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## BRIEFLY

### FIRST BABY

Officials at Scenic Mountain Medical Center confirmed that the first baby of 2003 was born Thursday. The family, however, requested no publicity in conjunction with the birth. A SMMC spokesperson offered no further details.

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### CRIMESTOPPERS

The Big Spring Police Department is asking for help from the public in gathering information about a auto theft which occurred at Mel's Fried Fish and Seafood, 504 Gregg St. **Page 2**

### ASSAULT

Police are investigating the assault of a juvenile which occurred Thursday. **Page 2**

## COMING SUNDAY



### 78TH LEGISLATURE

Later this month, state legislators will be sworn in for another session. The *Herald* takes a look at budget numbers and 'hot topics,' as well as a information on the men representing Howard County.

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Howard County Clerk Donna Wright swears in County Judge Ben Lockhart, middle, and 118th District Judge Robert Moore III Thursday for another term of office. Also sworn into office were County Surveyor Michael McBrayer, County Auditor Theresa Thomas, District Clerk Collen Barton, County Commissioners Gary Simer and Jerry Kilgore, Justices of the Peace Kathrine Weissman and Quail Dobbs, as well as Wright herself.

## Police seek suspects in stabbing incident

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A Kansas man underwent surgery today at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a stabbing early this morning.

Phillip Munoz, 26, formerly of Big Spring, was taken to the emergency room where he underwent emergency surgery this morning, said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt.

"He had been stabbed in the left side and cut on the side of the head a couple of times," Sweatt said. "It was serious enough they took him to surgery to patch him

"We're in the process of trying to find the suspects so we can talk to them."



Sgt. Roger Sweatt, Big Spring Police Department

up." Sweatt said the stabbing started as an altercation.

"He was at a residence,

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## Going beyond your world

### Tours allow local woman to seek new adventures

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

After the death of her husband, Big Spring resident Betty Cain became resolute — life wasn't going to pass her by.

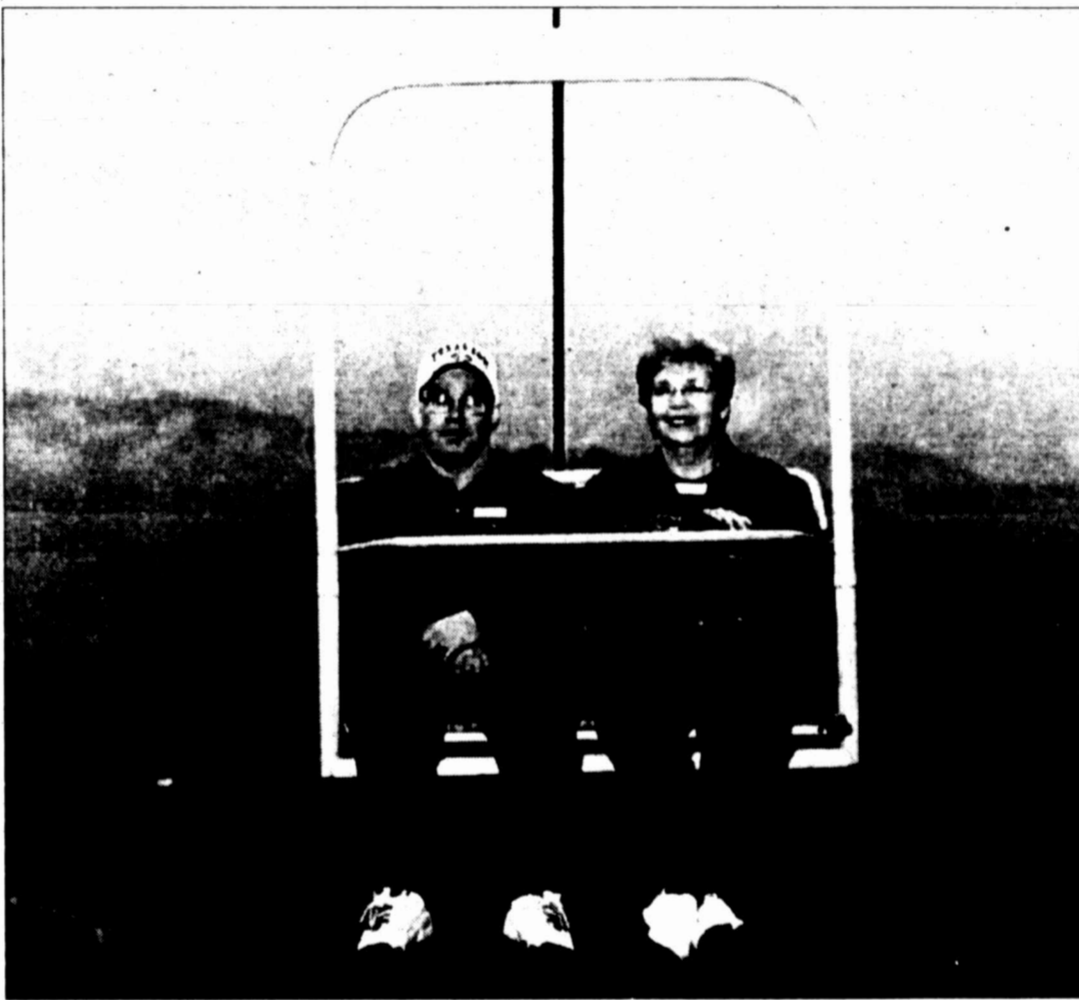
Several years later, Cain stays the course by joining fellow adventurous souls yearly for journeys to places like New Orleans, Niagara Falls or in the case of 2002, an eight-day tour of the Smoky Mountain area.

"I was in awe," Cain said of her first time to see the mountains. "The beauty of the mountains and to see the smoke or fog hanging over the mountains."

Each year, Cain takes one of the packages offered by Bilbrey Tours, booked through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

RSVP, a community service program, receives a percentage of funds raised through booking tours. The money goes to supporting the organization's service projects

**Travel Showcase 2 p.m. Sunday, DRCC**



Ricky Cain and his mother, Betty, enjoy an aerial view of the Smoky Mountains during a Bilbrey tour last October. Bilbrey Tours and RSVP will host the 2003 Travel Showcase at 2 p.m., Sunday, at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, in Comanche Trail Park.

through the year.

Last year's fall adventure, included visiting the home of U.S. President Andrew Jackson in Hermitage, Tenn., close to Nashville; the Christmas Store in Pidgin Forge, where she watched Louise Mandrell in Concert; and a visit to Dollywood.

"We went to Christus Gardens in Gatlinberg,

Tenn.," she said.

The gardens includes a wax museum that tells the story of Jesus Christ. Also prominently displayed is a 60-pound block of marble with the etching of Christ's face.

"It's carved in a way that anywhere you move in the room, the figure is looking at you," Cain said.

From viewing the

majestic Smoky mountain range hundreds of feet in the air to walking the beaches of San Francisco, each tour brings new wonders and new friends.

"The visiting is the best part," Cain said. "Making new friends and meeting old friends."

"We had a blind man

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## For the birds

### Annual count takes place all day Saturday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Ever hear a honking, squawking racket coming from above, and looked up to see the sandhill cranes swoop over in a glorious "V" formation?

If so, you know Howard County has got some beautiful birds. This weekend is time to get out and count them.

"Anybody that's interested in birds or knows their birds, would they please contact me and participate this year?" said Pat Simmons, organizer of the annual Howard County Christmas Bird Count. "I know we have the birds out there, we just don't have the birdwatchers. It's an exciting time to go out and look at the birds."

