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December 3, 2002 WEATHER

**Tonight:** 



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# BRIEFLY

### LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

Don't forget to pick up your tickets for Saturday or Sunday performances of The Living Christmas Tree at the First United Methodist Church.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The concerts are free, but tickets are necessary. They can be obtained at the church office at the corner of Scurry and Fourth streets.

Tickets are not necessary for Saturday's 2 p.m. dress rehearsal.

### 'WIZARD OF OZ' TICKETS

Advance tickets for the "Wizard of Oz" are on sale at the Big Spring High School theater room. Seating is assigned.

Performances will be at 7:30 nightly Thursday through Saturday, with a matinee on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium, 707 11th Place.

Admission Friday and Saturday is \$5 for the public and \$2 for **BSHS** and Howard College students. Admission for Family Shows Thursday and Sunday is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and \$2 for students.

# HOLIDAY DRIVES

The Big Spring Herald is gathering a list of area Christmas drives. Organizations which are sponsoring charitable drives during the holiday season are asked to contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by email at

newsdesk@crcom.net Please provide the name of the organization, the dates of the drive and drop-off locations. The list will be printed during the holiday season.

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# Traci Pierce is reinstated at Big Spring High School

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School Coach Traci Pierce has been cleared of allegations of inappropriate

behavior with a 🛭 student, but will no 🌄 longer be head coach of the school's volleyball and junior varsity basketball girls' teams.

The decision by the Big Spring school district administration comes after a 30day investigation by Child

**Protective Services.** "Coach Pierce has been exonerated from the charges by Child Protective Services, and has been placed back in the classroom," said Murray Murphy, BSISD superintendent.

Pierce was suspended with pay from her teaching and coaching duties on Oct. 30 after a formal complaint was filed. Identities of the complainants have not been confirmed by school officials, who cite the confidentiality of the complaint process.

The decision to return Pierce to the classroom today came after Murphy received an oral report from CPS saying allegations of inappropriate behavior

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# **Farmers staying in Texas**; agreement finally reached

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Farmers is staying in Texas. That's the word from the Texas Department of Insurance and Farmers Insurance Group, which reportedly reached an agreement to end a lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General John Cornyn against the company for alleged violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act and discrimination against some groups of homeowners.

The agreement involves Farmers paying out \$100 million in savings on 2003 policies and restitution for alleged past overcharges and incorrect credit scoring.

"It's nothing new," said Farmers Tommy agent

"We're not going anywhere. Our policies are going to renew. That's all done."

Tommy Churchwell Farmers agen



Churchwell of Churchwell Insurance Agency in Big Spring. "There's going to be a refund of about 6.8 percent based on our loss history over the past few months. It's better, which we knew it would be, but we didn't know how much. We're still los-

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# For Stone, it's all about the little ones

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Teaching Marcy Elementary's little ones for 22 years, Rebecca Stone is the secondlongest employed faculty member of the school.

"It always appealed to me working with kids," Stone said of the reason she became an educator. "I taught Bible class when I was younger and I seemed to be pretty good at it and just stuck with

"I like the little ones the best," she said. "They keep you busy but it... seems there is always a little body wrapped around you.'

"I want Mrs. Stone to be teacher of the week because she is cool and she always helps me when I need help with my work," wrote C.J. Gonzales, Marcy secondgrader. "She makes me want to go to school."

Graduating from high school in Artesia, N.M., Stone eared her bachelor's in education from Lubbock Christian College, becoming the



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Rebecca Stone reads a story to her Marcy Elementary second grade class. A 22-year veteran of the school, Stone is the second-longest faculty member employed and now is teaching second generation students.

first person in her family with a college degree.

During her education career, Stone has found that a statement by a college professor has rung

"Every year, you never teach the same," she said. "We speed up or slow down depending on the class pacing or do some-

thing different. I'm pretty flexible about scheduling.

And she loves teaching science and social studies "We do lots of activities

# TEACHER OF THE WEEK

"To me it's not about the money. I make enough to support myself. It's when the light goes off in their head. It's the little things that make it worthwhile."

> Rebecca Stone. Marcy Elementary

said. "The kids love to do those. Science is easy to integrate into the whole curriculum. There are lots of really good children's books about science."

After a lengthy career with Big Spring schools, Stone now is teaching a second generation of students but she still has a few more years left in

"To me it's not about

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# Tiny models to strut their stuff Thursday

# 19 dolls will be auctioned during Salvation Army event

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Nineteen tiny models will strut their stuff Thursday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

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gorgeous

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No, it's not a child beau- the dolls before we put contest. These little them out show-offs are of the inanimate variety.

The event is the annual they were. Salvation Army Doll Auction, and the nineteen winners of the corps' I would have liked for doll decoratcontest ing will be up for bids by Christmas

shoppers, doll collectors, the young and young at heart.

"At 11:30 we'll serve lunch," said Salvation Capt. Army Linda Keeney. "We're serving pot roast and baked potatoes, salad and green

beans and tea. For dessert we have purchased a huge cake from Gale's Sweet Shop.'

The auction will get about noon, under way she added. "We had talked about

"People can bid on dolls they would like to purchase for someone they love, or if they just like to collect unique and creative dolls," she said. "The money goes to purchase toys for the children whose parents have come to our

office saying

they need assistance with Christmas."

Keeney said the corps has plans for the dolls not chosen by the contest judges, too.

"The dolls that were not selected as winners will



**HERALD photo/Roger Cline** Salvation Army Capt. Russ Keeney poses with some of the 19 winners of the corps' doll decorating contest. Judges selected the winning dolls Monday. They are scheduled to go on the auction block at noon Thursday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

still go to the girls 12 and under whose parents have asked for Christmas help," Keeney said. "As long as we have dolls, we'll give each child a doll. Each girl. I don't think boys would appreciate it too much."

Judges selected the winning dolls Monday. This year's winning decorators included:

• Formal — First place, tie between Vivian Jones and Joann Miears; second place, Star Tek Team No. 1; third place, Liz Young.

 Ethnic — First place, Liz Young; second place. Mama Hagland; third place, Patricia Aaron.

• Country — First place, Joann Miears; second place, Liz Young; third

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# **Obituary**

### Ralph Bateman

Graveside Masonic memorial services for Ralph Bateman, 87, of Big Spring will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, in the Carlsbad, N.M., City Cemetery.

