MONDAY

December 1, 2003 WEATHER

Tonight:



BRIEFLY

Blood drive

The Big Spring High School Student Council is sponsoring a blood drive for United Blood Drive Services from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday in the high auditorium school foyer.

Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. They must also bring a list of all medications they are presently taking and be prepared to show identification

To make an appointment, call the high school office 264-3641.

Boomtown parade

Booth reservations and parade entries for the city of Forsan's annual Christmas in Boomtown Parade are now being taken.

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m on Saturday, Dec. 6., Booths will be set up around the Forsan Soda Shop beginning at 9 a.m. There is no charge for having a booth.

If you are interested in being in the parade or having a booth, contact Jeff Janca at 457 0303 after 5:30 p.m.

Fifty-five Alive

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 twoday course of four hours each session. You must attend both days to receive a certificate, 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.

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Man and woman of year nominations due this week

HERALD Staff Report

The deadline to turn in applications for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce 2003 Man and Woman of the Year is fast approaching.

Nomination forms for the honor, given to individuals who positively impact the community through their actions and deads, is Friday.

The selection of the Man and Woman of the Year will be considered on overall contributions the recipients have made to the community and not just on one act of merit.

Only chamber members are eli-

For more information about the Man and Woman of Year, call the chamber at 263-7641.

gible to nominate a person for the award, but nominees do not have to be members. Those currently holding a political office are not eligible for nomination.

Nomination forms are available at the chamber, 215 W. Third St. The chamber will announce the recipient of the honors during its annual banquet on Feb. 10.



Clarence Hartfield and JoAnne Forrest, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year for 2003, visit with Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director, following last year's banquet.

Big Spring Herald Toy Drive Coordinator Bob Rumpff goes through some of the toys that have already been received for the annual program. Toys will be collected until Dec. 17, with distribution to area children expected to take place through the Big Spring Salvation Army on Dec. 23. Donors can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Big Spring Herald office, located at 710 Scurry Street.

Toy drive designed to put smiles on children's faces this Christmas

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As many local charitable organizations scramble to make sure area families have the necessities for the holiday season, one group is taking a slightly different approach.

"It's all about a new toy for a child on Christmas, and that's what makes it special," said Bob Rumpff, coordinator for the Big Spring Herald Toy Drive. "What was the first thing you headed Christmas morning? You loved the new sweater from aunt Susie, and the new slippers from Mom and Dad were great, but golly... those toys from Santa Claus... that's what made Christmas. Don't ignore the Angel Trees. Don't ignore ing to Rumpff. the food drives. But let's not forget the toys for the children

The toy drive, which kicked

"That's really the point we're trying to make. You don't have to spend a lot of money for this to be successful."

> Bob Rumpff, toy drive coordinator

off less than two weeks ago, is beginning to pick up, accord-

"It's beginning to generate some activity," he said. "I really didn't expect to see too much until Thanksgiving, but in the last few days we've had a number of toys come in. I fully expect to see a lot more come in the next few weeks. I'm confident that the people of Howard County will help make this another successful toy drive."

While the toy drive is beginning to pick up speed, Rumpff said it's difficult to match the results thus far with last year because of the difference in time frames between the two.

"It's really hard to compare because last year we put the

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PARADE!

Community-wide event ready to roll on Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

In less than a week, the pageantry and spirit of the Christmas holiday season will take form, as the 18th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade prepares to roll down Gregg Street.

Elizabeth Flores, coordinator, said the parade is set and ready to go on Saturday.

"It's ready to go," said Flores. "We

have more than 54 entries set up for the parade so far, and we're really looking forward to

seeing everyone there.' Flores said the event is a favorite among area residents trying to get into the Christmas mood, and although there are fewer entries scheduled to appear this year, it's still expected FLORES to draw quite a crowd.



"I first started at the Herald in 1986," she said. "That was the first year we had the parade. It's certainly gotten bigger since then. By mid-summer each year we'll have groups contacting us wanting to know what the theme of that year's parade is going to

"This year it's been a little bit slower, probably because there are so many different things going on around that date, but we've still managed to get quite a few entries, and we expect a large number of people to be there to see it."

While the entries are down slightly, Flores said the number of spectators is never disappointing.

"One year we had more than 100 entries for the parade," she said. "That was back in the early 1990s. Although the number of entries has changed each year, the parade itself has really remained the same.

"We've gotten bigger crowds of spectators over the years. The people really look forward to this. My favorite part is watching the children that come out sort of light up when they see it. That's what makes it all worth

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Effort to find information on refinery's past continues

HERALD Staff Report

The search continues for the names and biographical data of long-time Big Spring refinery employees to be used to create a special memorial for the 75th anniversary of the business.

Two refinery retirees, Bill Banks and Jesse Looney, are undertaking a project to gather a list and biographical information of all the people who have worked at the refinery for 25 years or more.

The information will be used in

ed to be published in time for the ALON USA 75th anniversary celebration in May.

The two men have a list of more than 1,000 names, but not much more, and they believe the list is incomplete since many records have been lost between the refinery's four ownership

In order to complete the job, they are reaching out to family and friends to fill in the gaps, especially for the workers who died on the job. A special memo-

who have died on the job.

Information will be taken through the end of January,

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

The main celebration will be held during the weekend of May 21-22, when the facility will host a special reception for employees, legislators and local digni-

a special memorial book expect-rial book is planned for workers taries at the Heritage Museum.

During this reception, the newly commissioned Big Spring Refinery 75th Anniversary exhibit will be unveiled, which will be followed by a recognition ceremony and tour of the refinery.
Other activities scheduled for

the week are a golf tournament and dinner reception for past and present leaders of the refinery, a community festival with free food and family activities at Howard College and a free community concert at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Obituaries

Oneta McDaniel

Oneta McDaniel, 82, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, in a local hos-

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 21, 1920, in Big Spring, and married Willie McDaniel on January 19, 1952, in Carlsbad, N.M. He preceded her in

death on Oct. 29, 2003.

Mrs. McDaniel was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, her parents were Marshall and Lula Chapman, a pioneer Big Spring family. She worked for Security State Bank for thirty-two years as the head of bookkeeping, retiring in 1995. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter & son-in-law, Temple and Gary Burt of Big Spring; one granddaughter and her husband, Jaye J. and Jimmy Roper of Big Spring; four great-grandchildren, Dylan Roper, Colton Roper, Alstion Roper and Jimmy Roper Jr., all of Big Spring; and one sister, Melva Hodnett of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Letha McDaniel, Ina McGowan, Opal Osborne and Verma McIlvain.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com Paid obituary

C.J. "Shorty" Schmelzer

C.J. "Shorty" Schmelzer, of Midland, died on Friday, Nov. 28, 2003.

A prayer vigil will be held at Ellis Funeral Home at 7 tonight, Dec. 1, 2003.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Rodney White officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial, Park.

He was born May 6, 1916, to John and Agnes Schmelzer in Electra and was reared and educated

Mr. Schmelzer moved to Midland to find work in the oil fields, and met his wife in Big Spring; they were married in Fort Stockton.

He worked for Phillips Petroleum for 35 years, moving to numerous West Texas oil field towns before settling back to Midland in 1960. While working for Phillips he earned numerous awards and received recognition for various inventions and safety related devices. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and the Phillips Petroleum Retirees "Phillresters"

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Geraldine Schmelzer.

He is survived by his brother, Joe Schmelzer of New Braunfels; daughters, Diane Locklar and her husband, Frank, of Midland, Sandra Capeheart and her husband, Gene, of Baton Rouge, La.; son, David Schmelzer and his wife, Sandy of Midland; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701 or the charity of one's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis

Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy. Midland, Texas.