The count — scheduled for Saturday — is a grand tradition that can trace its roots back more than a century to when a group of nature conservationists proposed the event as an alternative to the "side hunt." During



SIMMONS

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## A doggone good deed

### Big Spring responds to Humane Society food drive

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Thanks to the generosity of area residents, the Howard County Humane Society stockpiled three truckloads of food for four-footed friends during the KBST 95.7 FM and *Big Spring Herald* drive in December.

"We don't have as many bags as last year but the bags we do have are bigger," said Nicole Gibson, radio station administrative assistant. "We have several 50-pound bags."

The annual food drive helps to replenish food shelves at the Humane Society, which takes care of hundreds of unwanted

"Each year it seems the drive grows larger and larger."

Nicole Gibson,

KBST administrative assistant

dogs and cats each year.

"This is a really good thing," Gibson said. "We would get people donating three bags at a time — cat, dog and puppy food. We did have a man who has 13 dogs of his own. He donated 13 cases of canned food."

As the month of December proceeded, donations of dry and canned food, kitty litter and treats grew into large

stacks at the KBST office collection site, 608 Johnson St.

"All the puppies and kitties appreciate the hospitality of Big Spring," Gibson said. "Each year it seems the drive grows larger and larger."

Although the drive ended Tuesday, KBST will continue to serve as a drop-off point for any donations of food to the Humane Society throughout the year, Gibson said.

This year's drive memorialized Margaret Lloyd, a long-time volunteer of the Humane Society and one of the driving forces in establishing the no-kill shelter. Lloyd died in



Nicole Gibson, KBST administrative assistant, and Cynthia Weeks of KBST, add another bag of dog food on the pile for the Howard County Humane Society. The KBST and *Big Spring Herald* annual food drive for the Humane Society netted several hundred pounds of food this year.

April of 2002.

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# Elswhere

State and national news at a glance

## Church-goers chase down suspect

ODESSA (AP) — Church-goers came to the rescue of a 7-year-old girl whom a man who whisked away during a worship service.

"No one knew this guy apparently," said Odessa police Cpl. Sherrie Thompson. "The girl was just sitting in a pew, he grabbed her and took off."

According to police reports, a man entered Casa de Oracion about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, during a New Year's Day service, taking the girl from the pew where she sat, and taking her with him as he left the church.

Someone alerted the girl's father, who chased the abductor. The man finally released the child and continued to run.

The father, with his daughter safe, stopped chasing the man, but other church-goers continued pursuit, catching him about two blocks later. They held him until police arrived, Thompson said.

## Juror's illness forces retrial

HOUSTON (AP) — Because a juror is too sick to continue with the punishment phase, a judge has thrown out the conviction of a man convicted of the torture slaying of a 3-year-old girl.

After learning the juror could not go on, state District Judge Jeannine Barr declared a mistrial Thursday in the capital murder conviction of Tomas Gallo, 27, and set a new trial for next fall.

Gallo, 27, was convicted in November of torturing Destiny Marie Flores to death. Her body was found in the bathroom of her south Houston residence on Dec. 11, 2001, her third birthday.

The jury that found Gallo guilty was to have resumed hearing testimony next Monday to decide between life in prison or execution by injection.

## Police find no humor in fake bomb

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 72-year-old San Antonio man placed a fake bomb on the steps of the First Presbyterian Church — and even painted "FAKE BOMB" on it.

Police weren't amused, and Don Culwell was booked into the Bexar County Jail on Thursday in lieu of \$2,000 bond on a charge of manufacturing a fake explosive.

The Rev. Louis Zbinden said Culwell came into the church in downtown San Antonio about 4 p.m. Thursday to talk to him about how much longer Lowell "Duke" Embs, who was once part of the congregation, would be in jail.

Embs was arrested in June for a hoax bomb at the same church.

"He told me what he had done," Zbinden said, referring to a Freon tank that was left on the church steps. "He wondered what would happen."

## Houston remains fattest city

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston, we continue to have a weight problem.

For the third year in a row, "Men's Fitness" magazine has awarded Houston the dubious title of the fattest city in the country, citing as its main reasons the region's hot and humid climate, "abysmal" air quality, relative lack of outdoor recreation and residents' love of junk food.

Houston came in first among a list of 25 cities. The others in the top five were Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and St. Louis.

Last year, the city began the Get Lean Houston! initiative, an ongoing citywide health and fitness movement to encourage residents to get into shape and live healthier lifestyles.

## Texaco name falls victim to mergers

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texaco star is dimming on many corners, as American motorists see the effect of the rash of oil mergers in recent years.

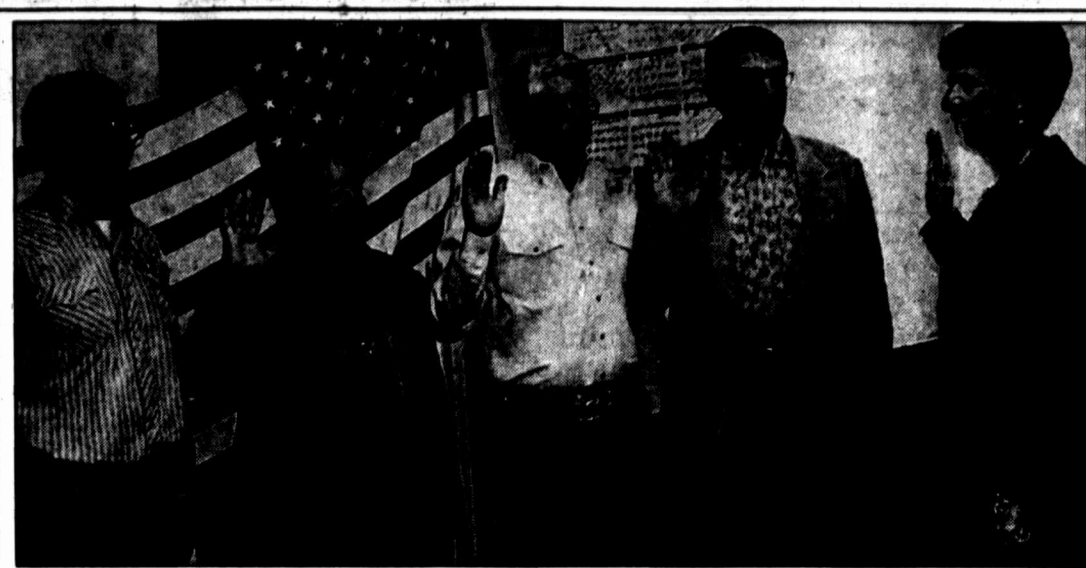
Industry giants such as Exxon Mobil Corp., ChevronTexaco Corp., BP plc, and ConocoPhillips quickly combined the exploration and refining business of different companies.

Those changes took place out of consumers' view, but now the mergers are forcing changes at the service station level.

The green-and-gold BP "Helios" symbol is erasing Amoco's torch-and-oval signpost, and the Shell logo is replacing thousands of black-and-red Texaco stars across the country.

## Gephardt to kick off presidential run

WASHINGTON (AP) — Departing House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri has decided to kick off his second run for the White House in 14 years by forming a presidential exploratory committee, The Associated Press has learned.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Howard County Clerk Donna Wright swears in County Surveyor Michael McBrayer, left, Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs and County Commissioners Gary Simer and Jerry Kilgore.

## STABBING

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over on Ent Street is what we're thinking," Sweatt said. "He was there with a couple of other people and somehow or other they got in an altercation. We're not exactly sure how it started. He got in an altercation with two guys and was struck over the head a couple of times and then he was stabbed two or three times."

Munoz then made his way to the hospital, Sweatt said.

