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Supporting the 'Dogs

The community of Coahoma is sponsoring a send-off for the Coahoma High School Bulldogs Friday.

The Bulldogs will take on the Panhandle High School Panthers in the Class 2A Regional finals at 6:30 p.m. at Lowery Field in Lubbock.

The send-off will be held at 1:45 p.m. in front of the high school.

Office to be closed

The Big Spring Herald office will be closed Thursday to allow employees time to spend Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Thursday's paper should be delivered to your door no later than 7 a.m. If you have not received your paper by that hour, call The Herald at 263-7331 no later than 10 a.m.

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Police urge seat belt use during the holidays

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The message from the state of Texas and local law enforcement is simple: Click It or Ticket.

That's the name of the new program that state officials hope will convince motorists to buckle up during the Thanksgiving holiday, designated the most traveled holiday of the year.

Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness said the program has grown out of an effort more

familiar to the Big Spring area known as Safe and Sober.

"About seven years ago there was a program started called Safe and Sober," said Chamness. "It may even go back further than that. The state looks at your city and your accident rate, seat belt usage, speeding involvement in accidents and DWIs that lead to accidents. From there they give



CHAMNESS

out funding for the program.

"Click It or Ticket is now part of the Safe and Sober program. Every year we reapply for the grant money, and we've actually gone from a \$6,000 grant, which we received when the program began, to the \$9,500 mark we're at now."

The money isn't the only part of the program that has grown, according to Chamness.

"When the program started we were just doing three waves," he said. "That has grown from

Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day... now we do one in the spring, close to Valentines Day, which goes along with Child Safety Week. Now we've also added Thanksgiving, which is actually the first STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) wave of our fiscal year."

Funding for the program is determined solely by the number of offenses that are reported by

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Wal-Mart shopper Steve Collins makes a donation outside the local Supercenter as Salvation Army bell-ringer Susan Overton helps spread the holiday cheer. The Salvation Army fund-raiser is under way with collection points also located at the Big Spring Post Office and Rip Griffins Truck Stop.

Bells ring for the needy

Kettle program raises funds for many projects

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

They're a familiar sight shoppers don't always think a lot about, but for the Salvation Army, the little red kettles can mean the difference between being able to help and standing by with their hands tied.

Bellringers have been stationed outside the local Wal-Mart Supercenter and Rip Griffin's Truck Stop since last week, and according to Big

Spring Salvation Army Capt. Linda Keeney, things are off to a slow start.

"It started off a little slow, but we anticipated that because it's a little early," said Keeney. "Actually Thanksgiving is a week later than it was last year, so a lot of people think it's early but it's not. It started off a little slow but we know that it will pick up."

Keeney, who seems optimistic about the fund-raising program despite tough economic times, said the number of kettles in Big Spring will

increase following the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Until after Thanksgiving, the only locations we have the bell ringers set up are Rip Griffins and Wal-Mart," she said. "After Thanksgiving is over we'll start ringing at the post office, and maybe some at the mall, in addition to the other places I mentioned."

While many people may view the pocket change that finds its way into the kettles as minuscule, Keeney said the measure of the kettle program

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TAX OR NO?

Local group calls for repeal of tax that funds Moore Development Corp.

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

To tax or not to tax.

That seems to be the question the Concerned Citizens Council is taking to

the public this week, following the formation of a petition to revoke the economic development sales tax in Big Spring. CCC chairman Clay Slape said the petition, which appeared in the form of an advertisement in the Big Spring Herald's weekend edition, was spawned by the opinion of several local residents regarding the tax, and the overall performance of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., which is directly funded by the tax.

"It's just a time when instead of increasing what we're spending, we need to pull back a little bit and collect ourselves somewhat."



Clay Slape

Concerned Citizens chairman

"Several people in the community were angry that we're not getting any kind of industry or manufacturing business here in Big Spring," said Slape. "They're just tired of seeing our money go to waste."

"Every person who lives in the city or the county and spends \$1 in Big Spring helps put money into the kitty for the Moore Board to spend on bringing business to Big Spring. They're mad because we aren't getting anywhere. If you look economically at us today, we're still not there."

Slape, who is the owner and operator of Microzone Services, said the decision to publish the petition was reached by the entire CCC, and is spurred on, in his opinion, by the current economic climate in Big Spring.

"The entire membership made that decision," he said. "They decided what they wanted to do, and they took on creating a petition in order to recall the one-half of 1 percent sales tax that funds

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we have done the job that we were brought into existence to do."

Kent Sharp,

Moore executive director

are reaching out to family and friends to fill in the gaps, especially for the workers who died on the job.

The men have the following information about the 12 known employees who died on the job:

- Pepper Martin, died in a fire at the old treater unit.
- H.T. (Blackie) Sherril, died in an explosion and fire at the old No. 1 Dubbs, where the cat cracker now stands.
- Bigger Hamby (real name unknown), died in an explosion and fire at the old No. 1 Dubbs.

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Big Spring Refinery retirees want to honor former employees

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Two retirees from the Big Spring Refinery are appealing to the public to help in a quest to gather names and data of long-time employees for a special tribute.

"We're trying to put together a memorial book for the anniversary," said Jesse Looney, who along with fellow retiree Bill Banks is undertaking the project. "We are gathering a list of all the people who have worked at the refinery for 25 years or more for a book and we are making a special book for those who've died on the job."

With 75 years of history and four ownership changes, the two men have their job cut

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out for them.

"With all the transfer of companies, the records have been scattered," Looney said. "We don't have a complete list of records."

Looney and Banks have a list of more than 1,000 names of 25-year employees but not much more information than that, so they

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the Moore Board. This is partly out of the economic condition, and partly out of not having anything to show for it."

The CCC, which was formed in 2001 during an unsuccessful attempt to recall Mayor Russ McEwen from office, wants to see the tax voted on by the public, Slape said.

"We want to reduce the tax burden on the tax paying public," he said. "It would basically accomplish three things. It will reduce the tax rate, it allows us to consider another proposition down the road to maybe get that tax money back and do something else with it. The other thing that it does is it holds the city leaders to be accountable to the rest of us for things that happen down the road. One of things that should be happening that's not is the city council has oversight over what the Moore Board does, and they haven't yet exercised that authority."

"We're in pretty bad economic shape right now. Business has dropped off over the past year, not only with my business, but with other businesses in town ... the people that I know and talk to. The problem is we're being taxed to death and we're being asked to give a portion of our tax dollars to an entity to help bring money into town, and we're not getting anything for our money."

Although Slape said he sees no forward movement for the city as a result of the economic development corporation's efforts, Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp said he and his colleagues see time and money well spent.

"I think that's the opinion of a couple of people," said Sharp. "I think there are a lot of people out there that feel like we have done the job that we were brought into existence to do, which is to try to stimulate and enhance the local economy, create jobs and investment opportunities and generally act as a facilitator for business and industry to operate in a friendly environment out here. We've done all of that."

"We've worked with nearly all of our local businesses, and when I say that I mean industries all across the spectrum. We've facilitated talks with the college, we've facilitated tax abatements. I really feel like we've done a lot and it's all there in our annual report."

To see the rewards of sound economic development, Sharp said you don't have to go far in the Big Spring area.

"If it were not for the efforts of Moore Development and the Moore Board, Startek would not be in Big Spring," he explained. "I'd invite anyone to talk to their corporate people and ask them that same question and they will get the same answer. We had a lot of support from the area on that project, including Howard College and other entities, but it was the efforts of Moore Development working with the community that made it happen. There are businesses that have come in, but I think we've facilitated more growth than anything else."

"A&M Composites came to us when I first got here in 1998. Did they need our help? I can't really answer that. You would have to go to Mike (Niklasch, A&M Composites owner) for that answer. I know that Mike has told me that without our assistance he could not have grown as quickly and gotten up to the employment levels that he has."

Slape disagrees, and said the people of Big Spring need to curb spending in the hopes of being able to approach the problem of economic development when the local economy improves.

