### **MONDAY**

January 13, 2003

WEATHER

**Tonight:** 



TONIGHT TOMORROW 30°-33° 50°-55°

INSIDE



CONFERENCE OPENERS

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play tonight, playing host to Odessa College's Wranglers and Lady Wranglers

The Lady Hawks open league play with a 9-9 record, while the Hawks are a heady 16-0 and ranked No. 5 in the latest NJCAA national basketball poll.

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### **VITA** TRAINING SET

There will be a fiveday training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in preparing 2002 income tax returns.

The training will be held at the Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from Tuesday, Jan. 21, until Friday, Jan. 24, and on Monday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m. until noon each day.

Persons must pass a test in order to qualify for assisting taxpayers with their returns. All training materials will be provided.

Free tax assistance will be available in February and March\* at the Spring City Senior Center.

For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at (915) 398-5522 or e-mail dkennemur@apex2000 .net.

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# Area opens year with higher sales tax rebates

By BILL McCLELLAN

**News Editor** 

Eleven of the 19 area communities polled by the Big Spring Herald for sales tax rebates each month opened the calendar year with higher sales tax rebates than the previous year.

The information is provided by the State Comptroller's Office.

Six of the communities witnessed double-digit

January of 2002.

Coahoma suffered a 9.94 percent decrease rebates this month. The commu-January 2002.

Forsan saw sales tax January a year ago. receipts plummet through the last few months of \$1.916.870.68 this month.

2002, and January 2003 up 7.14 percent compared 11.72 percent decrease in percent more than the \$ month compared to 2002. 248,317.85 the Howard \$5,148.40 in January 2002, County seat received in a difference of 57.69 percent.

Stanton staggered through a loss as well. 31.94 percent. The Martin nity received \$2,766.04. County seat received compared to \$3,071.43 for \$5.242.31 this month compared to the \$7,703.58 in

Abilene received

up 52 percent for Andrews, which received \$75,780.82 this month compared to \$49,853.53 in January of 2002.

Brownfield received \$53,368.78. up 13.6 percent when compared to January 2002. \$46,978.83 in January

Colorado City noted an See REBATES. Page 3

Big Spring received was no different. The city to the \$1,789,116.37 rebates, comparing the \$250,107.49, a scant 0.72 received \$2,178.07 this received in January of \$27,368.94 received this month to \$31,004.82 Sales tax rebates shot received in January 2002.

> Fort Stockton enjoyed a whopping 41.56 percent increase in rebates, comparing the \$104.087.77 received this month to the \$73.524.79 taken in during

Kermit received

## PRINCIPAL OF THE WEEK



L.R. Dunn, left, interim principal at Garden City High School, speaks with secretary Dinette Watkins. Dunn is serving in his fifth interim administrative position since his retirement as superintendent of the Aspermont ISD in 1992.

# Dunn smoothing transition at Garden City High School

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Although retired for 10 years, education just seems to beckon Is.R. Dunn back into service from time to time.

Once in a while Dunn ventures from his small ranch in Bowie to help out a district with the difficult task of transitioning in leadership.

He officially took over the job of interim principal of Garden City High School this semester, services necessitated by the death of long-time principal Faith Scott.

"I enjoy learning a new student body and staff tenure as superintenand being able to work with them." Dunn said.

"I enjoy learning a new student body and staff and being able to work with them. I enjoy the challenge."

"I enjoy the challenge." Dunn may feel just lit tle at home in Garden Glasscock Independent District Superintendent Steve Long and his wife used to be a former students at Aspermont during Dunn's 13-year

dent. Added to that list of for

Elementary Principal Brad Jones and his wife.

This is the fifth interim administrative position since retirement in 1992 for the native West Texan. Although his stay

hopes to help the school district with the transitional time. The purpose of my job is to create a smooth transition in leadership process as the administrator," he said. "I don't

come in here to make

changes but to keep

is temporary. Dunn

things going smoothly. Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331. ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdeska creom.net

# Water

# Council expected to focus on two proposed projects

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Water is going to be on the minds of Big Spring City Council members Tuesday when they meet at 5:30 p.m. council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

The agenda for the meeting indicates the council will discuss and approve specifications for both a new irrigation system for the city-owned Mt. Olive Memorial Park and for a new monitoring system for Big Spring's water distribution network.

Big Spring Public Works Director Todd Darden said the city hopes to have the new sprinkler system installed at Mount Olive by the first of April.

It's a fully automated sprinkler system." he said. "Currently we have a system that utilizes water wells. Those water wells have been depleted to a point where we can't fully operate our system. The system is anywhere from 40 to 50 years old. Most of it, nearly all of it is manual at this time.

Darden said the new pump stations throughout sprinklers will be on the the city where we turn on city s wat it system.

"Le're soing to have to water at times that it will not affect our end users north of town," he said. "If we water in the daytime, we'll get complaints about low or no pressure north of the cemetery. So the plan is to put in a system that can irrigate at night and that is new and fully automated.

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system in place and put a new system around it.

Council members will also be looking at specifications for an upgrade to \* the city's Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition computer network for the municipal water system.

"We have remote sites. and turn off pumps to move water around the system." Darden said. We also have telemetry that tells us the elevation of our tank so we know when to turn on and turn off pumps. It also gives us system pressures. It also monitors the voltage and amperage on our pumble, stations.

Darden said the SCADA The present system is system in place currently

"We'll abandon the old See COUNCIL. Page 3

# Chamness honored as Edwards Award recipient

"Janie had made the comment that there had been two

letters written nominating me for that award. That tells

me that there are people in the department that see

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

When Big Spring Police Chief Jerry G. Edwards died in office of a sudden illness in 1997, his widow Janie and the members of the police department got together and created the Jerry G. Edwards Award. an annual honor given to an officer who, in Mrs. Edwards' opinion, exemplifies what Edwards stood for and believe in.

Award was presented to the department's administrative lieutenant, Terry Chamness.

"When Chief Edwards passed away unexpectedly back in 1997, one of the things that the department looked at and his widow looked at was a way of remembering

what I do and how I do it, and feel good enough about me to say, 'Hey, this guy does a good job.' I really appreciate getting that award." Lonnie Smith. "Jerry was prised," he said. "I come nominating me for that always thought of as a and do my job and I go award," he said. "That kind-hearted, easy-going. This year, the Edwards pleasant person. He what I do. I was real

also thought very highly of in the law enforcement profession and had many years in law enforcement."

