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# 'Tis the Season...

## Community Christmas Parade ushers in the Yuletide locally

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring tradition took to the streets Saturday evening, as the 18th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade took over the main drag to share the Christmas spirit with anyone brave enough to ignore the cold and line the streets.

For many area onlookers, the parade isn't just another holiday event... it's the confirmation that the Christmas cheer West Texas is famous for is alive and well.

"We come just about every year," said Daniel Fareshour, who along with his family watched as the floats made their way down Gregg Street. "We've lived in Big Spring for a long time. I think it's a great thing to bring the family out to. It's something for everyone to do and for everyone to see, and the kids really like

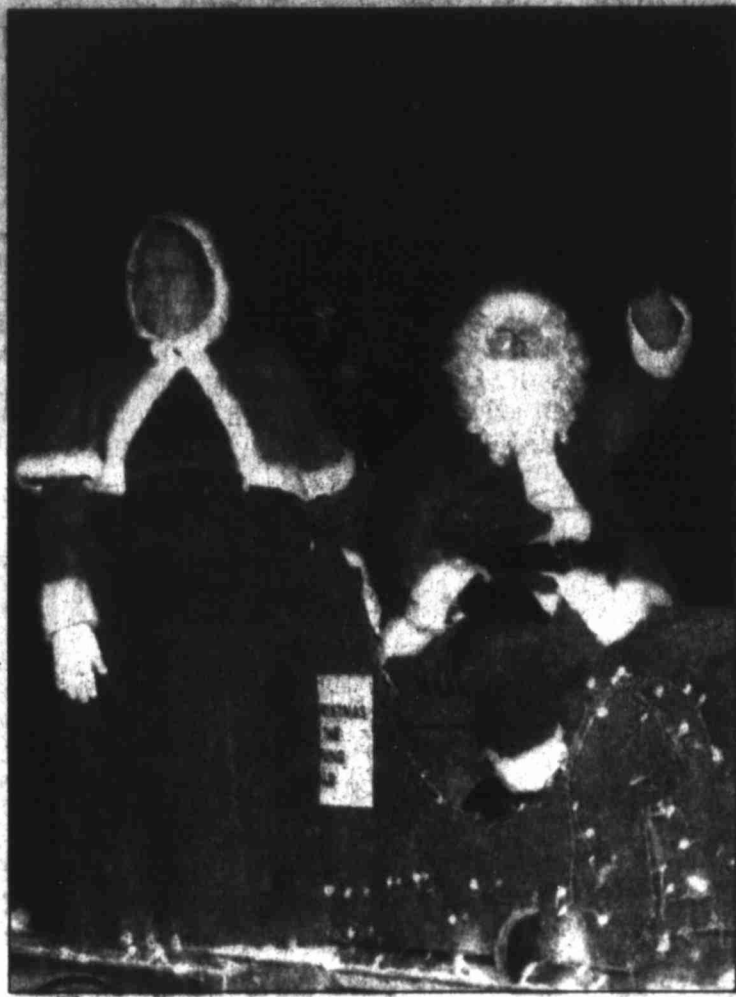
it. "The little Suez car guys are my favorite part," he laughed. "Those are really neat, the way they keep cruising around and everything. They're a lot of fun to watch."

For others, the parade is a reminder of times past, and memories that stay with each and every one of us through our lives.

"We've come out for the parade off and on for a number of years," said Michelle White, who along with her daughter, Erica, watched as the Forsan High School band passed. "My favorite part of the parade is the high school bands. I was in band when I was in school and it just brings back a lot of memories for me."

"I think this really helps get people in the holiday spirit. It's just perfect.

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
Santa and Mrs. Claus greet the crowds lining Gregg Street during Saturday night's Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

## Winners in four categories to receive parade plaques

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Downtown Big Spring lit up Saturday night in reds, yellows and even Grinchy green colors radiating out holiday season cheer to spectators of the 18th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas parade.

"The credit for this year's parade being a success goes solely to efforts of the community," said Herald General Manager Susanne Reed. "Big Spring is a proud community and it showed

Saturday through the turnout of people to celebrate the holiday season together. I look forward to sharing many more celebrations as a member of this community."

With more than 50 entries winding their way past them, parade judges had the difficult task of rating the cleverly designed and colorful floats.

"Our judges had a very difficult task this year with so many beautiful entries," Reed said. "We appreciate them for giv-

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
These youths celebrate the true meaning of Christmas in the Big Spring Herald's Community parade Saturday. More than 50 entries participated in this year's annual holiday tradition.

## Chad Bales remembered during dedication

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Chad Metcalf Bales wasn't a just a U.S. Marine by trade, it was his state of mind, his platoon commander said during a dedication ceremony held in the fallen Marine's memory Saturday.

"Chad was the life of the party kind of guy," recalled Marine Lt. Col. R.K. "Bob" Weinkle, commanding officer of Combat Service Support Battalion 10. "He was very proud of being a Marine. He carried a photo of himself with his mom, his step-dad, his little brother, his little sister, Joshua and Jenny, in his wallet. He was very popular with his friends and he liked to brag about his popularity."

"He was very confident

and a little cocky. But you know what, most good Marines really are that way," Weinkle continued. "He boasted that he was the best truck driver in PS

Transportation Support Company and you know what, he was. Marines with the security element said he enjoyed driving them around Iraq and he died doing what he loved. He died peacefully and nearly instantaneously. He did not suffer."

More than 130 people attended the dedication of a marker, bench and tree in memory of Bales, who was killed in an accident while serving with the First Marine Expeditionary Force marching on Baghdad in April. The ceremony has held at Bales' alma mater,

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, left; John Wayne Metcalf, Ginger Metcalf their children, Joshua and Jenny; and Marine Lt. Col. R.K. "Bob" Weinkle, commanding officer of Combat Service Support Battalion 10, salute the flag during a ceremony to honor Lance Cpl. Chad Metcalf Bales Saturday. The 20-year-old Coahoma resident was killed in April while serving in Iraq.

## First Community Emergency Response Team graduates

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

What would you say if your graduation involved severely injured civilians, badly damaged buildings and structures, and the overall aftermath of a major natural disaster or terrorist attack?

The members of the first Howard County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) are saying "bring it on," as they graduated from training Saturday afternoon with a final live-action

drill. CERT Instructor Terry Chamness said the drill came on the heels of the classes' last "classroom" oriented session, which took place last Monday.

"Our last class was in preparing and trying to get the student into the psychological and physiological effects that will happen not only to them, but to the survivors of a disaster," he said. "There are several different stages that they go through, and this is just a very basic class. We have plans for later on to do a

much larger class with another CERT team, once it's trained, and using the Crisis Management Team from MHMR (West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation) to come in and give a class.

"We also talked about the CERT team and its responsibilities in the event of a terrorist attack. Again we still look at terrorism in this area, and we look at the possibilities, and we take them seriously. We also look at what the most prevalent problems would be, such as chemical

or petroleum type incidents, and we try to prepare the students for that as well."

Chamness said the team prepared for the drill with a simple table-top exercise, and although the theoretical emergency didn't have all the bells and whistles of a live-action drill, Chamness said it played a large roll in how well the group did Saturday.

"We also did a simple table-top drill to help get the students thinking," he said. "We want

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## Obituaries

### Emory S. Parrish



Emory S. Parrish, 85, formerly of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, in a Watauga nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003 at the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church with the Rev. Kevin Kennedy, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Abilene and the Rev. Steve King pastor of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Nov. 16, 1918, in Carroll County, Ga., and married Reba Lee Cole on Sept. 9, 1939, in Carroll County, Ga. She preceded him in death on June 3, 1998.

Emory and his family moved to Big Spring in 1947. He worked for the U.S. Postal service for 24 years, retiring in 1972. He was a past member of the Civitans in Big Spring and enjoyed playing golf.

After retirement, as a licensed minister, he served as a supply pastor in several churches. He was a member of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church until 1998 when he moved to Abilene and joined Trinity Baptist Church there.

He served in the United States Navy on the USS Suamico during World War II. He received a total of eight bronze stars on a ribbon for participating in the Gilbert Islands, the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the Leyte Operation and the Luzon Operation. He also received a Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the American Service Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Area Service Ribbon.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Tyrone and Shirley Parrish of Florence, Ala.; one daughter, Annette Woodruff of Fort Worth; six grandchildren, Laura Pyle, Ginger Griffith, Richard Parrish, Dennis Gray, Wendi Parrish and Keri Bedsole; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

The family will receive friends from 6 PM to 8 PM Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, 120 Wall Street, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10005, the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P. O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-8, Midland 79701.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Leslie D. "Donnie" Hull

Leslie D. "Donnie" Hull, 63, of Stanton, died on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Assisting will be Van Pendergrass minister of Downtown Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

He was born on Dec. 1, 1940, in Big Spring and married Dianne Turner on Dec. 17, 1960, in Stanton. Donnie lived in Stanton most of his life, moving to Midland and living there 15 years before returning to Stanton in 1977.