"It's just a time when instead of increasing what we're spending, we need to pull back a little bit and collect ourselves somewhat," said Slape. "When things improve, we need to go at it with a vim and vigor that we haven't had before and actually do something

worthwhile."

"You have Moore Development doing what the Chamber of Commerce was originally chartered to do, which is to help bring business into the community. They're not doing that. You have Main Street Inc., which basically tries to do what the Moore Board does. You have the airpark trying to do what the Moore Board does. We have too many people trying to do what one entity should be doing, and we're not getting anywhere."

Sharp said the financial advantage of doing away with the tax is minimal, while the benefits that have already been achieved far outweigh the idea of waiting out the storm.

"We collected about \$900,000 last year, which if you divide by the non-prison population of around 21,000 people, that puts about \$43 in the pocket of every man, woman and child in Big Spring," he explained. "I've heard that argument at the national level, the state level and even the local level. The fact of the matter is every city around us of any size, even the small ones, have the half-cent sales tax for economic development."

"I try to say this as nice as possible, but I think that may simply be faulty thinking. Will reducing the sales tax put more money back into the pocket of the taxpayers? Yes, it will. Is it going to significantly enhance and drive our economy versus having money in the economic development bank, so to speak, to compete for industries and offer incentives? No. I think it will put us at an economic disadvantage when competing with cities such as Midland and Odessa."

The argument over Moore Development's effectiveness has even found its way onto familiar ground for Slape, as the CCC chairman claims the economic development corporation has gone so far as to spend needless funds on out-of-town Web design and hosting, which he said shows its lack of enthusiasm in promoting Big Spring resources.

"Moore Development's Web site could have been hosted here in Big Spring, and maintained by someone who does that type of work here in Big Spring," said Slape, "but they chose to go out of Big Spring. That's money that's not being spent here. That money was made here, but it's not being spent here."

"The Concerned Citizens Council, as a whole, is stepping up to the plate. We want to help people make Big Spring a very viable place. We want Big Spring to grow. You can't remain the little hole-in-the-wall place it's been for the last 50 years. We've got to move forward."

Sharp said the claims surrounding the corporation's Web site are totally unfounded.

"The Moore Development web site is not being run by some expensive company out of Houston," he said. "That's simply not true. The web site is hosted by Yahoo for less than \$20 a month, and is run by me."

"A Web company out of Houston approached us about designing and hosting our site, but as I advised the board, the cost was just too high. We decided to put it on the back burner, and I've done the work on it since that time. There's never been any money paid to a Web company in Houston. That's just not true."

In the end, though, Sharp said he hopes one thing shines through in the matter: Democracy.

"It's a democracy," he said. "Ultimately the voters have that right. These individuals working under the Concerned Citizens blanket have that right. People talk about what the majority of the public wants, and I'll submit to you that the majority sometimes is a very small voting block. It depends on the issue at hand."

"I wish they would work with us. I wish they would come give us some constructive criticism and ideas. We try to take that well. In the meantime, we're going to go on until the key no longer fits in the door."

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

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

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

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

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior. Citizen Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for stretch and tone. Call 268-4721 for more information.

Friday
Spring City Senior. Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.
Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in HC Cactus Room.

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild will not meet the last Friday of November and December.

Saturday
Dance, 8:30 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, 703 West 3rd. Members and guests welcome.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults; \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

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

Hangar 25 Air Museum located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Correction

The following individuals were listed as having been arrested in the Howard County Sheriff's report of the Tuesday edition of the *Big Spring Herald*: Heriberto Zamora, Gumiaro Fabela Hernandez, Vincente Gardea Longoria, Leon Detrick Eddington, Ricky Lin Wallace, Vincent Martinez Jr., Blaine Lee Roman and Tommy Dale Bolton. This report was incorrect, as these individuals were arrested in late October.

Weather

Thanksgiving day...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. North winds 15 to 20 mph. Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 30.
Friday...Mostly clear. Highs in the upper 50s.
Saturday...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the mid 60s.
Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 70s.
Monday through Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the upper 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-22-31. Bonus Ball: 17.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Prize: \$200,000.
Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$250,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-11-27-33-37.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-7-7

Police blotter

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

- **CHANCE LANG**, 17, of 4200 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on charges of theft and evading arrest.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 100 block of NE 10th Street.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 400 block of Third Street.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the 900 block of Main Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:
 - in the 2700 block of Rebecca.
 - in the 2700 block of Carol.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1100 block of Wilson. Deputies responded along with Sheriff Walker, report to follow.
- **ROBBERY** was reported in the 1900 block of Ebanks. Deputies were advised that a robbery had just occurred. Deputies responded, report to follow.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of Jeffrey. Deputy responded, incident report to follow.
- **SUSPICIOUS JUVENILE IN THE ROADWAY ON SKATEBOARDS** was reported near the Moss Lake Road bridge. Deputy responded, was unable to locate.

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participating police departments, a fact that Chamness said translates into no exceptions for the zero-tolerance approach to seat belt violations. "The state doesn't count anything except citations," Chamness explained. "We can write warnings all day long, but they don't count toward what we're trying to accomplish on the street. So when the officers are on the street, they're under orders from the state that for anything they do to count toward the program, they have to write a citation."

While the "take no prisoners" attitude of Click It or Ticket may seem tough to most,

Chamness said the benefits to motorists in Big Spring is clearly worth it.

"Last year Click It or Ticket started combining with the Safe and Sober program," he said. "At Thanksgiving we're actually running a two-week STEP period, which we do two times each year. They've basically gotten away from wanting to have the speeding charges looked at, to more of the seat belts. They are really wanting us to concentrate on the seat belts. In fact, Click It or Ticket calls for at least 50 percent of our time to be used looking for seat belt violations."

"The good thing about Big Spring, and we've been this way for the last four years, we've had more than a 90 percent compliance rating with

our seat belt usage with drivers. Last year finally went over 90 percent with our passengers as well."

While the media blitz touting the "zero tolerance" approach is something new, Chamness said it's certainly nothing new for him or the rest of Big Spring's Police officers.

"When Lonnie Smith took over as chief of police, one of the things we'll do is have a zero tolerance on seat belt usage," he said. "That means you had better buckle up. Whether we're in a wave or not, we're going to write citations on it. He believes in that, and we, as the enforcement arm of the legislature, have even written tickets for it to city employees."

"There used to be a law that

made one-ton pickups and above exempt, and that is no longer true. Any vehicle on the road has to have a seat belt."

If that's not enough to get you to buckle up, Chamness said the consequences beyond a simple traffic ticket should.

"Thanksgiving is the heaviest traveled holiday of all," he said. "We're trying to get people to realize they need to wear that seat belt so if someone hits them, and they may not be at fault, they are protecting themselves and especially the children. That is one of the big things that we're pushing for, to get people to buckle their children up."

"The children don't really have a choice. Most of them just aren't old enough to understand," and as parents and

grandparents we need to make sure we protect our greatest asset, and that's our children."

Of course, if the obvious risks to you or your loved ones aren't enough, Chamness said a ticket for a seat belt violation, which can range from \$25 to \$200, should do the trick.

"Wear your seat belts," he said sternly. "Have your passengers wear their seat belts. If the passenger is their child and doesn't have a driver's license, the parent is going to get the citation."

"If they have a driver's license, the passenger will get the citation."

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KETTLES

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is immense when it comes to the yearly operation of the Salvation Army in Big Spring.

"Last year we raised approximately \$19,000 through the kettles alone," she said. "The money that's raised goes to support many different things. It goes for the Christmas meal that we have on Christmas Day,

as well as toys for needy children. It goes for blankets and slippers and things like that for senior citizens as well as providing Christmas for the folks in the nursing homes."

"Whatever is left over after Christmas is also used throughout the year for other programs, such as sending needy children to camp, buying food for the shelter and paying the utilities."

According to Keeney, those programs mean a

lot to the Salvation Army.

