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### GARDEN CITY

Garden City High School's Bearkats had eight players named to the District-7A All-District Team.

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## COMING SUNDAY



### FAMILY VIOLENCE

Battering is the No. 1 crime and cause of injury to women in the U.S., according to the Surgeon General. This weekend, the Herald explores domestic abuse — why it happens and how to get help.

## BRIEFLY

### BOOK SIGNING

A former Big Spring resident will be at the Heritage Museum today to autograph copies of her first book.

Deborah Allen, who was born in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1976, will sign copies of her book "The Prey of the Shadow" from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, 510 Scurry.

Allen, the mother of three, has worked full-time in the nursing field over the last 25 years after graduating from the Howard College Vocational Nursing Program in 1977.

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## Moore Development approves loan for Fibercom

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. board members approved a \$65,000 no-interest loan to Big Spring-based fiberglass oil sucker rod manufacturer Fibercom at the Moore board meeting Wednesday evening.

Last month, Fibercom finalized a deal to acquire competitor Fiberflex's oilfield division, making the company the only source of fiberglass sucker rods in the world.

"The board agreed to loan Fibercom \$65,000 for some equipment purchases," said Moore

"We expect to see Fibercom be a major force in the economy of Big Spring and we wanted to be a small part of that, as much as we felt like we could do."



Tim Blackshear, Moore president

President Tim Blackshear. "They had asked for a large sum, and we felt this was in the guidelines of what Moore

Development was set up for."

Blackshear said the loan was set up on a four-year note, but Fibercom will not have to make payments for the first year.

"It will be a four-year loan basically, but the first year will be payment-free. It will be waived for

the first year, to give them some time to get on their feet," he said. "We expect to see Fibercom be a major force in the economy of Big Spring and we wanted to be a small part of that, as much as we felt like we could do. The way it's been

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## Salvation Army plays Santa Claus

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Big Spring's Salvation Army played Santa Claus Wednesday, passing out Christmas toys, clothes and food for hundreds of local children to their grateful parents.

"It's going wonderfully," said Capt. Russ Kenney soon after the distribution started at 9 a.m. "We worked really hard this week but it's paying off now. We've got all the toys bagged up and there's not going to be a single child in Big Spring that does without."

Kenney said the excitement started early. "We've had a line here since 7:30 this morning and we're doing our distribution now," he said. "We covered all the toys, thanks to the Big Spring Herald and the other donors."

Kenney said that a potential problem with people not returning gifts for angels they had



Here the Salvation Army volunteers Betty Boyd and Brandy Hutoheson may not wear red and white suits, but they looked like Santa Claus to hundreds of parents who packed the former Lions Club Bingo Hall Wednesday morning. The women and other Salvation Army volunteers and employees distributed Christmas toys, clothes and food to the parents as part of the corps' annual Angel Tree program.

selected wasn't as bad as it originally appeared. "We started off with

about 100 but they started trickling in and I think our final count was about

30 that had taken angels See CORPS, Page 3A

## Holidays!

### Area schools about to let out for break

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

School districts will release students early on Friday for the holiday break — and just in time, as many schools have been forced to close because of a high rate of illness-related absenteeism.



VILLARREAL

"We wish everyone a happy, safe and restful holiday," said Rey Villarreal, Big Spring Independent School District assistant superintendent. "We hope to see everybody in 2003 and in good health."

Howard County schools are the latest plagued by a flu-like illness that has caused high rates of student absenteeism throughout the state. Both Big Spring

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## Conaway says he has what it takes to win 19th Congressional District seat

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Mike Conaway (R-Midland) said he has what it takes to win the 19th Congressional District seat being vacated by Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) in May.

"No other candidate will work harder in this race in earning your respect and earning your vote," Conaway told about 15 people gathered at Big Spring's Heritage Museum, a stop on the candidate's tour of the district. "I can win this race."

Conaway visited sites in Odessa, Lubbock and

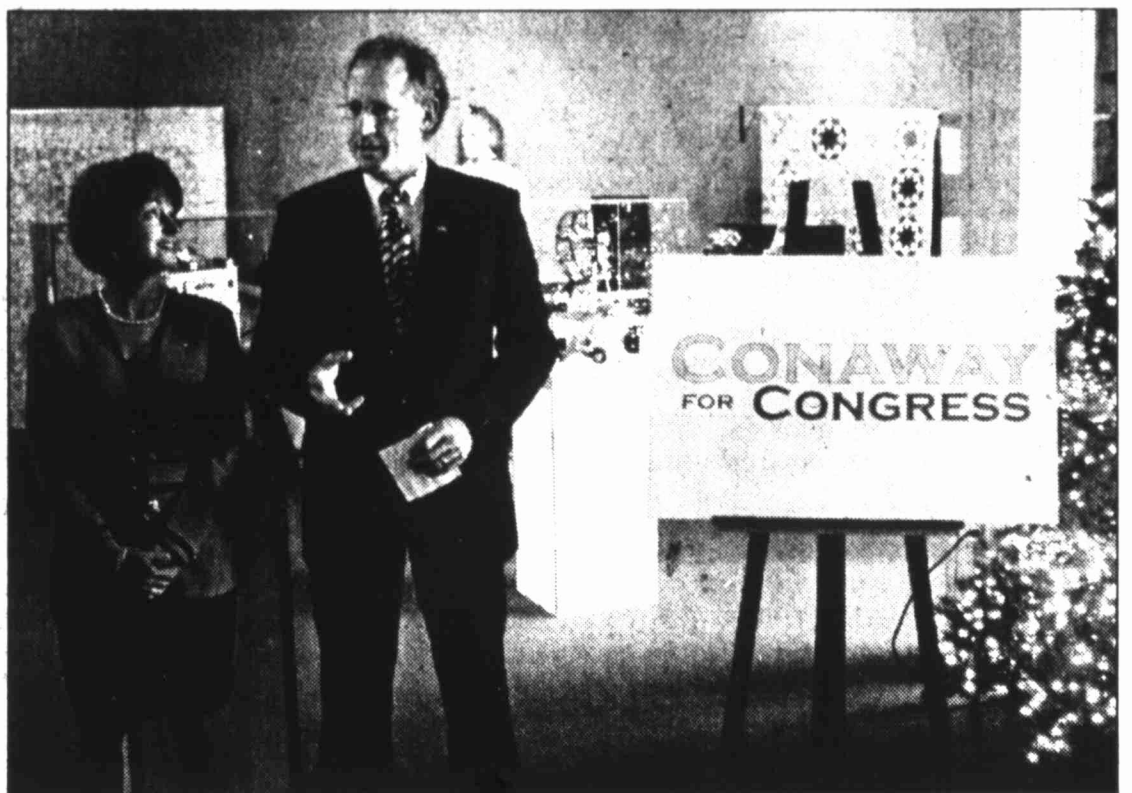
Midland as well as Big Spring with his wife Suzanne and his campaign manager Mike McMullen to drum up support for his newly-announced candidacy.

Conaway said he will represent all the district's residents, if elected.

"This race isn't about Midland/Odessa vs. Lubbock," he said. "And it's not about oil vs. agriculture."

The candidate called for ending the double tax bite on investment dividends and repeal of the estate tax.

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Mike Conaway, candidate for the area's House of Representatives seat being vacated by Larry Combest in May, visited Big Spring's Heritage Museum Wednesday as part of a West Texas tour. With Conaway is his wife Suzanne.

## YMCA celebrates 100 years; Taylor honored

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

A long-time volunteer for the YMCA received the first Clyde McMahon Sr. Distinguished Volunteer of the Year award Wednesday night.

"This is a special honor to be given an award named after Clyde McMahon Sr. who was one of the strongest supporters of the YMCA we've had in this town," said Jimmy Taylor.

Taylor received the award during the Y's 100th year anniversary banquet, held at the Big Spring Country Club.

An original member of the endowment committee, Taylor was a personal friend of McMahon, which made the honor personal, he said.

Taylor's wife, Mary Ann, was also present at the dinner for his recognition.

The plaque, inscribed with Taylor's name, will be displayed in the YMCA's lobby.

The dinner capped a day-long celebration of the YMCA's existence in Big Spring. The original YMCA building was built to serve the Texas and Pacific Railroad employ-

ees to provide a safe night's rest. It officially opened in 1902.

Currently, the YMCA serves approximately 2,000 people, including its youth sports leagues, wellness and after-school programs.

