#### WEDNESDAY

December 11, 2002

### WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 38°-40° 57°-59°

### INSIDE

#### ACCIDENT

A 13-year-old Forsan student was back in class today following a pedestrian/vehicle accident after school on Tuesday.

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### BRIEFLY

#### HOLIDAY HAMS

The Big Spring Herald is offering a little something extra for new subscribers this holiday season. Beginning today, new six- and 12-month subscriptions will include a premium — a holiday ham. The first deliveries of hams will be Friday, Dec. 20. Call 263-7331.

#### Live nativity

The First Church of the Nazarene's 16th annual Live Drive Through Nativity begins Friday and will run nightly through Sunday from 6:30 to 9:30.

The annual event follows Christ throughout his life and includes 17 scenes, live animals and a cast of more than 130 people

Entrance to the event is from Martin Luther King Boulevard south onto Lancaster.

Admission is free though donations are accepted at the end of the tour. Hearingimpaired guests are encouraged to drive though on Friday night, when sign interpretation will be available at each scene.

For more information, call the church office at 267-7015.

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### **Longtime Herald editor** Tommy Hart dies at 86

"He loved people and

loved working with

them. He was such a

good friend. That's

perhaps the best thing

about him. He was

just a great person'

Joe Pickle, former Herald

employee from 1931-1975

By BILL McCLELLAN and ROGER CLINE

Longtime Big Spring Herald employee and award-winning sports editor Tommy Hart died

this morning at the age of 86 at local nursing home.

Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Hart began his

career with the Herald in 1928 as a carrier and retired in 1981 as the paper's editor. As editor, he directed the news team that won first place

from the Associated Press for coverage of an explosion at Cosden Refinery on July 18, 1976. As sports editor, he was awarded the prestigious "Sports Writer of the Year"

award in 1970 for an interview with baseball legend Connie Mack.

"I think he is greatest the sports editor we ever had there, and a good very managing editor as well," said Joe Pickle, anoth-

longtime Herald employee, from his home in Austin. "He was a real down to earth person and he had a knack for covering all kinds of sports,



Tommy Hart, center, worked at the Herald from 1928 to 1981, except for five years mil-Itary service during World War II. He died this morning in a local nursing home. Also pictured are, left, Kenneth Hart and Walt Finley.

not just the traditional ones. He had contacts with all the coaches and sportsmen in the area."

sent-day Herald employee, worked with Hart when she first started at See HART, Page 5A

Sandra Green, a pre- the paper as a teletype operator.

# United Way looks for winning score at victory luncheon

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

"Generous VS. Tightwad U. What will final the score be?"

That's the theme of the United Way Big Spring and Howard County Victory Luncheon, sched-



SCOTT

uled for 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Big Spring Country Club.

"We're going to have a skit, a fun skit that's football-oriented. After the skit, you'll know exactly how much we raised," said United Way Director Cynthia Scott. "There are four women that are going to be on the Ŭ. team. Generous They're played by Liz Lowery, Linda Conway, Quinn Flournoy and Lisa Brooks.

HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

because my mother and

father both died of heart

disease," Brooks said.
"My mother had a light

stroke back in 1980 or

1979 before she died of a

heart attack and I have

been fighting the cause

"My father died of a

stroke," Brooks said. "It

just came up on us. He

was a strong man and

was one of those tough

cowboys who never went

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every since."

Honored for her dedication to the American Heart

Association, Carman Brooks holds a clock given to her

by the Big Spring Chapter on Dec. 2, during the organi-

zation's recognition of volunteers for the annual Heart

Walk. Brooks recently resigned her position in the asso-

Brooks recognized for service

to American Heart Association

**Brooks** 

Heart

By LYNDEL MOODY

A Big Spring woman

has been honored for her

lifetime achievement in

helping with the fight

received a clock from the

Association's Big Spring

Chapter, on Dec. 2 dur-

ing a recognition cere-

mony for those involved

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Staff Writer

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### INFORMATION

What: United Way victory luncheon.

Where: Big Spring Country Club.

When: 11:30 a.m.

Thursday. Cost: \$10 each.

The skit also includes the team's coaches, she added.

"The main coach for President) Sue Bagwell, team's jerseys when they See UNITED WAY, Page 3A

but she also has an offen- line up in the correct consive coordinator who is (Big Spring High School Principal) Mike Ritchey," Scott said. "He's going to be calling the play. It's the last play of the game. It's fourth and 91 to go. They're playing against Tightwad U. who is played by guys. Hopefully

we make our goal." Scott said the total amount raised during the campaign will be revealed them is (United Way by the numbers on the

figuration.

In November, Scott announced that the United Way had reached its \$250,000 goal, but the exact figure raised is still a closely-guarded secret.

Before the skit, Scott said she will be making presentations to companies and volunteers who were particularly generous this year.

Admission to the event

# **BSISD** trustees to consider assistant principal

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer > Consider-

ing a candidate for an administrative position and a plan to repair structure damage at the Big Spring Junior High School will



top a lengthy agenda for Big

Independent District trustees, who meet Thursday. "We've completed our process and Mr. (Ben)

Neel, (BSJH principal) and Mr. (Rey) Villarreall, (assistant superintendent) will make a recommendation Thursday to fill the assistant principal's position at the Big Spring Junior High School," said BSISD Superintendent Murray Murphy.

Approval of the recom-

mended candidate would finally mean an end to a plethora of administration job openings this year. Almost.

The career and technology director's position, vacant since the retirement of Loren Spencer on Nov. 26, has still not been filled.

"We're going to be talking about that Thursday night with the board,"

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### City OKs Ports-to-Plains resolution

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved a resolution at its meeting Tuesday night to seek funding for a proposed truck reliever route from a new source.

The council, faced with the longest agenda in recent memory, took the reliever route item out of order at the beginning of the meeting before making short work of the rest

"We have \$2 million from the federal government and \$400,000

from the state to accomplish the

preliminary work on our reliever route" Bill Crooker

trade route board member

of the evening's business. The meeting took just 45 minutes from beginning to end.

"By the city and the council adopting this resolution and sending it to (Texas Department of Transportation Engineer) Bill Hale in Abilene and from there it will go on to Austin and TxDOT, this will be proposed for the Transportation Equity Act, TEA-21, and at that

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### Next Generation Day students to hear importance of school, facing challenges

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Joe Bean, young Odessa man paralyzed in sports accident, will be the motivational speaker at Howard College's



**FLORES** 

Seventh Annual Next staying in school and Generation Day. "Joe Bean was the

young man who, in his last football practice at Odessa Permian High School his senior year, was paralyzed," said Javier Flores, Howard College administrative dean of student services. "He is going to speak about the importance of

overcoming any obsta-

More than 600 eighth graders from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Glasscock County, Sands, Grady, Stanton and Sterling City will participate in the annual program Friday aimed at stu-

See COLLEGE, Page 3A

### BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

### **Obituaries**

### **Emil George Szabo**

Emil George Szabo, 73, of Big Spring died at 10:20 p.m. Monday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Regan, pastor, officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Tony Guzman Jr., Pete Carrillo, Eugene Vasquez Jr., Issac Vasquez, Eugene Vasququez and Lorenzo Garcia.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Szabo was born on June 21, 1929, in Sweden, Potter County, Penn. He came to Big Spring in 1972 and was stationed at Webb Air Force Base. He served 20 years in the Air Force including the Korean War. Following retirement from the Air Force, he worked 20 years at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Szabo of Big Spring; one daughter, Annalisa Guzman and her husband, Robert, of Big Spring; two brothers, Mike Szabo of Magazine, Ark., and Andrew Szabo of Bria, Ohio; four sisters, Barbara Norris of Tiffan, Ohio, Marlene Bolinti and Helen McCaffery, both of Bria, Ohio and Julia Pierce of Shren, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Johnny Gonzales Jrl, Danja Gonzales and Robert Guzman Jr., all of Big Spring.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Paid obituary

### Tommy Hart

Funeral service for Tommy Hart, 86, longtime sports editor and editor of the Big Spring Herald, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Hart died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, at a local nursing home.