Chamness said he was surprised and honored to Chamness added. receive the award.

home. Hove my job, Hove always had a kind word to happy with receiving that my opinion."

He's proud to have the recognition of his coworkers who nominated him for the honor,

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**CHAMNESS** 

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> getting that award." Although he grew up in Odessa. Chamness began his police career in

Kansas City, Mo. "I was born in Kansas

years old we moved here to West Texas, to Odessa;" he said. "I grew up in Odessa. I got up into high school and we moved back to the Kansas City area. I finished school up there, high school and I went to college up there at Missouri State University.

His police career started in 1974.

"I started law enforcement in a suburb of Kansas City called Lee Summit." he added. "I actually started working in narcotics, doing buys and stuff, then came out and worked intelligence for about 2-1/2 years. Of course. I was going to the academy at night when they had me working as an undercover officer.

When he graduated from the police academy.

### **Obituaries**

### **Daisy Mae Brown**

Daisy mae Brown, 94, of Stanton died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003, at a Stanton nursing home.

Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

### Johnnie T. Smith

Johnnie T. Smith, 92, of Midland, formerly of Stanton, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, in the Evergreen Cemtery in Stanton. Gilbreath Funeral Home has charge of arrangments.

### Weather

Today — Cloudy morning. Sunny afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight — Clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Light south-

west winds. Tuesday — Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Light and

variable winds.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper

Wednesday — Mostly sunny and breezy. Highs near

Thursday – Partly cloudy. Windy and colder. Morning highs in the mid 40s. Then falling temperatures into the mid 30s by late afternoon.

**Friday** — Mostly clear and cold. Lows around 20. Highs in the mid 40s.

Saturday — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. **Highs** in the upper 40s.

**Sunday** — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs in the mid 50s.

## Lottery

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$25 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 1-10-18-45-49-51.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$32 million.

Results of the Cash Five drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-14-17-30-31.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night:

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday after-

### Support groups

☐ 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 laryngetomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

☐ The Big Spring Military Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the VA Medical Center. The January meeting will be Monday, Jan. 13. For more information, contact Holly Moore at 263-8106 or Treva Hall at 263-8574.

### **TUESDAY**

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

### WEDNESDAY

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### **THURSDAY**

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9

☐ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

☐ 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 1noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m

→ 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.

### Take note

**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.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and **delivered** within the city limits of Big Spring. If you

can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m. □ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster par-

ents are the caretakers of the children in the com-

munity who have been abused and neglected. For more information on becoming foster/adoptive

☐ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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

☐ HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is asking for the donation of container-grown Christmas trees, with

the exception of Norfolk pines. The trees will be used for landscaping at the museum, which is located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

For more information, contact Susan Lewis, museum coordinator, at 264-1999.



**Christian Motorcycle Association members** Dee and Joan Harmon hold up some auction items to entice the audience to bid just a little bit higher. Auctioneer Dean Cater, right, teases the crowd. Also pictured is Kenny Stallings, of the **Cossacks Motorcycle** Association the organizer of the benefit for Jimmy and Cheryl Ruth, who were injured in a motorcycle accident in September. The funds raised at the benefit will help the couple with medical and financial bills.

**HERALD** photo/Lyndel Moody



Who makes a difference in Big Spring and Howard County?

We want to know who our readers believe are the "Difference Makers" in our community.

To nominate someone to be featured in a new series debuting in the Herald's Jan. 12 edition, mail them to Managing Editor John A. Moseley, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720.

E-mailed submissions may be sent to editor@bigspringherald.com or to jmoseley@crcom.net

# **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.

### **TUESDAY**

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 2 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

VFW Post 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

Howard County Sheriff's Posse, 7 p.m., Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Easter Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

### WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles

Lodge, 703 W. Third.

### **THURSDAY**

Club, Driver Road.

Gideon International, B.S. Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gales Sweete Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Main Street, noon, Doc Hardy Memorial Railroad Museum, Second Street and Main.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80, 263-2404

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

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

Neighbors and Newcomers Club. New members welcome, 268-9335.

### **FRIDAY**

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, 267-1037 or 2677281. Bring a lunch.

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway. 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Spring City Senior Citizen's County and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Industrial Park. All Seniors are invited.

### SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast is

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

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

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

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

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# New club offering variety for quilters, other crafters

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

No more television quilting shows for Gloria Rodriguez.

Now the Big Spring woman can do more than admire work from afar by taking part with likeminded folks in Big Spring's newest arts, crafts and quilting club.

"I'm interested in quilting," Rodriguez said. "I got my sister to come out with me and I hope to get my other sister to join."

Rodriguez has been interested in sewing and quilting but has had little time to practice.

"I like to watch those quilting shows on TV," she added.

Rodriguez heard about

column written by Katie Walker, Howard County cooperative extension agent, in the Big Spring Herald.

'The extension office likes to have a educational club and I started advertising for an arts and craft club," said "Hollis Walker. (McCright, Howard County librarian) was starting a quilting club so we decided to combine

McCright envisions the club as a time of fellowship for people of similar interests.

the two."

"We want people of all skill levels," McCright said. "They have to bring their own material to work with. If they don't newsdesk@crcom.net

the class by reading an know how to quilt, they can bring a pen and paper and take notes.'

> Walker added the club will also focus on more than quilting.

"When we get tired of quilting, we'll do some art and craft projects from time to time," she said.

The club meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

The club is currently not charging dues. For more information about club, the contact McCright at 264-2262.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at



**HERALD** photo/Lyndel Moody

Elva Clarke, left, and Gloria Rodriguez, members of the Arts, Crafts and Quilting Club, work on a piece before class.

### **AWARD**

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he went into the patrol division where he experienced a small problem.

"They transferred me from intelligence into patrol. I knew nothing. I mean, I could write you search warrants, I could tell you every scumbag in that area, what they drove, where they lived, what they were good for. But as far as how to write a ticket. I knew nothing about it. I never had done it," he said. "I actually went back to school for patrol tactics. Usually if

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"The current system

that we have is a DOS-

based system. It's pretty

antiquated," he said.

"What we're bidding out

is a Windows-based pro-

Darden said the project

will be divided into annu-

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Darden said the total

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the key components with-

'We're going to monitor

phase of the upgrade

you go through the academy, the first place you go is patrol, but I kind of went through the back door on it."

During his 12 years on the force in Missouri, attended Chamness school to become a bomb technician.