The celebration comes on the heels of the 150th anniversary of the national Young Men's Christian Association in 2001.

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Jimmy Taylor, left, received the first YMCA's Clyde McMahon Sr. Distinguished Volunteer of the Year award Wednesday night. Also pictured are Cavan McMahon, grandson of Clyde Sr., and Clyde McMahon Jr.

# A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### H. Durwood McCright

Funeral service for H. Durwood McCright, 86, of Big Spring will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church with Elder David Machiavello officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. McCright died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born on Aug. 19, 1916, in Coahoma and married his wife, Freda, on Aug. 27, 1975, in Big Spring. He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and a member of the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church. He retired from the Missouri Pacific Railroad after 45 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Freda McCright of Big Spring; one son, J. Vance McCright of Big Spring; three step-daughters, Carolyn Gleenleaf of Dallas, Marva Ann Boyd of Rhome and Jane Holleman of Fort Worth; one sister, Elva Jean Potts of Dallas; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St., Big Spring 79720.

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

### Hubert L. Perkins Jr.

Funeral service for Hubert L. Perkins Jr., 57, of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Frank Nelson officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Olive Cemetery.

Mr. Perkins died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

He was born on Nov. 10, 1945, in Waco. He was a member of the Power House Church of God in Christ. He grew up in Big Spring and lived most of his life in Austin and the Waco area, returning to Big Spring in 1996. He had worked as a truck driver and painter.

He is survived by one brother, Joe Perkins of Big Spring; two sisters, Alice Baucham of San Antonio and Shirley Watson of Big Spring; his mother, Annie Perkins of Big Spring; and two daughters, Tina Perkins and Felicia Perkins, both of Savannah, Ga.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

## Support groups

### 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 noon 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 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 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### MONDAY

TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

New Voice Club support group for laryngotomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

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

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

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

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

## Correction

An article that appeared in Wednesday's edition of the Big Spring Herald referred to StarTek Big Spring site, director Dennis Edmunds as Dennis Edmunds. Also the article may have inferred that employees were being dismissed through group meetings. The employees were notified of the reduction of force through group meetings but individuals were terminated individually. The number of terminated employees stated in the article of more than 60 was incorrect, Edmunds said but refused to give a count of terminated employees.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

DOLLY DANNENBAUM, 26, of 302 N.E. Second Street was arrested on local and Haskell County warrants.

CAROLYN GRANT, 49, of Fort Bragg, Calif., was arrested on a charge of assault class C.

CHRYSYAL LEIGH CONAWAY, 25, of 5207 Sterling Road was arrested on local and capias warrants.

DON EDWARD ATKINSON, 22, of 110 Scout Hut Road was arrested on charges of failure to identify and credit card abuse.

SUZANNE MARIE IRVIN, 24, of 2636 Langley was arrested on local warrants.

THEFT was reported at Wal-Mart. Items worth \$38.67 were reported stolen but later recovered.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Drive.

DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 500 block of Sunset Boulevard.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2600 block of South Gregg, the 3300 block of West Highway 80,

## Sheriff's report

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

STEPHANT CRAIG ARPS, of 702 Cleman in Longview was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended or invalid.

BRUCE ALLAN MCCOWAN, 18, of 3322 N. Jackson in Odessa was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

JIMMY SHERROD, 57, of 310 Gatliff in Big Spring was arrested on charges of assault/family violence and resisting arrest.

MICHAEL ZUBIATE, 20, of 211 Main in Forsan was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

LOOSE EMUS were reported in the 4400 block of Chappell.

VICIOUS PIT BULL was reported in the 7500 block of Interstate 20 South Service Road.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 300 block of East Sixth Street.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 200 block of Merrick.

THEFT was reported at Coahoma High School.

POSSIBLE FIRE was reported on Hack Valley Road.

POSSIBLE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of Lancaster.

LOOSE PIG was reported on Interstate 20 North Service Road near Exit 178 and on Interstate 20 near Mile Marker 188.

POSSIBLE BURGLARY was reported in the 6300 block of Highway 350.

ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in the 300 block of Dealy. Emus were reported loose in the area.

POSSIBLE RESIDENTIAL FIRE was reported in the area of Scout Hut Road and Hoosier Road. Deputies discovered that the fire was a neighbor burning trash.

FIRE was reported in the 300 block of Leatherwood near the Big Spring Cotton Gin.

## EMS

Here is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department and EMS runs for Wednesday:

### EMS CALLS

1 p.m. — 1200 block of Wood, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:49 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday: 8-9-18-20-22

The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday: 4-18-27-36-39-51

## Take note

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email [jmoseley@crcom.net](mailto:jmoseley@crcom.net).

**TODAY**  
Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., 263-2084.

Coahoma Choir Kids, Christmas concert, elementary cafeteria, 400 Ramsey, 7 p.m. The fourth through sixth grade choir will present Christmas Around the World. The public is invited.

Rackley-Swords 379 Vietnam Vets of America, 7 p.m., 309 S. Main, Spärensberg Building.

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

**FRIDAY**  
Coahoma Kids Choir, Christmas concert, elementary cafeteria, 400 Ramsey, 9 a.m. The fourth through sixth grade choir will present Christmas Around the World. The public is invited.

AMBUCS, Brandin Iron Inn, noon.

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

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

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

Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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

**SUNDAY**  
Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, special service of Christmas carols, Ninth and Gregg, 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to sing many of your favorite carols. Refreshments will be served immediately following the carol service.

**MONDAY**  
St. Circle, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m. For people 50 years of age and older are invited to participate, 268-4721.

Concerned Citizen's, Fiberflex conference room, Bethel St. in the Airpark, 7 p.m. The public is invited.

**TUESDAY**  
Christmas Eve, Santa sighting day

**WEDNESDAY**  
Merry Christmas!

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](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net) or to [jmoseley@crcom.net](mailto:jmoseley@crcom.net)



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CONAWAY MOORE

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"The government taxes everything a person does in their life," he said. "It shouldn't be standing there at a tollbooth when you die. That's something you should be able to just do."

Others seeking the seat are Carroll Thomas, former mayor of Midland; Bill Christian, a West Texas native and assistant vice chancellor of the University of Texas system; Dr. Richard Bartlett, a Midland doctor for Odessa's First Care; State Rep. Carl Iseff of Lubbock; Larry Johnson, risk manager for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Don McBeath, director of Telemedicine and Rural Health for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; Dr. Donald May, a retina surgeon, farmer and retired Texas Tech professor; and Randy Neugebauer, chairman of the Ports-to-Plains Coalition.

Kaye Gaddy, a Democrat and television personality from Odessa, has said she may file as well. If so, she would be the first Democrat and woman to seek the position.

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CORPS

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and did not return them," he said. "But we were able to supplement those so that no child will be without."

The Salvation Army will still accept gifts from those people.

"Sure, if they want to bring them in," he said. "We can go ahead and distribute them if the people haven't picked up their toys or we can put it back into our toy shop and maybe give it to somebody else that didn't get quite as much."

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Continued from Page 1A suggested, we will offer them that loan at zero interest."

Fibercom President John Erazim said the company will use the money to upgrade its computer system and to purchase a new manufacturing line machine.

"The money that we're receiving right now, we're going to use a piece of it for upgrading our computer system, which will help our customer service, and the other piece is for completing a second pultrusion machine, which is important to us between now and the time we move into the new facilities out at Fiberflex," he said. "It was an absolute pleasure working with (Moore Board Executive Director) Kent Sharp and the

board." According to the agreement, the Moore board will forgive \$1 of the debt for each \$10 of new payroll the company adds to its workforce.

"We'll be hiring people," Erazim said. "We've already hired some and it just depends on our sales as to how many more we hire. It's our intention to grow the sales line."

Sucker rods are used on oil pumpjacks to actuate pumps located deep beneath the earth's surface. Steel sucker rods are most commonly used; however a small but growing percentage of pumpjacks use the fiberglass rods produced by Fibercom.

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SCHOOLS

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and Coahoma schools plan to end the semester on Friday and administer final exams.

Big Spring High School has altered its schedule the past two days to accommodate for end-of-semester exams.

On Friday, first period will begin at 9:15 a.m., third period begins at 10:35 a.m. and fifth period

begins at 1:15 p.m. with early dismissal at 2:30 p.m.

Elementaries and Goliad Intermediate will close at 2:15 p.m. and the district's junior high will release students at 2:30 p.m.

