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Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate. If your organization has an established program to help others and would like to be included in this list, call Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

Angel Tree locations:

- Big Spring Herald (seniors)
- Gale's Sweet Shop
- Big Spring Mall
- Wal-Mart
- Salvation Army Kettles:
- Post Office
- Wal-Mart
- Big Spring Mall
- Rip Griffins Truck

Stop Giving Tree

- Wells Fargo Bank
- Western National Bank

Herald Toy Drive

- Big Spring Herald
- Canned Food Drive
- Big Spring Herald

BRIEFLY

Eyeglasses

Free used eyeglasses will be able for adults on Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third Street. The program is provided by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club.

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Perry calls for election to fill Senate District 31 post

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard County voters will head to the polls in January to fill the Texas Senate District 31 seat vacated with the resignation of Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Gov. Rick Perry announced Monday that a special election will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20, to fill the seat.

Bivins, if President George W. Bush has his way, will become the next U.S. Ambassador to Sweden. He resigned last week, saying the nomination and his new responsibilities as a parent had spurred his decision. Bivins' resignation is effective Jan. 12.



BIVINS

With the state facing a possible special session on school finance in April, Bivins also cited his desire for District 31 to have selected representation for what is expected to be a hotly debated issue.

The school finance session is expected to be heavily debated as school districts across the state are pushing for reform, citing the inequity of funding by the current system.

The winner of the election will serve the remainder of Bivins' term which runs through January 2005, and the prospect of

running in the November election.

While unconfirmed talk floated around of Bivins' possible nomination as the ambassador to Sweden, several candidates started to publicly announce their intention of running for an incumbent-free seat.

They are Midland Mayor Mike Cannon, Midland businessman Don Sparks, Odessa businessmen Kirk Edwards and Bob Barnes and former Amarillo Mayor Kel Seliger.

Secretary of State Media Director Jennifer Waisath said no one had officially filed papers to run for the District 31 seat as of

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Spring Tabernacle ready to give out gifts to area children

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With so many charitable organizations holding toy and food drives this holiday season, the toy drive at Spring Tabernacle Church is taking aim at helping struggling mothers and grandmothers that might not have the chance to provide gifts for the children they're raising.

Mona Lue Tonn, wife of the church's pastor, Arnold Tonn, said the annual drive has been going on for more than seven years, and she hopes the church's efforts will help brighten the holiday season for a child that otherwise might not get a Christmas gift.

"We started doing the Christmas toy program back in 1995," said Tonn. "Every year we've given away approximately three to five toys per child, with between 87

"We don't do any judging on that part of it. We simply let that go, because you can't think that way and have the right attitude to help everyone who needs help."

Mona Lue Tonn

and 150 children receiving gifts.

"The program is designed mainly to help mothers and grandmothers who are raising their children, but can't afford to get them gifts for Christmas. There are quite a few grandmothers out there raising their grandchildren these days,

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Ethel Pringle, left, and Mona Lue Tonn sort through toys that will be given away to needy families this Christmas season. Tonn said they expect to be able to provide four toys per child this season, with distribution set to take place at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, at Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright Street.



HERALD photo/Marsha Allen
American Legion Ladies Auxillary have organized a gift shop in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring. Located on the second floor of the hospital, the shop is stocked with such items as clothing, toys, small appliances, house slippers and stuffed animals. Veterans in the hospital select the gifts they want to give and Auxillary women will wrap them for Christmas gifts. Looking over some gift selections are right to left, Katie Lara, Chief Nursing Service; Deborah Hanson, local representative of the Ladies Auxillary; Anga Whitecotton, 17th district president, and Helen Homcomb, past national president of the American Legion Ladies Auxillary of Odessa.

Commissioners send message to Austin: no unfunded mandates

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners sent a message to the Texas Legislature Monday morning, as they voted unanimously to adopt a resolution opposing unfunded state mandates.



KILGORE

The document, which was signed by all five commissioners court members, will be sent to Austin where it will join similar county government outcries, in the hopes that state lawmakers will sit up and

take notice. "They (Texas Legislature) hear from us all the time," said commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "but if you maybe get 254 counties, maybe they will sit up and take notice. I think there are some bills this time that have gotten closer to this issue than ever before, so they certainly know about it. Maybe they'll finally do something about it."

Kilgore said one of the most obvious conflicts between state control of funds and the responsibility being pawned off on the counties comes as a result of recent cuts made

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Owe fines to the county? Pay up or else

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

If you have past due fines or court costs, chances are you're just one step away from jail, thanks to a new county program designed to track down and hold offenders accountable.

The new county collection program began several weeks ago, with County Collections Clerk Bobby Roever working to get the newly-created office up and running. Warrant Officer Mike Welling was added to

"They know they have these warrants, they're listed in the newspaper each week... Come and take care of them. Don't make me have to come and bang on your door."

Warrant Officer Mike Welling

the department on Dec. 1, rounding out the collections office staff.

Roever, who met with his first client last week, said he fully expects the program to be successful.

"The program is getting under way," said Roever. "It's taken about five or six weeks to get all the paperwork and things like that done. This will be a successful program as long as we're allowed to do what needs to be done to get the job done. The same program has worked in 25 other counties across the state of Texas with a great deal of success. I

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Obituaries

Paul H. Allen



Paul H. Allen, 70, of Coahoma, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003 in the Hospice House of Odessa. During his tough battle with cancer, he remained himself until the very end with his sense of humor and concern for others.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, with Rev. Elwin Collum, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Mr. Allen was born on May 18, 1933, in Atlee, Okla. and married Virginia Thompson on Sept. 15, 1956 in Marietta, Okla. She preceded him in death Nov. 24, 2003.