He worked for M&M Meter Service for 25 years retiring Sept. 1, 2003. He was a member of First Baptist Church. Donnie had been president several organizations in Stanton.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Hull of Stanton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Melody Hull of Mansfield, Scott and Rachel Hull of The Colony; one

sister, Virginia Murdock of Roanoke; four grandchildren; and two aunts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Lee Emma Hull and one brother, Carroll Hull.

The family suggests memorials made to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701.

The family will receive friends today, Dec. 8, 2003, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Geraldine Burris

Geraldine Burris, 76, of Big Spring died Saturday morning, Dec. 6, 2003, at her home following a sudden illness. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Bullard Cemetery, Bullard.

She was born March 12, 1927, at Harper. She graduated from Junction High School and was valedictorian of her class. She lived in Groves until 1984 when she moved to Bullard.

In 1990, she moved to Brownwood. She moved to Big Spring in 1996. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by one daughter, June Sellars of Brownwood; four sons, Andy Burris of Brownwood, Timmy Burris of Bullard, Gerald Burris of Houston and Allen Burris of San Francisco; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one aunt, Mary Dodd of Big Spring with whom she made her home; also several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aubrey James "Jimmy" Burris; her parents, Proctor W. Rogers and Oda Lee Whetstone Rogers; and one brother, Dee L. Rogers.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Paul H. Allen

Paul H. Allen, 70, of Coahoma, died on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, in the Hospice House of Odessa. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, with the Rev. Elwin Collum, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 Gregg St., Big Spring 79720 or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Oscar "Jerry" Pippins

Oscar "Jerry" Pippins, 64, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, in a local hospital. Memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Gabino Rodriguez Sr.

Gabino Rodriguez Sr., 93, of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Sylvia Lopez

Sylvia Lopez, 42, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, in California. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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

- **JOE OLIVIO JR.**, 31, of 811 Aylesford, was arrested Saturday on two capias warrants.
- **JAMES WILLIAMS**, 17, of 104 Lockhart, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant for theft.
- **ELROY JOHNSON**, 19, of 510 Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on warrants for theft, failure to appear and evading arrest.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 2600 block of Wasson.
  - in the 200 block of FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 300 block of Owens.
  - in the 1200 block of Third Street.
  - in the 2500 block of Wasson.
  - in the 900 block of Willia.
  - in the 400 block of Johnson.
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
  - in the 1200 block of Third Street.
- **ASSAULT/THREATEN BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 900 block of Scurry.
- **FORGERY OF A CHECK/CREDIT CARD** was reported in the 1200 block of Third Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.
- **STALKING** was reported in the 100 block of Eighth Street.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **SABAS TORRES**, 68, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- **HOWARD FOSTER**, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault of a public servant.
- **ABEL HERNANDEZ HINOJOS**, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- **ROBERTO FRANCO**, 43, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **ORLANDO SANCHEZ**, 46, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a building.
- **MARCUS LEON BURNETT**, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court/disobedience of a court order.
- **CLARENCE EDWARD YANEZ III**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana-two ounces or less.
- **RAYMOND IGLESIA ALVEAR**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- **TAMMY CUSTER NEWELL**, 45, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- **JEFFERY SCOTT COX**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **ELROY JOHNSON**, 19, was transferred to the county Jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and evading arrest/detention.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 6300 block of Walter. Deputies responded, no criminal mischief had occurred. No report.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the Moss Lake gate. DPS responded, no injuries. Accident report to follow from DPS.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the 177 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Deputies responded, along with DPS. Subject was transported. Accident report to follow from DPS.

## Weather

Today — Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Caution advised on area lakes.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday — Much colder and windy. Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 25 to 35 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows around 30.

Wednesday — Mostly clear. Highs in the mid 50s.

Thursday through Friday — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs around 60.

Saturday — Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 50s.

Sunday — Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 50s.

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## Correction

In Friday's edition of the *Big Spring Herald*, AG Service C&M Garage was listed under the Community Parade list of entries as AG Service G&M Garage.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-17-19-20-44.

Bonus Ball: 5.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$20 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 12-20-26-27-34.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 4-8-4

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 2-8-7



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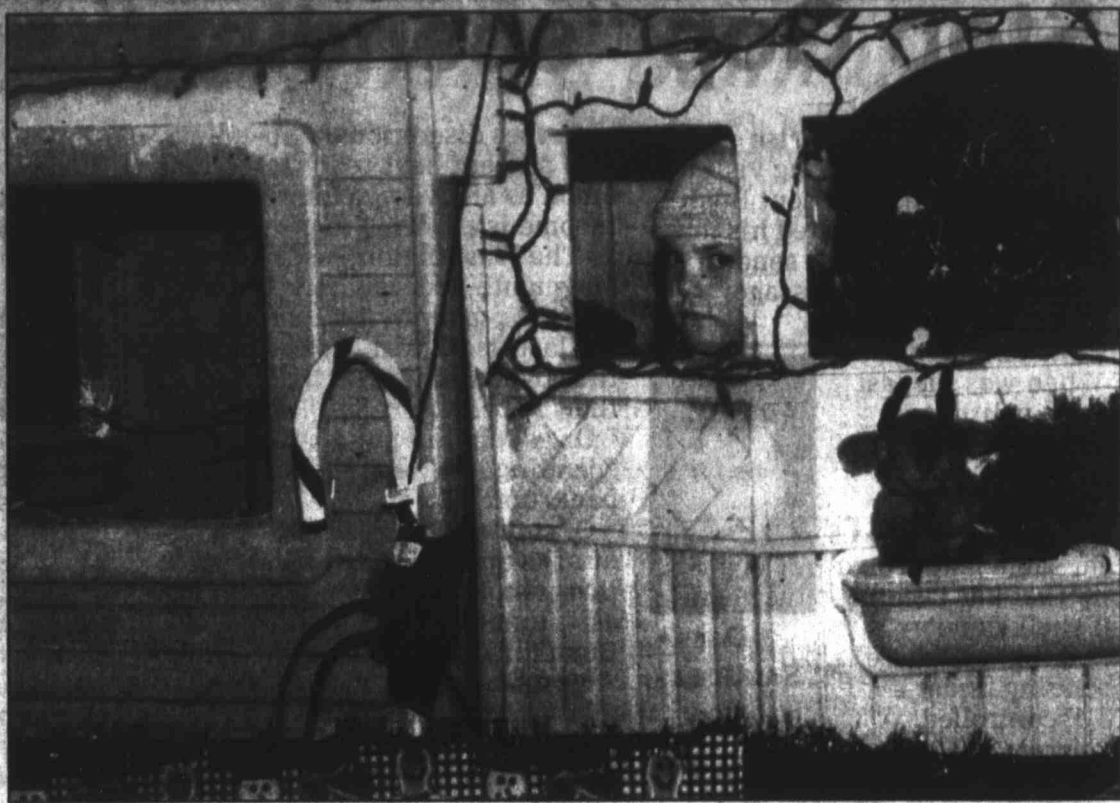
People are just turning into Grinches these days, so we need things like the parade, the lights... any help we can get." "We come see the parade every year that we can," said Erica White. "I really enjoy the bands too. I like the music, especially the horns. They just sound so pretty."

While those that crowd the roadway for a glimpse of the floats are the heart of the parade, the soul would surely be the hundreds of volunteers who donated untold hours to build and decorate each of the floats.

Big Spring Refinery retiree Joe Horton was one of many volunteers that helped make Alon USA's float, which depicted the process by which crude oil is refined and produced, such a huge success.

"We just got together and came up with a plan," said Horton. "We got all of this equipment from the refinery and put it together, painted it and installed it on the trailer."

"It was a lot of fun to put it together. All of it's welded down, with a steel bottom on it. You start here at the front of the float, where you have the pumpjack, which pumps your crude oil... then it's going into your storage tanks and your cat crack-



A young girl rides in one of the many cleverly decorated floats entered in the Big Spring Herald's Community Christmas parade on Saturday. Thousands of people lined the streets of downtown to watch the annual parade usher in the holiday season.

ing unit and finally out as a finished product. The float sort of shows the entire production of oil at the refinery."

Local industry wasn't the only group that worked overtime to get floats ready for the parade, as the Lakeview Headstart Parent Committee got into the legendary "last minute" Christmas spirit as well.