Forced to close last Friday and Monday from the illness, Coahoma Independent School District will finish the semester on Friday at 12:30 p.m., although absences are still high.

Forsan Independent School District closed for the week on Wednesday before end of semester exams.

All three Howard County schools will resume classes on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

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Safe celebrating: Alcohol and tobacco

Remember, when alcohol and tobacco are present at a celebration, both the safety of adults and children should be regarded.

Consider hiring a babysitter if alcohol is being served at your party.

Be sure that someone cleans up immediately after the party since a young child may rise early and choke on leftover foods or ingest cigarette butts or leftover glasses of alcohol.

Tobacco and alcohol can poison children if ingested.

FAMILY FOCUS

Place visitors' purses and coats in an area out of reach of children. Many people carry lighters, matches, bottles of medications, etc. in their belongings, which could become a place of exploration for your child during the event.

Remember, when visiting others, their homes may not be child-proofed. Take a quick survey as you enter and keep an eye out for danger spots.

Arrange safe transportation for guests that have been drinking.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all of you, from the Howard County Extension Office.



KATIE WALKER

In a giving mood?

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

Child Protective Services' Giving Tree, Wells Fargo, 400 Main Street, through Thursday. 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.

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

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EDITORIAL

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

DRA's Funtastic Christmas Gift set for Saturday

We're always elated to see individuals and groups doing things for Big Spring and the surrounding area. One of the groups that has contributed very strongly to our quality of life this year has been the Downtown Revitalization Association or DRA.

The DRA brought us the Funtastic Fourth Festival on July 4 and the Funtastic Fiesta Festival on Sept. 13-14 and has contributed volunteers and support to other events. This weekend, the DRA is sponsoring a Funtastic Christmas Gift to the Community, a concert of Christmas music by the West Texas Musical Revue. It's set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

The concert promises to be a real treat. If you've never seen the West Texas Musical Revue before — the group performs throughout the Permian Basin — you'll want to take advantage of this opportunity. It is a very talented group of musicians. Joining them will be personalities from KWES-TV Channel 9, as well as Santa and Mrs. Claus.

It should be a great family show, and one that's easily affordable — it's free. As the name implies, it's the DRA's Christmas gift to the community.

We look forward to this event Saturday, and look forward, too, to the DRA's continued presence in our community. Its purpose is to improve business in the downtown area. We hope you will recognize the group's efforts by also taking advantage of the many unique businesses found there.

We'll see you Saturday at the concert.

YOUR VIEWS

**To the Editor:**  
The Big Spring Police Association held its 2002 Christmas Banquet on Friday, Dec. 13, 2002 in the Cactus Room on the Howard College Campus. This annual event is held to honor the men and women of the Big Spring Police Department who serve the Big Spring Community and its citizens.

The 2002 Officers of the Big Spring Police Association would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to the Big Spring area merchants for their dona-

tion of the numerous door prizes given during our Christmas Banquet.

A special "thank you" to Mr. Hank Bond of the *Big Spring Herald* for being our guest speaker, the Howard College Night Hawks Jazz Ensemble for our entertainment and to the staff of the Great Western Dining Service. Your participation helped to make this year's Christmas Banquet a success.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Give us the chance, Lord, to venture outside our normal life and work for you.

Amen

Republicans should choose new leader

Sen. Trent Lott's appearance on Black Entertainment Television Monday night should seal his fate as the Republican majority leader. As if he weren't already in deep trouble for seemingly pro-segregation remarks he made two weeks ago, Lott managed to give the wrong answers to almost every question posed concerning the major civil rights issues of the last four decades. Worse, he didn't seem to have a clue that he was digging himself deeper into a hole. His only interest was saving his job, and he seemed willing to say almost anything if he thought it would accomplish that goal.

BET host Ed Gordon asked Lott to explain several of his votes on civil rights bills over the years. On only one did he give the right answer. Lott said that if he had it to do over again, he would vote for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday bill. But his explanation for why he voted wrong in 1983 wasn't convincing. "I'm not sure we in America — certainly not white America and the people in the South — fully understood

who this man was; the impact he was having on the fabric of society," Lott explained.

Sorry, Senator, that statement reflects willful ignorance. No one who lived through the civil rights era can fail to appreciate the social transformation that occurred through the efforts of Rev. King and other civil rights leaders. Sen. Lott's problem is not that he didn't understand what Rev. King was fighting for, but that, at the time, he was on the other side.

Which brings us to Lott's next misstep. In explaining why he voted against the 1982 Voting Rights Act Amendments, Lott claimed that he wasn't opposed to the legislation but thought it should apply not only to Mississippi and other Deep South states but to the entire nation. At best, this explanation is disingenuous. What Lott was referring to were certain sections of the original 1965 Voting Rights Act that triggered unusually tough measures, including requiring some jurisdictions to submit changes in voting laws or procedures to the federal government for "pre-clearance" before they could take effect. These temporary provisions — which were up for renewal for the third time in 1982 — applied only to certain states, including Lott's own Mississippi, because

these jurisdictions had a proven record not only of discriminating but of thwarting every effort to extend voting rights to blacks by constantly changing the rules of the game.

Mississippi deserved harsh treatment because it had been especially egregious in denying blacks their constitutionally guaranteed right to vote. In 1964, less than 7 percent of blacks were registered to vote in Mississippi. Other states that hadn't discriminated against blacks didn't deserve the draconian treatment warranted against those that had, so Lott's proposal was both irrelevant and unfair.

There was a principled argument Lott could have made against the 1982 Voting Rights Act Amendments, but he seemed oblivious to it. The problem with the 1982 legislation was that a key provision fundamentally changed the purpose of the original 1965 Act from supporting equal access to the polling booth for all persons, regardless of race, to attempting to guarantee proportional racial representation among elected officials. The debate on the 1982 Amendments was essentially whether civil rights legislation should guarantee equal opportunity or equal results. This has been the central debate in civil rights for more than a quarter cen-

tury, with those who support equal opportunity favoring strict non-discrimination on the basis of race or color, and those who support equal results insisting on racial quotas and racial double standards that favor minorities.

Perhaps Lott's most confusing answer during his BET interview came when he was asked his position on affirmative action. "I'm for that," he declared, to an obviously surprised Gordon. "I'm for affirmative action and I've practiced it," he said, with an elliptical aside about not getting into "arguments about timetables and quotas." He left the impression that he favored existing affirmative action programs in colleges and universities that grant racial preferences to minority applicants.

It was clear from his answer that Lott was incapable of giving a principled defense of colorblind equal opportunity, so he simply jumped on the affirmative action bandwagon.

Lott was on the wrong side of the civil rights divide in the 1960s, and he now appears willing to switch to the wrong side of the current debate over racial preferences to keep his job as majority leader.

His Republican colleagues can display more principle than Lott has by choosing someone else to lead them.



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The price of Israel is entirely too high

The Christian Science Monitor published in its Dec. 9 edition a story about Thomas Stauffer, a consulting economist, who said recently that the total cost of U.S. support for Israel since 1973 is \$1.6 trillion, or twice the cost of the Vietnam War.

This is relevant because the Israelis have just demanded from the U.S. taxpayers another \$4 billion to cover the cost of their oppression of the Palestinians as well as an \$8 billion loan guarantee.

Ladies and gentleman, there isn't a state in the union that is not facing a financial crisis, and if the U.S. government caves in yet again to the Israeli lobby on this matter, it will be prima facie evidence of mass insanity or of the worse corruption since the administration of Ulysses S. Grant.

Stauffer made his

speech in a lecture commissioned by the U.S. Army War College for a conference at the University of Maine. He has converted past aid into 2001 dollars and counts this cost as follows:

Israel has been given \$240 billion (remember, this is current dollars), while Egypt has been given \$117 billion and Jordan \$22 billion as bribes for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

In 1973, when the Arabs attacked Israel in an effort to recover territory taken by Israel in the 1967 war, U.S. support for Israel triggered the oil embargo. This, according to Stauffer, kicked off a recession that cost \$420 billion of output; the boost in oil prices cost \$450 billion; the necessity to build a strategic oil reserve, another \$134 billion.