Mr. Allen was born and raised on a farm in Oklahoma. He and his late wife Virginia came to Howard County in 1957 after their marriage. He worked at Cosden Oil and Chemical Refinery from 1959 to 1991. He served as Howard County commissioner from 1979 to 1991. He also farmed and ranched during those years and continued to farm after he retired from Cosden.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He previously was a member of the Lions Club, had served as an adult leader of 4-H for many years, and had been awarded the Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1973.

His survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Robert Cox of Ft. Worth; a grandson, Bryan Cox and a granddaughter, Amy Cox of Ft. Worth; one brother and sister-in-law, Wilton and Almeda Allen of Marietta, Okla.; one sister and brother-in-law, Vida and Gene Robertson of Baird; a brother-in-law, Clarence Wagner; a sister-in-law, Mary Lee Vinson, both of Marietta, Okla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Allen was preceded in death by his mother and father, Louise and John Allen, one brother, Bill Allen and one sister, Marcena Wagner.

A heart felt thank you to Home Hospice for the special care provided, Comfort Keepers for always being there when needed and friends and family members for their love and support.

The family will receive friends from 7 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, Texas 79720, or to a favorite charity.

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

Paid obit

Support groups

TUESDAY

□ 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.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 30-32-31-33-27.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: \$24,688.
Winning tickets sold in: Bedford, McKinney.
Matching four of five: 236. Prize: \$94.
Matching three of five: 4,631. Prize: \$11.
Matching two of five: 42,797. Prize: \$2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-9-7

Police blotter

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

- **DOMINIC PARKER**, 17, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.

Sheriff's report

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

- **DANNY CROSBY**, 44, was arrested on Monday by the HCSO on a parole violation.
- **MICHAEL WAYNE ELDRED**, 54, was arrested on Monday by DPS on a charge of theft.
- **PATRICK TERRALL KESLER**, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bailman off bond for possession or transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.
- **DOMINIC PARKER**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

Take note

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

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

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF the Disabled American Veterans Big Spring Chapter No. 47 is holding a special meeting of the chapter body at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17., at the chapter home, Seventh and Abrams streets. The order of business for this special session will focus on the 2004 DAV Transportation Network as it pertains to the Big Spring VA Medical Center. All members are encouraged to attend.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Ashley Ferguson performs as an angel in the First United Methodist Church's 25th anniversary of the Living Christmas Tree this past weekend.

WEST TEXAS DISCOUNT FLOORING

M-F 9-5:30 SAT. 12-4	Pergo Snap \$2.59 sf	Wilsonart \$2.59 sf
1712 GREGG	REMNAINT SALE	Plush Carpet \$6.99 yd
263-5500	16x16 Tile \$1.49 sf	Vinyl \$7.49 yd

Bulletin board

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

Tuesday

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.

Wednesday

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

Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in Howard County Cactus Room.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in Howard County Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at SMMC classroom for stretch and tone.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third.

Thursday

Kiwanis Club meets at noon in Howard County Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's.

Monday

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m., SMMC 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.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. Dinner is held at 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of Beauceant meets at 6:30 p.m. at Big Spring High School band hall.

Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 6:30 p.m. at Big Spring High School band hall.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden Counties meet every second Monday in the library basement in the community room at 7 p.m. Call Lane Clawson for more information, 270-2615.

Coahoma's Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. second Monday of each month in the Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Avenue.

Weather

Tonight...Clear...Cooler. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the north 5 to 15 mph after midnight.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds around 5 mph shifting to the east after midnight.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Friday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 60.

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Texas Department of Safety trooper Kneel Stallings, left, enters the cab of this overturned 18-wheeler Saturday while Howard County Sheriff deputies Mark Hull and Scott Ginnett assist. According to DPS trooper Marc Couch, the driver of the vehicle reported he had a medical condition which may have caused him to swipe a guardrail and land on the south embankment of Interstate 20 near the Highway 87 overpass of Interstate 20.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

MANDATES

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to the state's mental health and indigent care programs.

"When they cut mental health and indigent health. It's really going to put a burden on us," said Kilgore. "We don't have an idea yet how much it will cost us, but we know it's going to fill up our jail and put a heavy burden on our indigent health program."

Commissioner Bill Crooker agreed, adding that he believes those cuts will put more mentally ill people in the county jail, putting an already impossible jail budget even more into the red.

Crooker said there are some simple measures the state could take to help alleviate the jail overcrowding problem, which is mandated by state law.

"The situation with the jail also concerns me," said Crooker, "and that's the fact that they have 30 days to take an inmate that has been convicted to a state facility. I think they could very well do

this within a 10-day period of time, thereby reducing our cost of keeping the prisoner.

"If you multiply this by the thousands of prisoners throughout the state, it keeps the state from having to build a new jail, at least for the time being."

Crooker and Kilgore also agreed the Texas public is being seriously misled as to the responsibility of rising county taxes, which have been seen across much of the state.

"It's really kind of sneaky, to be honest with you," said Crooker. "Especially in the area of fines, particularly traffic fines that are set up through the Highway Patrol. I looked at the fines collected by the local justices of the peace, and over 50 percent of the fines collected went to the state. And they keep edging these fine fees up a little at a time, and they've been doing that for a long time now."

"I just don't think those things are necessary on their part. It's a way of them picking up additional money from the various counties."

