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### LOCAL COLUMNS

Local Cooperative Extension Agent Katie Walker is asking for your help in making Christmas brighter while *Herald* employee and certified chef Beth Bond talks about proper temperatures for food preparation.

### BRIEFLY



### SANTA LETTERS

Once again, the *Herald* will help area children get their wish lists to Santa. Mail them to Santa Claus in care of the *Big Spring Herald* at P.O. Box, Big Spring, 79720, or bring them to the office at 710 Scurry.

Hurry, the deadline to get in letters in time for Santa is Monday.

### GIVING TREE

Local citizens are encouraged to participate in supporting the Children's Protective Services' Giving Tree project. The tree is located at Wells Fargo Bank, 400 Main Street.

Members of the community pick an ornament from the tree. The ornament contains a "wish list" for a child living in CPS care in Howard or Glasscock county. Those who participate purchase unwrapped gifts and return them to the tree or to the CPS office, 501 Birdwell. The gifts are then wrapped and delivered to the children.

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## Popular drive through nativity opens Friday night

HERALD Staff Report

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

The annual event follows Christ throughout his life with depictions of the prophecy of his birth, the journey of Mary and Joseph, the birth of Christ, their flight into Egypt following King

Herrod's proclamation of the murder of first born sons, the crucifixion, his resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The popular production has grown considerably since it first premiered in 1987. At that time, the event consisted of seven scenes.

Today, there are 17 scenes, live animals and a cast of more than 130 people. Each scene has been carefully painted and dec-

### INFORMATION

**What:** First Church of the Nazarene Drive Through Nativity.

**Where:** Church parking lot, enter on Lancaster Street, off Martin Luther King Boulevard.

**When:** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

orated to authentically represent the ancient buildings and places of

years gone by. A trail of luminary leads motorists through the the various displayed.

Volunteers will be handing out professionally produced compact discs and cassette tapes in both Spanish and English to place in motorists' car stereo systems which describe the story of each scene.

For those who are new to the event, the production is best approached

from the west on Martin Luther King Boulevard and then by turning south onto Lancaster.

Over the years the drive through nativity has drawn nationwide attention and has seen as many as 8,000 cars come through the church's parking lot where the scenes are displayed.

Admission is free though donations are

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## Community responds to call for angels

### Deadline nears to help provide toys, clothing for area children

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Who's going to save Christmas this year? You are, Howard County.

Faced with a near-doubling of the number of needy children represented by ornaments on area Salvation Army angel trees, Howard County citizens and organizations are pulling together to make sure none of them end their Christmas season empty handed.

"It has picked up, thank goodness," said Salvation Army Capt. Linda Keeney. "With the donations there from the *Herald* and the Harley Owner's Group. They're going to take whatever we have left, angel-wise, and they're going to provide Christmas for those

children. So it's coming together. The community has really come through for us and we really appreciate it."

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said the Firefighter's Association is also helping out again this year.

Last night the Firefighter's Association gave \$2,500 to us for that program like they did last year," Condray said. "And I don't have the totals on what the department itself gave because that's still being collected."

Keeney said the firefighters' donations are very welcome.

"It looks like all the kids are going to have a great Christmas," she said.

**"It has picked up, thank goodness... The community has really come through for us and we really appreciate it."**



Capt. Linda Keeney, Salvation Army



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Janice Bond, a member of the First Christian Church Christian Women's Fellowship, selects 14 senior angels to adopt from the angel tree at the *Big Spring Herald*. The organization usually chooses a number of senior angels each year as a project.

This year, the Salvation Army received requests for Christmas help for 520 children, exceeding last year's total by more than 200. Also, 68 seniors requested help through the Senior Angel Tree program.

Those who picked up

angels from trees should return their gifts by Saturday, Keeney said.

"The deadline is still Saturday," she said, adding that the corps will accept gifts late. "We're never going to tell somebody, 'No, we won't take it,'"

Should donors return gifts wrapped or unwrapped?

"It's not an issue per se, but what we would like is for the person to bring it unwrapped, and then if they would like to send

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## Fire marshal urges caution with holiday trees, lights

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Homes around Big Spring are starting to twinkle like lights on a giant Christmas tree.

Fire Marshal Carl Condray offers the following holiday safety hints to keep those homes safe from the danger of fire.

"When choosing which type of tree to buy, arti-

ficial or real, remember that it is purely a matter of personal preference," he said. "Both can be safe if you follow a few simple rules."

People buying a real tree should look for the freshest tree available, he said.

"Look for a deep green color, strong natural scent and needles that are

**"Always turn off lights and other decorations when going to bed or leaving the area."**



Carl Condray, fire marshal

still firmly attached to the limb," he said. "The trunk should be cut on an angle to increase the area for water absorption and should be sticky with sap."

When decorators set up their trees, they should make sure the bottom of the trunk is immersed in water to keep the tree fresh and green.

"Check this water often as heated rooms can dry out the tree and water supply very quickly," he said. "When the time comes that the needles begin falling off in large amounts, dispose of the tree. This is a sign of a dry and very dangerous tree."

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## Put on your red dress and join the tea party

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Area residents are asked to dress in their Christmas best and participate in the Second annual Red Dress tea party Saturday.

"This year, the tea is dedicated to the Big Spring FORREST Garden club for their generous contributions and support of the museum through the years," said JoAnne Forrest, events committee chairman for the Heritage Museum. "Lucy Knox will be a representing the club."

The event, sponsored by the museum, will be held

### INFORMATION

**What:** Red Dress tea party.

**Where:** The Potton House, 200 Gregg.

**When:** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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"Last year, all the ladies came dressed in red. It was a sea of red and it was really beautiful," said Nancy Raney, museum director. "Some of the Heritage Museum board members will be making cookies. Its a very nice social event for all the ladies of the town."

Men are also invited but they aren't required to wear a red dress, Raney

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
The winners of the Moss Elementary Veteran's Day poster contest pose for a picture this morning before receiving their award, a 3-foot by 5-foot U.S. flag. Pictured from left are, front row, Charlie Boling, kindergarten; Briana Valencia, first grader; Sean Poffenbarger, third grader; back row, Adam Lloyd, second grader; Daniel Wilson, fourth grader; and Michael Oliva, second grader.