He points out that the United States has already guaranteed \$10 billion in commercial loans to Israel and \$600 billion in housing loans, and he expects the U.S. Treasury will end up paying for all of these. He goes on and on listing more costs, direct and indirect. Israel, for example, is the

only recipient of foreign aid allowed to spend a sizeable percentage of the money on Israeli products rather than American. It's the only country from which our defense contractors are required to buy a certain amount of Israeli-made equipment. It is the only foreign country that gets its aid in a lump sum and then invests it in U.S. bonds so that taxpayers not only make an annual gift to Israel but also have to pay Israel interest on that gift.

The fact is that the Israeli government and its powerful lobby have taken advantage of the good-heartedness of the American people. The American people are generous, but never generous enough to satisfy Israeli demands for more of our people's hard-earned tax dollars.

It is one thing to provide emotional support. It is one thing even to guarantee coming to the defense of another country if it is attacked. It is quite another to undertake the permanent subsidy of a foreign country, something our federal government does not even do for its states. We have all kinds of prob-

lems in the United States that need attention. It's time to tell the Israelis "We can no longer afford you."

I highly recommend that you read the complete story in the Monitor ([www.csmonitor.com/2002/1209/p16s01-wmgn.html](http://www.csmonitor.com/2002/1209/p16s01-wmgn.html)). It should open your eyes to a problem that will not be fixed unless the American people make their voices heard in Washington.

If we are going to be forced to subsidize a foreign country, I would rather it be France. We can at least get a decent meal in France and enjoy the art treasures collected there. Furthermore, France would not involve us in its quarrels.

It's America's policy of absolute support for Israel and Israel's cruel treatment of the Palestinians that are a big part of our problem with terrorism. We stand convicted in the eyes of the Muslim world of practicing a double standard by condoning Israel's human-rights violations and protecting it from international sanctions. That, too, is a terrible price the American people can no longer afford to pay.

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# In the kitchen ...with Beth

**I**t's good to be back for another week in the kitchen... and this week we're going to talk about cold food storage.

Last week, we talked about keeping food out of the temperature danger zone, 45-F degrees to 140-F degrees. Last week we also said food had to be cooked at temperatures hotter than 140-F degrees, so this week we're going to talk about how foods must be stored below 45-F degrees.

In cooking foods, as we talked about earlier, at 160-F degrees and hotter most bacteria is killed in foods; well the same can be said about freezing foods. That too, kills most bacteria. Neither high temperatures or freezing temperatures will guarantee all bacteria to be killed but most will.

Here are some important cold food temperatures.

— For beef, it should be under refrigeration from 32-F to 40-F degrees. If it is frozen, the beef should be kept at 0-F degrees or below.

— The quality of ham, bacon and luncheon meats deteriorates when frozen.

— Poultry and eggs: whole chickens should be wrapped loosely if refrigerated and should be kept 32-F to 40-F degrees and should be used within three days. Fresh eggs should be stored in their original container in the refrigerator until they are needed. Keeps eggs at no more than 45-F degrees. Washing eggs is not recommended, as it takes away from their quality, wholesomeness

and safety.

— Storing food items improperly has been known to lead to salmonella.

— Fish should be refrigerated at a temperature of 32-F degrees and covered with self-draining ice. Which means that you should put ice in a strainer with a catch basin below to catch the runoff. Only crushed or flaked ice should be used in chilling fish, as large pieces of ice can damage the fish, therefore encouraging spoilage. When stored, fish should always be wrapped to prevent possible damage from water logging. Fish should be used within 48 hours.

— Milk absorbs strong odors including flavors of foods kept in the same area. For this reason, it's a good idea to keep milk tightly covered and stored away from items such as fish, peaches, onions or cabbage. It is best to keep milk in an air temperature below 40-F degrees. Milk, cottage cheese and cream should not be used after the date marked "sell by" or "good until."

— Most fruits keep best if refrigerated, although apples, avocados, bananas and pears ripen best at room temperature. You should not wash berries, cherries or plums until you are ready to consume them, because the moisture increases the likelihood of mold. Against popular belief, citrus fruits are best stored at a cool

room temperature of 60-F and 70-F degrees.

— Most fresh vegetables are best kept under refrigeration. The temperature should range from 40-F to 45-F degrees. Vegetables should have some limited exposure to air, but not too much. Onions should never be stored with potatoes or any moist vegetables that may absorb odors. The best way to store potatoes is at an air temperature of 45-F to 50-F degrees in a ventilated container in a dry dark place. Vegetables that quickly spoil and lose flavor include lima beans, cauliflower and cucumbers. Sweet potatoes, mature onions, hard-rind squashes, eggplants and rutabagas should not be refrigerated, but held at room

temperature of about 60-F degrees.

In our next visit, in response to an e-mail, we will talk about cooking the perfect turkey. It will appear in Monday's edition.