Billie Gammons

Billie Gammons, 80, of Big Spring died at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Tommie Ray Fleeman

Funeral services for Tommie Ray Fleeman, 82, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at Highland Methodist Church in Odessa with Mark Scott officiating. Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, at Trinity Memorial Park in

Mr. Fleeman died on Saturday, Nov. 29, at an Odessa

He was born on June 8, 1921, in Dallas to Thomas and Mary Fleeman. He married Helen Louise O'Daniel on Nov. 11, 1950, in Coahoma. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the McFarland Masonic Lodge and Highland Methodist Church. He retired from the oil industry.

His wife and parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include his son, Dan Fleeman of Odessa; two daughters, Carole Howard of Austin and Nancy Donavan of Odessa; two sisters, Remona Martin and Eloise Morrison, both of Rockport; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the director of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

All announcements to the Sunday Life! section are free of charge. Call the Herald office for more details, 263-7331

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today: • JUSTIN IVIN SPEER, 28, of 1411 E. 15th was

arrested Sunday on traffic warrants. STACEY DAWN SPEER, 18, of 1411 E. 15th was arrested Sunday on traffic warrants.

• COMANECKI OLYN THACKER, 22, of 120 Hoosier was arrested Sunday on Howard County traffic warrants

• HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 19, of 500 Goliad was arrested Sunday on traffic warrants.

· KELLIEGH JAY SMITH, 21, of 3207 Fenn was arrested today on a charge of possession of a con-

trolled substance. · ARTHUR GLEN MINSHEW, 71, of 1300 S. Slay St., Eastland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of

driving while intoxicated. • GARBRIEL JESSIE HERNANDEZ, 17, of 1102 Lloyd Avenue was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

 MARGARITA GONZALES PARACIOS, 61, of 258 McDavitt Boulevard, Brownsville, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• MARIA TERESA VELEZ, 47, of 3514 26th St., Brownsville was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JEFFERY SCOTT COX, 22, of 2011 Johnson was arrested Sunday for traffic warrants.

 FRAUD USE, POSSESSION OF IDENTIFY INFORMATION was reported in the 700 block of Lancaster.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 400 block of Martin Luther King.

· BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of Douglas.

• THEFT was reported in the 4800 block of Highway 80, the 1800 block of Gregg St. the 400 block of Birdwell, the 900 block of Willa, the 1100 block of Lamesa, the 2000 block of Gregg, in the 200 block of FM 700 and at the Big Spring Mall.

• TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 1600 block Lark.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87, the 1400 block of Mount Vernon and the 2900 block of Old Highway 80.

• HARASSMENT was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset Avenue.

Sheriff's report

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

• SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 300 block of Pettus Road.

Support groups

☐ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

THURSDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

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

☐ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

☐ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 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.



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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

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and older are invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

The public is invited to the evening Lions Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. at La Posada.

Howard County ARC meets at 806 East Third Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674.

Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building, 22 1/2 Main.

District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

Tuesday

Lancaster at 7 p.m.

Intermediate Line Dance classes meets at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard County Cactus Room.

VFW Post 2013 meets at the VFW Hall at 7 p.m., 500 Driver Rd.

Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon is at 11 a.m. in Coahoma Community Center.

Big Spring chapter 67 Order of Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

Sheriff's Posse is held at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on

Andrews Highway. American Red Cross, Canterbury S. meets at 1600

Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas chapter meets at 2 p.m. in Howard County Library, 500 S. Main in the conference room.

Gospel singing at Kentwood Activity Center. Guest singers from from Midland and Colorado City starts at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Concerned Citizens Council's meeting at 7 p.m.in the Howard County Library's Dorothy Lamb basement meeting room.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming cloudy. Highs near 60. Northeast winds 5 to 10

Tonight — Cloudy with patchy fog and drizzle. Lows around 50. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of measurable precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday — Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and drizzle. Highs around 60. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night — Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 50s.

Wednesday – Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s.

Thursday through saturday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 50s.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Highs in the lower 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-23-26-30-38. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$15 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-9-16-34.

Number matching five of five: 3. Prize per winner: \$14,883.

Winning tickets sold in: Irving, La Marque and Eagle Pass.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night:

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 4-4-0

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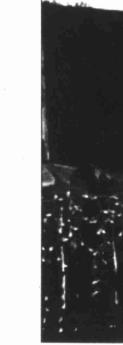
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Soldier had planned law enforcement career

EL PASO (AP) - A West Texas soldier who died in a mortar attack in Iraq had planned to return to his West Texas home and pursue a law enforcement career, his widow says.

The last time Army Sgt. Ariel Rico communicated with his wife Jessica was by e-mail. She said she still can't believe her husband won't be coming home to her and the couple's 7-year-old daughter, Jadelyn, in March with the rest of his unit.

"I just pray for other people, that (the soldiers) all come home safely," Jessica Rico told the Clarksville, Tenn. Leaf-Chronicle in Monday's editions.

She said she hopes her husband, a 1996 Del Valle High School graduate, will be buried at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in their hometown.

Rico, who was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, based in Fort Campbell, Ky., died Friday from injuries sustained when four mortar shells pounded the division's base in Mosul, Iraq.

Six major airlines anticipate growth in 2004

FORT WORTH (AP) — After two dismal years, the nation's six largest carriers are expected to increase seating capacity by as much as 4 percent next year, analysts said.

Fort Worth-based American Airlines will experience some of the most aggressive growth. The airline expects to increase its capacity by 7 percent in 2004, despite removing 57 aircraft from its fleet.

The growth will extend to the carrier's mainline routes and its American Eagle regional subsidiary, airline officials said.

Economic improvements, competition against lowfare rivals, and increased international traffic are creating the new growth, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its Sunday editions.

The expansion could spark more competition, which analysts say could put fares at the lowest in decades.

Slain officer's mother fights for prison reform

DALLAS (AP) — Jayne Hawkins took the stand for the sixth time to face the last of the men convicted of killing her son.

A jury sentenced him to death, and the court allowed her to tell Patrick Murphy of her family's loss after he and six other prison escapees gunned down and used a car to run over Irving policeman Aubrey Hawkins

in a 2000 Christmas Eve robbery.

"Look at me," she told Murphy at the November sentencing hearing as she began to tell the story of her only child - who as a 6-year-old boy dreamed of becoming a policeman and who was a devoted father to his young son when killed at age 29.

Hawkins told Murphy that an abusive childhood was no excuse for his crimes, including rape, for which he was serving a 50-year sentence when he escaped. She called him a coward — a weak and fearful rat.

"I said this to the other five, and I say this to you as well. For your soul's sake, I hope you gain the courage to admit to yourself that you have ruined your own life because of your repeated choices to do so," she said. "For your soul's sake, I hope you gain a heart, a heart filled with courage so to admit that you have caused pain and loss to others."

Law sets up dry cleaning contamination fund

AUSTIN (AP) — Gerald Stavely of Irving has been in the dry cleaning business since 1966, working his way up from store manager of one cleaner to owner of eight, but a few years ago, contamination from one of the cleaning solvents he used nearly cost him his livelihood.

An environmental study of the shopping center where one of his stores is located found contamination from percholoroethylene, or perc, a popular dry cleaning solvent that the Environmental Protection Agency classifies as a known carcinogen.

Cleanup has cost him \$700,000 and motivated him to press for legislation to help other dry cleaners with cleanup costs.

The Texas Legislature responded this year by passing a bill that Stavely and other dry cleaners say will help them in the future by establishing a fund that will help them pay for future cleanup costs...

