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LADY BUFFS WIN TITLE

Stanton's Lady Buffaloes nailed down their record fifth Hooptown Classic championship Saturday by outlasting the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs, 52-47. With the win, Stanton ended Robert-Lee's two-year stranglehold on the crown.

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TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Tonya Graves, a fourth grade teacher at Kentwood Elementary School is the Teacher of the Week honored by the Herald and the Big Spring Educational Employees Federal Credit Union.

BRIEFLY

HOLIDAY HAMS

The Big Spring Herald is offering a little something extra for new subscribers this holiday season. Beginning Tuesday, 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.

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BSSH patients to celebrate an early Christmas

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital patients will celebrate Christmas a full week early by attending holiday parties, a holiday concert, tree lighting ceremony, an evening dance and Christmas sing-a-long.

A number of civic groups, churches and individuals have adopted patient units and are responsible for hosting that area's Christmas party, said Billie Russworm director of community relations.

Sandwiches, sweet treats, fruit

"Some people may take holiday parties for granted, but anytime something differs from the norm for our patients, it's a special occasion. In the last few years, we started having different groups and volunteers adopt a unit and provide the party. It makes it more manageable and it gives the volunteers more of a one-on-one relationship with each unit."



RUSSWORM

and beverages are provided Tuesday to each patient in their residential setting or at the evening party in the Activity

Therapies building.

"Some people may take holiday parties for granted, but anytime something differs from the

norm for our patients, it's a special occasion," Russworm said. "In the last few years, we started having different groups and volunteers adopt a unit and provide the party. It makes it more manageable and it gives the volunteers more of a one-on-one relationship with each unit."

Later that evening, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will hand out candy canes following the hospital's Carol of Lights. Hundreds of lights adorning the Activities Therapy building will be lit along with a huge pine tree in

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Principal of the Week Garden City gives Jones good 'small town' feeling

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Besides an occasional large dog or vehicle, Brad Jones doesn't stress over the daily morning commute.

"I live a block from the school," said Jones, the principal at Garden City Elementary School. "I often walk to school."

A small-town, pleasant atmosphere where school is the center of community is just a one reason this young West Texas native enjoys working for and living in the Glasscock County Independent School District.

"This is a good place with good kids and with strong family support," Jones said. "The staff and faculty and superintendent are wonderful to work with."

"It (Glasscock County) reminds me of where I grew up," he said. "My great-granddad came to Stonewall County in a covered wagon. I'm proud of my heritage and I see that in Glasscock County. You find great pride in their heritage."

Jones, an Aspermont native, graduated from Angelo State University and began his teaching career at Lake View High School in San Angelo.

After four years in the



Garden City Principal Brad Jones visits with first-graders Hannah Halfmann and Peter Scuderman (left) while the class taught by Tanya Multer enjoys the "cleaning" up the icing after making gingerbread houses.

classroom, he quickly moved into administration by becoming the assistant principal at Coahoma Elementary School.

"I've always wanted to be a principal," Jones said. "I love teaching but, I just feel like, hopefully, I can impact things in a good way."

Jones would later move to the principal's position at Coahoma Junior High

and then to Garden City where he has led the elementary school staff for the past three years.

At 30, Jones appreciates being able to work and raise his two twin children, Ethan and Allie in a small community atmosphere.

"The community centers around the school and school is important," he said. "It's a good environment."

"Teachers get to know the students better as individuals because you see them on the outside of school," Jones explained. "It enables the teachers, administrators and staff to better meet the individual needs of the students."

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Bicycle project means wheels for 50 children

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Christmas Bicycle Project volunteers are about to wrap up another successful year collecting, repairing and repainting almost 50 bicycles for distribution to needy children.

"We started the bike program eight years ago as a way to give children a bicycle for Christmas," said Nancy Jones of Retired and Senior Volunteer program, the organization that sponsors the program.

Partnering with the city of Big Spring, RSVP has given away close to 300 bicycles during the existence of the program to children who may not

receive any other Christmas present.

"This is one of the biggest years ever," Jones said. "We are expecting to give away about 50 bikes."

During the year, the organization collects used or unclaimed bicycles and this year the inmates at Cornell Corrections performed the repairs.

"The Cedar Hill Unit of Cornell has been wonderful and so has Celestino Corraera, the maintenance supervisor," Jones said. "They are able to do things we can't. They tear down those bikes completely, sand and paint them."

Jones added Peyton's

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Bauer Elementary School kindergarten teacher Sally Groves helps Blanca Corraera wrap a Christmas present while Alex Trevino observes. Students in the kindergarten class handmade their own special presents during an activity at the school.

DRA

Association planning gift for everyone

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A group of grateful local merchants is giving a Christmas gift back to the people of Big Spring.

The Downtown Revitalization Association (DRA) is planning a "Funtastic Christmas Gift to the Community," a concert of Christmas music by the West Texas Musical Revue at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

"The motivation behind this is, this was our first year and Big Spring really came out and supported us," said DRA President Allan Johnson. "We just want to give something back and say 'Thank you.'"