"We had a meeting and came up with some suggestions for the float," said Ornelas. "We decided to make it a church, with the kids in red playing the choir and the rest of

the children playing the audience."

"This was pretty hard to put together. It was a last-minute thing, and we only had a few volunteers to put everything together. We managed to put the entire thing together between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., so it was really last-minute for us."

Ornelas said the school's parents have participated in the parade for a number of years, but the real reason they all work so hard is very simple.

"We've participated in the parade for many years

now," she explained. "It's a lot of fun and the kids really love it. It's not a lot of fun being out in the cold, but my favorite part is getting to see the chil-

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ing us their time and hard work.

"The quality of the floats were outstanding," Reed continued. "We want to thank everyone who participated in this year's parade to make this a very special event." Results from the com-

munity parade are as follows:

- Commercial: Cornell Corrections, first; ALON USA, second; Ponderosa Nursery and Clanton ChemDry; (tie) third.
- Lighted: Western Container, first; city of Big Spring, second; AG Service C&M Garage, third.
- Civic: Girl Scout Troop 166, first; Girl Scout Troop 157, second; Girl Scout Troop 156, third.
- Churches/schools: Baptist Temple, first; Catholic Churches of the Northside, second; New Hope Christian Church, third.

selected as the grand marshal," said the congressman. "We were ecstatic, and I understand this is quite an honor because I may very well be the first non-resident to be grand marshal of the parade."

"Of course, like I always tell people, I am a resident of Big Spring. This is a very special place for me and I love coming down here, so it's an honor for me to get to be here."

The congressman said the parade is a defining moment for not only Big Spring, but for West Texas as a whole.

"I think this really says a lot about the community and the community spirit here," he said, "and how you have the high school bands here, the businesses that have sponsored the floats... it's just a real sense of community and that's important, because that kind of defines who we are. I think Big Spring is defining itself by having a parade like this."

For Neugebauer, marshaling the parade wasn't just an honor, it was a unique part of the annual event's history.

"John (Moseley, Herald Managing Editor) called me and invited me, and explained that I had been

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Coahoma High School. Weinkle, the keynote speaker, talked about the young Coahoma 20-year-old that he knew, a proud Marine.

"Chad volunteered for the toughest motor transportation mission in my platoon, our security platoon," Weinkle said. "He transported our mortar section, our heavy machine gun section. They were always up front with me in the lead. He was always up front, always ready to go and in fact when he wasn't driving, he manned the line."

Statically, the platoon Chad was part of participated in the longest overland attack in the history of the Marine Corps. The accomplishment earned the platoon the Presidential Unit Citation, the first of this award given to the Marine unit since the

Vietnam War, Weinkle said.

"As we deployed over to Iraq, Kuwait first, he experienced seven weeks of exhausting practice, preparation and drills before we crossed the boarder," Weinkle said of Bales. "Chad experienced ambushes from those who intended us harm. He also returned fire to silence those who challenged us. He experienced extreme fatigue from operating a vehicle and defending ground up to 36 hours without sleep."

"He experienced the smiling faces and the waves of the children of Iraq who said really the only English that they knew which was good, good with a thumbs up sign," Weinkle continued. "He also experienced the proud citizens of Iraq who yearn to be free. He saw that. He talked to them. He knew what he was doing was right and just."

Bales left a lasting mark on the Marines he served with and on the world,



A marker dedication was held Saturday to honor U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Chad Metcalf Bales who died while serving in Iraq in April. More than 130 people attended the ceremony held at Bales' alma mater, Coahoma High School.

Weinkle said. "Today you may hear many of our fellow citi-

zens and some of those in the media ask if what we did and what we continue

to do in Iraq was right. Only one who was there could truly answer that," he said. "Chad gave his life, not just for his country but for fellow human beings that hungered for freedom."

"I know it was the right thing to do," Weinkle said. "Chad knew that it was the right thing to do. His death was not in vain. I'm assured and I'm convinced that Chad would say the same thing. President Ronald Reagan once said some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they've ever made a difference in the world. The Marines don't have that problem. Chad did not have that problem."

U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, who presented Bales' family with a U.S. flag, quoted a scripture in the Bible that said "greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

"Chad Bales was found worthy," Weinkle said.

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them to be well prepared for Saturday's full-scale drill, which will involve real-life people portraying the victims, real buildings and problems that they will have to go in and face as team members in an organized manner, and handle it. That's what this entire eight weeks has been about - getting everyone to a point where they can handle one of these drills. "We're preparing them for the worst case scenario. Hopefully we'll never have one, but if we don't prepare for it and we have one, then we've failed."

Chamness said although Saturday's graduation is

reason for celebration, the CERT program has a long ways to go in Howard County.

"You have to remember this is the first class," said Chamness. "These people live all over the city and county. We don't really have enough living in one area to say we have a CERT Team for the east side of town, or for the west side of town, and so on. It's going to take several years to get there, but I think this class is right on track. As far as their training goes, they're right where we feel they should be, and we're very pleased."

As one class finishes their training, Chamness said he and the rest of the CERT instructors are already looking at how to make the training better for the next round of students.

"We've got enough funding to do two more classes for sure," he said. "We're looking at the end of January, maybe the first of February, before we begin our next class. We want to take a little bit of a break from this one and go back over everything. We've found some things in the lesson plan, which is done by the federal government, that we want to

revamp for the Howard County and Big Spring area.

"Hopefully, in the first part of January, we'll be notified as to whether we were approved for another CERT grant or not. It looks really favorable that we will, but until we have that notification, there's really no way to tell. If we get it, it will carry us into 2005 with classes."

For more information on CERT, including training applications, visit the group on the Web at [www.police.big-spring.tx.us/cert.htm](http://www.police.big-spring.tx.us/cert.htm).

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## OTHER VIEWS

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One of the most common mistakes people make is a rush to judgment. Often, we criticize first and ask questions later. The correct response, of course, is to take some time to get the facts before we put our mouths into gear. Just sitting in on a few school board or city council meetings can be a real eye opener.

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This is definitely not a "do-nothing" escape. There are requirements. For instance, participants are required to attend three board meetings of a local government entity, ride in a patrol car with a Big Spring police officer and take part in a community project.

The course is a "must" for new business persons in Howard County and should be a prerequisite for anyone interested in a locally-elected office.

The day-long classes are held on the second Thursday of each month for nine months. The first session is set for Jan. 8, 2004, at the chamber.

Tuition is \$300 per person and covers transportation, lunch and textbooks.

Applications can be obtained at the Chamber, 215 W. Third St., but be aware, this is "last call" — the deadline to sign up is Dec. 15.

If you haven't consider it, do so now. Leadership Big Spring is building this community's leaders.

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## Stop GOP "spending" spree

With his surprise Thanksgiving visit to Iraq, President Bush demonstrated his mastery of the bold act that sends a gutsy, unmistakable message: America is in Iraq for the long haul.

When was the last time a politician pleasantly surprised you?

Now, it's time for Bush to work some of that same magic on a city that has become all shell game — Washington, where spending under a GOP-controlled Congress has spun out of control.

Or as Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., told commentator Tony Snow on "Fox News Sunday," "Congress is now spending money like a drunk sailor."

To his credit, McCain voted against the excessive \$400 billion Medicare bill. He's disappointed, he told Snow, that the Bushies, who originally asked for "an energy bill that cost about \$8 billion — B — billion dollars," now support a bill with a \$24 billion — some say \$31 billion — price tag. "I don't know how you rationalize that," McCain said.

The reaction to the interview, McCain told me Monday, has been huge. "We've reached a tipping point," he opined.

In his State of the Union address, Bush promised a budget "that

increases discretionary spending by 4 percent next year — about as much as an average family's income is expected to grow." But as The Washington Post reported last month, federal discretionary spending grew by 12.5 percent in the last fiscal year. In two years, the government grew by more than 27 percent.

Or as McCain put it, "We're spending like a family going into bankruptcy."

Of course, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the global terrorism threat stoked the spending increases — and no one should begrudge Bush for spending money to keep Americans safe.

I'll add that this fiscal year's deficit, expected to be as high as \$525 billion, is survivable. "Even budget hawks like us," said Harry Zeeve of the fiscal-watchdog Concord Coalition, "admit that in any given year a deficit isn't that big a deal. Our economy is big enough to handle it."

Zeeve added: "You start to run into a problem when you lock yourself into sustained, chronic deficit spending."

Bingo. Much of the binge is bankrolling agribusiness, and the energy and transportation industries.

Team Bush responds by noting that the president has submitted budgets with modest spending increases. True, but then, Bush signed bloated appropriations bills without complaint. His biggest mistake was not vetoing the pork-heavy \$180 billion farm bill in 2002

— and we taxpayers are paying the price for it.