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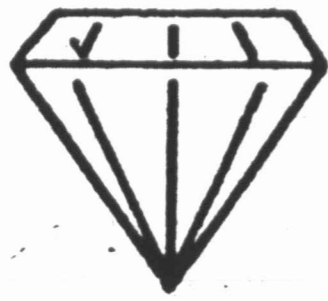
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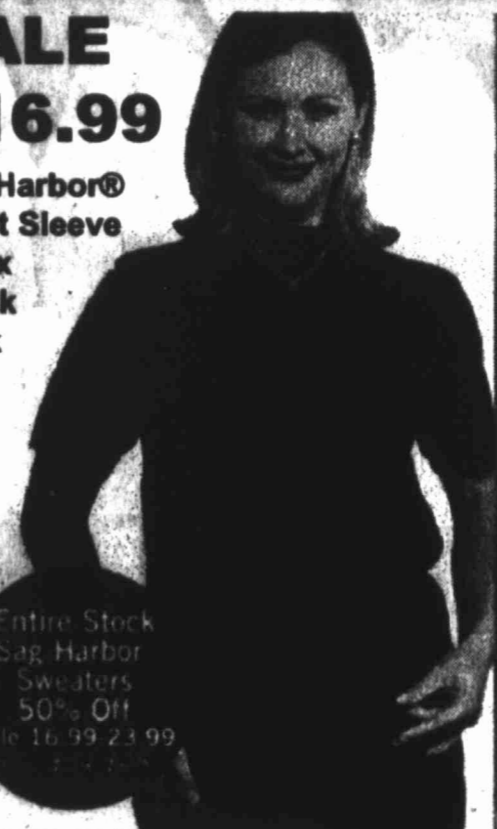
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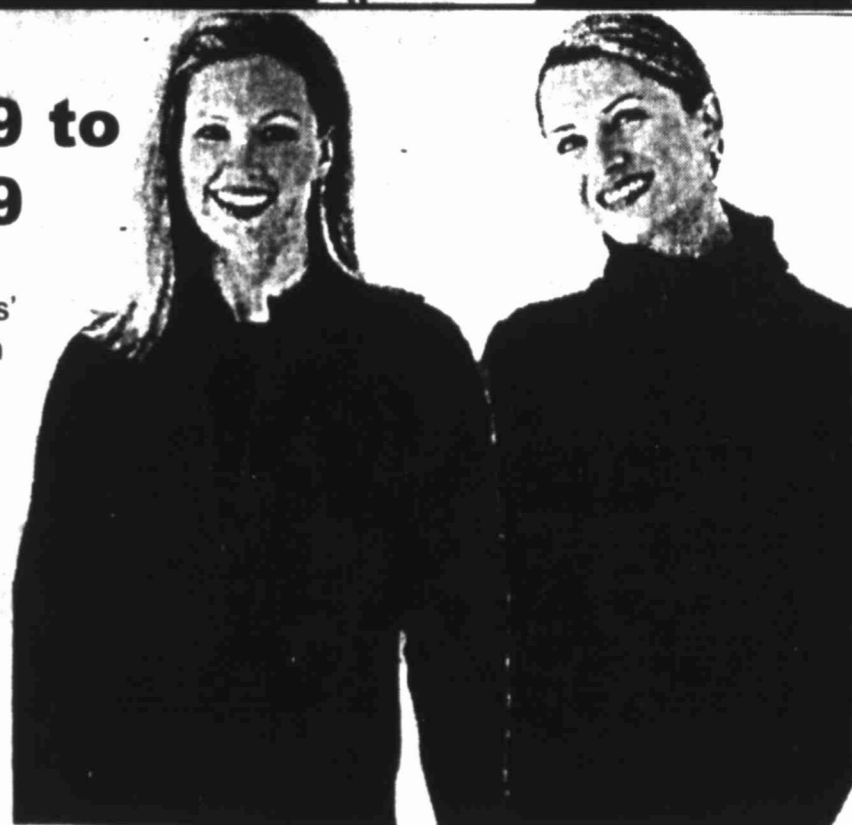
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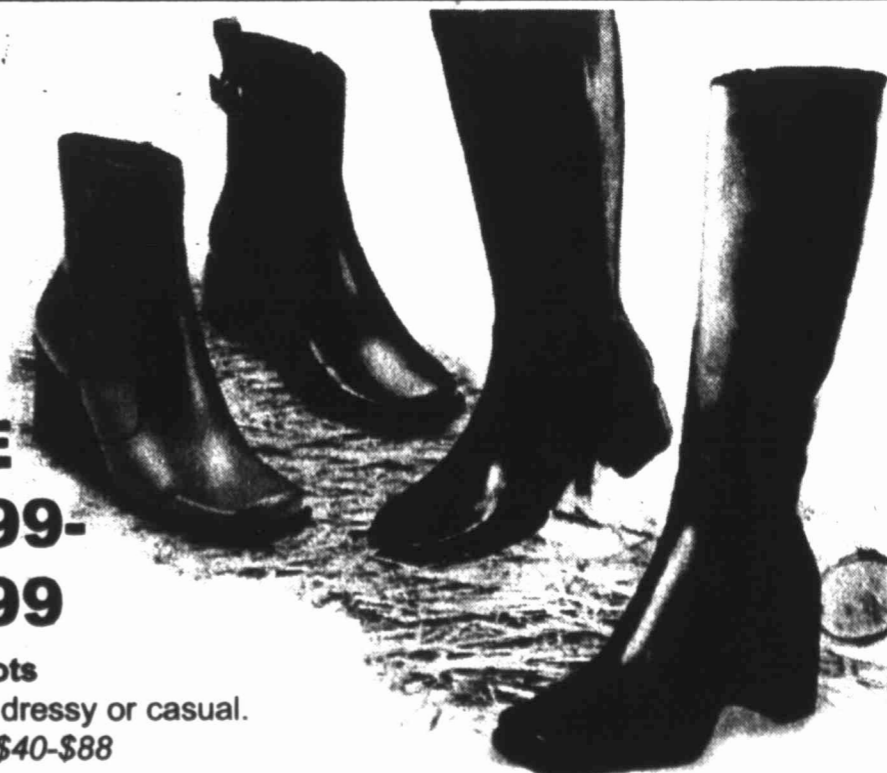
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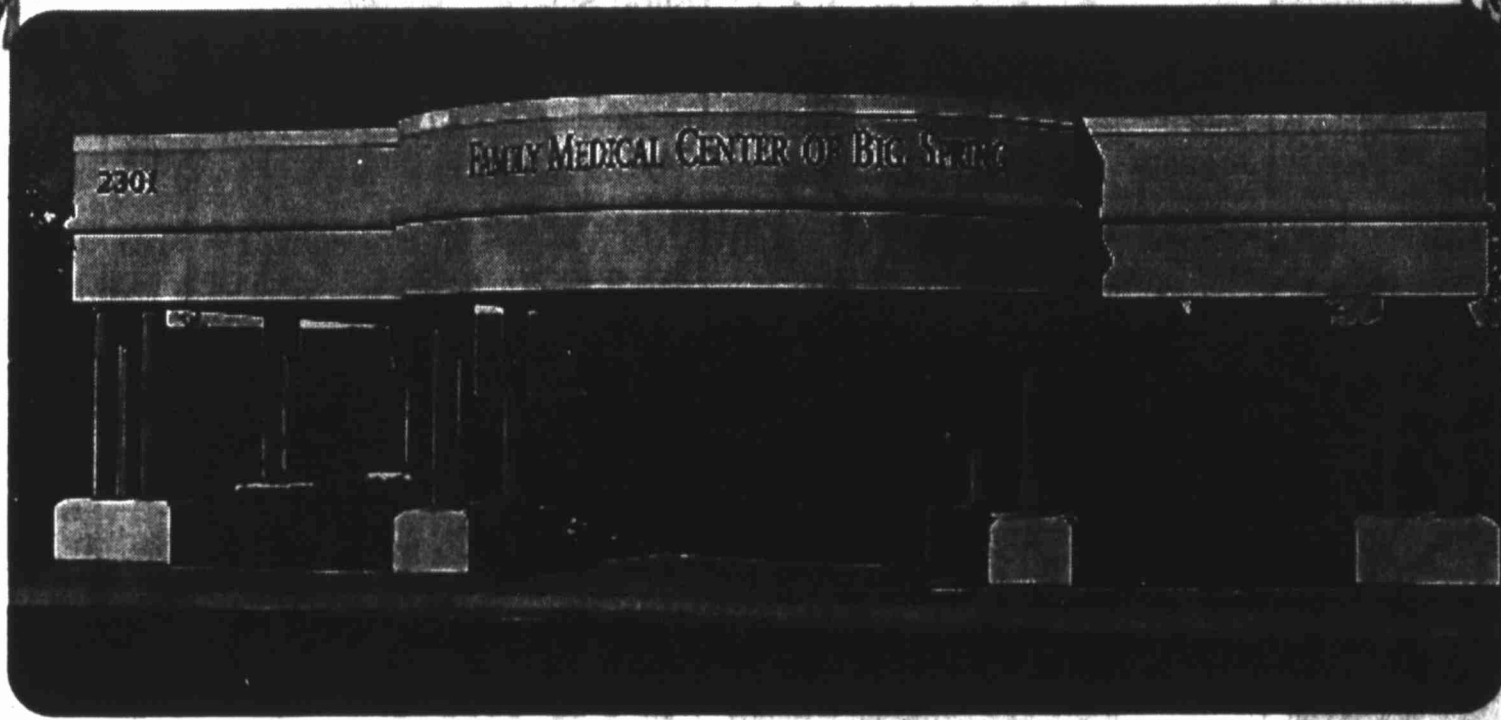
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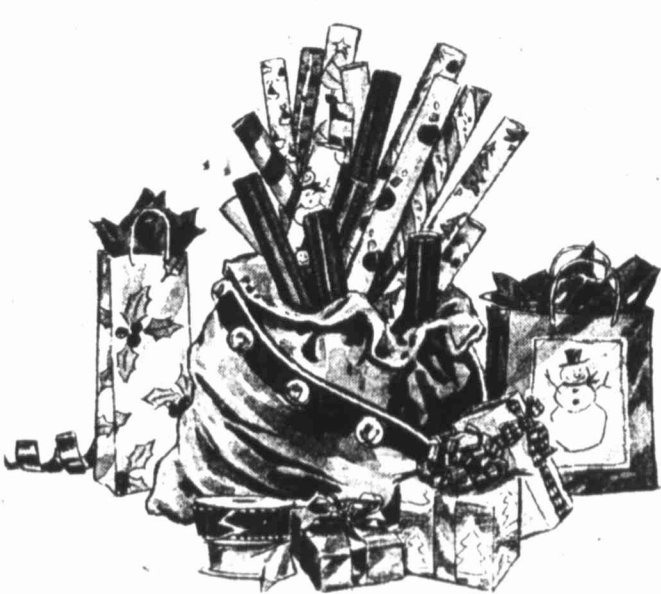
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Thursday, December 19, 2002

## Bearkats land eight on 7A all-district teams

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Garden City Bearkats may have been short on wins in 2002, but they were far from short on quality players.

District 7A coaches showed the respect they had for the Bearkats last week when they released the 2002 all-district teams. Overall, eight Garden City standouts were named to the list, including two to the first-team roster.

Linemen Josh Schmitz and Drew Plagens were both first-team all-district selections. Schmitz was a first-team selection on the offensive line. As a



SCHMITZ



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senior, he helped anchor a GCHS line that helped the Bearkats average more than 200 yards a game.

Plagens, a two-time all-district honoree, capped his prep career by earning first-team honors on

the defensive side of the ball. Rankin's Wade Russom, the grandson of Big Spring resident Joyce Carroll and the late Loy Carroll, was a first-team lineman as well.

The Bearcats, despite finish-

ing 1-9 overall, landed seven spots on the 7A second-team unit.

Schmitz was a second-team defensive lineman, while Plagens was a second-teamer on the offensive line. Schmitz was

also the second-team punter.