"They don't raise taxes,

but they raise fees and licenses," Kilgore added. "Then they tell us we can keep our little piddly amount and send them the rest of it. That's one of the most common things they do, and then yell that they haven't raised taxes. It happens every year."

Crooker said he hopes the resolution will help shed some light on the type of pains unfunded mandates are putting on county governments.

"We want the state legislature, the Senate and the House, to realize they are really hurting us," he said. "You're bringing the pressure on us and forcing us to go to the taxpayer and increase the taxes we levy."

"The state gets away with a clean skirt, saying they didn't have to raise taxes. That's great and we'll clap our hands about it, but it causes many counties to go ahead and increase their tax levy to the people. So the people get caught in the long run. They're not fooling anyone."

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St. Mary's announces concert

St. Mary's fifth annual Advent concert series will be presented this Thursday and on Thursday, Dec. 18. Both concerts will begin at 12:05 p.m. and will feature 30 minutes of music

for the Advent and Christmas seasons. There is no admission charge for the concerts and the public is invited. St. Mary's is located at 10th and Goliad Streets in Big Spring.

ELECTION

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5 p.m. Monday.

Candidates who plan to run for the seat must file their applications with the Secretary of State no later than Monday, Dec. 22.

Early voting for the

election begins Monday, Jan. 5, and continues through Friday, Jan. 16.

Senate District 31 covers 26 counties including Howard, Midland, Martin and Glasscock.

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GIFTS

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and for them and the moms, it's really tough to make ends meet."

While many local charities are using an application process to screen recipients, Tonn said that's not the case with Spring Tabernacle Church.

"We just ask them to come and sign up," she explained. "We don't make them give any kind of proof or anything as to what they make. We figure if they have the need to come and be seen by everyone else and not be

embarrassed by it, then we feel the need to give as unto the Lord. What they do with it is between them and the Lord. We don't do any judging on that part of it. We simply let that go, because you can't think that way and have the right attitude to help everyone who needs help."

While the qualifications for receiving toys through the program are rather vague, if not non-existent, the message Tonn said she and her organization are trying to get across is crystal clear: Giving is the reason for the season.

"We pray with some of the mothers that come, and minister to them

while they're here getting toys for their children," she said. "We also have a short service for the people that come for the presents, because we don't give anything away until we give recognition to the Lord and talk to the people about how to find happiness and peace in their lives."

Tonn said the distribution process is simple and easy, and although she fully expects their "no questions" way of giving will attract those that don't necessarily "need" the gifts, it's a risk they are willing to accept with open arms to help those that do need them.

"All they need to do is

show up on Friday, and they'll sign up as they get here," she said. "We'll call in about three women at a time, and let each of the women get the chance to choose four presents for each child. You don't need to bring anything like proof of income with you. We figure if you come, then you need it. That's just the way we're going to look at it."

Toy distribution will be held at the church, located at 1209 Wright, on Friday. For more information call 267-5321.

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FINES

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met with my first client last week and I'm expecting between 20 and 24 in the next two weeks."

Roever said the new office will help do something the legal system has struggled with for years — make offenders accountable for their actions.

"It's going to have to make these people accountable for their fines and court costs," he said. "Fines and court costs are an order that came from court, and it's a part of their judgment. In the past there wasn't anyone to follow up on this and they just got farther behind. But they're going to have to understand that they are going to be held accountable for this, and if they aren't, then they are going to jail."

"In the past they've been given the term of their probation to pay off their fines and court costs, and that's all changing. The longest we're going to give someone starting out is going to be 90 days."

Welling said he has been busy chasing down hot check warrants since he started work last week, and has made several arrests in that time span.

"It's going really well,"

said Welling. "It's taken a little time to get everything together and figure out what's what. It's taken some time to see what kind of responses we're going to get from the public, and so far it has gone relatively well."

"We have warrants from all over the country. Hot checks is basically all I'm working on right now until we can get the rest of this operation put together. We've made some arrests in Lamesa, and we're in the process of making some arrests in Colorado City. We've made some arrests here in Big Spring, and I've been in contact with some folks in Stanton as well, and they've graciously come and tended to their business. That's all we really want them to do. We want them to come take care of their business with us and get this thing taken care of so we don't have to put them in jail."

Roever and Welling agree that for the new program to be successful, it's going to take a great deal of cooperation on everyone's part.

"It's going to take a lot of hard work to make this program a success," he said. "The cooperation comes from the public and the people that have hot checks. If they don't want to pay their hot

checks and they would just rather go to jail, then that's fine. I can accommodate them. But I would much rather them pay their hot checks so we don't have to do that."

"It has to pay for itself and it will. It's going to take some time to get it set up and get it rolling, but the program will pay for itself, and I believe it's already proven that."

Roever said a new program passed by the Texas legislature will also help encourage past-due offenders to get their acts together or give up their drivers licenses.

"There was a new program passed by the legislature in June that the justice of the peace offices have had for some time," explained Roever. "If they don't pay then we can enter their name into the Omni-Base system in Austin and their drivers license will be flagged. When they go to renew that license, they won't be able to renew it until everything has been taken care of and the flag has been removed from their license."

The process by which Roever said offenders are expected to pay their

very soon.

"A lot of these people are, for lack of a better term, sort of fly-by-night," said Welling. "So they move quite often. So when you go up and bang on a door, they may have been gone from there for three months. It can create a problem."

"In the past I've hesitated to go to places of employment, but that's exactly what I'm getting ready to start doing. I'm going to start jerking them out of their places of employment. If it costs them their job, then I'm sorry. They know they have these warrants, they're listed in the newspaper each week... Come and take care of them."