"It's everything to us," she said. "If we didn't raise the money that we raise at Christmas time, we couldn't function. We wouldn't be able to do Christmas. It takes generous giving to provide for the needy. It is a sacrifice for some people to give what they can, but every little bit helps. Even if it's just a few cents, it's one step closer to our goal."

"We hope everyone remembers they can make someone else's

Christmas much happier than it would have been.

When they pass by those kettles I want people to remember there are people out there in much worse circumstances than we are, and through the kettle we're able to make their season a little happier," the teary-eyed captain said. "They can make it a little brighter. They can make a child's face light up. It's about giving... and loving."

While the kettle program continues to garner

more attention, Keeney said it's important not to forget they still have to make it through Thanksgiving and the annual Thanksgiving Day lunch.

"We've got a ton of work to get completed today," she said. "We've got 20 turkeys to debone, not to mention 150 pounds of potatoes to prepare. Thanksgiving dinner is just immense for us."

"We still need volunteers to help with preparation, as well as help

with the serving and delivery of meals. We really hope people will take a little time out of the holiday to help those people that are less fortunate."

For more information on how you can help, contact the Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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REFINERY

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Robert Robinson, died at the old crude unit while pulling a blind in a gas line. He inhaled too much gas.

Charles Rountree, died at the small pilot plant. Sometime during the night, he inhaled too much gas and was found dead the next morning.

Travis Greenfield, died in an explosion and

fire at the Alky unit.

Jessie Andrews, died in an explosion and fire at the BTX unit when a pipe nipple broke while removing a pressure gauge.

Londsey Walker, died while welding on a tank in the Tank Farm.

R.D. West, died in a fire at the Alkar unit. The fire seems to have started from flammable liquid spill near a furnace.

Jesse Brooks, died in a pickup wreck while going after samples at the Col-

Tex Refinery.

Clinton Hull, suffered a heart attack in the paving asphalt control room and later died at the hospital.

Albert McNew, died at the old mechanic shop while welding on a pickup. The gas tank exploded, setting him on fire.

Looney and Banks will continue to take information through the end of

January and hope to have the book published and ready for view when the company holds a 75th anniversary celebration in May.

To send information, contact Banks at 432-263-2303 or Looney at 432-263-3707. Information can also be sent by e-mail at gloria.bain@alonusa.com or by post to ALON USA Refinery, Box 1311, Big Spring 79721.

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55-Alive program sign-up due

Fifty-five Alive driver safety program classes will be held from 8 a.m. until noon Dec. 11-12 at the Martin County Senior Citizen's Center in Stanton.

This class is taught by a state-certified instructor and is a two-day course of four hours each session. You must attend both days to receive a certi-

cate, which will be accepted by most insurance companies for a deduction in premiums for a three-year period.

The cost is \$10 per person. To register, call 432-756-2791 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This class is not a defensive driving class and cannot "forgive" traffic violations.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

No better place to get your gifts than right at home

There's not any doubt about it anymore, the holiday season is upon us. Everywhere you look around Big Spring, Christmas decorations are going up. Final preparations are being made for the Downtown Revitalization Association's "Gift to the Community" this weekend, the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade and the First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree the following weekend, and so many, many other activities. It's a Crossroads Christmas, and there is none better.

You've probably noticed that stores are getting a little busier. That's because, as usual, we haven't finished all of our holiday gift shopping. Right now, our focus is gathering up gifts to get them in the mail. The others, we will get "next week."

What we've found, though, is that there's no better place to shop for Christmas than right here in Big Spring. If you haven't been looking around, you probably don't realize just how many shops there are. From the downtown area to Scurry and Main streets with all of their interesting boutiques, to the mall and all along Gregg Street and FM 700, there are a wide variety of gifts.

From the latest item to hit the stores to antiques and hand-crafted items, you'll find just about everything you need right at home. In short, shoppers are limited only by their imagination.

With our Festival of Lights, Living Nativity Scene, "The Symphony is Christmas" and so much more, we encourage you to take advantage of all the Crossroads has to offer — not just for entertainment, but for shopping, as well. Make this a completely Crossroads Christmas.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

One of the greatest gifts we can receive is your love, Lord. Thank you.

Amen

Josh Cosden was a flamboyant petroleum pioneer

What a life. Back and forth from rags to riches. Joshua S. Cosden

was born in Kent county, Maryland in 1889. As a young man, he worked as a drug store clerk, earning \$20 a week. Because of health reasons he moved to Bigheart, Oklahoma where he operated a small refinery. He got oil by skimming waste crude from the surfaces of ponds and rivers in the area, hauling it in a leaky tank wagon to his refinery. His main product was kerosene, which he peddled from house to house in the little town.

When the oil fields started opening up around Tulsa, Cosden sold his refinery and built another one in the center of the oil activity. Within a few years it was worth fifty million dollars.

In 1918 he built Tulsa's first skyscraper, a 15 story building with marble pillars and gold chandeliers in the lobby. He and his new wife set up housekeeping in the penthouse. They owned a nearby

river front home which had an indoor tiled swimming pool and an outdoor tennis court made of clay from France.

They acquired a lavish estate at Newport, a fine home in Palm Beach and a stable of 32 race horses at Saratoga. The Cosdens bought a yacht and sailed to Europe with friends and became popular with the most prestigious members of high society.

Cosden began trading on Wall Street and pledged the stock of the refining company in a venture that proved disastrous. When the market declined in 1921, Cosden lost heavily. His board of directors stripped Cosden of his control and changed he name of Cosden Refining company to Mid-Continent Oil Company.

Cosden sold his race horses, his Palm Beach estate and other properties at sacrifice prices. With his social and financial position in ruins, he left Tulsa and headed to Texas.

From 1924 to 1927 he operated a modest lease business in the northern part of the state. Then in Brown County he obtained oil leases and sold them for nearly a million dollars. With that money he established oil leases in Howard County and in 1929 built a

refinery in Big Spring.

Both the oil production and the refining business proved successful and Cosden was well on his way to another fortune.

He opened a plush office in Fort Worth and easily sold new stock in his company. Within three years he again was a rich man.