Mr. Bateman died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, at his home.

He was born on June 30, 1915, in Lewisville. He married Anna Mae Munsey on July 29, 1939, in Newkirk, Okla. She preceded him in death on Oct. 21, 2001.

He had lived most of his life in Carlsbad, N.M., and later moved to Pecos where he spent 10 years before moving to Big Spring in 1996. He was a Baptist and a Mason.

He had worked for U.S. Borax in Carlsbad and been a machinist for the Pennzoil Corp. in Pecos.

Survivors include one son, Van Bateman and his wife, Deb, of Flagstaff, Ariz.; two daughters, Karen Warren and her husband, Jim, of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Pat Broadie and her husband, Don, of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today: • BRYANT STEDMON JONES, 24, of 1451 College was arrested on two local warrants.

• RONDA RENAE VICKERS, 20, of 538 Westover Road was arrested on two local warrants.

• JOHN MARK SANDERS, 47, of 17650 S. Highway 87 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of East FM 700. Somebody reportedly inflicted \$2,000 damage on a department or discount store at the location.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the first hundred block of Lancaster Street, the 2700 block of Wasson Road, the 500 block of South Runnels Street and the 8900 block of Interstate 20 North Service Road.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1200 block of East Interstate 20 and the 500 block of

• DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity over the weekend:

· ASSAULT: 1

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 5 • BURGLARY OF A BUILDING: 2

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION: 7

• BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 4

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 10

• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: 1 DRIVING WITH AN INVALID LICENSE: 2

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE BY A

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA: 2

• RUNAWAY/RECOVERED: 1 • THEFT: 34

Convenience Store Thefts: 30 Beer thefts: 3

Gasoline drive-offs: 27 UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A WEAPON: 1

• **AR**RE**STS**: 39

• ACCIDENTS: 13

Major: 4

Minor: 9

# Sheriff's report

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

· THREATS were reported in the 3100 block of

· MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the first hundred block of Interstate 20 North Service Road.

· BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at Ace Wrecking in the 1500 block of Highway 350.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 100 block of Pettus. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

• LOOSE SHEEP was reported near the intersection of Highway 350 and FM 700.

# **Markets**

AT&T CORP	28.03 + 0.03
ARCHER-DANIELS	13.05009
ATMOS ENERGY	22.79 n/c
BP PLC ADR	39.27 + 0.52
CHEVRONTEXACO	67.37 + 0.71
CITIGROUP	38.25 -0.27
CORNELL COS	9.20 -0.05
DELL COMPUTER	28.82 -0.11
DU PONT CO	43.88 -0.12
EXXON MOBIL	34.85 + 0.27
HALLIBUTRON CO.	20.85 + 0.07
INTL BUS MACHINE	85.90 -1.40
INTEL CORP	20.43 -0.62
NUVEEN MUNI VAL	9.08 + 0.02
PATTERSON-UTI	30.85 + 0.05
PEPSICO INC.	42.62 + 0.41
SBC COMMS	27.63 -0.72
SEARS RPEBICL	27.08 -0.91
TXU CORP	15.33 + 0.15
TEXAS INSTRUMENT	19.10 -0.67
TOTAL FINA ELF	66.07 + 0.68
UNOCAL CORP DEL	30.29 -0.68
WAL-MART STORES	53.80 -0.58
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# Support groups

□ Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting from 5 p.m. to 6

### **MONDAY**

☐ TOPS Club TX 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

☐ Military Support Group, first Monday of the month, meets at 6 p.m., VAMC, room 212. For more information contact Holly Moore 263-8106 or 263-8574.

□ New Voice Club is a support group for laryngectomees and their families. No dues. For more information, call 267-2800.

☐ Encourager's Support Group, all widows and widowers are invited, meets 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. More more information call, 398-5522

☐ Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates and times of upcoming groups.

☐ Bereavement Support Group meets at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Community Care Hospice.

☐ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

 $\square$  Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

☐ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation. Center.

# **FRIDAY**

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

# **SATURDAY**

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking Meeting Celebrating AA Sobriety Yearly Birthdays, 615 Settles the last Saturday of every month covered dish supper at 7 p.m. Birthday meeting at 8 p.m.

EMS and fire runs for Monday.

7:42 a.m. — 4400 bock of Elder, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

11:42 a.m. — 500 block of South Main St., trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

2:21 p.m. — 2300 block of Thorpe, medical call, one patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

5:05 p.m. — 8100 block of Midway Road, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

6:01 p.m. — 1900 block of North Highway 97, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:22 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

8:31 p.m. - 2400 block of Gregg St., medical call, onepatient transported to the VA Medical Center.

10:07 p.m. — 8900 block of the I-20 Service Road, traffic accident, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, two patients refused transport.

# Take note

☐ THE BIG SPRING HIGH school speech and debate team is selling a limited edition Steer "Beanie Babies" as a fund-raiser for a short time only.

The steer is a solid black color with white horns and an embossed gold BSS on its side. Each "beanie baby" is priced at \$8 each and will be delivered in late January. Orders will be taken on a first come, first serve bases.

To place an order, send \$8 per steer to Big Spring High School c/o Debate; 707 11th Place; Big Spring 79720. Please include: Name, address and phone number with the order. For more information, call Adams at 264-3641, ext. 234.

THE CALLAWAY FAMILY IS selling three pound tubs of cookie dough for \$10 a piece to raise funds for Travis Callaway, Big Spring High School freshman. who has been chosen to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program.

If you have Items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email moseley@crcom.net.

TODAY Intermediate Line Dance Classes, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, 9 a.m., 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center.

Alzaheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main, 2 p.m.

VFW Post 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

Sheriff's Posse, Clubhouse on Andrews Highway, 7

Lancaster, 7 p.m, Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star.

Masonic Lodge, 219 Main, 7;30 p.m.

American Red Cross, Canterbury South, 1600

### WEDENSDAY

West Texas Opportunities, community meeting, 10 a.m., 208 Ownes St., refreshments served.

Optimist Club, Howard County Cactus Room, 7

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, SMMC classroom,

Downtown Lion's Club, Howard County Cactus Room, noon.

Line Dancing, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center,

Duplicate Bridge Club, Big Spring Country Club, 1

Industiral park, 1 p.m., 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie, Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third, 7 p.m.

### **THURSDAY**

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, Herman's Resturant, 7 a.m.