"He was transported from there, a family member took him to another location and dropped him off with another family member," he said. "That family member took him to the hospital."

Police have identified two suspects, but no arrests have been made.

"We're in the process of trying to find the suspects so we can talk to them," he said. "We've got some evidence and some statements from some of the witnesses."

Anyone with information about this assault should contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

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## TOURS

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and his wife on this last trip," Cain said. "He said that even though he couldn't see the Smoky Mountains he wanted his wife to see it."

Each trip brings renewed friendships and new acquaintances along with an adventure each day in a comfortable, safe environment, Cain said.

"She (Lena Bilbrey, owner) has it so well planned out," she said. "She follows a schedule but she gives us plenty of time. With our group, we're very punctual. We're usually back on the bus 10 minutes before we need to be."

"You stay in the best hotels, have dinner in the best restaurants," Cain continued. "The buses are very comfortable. She (Bilbrey) has her buses custom made. There's more room between the

## seats."

Her adventure for 2003? A trip to the Amish country.

"She is calling it the A, B, C's," Cain said with excitement. "Amish, backroads and covered bridges."

Bilbrey Tours and the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program will present an overview of several group tours during the 2003 Travel Showcase, 2 p.m., Sunday, at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, in Comanche Trail Park.

Information on tours ranging from in-state, one-day visits to trips overseas will be available during the event.

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## BIRDS

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side hunts, hunters would compete to hunt and kill small mammals and birds.

This year marks the 103rd annual Christmas Bird Count.

Simmons said the count usually takes most of the day.

"We leave about 7:30, my group does," she said. "The area we check out will be the park and the country club and the cemetery, Trinity. I'll try to give somebody else the western part of the town, Scenic Mountain and out there on the airbase. There's some great birding out there. The north side, we don't get that covered too much. We do go ahead and cover One-Mile Lake. It's an all-day thing. We generally close

shop at 3 o'clock. Some of them go to 5."

Simmons said that people can participate in the count and not even leave home.

"If you've got a bird feeder, you can just watch your bird feeder, and count the birds that come to it," she said.

The event costs \$5 per person to participate. The fee goes to help with tabulation of the count. For more information call Simmons at 263-4607.

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## OUR VIEWS

# We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

• **SONNY ISAAH TALAMANTEZ** — all 6 pounds, 8 ounces of him — who was the first baby born to parents of Big Spring residents this year. Congratulations to mom and dad, **MAGGIE and JAKE TALAMANTEZ**.

• **PAT SIMMONS** and her hard-working volunteers, who put on another grand Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park this holiday season.

• **EVERYONE** who made 2002 a little bit better, and all those who work toward making 2003 the best year yet in the Crossroads area.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

Whoever said that it's a dog's life must never have seen the ugly pain-filled lives that some dogs live.

Oh, I know it's true that the are some dogs who live a life where they are treated like a cherished member of the family and they will never know what it is like to be mistreated or know the pangs of hunger. But it is a sad fact that there are more unwanted dogs and cats that are often forced to live without shelter, food and water. Some bear the scars of being beaten by uncaring humans and many of them are put to sleep not knowing that their only crime was to be born into a world where society often has no room for them.

This needs to be stopped. Not only are poor dogs and cats put to

sleep, they also put tiny puppies and kittens to sleep.

In our town there is a place that tries to keep this from happening and that place is the Howard County Humane Society. It's a place where the stray, abused and unwanted dogs and cats in our town can live without fear of being put to sleep because they aren't wanted.

They try to help every dog and cat that they can but it costs a lot of money to feed and care for the many animals that call the shelter home.

I ask anyone who can afford to, to please make a donation to the shelter so that they can continue to help these animals. Please know that any donation, no matter how small or large, does help.

LANA ANGUIANO  
BIG SPRING

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we turn our hearts from an empty nest, to full of your precious love and compassion.

Amen

# End income tax; print more money

What would happen if Congress repealed the 16th Amendment to the Constitution? That is the amendment that created the income tax, and the question is not what would replace that tax, but what kinds of reactions would ensue if it were repealed?

Because no alternative tax, such as a national sales tax, would be in place, how would the federal government raise revenue? Certainly, there are other taxes. There are federal taxes on gasoline and airline tickets and a variety of other taxable instruments. However, none of them with the possible exception of the gasoline tax (see below) would be positioned to make up the shortfall created by the loss of income tax revenue.

So what would the government do? When the nation was on the gold standard, our money was

backed by gold in Fort Knox. So issuing more money in the absence of more gold was theoretically not possible. But the nation has been effectively off the gold standard since the early part of the 20th century, and President Richard Nixon, simply trying to catch the nation up with the times, officially took the nation off that antiquated standard in the 1970s.

In the modern world, a nation's worth is established by its gross domestic product (GDP), the total of goods and services produced by its people. It is this fact that has allowed nations to print money without creating hyper-inflation. Conversely, various neighbors to the south, such as Mexico, Brazil and Argentina, have showed what happens when a nation outpaces its economic growth by the over-printing of its currency. Inflation soars, and their currencies are devalued on the world markets.

Just the opposite is true when a prosperous nation like the United States remains responsibly within its economic bounds. This is why the United States can print

money and borrow vast amounts while keeping inflation in check.

So what would happen if the income tax were ended? The nation would be forced to print more money. This, in turn, would increase inflation, and that increase would be the real tax. For decades, politicians have said it is so: inflation is the invisible tax. But inflation in the absence of an income tax would be viewed as a benign and passive tax as long as money printing was kept under control.

What restraints would there be on Congress to keep money printing under control? The same constraints that exist today. Political pressure forces our legislators to keep spending in line, and federal spending drives federal taxing - or money printing. The world markets would value our currency, and inflation would measure the impact of congressional money printing. As the currency declined and inflation rose, budget cutting would be the order of the day, and as the opposite scenario played out, budget increases would be in

order.

This leaves the question of progressiveness. Inflation affects everybody, rich and poor, alike, and absent an income tax, what would prevent more and more wealth from being controlled by fewer and fewer people?