"We didn't want to go hungry some day," Stavely said, when asked why he pushed the bill. "I could see that there was no way to survive. Everything that you and your wife and sometimes your children have worked for is all gone."

Fires put Houston Hindus on edge

HOUSTON (AP) - Almost a dozen fires have destroyed homes of Hindus and others, with a twocounty task force investigating the suspected arson spree and members of the religious community nervous about future attacks.

Federal, county and city investigators are reviewing evidence in the blazes that have occurred over the past six months.

The fact that victims have included Hindus suggests that the community is being targeted, said Natubhai Patel, a leading member of a Hindu temple.

"We don't know really who would be behind it," he told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions. "It's anybody's guess."

Patel and other members of the Hindu community believe the victims of all 11 fires under investigation by the task force were Hindus.

Some fear tinkering with penal code

HOUSTON (AP) - Lawmakers who tinker with the state's penal code unintentionally could cause future prison overcrowding, a state senator and some legal experts worry.

State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, who served as the chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee and rewrote the code in 1993, said lawmakers' good intentions could have unintended consequences. He said each time the code is altered, interpretation becomes more difficult.

"The idea of a penal code is to have broad categories and leave it to prosecutors," Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley said. "You can't come up with a list of all the dumb things people do."

The code was rewritten in 1993 based on an American Law Institute model. When the rewrite occurred the state's guidelines had been amended so many times they were unmanageable. Since that time, the amendments have begun once again, Whitmire

"There are literally hundreds of bills passed which reach into the penal code of 1993," he said.

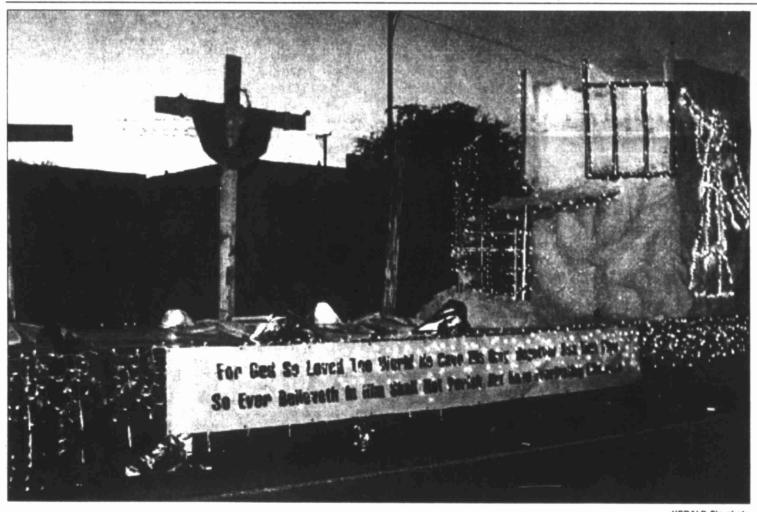
Undocumented students urging legislation

Her parents rarely talk about how they sold everything and slipped across the U.S. border one cold October years ago, and Yesenia Sanchez remembers little of the journey that started with a long bus ride from central Mexico when she was 8.

Growing up in Chicago, she embraced American life making friends, joining after-school clubs, watching sitcoms on TV. But when she turned 16 and couldn't get a driver's license, the meaning of her illegal status began to sink in.

Now 20, attending a community college and hoping to earn a degree in international studies, Sanchez worries she won't find a job when she graduates because she doesn't have a Social Security number.

Like other young people across the country, she's pinned her hopes on the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, also called the DREAM Act.



The float from the East Fourth Street Baptist Church winds its way up Gregg Street during the 2002 Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade. This year's parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

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entire thing together in about two weeks," said Rumpff. "So we're sort of traveling in uncharted waters with this. We had such a tremendous response last year in such a short time, it's very hard to compare.

"Like I said, I'm confident we'll have another successful toy drive. I think the people will respond. The people that have already come in have been super, and so far we've gotten a really wide range of toys.'

Rumpff said the variety of toys the drive has already collected is in line with the message he

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hopes area shoppers people remember.

'The thing that really tickles me is the fact we've got folks bringing in these huge toys, and these big stuffed toys," he said, "but they're bringing in smaller toys, too. That's really the point we're trying to make. You don't have to spend a lot of money for this to be

successful. "To a child on Christmas morning a new toy, no matter how much you spend on it, is still a new toy. For them you can't put a value on that,' he added. "How can you put a price on that kind of joy? That's what I'm getting out of this toy drive, and that's the message I

want to share with the

County." Toys will be collected until Dec. 17, with distribution to area children expected to take place through the Big Spring

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Howard Salvation Army on Dec. 23. Donors can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Big Spring Herald office, located at 710 Scurry Street. For more information on the pro-

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The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the corner of the north frontage road of FM 700 and Gregg Street and will roll north to Sixth Street, east to Scurry, north again to Third Street on and into the downtown area for a celebration at Heart of the City Park. Judges this year will be members of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee.

The parade competition features four categories: Lighted float, school or church, commercial and manufacturing, and civic organizations. "A Family Christmas" is the theme of this year's presentation.

And as always, the parade will feature Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. But this year's parade

will feature one other Texas celebrity, as well..

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OTHER VIEWS

FBI inquiries can foster nightmares from '60s and '70s

awful protest and dissent. That's what thousands of Americans are doing with the occasional protests against the war in Iraqi and Afghanistan.

And the FBI is doing what they FBI has a reputation for doing: Compiling data on the protestors. For what purpose?

The FBI recently sent out a memo to local law enforcement personnel requesting reports of any "suspicious" activity at protests. The reports were supposed to go to the bureau's counterterrorism squads.

Roll tape. Back to the 1960s, when the FBI, led goosestep down the path to paranoia and uncontrolled power by J. Edgar Hoover, routinely spied on political protestors. That "spying" led to unlawful activities, including illegal wiretaps, surveillance and tape recordings of anyone Hoover deemed "suspicious."

Lawful protest and dissent. It is the right of any American to protest policies and actions of this government, to disagree with any programs or plans by America's elected leaders, businesses, groups, organizations or even other individu-

The one thing that we don't need in this era of terrorist alerts and global confusion and seemingly random global terrorist attacks is becoming afraid of what our own government is doing.

We want to feel safe about what our government does for anti-to-its citizens.

These most recent reports about the FBI's plan and actions do not include information that is conducive to getting a good night's sleep. It's the stuff of which civil nightmares are made.

This editorial was written by George Smith, an editorial consultant for the Herald's parent company, Horizon Publications.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, when we believe in you, we are not taking a blind leap.

Amen

A close look at 'poster women'

group called Fellowship of Reconciliation — its mislence, war, racism and economic injustice

with nonviolence, peace and justice" has been hosting a "Women of Iraq Tour" of the United States. The tour stars are "two remarkable Iraqi women" - Amal al-Khedairy and Nermin al-Mufti - who "survived through the Persian Gulf War, the ensuing 13 years of oppressive sanctions and now the U.S. occupation."



SAUNDERS

It's no accident that tour promotions don't question how the two women survived Saddam Hussein.