"There's only one school in the United States where you go to learn that, and that's at Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Ala.," he said. "I was very fortunate I was able to become a bomb tech. That's one of those specialties where

in our system," he said. "I

anticipate next year we're

going to ask the council

to consider phase two,

which we're going to bud-

get \$75,000. That should

finish us up on the water

treatment side. The long

term goal is also to bring

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9-1-1 Communications

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council will:

you hardly ever need it, but boy, when you need one, you need one, and you need somebody that's skilled in it."

Chamness In 1985, moved back to West Texas and in 1986, he joined the Big Spring Police Department. After 18 months he tested for and was promoted to the rank of sergeant over training, records and the identification division under Chief Joe Cook.

"When I was there Chief Cook brought some paperwork in to us and said 'Look at this and see if

the council's approval.

The contract would

require the city to pro-

vide eight 9-1-1 dispatch-

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you can come up with any ideas to write a grant,' Chamness said. "We decided 'Why don't we go with a civilian ID unit and have a uniformed officer in charge of it?' So we went for that grant for that position and we received it. That started my grant-writing years. Sometimes I look back on that and say 'Why did I ever do it?' In 1989 Chamness was

promoted to lieutenant and has since worked in every division within the department.

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> Hear a request for closure of Martin Luther King Boulevard for the Martin Luther King Walk.

 Discuss an upcoming rate adjustment by Cox Communications.

· Hear citizens' input.

tions, I started there," he nator. That is probably said. "Then I went back to patrol\_for a while, then support services."

Now, as the department's administrative lieutenant, he wears several hats.

"As administrative lieutenant. I've got criminal investigations. I'm in charge of that area." he said. "I'm in charge of budget for the department. I have line items that I'm specifically in charge of but I have to watch and check the budget all the time, constantly making sure we're in good shape. When we have big expenditures. I advise the chief on whether we have the money, that kind of thing. Of course he keeps up on it pretty well, too.

Chamness still writes grants for the department. he said.

"And then the other big part of my job is working with the chief as the emergency management coordinator for Howard County and the cities of Big Spring and Forsan and Coahoma. He has appointed me to the position of his deputy coordiabout half of my job right now, especially with everything that has gone on since a year and a half ago.

"He's our bomb tech. He's also our assistant on emergency management." Smith said. "He's the person in our department that takes care of our grants. If you assign him a task, even if it's foreign to the police department or the field of law enforcement, he'll research it and he gets it operational, gets it off and going, and you can bet that itis being done by the book.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

### MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Maria Becker, 92, died Thursday. Services are 12:00 noon today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial

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### **REBATES**

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\$30,833.33 this month, an increase of 28.23 percent, compared to the \$24,045.21 collected last January.

Lamesa witnessed a decrease of 3.49 percent in sales tax rebates. The Dawson County community received \$56,329.66 for the month, compared to \$58,367.84 in January of 2002.

Sales tax rebates were down 2.71 percent for Lubbock, which received \$2,019,661.12 this month, compared to \$2,076,018.12 last January.

Midland, which increased sales tax last April, saw rebates go up 16.34 percent, comparing the \$1,431.858.79 received this month to the \$1,230,719.87 received in January 2002.

Rebates tumbled in Monahans this month. received Monahans \$53,426.16, down 35.83 per-

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\$83,258.29 taken in for January of 2002.

January's rebates for Odessa amounted to \$1,002,577.25, up 3.61 percent when compared to \$967,642.32 taken in a year

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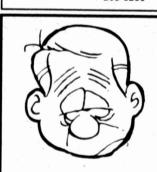
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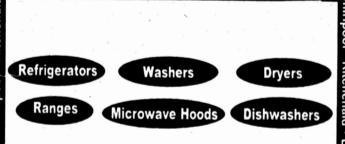
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OUR VIEWS

# VITA needs volunteers for tax assistance

ant to learn how to prepare your tax return? Think you might like to help others in preparing their tax returns? If you are civic minded and have even the slightest interest in numbers, then you'll want to check out a training program coming here soon.

It's a five-day training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in preparing 2002 income tax returns.

The training is going to be held at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from Tuesday, Jan. 21, until Friday, Jan. 24, and on Monday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m. until noon.

This is a great program for those who have been looking for a chance to volunteer but may not be able to stand for long periods of time or don't have some of the physical skills or strength to take on other needed tasks. All you need is patience and a desire to help others.

All training materials will be provided. Understandably, those who participate must pass a test in order to qualify for assisting taxpayers with their returns.

Free tax assistance will be available in February and March at the Spring City Senior

If you think you'd like to help, call Dorothy Kennemur at (915) 398-5522 or e-mail dkennemur@apex2000.net.

VITA is a wonderful program, put on by people

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### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are concerned with earthly problems, Lord, help us remember you are with us always.

# Take time to improve vocabulary

he English poet, letter writer and political figure, Lord Byron (1788-1824), has made this observation concerning words:

"Words are things, and a small drop of ink, falling like dew on a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions,



**DAVIDSON** 

think. When taken in this context, I believe we can see how very important it is to choose our words carefully, because words not only influence the quality of our thinking, they also enable us to express ourselves - to communi-

Thank you for spending a few moments of your time with me. I would like to begin by sharing some thoughts concerning the "right" words and how, if we are not careful, they can expose some of our misplaced values. Here is an exam-

ple that will illuminate what I am saying. The story is told of a man who was a public speaker by profession. Using the right word, in the right place, with the right pronunciation, was a passion for him.

One day during a stroll by the river, he slipped off the bank and sank under the water. An elderly lady shouted, "He'll be drowned-ded! He'll be drowned-ded!" The public speaker came to the surface sputtering and coughing. He asked for no help and didn't reach for the rope thrown to him. Instead, he fixed his eyes and index finger on the lady and shouted, "Drowned, not drowned-ded! Drowned!" His thoughts were not on life, but the right word.

When it comes to using the right words, I'm limited in some respects and I tell people my vocabulary is kinda like the printer who said, "I ain't never made but one grammatical error since I come to work here. I seen it when I done it, so I taken it back." All kidding aside, the manner

in which we communicate is very important as it relates to achieving success in today's times.