Bush too is paying a price, as he seems mired in a world where bloated spending is the norm. Having given the oink-oink crowd some wins, Bush now governs as if he has no authority to reject pork, ever.

McCain says Bush should tell Congress to shave the bacon off the energy bill or he'll veto it. "The American people, I'm sure, overwhelmingly would support him," said McCain.

Of course the country would cheer. As McCain likes to remind voters, the energy bill has so much corporate welfare that it even would subsidize a Hooters restaurant (in the Louisiana district of House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Billy Tauzin).

"It's like any other evil; it either is reversed or eliminated, or it grows," McCain said. "It's evil to take taxpayers' hard-earned dollars and spend them on frivolous things."

Those words embody why I became a Republican. I'd like to hear George W. Bush repeat them. It would be a pleasant surprise.

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## Running the intelligence committee

Partisan animosity that has brought operations of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to a standstill has reached new depths. The committee's Democratic vice chairman, Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, went on Lou Dobbs's CNN program to say flatly he had not ordered the staff memorandum outlining a confrontational election-year strategy on Iraq.

The Republican chairman, Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas, was startled. He informed his staff that Rockefeller had told him that he personally ordered aides to give him "options" — an order that produced the now infamous memo. To the plainspoken ex-Marine from Dodge City, trust had been breached. His committee will remain dormant, conducting no hearings, until some Democrat on the committee — preferably Rockefeller — disavows the memo's contents. That is not about to happen.

Neither Pat Roberts nor Jay Rockefeller is a natural partisan brawler, and each would prefer amiable cooperation in overseeing the nation's intelligence agencies. But both are caught in what Whittaker Chambers saw as the trap of history. Rockefeller is pressured by a Senate Democratic caucus that, facing slim chances of regaining majority status any time soon, insists on undermining President Bush's decision to go to war in Iraq. Roberts is unable to follow his normal inclinations to sit down and make peace.

The memo setting forth a political strategy for Intelligence

Committee Democrats cannot be written off, as Democratic senators try to do, as the work of one possibly errant staffer. It represents dominant political thinking inside the committee by Michigan's Sen. Carl Levin, one of the smartest, toughest and more partisan members of the U.S. Senate. The Intelligence Committee is no longer a non-partisan island in a bitterly partisan legislative ocean.

Roberts informed non-partisan committee staffers that Rockefeller had informed him he had requested "options." The memo's only option actually was a plan for Democrats to "castigate" their Republican colleagues and "pull the trigger" on a 2004 independent investigation of politicized intelligence.

That is why Roberts was so disturbed by Rockefeller's Nov. 5 interview. Lou Dobbs: "Did you order the drafting of this memo?" Rockefeller: "No, I didn't." Dobbs: "Do you know who did?" Rockefeller: "No, I mean it wasn't ordered." To Roberts, that effective repudiation by his Democratic colleague of their private conversation ended the Intelligence Committee's tenure as a politics-free haven.

Actually, storm clouds appeared on the horizon during the 2001-2002 interregnum of a Democratic majority when Sen. Bob Graham of Florida became chairman. He proposed that the Intelligence Committee staff for the first time be divided evenly, into majority and minority staffs (just as other Senate committees are). He failed. Otherwise, however, he was given a free hand by his Republican vice chairman, Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama. Amid the turmoil following 2001 terrorist attacks, the Intelligence Committee was calm.

After Republicans regained Senate control in the 2002 elec-

tions and term limits imposed new leadership on the Intelligence Committee, Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle insisted on an end to non-partisanship. As the new vice chairman, Rockefeller followed the party line by demanding half the staff, which was the real cause for delayed reorganization of the Senate under GOP leadership.

On a personal basis, Roberts gets along well with Rockefeller (and bonded with him on a trip to Iraq earlier in the year). He likes the multi-millionaire scion of the famous Republican family, describing Rockefeller's high-flown pronouncements as "ethereal." But their relationship now is strained to the breaking point.

The partisan tone among the committee's Democrats has been sounded by Levin and his lieutenant, Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois. Levin set the line on Fox News Sunday Nov. 9: "Did the administration, knowing what they knew, with daily briefings, exaggerate the intelligence (about Iraq)? The chairman of this committee and the Republicans refuse to look at the administration's use of exaggeration of intelligence."

The point Levin wants to pursue is that intelligence professionals were pressured by Bush officials to distort their findings. The committee's non-partisan staff has come up with no such information and has had no such complaints made from whistle-blowers in the intelligence community. Democratic demands to leap over the staff produced the memorandum which has laid waste the Senate Intelligence Committee.

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By SCOTT LIND

Associated Press

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# Kidney stones: They're painful, but they're preventable

**H**ave you ever had a splinter or dust in your eye? If so, then you understand that sometimes intense pain can occur from something very tiny.

Kidney stones are no exception as the smallest stone can compare to a grain of sand. Despite their minute dimensions, kidney stones can induce great pain. The good news is that controlling certain risk factors can help prevent kidney stones from forming and the pain that goes with it.

Although kidney stones can be prevented, they remain one of the most common disorders of the urinary tract. In fact, approximately 12 percent of Americans will develop a kidney stone sometime during their life. They often strike people between the ages of 20 and 40 and occur more often in

men than women.

A kidney stone develops from crystals that separate from the urine and build up on the inner surfaces of the kidney. Under normal circumstances, urine contains chemicals that prevent or inhibit the crystals from forming. Stones form when this inhibitor doesn't work properly. If the crystals remain tiny enough, they will travel through the urinary tract and pass out of the body in the urine without being noticed. However, larger stones can cause severe pain as it moves from the kidney to the bladder.

Typically, kidney stones can be identified by severe pain, one of the first symptoms of this condition. The pain often begins abruptly when a stone moves in the urinary tract, causing irritation or blockage. Usually a person feels a sharp, cramping pain in the back and side, where the kidney is located, or in the lower abdomen, and nausea and vomiting sometimes follow. Later, the pain may spread to the groin.

If the stone is too large to pass easily, the pain continues as the muscles in the wall of the tiny urethra try to squeeze the stone along. As the stone moves or grows, blood may appear in the urine.

Although most kidney stones can be treated without surgery, it's important to contact your doctor if you experience any of these symptoms. A physician can determine if surgery or other treatments are needed. Additionally, your doctor may prescribe pain medication.

About 80 percent of kidney stones pass out of the body within 48 hours after the first sign of pain. However, if the stone is too large to pass naturally, surgery may be needed. Physicians frequently use a surgical procedure called Extracorporeal Shockwave Lithotripsy (ESWL) to treat kidney stones. This method uses shock waves that are created outside the body that travel through the skin and body tissues until the waves hit the dense stones. The stones become sand-like and are easi-

ly passed in the urine through the urinary tract. Although other surgical procedures and treatments are available, physicians often choose ESWL because it is the least invasive.

Once a person has a kidney stone, the individual is more likely to develop others; however, avoiding controllable risk factors can prevent additional occurrences. Insufficient water intake can be extremely problematic as dehydration can be a primary cause of kidney stones. Certain foods may also trigger the formation of kidney stones. Because kidney stones often contain various combinations of chemicals, most commonly calcium in combination with oxalate or phosphate, high intake of foods with these substances may cause a stone to form. Consuming large amounts of oxalate-rich foods such as dark green vegetables, chocolate, tea, soda and nuts can help create stones. Diets high in protein, sodium, vitamin D and vitamin C can also cause kidney stones. Most of these items contribute to a

healthy diet, but it's important to eat these foods in moderation. People with sedentary lifestyles may also be susceptible to kidney stones. A little exercise every day will help prevent kidney stones in addition to keeping healthy.

Although you can never fully escape the possibility of developing a kidney stone, you can decrease the likelihood of it. Recognizing the symptoms of a kidney stone at an early stage, coupled with a doctor's visit will help reduce the pain associated with this condition. Kidney stones can be extremely painful, but because of modern medical procedures they are relatively harmless and can be eliminated quickly. There are several forms of non-surgical treatment that are available locally. However, ignoring kidney stones can lead to blockage and permanent damage of the kidneys.

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# Bush signing most sweeping changes in Medicare's history

By SCOTT LINDLAW

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush is signing into law the most far-reaching changes in Medicare since the program's inception nearly 40 years ago, checking off another priority amid questions about its fiscal wisdom.

The most significant part of the \$400 billion overhaul adds prescription drug coverage to the federal health insurance program for the elderly, starting in 2006. Beginning next May, seniors can buy a Medicare-approved discount card for \$30 or less to help offset the growing costs of prescriptions.