Wednesday night, a professor at Mills College in Oakland parroted the promotion material as she introduced al-Mufti as "an internatibnally recognized journalist." What the professor didn't say -atthe time, she didn't know — is that al-Mufti was a political columnist for Al Thawra, Iraq's Baathist newspaper. She also was the editor of several Baath-government publi-

Al-Khedairy, the scholar of the tour, is an odd pick to be an ambassadress for peace. The New Yorker's Jon Lee Anderson decided to visit her this summer to see if her Saddamist sympathies had dampened after the war started. Her answer was that Hussein wasn't "all bad" — he built great roads. As Anderson quoted her in the Aug. 11 New Yorker, she added, "Until 1991, I thought he could still do some good things, and even afterward, but it didn't turn out

The piece continued: "Somewhat sion is to "replace vio- " shocked, I asked Amal, 'What about the Anfal campaign?' - when Saddam sent his army to raze Kurdish villages, and killed tens of thousands of civilians with guns and poison gas. 'Even after that you were OK with what he was doing?' Amal nodded. 'You know, the Kurds are a difficult people, and can be quite cruel themselves,' she said. 'I know, I have a Kurdish grandmother.' She laughed and began talking about the Kurdish persecution of Christians, and how, if I liked, she could introduce me to many Christians in Baghdad who had been forced to flee the Kurds. 'One day, you'll have to hear the whole story,' she said." Wednesday night, al-Khedairy

had a lot to say about conditions under the U.S.-led coalition. There were tanks in front of her house, Americans living in Hussein's palaces and "vagabonds" squatting in a museum. Coalition soldiers had tussled with a friend's bodyguards. And meat prices were rising. It wasn't the kind of real-people-are-suffering-horribly speech I had expected to hear.

But as long as al-Khedairy and al-Mufti bashed the Bush administration liberally and blamed the U.N. sanctions — but not Hussein's refusal to live within U.N. guidelines — for the loss of life in Iraq, the audience wasn't going to com-

Why? Andrew Apostolou of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, answered, "It is the very simple fact, as one Iraqi exile said to me the other week, that these people hate George W. Bush more than they hate Saddam Hussein."

I asked al-Mufti about her work

PETE LANEY

Representative

for Al Thawra. She says she was a freelancer, and never a Baathist Party member, and that Uday Hussein had silenced her for long periods. But even that information was airbrushed from her talk.

Oddly, al-Mufti now boasts that she is unwilling to write as a jour-

nalist under the U.S.-led coalition. Al-Mufti's most compelling argument was that she didn't want to leave her country. She said others shouldn't judge her for taking what work she could get as a journalist.

I asked al-Mufti what she thought of Hussein; she faulted him for turning "a nationalist party into a family party."

That's it? No mention of the Kurds, the 290,000 people the United Nations figures disappeared under Hussein's watch, the women who were raped?

Medea Benjamin, co-founder of anti-war group Global the Exchange, later tells me that she tried to get six Iraqi women for the tour, including one who is strong on human rights. But the coalition only granted these two women visas.

Benjamin asks me not to "paint these women as Baathists, but instead to paint them as nationalists, which they are."

Nationalists. Well, that explains why al-Mufti defended the killings of U.S. soldiers stationed in Iraq. But it doesn't explain, why anyone considers them to be poster women for peace.

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Televising debate wasn't easy

ive television is not easy; the networks just make it look that way.

It took about 100 NBC employees to get week's Democratic presidential debate on the air. But before they could do so, one basic queshad to be answered: How many candidates actually were going to show



ROGER SIMON

All nine Democratic contenders had = promised to appear in Iowa for the debate, but 10 days before the event, Joe Lieberman pulled out because he wanted to campaign in New Hampshire, instead.

Then, on the Friday before the debate, word began circulating that Democratic senators might filibuster the Medicare vote on the Monday of the debate. So what would Sens. John Kerry and John Edwards do? Show up in Iowa to debate or show up in Washington to filibuster?

On Saturday morning, the Kerry campaign assured NBC that Kerry would debate in Iowa. About an hour later, however, the Kerry campaign sent out a press release saying Kerry would be in Washington because "seniors need someone to fight for them."

A few hours after that, the Edwards campaign decided that if Kerry was going to go back and filibuster, Edwards would have to go back, too. Which left NBC with only six

debaters (half of them from the bot-

tom tier of candidates), which

meant the debate would look small-

But what if Kerry and Edwards could be hooked up to the debate by satellite from Washington? Wouldn't that solve things? Well, yes, but only if the six can-

didates who were going to be on stage in Iowa allowed it. And then there was the Democratic National Committee to consider. The DNC has a policy against

satellite hookups. "Once candidates know they can hold fund-raisers and other events on the day of the debate and get hooked up by satellite, how are you going to get them together to debate?" a DNC official said.

But at NBC's request, the DNC canvassed the six candidates to see if they would allow the satellite hookup. They say they would, but with a list of demands:

Kerry and Edwards had to be in separate studios in Washington with no conversation allowed between them. Kerry and Edwards had to stand up for the entire twohour debate or sit on the same kind of stool that was provided for the debaters in Iowa. Kerry and Edwards could not have cell phones or pagers with them. An NBC producer would have to be with each one at all times to make sure no rules were violated. And Kerry and Edwards had to be on separate TV screens on the debate stage for the entire two-hour debate.

"That was so if there were any 'sighs and lies' the TV audience would see it." a DNC source said.

If there were a vote on the floor of the Senate during the debate, the two would be allowed to leave, but would not be allowed to come back. This was going to cost NBC tens INC.

of thousands of dollars on top of the hundreds of thousands it was already spending, but the network was eager to do it. And set designer Eddie Knasiak sprang into action, ordering two different color backdrops painted for the senators in Washington so their backgrounds would match the background in Des Moines. (The match was so good that in close-ups, you could not tell Kerry and Edwards were in Washington.)

Things were frantic at the debate site Sunday — the stage had to be reconfigured to accommodate six lecterns and two plasma screen television monitors — when Joe Lieberman decided he wanted to debate by satellite, too.

Neither NBC nor the DNC was enthusiastic about this, but the other campaigns were canvassed again and at least three voted against letting Lieberman back in. So the debate took place in Iowa at the Polk County Convention Complex between six live human beings and two remote human beings, and it came off without a technical hitch. Except one.

"Whenever a car with a radar detector drove by the convention complex, the picture Washington got scrambled," Mark Lukasiewicz, the NBC executive producer, said. "But we made sure that never got on the air.'

Television: It only looks easy. Roger Simon can be e-mailed at WriteRoger@aol.com. To find out more about Roger Simon and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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AP Analysis: Speedy suburbanites nab most tickets

By KRISTEN HAYS **Associated Press Writer**

HOUSTON (AP) - Getting a speeding ticket from a Texas trooper is a little like buying a house. It's all about location, location, location.

Leadfoots tend to hit the gas in greater numbers in heavily populated suburban counties that contain a major interstate highway, according to an Associated Press analysis of speeding tickets issued by Texas troopers that resulted in convictions in 2000, 2001 and

"It's a problem," said Tela Mange, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public

"It's not just people who live in those areas who use those roads, and when they're in the cities they often get stuck in traffic and feel they're losing time. When they get a little breathing room, they just go, go, go."

Of the 10 counties that got the most of the 2.2 million tickets handed out during the threeyear period, Montgomery County, northwest of Houston, tops the list with more than

Parker County near Fort Worth was a close second, followed by other suburban havens - Hunt, northeast of Dallas; fourth; Collin, home to the affluent Dallas suburb of Plano, fifth; and Bell, between Austin and Waco, ninth.

Filling out the top 10 were Hidalgo County in South Texas at third and Brazoria County southwest of Houston at sixth the only two without major interstates: Houston's Harris County, seventh; Tyler's Smith County, eighth; and Waco's McLennan County, 10th. The 10 counties with the

fewest tickets include San Saba in Central Texas and McMullen in South Texas, each between major interstates; Borden, Cochran, Stonewall, Kent. Foard and Lipscomb in or near the Panhandle, far from interstates; and Terrell and Loving in far West Texas. Predictably, Loving County, with a population of 67 in the 2000 Census, had the fewest tickets over the three-year span at 17.