The court faces one huge obstacle in collecting past due funds, said Welling, but that's a problem he plans to remedy

Don't make me have to come and bang on your door."

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Geraldine Burris, 76, died Saturday. Graveside Services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday at the Bullard Cemetery, Bullard Texas.



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OUR VIEWS

Residents help United Way surpass goal

Well, Howard County, go ahead and tip your collective hat, because you've knocked another one out of the park! At least that's the case when it comes to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County having concluded its 2003 campaign with good news.

Board president Charles Myers announced late last week that fund-raising efforts yielded \$267,500, exceeding the campaign goal of \$265,000.

There are plenty of kudos to go around — to each and every person in our community who made a donation or opted for payroll withholding of their contributions; to United Way Executive Director Cynthia Scott; and the legion of volunteers that made the drive successful.

With the fund-raising done for another year, the allocations committee will begin meeting within days to discuss how to distribute that \$267,000 between the 14 area agencies supported by the United Way.

The allocation decision process will be wrapped up by Wednesday of next week when the United Way holds an appreciation luncheon where the committee will announce allocations for the 2003 campaign.

Those agencies are the American Red Cross, Boy's Club of Big Spring, Boy Scouts Buffalo Trails Council, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Humane Society, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center, Salvation Army, Victim Services, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council and the YMCA of Big Spring.

Thanks to the generosity that Big Spring and Howard County is clearly famous for, these agencies will be able to help meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community.

So, go ahead and take a bow, Howard Countians. You deserve it.

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Dean could be right choice for Dems

No one has been waiting with bated breath for me to make up my mind about the Democratic presidential candidates, but I have, and you might be interested in how I got there. I'm for Howard Dean — because he's going to win.

It is the bounden duty of bleeding-heart liberals like myself to make our political choices based on purity of heart, nobility of character, depth of compassion, sterling integrity and generosity of spirit. The concept of actually winning a political race does not, traditionally, influence the bleeding heart liberal one iota — certainly not in the primaries.

Over the years, I have proudly voted for a list of losers only a lily-pure liberal could love. I am rather surprised not to find myself in the camp of the Noble Dennis Kucinich this year. (And believe me, there are supporters of the Noble Dennis who are plenty upset about it, too.) In fact, I initially passed on Dean precisely because he looked like one of my usual losers — 2 percent in the polls and the full weight of Vermont behind him ... wow, my kind of guy.

Having concluded that this was the year to Be Sensible, look for a winner, find a moderate, and all that good stuff the expert political players do, I carefully studied the conventional wisdom. The conventional wisdom — the avatar of all political knowledge, the Washington, D.C., press corps — said John Kerry was the man. So despite his resemblance to the finer products of the taxidermist's art, I sat around waiting for him to show signs of life. And waited.

Next, I consulted my buddies in the union movement, and they

said Dick Gephardt was the man. I always like a labor liberal, and Gephardt's eyebrows have improved. I was hopeful for while, but concluded, as many do, that while Gephardt is Perfectly Good as a Democratic candidate, he ain't settin' the world on fire.

Doesn't seem like a good year for a regular politician on account of we ain't lookin' at regular politics. These Republicans do not have a different strategy — they are playing a different game. They don't want to govern, they want to rule.

Next, my lawyer friends recommended John Edwards, and even though my first impression was, "Too pretty, too light," I liked him better as time went on. Good strong populist streak to him, some good economic ideas, goes right after Bush on the economy. But conventional wisdom decided he is too young and untried.

Then along came Gen. Wesley Clark, and lots of people were excited. But I never have thought anyone should start in politics at the top. All those rich guys who run for office want to start at governor or senator, instead of running for the school board. Arnold Schwarzenegger aside, it's really not as easy as it looks.

Meanwhile, there's old Dean, causin' excitement. I went up to Vermont and talked to a bunch of liberals there. They all said Howard Dean is no liberal. Funny, that's what Howard Dean says, too. And indeed, he isn't, but in politics, everything's relative. The conventional wisdom first dismissed Howard Dean (the man has never been to a Washington dinner party!), then condescended to him, then graciously offered him instruction on how he should be running his campaign — which seemed to be going along quite well without their input.

I talked to some big money guys who assured me Dean Can't Win. But of course I'm noticing this

interesting thing: Dean has so much money he actually turned down public campaign financing (since I'm a card-carrying liberal, I was naturally deeply unhappy over this. But since Dean's money comes from Real People instead of corporate special interests, I'm not that unhappy.) Let me second the notion that this year, the Internet is to politics what television was in the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon race.

For a while, I fretted over Dean being angry, or at least appealing to the political anger that is normally manipulated by right-wing radio jocks. Anger makes liberals uncomfortable: We prefer peace, reason and gentle persuasion. Beloveds, it is way past time for us to get mad — social, economic and political justice are being perverted by the Bush administration.

Dean gives a hell of a speech — even if you're Republican, you should go and hear him just for the experience. But I fretted about Dean on TV — TV is so important. How could anyone piker up on Margaret Carlson of PBS, not one of the world's toughest interviewers? But then I saw Dean laugh his way through a Chris Matthews interview (which he should have done with Tim Russert, who was hell-bent on gotcha questions), and I know the guy can take care of himself. So he fights back if you get in his face — that's not all bad.

I know, he's even less of a liberal than Bill Clinton was, but I don't think Dean is a moderate centrist. I think he's a fighting centrist. And folks, I think we have got ourselves a winner here.

