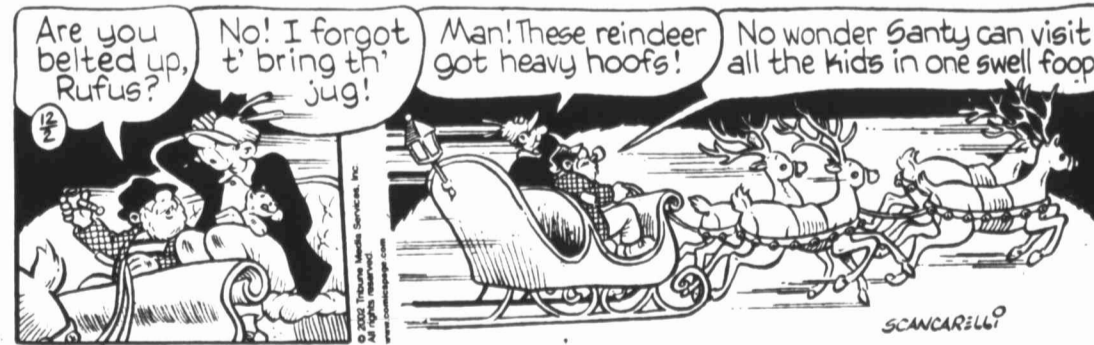
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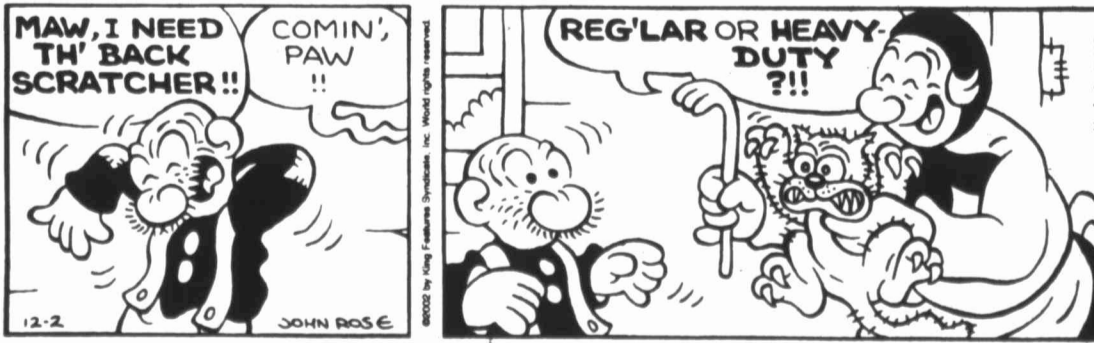
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

The family of imprisoned ex-U.S. Rep. James A. Traficant Jr. put some of his possessions up for auction Sunday - including a duck stamp collection and paintings of a naked woman in a courtroom.

The auction brought in an estimated \$10,000. The stamps sold for \$626 and the two paintings of the naked woman raised \$400 - and some eyebrows.

"It's a piece of history," said Mark Ferrara, who paid \$1,715 for seven wooden church pews used by Traficant for a meeting room.

About 500 people gathered for the three-hour auction. The items were collected from Traficant's Washington, D.C., office, his Boardman office and his Green Township farmhouse.

A silver-haired man in a

black leather coat who bought Traficant's walnut and marble desk for \$1,550 and credenza for \$900 declined to identify himself to a reporter. A three-piece Victorian chair and love seat set brought \$2,000.

Traficant, 61, was convicted on racketeering charges in April and later was expelled from the House. In August, he began serving an eight-year sentence at the Allenwood federal prison in White Deer, Pa.

On Nov. 5, Traficant, running as an independent, lost his jailhouse campaign to retake the 17th District congressional seat.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Megan Mullally, the helium-voiced Park Avenue socialite-turned-office assistant on NBC's "Will & Grace" said the role of Karen Walker doesn't strain her vocal cords.

Mullally said she wouldn't allow it, since her real love is singing.

"Singing isn't an attempt to branch out, but

who I really am," said the Oklahoma City native who recently released her second album, "Big as a Berry" - an eclectic mix of standards, rock, country and blues.

Mullally, 44, formed her band, the Supreme Music Program, about five years ago, but it took only 2 1/2 days to record the album.

"Albums can be flat-lined when you overproduce them, spending six months in the studio," said Mullally. "I never took singing lessons. When I was 4, I began singing songs from the radio and my parents' albums. As an only child, I had a desperate need for self-expression."

Answer to previous puzzle

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