### **Laurence Snively**

Funeral service for Laurence Snively, 90, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Snively, a former resident of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, in New Braunfels.

### Support groups

#### 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.

### **THURSDAY**

☐ 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.

### **SUNDAY**

□ 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 p.m.

### **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.

□ 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.

☐ 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.

### **TUESDAY**

☐ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell Streets, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today: • PATRICIA ANN MCINTIRE, 46, of 1313 Harding

was arrested on a charge of theft \$50 to \$500. · DANIEL RAY JONES, 34, of 2507 Peach was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• FRANCISCO CANTU, 21, of 1502 E. Cherokee St. was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief/family

 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of West Third Street, the 1500 block of **Cherokee Street** 

 DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 300 block of South Johnson Street, the 600 block of West Interstate 20

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 800 block of South Nolan Street, the 1000 block of North

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at Wal-Mart.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: - In the 500 block of Westover Road. \$100 cash was reported stolen in the incident.

- In the 4100 block of Muir Street. Home electronic equipment worth \$100, \$40 cash and \$5 worth of tobacco products were reported stolen in the incident.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of South Birdwell Lane. \$40 cash and other items worth \$20, were reported stolen. \$200 damage was reportedly done to the white 1991 Ford F-150.

· THEFT was reported:

- In the 3700 block of Dixon Street. Recordings worth \$70 were reported stolen.

- At Wal-Mart. Merchandise worth \$9.97 was reported stolen and recovered in the incident.

- In the 1000 block of South Johnson Street. Items worth \$100 were reported stolen from a home in

 CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 1400 block of Wood Street.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Cherokee Street.

The Big Spring Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

### Sheriff's report

• PATRICIA LYONS MCINTIRE, 46, of 1607 Avion was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Monday on a charge of theft \$50 to \$500.

• JAMES M. POPE, 43, of 800 W. Marcy was taken to the Howard Couny Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

POSSIBLE CRUELTY TO ANIMALS was report. ed near the intersection of Buena Vista and Midway

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

 MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Todd and Gloria roads.

• OIL FIELD ACCIDENT was reported on South FM

### Take note

☐ THE BIG SPRING HIGH School Key Club is selling poinsettias from Ponderosa Nursery through Dec. 4 to raise funds to attend a Key Club convention in Oklahoma City. The poinsettias are \$6 each and are available in four different colors: White, pink, jingle bells and classic red. The plant comes in a six inch pot. For more information or to make an order, call Alicia Brunson at 267-6692 or Stacey Vaughn at 268-

□ 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.

□ BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

□ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

☐ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

Here is a summary of calls made Tuesday by Big Spring Fire Department and EMS personnel: **AMBULANCE CALLS** 

11:05 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

5:48 p.m. - 700 block of W. FM 700, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the small Features Dock at 263-7331, ext. 286 or small

WEDENSDAY Optimist Club, Howard County Cactus Room, 7 a.m.

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, SMMC classroom, 9:30 a.m.

Downtown Lion's Club, Howard County Cactus Room,

West Texas Opportunities Inc. community meeting, noon to 1 p.m., 208 Owens St. "Stay Together" presents Christmas- No Money Needed. For more information, call 267-9536.

Line Dancing, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industiral park, 1 p.m., 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, Big Spring Country Club, 1

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxilerary, Eagles Lodge, 703 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, 267-6479.

Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

Duplicate Bridge Club, Big Spring Country Club, 1

American Legion Auxilery, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway

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

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Neighbors and Newcomers, 268-9335.

**FRIDAY** 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 are aspects of insurance, he got into few whenbetivith iv much man mit that gran, 11121352110

Howard County Scottish Rite Club, Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster, 7;30 a.m. Breakfeast served.

Free eye glasses, Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third, 9 a.m. to noon.

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 citizens.

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

### SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Do you have a favorite holiday memory? The Herald is seeking stories from our readers about their most memo-



rable Christmases in their own words.

Send mailed submissions to Big Sp. ing Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720 or by e-mail them to newsdesk@crcom.net or to jmoseley@crcom.net

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State and national news at a glance

### COLLEGE

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dents about to enter high school.

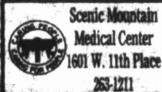
"We want to inform our next generation about Howard College and career opportunities," Flores said: "We also

want to encourage them to stay in high school."

During the all-day event, the students will participate in five seminars over career fields in education, agriculture, law enforcement, industrial and medical.

"We have a change this year," Flores said. "Not only will we offer sessions in career exploration this year, we added two more sessions entitled How to get Into College and How to Finance your College. We're going to talk about scholarships, financial aid and other available funds."

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### UNITED WAY

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is \$10, and Scott said she would appreciate it if those planning to attend reserved a spot in advance by telephone. The United Way office phone number is 267-5201.

### BROOKS

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to the doctor. He died in

his 80s.
"If I could help make a difference in one person's life that would make a great accomplishment for me."

Brooks recently

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than 20 years. During her tenure, she served four terms as president of the organization and two terms as Chairman of the Heart Walk

resigned from the organization after serving more

#### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Richard Dutchover, 68, died Sunday. Services were 11:00 AM today at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Emil George Szabo, 73, died Monday. Funeral services are 10:30 AM Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 7:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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hauling homeowners insurance

### HELP

Lawmakers called for the creation of a Cabinet-level director of national intelligence, one of about 20 recommendations included in the final report of the House and Senate Intelligence committees investigating the attacks.

The report was approved in a closed-door meeting Tuesday.

The report's undings on the circumstances surrounding the attacks are classified and it is unclear how much of it will be disclosed to the public of when. The recommendations are unclassified and were to be publicated today, though some details have been disclosed in advance.