Our effectiveness in communicating with others is determined to a large degree by our vocabulary. It's been said that we should know big words but use little words if we are to communicate with the vast majority of the people around us. Along these lines, something that may cause you to think is the results of a survey that I came across some time ago. It's been determined that the average middle class person in our society uses less than 400 words, 80% of the time in his or her normal everyday conversa-If you will think about

it a moment, you'll be able to come up with many of these words, like: hope, happiness, security, money, work, love, family, time, sale, bargain, food, if, and, it, but, or and so forth. Now if you will continue on, I believe you will see that it takes a lot of these "regular use" words to reach 400. However,

when it comes to successful communication this is tragic, because there are now over 700,000 words in the English lan-

guage. Another consideration here is what educators call our "reading level." When we read a story or

an article that has one or

more words that are not

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lost. While we can cer-

tainly get by without a

large vocabulary, and

millions do, it does give those individuals who have a good vocabulary a great advantage in these days of rapidly changing technology. In conclusion, when we take the time to improve our vocabulary so we can use the right words, we are taking a step in the right direction and this will pay handsome dividends in the months and

it is up to me. Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

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# Why the Bush tax cut doesn't work

ne interesting Seriously **Dumb Tax Cut** we are watching develop in Washington is that we are simulta-

neously wit nessing the effects of Seriously Dumb Tax Cuts at the state level. The states are plotzing right and left, caught in hideous

binds



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whether it is better to release dangerous prisoners or cut back the schools, cut back health care for kids or nursing homes for old folks.

Politically, it's notoriously difficult to oppose tax cuts precisely because the trouble doesn't show up until after the next election, but this time we have are having our noses rubbed in the results even as Bush proposes to do it again at the federal level.

And what a tax cut it is. According to Citizens for Tax Justice, the wealthiest 1 percent of taxpayers, those who make over \$356,000 a year, will get almost 50 percent of the benefit of eliminating the tax on dividends and 45 percent of the money from accelerating the rate cuts. The 80 percent of the households making less than \$73,000 a year would get less than 10 percent of the new tax breaks. The Bushies have vari-

ous ways of justifying this monstrosity, none of

which holds up under scrutiny. The first claim is that the rich pay more in taxes in the first place. Well, yeah, they do: They have more money. The richest 1 percent have 18 percent of all the pretax income and they pay 36 percent of all personal income taxes. But one of the many disingenuous tricks with statistics you will see used by the Soak the Poor school is to ignore the rest of the tax burden. Most of us actually pay more in payroll taxes than we do in income . taxes, but FICA taxes cut OFF at \$87,000 — you make more than that, you don't have to pay on the rest. And of course the sales tax is notoriously regressive — rich families and poor families alike pay the same sales tax on a refrigerator, but it's a much bigger chunk of the income of the poor

family. Despite all the screaming and yelling, the progressive income tax is the fairest form of taxation ever invented (unless you want to count the wealth tax used by most European countries). When Dwight Eisenhower left office, the highest marginal tax rate was 95 percent and no one thought Ike was a communist. It's now down to 38.6 percent and due to drop to 35 percent. For 70 years, the income tax has made at least part of the total tax picture here progressive, rather regressive. It's not only unfair to change that, it's stupid.

Bush is now arguing that we need a tax cut

because the economy is in recession (originally, he argued for a tax cut because the economy was so good). It is true that a balanced budget is not the be-all and end-all of good governance — that's one of those panaceas we occasionally fall for and running a deficit at the federal level is not the end of the world or necessarily even bad pol-

Tax cuts can stimulate the economy. But note the long, circuitous thinking about giving tax cuts to the rich: If the rich have more money, they will invest it — and that investment will allow companies to expand, and then they will hire more workers, and that will end the recession. Whereas, if you give tax cuts to the middle and working classes, they go out and spend the money because the baby needs new shoes. Presto, demand is up, factories back in action, end of recession.

There's no guarantee that rich people will do anything economically productive with more money. Their major strategy seems to be stashing it in offshore banks so they don't have to pay any taxes.

As Leona Helmsley so famously remarked, taxes are for "little people." The dirty little secret about taxes in this country is that rich people and corporations mostly don't pay them now they have a whole system of shelters and offshore deals. We don't need to raise taxes in this country, we need to collect

The centerpiece of the Bush tax cuts is eliminating dividend taxes, effective immediately, on the grounds that the dividends are "taxed twice"

 by the corporate income tax and then the dividend tax. This one has absolutely nothing to do with economic stimulus, it's a pure give-away to the rich.

One reason dividends should be taxed is because the people who get them don't work for the money. In the old days, people who lived off their investments were known as "coupon clippers" and generally despised as non-working parasites.

Granted, it takes some smarts to do well enough in the stock market to live high (and somebody, like your granddaddy, had to make the money in the first place), but the fact is most investors don't spend their lives pouring over company prospectuses — they pay someone else to do it. They're making money off other people's labor. Why shouldn't they pay taxes on it?

The final reason it's dumb to cut taxes for the rich is the problem of social justice.

We're already in trouble because the income gap between the rich and the rest of us keeps getting worse and worse. The rich buy their way out of our public institutions — schools, hospitals, parks — and then contribute money to politicians who let the public infrastructure go to hell. It doesn't work.

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### Priest continues working despite accusations

DALLAS (AP) - A priest continues to work in the face of sexual abuse accusations, although Dallas Catholic Diocese leaders contend they have no one on duty who has been credibly accused of sexually abusing any child or adult, according to a published report

Two immigrants testified in the early 1990s that the Rev. Justin Lucio had used threats and promises to pressure them into intercourse, The Dallas Morning News reported in a copyright story. Lucio acknowledged in a 1991 deposition that he had told people the young men were his nephews, although he is unrelated to them.

Diocese spokesman Bronson Havard said Dallas Bishop Charles Grahmann didn't know about Father Lucio's testimony until the newspaper asked about it. "The documents will have to be studied," said

Havard. Lucio also acknowledged that he sometimes handled Latino parishioners' genitals. Havard said he wasn't sure how to interpret Lucio's testimony, which he read Friday. But he said a priest's handling of parishioners' genitals is "not anything condoned or practiced by the Catholic Church."

### Retired publisher James H. Hale dead at 75

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — James H. Hale, the drywitted East Texan who worked his way from wire editor of the Texarkana (Texas) Gazette to publisher of The Kansas City Star during a 15-year stint in which the newspaper won three Pulitzer Prizes, has died at the age of 75.

Hale retired seven years ago as president and chief executive officer of the San Francisco Newspaper Agency, the joint business and publishing arm of the Chronicle and the Examiner.

He died Sunday at Texoma Medical Center in Denison of natural causes, said his son, Robert O. Hale, publisher of The Walton Tribune in Monroe, Ga.

"Jim Hale's combination of intelligence and business intuitiveness was unmatched in the newspaper industry," said Wes Turner, who worked with Hale in Kansas City and now is publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Turner said Hale understood the importance of a newspaper to its community.