That troopers and other Montgomery County law enforcement officers keep a keen lookout for speeders comes as no surprise to Blythe Palamara, a mother of two in The Woodlands who manages to limit herself to one ticket a year. With that, she can take a defensive driving course and pay the ticket fine, but keep her driving record clean so her car insurance rates won't rise.

"On one of my tickets, I was just driving down the road, and (the trooper) was driving in the opposite direction. I didn't know I was speeding. He just turned around, did a complete U-turn, and came after me," she

speedy reputation thanks to Interstate 45 on the west side and state Highway 59 on the east, said Scott Markowitz, a Houston attorney specializing in traffic offenses in Houston and surrounding counties. In addition, speed limits of 55

Montgomery County earns its

zones for Highway 59 expansion projects have been strictly enforced.

Capt. Randy McDaniel, who oversees 42 troopers patrolling Montgomery County, said his area tops suburban counties in fatal accidents as well as speeders. Statistics on fatal accidents from 2000 - the most recent available - show 72 fatal accidents occurred in Montgomery, compared to 20 in Parker County.

"It all becomes a cycle," he said. "We would like to work ourselves out of a job. Unfortunately, I don't think we will."

However, Mange said counties with major cities still have more fatal accidents — such as 259 in Dallas County and 389 in Harris County that year. The state doesn't specify how many such accidents are attributed to speeding.

For all the tickets handed out in suburban Dallas counties, Dallas County itself was 111th among the state's 254 counties. Tarrant County was 55th, while

miles per hour in construction Travis County was a little faster at 50th.

> Roy Crooks, who runs a defensive driving course in Fort Worth, said Tarrant County speeders keep him busy, though he gets a steady flow of students from No. 2 Parker County.

"That part of I-20 in Parker County is one of the growing areas between Fort Worth and Weatherford," Crooks said. "It's a nice, great big six-lane highway and people just keep the speed up a bit on a lot of hills. Troopers patrol that area pretty heavily."

The same goes for Pecos and Sutton counties, the only two remote areas to make it into the Top 20. Capt. Ron Joy Jr., whose area includes Pecos and the state's largest county, Brewster, said his staff has fewer roadways to patrol out in the Big Empty, with drivers going miles and miles of miles and miles.

"People probably get bored and they're trying to get through as fast as they can," Joy said.

219. Sherman, 1,191.

220. Sabine, 1,145.

221. Dimmit, 1,104.

224. Mason, 1,030.

225. Winkler, 998.

226. Trinity, 977.

227. Motley, 974.

228. Blanco, 974.

231. Kenedy, 849.

233. Camp, 726.

234. Delta, 710.

236. Irion, 681.

237. Menard, 680.

239. Somervell, 673.

240. Jeff Davis, 640.

244. Glasscock, 474,

241. Roberts, 598.

242. Briscoe, 568.

245. San Saba, 430.

246. Stonewall, 413. 247. Foard, 269.

248. Cochran, 145.

249. Borden, 123.

251. Terrell, 107.

253. Kent, 59.

254. Loving, 17.

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252. Lipscomb, 96.

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250. McMullen, 119.

243. King, 481.

238. Rains, 680.

232. Edwards, 838.

235. Hansford, 701.

229. Floyd, 933.

230. Real, 876.

222. Jim Hogg, 1,103.

223. Hemphill, 1,061.

Ranking the counties

By The Associated Press

Here's a ranking of all 254 Texas counties with numbers of tickets issued by state troopers that resulted in convictions during 2000, 2001 and

- 1. Montgomery, 36,658.
- 2. Parker, 36,174.
- 3. Hidalgo, 29,028.
- 4. Hunt, 27,611. 5. Collin, 24,865.
- 6. Brazoria, 24,622.
- 7. Harris, 24,375.
- 8. Smith, 22,582. 9. Bell. 22,302.
- 10. McLennan, 19,729.
- 11. San Patricio, 18,104.
- 12. Sutton, 17,430. 13. Ellis, 16,890.
- 14. Bexar, 16,424.
- 15. Kaufman, 16,281. 16. Denton, 16,279.
- 17. Pecos, 16,210.
- 18. Fort Bend, 15,310. 19. Frio, 15,308.
- 20. Waller, 15,008.
- 21. Wise, 14,981. 22. El Paso, 14,810.
- 23. Live Oak, 14,738.
- 24. Cameron, 14,631.
- 25. Williamson, 14,558. 26. Fayette, 14,190.
- 27. Galveston, 13,699.
- 28. Harrison, 13,091.
- 29. Cooke, 12,686.
- 30. Van Zandt, 12,616. 31. Crockett, 12,382.
- 32. Guadalupe, 12,244.
- 33. Brazos, 12,126.
- 34. Nueces, 11,889. 35. Grayson, 11,702.
- 36. Callahan, 11,652.
- 37. Potter, 11,344.
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- 38. Tom Green,
- 39. Medina, 11,144.

- 46. Atascosa, 10,253.
- 45. Colorado, 10,303.

40. Orange, 11,024.

- 47. Grimes, 9,873.
- 48. Freestone, 9,820.
- 50. Travis, 9,742.
- 51. Nacogdoches, 9,725.

- 54. Montague, 9,671. 55. Tarrant, 9,509.
- 56. Taylor, 9,417.
- 57. Ector, 9,273.
- 58. Eastland, 9,250.
- 60. Gregg, 9,092.
- 61. Hill, 8,982. 62. Kerr, 8,935.
- 63. Johnson, 8,673.
- 67. Navarro, 8,331.
- 68. Jefferson, 8,284.
- 70. Midland, 8,019.
- 71. Jackson, 8,009.
- 73. Austin, 7,936.
- 74. Caldwell, 7,919
- 78. Wheeler, 7,690.

- 82. Hudspeth, 7,399.
- 84. Cass, 7,256.
- 87. Madison, 7,192.
- 88. Liberty, 7,148. 89. Leon, 6,964.

- 90. Lamar, 6,706. 91. Young, 6,675.
- 42. Comal, 10,855.
- 43. Webb, 10,608. 44. Howard, 10,543.

41. Lubbock, 11,020.

- 49. Randall, 9,804.
- 52. Wichita, 9,695.
- 53. Walker, 9,679.
- 59. Carson, 9,172.

- 64. Nolan, 8,635. 65. Chambers, 8,535.
- 66. Gonzales, 8,404.
- 69. Wilbarger, 8,264.
- 72. Culberson, 7,979.
- 75. Donley, 7,863.
- 76. Reeves, 7,777.
- 77. Bowie, 7,760.
- 79. Kinney, 7,637.
- 80. Henderson, 7,469.
- 81. Jasper, 7,441.
- 83. La Salle, 7,283.
- 85. Jim Wells, 7,215.
- 86. Ward, 7,201.

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- 92. Swisher, 6,666. 93. Hood, 6,652.
- 94. Wharton, 6,623.
- 95. Hays, 6,616.
- 96. Brooks, 6,607.
- 97. Anderson, 6,499.
- 98. Hale, 6,424.
- 99. Wood, 6,410. 100. Washington, 6,340.
- 101. Martin, 6,303.
- 102. Wilson, 6,172. 103. Cherokee, 6,160.
- 104. Rusk, 6,160. 105. Falls, 5,953.
- 106. Bastrop, 5,844.
- 107. Val Verde, 5,839.
- 108. Refugio, 5,805. 109. Brown, 5,777.
- 110. Rockwall, 5,767. 111. Dallas, 5,729.
- 112. Oldham, 5,720
- 113. Matagorda, 5,708. 114. Victoria, 5,641.
- 115. Paramer, 5,476.
- 116. Hockley, 5,446. 117. Gaines, 5,426
- 118. Terry, 5,391. 119. Jack, 5.249. 120. Mitchell, 5,235.
- 121. Duval, 5,110.
- 122. Gray, 5,071.
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- 127. Moore, 4,677.
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- 133. Polk, 4,586.
- 134. Bee, 4,577. 135. Robertson, 4,543.
- 136. Garza, 4,489. 137. Kleberg, 4,429.