Coffee Club, Gale's, 7 a.m.

Kiwanis Club, Howard College Cactus Room, noon,

Duplicate Bridge Club, Big Spring Country Club, 1

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, Howard County Library, 7:15 p.m.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 2101 Lancaster, 7:30 p.m.

# AMBUCS, Brandin Iron Inn, noon.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, country and western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors aré invited.

# **SATURDAY**

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, open for tours from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citi-

Eagles Lodge, dance, 8:30 p.m., 703 W. Third. Members and their guests are welcome.

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# Nominator

I want Mrs. Stone to be teacher of the week, because she is cool and she always helps me when I need help with my work. She makes me want to go to school. Please make her teacher of the week. She is a good teacher.

> C.J. Gonzales, Marcy second grader

# How to **NOMINATE**

The Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring **Education Federal** Credit Union congratulate Rebecca Stone as the Teacher of the Week.

If you want to earn your favorite teacher a quick \$25 in cash, send your nomination for Teacher of the Week to the Herald at 710 Scurry St., by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom or jmoseley@crcom.net

Nominations can be mailed to P.O. Box. 1431, Big Spring 79720.

 Nominees must be currently teaching in Howard County.

· Anyone who attended a school in Howard County may submit a nomination.

 Students can nominate their former or current teacher.

Draw, write, e-mail, 'scrawl (must be legible); on a piece of paper, the back of your mom's grocery list or even write a song about your favorite teacher. Creativity counts. Focus on how the teacher impacted you while in his or her class.

# **DOLLS**

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place, Liz Young.Sport — First place, Star Tek Team No. 9.

 Casual — First place, Patricia Aaron; second place, Star Tek/Janice Stalling; third place, Joann Smoot.

 Honorable Mentions Liz Young, two dolls; Dorothy Webster, two dolls; Star Tek Team No.

"The winning dolls were gorgeous," Keeney said. "We had talked about the dolls before we put them out and how gorgeous they were. There were some there that I would have liked for myself."

Last year's auction raised about \$1,200, Keeney said. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. For more information call the Salvation Army Headquarters at 267-8239.

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ing money, but not nearly as much as we were."

Texas Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor was upbeat about the agreement in a statement released Saturday.

"This agreement is good news for consumers and will have a positive impact on the Texas homeowners market," he said. "Farmers Insurance has a long-standing relationship with Texas and I am happy that they will continue to play a vital role in the Texas insurance market."

According to the TDI statement, Farmers customers will receive a 6.8 percent rate reduction effective between Jan. 1 and Sept. 1, 2003, adjusted discounts for credit scoring and age of the home and adjustments to territory relativities valued at \$35 million.

Also included in the deal is \$50 million in premium renewal credits for overcharges due to unfunded catastrophic loss load, management fees, improper credit scoring, age of home discounts and territory relativities.

The company will also refund about \$5 million to customers whose credit reports contained errors "which they were unable to correct due to inadequate notice by Farmers," according to the statement. The \$5 million also includes reimbursement for the state's investigative and attorney fees.

None of the restitution will be cash payments, Churchwell said.

"It all comes in the form of renewal credits, basically," he said. "So there's not any money changing hands, we'll give them a credit on their renewals."

Churchwell said the deal allows Farmers to continue to do business in Texas.

"We're not going anywhere," he said. "Our policies are going to renew. That's all done. Hopefully we'll see the same headlines as we used to see before but in reverse: 'Farmers Stays in Texas,' not '...Leaves Texas.' It's always good to get on the other side of it,



Scenic Mountain Medical Center 1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211

you know?"

In the TDI statement, Montemayor said the agreement allows Farmers to continue selling homeowners policies while remaining within Texas law.

"(The) agreement accomplishes both goals to the benefit of Farmers sumers," he said. "I believe that this agreement will begin a new, positive relationship between TDI and Farmers Insurance."

Churchwell said he was attending a meeting in San Angelo today to learn more about the agreement.

Roger Cline at 263-7331 these programs at this

ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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are unfounded, he said. Murphy said the decsion to remove Pierce policyholders, Farmers from the top coaching agents and all Texas con- jobs is based on concerns about choices she made as coach.

Contact Staff Writer sign Coach Pierce out of

Entry onto the premises beyond the hours in the ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor. time." "The decision to reas-Pierce will be reassigned to other coaching

sign Coach Pierce is based on information gathered during my phase of this investigation," Murphy said. "I feel it is in the best overall interest of the volleyball and basketball program, as well as the BSISD, to reas-

# TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

uring the evenings

Beginning today, the city of Big Spring will be closing the gates to Comanche Trail Park and the Dortoberts Community Center during the evenings.

The move is in conjunction with an ordinance in

Art. 4, Div. 1, Sec. 6-70, which states that the hour

of operation for all park facilities will be between 6

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### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Ralph Batemen, 87, died Saturday. Masonic graveside memorial services are 11:00 AM Thursday in Carlsbad.

# **Hangar 25 Air Museum** sets Saturday open house

Special to the Herald

Hangar 25 Air Museum will hold an open house immediately following the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade on Saturday.

Hangar officers, board of directors and volunteers traditionally serve hot chocolate, hot spiced tea and cookies for the

The museum will be open for tours from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. There are six new display cases with memorabilia donated to the museum during October's All Webb Reunion. The stained

997 E. FM 700

glass window will also be lighted for night viewing.

The store will be open and stocked the new merchandise. There are inexpensive items which could make interesting stocking stuffers and new collectable votive candle holders which depict the museum.

New this year aré Webb AFB pins, hats and patches. The toy department also features action fig.. ures for both boys and girls.

For more information on Hangar 25, contact Susan Lewis or Deanna Foresyth at 264-1999.

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# PSST....."What's In The Bag?"



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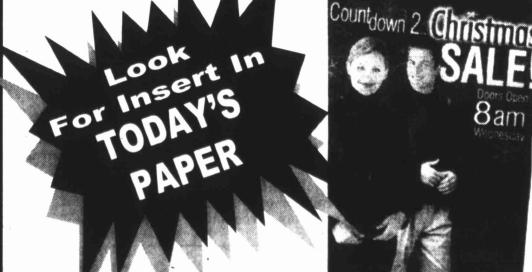
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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Remember to benefit our local economy

ith a relatively short Christmas shopping season in full swing, almost all of us are thinking about what would make good gifts. Unless, of course, you are one of those who are organized and shop ahead of time, taking advantage of sales throughout the year or making purchases the minute you spot the right gift.