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Senators would rather defer pork than leisure

The U.S. Senate, its members refreshed by the Thanksgiving break, goes back into session. But not all of its members, and not for long. Despite pressure from the White House and the House of Representatives, too few senators will return to Washington to get anything done.

That delays passage of the \$820 billion omnibus appropriations bill, funding 12 departments of government, until January. Also held up will be one pork barrel project after another. Even earmarked spending inserted by Capitol Hill barons will have to wait.

Congressional lust for pork, never before so insatiable, collides with the growing antipathy to sustained work. Members of both houses seem not to be motivated by their ever-rising pay, which now has reached \$158,000 — far out of the reach of most fellow Americans. Yet, senators refuse to alter their plans for travel, golf, hunting and fishing in order to be on hand in Washington to consider their special spending. They would rather defer pork than leisure.

Thanks to the dysfunctional modern Senate, an omnibus bill is needed to enact appropriations that were supposed to have been passed individually by the end of the fiscal year Oct. 1. This measure then evolves into a Christmas tree suitable for hanging pork delicacies. But when will this bill be passed?

Before Thanksgiving, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist made a deal with his colleagues. If the senators would please stay on the job a while longer to enact prescription drug subsidies, he promised they would not be called back to duty the rest of the year. Meanwhile, to maximize vacation time, Congress postponed reconvening from Jan. 6 to Jan. 20.

The Senate will return Tuesday for a one-day pro forma session that could pass the omnibus bill only under a procedure requiring unanimous consent. The U.S. Senate looks increasingly like the 18th-century Polish Diet, where a single deputy could overrule a decision under the "liberum veto." Democrat Robert C. Byrd, who in his 45th year as senator is an engine of obstruction, announced he would refuse to give unanimous consent. Frist protested that he would be breaking his word if he called senators back, and asserted that not enough would come if he did.

The White House has been pleading with Frist to summon the senators even though the delay in passing the omnibus bill might save \$4 billion (not a major consideration lately at the Bush White House). President Bush wants his provisions in the bill for AIDS money, assistance to poor countries under the Millennium Challenge and school choice in the District of Columbia.

House Republican leaders also have been hectoring Frist to recall his troops to adopt big infusions of earmarked pork that have been placed in the bill without hearings or debate. Rep. C.W. (Bill) Young, House Appropriations chairman, has sponsored the single largest

morsel for his St. Petersburg, Fla., district: \$50 million to keep a new Treasure Island Causeway toll free. The bridge would not be paid for by people who use it but by all Americans, which is the essence of the congressional pork system.

St. Petersburg benefits from being represented by the Appropriations Committee chairman, with Young earmarking \$300,000 for the Dali Museum there. Other big-time earmarks include \$1.9 million for a wind demonstration project in Texas, \$1.2 for inspiring science and technology in Manchester, N.H., and \$725,000 for the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia.

Iowa gets about \$17.5 million in projects thanks to Sen. Charles Grassley, who as Senate Finance Committee chairman is one of the reigning kings of pork. But Iowa lags behind Tennessee, which has a majority leader. Frist last week trumpeted \$53 million in earmarks for his state. That's how \$1 million each is provided for safe docking at the Beale Street Landing in Memphis and electric transit vehicle research in Chattanooga.

None of this pork will be debated or seriously scrutinized, much less eliminated. The lassitude of the legislative process leads to immense catchall bills that discourage analysis and defy dismemberment. The most enthusiastic of congressional earmarkers deplore the delay, but not even the sweet taste of pork can interfere with lawmakers taking their leisure.

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Worms & horses: what you should know about them

Finding a Trojan Horse on your personal computer is the equivalent of glancing out the window of your home and seeing several unidentified people simply staring in. Sounds kind of creepy doesn't it?

Last week we looked at viruses and what makes them tick. Unfortunately, the term "virus" has come to encompass a great deal more than the real thing. Although Trojan Horses and worms are not viruses, they often get lumped into the same vague category. So what are Trojan Horses?

Trojan Horses are impostors — files that claim to be something desirable but, in fact, are malicious. A very important distinction from true viruses is that they do not replicate themselves, as viruses do. Trojans contain malicious code that when triggered, cause loss or even theft of data. In order for a Trojan Horse to spread you must invite these programs onto your computers — for example, by opening an email attachment. A good example of a Trojan Horse is PWSteal.Trojan.

The name is an allusion to Greek mythology, where Greek soldiers hid inside the hollow belly of a wooden horse which was offered as a peace offering to the Trojans after they had soundly routed the Greeks. As the Trojans were drunkenly celebrating their victory over the Greeks, the Greek soldiers came out of the wooden horse (which was now in Trojan territory) and slaughtered all the Trojan citizens. A Trojan virus works in the same way — it lies hidden somewhere in your PC's hard drive and does its damage without the owner even noticing.

One of the most recent Trojan Horses to rear its ugly head is the Trojan.Qhosts file. Symantec Security Response has reported visiting a specific page on www.fortunecity.com caused a popup to be displayed that redirected the visitor to a different Web page. Being redirected to the Web page appears to have caused the trojan to be downloaded to a visitor's system and then executed. Reports also state that the threat exploited the Internet Explorer Object Data Remote Execution vulnerability on several victims' computers to execute itself.

Trojan.Qhosts also "hijacks" Internet Explorer browser usage so that the Web requests are redirected to the server chosen by the Trojan writer. The Trojan is installed and run if a user visits a Web page that exploits a vulnerability in Internet Explorer. A VB script embedded in the Web page is run automatically

when the page is viewed using Internet Explorer.