138. Lee, 4,405.

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- 144. Hall, 4,212.
- 145. Burnet, 4,157. 146. DeWitt, 4,104.
- 147. Concho, 4,065. 148. Erath, 4,056.
- 149. San Jacinto, 4,003.
- 150. Milam, 3,978. 151. Burleson, 3,937.
- 152. Houston, 3,911. 153. Dawson, 3,895.
- 154. Shelby, 3,867. 155. Calhoun, 3,664.
- 156. Karnes, 3,622.
- 157. Titus, 3,589. 158. Jones, 3,553. 159. Lynn, 3,536.
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- 162. Andrews, 3,375. 163. Starr, 3,317. 164. Coryell, 3,299.
- 165. Tyler, 3,202. 166. Archer, 3,201.
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the same patients as patients with cerebrovas-Benavente, who is directing the new stroke study with colleague Dr. Robert Hart, a professor of neurology.

"Therefore, there is a

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control of blood pressure.' Anticoagulant medications have been shown in earlier studies to bring an increased risk of bleeding, making blood pressure control important. Half of the patients in the new study will get aspirin and half will get a combi-

nation of the two drugs. Researchers will divide each of the groups so that half will take medication aimed at keeping systolic blood pressure between 130 and 149, and the rest will receive medication with the aim of keeping their blood pressure below 130 systolic.

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Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Mark Morgan presents Rey Villarreal, Big Spring Independent School District assistant superintendent, with a check to establish a fund for purchasing needed footwear for elementary age children. The civic club raised \$3,700 that was distributed to Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts. Also pictured are left,

Rotarians raise funds for children's shoes

Michael Downes, BSISD superintendent, and Cindy Fowler, Coahoma Elementary principal.

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Many area school children will have a chance for new shoes thanks to a fund-raising project by a Big Spring civic group.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club presented checks to Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts Friday, Nov. 21, to help purchase adequate footwear for elementary school children. "We wanted to establish

schools to be able to dip into the money when club was able to raise said President Charles Myers. Club member Joann Big Spring Knox, Independent School District food service director, first broached the idea of the fund-raiser citing the urgent need to

footwear, Myers said. Through several fund- newsdesk@crcom.net

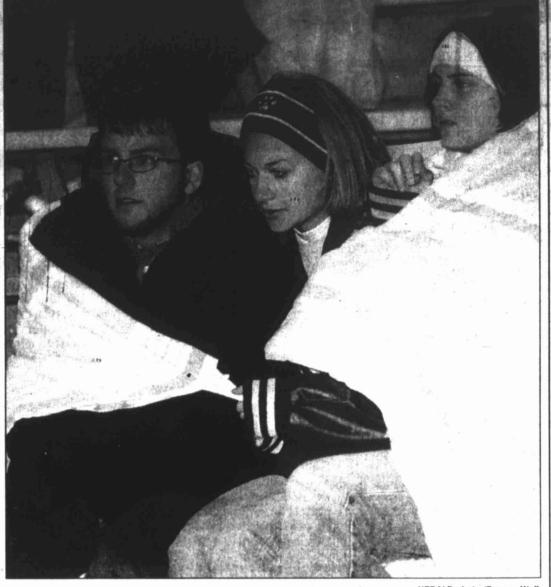
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children with proper

a fund for each of the raisers and donations from the community, the \$3,700 for the three school districts.

> "A want to give special thanks to the 1948 Hyperion Club and Mary Frances Malone for their generous donations, Myers said.

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



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells

Three Coahoma Bulldogs fans huddle in a blanket in an effort to stay warm during the Bulldogs' 35-27 loss to Panhandle in Friday night's Class 2A, Divsion II regional playoff game at Lowery Field in Lubbock.

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Taking a look at computer viruses and what they can do

I've spent a lot of time talking about viruses, worms and Trojan horses, but I recently realized a glaring truth... I've talked very little about what these things really are. Over the next few weeks we'll take a look at these malicious little files which these viruses can that can do everything from turn control of your computer over to someone else to empty your bank

account. First let's talk about viruses. There are five basic types of viruses: macro viruses, boot sector viruses, master boot

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record viruses, file infector viruses and polypartite virsuses. Some viruses are programmed to damage the computer by damaging programs, deleting files, or reformatting the hard disk. Others are not designed to do any damage, but simply to replicate them selves and make their presence known by presenting text, video and audio messages. Even these benign viruses can create problems for the computer user. They typically take up computer memory used by legitimate programs. As a result, they often cause erratic behavior and can result in system crashes. In addition, many viruses are bug-ridden, and these bugs may lead to system crashes and data

These types of viruses infect data files. They are the most common and have cost corporations the most money and time trying to repair. With the advent of Visual Basic in Microsoft's Office 97, a macro virus can be written that not only infects data files, but also can infect other files as well. Macro viruses infect Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access files. Newer strains are now turning

up in other programs as well. All of these viruses use another program's internal programming language, which was created to allow users to automate certain tasks within that program. ~* Because of the ease with be created, there are now thousands of them in circulation. Examples of macro viruses include W97M.Melissa, WM.NiceDay and W97M. Groov. Boot sector viruses -

infect the system area of a disk that is, the boot record on floppy disks and hard disks. All floppy disks and hard disks (including disks containing only data) contain a small program in the boot record that is run when the computer starts up. Boot sector viruses attach themselves to this part of the disk and activate when the user attempts to start up from the infected disk. These viruses are always memory resident in nature. Most were written for DOS, but, all PCs, regardless of the operating system, are potential targets of this type of virus. All that is required to become infected is to attempt to start up your computer with an infected floppy disk Thereafter, while the virus remains in memory, all floppy disks that are not write protected will become infected when the floppy disk is accessed. Examples of boot sector viruses are Form, Disk Killer, Michelangelo and

Stoned. Master boot record viruses are memory resident viruses that infect disks in the same manner as boot sector viruses. The difference between these two virus types is where the viral code is located. Master boot record infectors normally save a legitimate copy of the master boot record in an different location. Windows NT computers that become infected by either boot sector viruses or master boot sector viruses will

not boot. This is due to the difference in how the operating system accesses its boot information, as compared to Windows 95/98. If your Windows NT systems is formatted with FAT partitions you can usually remove the virus by booting to DOS and using antivirus software. If the boot partition is NTFS, the system must be recovered by using the three Windows NT Setup disks. Examples of master boot record infectors are NYB. AntiExe and Unashamed.

File infector viruses infect program files. These viruses normally infect executable code, such as .com and .exe files. The can infect other files when an infected program is run from floppy, hard drive, or from the network. Many of these viruses are memory resident. After memory becomes infected, any noninfected executable that runs becomes infected. Examples of known file infector viruses include Jerusalem and Cascade.

Multi-partite (also known as polypartite) viruses infect both boot records and program files. These are particularly difficult to repair. If the boot area is cleaned, but the files are not, the boot area will be reinfected. The same holds true for cleaning infected files. If the virus is not removed from the boot area, any files that you have cleaned will be reinfected. Examples of multi-partite viruses include One_Half, Emperor, Anthrax and Tequilla.