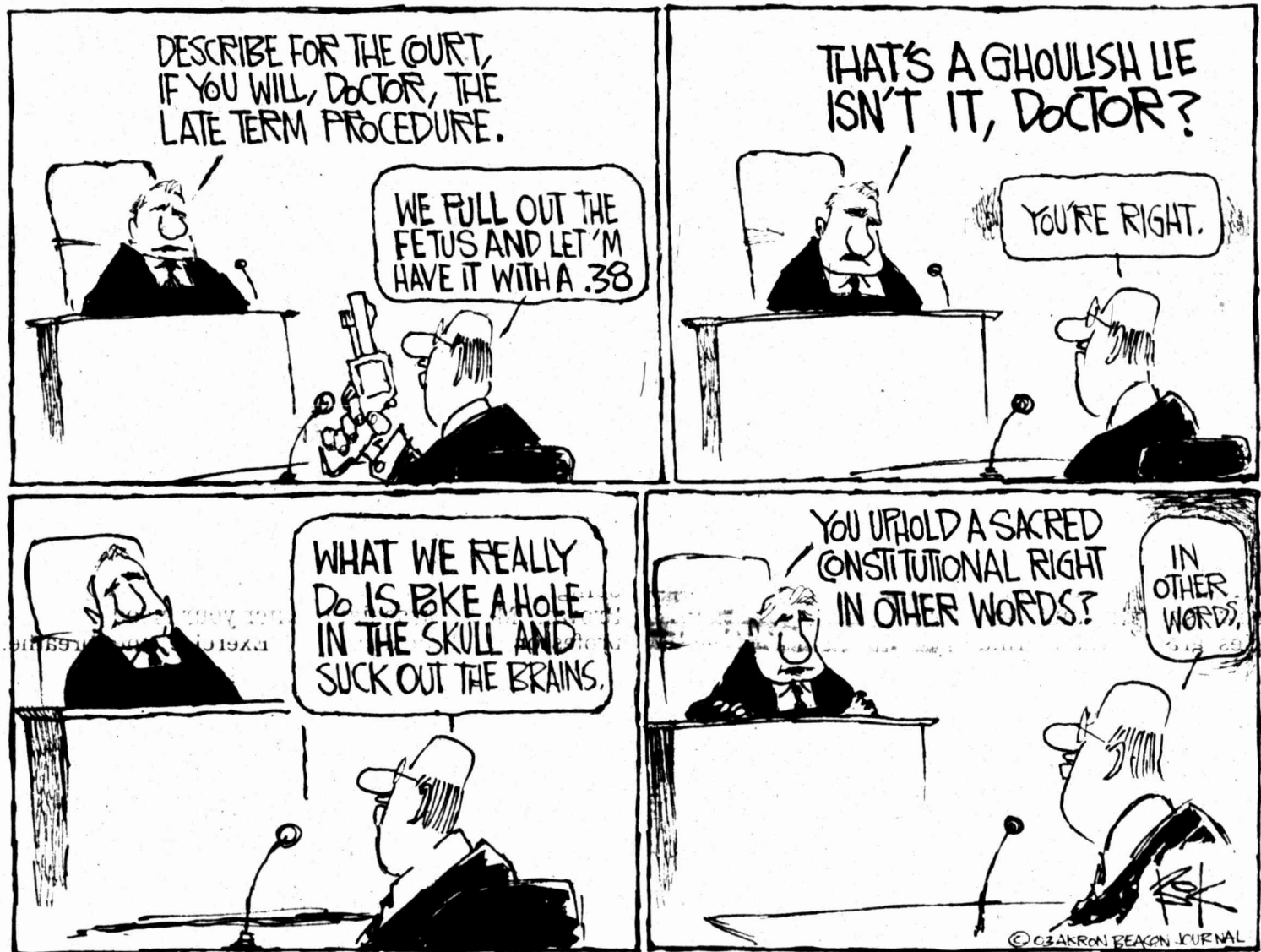
Then ill fortune struck again. The stock market crash of 1929 reduced the value of Cosden stock to 25 cents on the dollar. The company was thrown into receivership.

In 1933 a group of friends and business associates raised half a million dollars for him to use in buying back the refinery at the receiver's sale. Cosden worked to put the refinery on a paying basis, but by 1935 the company was again in receivership.

Cosden returned to Oklahoma, took over an idle refinery, obtained a \$100,000 loan, made a success of the refinery and sold it to Kerr-McGee. Cosden went back to Fort Worth, set up a small office and started working on another fortune. In poor health, he decided to go to Palm Springs, California for relief. He died on the westbound train in November of 1940. He was 51.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



We're catching them in the act

Proponents of affirmative action were quick to claim victory last summer when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that colleges could continue to consider race in their admissions policy in order to promote "diversity," but they may soon be singing a different tune. A number of schools have already abandoned some race-based programs, and others may be about to follow suit. Why the sudden about-face? Because many of these programs are blatantly illegal — permitting students from only certain racial groups to participate, while keeping out everyone else. The schools have been getting away with these practices for years, but that's about to change.

The Center for Equal Opportunity, which I head, has begun challenging racially exclusive programs at dozens of colleges and universities. By the end of this year, we will have notified 100 colleges — some of the most prestigious in the nation, including Princeton, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Virginia — that they may be operating programs that run afoul of the Supreme Court's ruling. Some schools have racially exclusive scholarship programs. Others have established outreach programs or special summer ses-

apply simply because of the color of their skin.

As a result of the Center's challenges, most of the institutions have decided that they should open up these programs to students of all races. But some schools dug in their heels, so we filed formal complaints with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), which investigates allegations of racial discrimination.

MIT, for example, has run a racially exclusive summer program for high school students that excludes whites and Asians — indeed anyone who is not African American, Hispanic or Native American. The purpose of the program is to encourage students who might not otherwise do so to pursue a science education. The child of an unemployed, white factory worker could not get into the program, however. Nor could any Asian students, no matter how much personal adversity they might have to overcome in order to gain admittance to MIT.

When we brought these obvious flaws to MIT's attention, the university initially ignored our warnings. But after OCR began reviewing our formal complaint against the MIT program, the university suddenly announced it would admit whites and Asians. Since the investigation is ongoing, information on exactly what changes will be made remain sketchy. But we're confident the school will not go back to its crude, racially exclusive program.

It is too bad it has taken threats of legal action to get colleges and universities to stop segregating students by race under the guise of promoting diversity. Many schools have been hiding discrimi-

natory programs behind the facade of equal access for years — until someone was willing to shine the light on what they were doing and demand that they stop.

The schools' traditional argument has been that racially exclusive programs are necessary to ensure sufficient numbers of black and Hispanic students. But the reality is that the most elite schools often engage in cutthroat bidding wars to recruit from among the same pool of high-performing minority students.

Only about 1,900 black students in the entire United States scored 1300 or higher on the SATs last year, compared with more than 148,000 students from other racial groups. Schools like MIT, Princeton, Amherst and others are willing to spend huge amounts of money and resources to attract these students.

The Supreme Court's decisions in the two University of Michigan cases this summer should help eliminate the most egregious race-based programs. But until the court rejects race, once and for all, as a legitimate factor in making admissions decisions, colleges will continue to come up with creative ways to discriminate against some students while favoring others simply because they happen to be the "wrong" race or ethnicity.

As long as colleges pursue this course, however, we'll be there to catch them in the act.

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LINDA CHAVEZ

Master 'who-dun-it' found in mystery library series

Crafty sleuth Chief Mitchell Bushyhead investigates Native American homicide

If you are a fan of Tony Hillerman, then you may enjoy the Chief Mitchell Bushyhead mystery series from Jean Hager.



LIBRARY NOTES
HOLLIS
MCKNIGH

The first one that I read is "The Grandfather Medicine" (MHAGJ). Chief Mitchell Bushyhead is half-Cherokee and head of the four-man police force in Buckskin, Okla. He gets his first homicide in 10 years when a prominent member of the Cherokee community is murdered. It's something of an event, not only because Buckskin's population is only 3,000, but also because murder is strictly proscribed by Cherokee tradition and religion.

Like Hillerman's books, the culture of the Cherokee tribe is woven into the story. While these books are relatively "old", they still are interesting books. We have a couple more, "Ghostland" (MHAGJ); "Firecarrier" (MHAGJ) and "Masked Dancers" (MHAGJ). Jean Hager has another character Molly Bearpaw. Follow her adventures in "Spirit Caller;" "The Redbird's Cry" and "Ravenmocker".

Now don't expect death-

less prose; on the contrary, these books are just simple, well constructed mysteries that also explore another culture and lifestyle. One can find these books in the mystery section.

The library has received a large print version of Debbie Macomber's "Thursdays at Eight" (LPPMACD). Four residents of Willow Creek, Calif., the youngest in her twenties, the oldest in her late fifties, become acquainted during a journaling class and decide to continue their connection by meeting each Thursday morning for coffee and conversation.

They come from very different backgrounds, but their need for friends and support draw them together and bind them in their struggles with life and love.

For the New Year, Clare Craig, Liz Kenyon, Julia Murchison and Karen Curtis decide to choose a word that will help them realize their New Year's resolutions.

Read how they weather a tumultuous year and grow stronger. We have it also in regular print.

Is it too early to think about taxes? I guess not, because we have just received J.K. Lasser's "Your Income Tax 2004" (REF343.73LASJ).

Remember that this is a reference book and cannot be checked out of the library. It won't be too long before we will

The library will close at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26 and reopen on Monday, Dec. 1.

receive the IRS forms: Forms 1040EZ, 1040 and others. Anyone having a home computer, and in need of a particular form, just access the IRS's Web site, www.irs.gov and click on the forms and publications button and you can download the appropriate form needed.