While Trojan Horses may seem like a gross invasion of privacy, worm "viruses" are just as bad, and usually more malicious.

Worms are programs that replicate themselves from system to system without the use of a host file. This is in contrast to viruses, which requires the spreading of an infected host file.

Although worms generally exist inside of other files, often Word or Excel documents, there is a difference between how worms and viruses use the host file. Usually the worm will release a document that already has the "worm" macro inside the document. The entire document will travel from computer to computer, so the entire document should be considered the worm. PrettyPark.Worm is a particularly prevalent example.

A worm is not really a virus in a strict sense. A virus requires a contaminated program to execute, while a worm can actually propagate itself. Worms usually affect networked environments, such as offices, internet providers, Web hosts etc. Worms are usually a network administrators worse headache. Home users need not worry so much about worms unless they migrate their home PC into a network environment.

Now before you decide to sever a long-time friendship just because your friend has sent you hundreds of attachments via email recently, you should know this: a computer user is not always aware that they are sending out virus infected attachments! As mentioned above, viruses these days are so sophisticated they can actually attach themselves to an email without the user knowing it and send themselves out to several recipients. This is the concept of the worm at work.

Your PC becomes contaminated with a worm, the worm then starts to replicate itself by attaching itself to other programs on your PC which, when run, will allow the worm to propagate itself. If you think that's bad enough, some worms have become so advanced, they can actually lock down the operation of an anti-virus program.

In the end the best anti-virus is simply common sense. Next week we'll look at ways you can avoid being the target, or victim for that matter, of one of these viruses, Trojan Horses, or worms.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Gore endorsing Howard Dean

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Vice President Al Gore is endorsing Howard Dean for the Democratic presidential nomination, adding momentum and political prestige to Dean's front-running campaign.

Five weeks before Iowa's kickoff caucuses, Gore is appearing with his former party rival in New York City's Harlem neighborhood before flying with Dean to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a formal endorsement, several Democratic officials said Monday on condition of anonymity.

Dean will then fly to New Hampshire in time for the final Democratic debate of the year.

Dean told a crowd of several hundred supporters gathered Monday night at New York's Roseland Ballroom that he could "neither confirm nor deny" reports of Gore's endorsement.

"What this says is that all these Washington insiders who have been gnashing their teeth, wringing their hands and clinging to their cocktail cups can relax now. Dean's been knighted by the ultimate insider," said Democratic consultant Dean Strother of Washington. "It's game, set and match. It's over."

Other Democrats offered more cautious appraisals, but the overwhelming consensus was that Dean's coup makes him the overwhelming favorite to claim the nomination.

Janklow guilty of manslaughter

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — Rep. Bill Janklow planned the official close of his political career to coincide with his sentencing in the traffic death of a motorcyclist, a decision that also means the special election to fill his seat will be held during South Dakota's June 1 primary.

Janklow, a dominating force in South Dakota politics for 30 years, appeared stunned as the verdict was read Monday: guilty of second-degree manslaughter, reckless driving, running a stop sign and speeding for an Aug. 16 crash that killed Hardwick, Minn., motorcyclist Randy Scott, 55.

Within two hours, the Republican announced his resignation.

"I wish to inform you that because of present circumstances, I will be unable to perform the duties incumbent on me in representing the people of South Dakota as their U.S. representative," Janklow, 64, wrote in a letter to be delivered Tuesday to House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

"Therefore I wish to inform you that I will resign from the House of Representatives, effective Jan. 20, 2004."

That's the same day he's scheduled to be sentenced.

Schwarzenegger drops own probe

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has dropped a plan to conduct his own investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct against him, a spokesman said.

"Upon consulting with legal counsel and advisers,

the governor has concluded that given the political nature of the allegations, an investigation would only be ridiculed by his political opponents and provide little opportunity to put this issue to rest," Rob Stutzman said Monday.

After the October election but before Schwarzenegger took office, Stutzman announced that the governor-elect had already decided to engage an investigative firm to look into the allegations.

During the campaign, 16 women came forward to allege that Schwarzenegger groped or sexually harassed them between 1975 and 2000. Schwarzenegger acknowledged and apologized for having "behaved badly" toward women in the past, but said he wouldn't discuss the allegations until after he was elected.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer called for a full investigation, but because the statute of limitations had expired on the claims, no criminal investigation is possible.

Boston to buy drugs from Canada

BOSTON (AP) — Starting this summer, Boston will begin buying prescription drugs from Canada for thousands of city employees and retirees, a newspaper reported.

Boston would become only the second U.S. city — after Springfield, about 90 miles west — to turn to Canada for drugs.

Mayor Thomas Menino was expected to deliver remarks about the pilot program at a City Council hearing on Tuesday.

"The pharmaceutical manufacturers should be more sensitive to consumers' needs," Menino wrote in his comments for the City Council, obtained in advance by the Boston Globe for a story in Tuesday editions.

The program, which is slated to begin in July, will cut about \$1 million each year from the city's \$61 million prescription drug bill, according to city estimates.

The practice is illegal, although Congress has told the Department of Health and Human Services to review whether drugs can be safely imported from Canada. The FDA continues to express doubts about the practice, however.

Blood found in suspect's car

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Blood found in the car of the man charged with kidnapping Dru Sjodin matches the missing college student's DNA, a newspaper reported.

Preliminary analysis of the blood matches DNA taken from Sjodin's toothbrush, the Star Tribune of Minneapolis reported in Tuesday editions, citing two sources close to the investigation.