The event will include Christmas music by the West Texas Musical Revue, made up of 15 to 20 local solo, duet and group performers directed by Lawrence Thibeault. The group performs several area concerts each year at the auditorium and in Odessa. The revue also performed at the Pops in the Park Independence Day celebration this year.

"Lawrence Thibeault has done a tremendous job in assembling his performers for this show," said DRA member and

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Morris E. Robertson



Morris E. Robertson, 77, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Rev. Elwin Collom, Chaplain with Home Hospice and Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on March 7, 1925, in Ardmore, Okla. and married Jimmie Lou Dement on March 29, 1946, in Fort Worth.

Morris had been a resident of Big Spring since 1938 and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1942. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946. He owned and operated Morris Robertson Body Shop Inc. for 52 years.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church and was past president of First United Methodist Church Trustee Board. He was a charter member of the Boys Club and the Heritage Museum. Morris was the Divisional Chairman for Easter Seals for six years and was Divisional Chairman of the Heart Association.

He was past president of the American Business Club and was also named AMBUC of the year, the United Way, the Big Spring Body Shop Association and the National World War II Navy Reunion for the U. S. S. Neshanic crewmembers. He was currently serving as president of the Western Drifter Travel Club.

Morris' past time was playing golf with friend, Richard, and grandson, Taylor. He enjoyed playing bridge and a board game called "Joker" with his friends in the Travel Club. Being with his family was his greatest joy.

Survivors include his wife, Jimmie Lou Robertson of Big Spring; four sons, Robby Robertson and wife, Dani, of Weatherford, Reggy Robertson of Midland, Randy Robertson and wife, Vicki, and Roddy Robertson and wife, Lynn, all of Big Spring; three daughters, Donna Dement and Jan Woolsey, both of Lubbock, and Dixie Weaver and husband, Sonny, of Yucca Valley, Calif.; one sister, Lee Priest of Big Spring; one brother, Charles Cheek of Hubbard; seven grandsons, Shane Robertson and wife, Kim, of Nolan, Shad Robertson and wife, Angela, of Weatherford, Rodney Robertson and wife, Joy of Memphis, Tenn., Richard Robertson and wife, Licia of Big Spring, Jody Robertson and Cody Robertson, both of Midland, and Taylor Robertson of Big Spring; six granddaughters, Julie Luna of Midland, Wendy Murdock and husband, Kyle, of Midland, Charitixan Nichols of Durango, Colo., and Melissa Nichols of San Angelo; eight great-grandchildren, Tysor Robertson, Taylor Robertson, Tanner Robertson, Carly Robertson, Braden Robertson, Lacy Luna, Austin Luna and Madison Murdock.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ricky; a grandson, Jeremy; a brother, Troyce Wayne; and his parents, Lee Tommy and Obra.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 Gregg St., Big Spring 79720 or one's favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, of Big Spring. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Walter A. Sanders



Walter A. Sanders, 51, of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

There will be a Rosary at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel on today at 6 p.m. Funeral mass will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002. Afterward, the deceased will be transported to Harrell Funeral Home, 4435 Frontier Trail (South Lamar and Ben White) in Austin, (512) 443-1366.

Funeral services will be held at Harrell Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, with interment immediately following.

Born in Port Neches, Walter loved to travel. As a child he lived in Venezuela when his father worked for Shell Oil. He was an Eagle Scout. He attended Kermit High School, but graduated from West Jefferson High School in Louisiana. He returned to the Permian Basin to attend Howard County Junior College (now Howard College) before finally graduating from Louisiana State University in 1978 as a petroleum engineer.

He worked for Texaco for 24 years. His assignments included Louisiana, Texas, Denmark in Europe, California, Angola in Africa, Sumatra in Indonesia and Kuwait in the Middle East. He retired from Saudi Arabian Texaco, a subsidiary of Chevron Texaco on Aug. 1, 2002.

Walter enjoyed participating in sports more than watching them. He played and coached softball. He went to college on a tennis scholarship and played for the Caltex (a subsidiary of Texaco) company team in Indonesia. He was an avid golfer. In addition, he enjoyed pool, darts, water sports, hiking and photography. But what he really loved was travel. He took his family on vacations to Europe, Australia and New Zealand as well as touring the United States every summer home leave.

He was a true gentleman and it was a pleasure to be in his company. He was hospitable and a gracious host. He loved costume parties and Mardi Gras. He liked nothing better than a good joke. He went a long way for a good time.

Walter married Marie Cynthia Boadle, daughter of Robert and Cynthia Boadle of Big Spring on Dec. 16, 1989.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Boadle Sanders of Big Spring; his mother Bobbie Sanders of Horseshoe

Bay; his brother, Captain Michael Wayne Sanders of Baton Rouge, La.; his daughter Selena Faith Tolar of Kentwood, La.; two sons, Matthew Wayne Sanders and Christopher Allen Sanders, both of Geismar, La.; his youngest daughter, Jennifer Marie Sanders of Big Spring; his grandchildren, Ashton Shay Hughes, Tanner Lane Hughes and Dawson Reid Tolar, all of Kentwood, La.; and Kaitlin Rayne Sanders of Geismar, La.