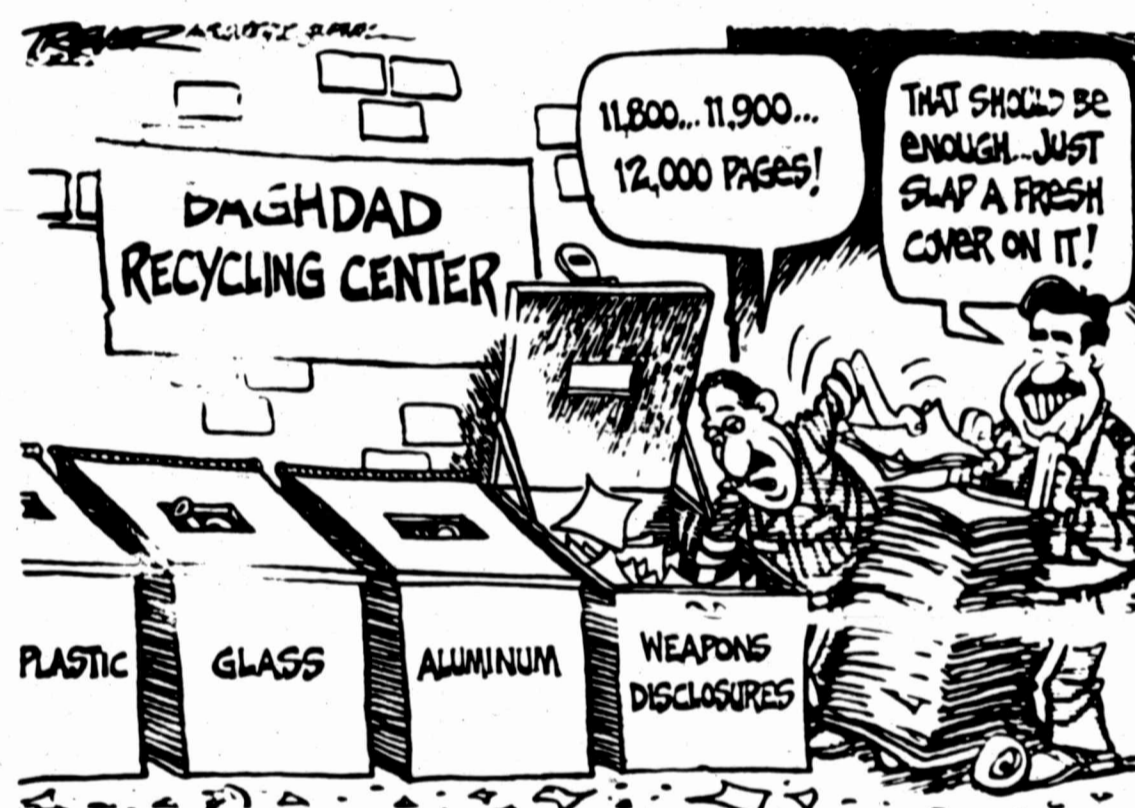
First, the income tax purports to be progressive, but reality says otherwise. Middle-income taxpayers actually end up paying more taxes than many wealthy taxpayers because the system is full of holes, preferences and shelters. A sales tax would be more equitable, and one is already in place: the federal gasoline tax. Naturally, it would have to be raised to about \$4.00 per gallon if it were to replace the income tax. Even so, it would be a better tax.

But the best tax is no tax. The wealth of the nation can sustain the government as long as the government doesn't take too big a slice by printing too much money.

Prediction: Replacing the federal income tax with money printing is a whimsical thought whose time may never come



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# A dangerous situation with North Korea

As dictators go, they don't get much worse — or weirder — than North Korea's Kim Jong-il. The man who insists on being referred to as "Dear Leader" apparently considers roast donkey a delectable delicacy but has so impoverished his nation that many North Koreans are reduced to eating grass to fill their empty bellies. An estimated 1,000,000 people died from starvation in the 1990s, while their Dear Leader and his father, Kim Il-Sung, who ruled before him, refused food aid from other countries so that they could maintain the illusion that they presided over a socialist paradise.

For a while it seemed Dear Leader was interested in improving his image, if not his nation's desperate situation. After a dangerous confrontation with the United States in 1994 over diverting nuclear material from a power plant to bomb-building, Kim Jong-il began courting

world leaders. That year, he seduced two American presidents, former president Jimmy Carter and then-president Bill Clinton by signing an agreement, negotiated by Carter, in which Dear Leader promised to abandon his efforts to build nuclear bombs. In return, Bill Clinton offered that the United States would provide economic aid and help build two light-water nuclear power plants in North Korea, whose spent fuel could not be diverted for bombs.

Now that agreement has been shredded. Though Dear Leader himself has been notably silent, his spokesmen announced in December that North Korea was restarting its nuclear weapons program and immediately ejected from the country all international monitors who might be able to keep tabs on what was happening.

Dear Leader is showing the world he cannot be bought or bullied. And so far, the Bush administration is choosing largely to ignore him.

Although the 1994 joint agreement provided that the United States could take action if North Korea abrogated the ban on pursuing a nuclear weapons program, the

administration has announced it will not pursue a military option — at least for the time being.

Certainly North Korea's renewed belligerence comes at a terribly inconvenient time for the United States as we prepare for a probable war with Iraq. Nonetheless, Kim Jong-il will, no doubt, interpret the administration's approach as fainthearted. Dear Leader is nothing if not delusional and probably revels in the thought that he can stand up to "U.S. imperialist war hawks."

All of which adds up to a very dangerous situation for the United States. While Secretary of State Colin Powell blitzed the talk shows this past weekend assuring everyone that the North Korean situation is "not a crisis," it could become one imminently. Powell said that since — by our best estimate — North Korea already possesses two nuclear weapons, the United States is not going to be any more intimidated if North Korea goes "from two weapons to five weapons."

We shouldn't be intimidated, but we should recognize that the difference is a critical one. With only one or two nuclear

weapons in his arsenal, Kim is highly unlikely to be willing to sell one, no matter how high the offer. They are his insurance policy against "regime change" from outside and his chief blackmail against South Korea. But every additional bomb he builds makes it likelier that he'll convert one or more into much-needed cash. And there is no scarcity of potential buyers.

North Korea has already been peddling its missiles to some pretty unsavory characters, most recently buyers in Yemen. With U.S. troops preparing for war in the region, North Korean-built Scud missiles were recently intercepted on their way to Yemen. In that incident, the U.S. State Department bungled the effort to seize the weapons before they reached their destination. Acting on incomplete and inaccurate information, the State Department made the call to allow the weapons to go on their way after a Spanish special forces team intercepted the flagless vessel carrying them.

Kim Jong-il may be crazy, but he has also shown himself adept at sometimes making his powerful adversaries look like his favorite culinary delight: jackass

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# Muslim hip-hop group raps for Allah, strives to be role model

This is one hip-hop group that puts The Prophet before profit.

Native Deen, named after the Arabic word for "religion" or "way of life," is a trio of young Muslim men who sing only about their faith.

They strive to be role models for music fans who might otherwise be drawn to gangsta rap and hope to educate Americans about Islam.

"Islam is our daily life," said 29-year-old Native Deen member Joshua Salaam. "It forms what you do, who you are, what you eat, when you sleep, how you pray, everything. We just sing about

what we know, and who we are."

Native Deen has its origins in an annual Islamic youth conference in Minnesota. On the last day of each conference, participants would sing or rap on a stage for their peers. Salaam, Abdul-Malik Ahmad, and Naeem Muhammad all met at these conferences, struck up a friendship and formed the group two years ago.

Since then, the three have released many singles and cassettes independently and over the Internet — enough to gain a following for steady gigs at mosques, weddings and

conferences.

The three friends, who describe their beliefs as mainstream Islam, charge \$600 per show, and won't perform with mixed dancing or alcohol since both are forbidden under Islam. They recently performed before 400 teens at the Muslim Youth Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Their lyrics address topics including tensions between Islamic and secular lifestyles, pride in Islamic culture, and fulfilling religious obligations. The chorus of their signature song is, "M-U-S-L-I-M, I'm so blessed to be with them."

The group uses only

percussion and voices, since some Muslims believe using wind and stringed instruments violates religious teaching. Given the self-imposed limitations, the trio's music is surprisingly rich, with layers of tonal beats driven by electronic rhythms and multi-tiered vocal tracks.

"The kids want something to listen to. If you don't give them something that conforms to Muslim guidelines, they'll find something else," said Yaser El-Menshawly, chairman of Majlis Ash-Shura of New Jersey, a Muslim religious council.

The group hosts a Friday afternoon Internet broadcast on the Islamic Broadcasting Network that has a global audience.

network's program director. "I get e-mails from people saying how glad they are that finally the Muslim community is able to produce something that's entertaining as well as informative."

— The Associated Press

Friday afternoon Internet broadcast on the Islamic Broadcasting Network that has a global audience.

— The Associated Press

## Church News

### Friends of Unity

More people were informed about World Healing Day 2002 because the Big Spring Herald, Channel 9, KBST, KBYG, First Christian Church, other churches, Church Women United and individuals helped to make people aware of the world wide Concert of Prayer at noon Greenwich Mean Time on Dec. 31. The momentum grows and

more peace loving people become involved each year.