Hale took the San Francisco post after retiring as publisher of The Star in December 1992. He was chief executive officer of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in the mid-1970s, and had owned or been a top executive of papers in Woodville, Baytown and Laredo: Altus. Okla.; and Clearwater, Fla.

Renowned for his business acumen. Hale also was affectionately regarded by colleagues within and outside the newspaper industry as a colorful character who delivered his dry wit in a Texas drawl.

Hale never forgot his humble beginnings in the newspaper business, said Paul Stevens, chief of bureau for The Associated Press in Kansas City.

### Proposed bridge concerns environmentalists

GALVESTON (AP) - Environmentalists are concerned a proposed bridge that would link Galveston to the Bolivar Peninsula would disturb natural habitats in the area and increase pollution levels.

Mark Muhich, president of the Galveston chapter of the Sierra Club, said he's worried about the impact the bridge could have on Bolivar, which has a thriving natural habitat, The Galveston County Daily News reported Sunday.

"Those environs there are internationally famous for migratory birds," said Muhich. "I think this bridge would bring a lot of truck and car traffic through largely undeveloped land."

The Houston Audubon Society, which owns a large nature preserve on Bolivar, opposes the project.

The proposed bridge, conceived by the Texas Department of Transportation, would replace the current ferry service that links Galveston to the peninsu-

### Delay may endanger funds for dredging

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — City officials are anxiously awaiting the results of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' environmental assessment of a dredging project, concerned that the delay could jeopardize \$1.25 million in state grants.

Developers and city leaders are pushing for the dredging of Packery Channel, a silt-filled pass on Padre Island between the Laguna Madre and the Gulf of Mexico. They say if the channel were dredged to allow quick access to the Gulf, the island would have more development and tourism opportunities.

City officials expected to receive a final draft of the Corps environmental assessment for the project by the end of December. That report still has not been pub-



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"I'm disappointed the Corps hasn't finished its work," City Councilman Mark Scott said in Sunday editions of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "Any delay is a frustration for me."

Corps spokeswoman Marilyn Uhrich said officials expect to release the environmental statement by the end of the month. From there, the report will go to Washington, D.C., for a 90-day review by officials at Corps headquarters.

### Violence escalates as Israeli election nears

JERUSALEM (AP) - In rapidly escalating violence just two weeks before Israel's general election, seven Palestinians, two other Arab attackers and two Israelis were killed in raids and infiltrations in a 24-hour peri-

Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz was evasive when asked about reports that he is planning to step up strikes against Palestinian militants. Mofaz said Israel is facing a growing wave of terror, but that there would be "nothing very much out of the ordinary" in

Palestinian officials have accused Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of escalating military action to deflect attention from corruption allegations that have been hurting his re-election bid. Two Israeli opinion polls indicated Monday that Sharon's Likud party is recovering somewhat from a monthlong drop in support.

### **OPEC boosts output 1.5 million barrels**

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — By boosting its nominal crude output by 1.5 million barrels a day, OPEC hopes to reassure markets roiled by a shortfall in Venezuelan exports and the possibility of war in Iraq.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided Sunday to increase its production target by 6.5 percent, to 24.5 million barrels a day. OPEC seeks to push oil prices back below its maximum price target of \$28 a barrel. Prices hovered around \$30 on Friday.

The additional crude should bring some modest relief to consumers in importing countries, analysts said. The United States welcomed the move, saying the hike would support economic growth and stability.

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"It's a global oil market and the more oil on the market the better for all," U.S. Energy Department spokeswoman Jeanne Lopatto said Sunday. "Instability in the oil market hurts producing and consuming countries

OPEC said it wanted to calm fears of a supply crunch caused by an ongoing general strike in Venezuela. The agreed output hike was near the upper end of what analysts had expected.

### **AOL Time Warner chairman steps down**

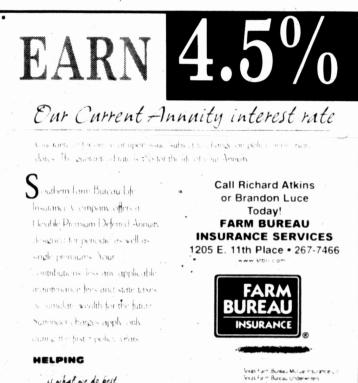
NEW YORK (AP) — Blamed by shareholders for AOL Time Warner's sharp fall in fortunes, Steve Case said he will step down as chairman of the conglomerate he helped create — a marriage of old and new media first hailed as revolutionary but now struggling for a future.

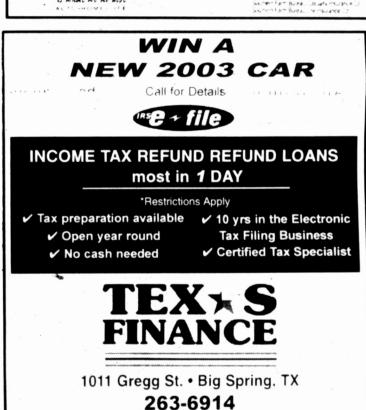
Case's departure means the company's leadership will be without any of the key architects of the blockbuster merger of America Online and Time Warner in 2001. The company said Sunday he would step down in

In a brief statement, Case said he had concluded AOL Time Warner was better off without him.

"Some shareholders continue to focus their disappointment with the company's post-merger performance on me personally," he said.

Case will remain on the company board and continue to co-chair its Strategy Committee, although it remains unclear how much of an influence he — or his old company, America Online — will have on AOL Time Warner.







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# Grady buries Sands

By RICK ALKIRE

Special to the Herald ACKERLY

The Grady Wildcats had plenty to roar about Friday night after pounding the Sands Mustangs, 87-39.

The win, which enabled the Wildcats to improve to 20-1 overall and 3-0 in District 7-A play, provided a measure of retribution for Grady which suffered a 45-point drubbing at the hands of Sands in football in October.

Mustangs senior Nate Looney had his way on the football field in October. On the basketball court, however, he managed only eight points. High-scoring post Jeremy Renteria had 11.

With the loss, Sands fell to 4-8 overall and 1-2 in district.

Grady made a statement early, setting the tempo with a 21-5 first quarter advantage. Eric Tunnell hit the first bucket just 30 seconds into the contest and the Wildcats never looked back.

Renteria collected Sands' first points with free throws at the 7:19 mark of the opening period.