Honorary pallbearers include Michael W. Sanders, Matthew W. Sanders, Christopher A. Sanders, Russ Tolar of Kentwood, La., Jerry I. Nichols of Boonville, Mo., James Allison of Midland, William Arnold of Houston, William O. Smith of Houston, James McKenzie of Houston and Wesley Paugh of Norman, Okla.

The family suggests memorials can be made to the Boy Scouts of America, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, the American Cancer Society, the Lupus Foundation or the Texas School for the Blind.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Ginger Halfmann Rich

Ginger Halfmann Rich, 55, of Ballinger died early Sunday morning, Dec. 15, 2002, in San Angelo.

She was born on Nov. 13, 1947, in Marlin to Thomas H. and Eileen Greger Halfmann. Her father preceded her in death. She married Donald Rich in November of 1993 in Coahoma.

Moving to Ballinger, she was a proof operator for Ballinger National Bank until her illness caused her to retire. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Rich of Rowena; one son Douglas Lawhon of San Angelo; one daughter, Amy Slaton and her husband, Todd of San Angelo; and two granddaughters, Sterling and Addison Slaton of San Angelo. She is also survived by her mother, Eileen Halfmann of Rowena; brothers, Patrick Halfmann and wife, Rosa of Barnhart, Charles Halfmann and wife, Gretchen of Hurst, Arnold Halfmann and wife, Lissa of Frisco and Dale Halfmann and wife, Lisa of Ballinger. One sister, Glenda Piel and husband, Larry of Bangs and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family will be receiving friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Services for Ginger will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger with Dr. Kenneth Patrick of San Angelo officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Boniface Cemetery in Olfen. Pallbearers will be Tommy Halfmann, Travis Halfmann, Lance Halfmann, Ryan Halfmann, Kevin Rich and Bob Wheeler.

The family requests that memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo or a favorite charity.

Paid obituary

Elizabeth Holton Beck



Elizabeth Holton Beck, 82, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Kevin Parker, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be held at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Beck was born on May 21, 1920 in Gatesville and married Grady C. Beck on June 4, 1939 in McGregor. He preceded her in death on Oct. 8.

She was raised in Pancake and lived in Gatesville for a number of years before moving to Big Spring in 1952. She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing and playing cards.

Mrs. Beck was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She was a member of Big Spring Rebekah Lodge No. 284 for over 15 years.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Beck of Big Spring and Earnest Beck of Ranger; 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St., Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Clara Elsie Allred

Clara Elsie Allred, 93, of Stanton, died on Saturday, December 14, 2002 in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, at Belvue Church Of Christ with, Dr. Bill Welsh, minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

She was born on Feb. 24, 1909, in Stacy and married William "Buddy" Allred on Nov. 14, 1925, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on March 9, 1979.

Mrs. Allred was a long time resident of Stanton and Martin County. She was a member of Belvue Church Of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Jack Allred and Bill Allred, both of Stanton; one daughter, Mildred Haggard of Stanton; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice of Midland, 1802 W. Wall, Midland 79701.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Alma Louise McLaurin

Alma Louise (Pittman) McLaurin, 101, of Llano, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at Care Inn of Llano. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Support groups

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 laryngectomies 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 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 631-4490 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.

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 last Saturday of each month. 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 1 noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Lottery

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game. The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million and was sold in: Watauga.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were:

3-17-21-27-31-40.

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The winning Cash Five numbers:

1-2-5-23-28

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night:

0-4-6

Do you have a favorite holiday memory? The Herald is seeking stories from our readers about their most memorable Christmases in their own words.