But a wide array of other pilot programs are meant to tweak the Medicare system, and will add to the cost of the changes Bush signs today.

One of the costliest among them sets aside

\$500 million for a two-year, six-state effort for at least 50,000 patients to cover a limited category of self-administered prescription drugs. "No less than 40 percent of the funding shall be for oral cancer," Congress directed in a report accompanying the bill.

Other programs are designed to help health care providers and their patients, including a two-year program to cover chiropractic services without prior approval by a medical doctor.

Still others are aimed at attacking waste, such as a three-year provision to allow Medicare to contract with private firms for "identifying underpayments and overpayments and recouping overpayments."

The bill encourages insurance companies to offer private plans to millions of older Americans who now receive health care benefits under terms fixed by the government.

"Because of the actions of the Congress, the actions of members of both political parties, the Medicare system will be modern, and it will be strong," Bush said when the bill cleared Congress.

Even before he prepared to sign the legislation in a campaign-style event, Democrats stepped up their criticism.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and other opponents scheduled a rally with seniors to underscore their claim the measure threatens Medicare's future.

"Many people will wake up and discover that the Medicare bill is a cruel hoax," Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., told reporters Sunday. "It does not provide the kind of benefits that they had hoped for, and it will lead to the undermining of Medicare traditionally."

Even some of Bush's fellow conservatives have

questioned the price tag of the reforms, which come at a time when next year's budget deficit is projected to be some \$500 billion. "The U.S. budget is out of control," Goldman Sachs economists said last month.

In contrast to the major changes, more than a dozen short-term adjustments to Medicare are embedded in the bill. Often, they were included at the behest of individual lawmakers, some of whom may have wanted a permanent change but settled for less.

Beginning in 2010, the bill provides for a six-year program under which new private plans will compete directly with traditional Medicare in a few areas around the country.

Critics said it will lead

to Medicare being put under private control. Even some of the bill's Republican supporters, hoping to shield seniors from the possibility of higher premiums, lobbied to have their states exempted from the test.

By contrast, other temporary provisions generally prompted little or no public notice.

The pilot program for background checks at long-term care facilities is designed to reduce patient abuse and is a longtime interest of Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis. At a two-year cost of \$25 million, it would set up programs in up to 10 states for checks on workers who come in direct contact with patients.

Prospective employees would be required to sub-

mit fingerprints to the facilities, which would work with states to check them against an FBI database.

"Disqualifying information for employment includes information about a conviction for a relevant crime, a finding of patient or resident abuse or a felony conviction related to health care fraud or a controlled substance," said the report accompanying the bill.

Officials said the five-year program for rural hospice care stemmed from an issue raised by Mississippi's Republican senators, Thad Cochran and Trent Lott. That program would make it easier for rural, terminally ill Medicare recipients who live far from hospice facilities to receive more care.

## Hospitals welcome federal funds to help with immigrant care

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Border hospitals lose millions of dollars annually caring for sick or injured illegal immigrants but a \$1 billion federal aid package promises relief.

"The federal government finally realized that there is a huge burden placed on the border hospitals to pay for the cost of the illegal aliens," said Dr. Lorenzo Pelly, a surgeon at Valley Regional Medical Center. "It's a national issue because it is the federal government that has to stop the flow of the illegal aliens and they cannot do it."

A study by the U.S.-Mexico Border Counties Coalition, an American lobbying group, last year found that U.S. border hospitals provide at least \$200 million a year in uncompensated emergency care to illegal immigrants, \$74 million of that in Texas.

When approving the Medicare bill last month, Congress allocated \$1 billion to help border hospitals cover those costs. President Bush is expected to sign the bill today.

Texas and California would get the most money, followed by

Arizona. The money will be allocated over four years, starting in 2005.

By federal law, hospitals and doctors must provide emergency care to a patient, regardless of insurance coverage or citizenship.

Most hospitals recoup their losses from caring for the poor and uninsured through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. However, health care providers along the border find most of their patients are illegals who don't qualify for public assistance.

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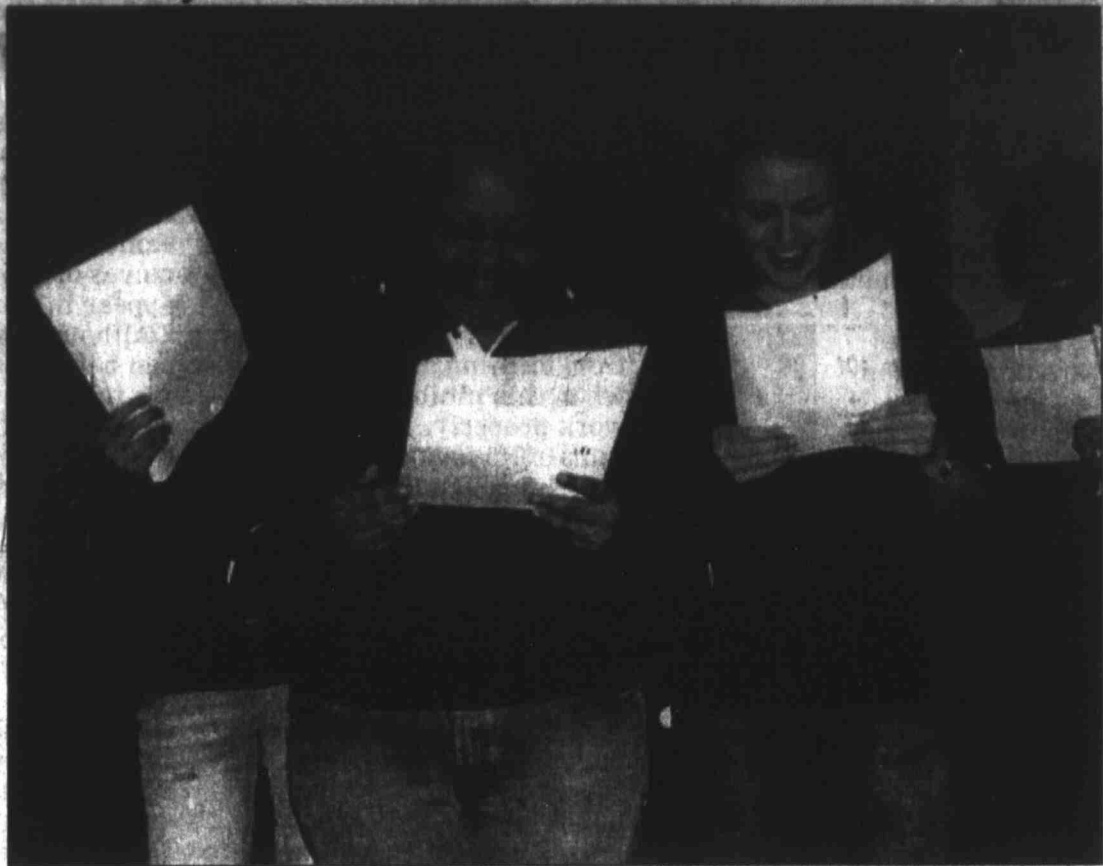
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All epped up and ready for action. These young girls were among many children participating in the 18th annual Big Spring Herald's Community Christmas parade on Saturday night.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Members of the Howard College Diplomats sing Christmas carols to crowds attending the college's annual Luminaria on Thursday. Pictured are from left, Becky Rover, Marissa McCartney, Rebekah Cowen, Vanessa Parra and Linda Berry, director of student activities.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
The children's choir performs in the First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree. The annual event was held Saturday and Sunday in front of a full audience in the church's sanctuary.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker gives a young member of his posse a ride during the Boomtown Parade in Forsan on Saturday.

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## IN BRIEF

**BSYBA registration now under way at 'Y'**  
Registration for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League is now under way and will 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 \$20 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.

### Coahoma hoops sign-ups to begin

Registration for the Coahoma Youth Basketball League will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. from Wednesday through Friday in the Coahoma Junior High School gym. The league is open to fourth, fifth and sixth graders from Coahoma Elementary School.

The fee is \$25 per player. Try-outs and a draft will be held Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call Loy Hahn at 394-4232.

### BS baseball boosters will meet tonight

The Big Spring High School Baseball Boosters will be holding a meeting tonight to begin preparations for the upcoming season.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the ATC.

### Quarterback Club to sell banquet tickets

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is selling tickets to the BSHS football banquet, which is slated for 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 15, at the BSJHS Cafeterium.

Only 350 tickets will be sold for the event. Ticket prices are \$10 each and can be purchased at the Sparenburg Building at 309 S. Main in Big Spring.

### 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).

### BSHS freshmen to face S'water today

The Big Spring Lady Steers' freshman team will face the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs in non-district basketball action tonight.