Many will wait until the very last moment. At some point, however, we'll all have reached the same end.

Then it's simply a matter of where we'll do our shopping.

We encourage all our readers to shop at home. At the very least, we can shop Big Spring first.

There are always those who are convinced bigger is better and immediately head to shopping malls in larger cities. Others opt for the supposed convenience of sitting at home and making selections over the Internet.

It seems to us, however, that passing up on what Big Spring has to offer makes little or no

First of all, many of those sales prices touted by stores in larger cities are no real bargain when one adds the cost of making a trip out of

And any purchase made elsewhere does nothing to benefit our local economy.

So, no matter how much of your Christmas shopping list still needs to be addressed, take a

minute and look around our community first. Make sure you help your friends and neighbors stay in business.

In the process, you'll not only be helping local merchants. You'll be helping yourself. In other words, you'll be helping us all.

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# A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, show us how to live a life for you and be willing to bring others to you.

Liberals hate sport utility veh The author is ticked off with." Oh? I know two t goes without saying that liberals

hate the free market, big business, even democracy when the voters disagree with them. If truth were known, they hate the human race

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that part of it which is not them. Darn those human beings for not living their lives according to the liberal prescrip-

A sales pitch, masquerading as a book review, in The New York Times shows the liberal biases perfectly.

The book was written by a New York Times reporter about the sport utility vehicle and was reviewed by a college professor who teaches journalism.

Both show their low regard for others. I won't name the book; it doesn't deserve any publicity.

The professor and apparently the author do not raise the issue that is the premise of the book.

that sport utility vehicles are classified as trucks under the federal government's laws governing gasoline mileage.

The two of them consider this a high crime and the result of nefarious moves and dark motives. Neither of them questions the government's right to regulate gasoline consumption by private vehicles, though there is nothing in the Constitution that would authorize it. The fact is that when

Congress passes bad laws, the number of which seem to be increasing, people find a way to get around them. Are SUVs trucks? They certainly look more like trucks than cars to me. The government can define anything and anybody in any way it wishes. And why should we care, given that it should not be meddling in the automobile industry at

The author and the professor, however, see a sinister motive even for people who buy these vehicles. "The SUV, it turns out," says the professor, "is a vehicle of aggression, a machine to menace other people

ladies who ended up with SUVs. They weren't looking to menace anyone. They were looking for a third seat and a safe vehicle in which to haul kids.

These two liberals (the reviewer alternates between quoting the author and spouting off himself) think SUVs are "tippy monstrosities with mediocre brakes that block other drivers' view of the road and inflict massive damage during collisions."

Another load of horse apples. It's a matter of the laws of physics that taller vehicles are more prone to tip over than shorter cars.

Still, any car will tip over if the centrifugal force exceeds the grip of gravity.

Ask a sports-car racer. Knowing how to drive means knowing the limits of your vehicle. And in a collision,

SUVs are generally safer. Again, the laws of physics. All else being equal, a heavier vehicle will deliver more force than a lighter vehicle. An SUV certainly is likely to demolish a Honda Civic, but an 18-wheeler or a dump truck will cer-

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tainly demolish an SUV. and a train will destroy an 18-wheeler.

They also think it is deceptive and stupid for people to want four-wheel drive when they "obviously" are not going to be driving off-road. The liberal always knows what is in the minds of the multitude.

Many SUVs don't come with four-wheel drive as a standard feature. In fact, though, in the parts of the country where there is likely to be ice and snow, four-wheel drive is definitely safer than two-wheel drive.

What is really causing these two liberals to choke on their own bile is simply freedom -- a free people making their own choice about what kind of vehicle they wish to drive.

They can't stand free people not agreeing with their prejudices. As it happens, I don't drive a sport utility vehicle.

My children are grown: I've given up'hunting; so a sedan suits me fine. But if I wanted to buy an SUV, I'd say it's none of the damned business of any liberal who doesn't like it.

All liberals are just gutless wannabe dictators.

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# Unwelcome light on Saudi relationship

he revelation that checks written by the wife of the Saudi ambassador might have helped fund the Sept. 11 hijackers shines an unwelcome light on the U.S-Saudi relation-



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ing to undermine U.S. interests in the Middle East?

It is unlikely that Princess Haifa bint Faisal knowingly funneled money to the hijackers, but the highlevel money trail is a symptom of a larger problem, and that's the double game played by

The Saudis cozy up to each successive American administration, delivering a steady supply of oil in return for assurances that the U.S. military will protect the Saudi oil fields should the need arise. At the same time, the Saudi government allows radical Islamic, anti-

American hate to spread

the Saudi royal family.

unchecked throughout its system of religious schools. This love-hate relationship with the United States serves Saudi interests, and if Sept. 11 hadn't happened, the story would end there. But it was no accident that 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudis.

The desert kingdom has turned out to be a breeding ground for terrorists. Osama bin Laden, a Saudi by birth, must be smiling somewhere. The goal of his terror campaign is the overthrow of the royal family. The mounting distrust

between the United States and Saudi Arabia is a first step toward the destabilization he seeks.Reports about the princess backing the terrorists, even if she did so unknowingly, come at a terrible time for the administration.

With a possible invasion of Iraq looming, use of Saudi air bases is essential to military success. The royal family has reluctantly agreed to the Pentagon's request. But every move toward the Western infidels provokes deep anger and resentment from the Islamic fundamentalists.

The Bush administration has longstanding ties with the Saudi royal \* family, both professional-

ly and personally. Prince Bandar has represented the Saudi government in Washington since the Nixon administration. A charismatic figure who enjoys a good cigar when he's away from the watchful eye of his country's religious leaders, Bandar has forged such a close bond with the Bushes that they dubbed him "Prince Bandar Bush" after he shared a Thanksgiving dinner with the family at Kennebunkport. Former President Bush

became a revered figure in the eyes of the Saudis after his administration successfully ousted the Iraqi army from Kuwait in 1991, and sanctioned U.S. troops to remain in the area to provide ongoing protection. After Bush left office, key figures from his administration, including Dick Cheney, found the Saudi kingdom a promising source for lucrative business deals.