# Elsewhere

State and national  
news at a glance

## Former officer faces 10-year sentence

LEVELLAND (AP) — A former Panhandle police officer convicted of involuntary manslaughter faces up to 10 years in prison in the shaking death of his 3-month-old son 17 years ago.

Robert Sharp, 40, could have faced life had jurors convicted him of murder, the charge on which he was indicted earlier this year in Matthew Sharp's 1985 death. But jurors returned with the lesser sentence Wednesday after deliberating for more than four hours.

In the punishment phase which began this morning, Sharp also will be eligible for probation because he has no prior convictions.

## Al-Haboubi won't attend conference

LONDON (AP) — Iraqi exile Ahmed al-Haboubi's credentials as an opponent of Saddam Hussein are solid — he's seen the Iraqi president's brutality from inside an interrogation cell.

But al-Haboubi, a former minister in the government overthrown by Saddam Hussein's Baath party, has no plans to participate in a U.S.-backed conference of major Iraqi opposition groups to be held this week in London.

"This is an American conference with an American agenda to serve American interests and objectives," al-Haboubi said. "Regime change should be done by Iraqis and for Iraqis."

His criticism is shared by others among the varied Iraqi opposition groups who say the meeting to discuss a post-Saddam Iraq will be dominated by the large Kurdish and Shiite parties. The three-day meeting begins Friday.

## Call of Law's resignation growing

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) — The chorus of voices calling for the resignation of Cardinal Bernard Law grew louder as an influential reform group demanded that he step down, citing a "spiritual and moral crisis" in the Boston Archdiocese.

The Roman Catholic lay reform group Voice of the Faithful said recent revelations detailing the extent of the abuse crisis left them with no choice but to publicly declare the archdiocese in need of new leadership.

The vote Wednesday at Our Lady Help of Christians in Newton came on the same day that lawyers released a new batch of files highlighting accusations of abuse in the archdiocese.

## Faith-based initiative order signed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is enacting by executive fiat key pieces of his divisive "faith-based initiative," including one that lets federal contractors display religious favoritism in their hiring.

Hoping to involve churches and religious organizations more deeply in government efforts to address social ills, Bush today was signing an executive order aimed at giving those groups a leg up in the competition for federal money, administration officials said. His plan was also the subject of a speech to religious and charitable leaders in Philadelphia.

The president began pushing the issue on Capitol Hill in his second week in office and ran into a fierce debate over how religious groups could get government money without running afoul of the constitutional separation of church and state.

## NATIVITY

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accepted at the end of the tour. Financial contributions make it possible to continue the nativity each year.

The event runs from 6:30 to 9:30 nightly and takes about 15 to 20 minutes. Hearing-impaired 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.

## ANGELS

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wrapping paper with it to let the child's parents have the joy of wrapping it and feeling a part of giving that child Christmas," Keeney said. "The senior angel gifts would be better wrapped, but I'm not going to tell somebody they have to wrap it."

Donors should return gifts to any Angel Tree location or to the Salvation Army Headquarters, 811 W. Fifth St.

The Salvation Army plans to distribute the gifts between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday at the former Lions Club Bingo Hall, 1607 E. Third St.

Angels are still available to be selected from trees at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Wal-Mart, the Big Spring Mall, Rip Griffin Truck and Travel Center, Gale's Sweet Shop and the Big Spring Herald.

For more information contact the Salvation Army, 267-8239.

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When disposing of a tree, never try to burn it yourself, he added.

"Have it taken to a proper disposal site," he said. "Many times various groups will carry them off for you."

Owners of artificial trees should remember that they can burn, too.

"Even if the label says otherwise, don't take chances," he said. "Never use electric lights on metallic types of trees, but use a separate colored spotlight instead. On plastic trees, make sure that the lights you use are not going to get too hot and melt the needles."

When setting up both types of trees, there are some things that decorators should remember.

"Always turn off lights and other decorations when going to bed or leaving the area," Condray said. "A short circuit could start a fire. Avoid placing the tree too close to a heat source, such as a fireplace or space heater."

When you rearrange furniture to make room for your tree, don't block the exits, he warns.

"Always maintain a clear exit route," he said. "Don't let rearranged furniture block an exit or present a fall hazard."

As always, families should keep a fire extinguisher handy.

When stringing lights outdoors, it's a good idea to examine the strings carefully before hanging them, he said.

"It's a good idea to plug

in all the lights and let them burn about 15 minutes on a flameproof surface like your driveway before installing them," he said. "It will also give you a chance to test your bulbs. By the way, those little bulb testers that they sell are sure handy and save a lot of frustration."

While checking the light strings, look for damage such as frayed wires and staples penetrating the insulation.

Indoor lights should only be used indoors, he said.

"All outdoor lights should be waterproof and be securely fastened to prevent wind damage and trip hazards," he said. "Only use outdoor-rated extension cords and never have more than three light strings plugged into one."

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# Family Focus

The Howard County Health and Wellness Committee is needing your help for the holiday season. This year, this committee is going to making jars of soup for the residents at Canterbury North and South. This facility houses about 200 residents. We are needing help with gathering supplies. The following is a recipe for the soup we are going to put in the jars.

In four 1-pint canning jars, layer beans in order given, dividing evenly between jars. For seasoning packets, use four individual small sandwich bags, or four 6-inch squares of plastic wrap or foil.



KATIE WALKER

**Bean Soup Mix**

2 cups dry black beans  
2 cups dry Great Northern beans (or any small white bean)  
2 cups dry red kidney beans  
2 cups dry pinto beans  
2 cups dry green split peas

Into each seasoning packet (you'll need four times this amount total for all four jars of soup mix), place:

3 teaspoons beef (or vegetable) bouillon  
3 tablespoons dried chives (chopped)  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon dried savory  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1 bay leaf

and rinse beans. Place beans, 5 cups of water, and seasoning packet contents into pot. Heat to boiling, reduce heat to low and simmer gently for 1 1/2 hours until beans are tender. Stir occasionally. Add one 16-ounce can of stewed tomatoes with liquid (break up tomatoes). Heat to boiling. Reduce to low, and cook 15 minutes more. Discard bay leaf.