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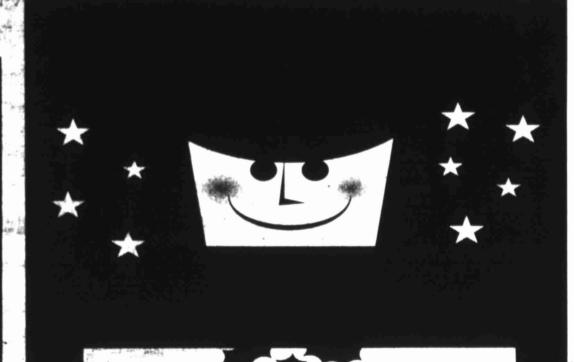
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John A. Moseley Managing Editor

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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Help us put smiles on kids' faces

Christmas without a new toy. We all know that, of course, because all of us were children. And what child doesn't love and want new toys?

Most of us can only imagine what Christmas to a child with no toys is like, but there are some who do and they assure us that it is no joyous

The Herald and the Salvation Army want to make sure no child in Big Spring has to experience that feeling this Christmas season.

Unfortunately, there's little time to make sure toys are available for children in need.

In fact, there's just one week ... not even that

The Herald is now in the midst of a toy drive through Monday, asking local residents to bring a new unwrapped toy to the newspaper office at 710 Scurry between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. during

On Tuesday, the toys will be delivered to the Salv**ation Army for distribution**.

The Salvation Army's Angel Trees have 200 more children on them this year than a year ago, and according to Capt. Russ Keeney, those angels are moving off the trees at a slower pace than they have in recent years.

We're concerned that not all the children will receive a gift.

With only one week for the drive, Bob Rumpff, the Herald's Toy Drive coordinator, said he hopes there will be a quick response to the call for toy

Help us make sure the Salvation Army can give every child in need at least one new toy this Christmas.

Let's all be able to say we did our best to make it a joyous holiday season throughout Big Spring and Howard County.

### LETTER POLICIES

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor. Please:

- · Limit your letters to no more than 300 words.
- Sign your letter.
- Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as a street address for verification purposes.
- · We reserve the right to edit for style and clarity. We reserve the right to limit publication to one letter
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 Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. They can also be e-mailed to jmoseley@crcom.net

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• By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721

### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our chaotic lives become orderly, Lord, through the study of your word.

ood grief. I turn my back for 10 minutes, and they bring back the old

ations of Americans have come to adulthood since Henry Kissinger last held political power, so I need to explain that War Criminal is



not an affectionate sobriquet: The man is, in fact, a war criminal - wanted for questioning in Chile, Argentina and France (concerning French citizens who disappeared in Chile). He cannot travel to Britain, Brazil and many other countries because they cannot guarantee his immunity from legal proceedings. In addition to his role in

the Chilean coup that brought the regime of Gen. Pinochet to power, Kissinger is wanted for questioning about the international terrorist network called Operation Condor, which conducted killings, kidnappings and bombings in several countries, including this one - the 1976 bombing in Washington, D.C., that killed a noted Chilean dissident and his companion.

Kissinger's most notorious crime was the secret

bombing of Cambodia and Laos during the Vietnam War. William Shawcross argued persuasively in his book Sideshow: Kissinger, Nixon and the Destructor Cambodia" that the Cambodian bombing unleashed the Khmer Rouge on that countrywhich, if true, certainly ups Kissinger's body count.

He is also a notorious liar. He has lied repeatedly to Congress, the press and the public; he is a toady to power and a lackey of the Establishment, and for many years now the hireling of despotic regimes around the world. Old Cover-Up Kissinger, the man who double-crossed the Iraqi Kurds ... just the man to lead an independent inquiry into 9-11.

The cynicism of this insult to the families of those who died on 9-11 is just flabbergasting. We knew the Bush administration opposed the whole idea of an independent inquiry. but this adds supreme insult to injury.

The cover-up has already

started: Kissinger insists he need not reveal the identi-ties of his client regimes. He said law firms are not required to reveal the names of their clients. That's a two-lie answer, no record for Henry the K. He doesn't run a law firm, he runs an international consulting business. And in the second place, law firms are indeed obliged to publicly register their lobbying clients. The only time I

have ever known.

For those of you who are interested in learning more about our most famous living war criminal, I recommend Seymour Hersh's book "The Price of Power: Kissinger in the Nixon White House," which was widely attacked but no factual error was ever found in it. Also, Christopher Hitchens' "The Trial of Henry Kissinger" is a definitive argument for the war criminal charge

If you want to get something good out of this cynical ploy, you can at least haul out your old Tom Lehrer records and tool down memory lane. Lehrer, the great social satirist, stopped writing the day they gave Henry Kissinger the Nobel Peace Prize. Meanwhile, our neo-con

hawks have moved from the bellicose to the bizarre. Ken Adelman, a member of Bush's Defense Policy Board, has joined several other hawks in direct attacks on Islam. Calling Islam a peaceful religion "is an increasingly hard argument to make, announced Adelman. "The more you examine the religion, the more militaristic it seems. After all, its founder, Mohammed, was a warrior, not a peace advocate like

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The Christian right has gone completely batty on the subject: the Rev. Jerr Falwell called Mohammed a terrorist," the Rev. Franklin Graham said Islam is "evil" and so forth Let's see, where does that leave Christianity, the religion of peace and love, founded by the Prince of

Among the more notable Christian crimes were the unbearably bloody Crusades, the Thirty Years War, the Inquisition, innumerable pogroms, regularisher of Protestants, counter-slaughter by Protestants, genocide against Native Americans (featuring biological warfare), slavery, the Holocaust, ethnic cleans ing, Northern Ireland ... and the list goes on and on and on.

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw

Especially when they are making bellicose state ments and beating the war drums relentlessly for what may be an unnecessary

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# Pictographs in bottles

ne of the most enjoyable and fascinating times I've had recently was in Mercedes watching J.R. Segrist, a retired postman, do his sand art. He has perhaps a dozen containers filled with different colors of sand in front of him. He layers the sand in a bottle then maneuvers it around with

pieces of wire coat hanger. The end product is a small bottle, perhaps three inches tall, filled with colored sands that seem to have pictures painted on them.



"I do camels, longhorns, a sow with 3 little piglets, rabbits and a zoo bottle with four kinds of animals on it," says J.R. "I use only natural colored sand that I've collected from 37 different states and three foreign countries. I have about 60 different colors of sand that I've picked up out of a road ditch or grader cut. We do not like to use beach sand because it's been rolled by the wind and the waves and it's like

little marbles. The grains just roll easily. We don't like purchased sand because it's been washed and dyed and it does not have any fine material in it. It needs fine material to make it stick together."

The sand he uses starts out as a rock. "I just get a sledge hammer and pulverize it and sift out all the large materials and throw that away."

It's an old art dating back two thousand years. He's been doing it since 1975 when a friend showed him how to do it. 'I told him I didn't like his square animals because they looked like Egyptian or Indian pictographs. He told me to go get a coat hanger, some sand and bottles and start doing it myself."

He has made nearly 25,000 bottles and sells them for \$5 each, giving the proceeds to a children's home, a school and food pantry. Some people have wanted me to make them 5,000 at a time. But I can't do that. I refuse to sell to stores. The maximum number anybody can buy is 25."

He can create a sand bottle in fifteen minutes. He has made as many as 50 in

What you're doing is pushing the wire against

the glass and the sand will follow you. You go down along the glass then you back off and come up through the center. That way you don't tear up your design. If you came right back up along the glass you would tear it up. You can push the sand but you cannot pull it. So you have to push it to where you want it to go.