Send mailed submissions to Big Spring 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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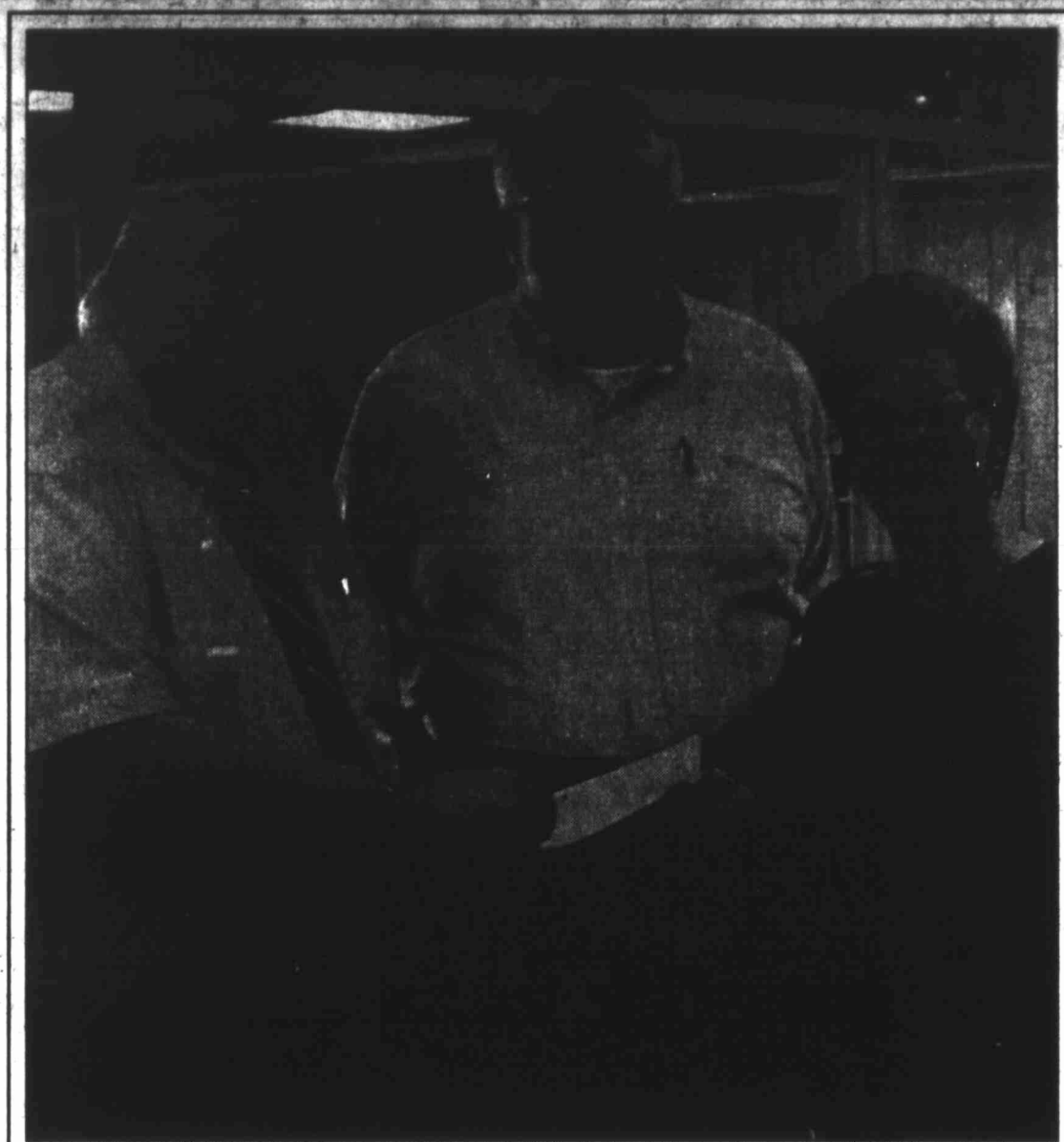
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Letha Nixon (right) presents a \$1,000 check for the Big Spring Herald-Salvation Army Toy Drive to Herald Classified Advertising Manager and Toy Drive Coordinator Bob Rumpff (left) as Herald Publisher Hank Bond looks on. Monday is the final day for area residents to purchase new toys for the drive and drop them off at the Herald offices. The toys will be distributed by Salvation Army personnel.

In a giving mood?

Several area organizations are holding charitable drives to benefit those in need. The following is a list of drives:

- Fraternal Order of Eagles, 703 W. Third St., canned food drive through Monday. Bring non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products to the Lodge. Food will be taken to Isaiah 58 to be distributed to needy folks who live in Howard County.
- 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.

- Big Spring Herald toy drive, 710 Sourry through Monday. Bring a new unwrapped toy to the newspaper office between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. On Tuesday, the toys will be delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution.
- Salvation Army Angel Trees: 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. The official deadline is Saturday.

If you would like your organization to be on the list, contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

BIKES

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Bikes in Midland and the Paint and Safety Store have also donated to the project.

This year, RSVP is receiving help from men in black leather.

The Cossacks Motorcycle Club will distribute the finished bicy-

cles to the children's homes near Christmas, Jones said.

"Greg Bodine, an officer with the Cossacks, had really been helpful to bringing the bikes back and forth for repair," she added.

Spending \$1,500 to \$2,000 in repairs, Jones said

every spent penny is worth the joy on the children's faces when they receive a bicycle.

"We love doing it," she said.

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DRA

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event organizer Keith Graumann. "Not only will we get to hear some of our best local talent, but he's also bringing in some marvelous people from elsewhere in the Permian Basin. I knew that this would be a very good show, but it has really blossomed into a performance that should definitely not be missed."

Members of the group include Thibeault; Alicia Campos, fresh from her appearance as Dorothy in

the recent local production of "The Wizard of Oz"; Karen Ward; D.G. Smith; Darryl Boyles; Doug Hartman; Zack Casey; Bob Horner; and Jennifer Maton.

Graumann said that KWES-TV Channel 9 personalities Jessica Garate and Stephanie Rivas will be on hand to help host the event. Rivas will also participate in the performance along with the Revue.

"To bring in these lovely ladies from our local television" will be a won-

derful addition to the evening," he said.

In addition to the music, Santa and Mrs. Claus will drop in at the event to wish Big Spring a merry Christmas, Johnson added.

The Downtown Revitalization Association — a group of local merchants dedicated to improving business in downtown Big Spring — formed earlier this year and presented their first event, the Funtastic Fourth Festival on July 4 in Heart of the City Park.