Although it may be a little late to try and get a needlepoint Christmas stocking finished by Dec. 25, why not get started for next Christmas? "Inspirational Christmas Crafts" (745.594HARM) by Madeline Hart has exquisite items to needlepoint, glue or paint.

Rodale's "Christmas Bazaar" (745.9441RODP) also has interesting projects to make. This book selection isn't quite as elaborate as Hart's book.

Christmas baking is always fun, and what better way than to make a gingerbread house with your children?

"Festive Gingerbread" (641.8653FRYE) by Evelyn Fryatt has recipes and diagrams to make several different styles of houses.

The library also has Martha Stewart's books, "Handmade Christmas" (745.594STEM), "Classic Crafts and Recipes for the Holidays" (745.594STEM).

Both books have plenty of projects and recipes.

Camela Nitschke has written a book on using ribbons as a material for bows, trim, flowers, etc. entitled "Christmas Ribbonry" (746NITC). Nitschke uses ribbons to make decorative topiary, ornaments, and garlands and other fun to make projects.

Do you want to make some Christmas ornaments with your children?

If so, check out "Treasures for the Christmas Tree" (745.591TAYCA) by Carol Taylor. Taylor uses yarn, ribbon, seeds, corn husks, pine needles and even glitter glue to make some unique ornaments.

Christmas season frequently is blamed for people foregoing their Atkins or South Beach diet plans. But one doesn't have to forget a diet plan. Sandra Woodruff has compiled a collection of recipes of "Fat-Free Holiday Recipes" (641.568WOOS).

They aren't only recipes for the Christmas season. She has menu dishes for Easter, Passover, and other major holidays.

Of course, "Southern Living" magazine always has delicious offerings for people to share.

"Our Best Christmas Secrets" (641.568SOUL) by the editors of "Southern Living" magazine has dozens of recipes to prepare for friends, brunch, Christmas morning, and other times that one

might wish take as a dish for special occasion potluck meals. I have earmarked some to take home to Momma.

Now for dessert cooking ideas. "Creative Cookies" (641.8GART) by Toba Garrett is full of beautiful cookies that look too good to eat. She really knows decorating with frosting made out of meringue powder. Plus, the cookies in the book are not just for Christmas. She has some to make for Easter, weddings, anniversaries

and other occasions.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday. The internet/video room closes one-half hour before closing.

The Library is located at 500 S. Main St., phone 264-2260.

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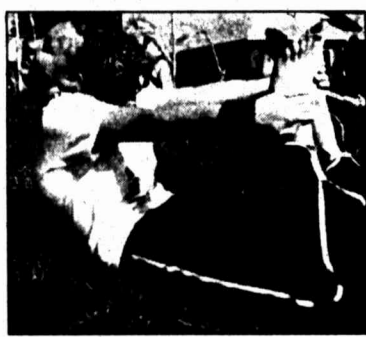
(NAPSI)-As the days grow shorter and the skies grayer, many find that winter weather brings sunken moods, apathy and other sad feelings, especially around the holidays.

Even celebrities experience this phenomenon, which is sometimes called the "winter blues" or Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

Approximately 20 percent of the population is affected by SAD, which usually begins in late fall or early winter.

Women are four times more likely than men to experience SAD, and the condition occurs more often in northern parts of the country.

According to American Family Physician magazine, SAD is seven times more common in Washington state than in



Yoga exercises can relieve holiday tension

Florida. Doctors believe SAD hits in the winter because of the limited sunlight exposure that accompanies the shorter winter days.

"People who have reduced exposure to sunlight often have low levels of melatonin, serotonin and other compounds that support the body's feelings of stability, emotional balance and well-

being," said Richard Brown, M.D., associate professor of clinical psychiatry at Columbia University, practicing psychopharmacologist and co-author of Stop Depression Now.

Dr. Brown adds that during winter, people stay indoors more, eat more and become less active, particularly in the cold regions.

"These lifestyle changes can impact your mood, but there are ways to combat the problem", he said.

To jump start your mood, Dr. Brown recommends the following tips: Monitor your diet. Take vitamins and make sure to get enough fresh fruits and vegetables with a well-balanced diet. Consume fish and other high-quality proteins. Avoid refined sugars,

which can negatively alter your mood.

Exercise and breathe. Exercise is an important part of feeling good. A 10-minute walk, three times a day is enough to help you to fight the winter blues.

Exercise may release hormones and neurochemicals that restore your body's mood.

Try yoga. The breathing and meditative practices of yoga may help relieve anxiety and tension.

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When your child has the flu

(NAPSI)-Every year, as many as 40 percent of children will become infected with influenza, leaving parents wondering what to do if their children become ill and, perhaps most importantly, how to prevent the disease from infecting the entire family.

Influenza is a contagious disease caused by a virus that attacks the respiratory tract and has a variety of symptoms, including muscle aches, fever, headache and sore throat. Because children can pass around the flu for more than a week, it is vital that the virus be diagnosed quickly.

Healthcare professionals recommend that a child see his pediatrician for testing and treatment at the onset of symptoms. Many parents will press their pediatricians for antibiotics, but it is important to remember that, although tens of millions of antibiotics are prescribed every year, antibiotics are powerless against viral infections. The overuse of antibiotics in children can result in harm by increasing the child's risk of developing antibiotic resistance, a growing concern among pediatricians.

According to Dr. Kathryn Edwards, professor of pediatrics at Vanderbilt University and an expert in pediatric infectious disease,

"When faced with a child with a high fever, the physician is often tempted to treat with antibiotics to cover the possibility of a bacterial infection. This leads to the overuse of antibiotics and the subsequent development of resistance to antibiotics. If the doctor has an effective way to determine the cause of the fever at the bedside, unnecessary antibiotic use will be reduced. The rapid flu test performed at the bedside can provide the answers needed to make informed decisions."

Once flu is detected, physicians can prescribe antiviral drugs, a more appropriate treatment in place of antibiotics. Furthermore, parents get peace of mind knowing their children are receiving the most appropriate treatment option available.

THANK YOU, Neighbors!

Thanksgiving is on the way, and we'd like to tip our hats and offer our heartfelt thanks to you, our good neighbors for your kindness and support.

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Whether it's a sweet dish or a flavorful encore, recipe aromas of the holidays are the best of the whole year.

Try these delicious recipes, which are quick and easy to prepare.

Toasted fruit rolls

One package of fruit flavored rolls
Favorite fruit topping: cherry, raspberry, peach or apple

Prepare rolls as usual. Remove from baking pan and spray pan with favorite cooking oil.

Spread fruit topping in bottom of pan, place rolls on top.

Oven cook at 350 degrees F. for approxi-



Toasted rolls with raspberry, cherry, apple or peach topping make excellent holiday morning servings.

mately 30 minutes.
Remove from oven and turn over rolls into serving containers. Spoon remaining fruit topping onto top of baked rolls. Add a favorite frosting, meringue topping or lemon glaze frosting. Cream cheese topping is an optional taste favorite.

Artichoke or mushroom appetizers
One can of artichoke or mushrooms
One cup mayonnaise
One cup grated cheese of preference
One-half cup grated parmesan cheese
Fresh parsley or celery

Prepare artichokes or mushrooms into small pieces. Mix them with mayonnaise.

Heat in a sauce pan until bubbles appear. Do not burn.

Take rolls and press

rolls are golden brown. Remove from oven and garnish with parsley or chopped celery. Using a pizza cutter, slice into small rectangle shapes and place on a holiday serving dish.

Vegetarian Thanksgiving meal is possible to prepare

(NAPSI)-Vegetarianism has been on the increase in recent years, and research shows that teens are leading the movement-according to MSNBC, almost 40 percent of teens identify themselves as vegetarians.

This meat-free trend makes planning meals like the annual Thanksgiving feast more complicated for parents and hosts, leaving them wondering, what can I prepare that everyone will like, but still has a traditional holiday feel?