Each layer of sand is so tightly packed that the end product is hard as a rock. The picture will remain intact even when he bangs a completed bottle on the table. He asked me what type of animal I would like, giving me a choice of mule, longhorn steer or camel. I told him a longhorn steer. He started with the steer's nose, then the legs. He got some dark sand from the top layer and pushed the sand down into the white

My little bottle of sand has layers of white, tan, brown, orange and gray sand with images of four longhorn steers circling the outside of the hard-packed sand. The sand inside the bottle forms designs, too: arches, star bursts, hills and valleys of overlapping colors of sand. I keep it in a special place on a library

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"He was a great guy, he was a very nice guy," she said. "When I first came to work here I was 19 or 20 years old. He made me feel so welcome. Things I didn't know how to do, he went out of his way to help me. I didn't work with him directly in editorial on a day-to-day basis, but in those days, we typed all their copy and we proofread their stuff. They'd give us the hardcopy and we typed all the copy.

One memory of Hart sports editor at the time stuck out in Green's

"He typed with two fingers," recalled Green, now the Herald's ad designer. "I hadn't ever seen anybody type like that. He could type so fast and he just used two fingers.'

Hart was a paper carrier in 1928 but by 1931 was working in the mailroom.

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"That's where we had our first contact," Pickle . a position he held until he said. "Later he began to contribute a little sports and about that time the war came on."

Hart joined the Air Force and served for five years during World War II, the last two years working on a military newspaper while stationed in Santa Rosa, Calif.

"He came back and really only intended for it to be temporary," recalled Pickle. "We made him sports editor."

Hart's daughter, Carol Perry of Denton, said her father loved working at the Herald.

"He loved that paper," she said. "The Herald was his life. He was at his happiest when he was a sports writer there."

During his career, heinterviewed Mickey Mantle, Ben Hogan, Bryon Nelson and Arnold

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Palmer, in addition to Mack. He also inter-viewed former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald

"Everybody Tommy. He produced a large number of sports items and his column was widely read. Those were back in the days when the sports editor always had a column," said Pickle.

\*Local sports statistician Tommy Walker remembers that Hart had a passion for telling people about sporting events.

"He worked at it and he was willing to help anyone find any sports information," Walker said. "He had a collection of sports books that he let me look through for information. He wanted to keep the people informed about what was happening in our district and the college basketball conferences and things.'

Hart moved into hard news as managing editor in 1970 and became editor when Pickle left in 1975 retired in 1981.

"He loved people and loved working with them. He was such a good friend," Pickle said. "That's perhaps the best thing about him. He was just a great person."

### **BSISD**

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Murphy said. "We are reevaluating all administrative positions in the district and we're looking to combine some duties we currently have in the system to eliminate another position.'

other business, trustees will consider a report from the Rimkus Group on recommendations to repair the damaged caused from foundation failure at the junior high school.

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Mr. Steve Fraz of Rimkus will speak to the board about ways to go about the renovation and restoration of the southeast part of the junior high school," Murphy

Trustees settled in October with parties involved in construction of the school building, ending a two-year, multimillion dollar lawsuit. The case stemmed from a survey conducted by Terracon Construction Inc. which found the site the building now rests on suitable for construction. It was later discovered a canyon once existed on the site.

The school district called in a company twice to place compaction grouting under the structure to stabilize the sinking foundation. Weekly surveys show no movement in the structure for

the last 18 months.

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The district hopes to finalize the settlement and receive the money by the beginning of the holidays, Christmas Murphy said.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place.

Also on the agenda, trustees will:

· Consider revision of the Technology plan for In **Sunday's**Big Spring Herald



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point we hopefully will have funding under this act which Congress will be inaugurating next year," said area Ports-to-Plains Committee member Bill Crooker.

Crooker said the TEA is designed to be a wish list of transportation projects TxDOT plans to give highest priority over the next six years. That means that, if Big Spring's project approved under the act, funding may not appear for several years, he said. On the plus side, it would give some degree of certainty that the \$10.4 million requested for the project is on the way.

Crooker said the city had previously asked Rep. Charles Stenholm to help obtain funding for the project.

point in time is somewhat iffy," he said.

The city has already received some money for the project, Crooker said.

"We have \$2 million from the federal government and \$400,000 from the state to accomplish the preliminary work on our reliever route," he said.

In other business, the city approved hiring architect Phil Furqueron to provide design and consultation services in placing restrooms at the Comanche Trail Park' Amphitheater.

Councilwoman JoAnn Staulcup said Furqueron plans to work to preserve the amphitheater's potential as a historic site.

"I had read the resolution and wondered if Mr. Furqueron was familiar with the requirements for maintaining the integrity of a historical site or a "The funding through potential historical site,"

Stenholm's office at this she said. "I contacted Mr. Fugua earlier today and he talked with Mr. Furgueron and assured him that he is familiar with all the requirements and they're using the same materials to construct the bathrooms that were cut at the same time the amphitheater was built. So they'll be aged approximately the same and the appearance should be consonant with what's there now."

Staulcup said that the actual restroom facilities would be modern.

"The facilities inside will be, but the outside will be original," she said. "We're not having an outhouse put in there.'

In other business, the council:

· Approved bids on vehicle fleet fueling services, two one-ton trucks, one sport utility vehicle, one 3/4-ton pickup, two halfton pickups, two riding lawn mowers, six police

vehicles, one ag tractor, one backhoe lease, one demolition hammer and defibrillator/monitors.

 Approved specifications and permission to advertise for bids on notebook computers and com-

Approved updating deed records by removing 20 obsolete records dated between 1939 and 1966.

· Authorized an Airport Project Participation Agreement to initiate construction on the puter server equipment McMahon-Wrinkle

for the police department. Airport's runway, taxiway and landing system lighting project.

· Held a public hearing and approved a zone change at the intersection of 23rd and Nolan streets to allow a nursery and garden center in the area to expand.

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### **Pedestrian escapes serious injury**

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

After a pedestrian/vehicle accident Tuesday afternoon, a 13-year-old Forsan Junior High School student was back in class this morning.

The accident occurred at 3:30 p.m. on the corner of Gloria and Todd Road when a school bus was letting off Forsan students for the day.

"Jake (Lively) exited off the vehicle and attempted to run across Todd Road. He ran into the side of Mr. (Preston) Daniel's' vehicle," said Texas Department of Safety trooper Mitchel Jones.

The youth collided with the front wheel and mir-

ror of Daniel's Suburban. "The vehicle wasn't going very fast," Jones

Lively was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by a relative who was near the accident and was released after treat-

"He is fine and back in school this morning," said Forsan Independent School District Superintendent Wayne

Rotan.

Daniels, who was driving east bound on Todd Road was not required to yield for the bus stopped at a stop sign on Gloria. Mitchel said.