The Mustangs were no match for the No. 4ranked Wildcats. Grady posted a 22-14 run in the second and took a 47-19 lead into the half.

It was all GHS in the third. The Wildcats. sparked by Jason Pribyla. outscored Sands by a 14-9 clip in the frame.

Grady opened the floodgates in the fourth, They posted a 26-11 run in the final eight minutes. Brent Madison added insult to the Mustangs' injury with a dunk late in the fourth.

Pribyla had his best game of the year, scoring 23 points. He also had eight rebounds. Madison finished with 21 points and eight rebounds. while teammate Nick Winford added 12 points and eight steals. Andrew Villa also hit double figres, tossing in 10 points to go with his seven rebounds.

Trent May added eight points, while Tunnell chipped in seven points and a season-high 13 assists. Colter Tate had four and T. Springer tallied two.

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And, true to form, the

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cially for the Lady Steers.

In the 10 & Under girls

The Howard College Hawks will try and stretch their season record to 17-0 tonight when they open Western Junior College Athletic Conference action against the Odesa College Wranglers. Th Lady Hawks will lead off the action at 5:50 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

# Howard College to open WJCAC tonight against the OC Wranglers

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor Don't take Howard College Hawks head coach Chris Jans wrong, he's thrilled to see that his team posted a perfect 16-0 run through their non-conference schedule. He'd just rather it didn' come with a target

"We're proud of the 16-0 record," said Jans, who has guided the Hawks to lifth in the latest National Junior College Athletic Conference Foll "But what's done is done. We can't sit back and res on our lawels because the minute you do someone will knock you off. Believe me, we know from this point on we're going to get everyone's best game.

"What we have to remember is starting tonight, everyone is 0-0 again," he added.

Howard College will try and get off to a good start in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play this evening in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum when they play host to the Odessa College. The Lady Hawks will tip off the action beginning at 5:50 p.m. The men will follow at 7:50

In addition to opening WJCAC action, the Hawks should have plenty of motivation for the Wranglers. Odessa College dealt the Hawks a loss during last year's conference action.

Despite their impressive start to the season, opening conference play with the Wranglers won't be an easy chore.

Odessa College heads into the game sporting a 9-5 record, that includes a recent win over Hill College and Weatherford.

"We're going to have to work hard as a team every day," sopho2003 WJCAC conference opener **Howard College Hawks** 

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more Jared Fears said. "We know they're not going to just roll over

for us."

Conference opener with a respectable offense: Wranglers have averaged more than 70 points a game this fall.

The Hawks, coming off a 116-58 rout of Mountain View College, also have a solid offensive game. Howard College has rolled through its first 16 games like a tank through through a wheat field. The team has averaged better than 80 points a night and craked the 100-point plateau on six

Offensively, the Hawks are led by a host of players, including freshman guard Je Kel Foster, forward Leon Woodstock and Vas'shun Newborne. All three are ranked among the WJCAC leaders in scoring through the non-conference portion of the 2002-03 sched-

While the Hawks will be trying to continue their winning ways and move a step closer to the school's all-time mark for consecutive wins (20 set in 1990-91), the Howard College Lady Hawks will simply be trying to find the win column again.

The Lady Hawks, 9-9 overall in Kevin Bucher's first year as head coach, enter conference play on a sour note. They lost two of their last three non-conference games. Of course, those losses came to nationally-ranked teams. Their only win in that post-holiday span came in a stunning upset of No. 13 ranked Trinity.

The HC women have plenty of talent to lean on, including freshman guards Jeanenne Colbert and Brittani Calhoun and freshman center Desire Bostice.

The Odessa College Lady Wranglers go into conference The Wranglers head into the action sporting a 10-6 record.

### Sands weathers Grady's 4th-quarter threat, 40-34

By RICK ALKIRE

Special to the Herald ACKERLY — The Grady Lady Wildcats failed to gain their first District 7-A win Friday night as the Sands Lady Mustangs posted a 40-34 victory in front of a large crowd in the Mustang Gym.

Holly Gibbs led a balanced SHS attack with nine points.

Junior Whitney Oppegard scored 13 points to lead Grady. Kelsey Tubb followed with 11 while

Lynsey Pinkerton and Miranda Spradling tallied eight and two, respective-

Grady actually held a slim 9-6 lead at the end of the first quarter but found the second quarter road a tough one to walk. Sands outscored the Lady Cats by an 8-3 margin in the period and took a 14-12 cushion into the intermission.

The third quarter was the key for the Lady See SANDS, Page 7A

## Lady Cats roll past Rankin

Kats improved their district record to 2-0 Friday night, by defeating Rankin, 57-30, in Rankin.

Jessica Hoch and scored into double-digits

The Garden City Lady in the win. Hoch tallied 17 while Henson had 15.

Leslie Jansa Brecklyn Hughes each finished with six points, while Megan Niehues and Amanda Henson both Morgan Kight added five

### IN BRIEF

Softball booster cub

sets Jan. 13 meeting The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club is scheduled to hold a meeting today in the Big Spring High School athletic training facility.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the ATC meeting room. All softball parents, fans and boosters are encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting.

Hawks' skills camp will begin Jan. 18

The Howard College Hawks coaching staff and players will begin their Skills Camp on Jan. 18 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-12. Campers will learn the fundamentals of basketball. They will showcase the skills at the half of the Hawks-Clarendon game on Feb. 10.

The cost for the camp, which runs four Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon, is \$10 per person.

For more information contact Hawks head coach Chris Jans at 264-5044.

### Big Spring girls will face Estacado Tues.

The Big Spring Lady Steers will continue their District 4-4A march tomorrow when they travel to Lubbock to face the Estacado Lady Matadors.

The JV Lady Steers are slated to tip off at 7:30 p.m. The Lady Steer varsity squad, 15-9 overall, will start at 6 p.m.

### Ten Star basketball camp taking entries

Applications for the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp are now being evaluated. The camp is an invitation-only program for male and female athletes ages 10 to 19.

Past participants in the camp include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse and Grant Hill. The camp will showcase talent from 50 states and eight foreign countries.

For a free brochure on the camp contact Ten Star All-Star Basketball at (704) 373-

### BSYBA hoop season continues this Sat.

The Big Spring Youth **Basketball Association** action continue this weekend with a full slate of games/

Teams from Big Spring, Ackerly, Stanton, Forsan, Grady, Coahoma and Garden City field teams in the league.