All are welcome to share in a Burning Bowl Ceremony at the Unity Center at 2 pm on Sunday. The Burning Bowl Ceremony allows on to symbolize release of that which no longer serves in order to take hold of the higher good which one desires.

### First United Methodist Church

The Rev. Lee Emerson's sermon will be "Going the Way of the Wise Men" on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 5, at First United Methodist Church, followed by spe-

cial observance of Holy Communion. The sermon is based on the scripture text from Matthew 2:1-12.

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday School classes are available for all age from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Services can also be heard at 10:50 a.m. on KBST.

The Children's Day Out program resumes this week as well as Wednesday Noon Bible Study in Garrett Hall.

Also on Wednesday, the youth will travel to Odessa for Christian Youth Night at the Sandhills Rodeo, and the Chancel Choir will have its annual Epiphany

Party at 6:30 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron Inn.

The Prayer Time schedule is changing beginning Jan. 10. Prayer Time will continue at noon on Thursdays but will change from noon to 7 a.m. on Fridays.

Also on Thursday, the Emmaus Community will meet at First Baptist Church.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, a Kairos meeting will be in the Youth Hall.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394.

## Club News

Linda Schmidt tied as TOPS best losers and the KOPS had one loss and one small gain. Each one received the weekly award and certificate.

Wanda Lee gave a reading entitled, "A New Year's Prayer."

The contest where members decorated their Christmas tree ended with Schmidt winning a gold ornament as the TOPS winner and Lynne Criswell winning a silver ornament as the KOPS winner.

Carol Smith presented the program entitled, "Eat More Salads for Better Health." She listed five helpful hints when eating salads which were: 1. Maximize your salad by using a variety

of fruits and vegetables; 2. Choose healthier low-calorie ingredients; 3. Use low fat dressings; 4. Eat salads more often; and 5. Choose a mixture of green leafy vegetables.

Anyone interested in learning more about TOPS can call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758 or just come by Dora Roberts Rehab on any Monday by 6 p.m.

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN SERVICE CHARGES

On December 6, 2002 Atmos Energy filed a Statement of Intent to change its service charges with the Railroad Commission of Texas and each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing.

The proposed increase will not effect the Company's other gas rate schedules. The change will apply to Residential, Commercial, Small Industrial, and Public Authority customers. The Company proposes the following increased service charges.

	During Business Hours	After Hours
Turn on new service with meter set	\$32.00	\$48.00
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$25.00	\$35.25
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.00	\$22.50
Reconnect delinquent service or service temporarily off at customer's request	\$37.00	\$56.25
Miscellaneous service calls	\$11.25	\$16.88

The proposed service charge changes are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately 4% and therefore do not constitute a "major change". The proposed changes could affect approximately 215,000 gas customers in the following communities and surrounding rural areas:

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<b>Buffalo Springs Lake</b>	<b>Lubbock</b>	<b>Shallowater</b>
<b>Canyon</b>	<b>Meadow</b>	<b>Silverton</b>
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<b>Crosbyton</b>	<b>Muleshoe</b>	<b>Springlake</b>
<b>Dimmitt</b>	<b>Nazareth</b>	<b>Stanton</b>
<b>Earth</b>	<b>New Deal</b>	<b>Sudan</b>
<b>Edmonson</b>	<b>New Home</b>	<b>Tahoka</b>
<b>Floydada</b>	<b>Odessa</b>	<b>Timbercreek</b>
<b>Forsan</b>	<b>O'Donnell</b>	<b>Canyon</b>
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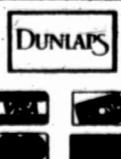
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### BS opens loop play against Maidens

By TOMMY WELLS

The Big Spring Lady Steers know one thing for certain as they head into their District 4-4A opener today: There is no room for error.

Playing in a district that contains fourth-ranked Lubbock Estacado and 11th-ranked Levelland more than likely means tonight's showdown with the San Angelo Lake View Maidens already has playoff implications. Assuming Estacado and Levelland live up to their billing and roll to a 1-2 finish in the league race, the winner of today's showdown could hold the inside track for the third and final playoff berth come February.



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Lake View and Big Spring are scheduled to square off beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the BSJHS gymnasium. The varsity teams should tip-off at approximately 4 p.m.

The game will showcase two capable squads. The Lady Steers enter the contest coming off a strong effort in the recent Abilene Lady Eagle Basketball Tournament. Big Spring placed second in the final standings.

The team is led by junior guard Leina Braxton and senior post Krystle Long. Both have averaged better than 10 points last month.

Overall, the Lady Steers have won three of their last four outings and stand at 14-6 for the year.

Lake View, under head coach Scott Alexander, doesn't come into the matchup with much momentum. The Maidens have lost their last four games, dropping their record to 7-9.

Lake View is led offensively by guard Allison Hill and Stephanie Williams. Hill heads into the district portion of the schedule averaging 11.8 points per game. Williams has averaged 8.7 per outing.

### Broughton horse finishes second at NM

Fortune Flyer, a 3-year-old brown gelding owned by G.C. Broughton Jr. of Big Spring, captured second place at the recent \$350,000 The Championship at Sunland Park.

Fortune Flyer, which was ridden by Tad Leggett and trained by Timothy W. Cross, covered the 400-yard course in a time of 19.398 seconds. He finished behind Streakin Sin Tacha.

Broughton owns several quarter horses that participate in races throughout the southwestern part of the United States.

## Repeat Performance

### No. 4 Grady deals New Home second straight setback

By RICK ALKIRE

Special to the Herald

NEW HOME — The Grady Wildcats spent their New Year's Eve celebration on a high note Tuesday night with a lopsided 58-31 victory over the New Home Leopards.

The win marked Grady's second consecutive win over New Home. The Wildcats, ranked No. 4 in the latest Class A, Division II poll, defeated the Leopards, 57-25, on Nov. 26 in Grady.

Grady, now 17-1, will begin District 7-A play Friday in Ira. The district-opener for both teams will pit two of the state's top squads. Ira enters the game ranked 10th.

The Wildcats, whose only loss was a setback to Channing, opened the game showing a bit of rust from the Christmas holidays. The Wildcats couldn't shake the doldrums until the 3:52 mark of the first quarter on a jump shot from junior Brent Madison.

Madison's basket awoke the sleeping giant. Grady ended the first quarter holding a 17-5 lead.