The position of the bus made it difficult for the

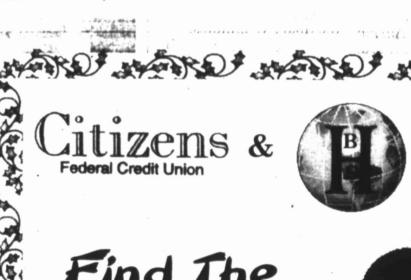
passing driver to notice the bus. Mitchel said.

Tuesday's close accident reinforces the need for drivers to be aware of students exiting from school buses.

"Any time where you see a school bus stopped, slow down," Rotan cautioned.

"There are going to be students getting off the bus and unfortunately sometimes they are looking at what is coming across the street. It was very fortunate in this case.

"I urge all students and drivers around school buses to use extreme caution."



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### Fourth-quarter run lifts Post past Coahoma

By TOMMY WELLS

orts Editor The Post Antelopes went on a 12-9 run in the fourth quarter and rallied from a late deficit to claim a 47-45 win over the Coahoma Bulldogs Tuesday night in the Elementary Coahoma

"We just didn't play very well," said Bulldogs

just a letdown from the tournament or not, we just didn't play very

Coahoma held it's own in the early minutes of the game. The Bulldogs, behind crucial baskets from Cory Mulkey and Sam Tindol, matched the Antelopes point-for-point in the initial eight min-

utes. The two teams "I don't know if it was entered the second quarter with the score knotted at 11-11.

Post, which was paced by Jarrett Vickers' 14 points, grabbed the upper hand midway through the period and took a slim 24-22 advantage into the half.

Coahoma, benefitting from the return of Kelby Kemper, rallied back in

Bulldogs reeled off a 14-11 run in the frame and took a slim 36-35 lead into the decisive fourth quarter.

Kemper, making his season debut, just missed double-double. He pulled down 19 rebounds in the game and scored nine points.

Mulkey led all Coahoma scorers in the game, the first eight minutes of throwing in 20 points -

the second half. The 12 of which came via four 3-point bombs. Tindol added 10.

With the loss, the Bulldogs suffered their second straight setback and slipped to 6-4 on the year. Coahoma lost to Monahans on Saturday in the finals of the Coahoma Invitational.

The CHS JV improved to 6-0 with a 46-43 victory.



Coahoma coach Nichols looks on during

# Defense lifts Lady Steers past Rangers

By STEVE REAGAN Special to the Herald

Give this to the Big Spring Lady Steers they are relentless.

Shots not falling? They keep shooting.

Starters in foul trouble? They step up the defensive pressure.

Despite the aforementioned problems, the Lady Steers never changed their run 'n' gun philosophy on either end of the court Tuesday night, much to the eventual dismay of the Greenwood Rangerettes. Big Spring improved its record to 6-4 for the season with a 53-41 victory in Steer Gym.

Leina Braxton led all scorers with 27 points for Big Spring. Greenwood. which fell to 3-7 with the loss, was led by Adrian Kyle and Katie Howard, who each tallied 10

points. Coach Gary Miller's charges opened the game by missing 11 of their first 14 shots from the field, and trailed Greenwood as late as the 5:00 mark of the second quarter. But as cold as the Lady Steers' shooting was up until that point, it went red-hot heading into

halftime. Braxton scored off an assist from Alex Watkins to give Big Spring a 16-14 lead, and the Lady Steers were off to the races sinking four of their next five field goal tries to take an almost-comfortable 27-22 lead into intermission.

"The momentum kind of shifted our way ... and we were able to capitalize on some of their mistakes," Miller said of the second quarter surge.

By BRANDON HALLFORD

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old west Tuesday night.

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**Huff helps Buffs shoot** 

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Big Spring expanded its lead to 15 points late in the third quarter before potential disaster in the form of foul trouble struck. From the 3:19 mark of the third, the Lady Steers were hamstrung by having three starters on the bench with four fouls apiece.

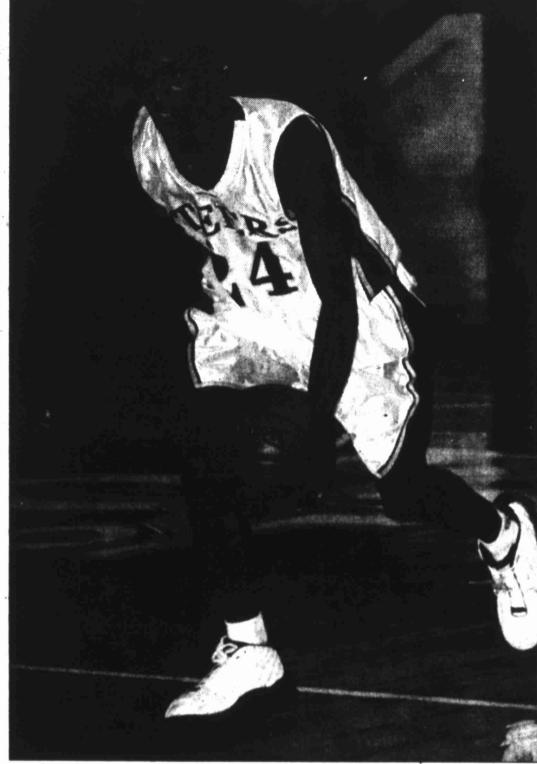
Their response to this hurdle was much the same as to when the shots weren't falling early: They didn't miss a beat. Braxton and a host of reserves led by Lindsay Phillips and Imari Brown performed yeoman duty on defense down the stretch, never letting Greenwood closer than nine points from the lead, holding Rangerettes scoreless in the final five minutes.

Although pleased with the win, Miller sees room for improvement from his

"We've got some things we need to work on before we get better, but in a lot of areas, the effort was good tonight," Miller said. "We wanted to get the reserves some playing time tonight. This was a good game for them to get some experience."

The Lady Steers return to action at 8 a.m. Friday when they play San Elizario in a first-round game at the Monahans Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Big Spring Lady Steers junior varsity had trouble with little Tuesday Greenwood night, taking a 58-45 victory in Steer Gym. Jessi Tipton had 19 points and Cycelye Tuitt added 12 points for Big Spring



Big Spring senior Alvin Russell dribbles down the court during the Steers' recent outing at home. Big Spring suffered another tough setback Tuesday when they dropped a 74-58 decision to the Greenwood Rangers.

### First-half shooting woes enable Rangers to upend Steers, 74-58

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

GREENWOOD - You'll have to excuse Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear if he wanted to cancel the first half of every game he has left on the 2002-2003 schedule.

Sometimes two quarters is better than four.

That was definitely the case for the Steers Tuesday night. Big Spring dug itself into a huge hole early only to see a torrid second-half rally go to waste in a 74-58 loss to the Greenwood Rangers. The Steers outscored Greenwood by a 45-38 clip in the final 16 minutes of play.

The difference? Big Spring missed 25 of its first 31 shots and managed just 13 points in the first half.

Greenwood, which had four players reach double figures offensively, took advantage of the Steers' cold shooting performance in the first half. Greenwood opened the game by pounding out a 10-2 run in the first period. Jordan Cobb collected Big Spring's only basket off a turnover. Josh Pedigo set up the basket with a steal near midcourt and then lofted a pass to Cobb.