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division, the Lady Steers emerged victorious by taking a thrilling 20-17 win over the Sands Mustangs. Leading the scoring for the Lady Steers was Megan Doe, who pitched in eight points. Berklie Pierce added seven, while teammate Kala Long chipped in three.

seeing action.

The Mustangs inadvertently provided two points for the Lady Steers when a Sands player accidentally made a basket on the oppo-See **BSYBA**, Page 7A

Big Spring Youth Basketball action got under way this past weekend in gyms throughout the community. More than 800 youth are participating this season.

### Seagraves deals CJHS boys a pair of losses

By BRANDON HALLFORD Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Junior High Bulldogs found the road wasn't a nice place to be Thursday night. Coahoma suffered two heart-breaking road losses to Seagraves.

In the seventh grade game. Coahoma took it into overtime before falling to the Seagraves by a 25-24 margin.

Leading the way offensively for the Bulldogs were Colton Morgan and Logan Stone. Morgan finished the game with a team-high 10 points. Stone contributed five.

March 1.

**BSYBA** 

site end of the floor.

Playing strong defense

for the Lady Steers were

Belle Feaster, Taryn

Kennedy, Tulsi Patel, and

Elle Torres. Also con-

tributing to the win were

Robyn Castle, Shivalli

The Big Spring Lakers

opened their 2003 season

on a high note by down-

ing the Forsan Buffaloes,

24-6, in 10 & Under boys

With the win, the

Lakers move into this

weekend's showdown

with the Bulls sporting a

1-0 record. The Buffaloes,

0-1, are slated to face the

Stanton #2 team this

Forsan rallied from an

The Buffs outscored the

Wizards by an 8-0 clip in

the second quarter and

erased an early 2-0 deficit.

Cameron Honea and

Andrew Balion led all

early deficit to claim a 16-

12 win over the Wizards.

Forsan Buffaloes 16

Patel and Kelsey Weir.

Lakers 24,

action.

weekend.

Wizards 12

**Buffaloes 26** 

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In the eighth grade game, Seagraves managed to hang on to claim a 31-23 win over Coahoma.

Leading the Bulldogs' efforts were Kurt Lang, who pushed in a teamhigh seven points. Also contributing for the Bulldogs were Kamrun Green and Rodriguez, with five and four points, respectivley.

### **GRADY**

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Overall, t Wildcats shot 33 of 69 from the field, and hit one of six attempts from 3-point range.

The Grady JV also emerged with a win,. taking a 29-15 win over Sands.

Jobe Christon was the leading scorer for Grady with 11 points. Kendall Cook had eight, while teammate Josh Hinojosa pumped in six. Cole Mitchell and Adam Cantu added two apiece.

Grady will face Dawson Tuesday.



BSYBA action is scheduled to continued this weekend with a full slate of games. The BSYBA season runs through

### **BSYBA** coached asked to submit game results Continued from Page A6

Coaches are asked to submit their BSYBA game results to the Big Spring Herald immediately following their game. Results can be faxed to (915) 264-7205; dropped off at the paper office or sent via e-mail to: newsdesk@crcom.net

Wizard scorers with four points apiece.

Also playing well for the Wizards were Jeremy Burchell, Alex Crabtree, Cody Wilkins, Johnathan Womack, Tommy Wells Jr., Angel Martinez and Brent Yater.

### Forsan #1 23 Dream Team 22

Forsan #1 claimed a narrow win in 12 & Under action.

## Short-handed Sands JV edges Grady

By RICK ALKIRE

Special to the Herald **ACKERLY** — The Sands junior varsity girls proved the old adage that quality beats quantity Friday afternoon.

Sands, despite playing with just four players in the final moments. claimed a hard-fought 31-29 win over the Grady Lady Wildcats in double

### SANDS

**Continued from Page A6** 

Mustangs. They outscored Grady by a 13-6 clip and stretched their lead to 27-18.

Grady attempted to battle its way back in the fourth.

With Sands leading by 10 with 2:58 left in the game, Grady began to make its move. Pinkerton hit a 3-pointer with 2:40 left, cutting the score to33-26. Following the trey, Sands turned the ball over on its ensuing possession - which enabled Tubb to bury a three at the 2:20 mark cutting the Mustang lead to four, at 33-29.

Tubb added another trey moments later that helped pulled the Lady Wildcats to within two with 1:41 to play in regulation.

Sands, thanks to a pair of free throws by Sophie Ybarra with :05 left, weathered the storm down the stretch.

For the game, Grady hit 9-of-11 attempts from the free throw line line.

overtime.

Sands played the final 44 seconds of regulation and two overtime periods with just four players. The Lady Mustangs, who began the game with just points.

five players, lost one starter to fouls with less than a minute to play in the fourth quarter.

Cruz Montoya led all Grady scorers with 13

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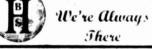


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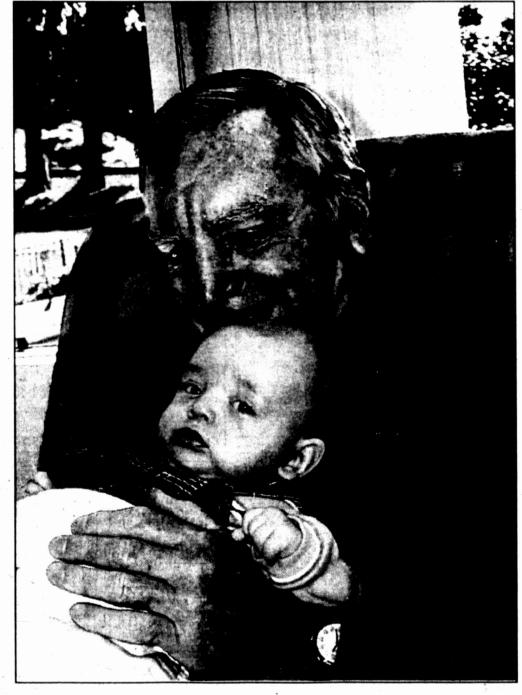
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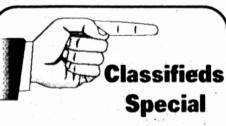
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Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, Jan. 13, 2003:

Carefully consider your options surrounding your personal and professional lives. Even if you have a good job and make money, if you're unhappy every day going to work, think again. Perhaps a change in career might be long overdue. Be honest with yourself. Work on the quality of your life and be willing to make needed changes. If you are single, you might meet someone through a friend but discover this person isn't exactly what you thought he or she might be. Know when to cut your losses! In the second part of your year, you will most likely meet someone quite special and very different. If you are attached, work more as a team, openly airing out differences in your points of view. Remember, you can agree to disagree. What might be a problem could be holding back. GEMINI likes working with