Each jar of soup mix will make approximately 6 to 8 generous servings.

By doing this project, The Health and Wellness Committee will be providing a Christmas gift and meal to the residents of Canterbury.

If you would like to help with donations or you know someone who you think would like to help, please contact the Howard County Extension Office at 915-264-2236.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Special holiday tradition returns this weekend

One of Howard County's best holiday traditions returns Friday when the First Church of the Nazarene begins its Drive Through Nativity. Members of the church have been conducting this live event for 16 years, and it is truly in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

More than 130 actors take part in the 17 beautifully painted scenes. The event takes motorists through the entire life of Christ with depictions of the prophecy of his birth, the journey of Mary and Joseph, his birth, the family's flight into Egypt following King Herod's proclamation of the murder of first born sons, the crucifixion, his resurrection and ascension into heaven.

Some of the scenes contain animals, donated by area ranchers.

The entrance to the drive through history is on Lancaster from Martin Luther King Boulevard. There will be markers for people to follow. Volunteers will provide compact discs or cassette tapes in both English and Spanish for motorists to listen to while driving through the displays. It takes 15 to 20 minutes to drive through all of the sets.

Once again this year, volunteer signers will be on hand Friday evening to tell the story to the hearing impaired.

There is no admission fee, but donations are accepted at the end of the tour.

The Drive Through Nativity has received national attention. As many as 8,000 cars have driving through the spectacle in one year.

Plans to see this wonderful display on one of the three nights — Friday through Sunday — that it will be offered. Times are 6:30 through 9:30 p.m.

We know you will come away inspired by this very special tradition.

## LETTERS POLICY

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are a work in progress, Lord, let our progress be an experience through your love.

Amen

## Lott should give up leadership post

Senator Trent Lott could prove himself a real leader by giving up his leadership post in the Republican Party. When the Senate reconvenes in January, Lott is expected to become majority leader, the post he held when Republicans were last in control of that body. But Lott's recent remarks at Sen. Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday party have done tremendous harm, not only to Lott's reputation but to the Republican Party. The right thing for Lott to do now is step aside in the interest of his party.

Lott has apologized for telling guests at the gathering, "I want to say this about my state (Mississippi): When Strom Thurmond ran for president, we voted for him. We're proud of it. And if the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years." Thurmond ran for president in 1948 as a break-away candidate from the Democratic Party over the issue of racial integration. Thurmond's

Dixiecrat Party platform declared, "We stand for the segregation of the races and the racial integrity of each race." Thurmond promised during the campaign, "All the laws of Washington and all the bayonets of the Army cannot force the Negro into our homes, our schools, our churches."

Despite Lott's apology which came belatedly, only after criticism within Republican and Democrat ranks began to mount - there is no way to explain away his words. Nor were his comments last week the first time he's gotten into trouble on the race issue. In 1999, Lott addressed a local rally of the Council of Conservative Citizens, a group that has espoused racist positions. At some level, Lott appears to be comfortable in such company and, perhaps, to harbor nostalgia for the South's segregated past. In a free country, Lott is entitled to his views. But the party of Abraham Lincoln should reject such views and anyone who holds them as its Senate leader.

If Lott insists on retaining his leadership position, he will hand Democrats a huge issue. Lott's words may already have cost the Republicans the Senate seat in Louisiana, where

Democrat Sen. Mary Landrieu's campaign effectively used Lott's comments, which were made a few days earlier, to drive blacks to the polls on Saturday, ensuring her victory by equating Republicans with racism.

In each of the last three nationwide elections, fear has been the Democrats' only issue, employed most effectively in the black community. It didn't work in November, when Republicans won back control of the Senate and expanded their majority in the House, largely because blacks don't view George W. Bush as anti-black. But Lott's hateful remarks last week will once again give Democrats grist for their fear mills. If Lott becomes Senate majority leader again, we can expect to see his comments replayed ad nauseum in the next election to prove Republicans want to roll back civil rights gains of the last half century.

Lott can stop that from happening if he chooses. First, he must issue a full apology that does more than excuse his "poor choice of words" that, he said, "conveyed to some the impression that I embraced the discarded policies of the past." Instead, he must say directly that racial

segregation and discrimination were wrong, and they remain a great stain on the history of this nation. He must make clear that he supports enforcement of the nation's civil rights laws and that he opposes racial discrimination in all its forms.

Second, he should announce that he will not seek a leadership position in the Senate out of his concern that his inappropriate statements last week bring dishonor to the Republican Party. No doubt, this will be a difficult sacrifice for a talented and ambitious man. But it's the right thing to do and could end up enhancing his reputation, provided that he does it now, before the drumbeat calling for him to step aside gets any louder. Already, the Congressional Black Caucus has weighed in, and even the president of the Family Research Council, a conservative public policy group, has said that Republicans should "look to a new Senate leader who is not encumbered by this unnecessary baggage."

Trent Lott can't take back his loathsome words, though I'm sure he wishes he could. He can prove his character, however, by letting someone else lead his party in the Senate.



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## Earth is the only life sustaining planet

How can 6 billion people sustain themselves without destroying the planet? That's the central issue of our times.

For some reason, many ideological conservatives are scornful of environmental issues, assuming they are the province of leftists or liberals. In fact, they are the province of all of us and are non-ideological. Only a fool will view the continued degradation of the planet as something that doesn't concern him.

Well, I suppose if you're planning on dying within the next five years, it really doesn't concern you. But if you plan to live beyond that time period and care anything about your loved ones who will live on after you, you have to be concerned about environmental matters.

Don't believe in the magic of technology to

solve all problems. It can't. And don't fall for infantile sophistry such as "all 6 billion humans would fit in the state of Texas." The fact that as a mathematical abstraction they could fit, but not survive, in the space delimited by the boundaries of Texas.