Greenwood continued to find success from there. The Rangers scored 7 of the final nine points and took a commanding 17-4 cushion into the start of the second quarter.

Overall, Big Spring managed to hit on just 2 of 15 attempts from the field in the first eight minutes.

The Rangers, 7-2 overall despite playing without several starters, stretched their lead to 36-13 with a 19-9 run in the second.

Junior Wes Smith closed out the first half on a high note for the Steers.

He scored the final two baskets of the frame, improving Big Spring's first half shooting percentage to 19 percent (6-of-31).

Smith and the Steers found their game in the second half. Big Spring, behind eight 3-point shots, reeled off a 45-point rally in the final 16 minutes.

The Steers opened the second half with a 27-point run in the third. They pulled to within 17, at 57-40, at the start of the fourth quarter.

Smith sparked the Steers' third quarter run by scoring 11 of his gamehigh 22 points in the frame. Mike Ornales, Nathan Teeter and Cobb joined Smith in sinking 3-pointers in the third.

Smith and Cobb kept the hot hand in

the fourth quarter. They combined for

three more treys and keyed an 18point surge. Ornales also added a 3point shot midway through the quarter that helped the Steers pull to with: in 15. Cobb was the only other BSHS play-

er to reach double digits in scoring, tallying 12. Ornales and Teeter both finished with eight, while Alvin Russell added four.

Greenwood was paced offensively by Kris Hatley's 21 points.

The Steers, who are coming off a tough performance in the Brownfield Invitational, are scheduled to return to action tomorrow when they compete in the Merkel Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Notes: The Big Spring Boys Booster Club will meet tonight. at 6:45 p.m., in the ATC meeting room. All varsity, JV and freshman players and parents are urged to attend.

For more information contact Myrna Russell at 267-6891.

### Tuesday's loss to Post. GC girls pummel **Bronte**

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The state-ranked Garden City Lady Kats would make Oakland Raiders' owner Al Davis happy because all they do is win, baby.

Garden City improved its season record to 8-2 by coasting to an easy 58-22 victory over the Bronte Lady Longhorns Tuesday night.

The Lady Kats were never seriously threatened. They scored almost at will and built a comfortable 22-point lead in the first 16 minutes.

Garden City, which will be gunning for its 10th straight district championship, rode the talents of Jessica Hoch and Leslie Jansa to an advantage in the first. Both pushed home crucial shots in the frame and helped the Lady Kats take a 12-7 cushion at the end of the first quarter.

The gloves came off in the second. Garden City reeled off a 22-5 run in the second and all but buried Bronte by taking a 34-12 lead into the break.

It only got worse for the Lady Longhorns from there. Garden City, which also picked up a stellar effort from Megan Niehues, ballooned its lead to 51-14 in the third courtesy of a 17-2 run.

Garden City, which is scheduled to compete in the O'Donnell Invitational Tournament beginning tomorrow, held a 51-14 lead at the start of the fourth period.

Hoch led all GCHS scorers in the game with 14 points. Niehues added 12 points, while Leslie Jansa and Anna Flores chipped in nine and eight, respectively. Morgan Kight tallied seven while Amanda Henson added four.

### Jansa takes 2nd at Jingle Bell 5K Run

GARDEN CITY - If Ol' St. Nick ever needed help delivering packages, he would do well to remember Allison Jansa's name. She, after all, proved she can fly faster than any reindeer.

Jansa rang in the Christmas season in grand fashion Saturday by writing her name into the Midland Co. history books. The Garden City High School senior finished second overall in the 2002 Jingle Bell 5K Run held in downtown Midland. Overall, Jansa was the top female finisher, edging out 175 competitors for the runner-up honors.

A state qualifier in at the Texas high school cross country championships, Jansa finished the run with a time of 21 minutes, 15 seconds.

#### They also must have felt like Forsan's Brent Huff -was the gunslinger looking to plant them in Boot Hill. He did. Huff went 10-for-12 from the field and hit on three of four from the free throw line to pace the Buffaloes as improved to 8-2 with a 46-32 victory at the H.D. Smith Gymnasium in

Forsan. Huff wasn't the only dead eye for FHS. David Lee went 4-of-5 from the field scoring, eight points with three assist and a

steal to aid the cause. Trey Kuykendall contindisrupted the Plowboy offense. He had five steals and five assist to go with his two points.

down Plowboys, 46-32 Matt Ellis poured in eight points while the duo of Josh Helmstetler and Brandon Burleson contributed five points, scoring three and two, respectively.

In girls' varsity action, the Lady Buffs improved to 4-7 on the year as they buried Roscoe, 40-25.

The Lady Buffs used a suffocating full-court press that forced Roscoe into 18 turnovers.

Offensively, eight members of the Lady Buffaloes scored in the game.

Casi Graves lead all FHS scorers with nine points. Codye Burt added eight, while Cynthia contributed Becerra seven to go along with her five assist. Misty McGuire and Krista Gamble scored apiece, while Lyndsey Allen, Staci Borel and Jaclyn Hise all contributed two points.

### Junior high Steers sweep four games fr

High School eighth grade Black team would have made the perfect poster boys for a battery commercial Monday night. Despite a cold start, the Steers kept going ... and going ... and going ...

The Steers, who had seven players figure into the scoring, rallied back from a slow start to breeze past the Merkel Badgers, 37-27, and keep their season record unblemished.

"We started out a bit slow but we managed to come on strong in the second half," said coach Will Johnson. "I'm really happy for the fourth win and looking forward to the rest of the season."

Big Spring, which won all four games played, used a solid defensive effort to keep Merkel within striking distance in the first half. Scott Fankhauser, Caleb Choate and Michael Green all turned in strong defensive plays during the first two periods to anchor the BSJHS push.

Choate, along with Ryan Tannehill, did well offensively, too. The two combined to score 22 of the Steers' points. Choate finished with a team-high 12 points. Tannehill added

Richard Anderson and

The Big Spring Junior to Big Spring's scoring, and Ricky Nunez posted behind win over Merkel. reached the 500 plateau, points apiece. Jake Harris chipped in one. Truelove tallied three while Fankhauser and

Green contributed two. The Big Spring seventh grade White team dominated the Badgers, taking a commanding 36-9 victo-

With the win, the Steers upped their season record

Terrance Clemmons and Rudy Granado both keyed Big Spring's win by scoring into double digit. Clemmons finished the game with 14 points. Granado added 12.

Tom Canales turned in a solid effort, playing well on both sides of the ball. Offensively, he finished with six.

Logan Pierce Richard Lightgeb both contributed two.

Like their seventh grade counterparts, the BSJHS eight grade White team rolled to an easy win over Merkel. Big Spring, behind 10 points from Michael Rodriguez, rolled to a 38-9 decision.

In all, eight Steers scored in the game, including Raymond Porter who finished with nine.