Grocery stores have several meat-free entrées for

vegetarians and health-conscious individuals.

Many turkey style vegetarian roasts are a good and healthy choice for the holiday feast.

Some offer a meat-like taste and texture and are an excellent source of protein and fiber, cholesterol-free and low in fat, especially saturated fat. They have two-thirds less fat than roasted turkey breast.

Ask the local grocer about these tasty vegetarian alternatives.

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Wednesday, November 26, 2003

IN BRIEF

Coahoma playoff time is changes

The start time for the Coahoma High School Bulldogs' regional playoff game with the Panhandle Panthers Friday in Lubbock has been changed. The two teams will now begin play at 6:30 p.m. at Lowery Field.

The Bulldogs head into the game sporting a 10-2 record. Panhandle is 12-0.

BSYBA registration set for Dec. 1-13

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League will run from Dec. 1-13 at the YMCA. Youths between the ages of 5 and 14 are eligible to participate.

Players will be divided into age groups based on the eligibility date of Aug. 1, 2004. The registration fee is \$20 per player. Financial assistance is available for those unable to afford to fee.

Boys and girls participating in a skills evaluation an player draft on Dec. 20 Games will begin Jan. 17.

Adults interested in volunteering as a coach or referee should apply at the YMCA.

Lady Steers to face Lamesa on Dec. 2

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers basketball team will square off against the Lamesa High School Lady Tors on Dec. 2 in Lamesa.

Big Spring is slated to tip off at 8 p.m. The Big Spring JV will begin play at 6:30 p.m.

Quarterback Club to meet on Dec. 1

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold a meeting Dec. 1 at the BSHS Athletic Training Complex to begin preparations for the football banquet and to hold officer elections.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

New classes now forming at YMCA

Registration for classes in gymnastics, swimming, martial arts and women's weights is now being held at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Gymnastics classes include Kidnastics for preschoolers, ages 5 and younger, and regular gymnastics and tumbling classes for boys and girls 6 and older.

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Basketball officials needed for season

Basketball officials are needed for the upcoming season.

Persons interested in officiating local games this fall should contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 (home) or 517-0300 (cell).

ON THE AIR

Event, Time	Station
Nov. 26	
Spurs vs. Chicago, 7 p.m.	1490
Nov. 27	
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Coahoma vs. Panhandle, 6:15 p.m.	94.3
Spurs vs. Lakers, 9 p.m.	1490
Nov. 29	
Spurs vs. Warriors, 9 p.m.	1490

Jansa, Hoch knock Forsan from unbeaten ranks with 47-23 victory

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes and Garden City Bearkats renewed their rivalry Tuesday night. When the smoke cleared, the teams split their two games.

The Garden City Lady Kats. behind the one-two combination of Leslie Jansa and Jessica Hoch, turned a seven-point halftime lead into a 47-23 victory.

The talented duo scored 33 points and combined to go seven-for-11 from behind the three-point arc. Jansa ended the night with 17 points while Hoch tallied

16. After a Hoch trey had staked Garden City to a 5-0 lead early in the first, Forsan's Audrey Bailey and Misty McGuire sank shots to pull FHS even at five with just under three minutes remaining.

Jansa was quick to put GCHS back in front. She buried a three moments later and ignited a 9-0 run that lasted until McGuire hit a three-point play with 50 seconds remaining in the frame.

Jansa hit another trey late in the frame to push the Garden City lead to nine, at 17-8 heading into the second.

Casi Graves and Hali Belew helped the Lady Buffs, pull to

within 22-15 at the half ended.

That was as close as the Lady Buffs could get. Jansa and the Lady Kats closed out the game with a 16-0 run.

Leading Forsan were McGuire with six points. Bailey and Graves finished with five apiece. in boys' action, the Forsan Buffaloes powered their way to a 49-36 win over GC, despite having Josh Helmstettler sitting out much of the contest with foul trouble.

Helmstettler, who is averaging right almost 20 points per game, led the Buffs with 20 points, Jonathan Wright marked the score sheet for 10 big.



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Garden City's Leslie Jansa fights for a loose ball Tuesday in Forsan.



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Big Spring's Raegan Ritchey attempts to steal a pass from Odessa's Kim Brady during the first half of the Lady Steers' 72-26 loss Tuesday in the Steer Gym. Big Spring's Alex Watkins (far left) and Carmen Lewis look on.

Hot start carries Odessa to 72-26 win over Big Spring

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Big Spring Lady Steers' head coach probably figured he had weathered the worst of a tough week when the Thanksgiving break began Tuesday afternoon. Nothing, he may have thought, could create as much havoc as hitting a wild hog with his vehicle.

Nothing came in the form of the Odessa Lady Bronchos and a BSHS offense that went stone cold.

Odessa hit more than 50 percent of their offensive shots and rolled to a stunning 72-26 win over the Lady Steers in the Steer Gym. Big Spring, on the other hand, struggled to find its game in the early minutes, scoring just one shot from the field in the first eight minutes of play.

The Lady Bronchos, Big Spring's third straight Class 5A opponent and the favorite to claim the District 4-5A crown, took advantage of the Lady Steers' shooting woes in the first. Led by guard Kayla Sutherland, OHS reeled off 16 points in the frame and took a 13-point lead into the second.

Sutherland, one of three OHS players to reach double figures, scored eight of her 14 points in the initial eight minutes.

Alex Watkins garnered Big Spring's lone field goal

of the first. Shannon Higgins added a free throw.

The Lady Steers offense began hitting in the second period. Leina Braxton poured in a pair of 3-pointers and Higgins pushed in four points to help spark a 10-point effort that enabled Big Spring to go into the half trailing 34-13.

Big Spring, which had entered the game on a high note after having downed San Angelo Central last week, struggled against the speedy Odessa defense in the third. Brenn Swinney and Raegan Ritchey managed to combine for Big Spring's only points in the frame.

Odessa, behind Kim Brady and Ciarra Phillips, sealed the win with a 24-7 run in the fourth quarter. Brady scored five of her game-high 15 points in the frame. Phillips hit for seven of her 14.

Carmen Lewis gave BSHS reasons to smile with a solid effort in the fourth quarter. The sophomore guard pumped in all seven of Big Spring's points in the stanza.

Braxton finished the game as the Lady Steers' second-leading scorer with six points. Higgins contributed five.

Big Spring, 1-2, is scheduled to return to play against the Lamesa Lady Tors on Dec. 2 in Lamesa.

Lady Bronchos claim wild 59-56 OUT win over BS JV

The Odessa Lady Broncho junior varsity spoiled a stellar effort by Cycelye Tuitt, Jacklyn Hopkins and Codeye Bert Tuesday night.

Despite 12 points from each of the Lady Steers standouts, Odessa posted a 12-9 run on overtime to claim a tough 59-56 win.

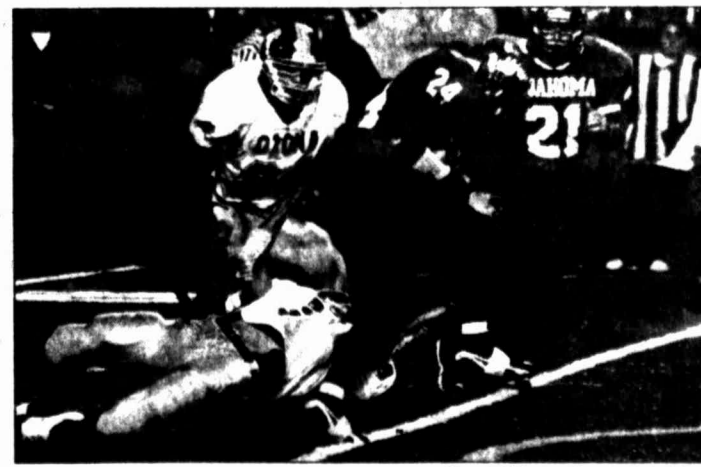
Bert enabled Big Spring to force OUT in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter when she nailed a 3-point shot that tied the

score at 47-47.