So far as we know, our planet is the only one in the solar system that can sustain life.

That is because it is exactly the right distance from the sun and because it has a thin atmosphere and water. To screw up the atmosphere, to pollute the potable water and to allow the topsoil to erode is to commit suicide.

Whether global warming is taking place and, if it is, whether it's natural or man-caused is beside the point. Pollution is occurring on a daily basis. Underground water supplies in the three greatest food-producing countries - India, China and United States - are being used up. The atmosphere is being polluted.

Politicians in the pockets of big business continue to proclaim that

unlimited growth in a finite environment with finite resources is possible. It is not. As fossil fuels and minerals are depleted, competition for the remaining supplies will intensify to the point of war.

The carrying capacity of land is real, and we are already seeing large migrations beginning to build up as people flee from areas that cannot sustain them to the areas they hope will - but, if too many come, won't.

Every human being on Earth has a selfish interest in protecting the environment from abuse by corporations and political entities blinded by rapacity. If we have learned anything in the past century it is that *laissez faire* won't cut it. Only the power of government can match the power of big business, and only then if an alert, intelligent and ethical people put in public office men and women who won't be bought. Concern for the environment should cut across all ideological, political, sectional, national, racial and ethnic lines.

The Bible says somewhere, and I'm para-

phrasing, what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and to lose his soul? What does it profit a man to make a lot of money and in the process lose the only world in which he can live? Earth is all there is for us. There is no place else to go. The other planets are unlivable, and the nearest star is so far away it is unreachable, science-fiction fantasies notwithstanding.

It's here that we will either survive as a species or die out. Rather than take a gloom-and-doom approach, we should see it as the great and exciting challenge of our times. Every generation has had to face problems and meet challenges. Ours is to preserve those conditions that sustain life on Earth.

We have to make this the top news story and the No. 1 political issue. There are a lot of positive things we can do, but of course we won't know what they are until we think more about the environment than we do about entertainment or politics. Let's put our minds to it before it's too late.

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# In the kitchen ...with Beth

**W**hat we're going to talk about in this visit deals with time and temperature in food preparation. Both are very important when you're in the kitchen.

When you are cooking, failure to control temperature is one of the leading causes of food born illnesses...in other words what makes you sick from improperly cooked and handled food.

In the cooking world, the temperature danger zone is from 45F-140F degrees. It is between these temperatures a bacteria is most likely to occur. This bacteria can ultimately lead to sickness. These illnesses can range from an upset stomach to something far more serious.

It is very important that hot foods be kept hot. Otherwise the dangers of bacteria and associated illnesses are always present.

There are a million ways to continue this column, but let's spend a minute on proper kitchen utensils.

To maintain proper temperatures when cooking it is important to use calibrated thermometers. Do you know the proper method to calibrate a manual thermometer? Pack it in a glass of ice water, and once it has been in the water/ice for 10 minutes set it to 32 degrees. This will allow it to function properly and provide a nearly perfect temperature reading. Some thermometers are already calibrated and ready to use right away.

Now that we have calibrated the manual thermometer — or have a consistently calibrated thermometer, here are some proper temperatures to prepare meat dishes safely.

If cooked in a microwave, pork, ham, sausage and bacon should be cooked to 170F degrees. If cooked using other heating elements, such as a stove or oven, it should be cooked to a minimum of 150F degrees. Trichinella Larva can be found in improperly cooked pork products.

All poultry and game birds must be cooked to a minimum of 165F degrees; that temperature must be reached without any interruption of the cooking process. This means, if you are boiling a chicken it must reach 165F degrees before you turn it off. Once it reaches 165F degrees with no interruption, most, but possibly not all bacteria has been killed. Do not turn it off in the middle of the cooking process and restart it. What this does is put the chicken in the temperature danger zone.

It can only be in the danger zone for six total hours before it is consid-

ered bad. When you thaw out poultry or game birds it can take up to two hours to do this and accordingly puts the meat in the temperature danger zone. Then when you cook it, it goes back up through the temperature danger zone to reach the proper cooking temperature. This cooking time must be counted in the six-hour period. Once it is on the table, it will again fall into the danger zone and once it reaches six hours, it has the potential to contain bacteria which can cause illness. This is why it is very important to store the cooked meat right after you have finished the meal. Do not leave it to remain for long periods of time in the temperature danger zone. Improperly cooked poultry and game birds have been directly linked to salmonella and campylobacter outbreaks.

**Moving on to beef now**... rare beef-steaks should be cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 130F degrees. Rolled roasts must be cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 140F degrees for at least 12 minutes. A hamburger, which is a ground meat, must be cooked to well done, which is a minimum of 165F degrees. Improperly cooked ground beef and some other products have been directly linked to e coli outbreaks.

**Reheating of cooked meats**... when warming/reheating previously cooked meats they must reach an internal temperature of 165F degrees within two hours of the beginning of the reheating process.

While I will say right away not every improperly handled piece of poultry, beef or pork will generate enough bacteria to cause illness, the very chance of this happening to you and your family should make cooking at proper temperatures and using proper techniques worthwhile.

In a note from our last column, I mentioned using bleach water at 170F degrees to sanitize. I failed to mention you should use rubber gloves if you're going to immerse your hands in the hot water or better yet put the bleach-water mixture in a spray bottle and then check the temperature.

In our next visit we will talk about proper refrigeration and handling of cold foods.

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• Child Protective Services' Giving Tree, Wells Fargo, 400 Main Street, through Thursday, Dec. 19. The tree contains Christmas wish lists of around 50 area children under the services of Children's Protective Services.

• Martin County Community Fund, 400 N. Theresa St., Stanton, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. food and toy drive through Dec. 21. The MCCF supplies Christmas food (turkeys or hams) to more than 200 families and toys to more

than 100 children in Martin County. Food pantry operates year round. Cash contributions are needed.