Austin Cox and Jarell Williams both finished with five points, while teammate Raul Aguilar Chris Martinez also added added four. Julian Garcia

the Big Spring seventh half rally. the Big Spring seventh half rally, game as the top scorer, grade Black team to a With the win over netting 15 points. Jordan

totals, pushing in four two apiece and Ryan Walker made several key evening their season shots in the second half to mark at 2-2. Jason Walker carried ignite a BSJHS second-

Walker finished the wild 27-23 come-from- Merkel, the Steers Kinnear chalked up five Seminole.

points in the win, while Dawson and Gross added four and three, respective-

The BSJHS squads will return to action Jan. 9 in



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### Forsan cagers sweep Roscoe JV

varsity action against Chavez scored six apiece, Roscoe Tuesday night.

In the boys' game, the Buffs claimed a decisive 47-8 victory.

Leading the way for the JV Buffs was Travis Rose with 20 points. Michael

Forsan sweep the sub- Paredez and Steven The Lady Buffs took a 30-22 decision.

Havlea Belew and Lacy Eggleston led Forsan with eight points while Kalea Robbins poured in six

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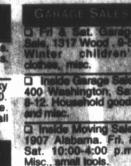
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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY for /ednesday, Dec. 11, 2002:

Maximize your life's potential. If you feel wound up, as if you have no other choice, stop. Step back, because when you're in this mood you often cause yourself a major hassle. An anchor in your life sometimes feels like a hassle; who or what this albatross might be could vary. Learn to detach and read between the lines. Gain understanding by walking in others' shoes. You will gain through courses, seminars, travel and other highermind activities. If you are single, you might not want to settle down, but you are likely to meet quite a few interesting people who you would like some form of relationship with. If you are attached, your relationship will grow because of your willingness to explore different types of thinking. You could fall into trouble with black and white type thinking. PISCES can be emotional.

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) \*\*\* Take your time, especially if you hit more obstacles than you would like. Listen more carefully to what others share. Realize that you might not be able to make a decision right now. Sit back and gather information. Tonight: Take your time.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* A partner could let you down inadvertently. Stay secure, understanding what is happening here. Others might not be sure either. Know that teamwork is the way to go. You might not want to depend on one person. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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change this person. Head in the appropriate direction. Others challenge your power, Continue on your set path. Tonight: Work late. Sorry.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Try to follow in an associate's steps, especially if you're uncomfortable with what might be going down. Through understanding, you might be able to figure out what will work with your co-worker. You also might decide to back off. Tonight: Reach out for loved ones. Write a couple of holiday letters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Work with another person, even if he or she tosses your words back in your face. You cannot win them all! Carefully consider your options that involve a partner. You find a way to get someone to listen to you. Tonight: Let a loved one convince you of the rightness of his or her sugges-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\* Flack hits on the home front. You might question what you need to do in order to have what you want happen. Let go and stop pushing. You'll be delighted by what occurs. Let others reveal their true colors. You don't have to always express yourself. Tonight: Go along with oth-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Pace yourself, as you might be more tired than you realize. Consider yourself, especially if you notice that your efforts seem futile. Step back and let others do the work and running around, especially if they seem to have a cross to bear. Tonight: Soak away stress in a hot tub.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Honor what others want, but if you find a request too costly, say "no." Take care of this area of your life, and you'll be a lot happier as a result. Your ingenuity comes into play when you feel thwarted.

Discover new resources. Tonight: Continue to enjoy your evenings

SAGITTARIUS. (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Take your time right now, as you seem to fall over yourself. If you can, take the day off. Consider your options more carefully that involve an uncomfortable personal or domestic situation.

Tonight: Put your feet up. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* You could be sabotaging yourself, reading more into what you hear than is meant. Could you be misunderstanding someone, causing a problem? Keep communication flowing rather than rattling the status quo. Tonight: Relax with a trusted friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* A friend does disappoint you, possibly impacting your finances. Know that you cannot change what's happening. Pressure builds where you least expect it. Question what you want from this relationship before you plunge in again. Tonight: Play

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* A boss or an authority figure could deflate your mood. Know that right now you cannot win for losing. Do what you must. Be a good sport, but look forward to splitting out the door later on. Try to call it

an early day. Tonight: Now. let the good times roll. **BORN TODAY** 

Former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia Russian writer Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (1918), German bacteriologist Robert Koch (1843)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www. jacquelinebigar.com.

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### Is 60 really too old for sex?

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Betty" for 16 years. For the past 10 years, our sex life has been almost nonexistent. If Betty does allow sex, she wants it over quickly and never seems interested in foreplay. This bothers me a great deal. I love cuddling and getting excited. Without foreplay, sex is not nearly as good.

Before we were married, Betty couldn't wait until we made love. As soon as the ring was on her finger, however, she lost interest. Betty is now 60, and I am 62. She finally consented to see a marriage counselor, but guess what? He agrees with her and said that sex is not a part of love. He also said sex is something people our age remember not participate in. Of course, we don't have much

to remember. Betty now wants us to have separate bedrooms and separate bathrooms. She reasons that if I never see her nude, I won't think about sex and, therefore, I won't desire her. She has been very careful not to allow me much "eye candy" for several years, and now she wants to make it per-

I don't know what to do. I feel blindsided by the counselor. I'm so sex-starved, I'm almost a pervert. Is 60 really too old for sex? — Tulsa, Okla.

Dear Tulsa: Baloney. There is no age where one is "too old" for sex. That counselor may have been trying to "validate" Betty's feelings, but he apparently doesn't have much experience with people your age.

If Betty is willing, ask her to see a doctor to make sure everything checks out medically. Then, ask her to go



Annie's Mailbox

with you to another counselor — one who has a better understanding of the situation — and find out if there is any way to rekindle her interest. If she refuses to see a counselor, go without her.

Dear Annie: My 32-yearold daughter is going to be married in February to a man with three children, ages 11, 13 and 14. His exwife lives a short distance from them, and they each have the children every other week.

I have visited on a few occasions and have been treated rather coolly by the children. My question is, once I am officially related, how do I become a loving grandparent to these children? I don't wish to push myself on them, but then again, I don't want them writing to Annie's Mailbox someday about their "cold, unloving step-grandmother." — Want to Do the Right Thing in Massachusetts

Dear Massachusetts: You are kind to want a loving relationship with these children and wise to understand that pushing them will not work.

Here are some ideas:

wishes.

Treat them as your own, get to know them individually. ask about their activities and interests, e-mail or send them notes or articles you think may entertain them, always keep your sense of humor, don't overstep your authority, don't malign their mother, don't pinch their cheeks, love them, and be patient.

Dear Annie: I work as a cashier at a convenience store, and most customers pay with credit cards. After signing the receipt, the customers often attempt to separate the copies by licking their fingers. I find it disgusting to touch my copy after people have spit all over it.

Please tell people to stop licking their fingers when they separate the receipts. If they have trouble with their copy, I will be happy to handle it for them. Thanks for hearing me out, Annie. - Grossed Out in Connecticut

Dear Grossed Out: -Any time. OK, folks, if you can't separate the receipts without licking your fingers, let someone else do it. We know you're trying to be helpful and efficient, but please stop. Thanks.