A source also told The Associated Press on Monday that a knife was discovered in the car's trunk.

The AP source, a person close to the investigation, also confirmed earlier reports about the blood and a knife sheath found near Sjodin's car in the parking lot of the Grand Forks shopping mall where she disappeared. That sheath could only belong to a particular knife sold exclusively as a set in a home improvement store in Grand Forks, one of the sources told the Star Tribune.

Three found dead in Plano home

PLANO (AP) — A couple and their teenage daughter were found dead with gunshot wounds after police went to their Plano home to check on the family's welfare.

The bodies of James Woolverton, 56, Deborah Woolverton, 47, and their 19-year-old daughter, Jennifer Woolverton, were discovered Monday morning in different bedrooms, said police spokesman Carl Duke.

"When officers arrived, they found cars in the driveway, but no one answered the door," Duke said. "They went inside and found three bodies, all dead from gunshot wounds."

Police believe Deborah Woolverton, a science teacher in the Plano Independent School District, shot and killed her husband and daughter before shooting herself.

A handgun was found near her body and she appeared to have a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Duke said.

Police are investigating the deaths of James Woolverton and Jennifer Woolverton as homicides,

he said.

Police went to the home after receiving a call from a co-worker who said that one of the victims had not shown up for work, Duke said.

No suicide note was found in the home and there were no signs of forced entry. Also, no gunshots were reported by Sunday or Monday, he said.

Neighbors said they knew little about the family, who moved into the home in 1998.

A member of the Reformed Church in Plano, where the family attended church, described the Woolvertons as "outstanding folks" in The Dallas Morning News' Tuesday edition. The church mem-

ber told the newspaper he did not want his name published.

Plano Independent School District officials said Deborah Woolverton worked in the district as a science teacher at the Special Programs Center since July 1998. School officials released a written statement Monday saying they were unable to comment further.

Jennifer Woolverton attended the Special Programs Center until March, when she withdrew from classes. She passed a high school equivalency exam a month later, according to district records.

No information was available about where James Woolverton worked, the newspaper

reported.

A friend of Jennifer Woolverton said she spent Sunday afternoon with her.

"It's shocking to hear about this," Amanda Murphy said. "She's a dear friend to me and this is crazy. This is absolutely crazy."

Murphy said that Jennifer Woolverton had arguments with her mother, but it never seemed like anything drastic would happen.

Duke said that there had been one disturbance call in June to that address, but there was no report on what happened.

He said police are waiting on the medical examiner to determine the causes of death.

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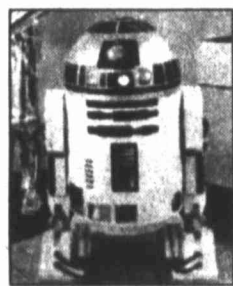
Mechanical Helpers

A Robot Report



The science of robots, or robotics, is very exciting for the kids of today. Some robot-making kits sold at toy stores allow kids as young as 8 years old to do some of the same robotics work that college kids did 10 years ago.

By creating a robot program on their computers, kids can tell the robots to do many tasks. These include following a trail or warning of unexpected visitors.



Don't let science fiction movies give you the wrong idea. A robot that can think and move as well as R2-D2 does in the "Star Wars" films is a long way off.

Today, true robots are:

- exploring harsh environments, such as space, volcanoes or Antarctica;
 - searching for disaster victims;
 - checking out minefields;
 - vacuuming the house.
- Robots can do tasks humans cannot do or do not want to do. Anywhere it is dirty, dangerous or dull is a good place to use a robot.
- Robots don't get tired, bored, distracted, afraid or uncomfortable.



This artist's view of the Mars rover shows one of two identical robot rovers that will land on Mars in January. The rover named Spirit was launched on June 10. The rover called Opportunity lifted off July 7.

The rovers, true robots, will be exploring opposite sides of Mars. Their main mission is to search for signs of water.

What is a robot?

A true robot is a mechanical creature that can gather information about the physical world. Based on the information it discovers, it can make its own decisions about what to do. And it can adapt to changing conditions.

A true robot does not need a human operator to tell it each move to make. For example, a remote-control car is not a true robot, because it has a human operator.

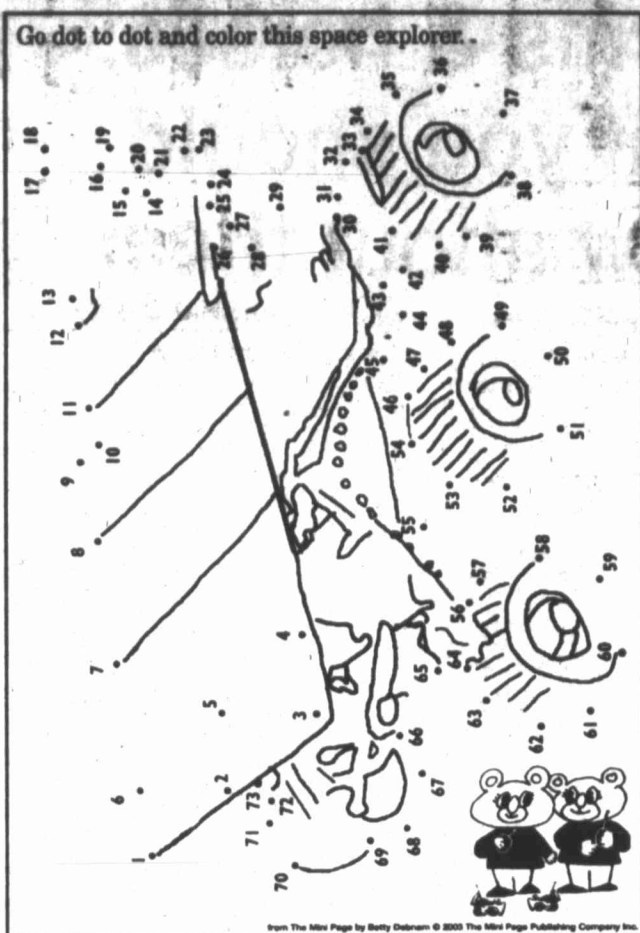
Robot beginnings

The word "robot" comes from a play written about 80 years ago by Karel Capek.