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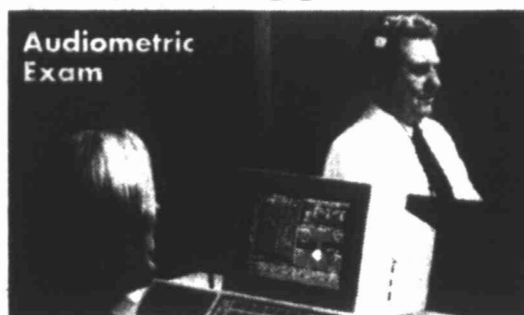
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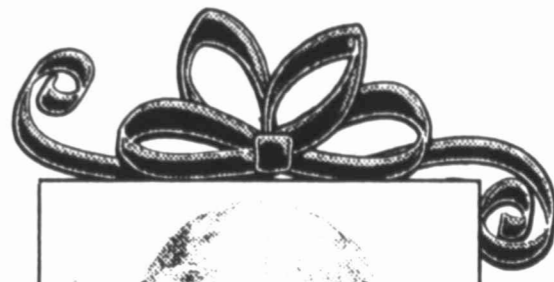
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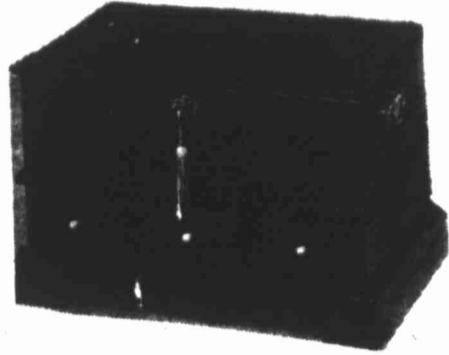
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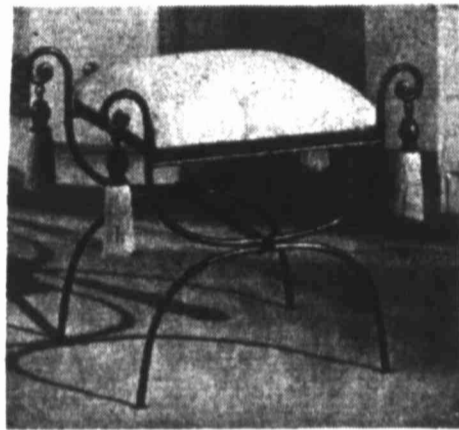
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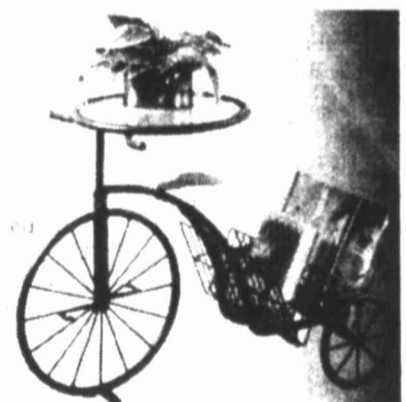


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## Parker helps Spurs deal Mavericks third loss

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker hurt the Dallas Mavericks just as much as Dirk Nowitzki's absence.

Parker, the second-year point guard from France, scored a career-high 32 points, including seven free throws in the final minute, to lead San Antonio to a 111-104 victory Wednesday night.

The offensive outburst, on 10-for-16 shooting, was nearly triple Parker's average of 11.7 points in the first 21 games.

"I knew I was struggling," said Parker, who made only 10 of 33 shots in the previous three games, "but you just focus on your defense during those times and just keep working on

your shot until it turns around."

The loss was only the third in 22 games this season for the Mavericks, who lost scoring star Nowitzki to an ankle sprain Tuesday night in a victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

"We definitely missed Dirk, but don't get me wrong — this was a very winnable game," said Michael Finley, who scored 17 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter.

"We could have beat this team. They're very weak in the transition, and we didn't take advantage of that."

Actually, the Mavs took full advantage of that by scoring 20

fastbreak points in the first half, but they managed only three transition points in the final two quarters.

"We took care of the ball better and played better defense, (and) at the same time we made shots," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We were more patient in the second half."

San Antonio, trailing by one at the break, made 12 of their 20 shots in the third quarter and was sitting on a 90-73 lead with about nine minutes left in the game.

Dallas charged back behind Finley, who made four 3-pointers in the fourth period — the final one pulling the Mavs to 97-92 with about three minutes

remaining.

But Parker swished a 3-pointer at the shot-clock buzzer with 2:24 left, and Stephen Jackson had a dunk following a steal to build San Antonio's lead to 102-94. Parker was fouled four times in the final 52 seconds, and he made seven of his eight free-throw tries.

Tim Duncan added 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs, and David Robinson had 17 points and 10 rebounds. Jackson contributed 17 points off the bench.

The Spurs, who have struggled at the foul line all season, made 21 of their 26 free throws.

"If we had been shooting at our usual 29th-in-the-league

clip, the game might not have come out the same way," Popovich said.

Nash had 21 points and 10 assists for Dallas, while Nick Van Exel, starting in place of the injured Adrian Griffin, scored 16.

San Antonio started strong, with Duncan making his first four shots and Parker using his speed to drive past Nash to the basket.

The Spurs built their lead up to 25-15 on a 3-pointer by Jackson with 3:50 remaining in the opening period. But Dallas switched to a zone defense, and six minutes later, it was the Mavericks who were ahead by 10.



Howard College's Je'Kel Foster battles Hill College's Zachary Wier for a loose ball during the Hawks' recent win over the Rebels. The Hawks, now 14-0, cracked the NJCAA national top 10 this week, moving into the No. 10 position. Howard College will resume play after the holiday break, beginning Jan. 3 against Hill.

## Bulldogette 7th graders slip past Stanton, 19-17

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

You have to give the Coahoma Junior High School Bulldogettes credit. At times their game may not be pretty but its always good enough to win.

The Bulldogettes' seventh grade A team remained unbeaten Monday night by taking a nail-biting 19-17 win over the Stanton Junior High School Lady Buffaloes. The win gave the Coahoma girls their second win over Stanton in the past three weeks and improved their season mark to 7-0.