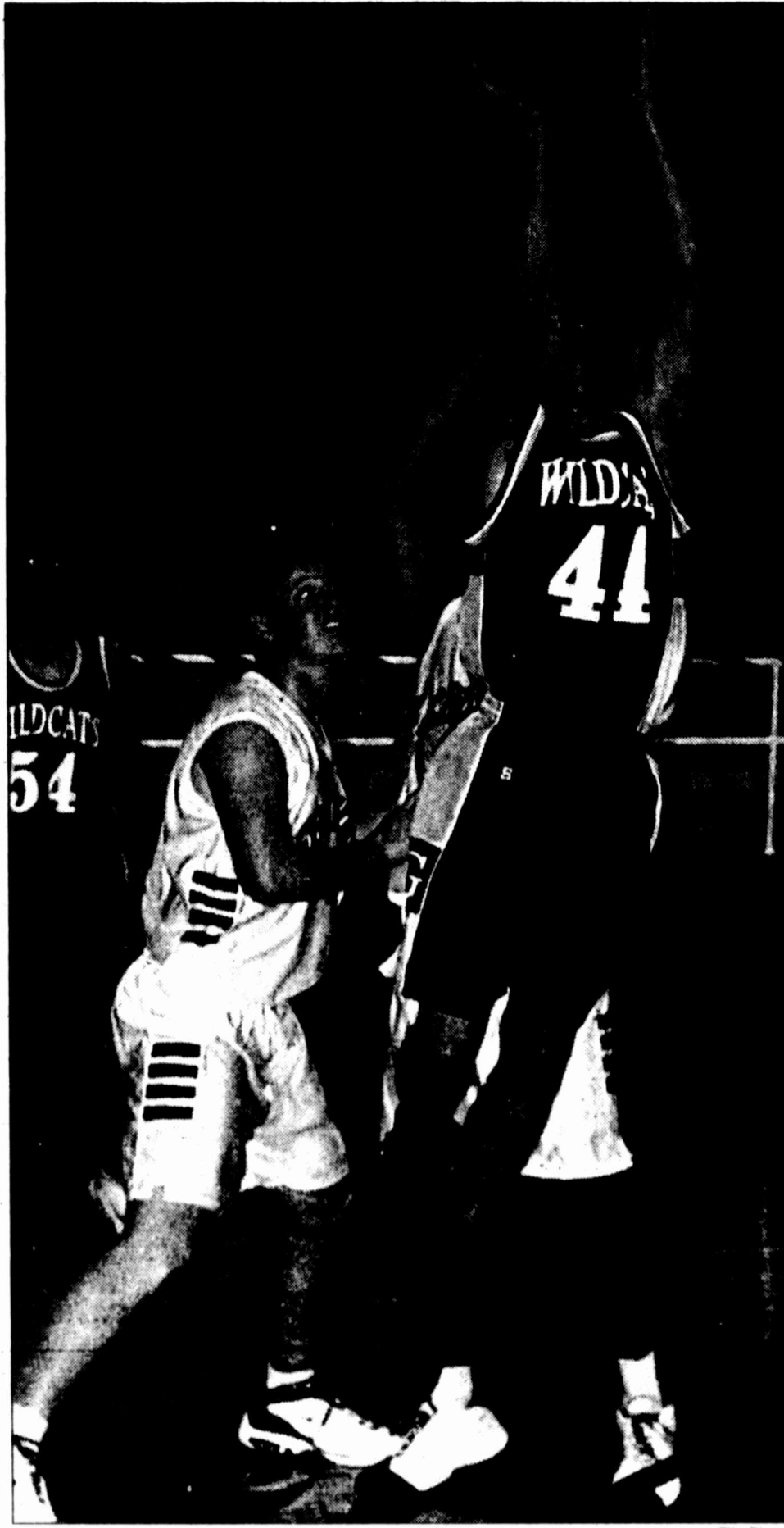
Madison and senior post T. Springer did all the scoring for Grady in the first eight minutes. Madison scored the first four points of the quarter and helped the Wildcats grab a 6-3 lead early with a steal and a basket by Springer.

Grady shot an impressive 88 percent from the field in the first quarter, hitting on 8-of-11 shots. New Home battled back a bit in the second. The Leopards outscored Grady by a 10-8 clip in the second and went into the half trailing 25-15.

Madison and Jason Pribyla were the only players to score for Grady in the second.

Grady, which has been a second-half team this season, hit stride in the third. The Wildcats enjoyed a 20-point effort in the initial stanza of the half.

Senior wing Colter Tate started  
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File Photo

Grady's Jason Pribyla drives toward the basket during a recent outing by the Wildcats. Grady, ranked No. 4 in the latest TABC poll, rolls into tonight's District 7-A opener on the heels of a big win over New Home.

### Grady girls fend off late charge from New Home

By RICK ALKIRE

Special to the Herald

NEW HOME — The Grady Lady Wildcats improved to 7-10 Tuesday night by taking a 35-29 victory over the New Home Lady Leopard in non-district high school basketball action.

The win avenged a four-point loss to New Home on Nov. 26 in Grady.

Junior post Whitney Oppegar and sophomore guard Lynsey Pinkerton each had nine points to lead the Lady Wildcats. Miranda Spradling had six, while Kelsey Tubb and Brianna Pribyla each added four. Callie Harryman chipped in three.

Grady, which will begin District 7-A play this Friday in Ira, played four solid quarters of basketball

offensively and defensively — and won despite pulling down just one offensive rebound.

Lauren Wied gave the Lady Leopards a 3-0 lead early in the first quarter with a free throw at the 7:30 mark. She followed that with a basket underneath on New Home's next possession.

Pinkerton scored Grady's first points. She sank a 3-point bomb to tie the game on Grady's ensuing possession.

New Home held a slim toward the end of the first quarter but sophomore Brianna Pribyla managed to pull Grady even, at 9-9, by hitting a basket with 5 seconds left in the frame.

The Lady Wildcats started slow again in the second but recovered before halftime. Grady outscored New Home by an 11-7 margin in

the frame and took a 20-16 lead into the half.

Pinkerton hit her second three of the game with 5 seconds left to give Grady a 4-point cushion at the intermission.

Both teams came out sluggish in the third quarter, combining to register just three baskets and one free throw in the frame. Grady held a slim 24-19 lead heading into the third period.

Senior post Lauren Wied took charge of the offensive production for New Home, scoring seven of her team-high 16 points in the fourth. Wied scored all but three of her team's 10 total points in the final period.

Grady survived Wied's efforts, however. The Lady Wildcats posted 11 points in the final eight minutes.

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### Parcells officially hired as Cowboys new coach

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells is back for sure, taking over the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday to end any doubt about his return to the NFL.

"I'm energized, determined and I look forward to being part of the community here in Dallas," Parcells said. "I know what station football occupies on all levels in the state of Texas."

Parcells was introduced by the team after more than a week of speculation and conflicting reports about a coach with a history of walking away from deals.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones described Parcells as the "most qualified

coach in our sport that you could draw up if you were drawing your own Rembrandt."

The two-time Super Bowl winner was hired three days after Jones fired Dave Campo, saying he wanted a proven coach and a "change in philosophy."

Parcells, who got a four-year contract reportedly worth \$17.1 million, fits both descriptions. He is the first Cowboys' coach with prior experience as an NFL head coach.

"I look forward to getting the team back to a place of prominence, a place of high competitiveness," Parcells said.

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### IN BRIEF

#### 'Hawk Talk' will air Jan. 8 on KBST

Hawk Talk, a five radio show dealing with Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST 1490-AM on Jan. 8.

The show, which is slated to begin at 9 a.m., will be hosted by Sam Stephens.

#### Local chapter needs basketball officials

The local officiating chapter is looking for individuals interested in serving as referees for area basketball games this season.

For more information contact Adam Rodriguez after 4 p.m. at 263-8731 or contact Mandy Rodriguez during business hours at 264-4135.

#### BSYBA seasons will begin Jan. 11

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association is scheduled to tip-off its 2003 season next weekend with play in the 12 & Under division.

Teams from throughout the area, including Ackerly, Stanton, Forsan and Coahoma are slated to field teams this year. Coahoma will be competing in its own league.

#### Area teams begin district slates today

District play will explode onto the scene today as no less than five area girls teams begin their quests for district championships.

The Sands Mustangs open loop action against Borden Co. The two are slated to begin play at 4 p.m.

The Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton girls begin the 3-2A slate on the road. Forsan travels to Crane for a 5 p.m. start, while Stanton draws a 6:30 start in Colorado City. Coahoma visits Seagraves for a 5 p.m. tip-off.

#### Howard College will return to play Sun.

The Howard College Hawks will return to action Sunday with a road game against the Hill College Rebels.