After Sept. 11, the Bush administration resisted the creation of a blue-ribbon commission to look into the intelligence failures that led to the terrorist attacks. Supporters. of the commission finally prevailed, but the White House held out until after the November election to draw tight guidelines about what the commission can pursue.

The royal family's legitimacy as a government comes from their assertion that they represent the true faith, and are the guardians of Mecca. Their association with the United States undermines that legitimacy.

If the Saudis cut off the money flow from wealthy Saudis to Islamic charities believed to be the core funders•of Al Qaeda and other radical movements, they risk a backlash that could threaten their survival.

The truth about the U.S./Saudi relationship is not pretty.

American governments have looked the other way as the Saudi royal family represses its people - especially women and supports radical Islamic groups.

Reliance on Saudi oil has been uppermost in the minds of the policy makers.

Prediction: Saudi autocracy and repression are out of step with the modern age. A more democratic government is certain to take hold there. The only question is whether or not the United States is perceived to be on the side of democratic revolutionaries or the House of Saud.

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# as attorney general

AUSTIN (AP) - Former Supreme Court Justice Greg Abbott, who won the November election to become attorney general, was sworn into office Monday, replacing John Cornyn, who became a U.S. senator.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips administered the oath of office in the rotunda of a state office building as Abbott's wife, Cecilia, and 5-year-old daughter, Audrey, stood nearby. Members of the attorney general's office staff also attended.

Abbott, 45, beat former Austin Mayor Kirk Watson to become the attorney general. His swearing-in ceremony Monday came shortly after Cornyn was sworn in as Texas' newest U.S. senator.

Abbott said in the coming months he would lay out a detailed agenda for his office, but said at the top of his agenda is a committment to enforce the state's laws, defend the constitution and represent the legal interests of state agencies.

# **Stay sought on** Mexican trucks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) A coalition of environmental, labor and trucking industry groups has asked a judge for an emergency stay of President Bush's decision to open U.S. highways to trucks from Mexico.

The groups filed the request Monday morning, saying the federal government did not adequately review the impact the trucks would have on air quality north of the border.

On Wednesday, Bush opened U.S. highways to Mexican trucks beyond the 20-mile commercial border zones where Mexican rigs currently transfer their cargo to U.S. trucks that carry the loads to points within the United States.

# **Lawmaker wants** tribal land gambling

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas' three American Indian tribes would be allowed to operate casinos in their sovereign territory under legislation being drafted by state Rep. Terry Keel.

"(The legislation) would simply allow the recognized tribes to pursue their own gambling rights on their own property to the same extent that the state of Texas has done with the lottery, horse racing and charitable bingo," Keel, R-Austin, said Monday.

Gaming at the Tiguas' Speaking Rock casino was declared illegal in federal court earlier this year, but Keel predicted that the bill would win solid support in the Republican-controlled House.

A similar measure passed the Texas House in the last legislative session, but gambling opponents blocked the bill from debate in the state Senate.

# **Court to hear** homosexual case

**WASHINGTON (AP)** -Supreme

reopened a homosexual rights issue Monday, agreeing to decide a case that asks if it's unconstitutional for states to punish same-sex couples for having sex.

Justices will decide if Texas violated the rights of two men convicted, under a rarely used state law, of having intercourse.

The Supreme Court has struggled with how much protection the Constitution offers in the bedroom. The court ruled

tional right to private homosexual sex, upholding laws that ban sodomy.

The latest case gives the court a chance to overturn that decision and strike down sodomy laws in Texas and 12 other

# **Peak mailing day** expected Dec. 16

WASHINGTON (AP) Inclement weather never bothered the Postal Service, so why should a shortened holiday season prevent it from delivering the goods on time this year?

The Postal Service estimates it will deliver about 20 billion letters, packages and other items 5-4 in 1986 that consenting between Thanksgiving adults have no constitu- and Christmas, said Pat

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Donahoe, the Service's chief operating officer. He said improved technology and extra service hours should help postal workers get the job done.

The peak mailing day is expected to be Monday,

Postal million items will be postmarked - about 185 mil-Donahoe said. The busiest delivery day should be two days later.

Donahoe said last weekend's solid start of Christmas shopping and Dec. 16, when about 850 optimistic projections for

catalogue and other mailorder shipments bode lion more than average, well for the Postal Service's finances.

> "We expect to meet and expectations,' exceed Donahoe told reporters Monday at a news conference.



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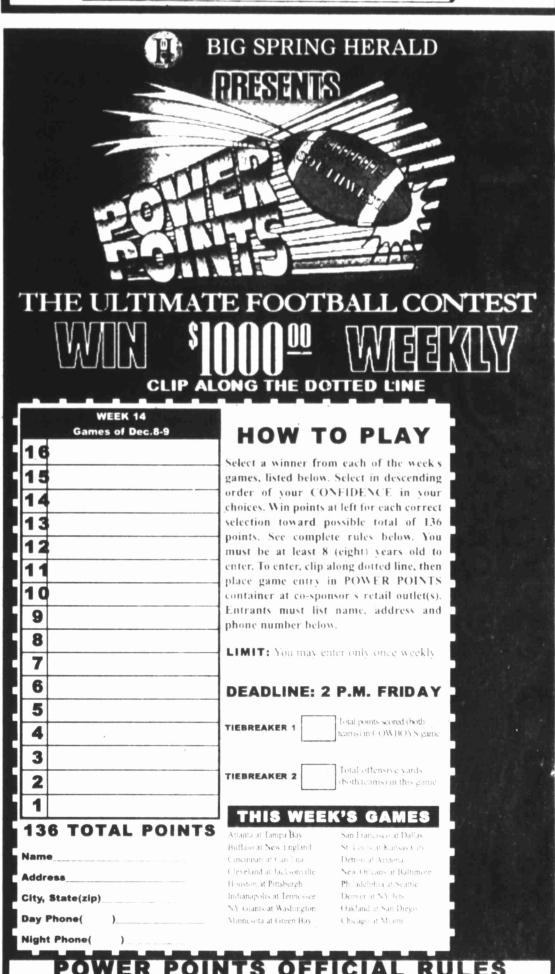
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the contest will receive \$ 1,000

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started taking re play basketball this winter. The registra tion fee is \$20 and includes a team t-shirt and award. The dead-line date 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. 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

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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 263-8731 or contact Mandy Rodriguez during business hours at

Big Spring giris will host Lamesa today

The Big Spring Lady Steers will host Lamesa tonight in the Big Spring High School gymnasium. The nondistrict game will tip off at 6 p.m.