Just like their win over Stanton in the Forsan tournament last month, Monday's win was anything but easy. The Bulldogettes survived a strong defensive effort from Stanton, scoring late in the fourth quarter to claim the win.

Both team dominated the game defensively in the first quarter. The only points scored in the opening six minutes came on a pair of free throws — one each by Coahoma and Stanton.

The Bulldogettes hit stride in the second. Christie Rich keyed a 10-2 second-quarter run that sent Coahoma into the half holding an 11-3 cushion.

Rich finished the game as the Bulldogettes' top scorer, netting eight points.

The Lady Buffaloes didn't roll over and play dead, however. Stanton, anchored by the play of Jess Briseno and Laci Luna, found their groove in the third. The Lady

Buffaloes outscored Coahoma by a slim 8-4 clip in the frame and went into the fourth quarter trailing by a 15-11 margin.

Stanton didn't ease up in the final stanza. The Lady Buffaloes posted a 6-4 run in the frame and pulled to within two at the final buzzer.

In all, Coahoma had six players figure into the scoring. Helping Rich lead the team was Cassie Holbrook, who tallied three. Heather Sheppard, Kristi Kerby, Kayla Gutierrez and Kaleigh Sevey all added two.

Briseno led all SJHS scorers, pushing home eight points. Luna added four while Ruby Salazar tacked on two. Erica Chapa and Brittani Garza chalked up one apiece.

Stanton used a smothering defensive effort in the second half to claim a 12-6 win over Coahoma in the seventh grade B team matchup. The Lady Buffaloes held the Bulldogettes scoreless in the final 12 minutes and rallied from a halftime deficit.

Coahoma, which had four points from Veronica Cortez and two from Kaylea Wood, grabbed the upper hand early. The Bulldogettes outscored Stanton by a 6-4 clip in the first half.

The Lady Buffalo defense took control in the second half, however. Stanton did not allow Coahoma a single basket in the third and fourth quarters.

Angelica Moreno and the SJHS offense sealed the win, reeling off eight unanswered points in the final two quarters.

## HC men climb to No. 10 in latest NJCAA Division I poll

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Howard College head basketball coach Chris Jans got an early Christmas present from the National Junior College Athletic Association this week. In fact, the Hawks' second-year mentor is one of just 10 coaches nationally to receive the good news.

His team is rated as one of the top basketball teams in the nation, according to the latest NJCAA poll.

Howard College, off to a 14-0 start to the season, moved up two

spots in the latest NJCAA Division I basketball poll to No. 10 nationally. The Hawks received 30 points in the polls, just five behind No. 9 Three Rivers Community College.

Howard College, which had been rated as high as No. 12 in recent polls, have caught the pollsters' eyes with their aggressive style that has the Hawks near the top nationally in several major areas. Heading into the break, Jans' squad is the third-best defensive unit in the United States, allowing just 55.7 points a game.

The team, which has eclipsed the 100-point plateau six times, is also second nationally in the margin of victory category. The Hawks, who are off until Jan. 5 when they will face Hill College in Hillsboro, have posted an unblemished run by outscoring their opponents by a staggering 33.9 points per game.

As a team, Howard College is averaging just under 90 points a game this season.

Freshman Je'Kel Foster, a high school standout at Natchez High

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## Morriss must rebuild Bears out of Big 12 basement

WACO (AP) — Guy Morriss is leaving one rebuilding job for another.

After turning around Kentucky this season, Morriss, officially took over Wednesday as coach of a Baylor football program that fields one of the worst teams in the Big 12 Conference.

"I know there is a lot of work ahead and the challenges are great,

but I have confidence that we can help Baylor win again," Morriss said in a statement Wednesday, before he was introduced on campus in front of about 200 supporters. "Football is important to the state of Texas and to people who love Baylor; those are two pretty good ingredients for success."

Morriss was 9-14 in two seasons with the Wildcats, his first head

coaching job. He took over at Kentucky when Hal Mumme resigned in February 2001 amid internal and NCAA investigations.

"Coach Morriss' head coaching experience, proven turnaround ability, commitment to our distinctive mission and ability to recruit within Texas make him the ideal person to lead Baylor football," said

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## Miami's McGahee, Dorsey among Heisman finalists

NEW YORK (AP) — Top-ranked Miami's Ken Dorsey and Willis McGahee are Heisman Trophy finalists, the first time since 1994 that teammates were among the top five in the voting.

Iowa quarterback Brad Banks, Penn State running back Larry Johnson and Southern California quarterback Carson Palmer also were invited Wednesday for the award's presentation.

The winner of one of the most wide-open Heisman races will be announced Saturday night at the Yale Club in New York.

The last time two players from the same school finished in the top five was eight years ago, when Penn State's Ki-

Jana Carter was second and Kerry Collins fourth.

McGahee, a tailback who wasn't even supposed to start this season, would be the first sophomore to win the award given to college football's most outstanding player.

Palmer is trying to become the first West Coast player to win since USC's Marcus Allen in 1981.

Of the five finalists, only Dorsey opened the season as a true Heisman hopeful; he finished third in the 2001 voting and led Miami to a national title.

McGahee ended the 2001 season as Miami's starting fullback, but moved back to tailback because of injuries and broke sev-

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### Morgan leads Coahoma to split with Buffaloes

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor  
Colter Morgan scored 10 points and Logan Stone and Regan New added eight apiece Monday and led the Coahoma Junior High School seventh grade A team to a 34-26 win over rival Stanton.

In all, six Coahoma players etched their names into the scorebook. Joining the CJHS scoring parade were Jerod Smith, who finished with four. Steven Stiller and Casey Kilpatrick tallied two each.

The Coahoma seventh grade B team also emerged victorious, claiming a 15-6 win over the Buffaloes.

William Reilly led all Coahoma scorers with

seven. Josh Thompson added four, while Chris Mauld and Matthew Tatum pushed in two apiece.

The CJHS eighth grade B team garnered four points apiece from Tyler Tucker and Domingo Rodriguez and rolled to a 13-9 win.