After watching OHS battle its way to a 22-21 half-time lead, the BSHS girls hit stride in the third. They outscored the Lady Bronchos by a 15-6 clip and took a 36-28 lead.

OHS posted a 19-8 run over the first 7:45 of the fourth quarter to take a 47-44 lead — and set up Bert's game-tying bomb.

With the setback, the Lady Steers fell to 3-2 for the year.



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Nick Molina (24) and Lance Roberts will lead the Coahoma Bulldogs against Panhandle Friday night in the area round of the playoffs in Lubbock.

Big Spring swimmers shines in Monahans

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Steers swim team dove into action this past weekend in the Monahans Invitational and came away with strong performances. The BSHS boys finished fourth overall, while the Lady Steers nabbed sixth.

The Pecos Eagles flew off with the championship in both divisions — taking the boys title by more than a 100 points and the ladies' crown by 28.

Seniors Will Liggett, Justin Petrowski, and Chris Stokes paced the Steers' scoring. The three averaged 30 points apiece in the meet.

David Brooks teamed with the trio to snare the silver in the 4x100-yard freestyle relay, while the team of Steven Lucas, Jeremy Petrowski, Randy Yanez and Ryan Hughey came in ninth.

Big Spring wasted little time in snaring additional relay points as Ryan Hughey, Jeremy Petrowski, Brooks, and Yanez pulled out an eighth-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2:01.37.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Stokes and Hughey teamed up to deliver 14 points by garnering a fifth and ninth, respectively.

Stokes narrowly missed the podium in the 100-yard freestyle by finishing fourth.

Liggett snagged the Steers' first hardware of the day with a time of his 2:16.82 in the 200-yard individual medley. He finished third overall.

Liggett wasn't the only Big Springer to score in the event. Jeremy and Justin Petrowski teamed up to score 11 point.

Justin Petrowski was far from finished. He finished fifth in the 100-yard

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HC fems to face Dodge City Friday

The Howard College Lady Hawks will return to action Friday afternoon in central Kansas as they participate in the annual Dodge City Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Lady Hawks, who improved to 7-5 overall Monday with a win over Hardin Simmons, are scheduled to open the two-day event against Dodge City Friday.

SWIMMING

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butterfly, covering the course in a mark of 1:02.26. Brooks placed 11th.

In the 4x50 freestyle event, Lucas, Justin Petrowski, Stokes and Liggett took fifth.

The 100-yard breaststroke saw Liggett take fifth at 1:09.37, while Jeremy Petrowski finished 10th.

Hughey added two more points to the books with an 11th place effort in the 100-yard backstroke.

The trio of Jessica Hughey, Kendra Weeks, and Terrin Herring paced the Lady Steers. The threesome accounted for 75 of the teams 99 points.

Weeks delivered the best finish of the day for the BSHS fems, coming in fourth in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:45.32. Teammate Anita Guiette finished ninth at 3:06.84.

Weeks also contributed a seventh-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly.

Hughey added a fifth and sixth place finish in the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Herring was sixth and seventh place in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races.

Kasey Pointon finished in the points in the 200-yard freestyle, coming in at a 2:33.51 clip. She also garnered a ninth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle.

In the relay events, Herring, Weeks, Hughey, and Pointer placed fifth in the 4x100- and eighth in the 4x50-yard relays. The team of Amber Sleight, Brittany Landis, Melinda-Evie Williams, and Guiette took 10th in the 4x100.



Cameron Parker prepares to inbound a pass as the referee looks on. The Buffs lost four games to Crane Monday.

Crane sweeps 4 from FJHS

BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

The Crane Golden Cranes swept four games from the Forsan Junior High School basketball teams Monday night.

In seventh grade B team action, Crane flew out to a 14-4 lead at the half and glided to a 24-11 victory.

Clay Lockhart paced the Buffs with five points.

In eighth grade B team action, the Cranes limp into the locker room nursing a slim 3-2 lead and then sneak away with a 12-6 win.

Jeremy Rainey contributed four points for the Buffs. John Kaelin accounted for the other two.

The seventh grade A team put up a solid fight before falling 22-21.

The Buffaloes, who trailed by a 10-5 margin at the half, fought back to tie the game at 16 going into the fourth.

With just over a minute to play Nathan Atkerson hit a free throw to pull the Buffs to within one, but that was as close as they could climb.

Jeremy Robbins tallied six points for Forsan while Atkerson and Jeremy Freitag scored

five and four, respectively.

Crane pulled out a 36-21 win over the FJHS eighth grade A team.

Adam Bailey paced the Buffaloes with 10 points. Forsan teammate Blake Grantham pumped in four.

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American Profile

Celebrating Hometown Life

Southall, Klondike girls sail past Westbrook

WESTBROOK — Kara Southall scored 23 points and Karla Smithson added 10 more Tuesday night and led the Klondike Lady Cougars to a 72-41 win over the Westbrook Lady Wildcats in non-district play.

The Lady Cats opened the game with a bang. Junior guard Codie Waldrep knocked down a 3-pointer from the top of the key in the initial seconds to state Westbrook to a 3-0 lead.

That turned out to be Westbrook's only advantage. Klondike reeled off a 22-4 run over the final 7:36 of the quarter and held a 22-7 lead at the start of the

second. The Lady Cougars sealed the win with a 49-35 run over the final three

frames. Allison Bay led Westbrook with a game-high 24 points.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON

Venus takes a trip into the respectable sign of Capricorn, a cool and calculating placement for the planet of love and beauty.



Joyce Jillson

If you find yourself attracted to someone for his or her earthly appeal, including power and status, this is a natural tendency under

Tomorrow's Horoscope

these skies. While attachments are best on paper, they still may be right.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're the one who gets projects started, but when it comes to the will to get them done, you would rather delegate. Make sure you get a hard-working Virgo on your team. Dinner parties are loads of fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The spark of love is what you need. Give familiar relationships a jolt of energy by taking an adventurous getaway together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You meet this morning's challenges with poise and confidence; you're on the way up. Bring experience and new ideas together to make a plan for the future. Games of love are a big temptation tonight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Through phone conversations or e-mails, you sense a slight disdain from relatives. They feel like they're just doing their job. Advice from siblings and parents packs a wallop, so tone their suggestions down in your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While researching one project, you come across information that gets your creative juices flowing. Let yourself work on new ideas as soon as you have them. You feel a resurgence of passion between you and your love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are many people on your team, and each demands special attention. It becomes an energy drain if you wait to reach out for too long. Schedule some time to connect, however small your gestures may be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You give generously and receive exactly what you need. Creative thinking is best in the morning. Rely on others for event planning. You have a lot more fun socializing if it's not

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Precision is the operative word. Get down to business in all areas of your life: Make your feelings of love clear, keep on top of your job responsibilities, and only go out with friends exactly when you want to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Vivid imaginings are featured. Don't ignore the characters in your dreams. If they are real folks, call them up — they have important information. You find errors at work — the editor in you can't rest until everything is right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You interact with a wide range of people through your work, and each encounter with clients and associates brings a chance to see the world their way. Keep your mind open to fresh perspectives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Nourish yourself on all levels — a home-cooked meal, a book or a call to Grandma. A person with a magical presence is featured. This one has powers of transformation that work on your attitude toward yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). On this ethereal day, you spend much time in the clouds. Hopes and dreams are more useful when they are within reach. Blend reality with fantasy to make a clear but exciting path for yourself.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I recently reunited with my ex-boyfriend after he served time in jail for violating an order of protection against me. During our relationship, "Victor" was verbally abusive, totaled my car, physically attacked me, talked trash about my family and friends, and, after I ended the relationship, he stalked me. I was hopeful that Victor had "changed" after going through anger management classes in jail. I really missed him, so I took him back. Well, the verbal abuse started up again after three weeks, but every time I think of leaving him, I just can't seem to get away, and we end up back together.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

I really love Victor. I actually moved five hours away from my family and switched jobs to avoid him, but all it took was seeing him one time to lose all self-control. What is wrong with me? — Confused and Hurt in New York

Dear New York: That's a good question, and you're smart to ask it. You are the moth, and Victor is the flame. The end result isn't going to be pretty. Please get some professional help and find out how to fly away from this dangerous loser.