Seniors Brian Hillger and Daniel Martinez joined Schmitz and Plagens as two-way second-team picks. Hillger was named to the team as both a running back and defensive back. Martinez garnered second-team accolades as a fullback and defensive end.

Hillger was the Bearkats' top rusher this season, running for more than 700 yards.

Donato Gonzales was named one of the district's top special team players. He was one of three District 7A standouts named to the Special Teams

See DISTRICT on Page B2

## Kent joins Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Kent says he's happy to be an Astro. Now the team needs to find out whether the four-time Gold Glove winner he's displacing is feeling the same way.

Kent, the power-hitting second baseman who helped lead the San Francisco Giants to the World Series this autumn, culminated five days of intense talks by signing an \$18.2 million, two-year contract with Houston on Wednesday.

Kent will play second in Houston, general manager Gerry Hunsicker said, meaning Craig Biggio will head to either center or left field. The problem is, the team was unable to contact Biggio during negotiations because he was on a hunting trip.

"Obviously out of respect to Craig we wanted to try to talk to him before this got too close, I think Craig just needs some time to digest all of this," Hunsicker said. "He wants to grow, he wants to win. He knows we're a lot better with this move. He's a player who likes challenges and I think he'll go to spring training and try to make himself the best outfielder he can be."

Hunsicker called the deal the biggest for Houston since the Astros signed Nolan Ryan in 1979. Tal Smith, the Astros president of baseball operations who was the general manager who signed Ryan, said the Kent deal was even bigger for the franchise as it strives for its first World Series after more than four decades of trying.

Kent, who lives in Austin and owns a ranch in South Texas, said he'd been thinking about the Astros for awhile and sent his agent to the winter meetings in Nashville, Tenn., to make it happen.

The Astros, typically not a factor in major free agent dealings, were surprised Kent was so eager to work out deal that meets the club's monetary constraints.

"This was not in our plan, was not in our budget and was not on our radar screen," Hunsicker said.

Kent, 34, won the MVP award two years ago and hit .313 last season with 37 homers and 106 RBIs. Lance Berkman, Jeff Bagwell and Kent combine to give the Astros a formidable lineup.

Before becoming an all-star second baseman, Biggio began his career as a catcher in 1988.



Ashley Hodge and the Big Spring Lady Steers will try and erase the memories of their recent loss to Lubbock Coronado Friday night against the Greenwood Rangerettes. The BSNS freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams are scheduled to face Greenwood beginning at 5 p.m. in the Greenwood High School gymnasium. The Big Spring boys will host Greenwood in the Steer gym.

## Greenwood lands two on all-state team

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Shipley earns all-state honors on offense and defense

As the son of a coach, Jordan Shipley has dealt with the whispers of nepotism from fans and the tough-love approach of his father.

Once the games begin, however, there's little doubt Shipley understands football in the way only a coach's child can. As Burnet's star receiver and cornerback, Shipley has quieted all doubters about his qualifications to start both ways.

On Wednesday, he was selected as a first-team receiver and defensive back on the Class 3A Texas all-state team chosen by Associated Press Sports Editors.

"It's been just a thrill to share something so special with him," Burnet coach Bob Shipley said. "It's a pretty humbling experience."

Burnet's season ended with a loss to Everman in the Class 3A Division I state final, a game in which Jordan had a touchdown reception and intercepted a pass despite playing on a couple of toes injured so badly he was hospitalized the next day.

From a hospital bed Wednesday, Jordan remembered a season that was enjoyable except for the championship game.

"My dad told me early on that he was going to get on my case because I'm the coach's son," the 16-year-old said. "He's a little more relaxed at home, so we've been able to have a lot of fun."

Three years ago at Class 1A Rotan, Bob Shipley made his freshman son a starter on both sides of the ball.

But before there were any grumbles from the players or fans, Jordan went out and rolled up 450 yards of offense and scored three touchdowns in his first game.

"We're fortunate that he was able to get off to a good start," Bob Shipley said. "Besides, if there's anyone out there that should know what to do, it's the coach's son."

Since then, including a move to Burnet before Jordan's sophomore year, the Shipleys have carefully navigated the potential problems of having to be father-son and coach-player.

The APSE All-State team is based on regular. See STATE on Page B2

## Hutchinson preparing for another physical outing

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Chad Hutchinson often talks about how much he enjoys the brutality of football, even saying that absorbing the pounding is part of the reason why he gave up the relatively safe haven of a pitcher's mound to play in the NFL.

Then he should really be excited about playing the Philadelphia Eagles and their blitz-hungry defense Saturday night.

The Eagles have 46 sacks, second-most in the NFL, and have knocked

down quarterbacks another 63 times. They had three sacks when they played the Cowboys earlier this season when Quincy Carter was the starter.

Hutchinson isn't as mobile as Carter and is still learning the nuances needed to avoid being sacked. He's gone down 22 times in seven games, with at least three sacks in five games. Those hits have led to seven fumbles, five of which were lost.

The Eagles have certainly seen what worked for others, and will have a

few of their own wrinkles planned. Philadelphia (11-3) comes in on a roll, having won five straight to win the NFC East for a second straight season. Wins in the final two games would clinch home-field advantage in the playoffs.

Dallas (5-9) has lost two straight and is trying to avoid a third straight season with at least 10 losses.

"They blitz everyone and they will blitz us, too, until we show we can pick it up," he said. "Part of the game is getting hit. I don't mind. For me, it's

not a big issue."

Hutchinson is playing football for the first time since he was a sophomore at Stanford five years ago. He spent the past four summers as a pitcher in the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

This week, he's taking a crash course in the Philadelphia defense, trying to figure out who will be coming from where. He knows that the quicker he can read the defense, the better chance he has to avoid winding up on his back.

Hutchinson has made

seven starts, the same number Carter made before being benched. While their numbers are pretty similar, the team is committed to Hutchinson the rest of this season and beyond.

For him to become the leader the Cowboys expect, he's going to have to handle the Eagles.

That's something the last five quarterbacks Dallas has started against Philadelphia — Carter, Ryan Leaf, Anthony Wright, Randall Cunningham and Troy Aikman — haven't.

## Pribyla leads Wildcats to 4th win over MCA

By RICK ALKIRE

Special to the Herald  
GRADY — Most coaches will tell you that its very difficult to beat a team three times. But four times? Can't be done ... or can it?

The Grady Wildcats found a way to do it — beating the Midland Classical Academy Knights, 49-45, for the fourth time Tuesday night.

Grady's latest win over MCA was less than four

days from its previous encounter at the O'Donnell Invitational Tournament.

With the win, the Wildcats improved to 16-1 on the season even though they have struggled on both ends of the floor over the last four games, according to Head Coach Carl Krug.

"I hope we've got it out of our system," said Krug. "We are ready for the Christmas break."

The Wildcats were able to win in spite of six 3-

point shots by MCA senior Robby Rigney. Overall, the Knights sank nine treys.

Grady jumped out to a quick lead in the non-district matchup. The Wildcats scored a 7-4 run in the final 3:32 of the first period and took a 15-8 lead into the start of the second.

They went ice cold from there, scoring just four points in the next eight minutes.

Grady held a slim 19-11 lead at the half.

The lid came off the basket in the second half with MCA outscoring the Wildcats by a 34-30 clip.

Senior post T. Springer was one of three GHS standouts to reach double figures. He finished with 16 points. Jason Pribyla added 11, while Eric Tunnell chipped in 10.

Grady hit 18 of 50 shots from the field in the contest and recorded 32 rebounds — nine by Pribyla.

MCA won the JV boys' See GRADY on Page B2



Brent Madison and state-ranked Grady faces Buena Vista Friday.

## Grady girls even season mark against Lady Knights

By RICK ALKIRE

Special to the Herald  
GRADY — The Grady Lady Wildcats evened their season record against the Midland Classical Academy Lady Knights Tuesday night by taking a 43-38 win in front of their home crowd.

Grady is now 2-2 against MCA this season, including a win last week in the O'Donnell Tournament.

"I thought they played very well tonight," said head coach Johnny Peugh.

Midland Classical jumped on top in the first quarter. They outscored the Lady Cats by a 16-7 clip in the opening frame.

Grady rallied to tie the game at 29-29 at the end of the third.

Behind the inside play of junior Whitney Opegard and post Miranda Spradling, the

Lady Wildcats pulled it all together in the fourth quarter. They posted a 20-10 run in the final eight minutes to claim the come-from-behind win.