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\* Your attempts to clear the air have the opposite effect. They fuel the fire! Tempers seem to have a life of their own - difficult to tame down in any way, shape or form. Lighten up rather than becoming involved in the warfare. Refuse to get yourself cornered in a position. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)\*\*\* Dealing with the basics could take unusual skill and precision. · How you feel about someone's abilities comes out whether you so choose or not. Loosen up with a loved one or difficult associate who might be on the warpath. Tonight: Your treat.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Your strong personality attracts many. How you decide to deal with someone could change substantially with some knowledge and conversation. Others seek you out but not exactly from a peaceful point of view. Tonight: Understand the possibilities through

the uproar. CANCER (June 21-July 22)\*\*\*\* Your ability to traverse boundaries might be tested. Just because you see something one way, doesn't mean that someone else does. Discussions could be animated, to say the least. Keep more of your opinions to yourself. Tonight: Do something on your own.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You might shake your head at the differences of opinion. Isn't this what makes the world go 'round? Pressure builds within a personal relationship, irritating everyone concerned. Don't get into a disagree-

ment. Tonight: Seek a solution, please.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Take charge when others back off. If you do get flack from a family member, realize just how much you're desired by this person. Laughter helps heal the most difficult situations, but here sensitivity fits the bill. Tonight: Could be a late night.

LIBRA(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You mean well, but somehow your words become far more controversial than you intend. Know when to pull back and let others diffuse their anger. Detach and take an overview. Success follows those who do detach. Tonight: Surf the Net.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)\*\*\* You might use spending to assuage your upset over a personal or difficult issue. Please don't - for your own sake. Hash out a problem from the very beginning. Solutions appear for those who want them; otherwise, uproar ensues. Tonight: Let an associate lay down his or her cards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)\*\*\*\* You might want and need to defer to someone close, yet you might be pushed to the limit dealing with those around you. Be careful, because if you lose your temper, you might choose to say something you would prefer not to. Tonight: Go along with another's wishes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan: 19)\*\*\*\* Don't allow someone to trigger you when you would prefer to do nothing and simply hang loose. Your ability to read between the lines makes a huge difference in your perspective and the resulting actions. Actions count. Tonight: Work off steam at the gym.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Allow your imagination to come forward. drawing forth more of what is important to you personally. Sometimes you get so wound up in others' tales that you have difficulty pulling out. Review your priorities. Tonight: Be with the one you love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)\*\*\*\* Understand what might be ailing a boss, and you'll get past an immediate problem. Think through differences, though know when to defer. Tempers at the workplace might make you feel most uncomfortable. Still, you'll persevere. Tonight: Run home. Turn your answering machine.

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Dear Annie: My husband and I had an argument regarding his best friend. "Jerry." Jerry smokes marijuana. Although neither my husband nor I do drugs. it doesn't bother me that Jerry smokes pot in the privacy of his own home. However, I do not want him smoking in MY home. The last time Jerry came

over, he brought his drug pipe. After he left, I told my husband that I didn't want Jerry bringing drug paraphernalia onto our property for obvious legal reasons. My husband became quite upset and said I had no right to impose my moral choices on other people. My husband told Jerry

how I felt about the drugs. and ever since, we have been excluded from his social gatherings. Jerry claims he no longer invites us because he knows that I would be "uncomfortable" around the pot-smoking crowd.

My husband now blames me for alienating his friend. Annie, I don't want to be a party to any illegal activity. and I think it is wrong of my husband to put us in such a situation. What do



you say? Morally Confused in Madison, Wis. Dear Morally Confused: Your husband is putting his friendship with Jerry ahead of his common sense. You are not imposing your moral choices on others. You are trying to keep out

Stick to your principles. Tell your husband Jerry is welcome in your home, as long as he does not engage in illegal activities. Make sure you settle this argument now, or the problem is likely to get worse.

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NEW YORK Pantoliano's character Ralphie lost his head on "The Sopranos," and now he'll be losing his pants nightly in the hit Broadway revival of "Frankie and Johnny in the Claire de Lune.

Pantoliano will play Johnny, a romantic shortorder cook trying to turn a one-night stand with the waitress Frankie into something more, Pantoliano said he isn't worried about appearing naked on stage.

"I've been nude in a lot worse situations than this he told the New York Post in an interview published Saturday. "At least I got some good material to hide behind!"

Pantoliano played Ralph Cifaretto on the hit HBO show "The Sopranos" until he was killed in a brutal fight with mob boss Tony

Soprano this season Cifaretto's head was cut off when Soprano disposed of the body

Pantoliano said he "did some of my best acting and the writing was some of the best ever seen on TV- and what people are gonna remember is that they stuck his head in a bowling bag!

Despite the series of wiseguys, traitors and hoods he has played on TV and in movies like "The Matrix" and "Memento," Pantoliano said he feels right to play the part of Johnny.

Rosie Perez will play Frankie: She Pantoliano are replacing Stanley Tucci and Edie Falco, who are leaving the show after Sunday's performance

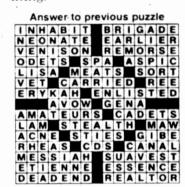
DETROIT (AP) As notoriety has grown for rapper Eminem, he has forced himself into a focused daily regimen, he says, laying low to avoid getting lost in the limelight.

"It's almost to the point

where I truly believe I may be getting too big for my own good." he told the Detroit Free Press. "And I never really asked for that."

-This year, his album, The Eminem Show" sold 7.4 million copies, and the "8 Mile" film soundtrack sold 3.5 million. "8 Mile," which stars Eminem, has been one of the most successful pop music films in

"Looking back at this year? I really haven't thought about it." said the rapper, whose real name is Marshall Mathers III. "I never really stop to look back on things and reflect on them. I keep 'em on the head, but I'm concentrating on next year more than any-



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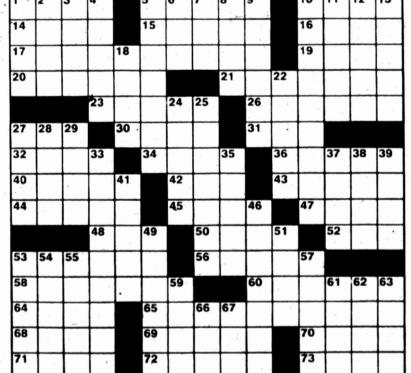
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