Since, the group has presented the Funtastic Fiesta Festival, a Diez y Seis-de Septiembre celebration, Sept. 13-14, and contributed volunteers and support to other events.

At intermission and following the Funtastic

Christmas Gift, the DRA will have refreshments such as coffee, hot chocolate and soft drinks available for purchase.

The event is free to the public and should last 1-1/2 to two hours, Johnson said.

"We just want every-

body to bring the kids out, come on out, have a good time and enjoy," he said.

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the building's courtyard. Patients, employees and volunteers will sing Christmas carols during the lighting ceremony, said Jaime Sotelo, assistant director of the Activities Therapy Department.

The Ackerly Band will provide music, as they have done for more than 25 years, Russworm said. And the ladies of the Ackerly Baptist Church and the Evening Lions Club, along with other community volunteers, will serve sandwiches, Christmas treats and drinks.

"This is always a fun evening for the volunteers, employees and the patients," Russworm said. "We appreciate the volunteers who have made this a Christmas tradition for all of our patients. Some of our long-time patients count on this tradition, just like we count on traditions to carry us through the holidays."

Hospital employees and volunteers will provide their annual Christmas program Thursday in the chapel. Several employees have been practicing traditional Christmas carols to perform during the concert.

Christmas will be celebrated the morning of Dec. 25 when each patient receives a brand-new jogging suit and a variety of other items, Russworm said. Volunteers have been busily raising money throughout the year, shopping for the gifts and wrapping the presents to open on Christmas morning.

"This is a huge under-

taking, and our office could not do it without the help of countless volunteers," Russworm said. "ALON-USA chipped in at the last minute, like they did last year, wrapping gifts, stuffing envelopes and delivering presents to the units."

The "Saints Alive Choir" from First Baptist Church performed Dec. 12 in the chapel.

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GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$5,897,837	44,443	\$5,942,280
5800 State Program Revenues	167,978	21,827	189,805
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	198,033	198,033
5020 Total Revenues	6,065,815	264,303	6,330,118
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	\$1,552,591	143,049	1,695,640
0012 Instructions Resources & Media Services	66,459	100	66,559
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	2,000	-	2,000
0021 Instructional Leadership	-	3,390	3,390
0023 School Leadership	176,028	-	176,028
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	61,112	-	61,112
0033 Health Services	788	-	788
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	298,318	-	298,318
0035 Food Services	-	199,702	199,702
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	138,793	-	138,793
0041 General Administration	237,130	-	237,130
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	550,562	-	550,562
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	900	-	900
0053 Data Processing Services	11,400	-	11,400
Capital Outlay			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	80,725	-	80,725
Intergovernmental:			
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between	2,410,269	-	2,410,269
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of	47,713	-	47,713
6030 Total Expenditures	5,634,788	346,241	5,981,029
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	431,027	(81,938)	349,089
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	-	81,938	81,938
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(81,938)	-	(81,938)
7956 Insurance Proceeds	83	-	83
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(81,855)	81,938	83
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	349,172	-	349,172
0100 Fund Balance-September 1,(Beginning)	2,638,245	-	2,638,245
3000 Fund Balance-August 31 (Ending)	\$2,987,417	-	\$2,987,417

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OUR VIEWS

Volunteers still needed to help with Festival of Lights

Although workers are still not finished completing all their displays the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park is once again a major attraction for Big Spring during the Christmas season.

The American flag in lights, over a banner reading "God Bless America," flanked by two giant poinsettias is one of the most striking displays, but there's much, much more for visitors to the park each night during the festival.

More poinsettias, arranged around and reflected in the waters of the historic Big Spring and another 11 poinsettias lining the Comanche Trail Lake dam along U.S. 87 also grab the eye, but they are just a few of the attractions at this year's new and improved Festival of Lights.

Work on setting up the festival has been hampered by inclement weather, theft of lights and Wilderness Camp inmates who usually help out with the setup being unavailable to work.

Still, the festival got under way Sunday with about 85 percent of the displays up and running. Sometime today or maybe Tuesday the entire display will be completed, according to coordinator Pat Simmons.

Among the displays will be a remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., a history of Big Spring in lights, and 20 poinsettias total, 12 more than last year.

Volunteers are welcome to come out and help wrap trees and string lights, Simmons said. "They can come out one hour, two hours, whatever," she said. "They can wrap a tree, you know, that would help."

Those wishing to help can either go to Comanche Trail Park today or Tuesday and find the workers, or call Simmons at 263-4607. Any help will most certainly be appreciated.

And be sure to take a few moments this holiday season, pack up the family or a few friends and take a tour through the park and enjoy the almost magical display volunteers have created.

We're sure you'll be glad you did.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, thank you for our very life and this new chance to have a joyous day through your grace.

Amen

What is Christmas to you?

In his book entitled "The Singer" author Calvin Miller writes that "Earthmaker is in love with loveless men." God in indeed in love with loveless men and women and mankind is reminded of that each and every Christmas. It is so beyond our comprehension why the Lord God would clothe Himself in flesh and humanity and reveal



JEFF JANCA

Himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Truly His love is so deep for you and I.