Also scoring for the Bulldogs were James Lee Morgan with three and Justin Cantu, who netted two.

Stanton, despite six points from Coahoma standout Jason Gonzales, took a 34-22 win in the eighth grade A matchup.

Coahoma's Camrun Green, Steven Ewing and Cory Clanton all scored four points in the loss. Blane Kerby and Kurt Lang notched two.

### MORRISS

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Baylor President Robert Sloan Jr.

Kentucky was 7-5 this season, but wasn't eligible for a bowl because of NCAA sanctions.

Baylor, the Big 12's only private institution, refused to disclose details of the deal, which has been reported at about \$1 million annually.

Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart said Baylor outbid the Wildcats for Morriss, whose base salary at Kentucky was \$400,000.

Barnhart said he sweetened Morriss' contract with performance incentives, but the coach told him it wasn't enough.

"Baylor comes along and puts together a package that's outstanding," Barnhart said. "If you're in Guy's shoes, you've got to look at those kinds of

things for your family." Morriss, a native of Colorado City, Texas, played guard at TCU from 1969-72, earning All-Southwest Conference honors his senior season.

"The opportunity to return home to Texas and to do so at a great institution like Baylor were the primary factors in my decision," he said.

He inherits a poor Bears program.

The Bears were 9-36 over the past four years under former coach Kevin Steele and 1-31 in the Big 12. Steele lost his first 25 conference games.

And it wasn't much better before him.

Dave Roberts coached the Bears to consecutive 2-9 seasons in 1997-98. Chuck Reedy went 23-22 from '93-'96, including Baylor's last winning season, a 7-4 mark in 1995. Baylor's last bowl

appearance was in the 1994 Alamo Bowl. Its last bowl win came in the '92 John Hancock Bowl.

Given the recent history of quickly revolving doors at the coach's office, Morriss probably won't have much time to turn things around.

Reedy was gone after four seasons, Roberts only two. Steele was dumped before the end of his fourth season, when

the school ran out of patience waiting for the team to show signs of life.

Steele was fired Nov. 3 but allowed to finish out the season. He coached the last three games, which Baylor lost by an average score of 51-9.

Morriss played 15 NFL seasons for the Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots. He appeared in two Super Bowls.

### CYBL registration being held in junior high gym

Registration for the Coahoma Youth Basketball League is now being held at the junior high gymnasium.

The league, which is open to boys and girls in grades 4-6, will begin registering players yesterday. It will conduct sign-

ups through Dec. 13 from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Registration will be held the same time on Dec. 12 and Dec. 13.

The league draft will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 13.

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Cushman's Sam Tindol drives between two defenders for a basket during a recent Bulldog basketball game. Tindol, who scored 10 points against Post Tuesday, leads the CHS squad into Stanton's Hooptown Invitational tonight, beginning at 8 p.m. The tournament is scheduled to run through Saturday.



## Sterling City deals Sands 57-44 loss in season-opener

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Brandon Woods scored 16 points and Nate Looney added six more Tuesday night, but it wasn't enough to carry the Sands Mustangs to a win in their 2002 basketball season opener.

Sterling City used a 37-25 run in the second half to claim a 57-44 win in non-district action. The win moved the Eagles over the .500 mark this fall, at 4-3.

Sands, making its first appearance after an extended run in the state football playoffs, had 10 players score in the game, including Chance

Grantham, who finished with six.

Sterling City, which swept all four games played, took a 69-29 victory in the junior varsity matchup.

The Sterling City Lady Eagles, despite 18 points from Deisi Porras, broke a 25-25 deadlock at the start of the fourth quarter and rolled to a 44-35 win.

Sterling City, now 8-2 on the year, sealed the win with a 19-10 spree in the

final eight minutes.

Krista Blagrave and Audra Kennemer both played well for the Lady Mustangs, who fell to 4-5 overall. Blagrave pushed in seven points, while Kennemer tallied six.

The Sterling City JV girls claimed a 49-29 victory.

The Mustang cagers return to action this afternoon in the Meadow Invitational Basketball Tournament.

## Rangers won't be a major player on free agent scene

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers general manager John Hart has done his preparation for the winter meetings. He's talked to the rest of the GMs and knows about the more than 120 free agents still available.

Still, Hart insisted again Wednesday that the Rangers, despite three straight last-place finishes in the AL West and several needs, aren't going to be free-spenders at the meetings in Nashville, Tenn., this weekend. Or at any point during this offseason.

In what has been a slow market in the wake of baseball's new collective bargaining agreement, Hart said he's really in no rush. Plus, with owner Tom Hicks insistence to cut the \$107 million pay-

roll from last season, Hart doesn't have much money to be dealing.

But Hart would like to find another starting pitcher and another option in center field if Carl Everett can't bounce back from two injury-plagued seasons.

The Rangers didn't offer salary arbitration for 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez. They got his likely replacement when Einar Diaz came in a four-player trade with Cleveland, the only deal Hart has made so far this offseason.

The need for pitching is nothing new. But Chan Ho Park is the only established starter left after 38-year-old Kenny Rogers rejected a two-year deal with more than \$10 million.

## HEISMAN

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eral single-season records.

He shattered the school record with 27 touchdowns and also set school records for yards rushing (1,686), total yards (2,036), and 100-yard games (10). In last Saturday's 56-45 win over Virginia Tech, McGahee ran 39 times for a career-high 205 yards and broke a 69-year-old school record with six touchdowns.

Dorsey, a senior from Orinda, Calif., is 38-1 as a starter and led the Hurricanes to another unbeaten season at 12-0. Miami will play No. 2

Ohio State (13-0) in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3.

Dorsey owns nearly every significant Miami passing record. This season, he completed 194 of 350 passes for 3,073 yards, 26 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

Banks, meanwhile, never started a Division I game until this season.

The senior from Belle Glade, Fla., led the nation in passing efficiency, going 155-of-258 for 2,369 yards, 25 touchdowns and four interceptions. He also ran for 387 yards and five TDs on 73 carries, and was The Associated Press College Player of the Year.