The Hawks, 12-0, are ranked No. 10 in the latest NJCAA national poll.

The Hawks, led by freshman Je'Kel Foster, are slated to tip-off the contest at 4 p.m. in Hillsboro.

#### Big Spring boys will host Wylie today

The Big Spring Steers will host the Wylie Bulldogs in non-district basketball action today, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

### ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

Event, Time	Station
Mavericks vs. 76ers, noon	1490
Jan. 7	
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Lady Steers at Levelland, 7:15 p.m.	1490
Jan. 10	
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Mavericks vs. Boston, 6:30 p.m.	1490
Jan. 12	
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Mavericks vs. Clippers, 2 p.m.	1490
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Mavericks vs. Clippers, 2 p.m.	1490
Lady Hawks vs. Odessa, 5:35 p.m.	1490
Jan. 13	
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Mavericks vs. Clippers, 2 p.m.	1490
Lady Hawks vs. Odessa, 5:35 p.m.	1490
Jan. 16	
Event, Time	Station
Lady Hawks vs. Clarendon, 5:35 p.m.	1490
Hawks vs. Clarendon, 7:35 p.m.	1490



File photo

Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear will lead the Steers into their final non-district home game today against Abilene Wylie. Games begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Steer Gym.

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The 61-year-old Parcells coached 15 seasons for three teams, taking the New York Giants, New England Patriots and New York Jets from losing records to the playoffs in two seasons...

After leaving the Jets, Parcells said he never wanted to coach again.

Parcells is 138-100-1 in regular-season games. He is also 11-6 in the playoffs.

Parcells will have more authority than anyone since Jimmy Johnson, the first coach Jones hired after buying the team in 1989...

Before worrying about players, Parcells has to put together a coaching staff. The only current assistants who might have a chance to stay are defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer...

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utes.

New Home came to within two of the GHS lead at the 6:40 mark of the fourth.

Things looked even bleaker for the Lady Wildcats seconds later when Oppgaard picked up her fourth foul with 5:32 left.

Wied hit on a shot from underneath to bring NHS within one, at 28-27.

The game, however, wasn't decided until the final seconds. The Lady Leopards were forced to send Grady to the free-throw line late in an effort to save the clock.

After the two teams traded baskets, New Home sent Pinkerton to the free throw line with 13 seconds left. Pinkerton made both shots and gave Grady a 4-point lead.

Overall, Grady hit 9-of-25 shots from the floor, and sank 11-of-15 attempts from the free throw line.

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the scoring with a 3-point shot with just 19 seconds having run off the clock in the quarter.

Eric Tunnell, who had been held was scoreless in the first half, came alive from there, sinking several key third-period baskets...

Madison topped all GHS scorers with 17 point. Tunnell and Springer each had 13, while Pribyla added eight.

Overall, Grady shot 54 percent from the field against the Leopards. The Wildcats hit on 23-of-42 attempts. They also sank 6-of-12 attempts from the charity stripe.

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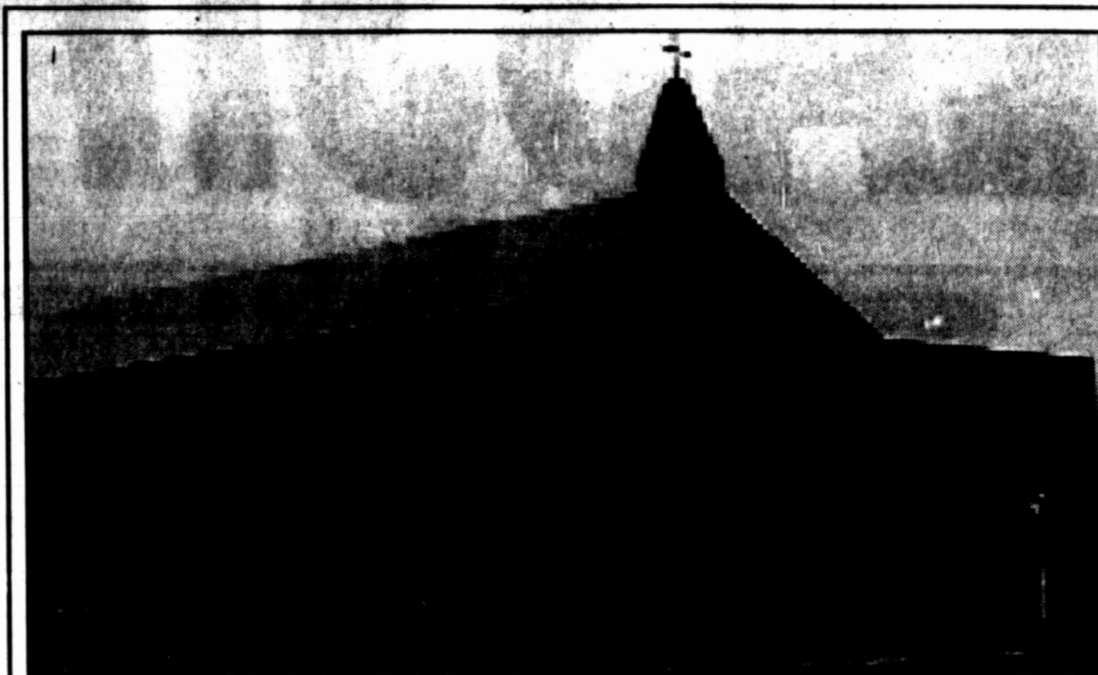
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FRIDAY														JAN. 3									
Channel	Time	Midland	Odessa	Dallas	Odessa	Dallas	Midland	Atlanta	Spanish	Premium	Nashville	Premium	Premium	Premium	Odessa	New York	Discovery	Atlanta	Learning Ch.				
6	PM	News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Cyberchase Zoboopaloo	7th Heaven (CC)	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Gata Salvaje	Proud Family Lizzie	Real TV (CC) Real TV (CC)	(15) Movie: I Got the Hook	Deception (CC)	Inside the NFL (CC)	Update With John Hagee	FBI Files (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Medical Medical				
7	PM	College Football	Movie: The Nutty	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	7th Heaven (CC)	48 Hours Investigates	College Football	Dateline (CC)	Movie: Lionheart	Las Vias del Amor	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Up (CC)	Movie: Scary Movie (CC)	Movie: Lethal Weapon 3	Joseph Good Faye Hardin	Biography (CC)	Keel and Ivy	Movie: The Shawshank	San Fran. Blue				
8	PM	Fiesta Bowl -- Miami vs.	Professor Nutty	Wash. Week On the Record	Bachelor	Hack (CC)	Fiesta Bowl -- Miami vs.	..	..	..	Jungle (CC) (45)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Get Well Soon	Extras	..	Light of the Southwest	Movie: No Mercy	Wings Over Afghanistan	Redemption	Medical Detectives (CC)			
9	PM	Ohio State	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Rise and Fall of Jim Crow	Bachelor: Tell of the Record	48 Hours Investigates	Ohio State	Law & Order	Movie: Nowhere to Run (CC)	Casos de la Vida Real	George of the Jungle (CC)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	..	..	Oz (CC)	..	..	..	..	..			
10	PM	News	Raymond Suddenly	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC)	News (35) Tonight	Run (CC)	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Kim Possible	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Enemy at the Gates (CC)	Movie: Hell-raiser: Blood	Ariss (CC) Movie: The	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Keel and Ivy	..	..			
11	PM	Nightline Up Close	Spin City (CC) Blind Date	Up Pompeii Red Green	Caroline Rhea Show (CC)	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Nightline Ent. Tonight	Show (CC) (37) Late	Movie: Universal	Derbez en Cuando	So Weird (CC) Jett Jackson	Oblivious Ultimate Rvng	..	line (CC) Red Shoe	Operative (CC)	How Can I Church	Biography (CC)	Wings Over Afghanistan	..	..			
12	AM	Hollywood Sq. Cowboy	Beyond Beyond	Rnd Green (20) Doctor	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) Up Close (36) Oprah	Night (CC) Frasier	Soldier (CC) Tu y Yo	..	..	Boy World Sister, Sister	Fame for 15 Conspiracy	Movie: Sid & Nancy	..	(12:15) Inside the NFL (CC)	Update With Dr. Massey	Movie: No Mercy	Sniper School	Movie: The Great Escape	Family Tom Apart			

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"YOU GAVE DENNIS A DOLLAR TO LEAVE?"