Opegard was Grady's top scorer in the game, finishing with 15. Spradling had nine.

Lynsey Pinkerton scored all of her seven points in the fourth quarter with one field goal and a 4-of-6 effort from the free-throw line. Kelsey Tubb added six of her 11 points in the Lady Cats' fourth-quarter spree.

Tubb led all GHS defenders with eight rebounds. Mary Harryman had four steals.

Opegard was the team's leading scorer with 15, Tubb 11, Spradling nine.

The JV Lady Wildcats beat MCA Tuesday, taking a 42-28 win.

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season performance. Players were nominated for the 13th annual team and votes were cast before the playoffs.

The offensive player of the year was Bridgeport senior Phillip Daugherty, while the defensive player of the year was Sinton senior Chance Schmidt.

Burnet led all schools with three players on the first-team, including Shipley at both receiver and defensive back, senior offensive lineman Eddy Parker and senior defensive lineman Mark Manning.

Bridgeport placed its prolific passing tandem of Daugherty and senior receiver Joseph Krebs on the first-team. Daugherty was a second-team all-state selection last year.

The running backs are Aransas Pass senior Tommy Blake, Longview Spring Hill junior Jamario Thomas and Fort Worth Diamond Hill-Jarvis senior Vincent Tucker.

The offensive line is filled out by Kennedale senior John Douty,

Midland Greenwood senior Luke Frazier, Everman senior Monte Mayo, Altair Rice junior Kevin Shimek and Parker.

On defense, Sinton senior defensive back Chance Schmidt is the player of the year. Schmidt, an all-state selection last season, had nine interceptions. He returned three of those for touchdowns.

Joining Schmidt and Shipley in the first-team defensive backfield are La Feria senior Gilbert Almanza, Bridgeport senior Caleb Hurd.

The defensive linemen are Manning, Elgin senior Stephen Hutchison, Midland Greenwood senior Tyler Ogden, Groesbeck senior Robert Rogers.

At the linebacker spots are Longview Spring Hill senior Trent Allen, Yoakum senior Cedric Johnson and Celina junior Jacob Martin.

The specialists are senior kicker Jon Lopez of Gainesville and senior punter Randy Boone of Yoakum, a first-teamer last year.

## GRADY

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game, 44-28, despite 14 points from Jobe

Christen.

The Wildcats will be in action Friday at home against Buena Vista.

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### District 7A All-District Teams

<p><b>District Most Valuable Player</b> Quincy Pope, sr., Iraan</p> <p><b>Offensive MVP</b> Jared Jennings, Jr., Iraan</p> <p><b>Defensive MVP</b> Cade Sigmon, sr., Iraan</p> <p><b>Newcomer of the Year</b> Bradley Morgan, soph., Rankin</p> <p><b>Coach of the Year</b> Randy Doege, Iraan</p> <p><b>FIRST TEAM</b> Quarterback: Cannon McWilliams, soph., McCamey Running backs: Rigo Juarez, sr., McCamey; Shane Morgan, sr., Rankin; Izmo Ruiz, Jr., Wink; Terry Rich, Jr., Wink Fullback: Tyler McSpedden, sr., Rankin Receivers: Brandon Butler, Jr., McCamey; Chase Brooks, sr., Rankin Tight ends: Gil Schackelford, Jr., Wink; Sigmon, sr., Iraan Defensive linemen: Jacob Graham, sr., Iraan; Ray Zuniga, Jr., McCamey Offensive linemen: Josh Schmitz, sr., Rankin; James Kerr, sr., Iraan; Bobby Hays, sr., Iraan; Wade Russell, sr., Rankin; Trent Brown, Jr., Wink; Albert Martinez, Jr., McCamey; Raudel Villapando, Jr., Wink</p>	<p>Kicker: Golden Bolen, Jr., Iraan Defensive linemen: Cliff Basso, sr., McCamey; Devin Rogers, sr., Garden City; Trent Chavez, sr., Iraan; Russen, Rankin; Shuckford, Wink Defensive ends: Brandon Craig, Jr., McCamey; Russ Eggensperger, sr., Rankin; Villapando, Wink; Kent, Iraan Linebackers: Jacob Pechecek, Jr., Iraan; Albert Martinez, Jr., McCamey; O'Ryan White, sr., Wink; McSpedden, Rankin Defensive backs: Shane Morgan, Rankin; Zach Hanco, Jr., Wink; Tyler Younis, sr., Iraan; Marco Rodriguez, Jr., Iraan; Rich, Wink; Butler, McCamey Punter: McSpedden, Rankin</p> <p><b>SECOND TEAM</b> Quarterback: Hays, Wink Running backs: Brian Hillger, sr., Garden City; Simon Quintana, soph., Iraan Fullbacks: Daniel Martinez, sr., Garden City; Casey Solis, sr., McCamey Receivers: White, Wink; Bolen, Iraan Tight ends: Eloy Deanda, sr., McCamey; Eggensperger, sr., Rankin Coaches: Kevin Valencio, Jr., Wink; Will Lindsey, soph., Rankin Offensive linemen: Brandon Piletto, Jr., Iraan; Gilbert Bustos, soph., McCamey; Jay Tom Retiff, sr., Rankin; Andrew</p>	<p>Potter, sr., Rankin; Erik Barron, Jr., Wink; Pechecek, Rankin; Rankin, Rankin Kicker: Basso, McCamey Defensive linemen: Alex Navarro, sr., Wink; Allen, Iraan; Schwartz, Garden City; Valencia, Wink; Simon, McCamey Defensive ends: Daniel Gray, Jr., Wink; Potter, Rankin; Graham, Rankin Linebackers: Russell, McCamey; Radtiff, Rankin; Haines, Rankin; Gil, Rankin Defensive backs: Austin Robertson, Jr., Wink; Ruiz, Wink; Hillger, Garden City; Quintana, Iraan; Jennings, Iraan; Achiminger, McCamey; Brooks, Rankin; Punters: Bolen, Iraan; Schmitz, Garden City</p> <p><b>ALL-DISTRICT SPECIAL TEAMS</b> Donato Gonzalez, sr., Garden City; Daniel Harris, Jr., Iraan; Nathan Carrasco, sr., McCamey; John Black, sr., Rankin; Clay Hays, sr., Wink</p> <p><b>HONORABLE MENTION</b> Offense: Shane Chavez, Jr., Tight end; Garden City; Pat Rankin, sr., Rankin; Garden City Defense: Todd Weishuhn, soph., Garden City</p> <p><b>ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT</b> Garden City: Cory Muller</p>
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unit.

Junior tight end Blake Chudej and senior offensive lineman Pat Randall were named to the district's offensive honorable mention roster. Todd Weishuhn was selected to the defensive side.

Iraan swept the superlatives. Quincy Pope, a linebacker and running back, was named the district MVP. Quarterback Jared Jennings was the offensive MVP, and linebacker Cade Sigmon was the defensive MVP. Iraan's Randy Doege was the coach of the year.

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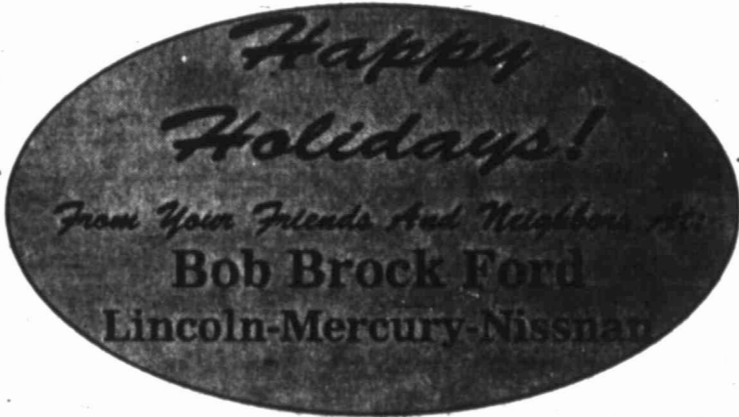


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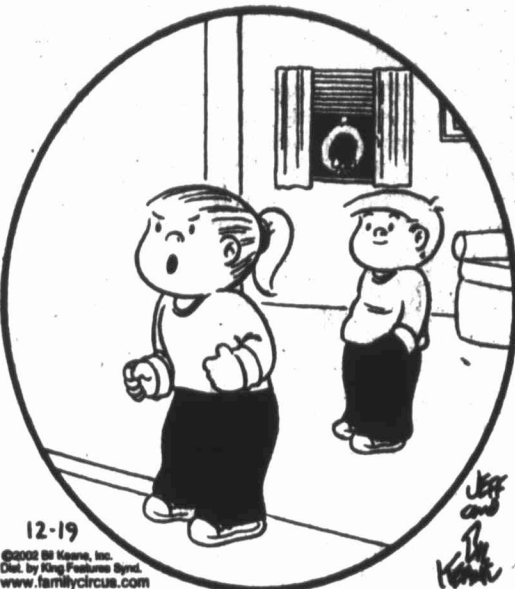
THURSDAY DEC. 19 TV schedule grid with columns for station (KMGD, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and time slots (6:30, 7:30, etc.) listing various programs like News, Friends, and Survivor.