The Lady Steer' next game will be Dec. 5 when they open the Concho Basketball Tournament in San Angelo.

The BSHS boys will travel to Lamesa

Sands, Sanderson to meet in Big Lake The Sands Mustangs

and Sanderson Eagles will square off in the state semifinals Friday night in Big Lake.

Sanderson, which lost to eventual state champion Whitharral in the semifinals last year, enters the game with a 13-0 record. Sands, which has won 10 straight games since dropping a 50-40 decision to the Eagles in Week 3 of the year, is 12-1.

The two teams will kick-off the action beginning at 7:30 p.m.

'Hawk Talk' to air Dec. 11 on KBST Hawk Talk will be

broadcast on Dec. 11 with host Sam Stephens at 9 a.m. on on Dec. 11. The live broadcast will high-light athletic happen-ings at Howard

Coahoma tourney ips off Thursda

Thursday at II a.m. when the Coahoms zirls face Presidio.

# IN BRIEF Slocum gets the ax at Texas

COLLEGE STATION (AP) -Texas A&M head coach R.C. Slocum, the winningest coach in Texas A&M history, was fired Monday after the Aggies went a disappointing 6-6 in the regular season; capped by a 50-20 loss to Texas.

During his 14-year tenure as head coach, Slocum's teams went 123-47-2, a .715 winning percentage second only to D.X. Bible, who posted a .765 winning percentage in 1917 and from 1919 to

But A&M fans were disappointed that the Aggies have become less competitive in the Big 12 South \_ their 3-5 finish was their first losing record in league play

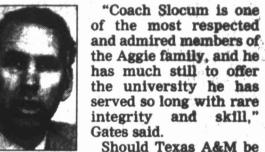
Slocum was 21-15 over the past three seasons, losing at least four er to the president.

games each year. In the 10 seasons previous. A&M lost as many as four games only twice.

"We had a season where we lost several close games that could have gone either way and no one was more disappointed than me with our record," he said in a prepared state-

really outstanding young players and I felt our future was bright." Slocum told his players at a 4 p.m. team meeting.

In a statement, the school said A&M President Robert M. Gates asked Slocum to step down as head football coach Monday and assume the role of special advis-



Should Texas A&M be SLOCUM offered a bowl game, Texas A&M regents

ment. "How-ever, we have some chairman Earl Nye said: "I believe the understanding is he would coach through any bowl. ... If you name somebody (new) tomorrow, it would make sense

for (Slocum) to take them out (on the field) and to leave the new coach to recruit." Slocum, 58, was in the fourth

year of a seven-year deal he signed in 1999 worth \$1 million

annually, including a base salary of \$300,000. The rest of the package was to come from radio and television programs, a housing allowance, cars, a country club membership and shoe contract.

Nye said he talked to the coach several times on Monday, and "I do want to emphasize how remarkably positive he is. He's naturally disappointed, but he doesn't seem to be angry. He doesn't seem to hold a grudge. He is wanting what is best for the university.'

Slocum leaves after a 6-6 season that matched his worst with the Aggies. A&M last posted a 6-6 record in 1996.

He won four conference championships, including the Big 12 title in 1998. His overall record was 123-47-2.

# Rich, Gonzales help Coahoma stay unbeaten

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA - The Coahoma Bulldogettes flexed their basketball muscle Monday night, taking three of five games with the Forsan Lady Buffaloes.

In the seventh grade A matchup. the Bulldogettes rode double-digit scoring performances of both Christie Rich and Janice Gonzales to a 46-2 rout.

The win kept Coahoma's season record unblemished at 5-0.

Rich lead all CJHS scorers in the contest with 14. Gonzales poured in 10. Kaleigh Sevey also had eight points in the victo-

Morgan Garrett was the lone Lady Buff to make the scoresheet, accounting for both of Forsan's

points. Coahoma's seventh grade B team rode a 14-2 run in the second half to claim a 26-12 victory over the Lady Buffs. Kimberly Stillwell lead all scorers, tallying 10 points on the night for Forsan. Alex Newsom added two.

Veronica Cortez scored eight on the night for CJHS, while teammates Vanessa Cortez, Sidney Flohrs, and Caylea Wood each pushed home four for the Bulldogettes.

In eighth grade action, Coahoma survived a lowscoring affair by taking a 9-6 victory over the Lady Buffs.

Kayla Hall contributed four points to the **Bulldogettes'** victory. Kayla Hankins and Lauren Williams scored three and two points, respectively. Forsan was paced by Carlee Baerza Courtney Holdamph and Amber Ritz, all of whom scored two points apiece.

The Lady Buffs garnered a win in the eighth gratle A game, taking a 23-16 victory. The leading scorer for Forsan in the game was Caylee Eggleston with 10 points. FJHS teammates Kasi Wash finished with eight, while Kaylon Stanley added two.

The Bulldogettes were paced by Kellie Paige's 10 points. Jessica Pittman and Monica Morellion added two each.

In the evening's final game, the Forsan junior varsity Black team earned a thrilling 31-29 victory over Coahoma. The Bulldogettes took a 18-17 lead into halftime. but was outscored by a 14-11 clip in the second half.

Leslie Carter lead all scorers on the night pouring in 12 points for the Lady Buffs, while teammate Samantha Flores contributed six. For Coahoma, Tosha Cassillas scored eight points and Sarah Bartlett added five points.

# Hawks struggle in first half of 87-70 win over Rebels

Howard College freshman guard Je'Kel Foster looks to pass around Hill College's Mike

Mitchell during the Hawks' 87-70 victory at home. The victory kept Howard College

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

It wasn't the effort head coach Chris Jans wanted, but it worked out well for the Howard College Hawks Monday night in front of a small crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

perfect for the year with a 12-0 mark.

The Hawks struggled through a slow first half and then unloaded on the Hill College Rebels down the stretch to claim an 87-70 win in non-conference play. Hill College had trailed by as little as nine points with just over 14 minutes to play.