In the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season it is so easy to forget and miss the true meaning of Christmas. It is so easy to miss that wonderful gift that God has for us, that gift being a relationship with Jesus Christ and living in His presence daily.

What is Christmas to you? Is it a headache and a hardship or is it a joyous and jubilant experience? Is it just another holiday or is it a holy day? Christmas is what you make of it. It is what

you want it to be. It can be drudgery or it can be a delight. If you will just slow it all down and invite the Lord Jesus to come into your life, He will make your life and this Christmas time a great and wonderful experience. This Christmas why not let Jesus happen to you. When I met Jesus Christ in 1977 my Christmas experience has never been the same. Jesus truly is the reason for the season. God bless ya'll.

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There is a new and noisy kind of plastic surgery taking place in America today. It's the sound of people who are cutting up their credit cards! It's too late for many people as we have reached the point where over one million families are filing for bankruptcy each year.



JIM DAVIDSON

A recent report revealed that the collective debt of the American people is now over one trillion dollars and about 40% of this is credit card debt. While filing for bankruptcy may seem like a panacea to some people, it has far reaching consequences and this is the primary reason I decided to write this column.

Who knows, I may be able to keep a few people from going down the path that leads to financial ruin. While I believe in the individual rights of every person and how they handle their financial affairs is up to them, however, it does affect all of us when they act irresponsibly. When a person files for bankruptcy and the slate is wiped clean, the debt still has to be paid by someone. In most cases, it's simply passed along to the American consumer in the form of higher prices, which means we all pay. The saddest story of all is about the one who

does the filing. It may appear that they get off "Scott free", but in reality they have been branded, much like a cow on a Texas ranch and it stays with them for the rest of their life, psychologically, if not physically.

Now, please understand that I'm not saying that all credit is bad. It's good when used in the proper way and most of us would not be where we are today if it were not for credit. Over the years, we have had a great number of loans and installment contracts and I'm proud to say that everyone of them has been paid back, either before or on time. At present, we only have one credit card with a very low balance, and we keep it for tax purposes, emergencies and convenience, in a small number of cases.

It's easy for me to see why many people get in a real dilemma when it comes to the use of credit cards. Several times each month we get offers from various credit card companies with special offers, low introductory rate, no annual fee, life insurance benefits and on and on. They make it so easy and if you don't have the self-discipline to say "no", you can be up to your neck in hot water in a very short period of time. The problem for most people comes when they live so close to the edge and when an emergency comes along they are wiped out. After several months of being wiped out, then bankruptcy becomes more and

more attractive. As I said earlier, "don't do it" and don't get yourself in a position where you have to even consider it, because the consequences are long lasting.

If what I'm saying applies to you, I believe you will appreciate something titled Economy Raises Revenue. This has been a great guide for us when it comes to spending and saving money. "Your ship won't come in except through the straight of economy. You can increase your wealth by decreasing your wants. You can raise your wages by lowering your expenses. You can have more by wanting less. What you make is not as important as how you handle it. This requires efficiency, planning and the maturity to stick with the plan. Economy does not mean no spending, it means wise spending. Frugality takes the view that a thing not needed is too high at any price, and there are so many things we don't need."

In conclusion, here are a couple of questions that may be worth thinking about: Do I need plastic surgery at this time in my life? If I continue with the same spending habits as I have in the past, am I headed for some real financial problems down the road? As I said earlier, my heart's desire is to help you.

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'Hooptown' hoopla

Lady Buffs earn their 5th tourney title with wild 52-47 victory over Midland's Lady 'Stangs

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

STANTON — The Stanton Lady Buffs nailed down their record fifth Hooptown Classic championship Saturday evening by outlasting the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs, 52-47, in front of a large crowd in the Stanton gymnasium.

With the win, Stanton ended Robert Lee's two-year stranglehold on the crown and earned its first since 2000. The win also enabled the Lady Buffs to improve to 14-1 on the year.

Stanton, which was led by Ashley Newell, held a slim lead at the half. They outscored Midland Christian by a 15-14 clip in the second and took a 24-23 lead at the break.

Newell finished with a team-high 12 points.

Stanton took its largest lead of the game in the third. They opened up a 37-31 cushion with a 13-point barrage.

The Lady Mustangs, who have finished second for three straight years, made a game of it late. In the boys' title game, Ky Smith scored 22 points and led defending boys' champion Midland Greenwood to a 75-54 rout of Robert Lee.

The Midland Christian boys, behind a tournament-high 53 points from Zac Schwarz took third in the boys with a 85-59 win over Eldorado.

Schwarz's offensive output established a new single-game scoring record, eclipsing the previous mark of 50 — which he set two years ago as a sophomore.

The Mustangs put the game on ice in the first half, reeling off a



Stanton's Kayla Cook drives past a Midland Christian defender for a shot during the Hooptown Classic finals Saturday. Stanton beat Midland Christian, 52-47, and won the tournament for a record fifth time.

51-23 run in the first 16 minutes. The Borden Co. Lady Coyotes took third in the girls' bracket by downing the Sterling City Lady

Eagles, 45-40. Senior Pati Rodriguez led the BC onslaught with 16 points. Janell Thomas led Sterling with 19.