OK, that's plenty of technical information, but what criteria does something have to meet to be considered a virus? According to anti-virus industry leader Symantec, a computer virus is a small program written to alter the way a computer operates, without the permission or knowledge of the user. A virus must meet two criteria: It must execute itself and will often place

its own code in the path of execution of another program; and it must replicate itself. For example, it may replace other executable files with a copy of the virus infected file. Viruses can infect desktop computers and network servers alike.

In the end, a virus is simply bad news. Some are worse than others, but none of them have your best interests in mind. The best way to protect yourself is with reliable anti-virus program. An excellent resource on these can be

www.tech.msn.com/virus / and www.msnbc.com .

Next week we'll look at Trojan horses, worms and other non-virus prof. 1 grams that can compromise the security of your home computer.



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For more info contact the 267-8234.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263² 7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: ports@bigspringherald.com

> Page 1B Monday, December 1, 2003

Area tournaments ready to tip off soon

Basketball season will get under way in earnest this week when three of the state's top small-school basketball tournaments begin.

In Garden City, 16 teams will compete in the Bearkat Classic beginning Thursday.

Forsan will be among the teams competing in the Borden County Tournament, which also begins Thursday

In Coahoma, the annual high school bastournament ketball begins Thursday.

BSYBA registration begins today at 'Y'

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League will begin today and run through Dec. 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 per player. Financial assistance is available for those unable to afford the fee.

Boys and girls must participate in a skills evaluation and 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 Tuesday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers basketball team will square off against the Lamesa High School Lady Tors on Tuesday 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 hold meeting today

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold a meeting tonight 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).

exas runs to brink of BCS, waiting for bid

begins for No. 6 Texas.

The wait to see if a third straight 10-win season earns the Longhorns the school's first bid to the Bowl Championship Series and whether it smells like roses or tastes like tortilla chips.

The wait to see if the No. 1 Oklahoma Sooners will do their part and beat No. 14 Kansas State for the Big 12 title.

The wait won't last long. Oklahoma plays K-State on Dec. 6. The Longhorns (10-2, 7-1 Big 12) are No. 6 in the BCS standings and a Sooners' win should solidify their chances for an atlarge bid to the Rose Bowl or the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

The Longhorns have never been to the Rose Bowl. Their

Vick returns

in Falcons'

17-14 loss

to Houston

HOUSTON (AP)

Michael Vick got his first

playing time of the sea-

son and even received

some cheers from the

The Atlanta Falcons

Texans quarterback

David Carr was forced to

play despite a shoulder

injury and Domanick

Davis scored two quick

third-quarter touchdowns

Sunday for a 17-13 victory

Vick got into the game

late in the third quarter

and led the Falcons to a pair of field goals that

kept the game close. It, was his first action of the

season after breaking his

"I didn't have butter

flies," Vick said. "1

stepped out there like I'd

been there all year. I was

just happy to be back out

there. I thank God for

putting me back into this

position and giving me a

Vick made his season debut with 2:11 left in the

third. A noticeable roar went up from the crowd.

He finished 8-of-11 for 60

vards and ran three times

for 16 yards in just over a

Carr was forced into

action when Tony Banks

broke hishand on the

Carr scrambled 36

yards on his first series

— the longest run of his career - to set up a 7-

yard touchdown run by Davis to make it 10-7.

Doug Johnson started at

quarterback for the

Falcons and on the first

play after Davis' touch-

down, threw an intercep-

tion to Texans corner

back Marcus Coleman,

who returned it 22 yards

Davis got his second

touchdown on a 2-yard

run to make it 17-7. That

was enough to hold off

to the Falcons 13.

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quarter of action.

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right leg in preseason.

over the Falcons.

Houston Texans crowd.

lost anyway.

AUSTIN (AP) - Now the wait only Fiesta Bowl came after winning the 1996 Big 12 title before the advent of the BCS.

> Kansas State, who the Longhorns beat 24-20, can wreck Texas' plans with an upset of Oklahoma that would grab the Big 12's automatic BCS berth, leaving the Sooners to gobble up the at-large bid.

"We'll just see where the bowl system takes us," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "I appreciate what the team did to get us here."

So Texas waits, sitting on the satisfaction of beating rival Texas A&M 46-15 Friday behind 283 yards rushing and four touchdowns by tailback Cedric Benson.

"This team is one of the best career. 3

teams in the country since midseason," Brown said. "We didn't 5.3 yards per carry, the most play well in two games early, but since 1977 when the Longhorns we've come back, circled the wagons and competed well."

Benson's career night was indicative of Texas' turnaround from a 4-2 start. An early season loss to Arkansas and an embarrassing 65-14 defeat at the hands of the Sooners knocked Texas out of the national title chase.

Since then, the Longhorns have won six in a row, with Benson and freshman quarterback Vince Young leading the way. Benson topped 100 yards for the fifth straight game, and his 1,277 yards this season make him just the third Longhorns back to post three 1,000-yard seasons in a

As a team, Texas is averaging ran for 3,369 yards in Earl Campbell's Heisman Trophy season.

The numbers get even better during the win streak, with an average of 289 yards per game and 5.9 yards per carry.

Benson's 283 yards Friday were the most ever given up by A&M's traditionally tough Wrecking Crew defense, breaking the mark of 259 set by Ricky Williams in

Williams won the Heisman that year but didn't get Texas into the BCS.

"I think we are running the ball better than when we had Ricky," Brown said.

A preview of things to come?



Valley's Clif Yeary runs for a short gain Saturday night in the Patriots' regional playoff game against Fort Davis in Garden City. The game marks, which was won by Fort Davis, 60-54, in overtime, the second six-man playoff game Garden City has hosted this season. Garden City is expected to join approximately 15 other schools in making the leap to six-man football this February when the University Interscholastic League meets to conduct its biannual redis-

trict process. Younger Stoops take coaching role at Arizona

Stoops, the younger brother of Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, was introduced Saturday as the new head coach of Arizona.

The younger Stoops, the topranked Sooners' co-defensive coordinator, inherits a team that went 2-10 and finished last in the Pac-10 for the first time.

"I'm obviously very excited about the opportunity to become a head coach," Stoops said.

John Mackovic was fired as coach

won their opener and then lost four straight. Defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz took over as interim coach and was 1-6.

Stoops, 41, has coached under his brother since 1999. He is the associate head coach for the No. 1 Sooners and shares defensive coordinator duties with Brent Venables, who left Kansas State the same time as Mike Stoops to join Oklahoma's staff.

Venables coaches the defense

TUCSON. Ariz. (AP) - Mike in September after the Wildcats from the booth, and Stoops is on the field.

> The Wildcats finished their worst season in 46 years with a 28-7 loss to Arizona State on Friday. Arizona (2-10, 1-7 Pac-10) had a school-record eight-game losing streak.

Stoops was a two-time all-Big Ten defensive back at Iowa in 1983-84. He played for the Chicago Bears and Pittsburgh Gladiators of the Arena League before becoming a graduate assistant coach at Iowa in

the Falcons and Vick. Jackson's 18 points carries UT by Montana

HONOLULU (AP) -Tiffany Jackson had 18 Heather Schreiber added points and 14 rebounds in 15 points for Texas, Jamie the No.-2 Longhorns' victory over Montana on Sunday night in the championship game of the Rainbow Wahine Classic.

The Longhorns (6-0) broke down overmatched Montana's zone defense and shot 55.7 percent (34of-61) from the field.