He helped No. 3 Iowa notch its first 11-win season, its first unbeaten Big Ten season since 1922, and a berth in the Orange Bowl.

Johnson emerged late in the season. He finished with 2,015 yards rushing, only the ninth Division I-A player to top 2,000 in a season. His 341 yards receiving are the most ever by a Penn State running back, and his 2,575 all-purpose yards this year are a Penn State record and ninth best in NCAA history.

The senior from State College, Pa., set the school single-game rushing record with 327 yards

against Indiana. No. 10 Penn State (9-2) will play in the Capital One Bowl against Auburn.

Palmer completed nearly 63 percent of his passes for 3,639 yards and 32 touchdowns with 10 interceptions this year, leading No. 5 USC to the Orange Bowl.

The senior from Laguna Niguel, Calif., particularly shined during the Trojans' final eight games, throwing for 2,676 yards and 27 touchdowns with seven interceptions. He ended the season with 425 yards passing and four touchdowns in a 44-13 victory over Notre Dame.

## HAWKS

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School in Natchez, Miss., leads the team offensively averaging 14.6 points a night. Overall, he is ranked 10th among Western Junior College Athletic Conference conference scorers.

Chaun Brooks is 20th among all league scorers, throwing in 11.4 points.

Sophomores Jared Fears and Eddie Starks also key the HC offense. Fears leads all WJAC conference players in assists with 6.04 per game. Starks is fourth overall at 4.42

Maushae Byles and Foster anchor the HC defense.

The two are ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in steals, respectively. Byles is averaging 5.5 takeaways a game. Foster averages 3.3 steals. Fears is eighth in steals, averaging 2 per game.

Gulf Coast Community College of Panama City, Fla., is the top ranked team in the women's poll, edging out No. 2 Seward Co. Community College of Liberal Kansas, by a single point. Gulf Coast CC received 195 total points, including five first-place

selections. Seward Co. was the No. 1 team on three ballots.

The highest rated area team in the women's poll is Midland College, which checks in at No. 14.

The Hawks and Lady Hawks will make their next home appearance on Jan. 8 against Mountain View College. The teams open Western Junior College Athletic Conference action the following week with home games against the Odessa College Wranglers on Jan. 13.

No. Team	Rec.	Points
1. Okaloosa-Walton CC	13-0	134
2. Southeastern CC	11-0	98
3. Barton Co. CC	13-1	84
4. Southeastern Illinois	11-0	79
5. Lon Morris College	12-1	62
6. Dixie State Coll.	11-1	56
7. Schoolcraft Coll.	9-0	49
8. Sheridan College	13-0	43
9. Three Rivers CC	10-1	35
10. Howard College	14-0	30
11. Jackson State CC	9-0	26
12. Redlands CC	13-1	25
13. Georgia Perimeter	11-1	20
14. Allegany College	7-1	18
15. Shelton State CC	8-0	16

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THURSDAY DEC. 12 TV schedule table with columns for station, time, and program name.

DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip panels showing a character looking out a window and another locking a door.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS comic strip panel showing a character asking 'HAVE YOU BEEN A GOOD BOY?' and another replying 'Why? What have you heard?'.

HAGAR comic strip panel showing a character jumping over a cliff with a speech bubble: 'WE COULD PROBABLY JUMP OVER THERE-IF OUR LIVES DEPENDED ON IT!'.

BLONDIE comic strip panels showing a character talking to a boss and another character in a car.

win some comic strip panel showing a character with a bag labeled 'WILEY'S DICTIONARY'.

THE SECOND WORD OF A CONCESSION SPEECH comic strip panel showing a character with a bag labeled 'WILEY'S DICTIONARY'.

WIZARD OF ID comic strip panels showing a character at a bar talking about calling it quits.

I GUESS NOT comic strip panel showing a character at a bar.

GEECH comic strip panels showing characters talking about a driveway and snow.

I HOPE TO BE FINISHED BEFORE IT DOES. comic strip panel showing characters talking.

HI AND LOIS comic strip panels showing characters talking about false teeth and a pillow.

I WANT TO PUT THEM UNDER MY PILLOW AND SEE HOW MUCH MONEY THE TOOTH FAIRY LEAVES ME! comic strip panel showing characters talking.

GASOLINE ALLEY comic strip panels showing characters talking about a paint closet and claustrophobia.

No! We ain't scared of you, Santy Claus! comic strip panel showing characters talking.

SNUFFY SMITH comic strip panels showing characters talking about a wedding and a feller.

WHO'S TH' LUCKY FELLER THIS TIME?!! comic strip panel showing characters talking.

BETLE BAILEY comic strip panels showing characters talking about snail mail and a walk.

WHAT DO I DO WITH IT? comic strip panel showing characters talking.

People In The News By The Associated Press. BOSTON (AP) - Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra and soccer star Mia Hamm are engaged. Garciaparra, a two-time American League batting champion, proposed to Hamm, the top scorer in the history of the U.S. women's national team, during the Thanksgiving holiday, the Boston Herald reported Friday. The 29-year-old Garciaparra proposed to the 30-year-old Hamm by bending down on one knee, the newspaper reported. The two met at charity event in 1998 and started dating last Thanksgiving, shortly after Hamm divorced her husband of six years, Marine helicopter pilot Christian Corry. Garciaparra told the newspaper the couple is planning to wed "sometime in the next two years."

Newsday Crossword ART-LINKED LETTERS by Patrick Jordan Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a word bank and a grid with numbers 1-63.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like GAYER, MATH, REED, ADORE, ENZO, ELLA, BLUEPERIOD, BAER, LENNON, DEVOLVE, ERGO, YSP, ROO, WEILL, NOTICE, THE AREA, EVAC, HUNDREDDAY, DASH, ELITE, SLEDER, NFO, MANTAP, RIDGE, ARE, BOU, TEMP, GRANTED, CARRIE, RANTY, PRICE, QUOTE, EYIE, EAST, UNDER, WEED, RYAN, AGERS.