"IT'S A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR MY SANITY."

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

"I wouldn't have slipped if I wasn't wearin' these slippers."

**HAGAR**

"WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING MARRIED TO A DOCTOR?"

"MY HUSBAND IS NO DIFFERENT FROM OTHER HUSBANDS--"

"OH, SURE, HE TAKES OUT GALL-BLADDERS, APPENDIXES AND TONSILS..."

"BUT HE STILL WON'T TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE!"

**BLONDIE**

"STOP THROWING SNOWBALLS AT MY DOOR!"

"WHERE ARE YOU GOING, DEAR?"

"I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING OUTSIDE"

"HEY, I'M NOT ASKING FOR A RED CARPET, JUST A CLEAR PATH TO YOUR FRONT DOOR"

**BC**

"ANIMAL RIGHTS!"

"YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?"

"GET A LIFE!"

"SCREECH"

"LENNING'S LEAP"

**WIZARD OF ID**

"WHERE IS THE HANGMAN?"

"HE'S ON HIS COFFEE BREAK"

"THIS MUST BE YOUR LUCKY DAY"

**GEECH**

"IF YOU ASK ME, YOU'RE NOT DOING THAT RIGHT."

"AND HOW WOULD YOU DO IT?"

"DON'T ASK ME."

**HI AND LOIS**

"I REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE LEARNING HOW TO SKI, YOU WOULD FALL DOWN EVERY TIME YOU MADE A TURN!"

"OK, MOM!"

"BUT NOBODY CRASHES A COMPUTER EVERY TIME THEY TURN IT ON!"

"I DO!"

**GASOLINE ALLEY**

"Phyllis! The program on anglers isn't about fishing at all!"

"Let me see the book!"

"No wonder! It's Angels - not anglers!"

"My glasses must be dirty!"

**SNUFFY SMITH**

"THIS IS WHAT JUGHAID DID TODAY!!"

"TEECHUR"

"I CAN'T BELIEVE IT-- THAT'S JUST SHAMEFUL!!"

"HIS SPELLIN' AIN'T IMPROVED A BIT!!"

**BEEBLE BAILEY**

"I WONDER WHO THAT DOG IS IN THE DISTANCE?"

"I CAN'T TELL IF IT'S MALE OR FEMALE"

"THIS IS WHAT PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS WONDERED ABOUT DOGS"

"THE REASON WHY WE ROAM AROUND SO MUCH"

**People In the News**

By The Associated Press

**BRANSON, Mo. (AP)** — Russian comedian Yakov Smirnoff, best known for regaling crowds with his observations of life in the United States, has painted a mural that hangs at ground zero in New York.

It depicts the landscape forever changed by the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. But the Statue of Liberty stands in the foreground, and the World Trade Center is replaced by a heart-shaped American flag. Below it is the message: "The human spirit is not measured by the size of the act, but by the size of the heart."

New York was Smirnoff's first home when he arrived in the United States in 1977 with his parents and less than \$100 in his pocket. He became an American citizen July 4, 1986, at Ellis Island.

"That landscape was very familiar and deeply embedded in my psyche and my soul because it was a very emotional moment of my life when I was there in New York," he told The Associated Press recently. "Here I was watching this disaster. I just couldn't move. I was devastated."

Smirnoff, who holds an art degree from a Russian institute and taught professionally, turned to his paintbrush. The 51-year-old dabbed and stroked acrylic paint on his canvas throughout the night; it was 5 a.m. Sept. 12 when he finished.

He searched for a year to find a building downtown to display an expanded version of his painting. Some 70 union workers agreed to donate their labor to hang the mural, which is 200 feet tall and 136 feet wide.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Wynton Marsalis had senior citizens dancing until the early morning hours as he and his jazz quartet gave a rousing performance at a center for the elderly.

The sold-out event was held at Fort Greene Senior Citizens Center in Brooklyn on Friday night to save certain centers from closing because of budget constraints. Though the setting wasn't as swanky as Lincoln Center, where Marsalis is artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center, the audience was far more animated, hooting and hollering and even shouting out requests.

At one point, audience members started dancing in a line in front of the stage.

Marsalis' quartet performed until past midnight at the event, which raised \$12,000. Organizers say two centers in the area are in danger of closing because of city budget constraints.

Answer to previous puzzle

BOAR	FLUE	SUNAR
AXLE	RUGS	IVORY
KEEP	RIGHT	TESLA
ENCLOS	E	CARTON
LEERS	CARLA	
VASTLY	PARSING	
EMCEE	SUNG	EDAM
RAH	REPROOF	ILE
BIO	WAGE	LONER
NOTHER	SOIGNE	
LEERS	JOWL	
GAZERS	NAMESAKE	
ELOPE	NOPARKING	
TONES	OVAL	IDEA
SEEDY	RANI	NEED

**Newsday Crossword** **MIXING IT UP** by Merle Baker Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

- 1 Kisser
- 4 Blurb writer
- 9 Data holder
- 14 "Rose \_\_\_ rose ..."
- 15 "To \_\_\_ own self be true"
- 16 Coffee emanation
- 17 Turkish headwear
- 18 Jolly old elf
- 19 Show again
- 20 Mixer
- 23 Sandwich meat
- 24 Dogma
- 25 Joe Isuzu, e.g.
- 28 Pond growth
- 32 Ness, notably
- 36 One in a cast
- 38 Word of surprise
- 40 Nebraska native
- 41 Mixer
- 44 Inventor
- 45 Computer language
- 46 Yoga position
- 47 High-five sound
- 49 Military transports
- 51 Rodeo necessity
- 52 Long counterpart
- 54 CPR expert
- 56 Mixer
- 65 NutraSweet rival
- 66 Steinbeck family

**DOWN**

- 1 Annoy
- 2 Software buyer
- 3 Midwest city
- 4 Bewildered
- 5 Greg's mate
- 6 S. Dak. neighbor
- 7 Opposed to
- 8 Orderly
- 9 Finds fault
- 10 Had aspirations
- 11 Stadium sound
- 12 Fail to mention
- 13 Folk trio name
- 21 Heart movement
- 22 Output
- 25 Adds liquor to
- 26 Poker declaration
- 27 Skylit areas
- 29 \_\_\_ apso
- 30 Arrive
- 31 Smart \_\_\_
- 33 Sampler phrase
- 34 Enjoyed
- 35 Like Leif and Eric
- 37 Lowe of *The West Wing*
- 39 Nocturnal hunter
- 42 Dapper
- 43 Heart line
- 48 Make content
- 50 Not often
- 53 Van Gogh hangout
- 55 *Play \_\_\_ for Me*
- 56 Kingsley and Bradlee
- 57 Water color
- 58 Actor Russell
- 59 Barely open
- 60 Venetian explorer
- 61 \_\_\_ Alto
- 62 Nil
- 63 Cajole
- 64 River of Germany

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