With the win, the Hawks improved to 12-0 on the year. Hill College fell to

Chaun Brooks, one of five Howard players to finish in double figures. helped the Hawks get off to a strong start. After the Rebels had opened the game with a short jumper from the baseline, Brooks gave HC a lead it would not relinquish by pulling up from the wing and knocking down a 3point shot with 19:17 left in the first

Hawks followed Brooks' lead. ed by shots from Gabe son, Vas'shun Newborne and Je'Kel Foster, Howard hammered out a 28-9 lead over the first 13 minutes of

Hill College rallied back, outscoring the Hawks by a 21-17 clip in the final seven minutes of the first half to pull to within 45-30.

The Rebels continued to wield the hot hand at the start of the second half. They posted a 15-10 run in the first six minutes that cut the Hawks'

lead to 55-45. Howard College rebounded, however. Foster, Johnson and Jon Sykes each turned in strong efforts in the second to help the Hawks fend off the Rebels' run.

Brooks finished as HC's top scorer, netting 18 points. Foster and Jared Fears contributed 17 and 14, respec tively, while Johnson and Newborne added 10 apiece.

The Howard Lady Hawks used 21 points from both LaTasha Davis and Alexis Britt to claim an 88-73 win over the Hill College Lady Rebels.

With the win, the Lady Hawks snapped a three-game slide and improved to 8-6 overall.

Howard College, which sealed to win with a 52-46 second-half run, sle garnered 11 points from Humphrey and a team-high 11 rebounds from sophomore forward Dana Davis.

# Mavs extend home win streak to nine games

DALLAS (AP) - Steve Nash scored seven of his 25 points during a crucial fourth-quarter run and the Dallas Mavericks extended their home winning streak to nine games with a 113-102 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night.

Dirk Nowitzki added 23 points, Nick Van Exel had 17 points in a reserve role and Michael Finley added 15 for the Mavericks, who improved their league-best record to 16-1.

Nash shot 7-for-8 from the field and 10-for-10 from the line, and finished with seven assists.

Alvin Williams scored 27 points for the Raptors, who lost for the seventh time in nine games.

Vince Carter, who scored 17 points, picked up his fifth foul with 2:17 left in the third quarter and didn't return until 8:51 remained in the

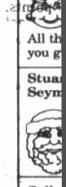
The Mavericks held a 93-84 advantage when Carter returned, and Dallas pushed its advantage to 95-84 on Van Exel's

layup with 8:23 left. Carter had two baskets during a 10-4 run as the Raptors closed within 99-96. But Nowitzki scored from close range on consecutive possessions, Nash hit a 3-pointer and added two layups to cap an 11-2 spurge that gave Dallas a 110-98 lead with 1:45 left.

Dallas took an 82-78 advantage into the fourth

The Mavericks opened the game with a 10-0 run. but the Raptors got their offense on track following a timeout and finished the first quarter leading 25-24.

Dallas held a 53-52 halftime lead. Nowitzki and Bradley each scored 10 points in the first half.



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Green plants have been an important part of celebrations for thousands of years. Green stands as a symbol that life continues during the winter.



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Some artificial trees are made in this country, but most come from Hong Kong, China or Taiwah,

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All the following jokes have something in common. Can

you guess the common theme or category

Seymour: When he goes to the beach and becomes Sandy Claws!

Sally: When does Santa finish delivering all

Words and names that remind us of Christmas trees are

hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: CHRISTMAS, CAPITOL, TREE, GREEN, PLANTS, SYMBOL, WINTER, BRANCHES, HOMES, DECORATE, HONOR, WHITE, MISTLETOE, CUSTOM, NATURAL, FAMOUS, SPRUCE, FIR.

Mini Spy and her friends are decorating a tree outdoors for the birds. See if you can find: • question mark • bird

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Silvia: Just in the St. Nick of time!

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REAL TREE!

Stuart: When is a cat like Santa?

• 61 homes out of 100 have an artificial tree.

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This year, the Capitol holiday tree is 70-foot Douglas fir from the Umpqua National Forest in Oregon, It has 10,000 lights and 4,000 handmade ornaments. The ornaments about the state are made by people from Oregon.

> Rockefeller Center Tree er Center is place in New York City made up of office buildings and stores. In the middle of them ls an open-air plaza iting rink and as a ce to display a

The tree that Rockefeller Center usually uses is a Norway spruce. In the forest, these trees don't grow so tall and big. The ones used in Rockefeller Center often stand alone in people's front or back yards.

These trees are decorated with 30,000 colored lights and five miles of wire.

Sites to see: www.capitofholideytree2002.com



People often choose natural trees because they like the tradition of going out to buy one, bringing it home and then decorating it. They like the feel

smell of the real thing. Natural Christmas

trees are evergreen trees that keep their needles all year long as they grow outside. Their seeds are from cones. We don't see the cones on Christmas trees because they are usually too young to have them, or the tree farmers have cut them off.

Christmas tree farms create habitats for wildlife, songbirds and small mammals such as rabbits.

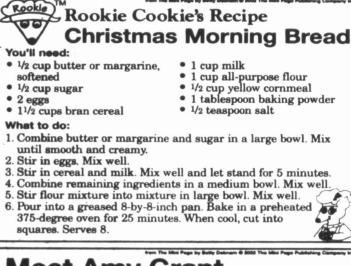
Tree experts say that each time a tree is cut down, three seedlings are



The top Christmas tree states are: Michigan Oregon North Carolina
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Pennsylvania
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Go dot to dot and color



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Height: 6-1 Birthdate: 10-16-72 Weight: 217 College: U. of Colorado Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Kordell Stewart has been with the team since 1995, his first year as a pro. Last year he threw a career-high total of 3.109

yards. He had 14 passing and 5 rushing touchdowns. He played in his first Pro Bowl and was named the Steelers' Most Valuable Player. He is third on the Steelers' all-time passing yardage list. His best year was 1997, when he had 11 passing and 21

rushing touchdowns.

Kordell, whose nickname is "Slash," was born in New Orleans, La., and grew up in Marrero, La. He is single and lives in Pittsburgh. In college he studied communications.

# **Meet Amy Grant**



Amy Grant has been singing most of her life. Her first album came out when she was 16.

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Amy, 42, the youngest of four daughters, was born in Augusta, Ga., and grew up in Nashville, Tenn. As a young girl, she took piano lessons and loved to sing for her

friends. She also learned to play the guitar. One of her biggest songs was "Baby, Baby."