Lady Kats earn O'Donnell title

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Garden City Lady Kats earned their first O'Donnell title Saturday afternoon by defeating a solid Midland Christian charge.

They proved the strength of their Saturday night by turning a solid defensive effort into a 38-21 win over the O'Donnell Lady Kats in the finals of the 2002 O'Donnell Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Garden City, which has played in the finals in each of its first tournament appearances, beat O'Donnell by a margin of 17 points during the entire contest.

The Lady Kats, who had two players score into double figures, took the early lead. They outscored O'Donnell by a 10-0 margin in the first quarter.

Senior Niehues helped the GC lead with 12 points in the contest. Her 10-point performance was the key to the victory.

With the rally, the Trojans erased a 37-0 half

into the half holding a 20-18 ledger.

Neither team managed to solve the other's offense in the third. Both teams, combined, hit just five shots in the period.

Garden City, now 11-2 for the year, took a 26-20 lead into the final eight minutes.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Kats picked up key shots from Leslie Jansa, Morgan Kight and Hoch to preserve the win. Jansa and Kight combined for five free throws in the frame, while Hoch pushed home a 3-point bomb that took the wind out of the OHS sails.

Niehues, who was a first-team all-tournament selection, led all Garden City scorers in the game, pushing in 11 points. Hoch, who was named the 2002 tournament MVP, also hit double figures, chipping in 10.

Jansa contributed eight, while Dendra Maxie and Brecklyn Hughes each scored three. Amanda Hanson and Kight had two apiece.

Calvert upset Sanderson with late TD pass in six-man finals

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — The Calvert Trojans scored 31 points in the second half Saturday afternoon and rallied for a stunning 51-48 win over the Sanderson Eagles in the Texas six-man state football championship.

With the rally, the Trojans erased a 37-0 half

time deficit and completed their year with a perfect 14-0 mark.

Calvert, which scored 38 points in a six minute stretch in the third, scored the game-winning touchdown on a 50-yard pass to Darius Smith with 31 seconds.

Sanderson, 14-1, had taken a 46-45 lead just 15 seconds earlier.

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Midland	Odessa	Dallas	Dallas	Odessa	Dallas	Midland	Atlanta	Spanish	Princeton	Nashville	Princeton	Princeton	Princeton	Odessa	New York	Discovery	Atlanta	Leaning Ct.					
6:30 News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Cyberchase Zoboamoo	Christopher Twas Night	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Gala Salute	Sister, Sister Little	Real TV (CC) Real TV (CC)	(15) Movie: The Flance	Your Lie (CC)	(CC)	Update With John Hayes	Real Story (CC)	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC)	Secrets of Forensic Science					
7:30 Monk (CC)	Boston Public (CC) (DVS)	Antiques Roadshow	Santa Is Coming to Town	King Yes, Dear	Monk (CC)	Fear Factor (CC)	Movie: Sleepless in Seattle (CC)	Las Vias del Amor	Movie: The Ultimate Christmas	Star Trek: Next Gen. (CC)	Movie: The Queens of	Movie: Legally Blonde (CC)	Movie: Artificial Intelligence (CC)	Joseph Good Sam Peak	TVography (CC)	Monster Garage	Movie: Door to Door (CC)	Trauma: Life in the ER					
8:30 NFL Football: New England Patriots at Tennessee	Christmas Moments	Antiques Roadshow	Movie: The Christmas	Raymond Sill Standing	NFL Football: New England	Fear Factor (CC)	Seattle (CC)	El Privilegio de Amar	Present (CC) Lizzie	Star Trek: Next Gen. (CC)	Movie: The Queens of	Movie: Legally Blonde (CC)	Movie: Artificial Intelligence (CC)	Light of the Southwest	American Justice (CC)	Crash Files: On the Inside	(DVS)	Human Instinct					
9:30 Patriots at Tennessee	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Ken Burns American	List (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	Patriots at Tennessee	Crossing Jordan (CC)	Movie: When Cristina	Even Stevens Sister, Sister	Comedy (CC) Masters of	Lara Croft: Tomb Raider	Catch Me If	Movie: O (CC)	Hour of Healing	Investigative Reports (CC)	Crash Files: On the Inside	Movie: Door to Door (CC)	Human Instinct						
10:30 Titans (CC)	Raymond Suddeny	Stones (CC) Mark Russell	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	Titans (CC)	News (35) Tonight	Harry Met Sally (CC)	P. Impacto Noticias Univ.	Boy World Boy World	CSI: Crime Son	Horror (CC) (CC) Lady Chatterly	Movie: O (CC)	Joe McGee Church	TVography (CC)	Crash Files: On the Inside	Law & Order (CC)	Human Instinct						
11:30 News Nightline	Spin City (CC) Blind Date	News-Lehrer Show (CC)	Caroline Rhea Show (CC)	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	News (CC) Nightline	Show (CC) (37) Late	(45) Movie: En las Me joras Familias	So Weird (CC) Jeff Jackson	(05) V.I.P. (CC)	Movie: When We Were	Movie: You Can't Hurry	(40) Movie: Payement (CC)	Update With Promise	American Justice (CC)	Crash Files	X-Files (CC)	Human Instinct						
12:30 AM Up Close Hollywood Sq	Beyond Beyond	Maze (CC) (DVS)	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Ent. Tonight Up Close	Night (CC) Fraser	Sleepless in Seattle (CC)	Tu y Yo	Boy World Smart Guy	(12:05) Bay-watch (CC)	Kings (CC) Queen: The	Love (40) Movie: Payement (CC)	Update With Promise	American Justice (CC)	Crash Files	X-Files (CC)	Human Instinct						

DENNIS THE MENACE



"THAT'S MARGARET. SHE'S BEEN GOOD ALL YEAR. THE PROBLEM IS, SHE KNOWS IT."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I know. We get candy too."