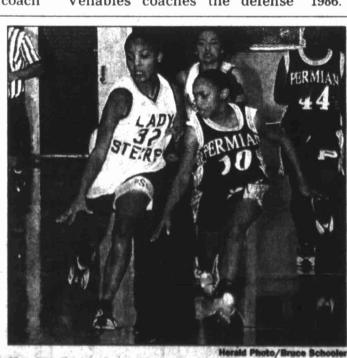
"They are so active and quick, we thought that would help, but they didn't-just fire 3s, they got it inside," Montana coach Robin Selvig said.

Tournament Carey had 12 and Coco Reed 11.

"I thought they played the hardest they could from beginning to end considering it was our fifth game in seven days," coach Texas Jody Conradt said.

Julie Deming and Hollie Tyler scored 12 points each for Montana, which shot just 31 percent, including 2-of-16 from 3-

point range. With the loss, Montana fell to 3-1 for the year.



The Big Spring Lady Steers freshman squad will return to action this evening when they host Denver City in the Steer Gym. The game will start at 6:45 p.m.

Lady Hawks rally by CSU

LaTasha Davis pumped in 15 points and Leslee Boswell added 12 more Saturday afternoon to lead the Howard College Lady Hawks to a key 68-65 come-from-behind win over Connor State in the second round of the Lady Conq Thanksgiving Classic in Dodge City,. Kansas.

The Lady Hawks used a 46-25 run over the final 20 minutes to nail down the win. Connor State held a 40-22 lead at the half.

Howard College, now 7-7 for the year, will host Weatherford College on

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templative moments will help rejuvenate you. Catching up on sleep is favored, especially if you've been missing a lot.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The rules continue to change at warp speed - but you never much paid attention to the rules anyhow. People rely on you more, and being open to helping will boost your good karma enormously.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you don't structure your time, a loved one will do it for you. This isn't bad, if you don't mind ignoring your own undone business. Give a second thought to whom you team up with in

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been working hard and deserve some of the credit. The communication barrier gets frustrating but of all people, you can break through and strike an arrangement that will make life easier.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have an edgy feeling this morning, and why are you the only one who's got it? Because you're more sensitive. The competition is stiff at work, though nobody will admit that there even is a competition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your famous bighearted compassion will be tested. Everyone's got his or her particular neurosis, but some of the folks you run into today are truly clinical. If you don't stick up for the underdog, others could attack

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This is one of those days when the past, happy and not so, catches up with you. Some of you will be feeling the pinch of that spending frenzy last month - the bills come in the mail, and it's time to pay the piper.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Doing what you do best is always an ego boost, especially with a complimentary Leo or Sagittarius around. These folks could hook you up with paying customers. Avoid a romantic attachment with one who cannot commit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a trendsetter. and friends want you to consult on every purchase or decision. Meanwhile, you'd rather have a little privacy. The same thing goes on at work, except there's a real he said/she said situation at the root of

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll run into some headstrong people with half-baked ideas, but there's a germ of genius in even the most ludicrous among them. It seems the more someone wants your approval, the more you don't want to give it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Let the success of others inspire you instead of bug you, though you should know that it's natural to be jealous. Meetings, especially interviews, go extremely well and not at all like you planned. Offer what you know.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be open to others who want into your life. You can feel them on the periphery just waiting for an inviting gesture from Upcoming events provide you with a huge opportunity to shine. Do your home-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Fabulous, pie-in-the-sky ideas are featured at work, and you'll smile and nod your morning away. Other things are on your mind anyhow — like your love life. It seems the more you pursue love, the more you get reticence.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have a "Josh," boyfriend, and we've been going out pretty seriously for five months. So what's the problem? I have taken care of Josh twice when he's been sick. Once he had surgery, and I took a week off work to nurse him back to health. The other time he had the flu, and I took him to the doctor, did his grocery shopping, made his favorite foods and spent the whole weekend with

Now I have a horrible cold, and Josh said, "Don't come over, because I don't want to get sick." I reminded him of the times I took care of him. He replied, "Well, if you need me, I'll be there."

How am I supposed to take that? I get the feeling he's really saying, "Tough luck. You're on your own, but if you need to talk on the phone, I can do that."

What do you think of this situation? - Disappointed Girlfriend

Dear Disappointed: You sound like a nurturing person, but not everyone is so willing to give of themselves this way. It doesn't mean Josh doesn't care for you. It means he doesn't know how to "take care" of you.

Would he come over and hold your hand if you called and specifically asked him? He's obviously not the type who will think to do this on his own, so you will have to teach him how to respond the way you need. Only you can decide how important this is to yout.

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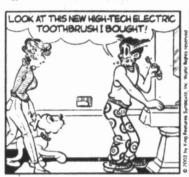


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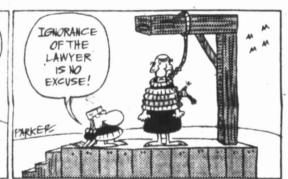
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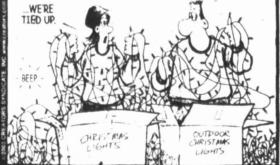
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This Date In History

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Today is Monday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2003. There are 30 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Dec. 1, 1903, "The Great Train Robbery," Edwin S. Porter's highly influential silent film Western, was registered for copyright on or about the date of its public premiere in New York.

On this date: In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to House Representatives when a

deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams. Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1913, the first drive-in automobile service station opened, in Pittsburgh.

In 1934, Sergei M. Kirov, a collaborator of Josef Stalin, assassinated Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States. In 1943, President

Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin concluded their Tehran conference. In 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to

give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala. city bus. Parks was arrested, sparking a yearlong boycott of the buses by blacks. In 1958, the Rodgers and musical

Hammerstein "Flower Drum Song" opened on Broadway.

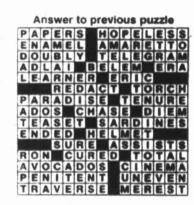
In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime

minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Picerni is 81. Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 80. Actor Robert Symonds is 77. Singer Billy Paul is 69. Actor-director Woody Allen is 68. Singer Lou Rawls is 68. Golfer Lee Trevino is 64. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 64. Comedian-actor Richard Pryor is 63. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 61. Television producer David Salzman is 60. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 59. Actress-singer



Bette Midler is 58.

Newsday Crossword

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- choice 12 Hubbubs
- 14 Omega's
- opposite
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- cap. 17 Small change
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- baseball 24 Former
- Yugoslav leader
- 25 Drills through 29 Got smaller
- in the wash
- 31 Chicken king
- 32 Reddish
- brown
- 34 Lucy's sidekick
- 36 Makes a hole 38 Secures the
- ship 40 Perform
- without backup
- 41 First course 43 Anger
- 45 CD forerunners
- 46 Jeans 48 Closest to
- hand
- 50 Flu preventers
- 51 Feel remorse. 52 Confidential
- matters 55 New York Indians

8 Close-fitting

9 Put aside for

the present

to teens

13 Preliminary

drawing

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26 Greek epic

27 President

Ford,

25 Writing tablets

22 Sports

18 Think highly of

dress

- 59 In the past 60 Noisy
- timekeeper 62 "__ don't say!"
- 63 More loyal
- 64 Edsel Ford's
- dad
- 65 Very fast
- plane 66 Barely beat

67 Poor grades

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- pirate chant 3 Rework the
- manuscript
- 4 Physician or
- 6 TV alien

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- 33 Neither's partner
- 10 Rock star, component 42 Emulate 11 Munches on

39 Hi-fi

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37 More sensible

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 - unsteadily
 - 52 Utters 53 Swelled
 - heads 54 Gulf War
 - missile 55 Achy
 - 56 Ice-cream holder
 - 57 About 44,000
 - square feet 58 "The __ the
 - limit!"
 - 61 Beer barrel