The two teams are scheduled to begin play at 6:45 p.m. in the Steer Gym.

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## Lady Kats cruise to Klassic title

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Lady Kats are used to getting things their way. When, for whatever reason, it doesn't, they tend to take it personal.

Leslie Jansa and the Lady Kats took out two years of frustration on the Grady Lady Cats Saturday night en route to rolling to a 56-36 win the Bearkat Booster Klassic championship game.

"We wanted to win our own tournament badly," said senior Amanda Henson. "We finished second last year so we were excited about getting another chance. We knew this was our last chance to win this and we weren't going to let it slip away."

Nothing got away from the Lady Kats in the opening minutes of the girls' finals. Garden City shot better than 65 percent from the field in the first eight minutes and cruised to a commanding 25-6 lead.

"I think when we got on them quickly it kind of frustrated them," said junior forward Megan Niehues. "They're a good team. We know how well they can play because we played them before."

Jansa, who spent more time on the GCHS gym floor than most waxes, powered the Lady Kats' first-quarter surge, scoring 11 of her game-high 15 points.

Jessica Hoch, one of four GCHS seniors, and Niehues added six apiece.

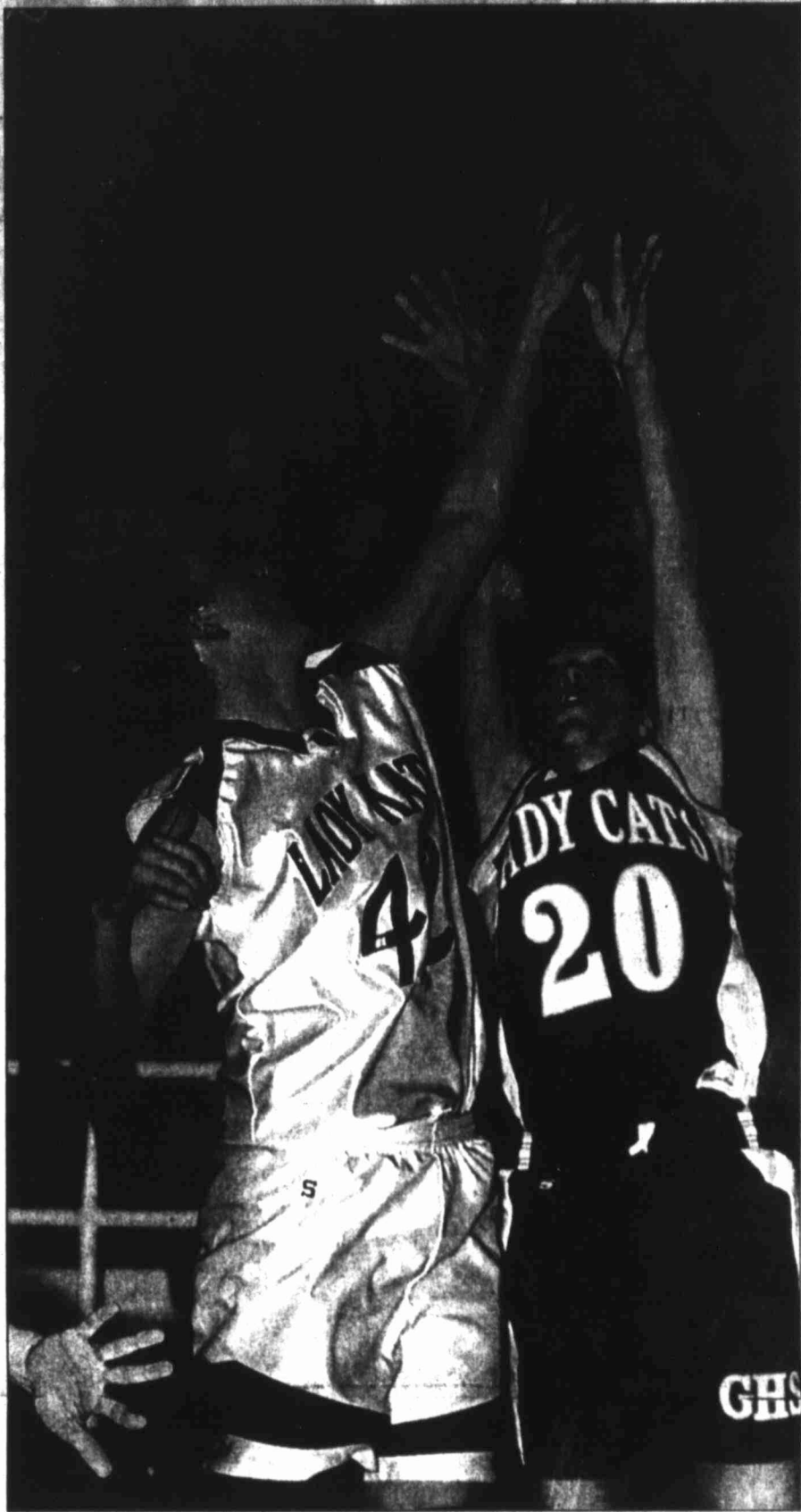
Garden City, now 6-2 overall, picked up right where it had left off in the second. Jansa — who was named the tournament MVP following the game — Hoch and Henson all scored twice in the frame and led a 14-11 run.

The Lady Kats took a huge 39-17 lead into the half.

Niehues and Hoch, who each finished the game with 14 points, kept Garden City on the offensive in the third. The two pushed in a pair of shots in the period and helped GC stretch its lead to 49-25 heading into the fourth quarter.

Grady, now 7-2 for the year, managed to get its offense untracked in the final eight minutes. The Lady Cats picked up four points from Kelsey Tubb and a key three-pointer from Mary Harryman en route to grinding out an 11-7 advantage in the fourth.

It was too little, too late, however, as Garden City finally put to rest the sour memories of non-title efforts in each of the past two years. The Lady Kats lost in the finals last season to



Garden City's Megan Niehues attempts to block a shot by Grady's Lauren Hanks in the second half of the Lady Kats' 56-36 win in the finals of the Bearkat Booster Klassic Saturday. The Grady boys won the second consecutive tournament title with a 63-36 win over Midland Classical

McCamey. "Winning this tournament was a big thing for us," said Niehues. "We missed last year and we were hacked off about that. We came into this with one goal — to win the championship."

In all, four GCHS starters hit double figures in the game. Joining Jansa, Hoch and Niehues with a double-digit performance was Henson with 10. Freshman guard Brittany Rivas led all Grady scorers in the contest, pushing in 11 points.

The Grady Wildcats added to the Klassic trophy collection by cruising to an easy 63-36 win over Midland Classical in the boys' finals.

Grady, the defending tournament champion, posted a 14-4 run in the first five minutes and never looked back.

The Wildcats, who had three players reach double figures

offensively, salted away their title with a dominating third quarter. After taking a 33-21 lead into the half, Grady exploded on a 22-6 run in the first eight minutes of the second half and took a 52-27 cushion into the fourth.

Brent Madison paced all GHS scorers in the finals with 22 points. Trent May added 14 while tournament MVP Jason Pribyla contributed 16.

Dunn, Midland's lone all-tournament pick, chalked up 15.

The McCamey Badgers, behind 16 points from Jamel Brown, edged Garden City for third place in the boys' standings by claiming a 70-62 win.

Chas Goodwin led all scorers in the game with 26 points.

In the wildest game of the tournament, the McCamey Lady Badgers claimed a 70-60 triple overtime win over Midland Classical to finish third in the girls' bracket.

## Meadow, Post win Sands titles

ACKERLY — The Meadow Broncos weathered a push by the Midland Classical Knights to post a 45-43 win in the boys' finals of the Sands Junior Varsity Invitational Saturday.

Meadow posted a 3-0 mark in the two-day event. The Broncos downed Ira in the semifinals by a 36-27 clip.

Ira finished third. Post, which had suffered a 49-44 loss to Meadow in the opening round, reeled off back-to-back wins to edge Grady

for the tournament's consolation honors.

The Post Lady Antelopes walked away with the girls' team crown by claiming a tough 46-37 win over the Grady Lady Cats.