HAGAR



THE SNOW IS SO THICK WE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!



OKAY, SO I STAND CORRECTED

BLONDIE



HOW WAS EVERYBODY'S DAY?



COULDN'T WE GO JUST ONE DAY WITHOUT WHINING ABOUT OUR JOBS?!



OKAY, WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST?!

BC



WIZARD OF ID



GEECH



HI AND LOIS



GASOLINE ALLEY



SNUFFY SMITH



BETLE BAILEY



People In The News

By The Associated Press

Singer Marc Anthony and former Miss Universe Dayanara Torres renewed their wedding vows, five months after announcing their separation.

The couple emerged Saturday from the grand Cathedral of San Juan holding hands and kissing as bridesmaids in scarlet gowns showered them with white rose petals.

Hundreds of well-wishers lined the narrow cobblestone streets outside the cathedral. The couple responded with one more kiss before being whisked away in a black limousine.

A private reception followed in the courtyard of a colonial-era garrison located a short distance from the cathedral.

Although they announced a split in July, the couple never legally filed for separation. Torres has described the church wed-

ding as "a new beginning." Anthony, a Grammy-winning singer born in New York to Puerto Rican parents, married Torres in a Las Vegas civil ceremony on May 10, 2000.

Socks has put on a few pounds since his days as the first pet, but he's no less adventurous.

The mischievous cat seemed more interested in climbing a tree than riding in Clinton's 1967 Mustang in his first trip back to Little Rock since 1992.

Socks, who now belongs to Clinton's former personal secretary Betty Currie, returned to Little Rock on Saturday as the grand marshal of the 2002 Little Rock Big Jingle Jubilee Holiday Parade.

"It's been wonderful for both of us, but he seems to be enjoying it immensely," said Currie.

NAPA, Calif. (AP) - Film director Francis Ford Coppola has agreed to pay \$31.5 million - a wine indus-

try record - for the Cohn Vineyard in Napa Valley.

The deal brings an end to a bidding war between Coppola and Robert Mondavi. The maker of "Apocalypse Now" and the "The Godfather" series will pay an estimated \$350,000 per acre for the prized vineyard, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

Coppola is a veteran vintner with more than 30 years experience in Napa Valley.

The Cohn Vineyard is renowned as one of the best locations to grow cabernet in Napa Valley, if not the world, said Mike Fisher, a vineyard expert with the St. Helena consulting firm of Motto Kryla & Fisher.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

WHAT'S FOR DINNER? by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Tiny bites
- 5 Machine parts
- 9 Literary monogram
- 12 "Ta-ta," in Montreal
- 14 Snapshot
- 16 The whole enchilada
- 17 Country-fair competitions
- 19 Mauna
- 20 Frightens
- 21 Listen to what's said
- 23 Retail price
- 25 Specialized vocabulary
- 26 Purplish-red flower
- 29 South Korea's capital
- 31 GI show sponsor
- 32 firma
- 35 Scatter about
- 37 Belgrade resident
- 39 Average score
- 40 terrier
- 41 Fish-eating birds
- 43 Gulliver's Travels author
- 46 Summer, in France
- 47 Pouts
- 49 Decked out
- 51 Pennies and dimes
- 53 Tart-tasting
- 54 Abominable beast
- 56 Thoroughfare
- 60 Jump on one foot
- 61 Impractical prospect
- 64 "Just __ suspected!"
- 65 Work very hard
- 66 More stable
- 67 "Cry __ River"
- 68 Veer off course
- 69 Decorate anew
- 7 Coffee/chocolate mix
- 8 Takes the wheel
- 9 Get down to business
- 10 gin fizz
- 11 Pizazz
- 13 Maximum
- 15 Inedible oranges
- 18 Actor Davis
- 22 Below-the-soil plant parts
- 24 Ballfield covers
- 26 Electric circuit protector
- 27 PC owners
- 28 Symbol of abundance
- 30 Philippine island
- 33 Uncooked
- 34 Opera solos
- 36 Garden nuisance
- 38 Under
- 42 Practices frugality
- 44 Winter dew
- 45 "We hold these __"
- 48 Slow-moving mollusks
- 50 Unpaid debt
- 52 Go furtively
- 54 Pillow cover
- 55 Facial feature
- 57 Ancient laborer
- 58 Supplemented, with "out"
- 59 Beginner
- 62 Got a Secret
- 63 Not used

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