Amy lives with her husband, country music singer Vince Gill, son and three daughters in Nashville. She likes playing golf and working in her garden. She also works with many charities, including the Make-a-Wish Foundation and the American Heart Association.

# How a Christmas Tree Comes to Be



The nursery

Trees that are specially grown to

be Christmas trees are often

raised in a hot-house nursery. The se

they are from 6 to 12 inches tall.

The growing

They are ready to harvest.

To market

The trees are loaded onto trucks to be taken to market. How fresh

the tree stays depends on how well it is

stacked neatly in a shaded area and kep

cared for after it is cut. It should be

The farmers have to trim the trees to make certain they grow

rears, trees might reach 6 to 8 feet high.

into the right shape. After seven to 10

Most Christmas tree farms are family businesses. The husband, wife and kids all help to get the trees ready for market.

come from cones. They live there until



In some cases, seedlings from a nursery are moved to a field. Small seedlings are planted together and protected from the summer sun and wind and given a steady amount of water and nutrients so they grow sturdy roots.



5 harvest In November, the trees on farms are harvested. They are tagged and often wrapped with a cord. are carried out

helicopter.



To the farm

A Christmas tree farm will buy seedlings and plant them in fields. where they will grow from seven to 10 years, depending on the climate and tree type. Here, workers feed the seedlings into a planting machine pulled behind a tractor.

The tractor uses a funnel-shaped feeding system to plant the seedlings into the places soil







Some families enjoy going out to a Christmas tree farm and cutting down the tree themselves. Many farms have hay or sleigh rides, corn mazes and visits from Santa Claus. Other families buy their trees from lots.

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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) \*\*\*\* You will sit back and smile when you realize the difference one day can make. What you once believed to be untenable, you'll discover could be workable, now that some light has been shed on the different issues. Tonight: Flip the channels or hop on the Internet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Charge ahead. knowing what you want to accomplish. A colleague helps to implement what you want. Tonight: Make quality time

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Others seek you out; but situations prove to be more agreeable than previously. Use the present astrological climate to complete a project or to get an OK from others. Tonight: Get together with friends.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Others give you feedback — though at times vague — that could take you to a new level of understanding. You cannot clarify a situation enough or get enough straight answers. Tonight: Share news with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Don't be intimidated by what an associate considers is an unbeatable idea. What is great in his or her eyes might not work. Tonight: Play the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Listen to the basics. Review a matter that is close to your heart. You get feedback from others that might mean a lot. Carefully think through a decision that implicates your personal life as well as your professional life. Tonight: Order in.

IJBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Do your best to understand what makes a loved one tick. This person could be unusually vague, but it could be important to hear what he or she has to share. Your imagination goes haywire when dealing with loved ones. Tonight: Reach out for a loved one or a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Treat someone close like a king or queen. Understand more of what you want and expect from someone. You might not always understand a family member's message. Be open to an offhand remark. Run with the ball. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Your efforts make a difference to someone. Express your caring so that someone can hear it. Your happy, positive side emerges during a conversation. Tonight: Your call.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Establish a low profile. You might not always have as much control as you would like. Your intuition might tell vou something totally different than the present facts. Know when to put a stop to spending, for your sake. Tonight: Get extra R

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb

\*\*\*\* You zero in on what is important. You also have an unusual way of drawing others toward you. When surrounded by loved ones and friends, express what you really want. Tonight: Follow the crowds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Take the lead with others. Understand what you want. Carefully consider your options that involve a work-related matter. You might want to take charge but might not appreciate some of the ramifications. Tonight: A must show.

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# **Family permission not** required to pay respects

Dear Annie: My grandparents raised me Grandma knew she wasn't the only woman in Grandpa's life, but she always said she didn't mind because her name came first on his life insur-

I was a teenager when Grandpa died. Twice a month, Grandma would visit his grave and place flowers there. Sometimes I would accompany her, and always, to my surprise, there was another floral arrangement on his

gravesite when we arrived This cemetery is not on a well-traveled road, nor are there any houses close by. Obviously, somebody was making a special trip to leave flowers. When I asked Grandma about it, she'd reply, "Well, someone is looking after Grandpa, and he is well cared for.

When Grandma passed away several years ago, I became responsible for maintaining the gravesite. Now, when I visit the cemetery, Grandma's side of the headstone has only the flowers that I bring, but Grandpa's side always has several fresh flowers on it. I assume it's one of Grandpa's "other women" who is bringing the flowers regularly.

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I tried it, and it worked. She still uses this technique in the winter. When her hands get dry and scaly, she soaks them in oil and wears cotton gloves to bed. Please tell your readers. — Omaha, Neb.

Dear Omaha: Consider them told. This technique seems harmless, but before trying any new "cure," readers should consult a doctor first.

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Director Kevin Smith is giving the newly engaged couple a custom-made video game to thank them for costarring in his recently wrapped movie "Jersey Girl," according to the New York Post.

The game, "Jen Saves Ben," features an animated Lopez who must find and rescue Affleck, who has been kidnapped and chained to a warehouse wall.

J. Lo has to get him back but doesn't know where he's gone," said Brad Graeber of Texas-based Powerhouse Animation Studios, the company that created the game.

As she karate-kicks her way through the game, Lopez must face an animated Smith, who totes a raygun, and an evil-robot Matt Damon.

She gets three tries to save her fiance without being killed, and if she succeeds the pair is shown kissing.

The game, modeled after a classic 1980s arcade game, plays a soundtrack of Lopez's music.

Shania Twain, possibly on her way to becoming the first female singer with three 10 million-selling albums, can afford to be a little contradictory.

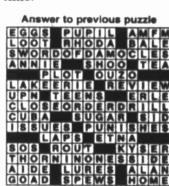
"I never burned to perform, and I don't care if I ever perform again," Twain said in a Time magazine interview on newsstands Monday. "I have no need to do that."

A few hours after that October statement, the 37year-old Canadian was singing her signature ballad, "You're Still the One," with an aspiring singer on "Star Academy," a French reality game show in

which amateur singers share a house and vote each other out on the basis

of their musical progress. Twain's pop-country "Come on Over," released in 1997, sold 19 million copies to become the most popular album by a female singer in American histo-

Twain and Whitney Houston are the only women to have two albums sell more than 10 million copies each. And Twain's newest album, "Up!" released Nov. 19, sold 874,000 copies in its first week, giving her a good head start toward reaching eight digits for a third time.



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