Dear Annie: This is for "The Honeymoon's Over," the newlywed whose husband bought a handgun, even though he promised not to have them in the house. The husband keeps the guns locked safely in a gun safe, and yet she's so distraught that she's considering breaking up in an otherwise fine marriage.

This woman has an irrational fear of inanimate objects. Tell her to take a firearms familiarization course, where guns are demystified in a safe, instructional environment. There are thousands of people who enjoy all types of firearms. Shooting is both a competitive sport and a last resort for personal protection.

Oh, by the way, my husband happens to dislike guns. I, on the other hand, shoot competitively, carry a handgun for personal protection and have a gun safe filled with both handguns and long guns. I jokingly tell our friends that we have an "armed truce" over our differences. — No Fraidy Cat

additional work, they should have discussed it. Instead, he went behind her back. Now her fear of handguns is compounded by her lack of trust.

Your letter was one of the few printable ones. Most of the letters we received looked like this frightening number:

Dear Annie: This is for the newlywed lady who won't have a pistol in the house. Lady, maybe the poor guy wants to do a little target shooting now and

then. If all your demands are that stupid, he'll probably do other things behind your back, and most likely he bought the pistol to blow your head off. — Responsible Gun Owner in Connecticut

Dear Owner: And you wonder how people could possibly be afraid of having a handgun in the house.

Dear Annie: I must respond to "Unglued," whose daughter just started college and she misses her already. I am a 53-year-old, single mom. Now that I have only one child at home, it's thrilling to have time to myself. I do more volunteer work, gardening, reading and so on. I am more relaxed and happy. My kids benefit as well. As the saying goes, "If Mom isn't happy, nobody's happy" (and this mom is very happy). — Enjoying it in California

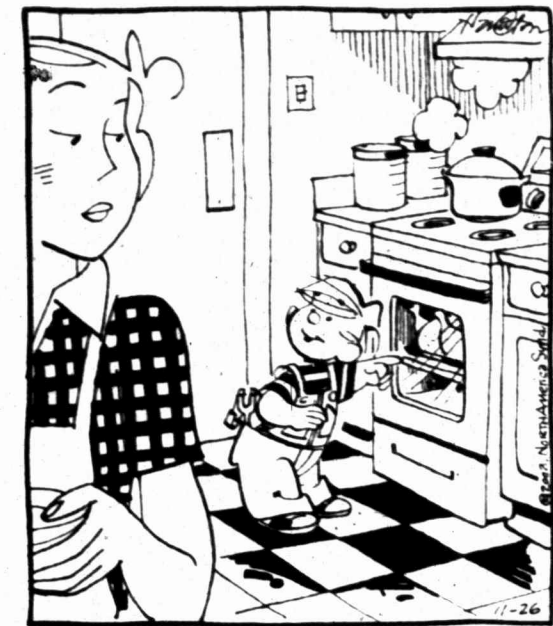
Dear Calif.: Many empty-nesters discover extra time can be quite rewarding. Thanks for your testimony.

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WEDNESDAY

Table with 25 columns representing different TV channels (WFAA, KMD, UNI, KPEJ, KOSA, KTLN, KWES, WTBS, KMLM, KOCV, DISC, AMC, TNT, BET, DISN, ESPN2, ESPN, USA, TMC) and rows for time slots from 6:30 AM to 12:30 AM, listing various programs and their categories.

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 2003. There are 35 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 26, 1943, during World War II, the H.M.T. Rohna, a British transport ship carrying American soldiers, was hit by a German missile off Algeria; 1,138 men were killed, including 1,015 American troops.

On this date:

In 1825, the first college social fraternity, Kappa Alpha, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

In 1832, public streetcar service began in New York City. The fare: 12 1/2 cents.

In 1940, the half-million Jews of Warsaw, Poland, were forced by the Nazis to live within a walled ghetto.

In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt ordered nationwide gasoline rationing, beginning Dec. 1. In 1942, the motion picture "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, had its world premiere at the Hollywood Theater in New York.

In 1949, India adopted a constitution as a republic within the British Commonwealth.

In 1950, China entered the Korean conflict, launching a counteroffensive against soldiers from the United Nations, the United States and South Korea.

In 1965, France launched its first satellite, sending a 92-pound capsule into orbit.

In 1973, President Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, told a federal court that she'd accidentally caused part of the 18 1/2-minute gap in a key Watergate tape.

In 1986, President Reagan appointed a commission headed by former Sen. John Tower to investigate his National Security Council

staff in the wake of the Iran-Contra affair.

Ten years ago: The first session of the 103rd Congress concluded as lawmakers adjourned for the year.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Robert Goulet is 70. Impressionist Rich Little is 65. Singer Tina Turner is 64. Singer Jean Terrell is 59. Pop musician John McVie is 58. Actress Jamie Rose is 44. Country singer Linda Davis is 41. Blues singer-musician Bernard Allison is 38. Country singer-musician Steve Grisaffe is 38. Actress Kristin Bauer ("Two and a Half Men") is 30.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like CAPP, SLED, CLOUT, ATEE, PELE, BOISE, DARC, MAIL, SALES, GREASE, PAINT, CRT, EISNER, OVER, LEMANS, LIPS, ALPIE, ALOE, LSAT, LEADS, IER, DAIRY, DATA, EZRA, ESSEX, ARCH, TETHER, MOOT, REVLOM, AMA, BUTTERKNIFE, DENSE, AIDA, ETTA, DECOY, GMEN, CHET, SPEWS, SEND, KENO.

Newsday Crossword

VEGAS TUNES by Gail Grabowski

- ACROSS: 1 Eyeglasses, slangily; 6 Bistro; 10 Left or piggy follower; 14 Type of tea; 15 Singer Redding; 16 Adam and Eve home; 17 Performer's promoter; 18 Exploits; 19 Dreadful; 20 Dixie Cups tune of '64; 23 Racetrack shape; 26 Peruse; 27 Artist's stand; 28 Stately dance; 30 Not us; 32 Stage whisper; 33 Give a hoot; 35 Bar beginner; 38 Eagles tune of '77; 42 Coach Parseghian; 43 Memo letters; 44 Electrical units; 45 Makes a choice; 47 Not so; 48 Stock unit; 51 CPR people; 54 Shirts and sweaters; 55 Tijuana Brass tune of '67; 58 Wedding toss; 59 Amazon buy; 60 Model to emulate; 64 Bunches; 65 Fashion magazine.
- DOWN: 1 Health club; 2 Board insert; 3 out a living; 4 Come to a close; 5 First name in clocks; 6 Kind of car; 7 Perplexed; 8 Educational excursion; 9 Exxon, formerly; 10 Turmoil; 11 Spanish farewell; 12 Audacity; 13 Bend down; 21 Creative class; 22 Price to be paid; 23 Nebraska city; 24 Cap's brim; 25 West Side Story girl; 29 Squiggly swimmer; 31 Mag publisher's nickname; 33 Tuna concoction; 34 Heart of Dixie: Abbr.; 35 Preface, for short; 36 Abs exercise; 37 Safe sanctuaries; 39 Morris or Felix; 40 Possess; 41 Finked out; 45 Far East; 46 pal; 47 Can. neighbor; 48 "Beat it!"; 49 Port-au-Prince locale; 50 English racecourse; 52 Money, slangy; 53 Youngsters; 56 Toe the line; 57 Box tops; 61 Actor Wallach; 62 Swiss peak; 63 Caustic solution.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-68 indicating starting positions for words.

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