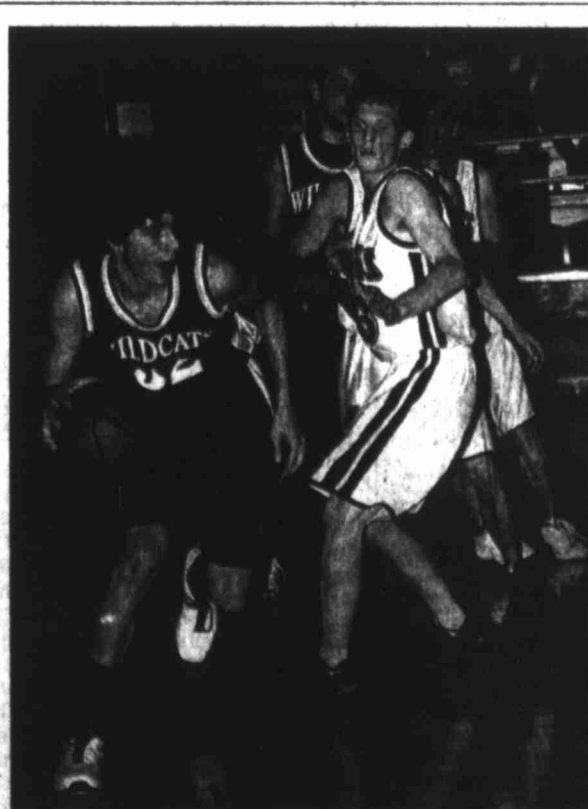
The Meadow Lady Broncos pushed in a shot late in the fourth quarter to take a 30-28 win and edge Sands for third.

The Wink Lady Cats downed Midland Classical by a 41-23 margin Saturday afternoon to win consolation honors.

## BSHS boosters to meet Wednesday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club is scheduled to hold a meeting Thursday evening to discuss several issues regarding the girls' athletic programs.

All parents of BSHS girls participating in cheerleading, volleyball, basketball and track are encouraged to attend. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the ATC.



Grady's Brent Madison drives the baseline in the Wildcats' win over Midland Classical Saturday. Grady will host Westbrook Tuesday.

## Coahoma girls stun Stanton

By BRANDON HALLFORD  
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Sterling Gee and freshman teammate Callie Paige each powered key shots down the stretch Saturday afternoon and helped the Bulldogettes rally from an 11-point deficit and claim a 58-51 win over rival Stanton in the third-place game of the Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The loss left the Lady Buffaloes questioning what went wrong.

"We just panicked," said Stanton coach Tim Van Hecke. "It's a good thing there wasn't a fire. We would've gotten stuck in the door trying to get out."

Both teams flexed their muscle in early in the non-district matchup. The two rivals took turns jabbing at each other throughout the first half. Coahoma and Stanton traded the lead six times in the initial two periods.

Junior Amy Jo Bryand gave Stanton the upper hand late in the second. She hit a layup with 26 seconds remaining in the stanza and enabled the Lady Buffs to take a 26-21 lead into the break.

Stanton picked up where it had left off in the third. Led by senior captain Kristi Bridges and junior Stormie Dugan, the Lady Buffs outscored the Bulldogettes by a 18-12 clip and went into the final frame holding a 47-37 advantage.

Things looked as if they were to continue much the same in the opening seconds of the fourth when Bridges hit a 13-footer to push the CHS deficit to 49-37.

Coahoma had other ideas.

Sarah Collom got the Bulldogette attack under way by hitting one of two shots from the charity stripe. Paige followed that moments later by hitting from downtown, cutting the SHS lead to eight with just over five minutes remaining.

Gee took over from there, scoring seven of Coahoma's next 11 points — the final blow being a high arcing trey from the top of the key that put the Bulldogettes in the lead for the first time, at 52-51, with just over a minute left.

Coahoma head coach Sandy Logan turned the game over to senior sparkplug Miranda Hester from there. The 5-foot-5 forward responded. She buried 5-of-7 attempts from the free throw line down the stretch to seal the win.

"I really thought that it was a coin toss going into it," said Logan. "We are both a team of midgets. Neither of us has any height so we have to depend on our speed and execution to win. Today it just happened to go our way."

Bridges finished with a game-high 20 points, while senior Shelby Harp added 10.

Gee paced the Bulldogettes with 18. Mendy Morgan added nine.

## Greenwood rolls to tourney title, records

The Greenwood Rangers completed their domination of the boys' field Saturday by claiming a 94-59 win over the Cisco Lobos in the finals.

Greenwood, etched its name deep into the tournament history books by scoring 358 points in its four games — eclipsing the old mark of 251 set in 1999 by Merkel.

The Coahoma Bulldogs went colder than winter in the Yukon and stumbled to a 62-51 loss to Seminole in the boys' third-place game. Coahoma managed just five points over the final eight minutes and allowing Seminole to rally from a 46-43 deficit.

Kelby Kemper paced the Bulldogs with 19.

The Sweetwater Lady Mustangs used the strength of a 28-6 first quarter run to roll to a 72-31 win over the Fort Stockton Prowlers in the girls' championship.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

BY JOYCE JILLSON  
The moon shows her ripe, full glory, begging us not only to notice her but, under Gemini's communicative influence, to talk about her (or more precisely the emotions in us that she's pointing out) as much as possible. So much comes out when the moon ripens. You'll learn what was hidden and might be surprised by what you yourself were hiding.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You thrive on the idea of an impossible task — you'll be amazed what you can do when the road ahead is very steep. Relationships, however, shouldn't be challenging. Money tip: Keep your bankbook stashed in a secret place.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Work requires focus — once you're over the learning curve, you'll be having so much fun that the paycheck is just a bonus. Exercise your brain. You don't have to become sweaty or breathless to get results.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The key to surmounting problems is to anticipate them. If you know you're going to be late, call. Pay attention to signals at work. If the boss is unhappy, it could be your chance to prove that you want to be helpful.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Sweeping changes can wait. For now, it's about maintaining your status quo while you decide what's next. On the job, you'll have to rise above a rather tacky situation. Remain objective — keep your ego out of it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Be the leader of the crowd, not a follower. You'll have strong ideas about whom you'd like to get to know. You'll even wonder if you're being shallow. If you

were truly shallow, you wouldn't worry about being shallow.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The carrot-on-the-stick image characterizes your workday. Don't "hope" about your project, just "do." Once you're in action, you'll get plenty of assistance — after all, no one wants to stand by watching you work.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Methods commonly followed by colleagues defy logic. You're just the one to instigate some reform, since you can do so without hurting anyone's ego. Poorly functioning equipment? Seek Aquarius help.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Try a little tenderness. When you've got this much love in your life, you're bound to have some ups and downs. You may have to do with some pestering when a usually delightful personality turns suddenly frustrated.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Put yourself up on a pedestal like you do your best friend, easily forgiving petty wrongdoings and standing up for him or her when opposition arises. Being your own best friend will attract interesting people to your realm.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). At work, you'll do lots of preparation in order to keep "surprises" to a minimum. Have the answers handy to some of the most common questions. Tonight, you're sick of giving, giving, giving, and you want to get back.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You would be very happy to learn the underrated skill: how to never have to work. This isn't because you're lazy; it's because you're tired. Take a break, and don't punish yourself for it, either.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's hard to admit, but liberating too, that you may not currently have the expertise necessary to properly complete the job at hand. No matter — this is an excellent time to add some skills to your toolbox.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Dear Annie: This past weekend, I went with my boyfriend to his getaway place on the water. He had invited another couple we both know and like.

When I arrived, a third couple was present: "Jack" and his office assistant, "Betty." Jack is a married man, and his wife is a friend of mine. I know that Jack previously had an affair with Betty, but I thought it was over. Jack's wife told me he had broken it off when she threatened him with divorce.

My boyfriend assured me he had no idea that Jack was bringing the woman, and Jack insisted it was just an employee vacation, even though no other employees showed up. I have never faced this type of situation before, so I just gave Betty the cold shoulder. It's not in my nature to be rude, but I felt she deserved it.

Jack claims he slept on the couch, which apparently was true. I asked him if his wife knew Betty was with him. Of course, he said no. I let him know if his wife asked me, I would not lie for him.

My boyfriend thinks the situation was innocent because they didn't sleep in the same bed. I'm not so sure. It seems mighty/suspicious to me. So, tell me, Annie, what do I say to his wife? — Want To Do the Right Thing

Dear Right Thing: Say nothing to his wife. You have no evidence that Jack's weekend was less innocent than he claims. His marriage sounds shaky enough without this bonus information. Of course, if his wife asks who else was there, tell her the truth, but please don't go out of your way to cause trouble.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "In His Shadow," whose husband's weight worried her and also turned her off sexually. I could have written that same let-



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

ter five months ago. My husband was 60 pounds overweight and had no energy for anything. He would come home from work and not get off the couch. He became difficult to get along with and seemed depressed.

Then my husband went on a low-carb, high-protein diet that he read about in a book. So far, he has lost 34 pounds, and I have rediscovered the man I fell in love with. Now he has more energy than I do, and more importantly, his cholesterol has dropped to normal levels. He is back to his happy, loving self. He no longer looks pregnant, no longer acts depressed, and I find him very sexy.