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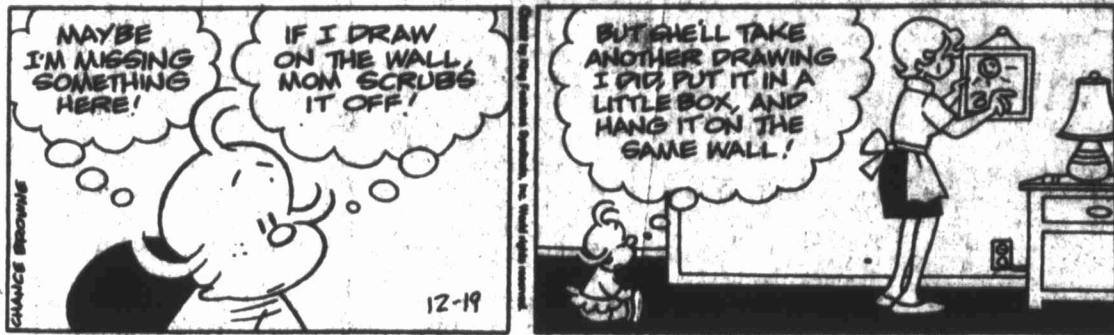
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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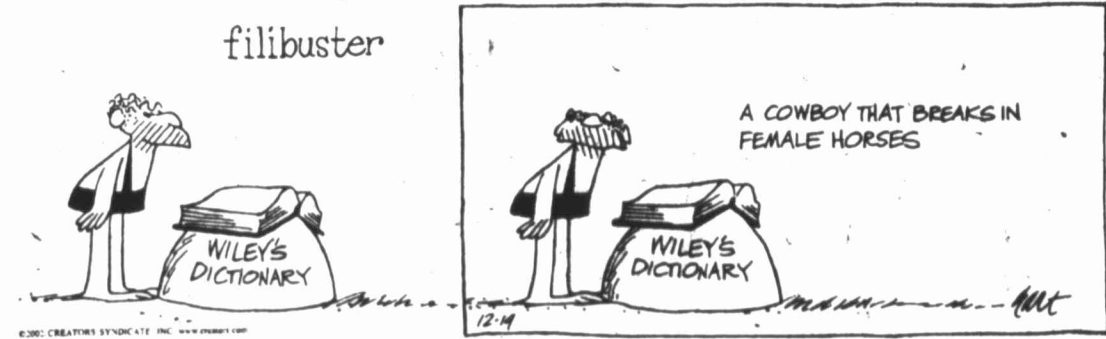
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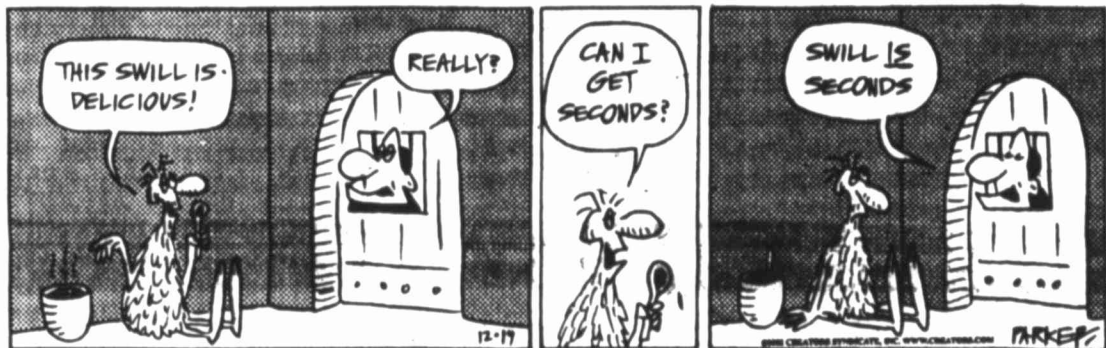
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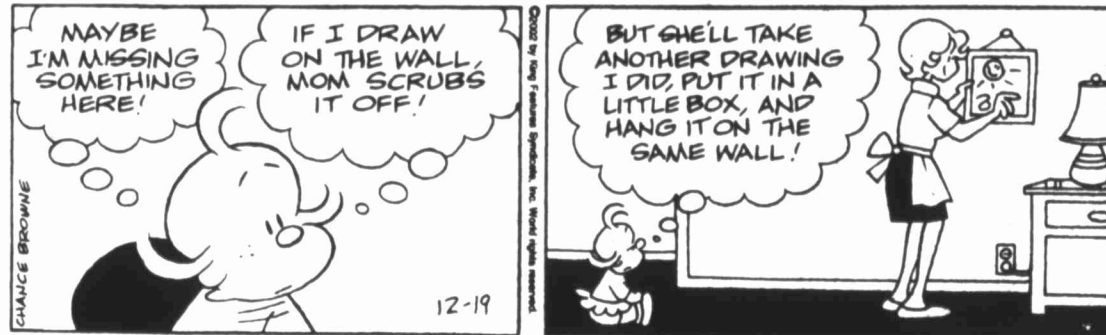
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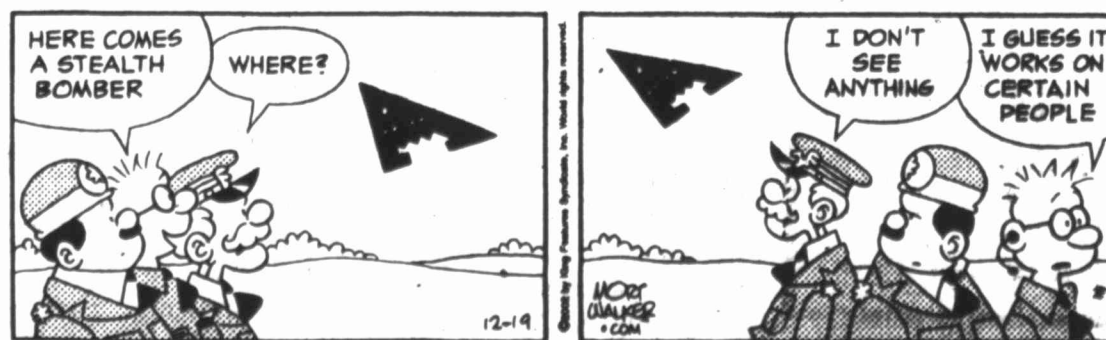
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People In The News

The Associated Press

Jon Stewart is going from late night to prime time. The host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central has signed a development deal with NBC for a sitcom that will begin in fall 2003.

bar in Boston and ate spiders for \$50,000 every episode," the 40-year-old comedian told Daily Variety.

Stewart will continue to host "The Daily Show," the satirical news program that won a Peabody Award and an Emmy last year.

Magician David Copperfield was taken to a Canadian hospital after stopping midway through a performance, his tour spokesman said.

Copperfield, 46, was doing the second of three scheduled shows Sunday at the Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton, Alberta, when he decided he couldn't continue.

Answer to previous puzzle: LAMP, UMPED, SLUG, ERLE, GRAM, PUZO, GLOVER, MITCH, ARTIA, HOPIN, HEADSET, LIDE, ERIE, ETD, DANA, PORTAL, THEO, RATA, DIEGO, HEAVING, CLIMBER, BEND, IDLES, BANE, BUG, GATNAP, BERA, BEE, MARY, BOPM, MAGICIAN, BOWIE, AUNT, SHEEP, HANK, SHAY, MORSE, UNGE, BOWE, BEEDER, MWEB.

Newsday Crossword

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