Dear Annie: I married at 19 and divorced 22 years later. Since then, I've been lucky enough to find the man of my dreams, and while "the question" hasn't been popped, it's just a matter of time. When my exhusband proposed, it was not very romantic. This time, I'd like the bended knee, the presentation of the ring, the whole enchilada. My man knows this and plans to accommodate my

Here's my dilemma: While I'd like him to buy the ring, I would also like to have some say in the selection. This will probably be my last chance to have that fairy tale come true, and somehow, picking out my own ring seems so unromantic.

How I can receive the ring of my choice without spoiling my man's surprise? I don't want to disappoint either of us by exchanging it. -- Jane in Boston

Dear Jane: It is not unromantic to go window shopping at jewelry stores. Take that man of your dreams for a stroll where there are plenty of nice shops. At each window, point out; those things you like. Say, "Honey, isn't that a beautiful emerald-cut diamond?" or, "I just love platinum bands," or "That stone is way too big for my taste." (Just kidding about the last one.)

He sounds like the type: who is paying attention. Good luck.

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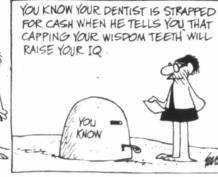




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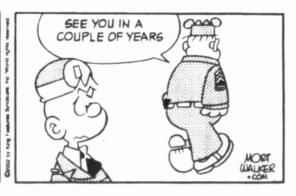
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### People in the News

By The Associated Press

OLD SAYBROOK, Conn. Copyright 2002 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. Katharine Hepburn has given a gift to her town \_ a portrait of her that had hung over the fireplace in her New York City apartment.

The oil painting, which is being framed in a Hartford gallery, will be installed in the archives building of the town historical society. "It's an outstanding work

of art," said Judy Ramirez, the museum chairwoman. "The artist caught her expressions wonderfully even the little thing she does with her mouth. It's so lifelike.'

The town learned of the gift this summer when Hepburn's New York accountant, Erik Hanson, called and said the fourtime Oscar winner wanted to give the oil painting of herself to the town.

The portrait, which shows Hepburn dressed casually in khakis, a black turtleneck and sneakers, was painted by her old friend Myfanwy Pavelic. Pavelic, a well-known portrait artist from British Columbia, did the painting about 30 years

The 95-year-old actress is in frail health and lives in seclusion in her house in Fenwick. The home was a summer enclave she first began visiting with her family in 1913.

NEW YORK (AP) \_ A Harry Potter Web site is hoping fans will dig deep in their pockets for clues to the plot of the next installment in the series about the teenage wizard. The Leaky Cauldron

hopes to raise enough money to make the winning bid at an auction in London next week for a handwritten note that outlines the fifth Harry Potter book's plot.

"Nothing's for sure, but we hope that it's going to work," said Melissa Anelli, president of Leaky, Inc., the New York-based nonprofit that operates the Web site.

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Anelli said if the site enters the winning bid, it wants to post the 93-word note for all to see. She said she was trying to get in touch with Potter author J.K. Rowling to make sure she would approve.

Sotheby's released a teaser of "Edinburgh 2002 Things I can tell you about Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," including the words "Ron ... broom ... sacked ... house-elf ... new ... teacher ... dies ... sorry.'

The other 69 words written by Rowling about the fifth Harry Potter installment will only be disclosed to the buyer, who must purchase the paper sight unseen at the auction.



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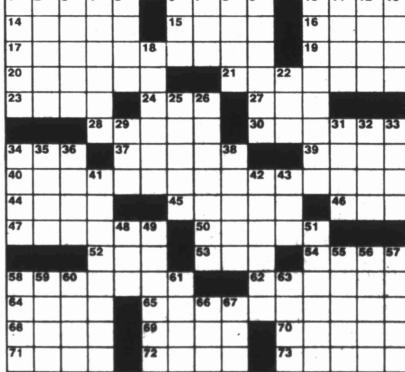
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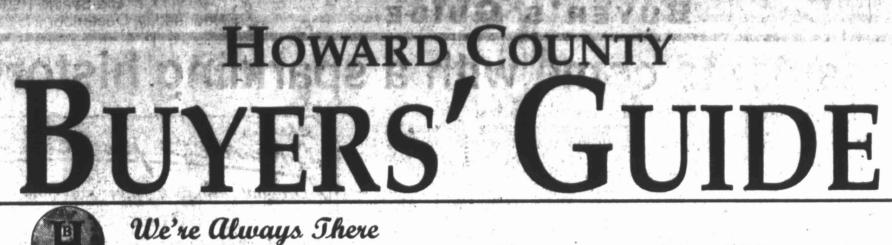
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Winters' pattern. A friend suggested she contact the company advised her that she might be in for a wait on the teapot. "Every so often, I would call them and check to see if I was still on the list," laughs Winters. "They always told me they were still

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"These are people's memo-Thanks to this large ries. It's more than a dish to them -- it's part of their family." "If we don't have it, we

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Perhaps no symbol of the season is more widely recognized than the Christmas tree. Queen Victoriais German husband, Prince Albert, is credited with introducing the Christmas tree to England in the 1840s. Wanting to emulate the royal family, people began to adopt the custom and it soon became popular.

Some historians trace the origin of the Christmas tree to an even earlier period. Even before the Christian era, trees and boughs were used for ceremonies. of the winter solstice, gance to any tree. The

into their homes as symbols of life triumphing over death. Likewise, the ' Romans observed the feast of Saturn, part of the ceremony was the raising of an evergreen bough, and centuries ago in Great Britain, the Druids used evergreens during mysterious winter solstice rituals. The Druids considered holly and mistletoe symbols of eternal life and placed evergreen branches over doors to keep away evil spirits.

to the tree started early -Martin Luther, in the 16th century, is credited as being the first person to put candles on a tree, and the first electrically light-Christmas appeared in 1882. In Victorian times, people had already started decorating trees with cakes, fruit and small gifts that were hung on the branches with ribbon. In 1880, Woolworthis first sold manufactured Christmas tree ornaments, and they caught on very quickly.

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ob Page, founder of Replacements, started the company in 1981 as a logical extension of his weekend hobby of scouring flea markets and estate sales looking for tableware. He started getting requests from people asking him to look for pieces they wanted, and from there a business was born.

Replacements tracked down china for the rich and famous, including Sen. Ted Kennedy, Barbara Walters, Charlton Heston, Betty Ford and author Anne Rice. Television shows such as "All My Children" and "Everybody Loves Raymond" also come to the company looking for dishes. However, it's stories like Winters' that make the business so fulfilling, says Sullivan.

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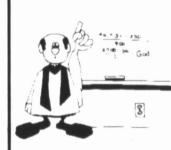
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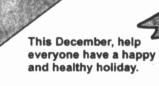
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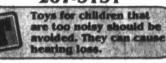


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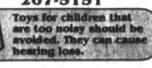
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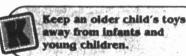




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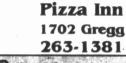
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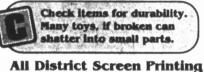




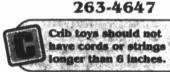
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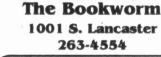
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