Please let people know their lives can change with even a small loss of weight. My husband's energy came back after the first 15 pounds disappeared, and if he never loses any more than he has now, I'll be happy. — Proud of Him in Renton, Wash.

Dear Renton: Your husband found a diet that works for him, and your support was obviously a big part of his success. Congratulations to you both.

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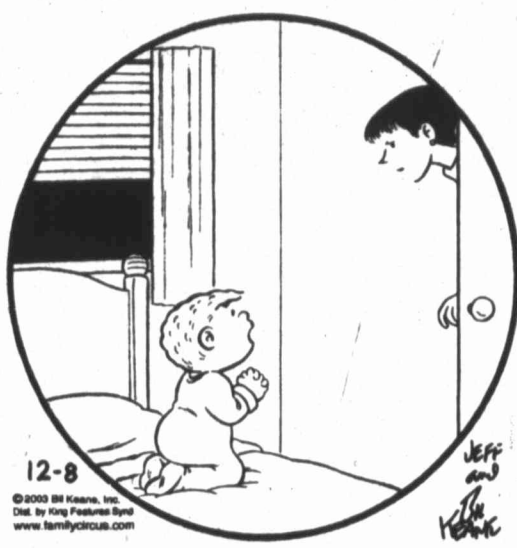
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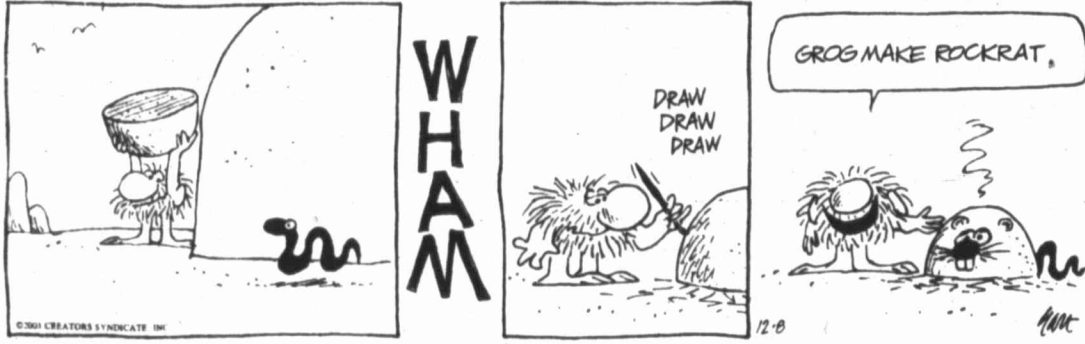
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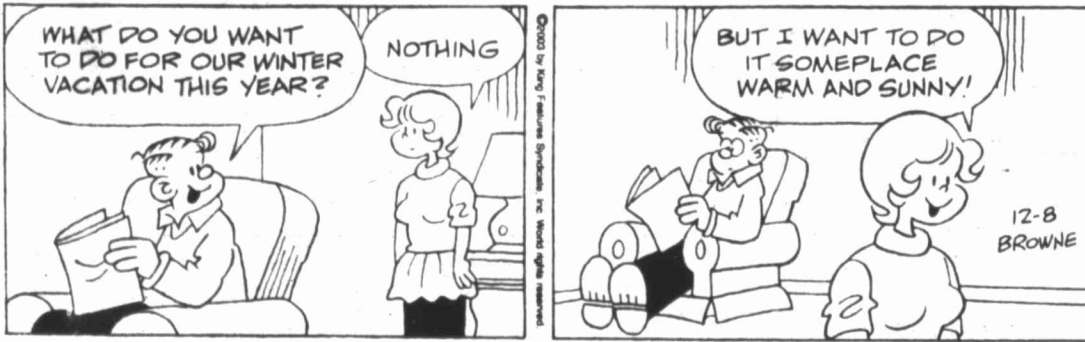
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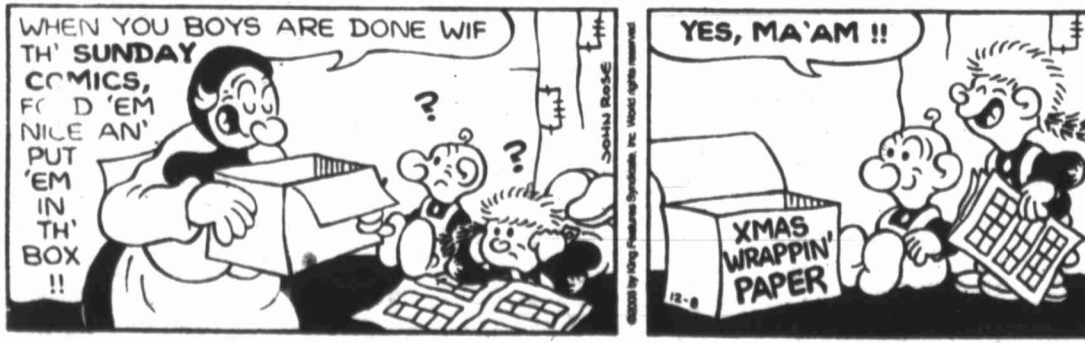
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 2003. There are 23 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this date: In 1776, George Washington's retreating army in the American Revolution crossed the Delaware River from New Jersey to Pennsylvania.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

In 1863, President Lincoln announced his plan for the Reconstruction of the South.

In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was

founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1914, "Watch Your Step," the first musical revue to feature a score composed entirely by Irving Berlin, opened in New York.

In 1949, the Chinese Nationalist government moved from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists pressed their attacks.

In 1978, 25 years ago, former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir died in Jerusalem at age 80.

In 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

In 1987, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

In 1987, the "intefadeh" (Arabic for uprising) by Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories began.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Richard Fleischer is 87. Actor-director Maximilian Schell is 73.

Actor David Carradine is 67. Actor James MacArthur is 66. Flutist James Galway is 64. Singer Jerry Butler is 64. Pop musician Bobby Elliott (The Hollies) is 61. Actor John Rubinstein is 57. Rock singer-musician Gregg Allman is 56. Actress Kim Basinger is 50. Rock musician Warren Cuccurullo is 47. Rock musician Phil Collen (Def Leppard) is 46. Country singer Marty Raybon is 44. Rock musician Marty Friedman is 41. Actor Malcolm Gets is 40. Actor Wendell Pierce is 40. Actress Teri Hatcher is 39. Rapper Bushwick Bill (The Geto Boys) is 37.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with words like ROPESOFF, HASSAM, AMARILLO, ALPINE, PAVILION, TWILIT, TREETOAD, YACHT, STARVEVED, GLINT, GIB, RADIOLOGIC, GUNN, WILLIAMCKINLEY, TRES WITHSTANDS, BMT, IRABE, PASTMASTER, ATTACK, EXECUTOR, SWANEE, NEGATIVE, EARNER, PREPARED, OREADS, STEPHENS.

Newsday Crossword

COOL DESSERTS by Karen H. Julison Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 Chapters of history, 5 Witch-trial town, 10 Crow calls, 14 Story, 15 Breathing circle, 16 Squashed circle, 17 Dessert with ice cream, 20 Fur wrap, 21 Made level, 22 Yale students, 25 Watermelon bit, 26 Celestial light source, 29 Company divisions: Abbr., 31 the Terrible, 35 Erode, 36 Hermit, for one, 37 Every 24 hours, 38 Dessert with ice cream, 41 Color gradations, 42 Educate, 43 CPR expert, 44 Looked at, 45 Rae, 46 Weeps audibly, 47 Rip, 49 Short distance, 51 Holler, 54 Toot one's own horn, 58 Dessert with ice cream, 63 First-class, 64 Saxophone sounds, 65 Mortgage, e.g., 66 TV newsmen Roger Pesky, 67 insects, 68 Shipped off, 12 Wal: through water, 13 Snow glider, 18 Elongated fish, 19 St. crosser, 23 Admired one, 24 State representative, 25 Flows steadily, 26 Splinter groups, 27 Western resort lake, 28 Make amends, 30 Flying Pan, 32 MTV showing, 33 Meek as, 34 Russian refusals, 36 Angeles, 37 "How foolish of me!", 39 Placed in the middle, 40 "Get lost!", 45 Specifying, 46 Becomes inedible, 48 Musical talent, 50 Recede, 51 Con game, 52 En-lai, 53 Rip apart, 55 Healing plant, 56 Sir Connelly, 57 Camper's shelter, 59 Untold centuries, 60 RR stop, 61 Airbus, for instance, 62 Battleship letters

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 68 indicating starting points for the clues.