The science fiction writer Isaac Asimov later used the word "robot" to mean a mechanical creature. His books made this definition popular.

The shape of a robot

Most robots do not look like metal humans. They are shaped for whatever tasks they will perform. They might look like a platform with arms, a vacuum cleaner with sensors, or a bendable silver snake.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Honey-Lime Baked Chicken

You'll need:

- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 3/4 cup honey
- 5 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

What to do:

1. Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces.
2. Arrange chicken in a baking dish.
3. In a small bowl, mix together remaining ingredients.
4. Pour mixture over chicken pieces.
5. Cover and refrigerate for 3 hours.
6. Bake uncovered in a preheated 350-degree oven for 50 to 60 minutes. Serves 4.

You will need an adult to help you with this recipe.

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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Eli Manning

Height: 6-5 Birthdate: 1-3-81
Weight: 218 Hometown: New Orleans

Eli Manning keeps breaking records at the University of Mississippi and adding to his family's famous football tradition. The Rebels' quarterback holds 44 school records, including several that his father, Archie, once set.

Archie was an All-America quarterback at Ole Miss more than 30 years ago and later starred in the pros. Eli's brother, Cooper, played for the Rebels before suffering a career-ending injury. Eli's mother, Olivia, was a homecoming queen there. And brother Peyton starred at Tennessee and currently excels for the Indianapolis Colts in the NFL.

But Eli, an honor-roll student and active in community service, has carved his own niche on the football field. It's an "All in the Family" story.

Meet Kenny Chesney

When Kenny Chesney was going to college, he made up his mind that he was going to make his living making music. But becoming a country music star wasn't easy. Kenny played music for tips while at East Tennessee State. He moved to Nashville, Tenn., where in his first job as a singer he was paid \$5 an hour plus tips.

Today, Kenny, 35, is making a good living making music. He has sold more than 11 million albums.

Kenny was born in Knoxville, Tenn. He grew up in a small town called Luttrell. He liked playing football during high school. Kenny made his first album in 1993. His newest album is his first Christmas album, called "All I Want for Christmas Is a Real Good Tan."

When Kenny is not performing or making albums, he likes to spend time at the beach, reading and exercising. His favorite sports are football, baseball and NASCAR.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Willbur: What sort of cowboy steals teapots?
Delores: A kettle rustler!

Adam: Why did the cowboy die with his boots on?
Frances: Because he didn't want to stub his toe when he kicked the buck!

Carl: Why did the cowboy put his bunk in the fire?
Vincent: So that he could sleep like a log!

Robots TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of robots are hidden in the blocks below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: RESCUE, SPACE, SOJOURNER, EXPLORE, OCEAN, THINK, VOLCANO, ADAPT, MOVE, WAR, MEDICINE, DANGEROUS, ROVER, HELP, MACHINE, SEARCH, SENSORS, FIREFIGHTERS.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are playing with their remote-control cars. See if you can find: man in the moon, hourglass

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- number 8
- fish
- kite
- letter I
- pencil
- carrot
- exclamation mark

Robots Have Many Uses

Robots to the rescue

This woman pretends to be hurt so the robot can check for such things as her pulse.

Rescue robots were taken to the World Trade Center site to search for victims on Sept. 11, 2001. These small robots could search in areas too small or too dangerous for humans or dogs to go.

Handlers were able to lower a robot into a sewer hole to search the basement for possible survivors.

As the robots traveled through the rubble, they sent video pictures to technicians. But everything was covered with a fine gray dust, which made the pictures hard for people to read.

As a result, rescue robots are now being fitted with more instruments. These include:

- infrared cameras to detect body heat;
- gas sensors for poisonous gases;
- medical sensors.

These robots can also be used by firefighters and rescue workers to search for people in burning or collapsed buildings.

They can help find victims of natural disasters such as landslides, earthquakes and hurricanes. They can check out chemical spills.

These robots were from the Center for Robot-Assisted Search and Rescue, or CRASAR.

Look through your newspaper for pictures and stories about special machines.

Next week The Mini Page visits the Wright Brothers Memorial at Kill Devil Hills, N.C.

Robots in space

The Viking missions to Mars in 1975-1976 had the first true robots sent into space. The Viking landers each had a robotic arm, and they made decisions about what samples to scoop up.

It was not until 1997 that the much more advanced Sojourner robot rover explored Mars. This winter, even more advanced robots are scheduled to explore the red planet.

The Mars Express spacecraft, launched by the European Space Agency, will arrive on Mars Dec. 24 this year. Its robot, Beagle 2, will not rove, but can dig in the ground.

About two weeks later, the spacecraft carrying two U.S. rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, are scheduled to arrive at Mars.

NASA scientists will tell each rover where to explore. Then the rover must figure out how to get there. It will check for holes and rocks, figure out how to go around them, and get back on the right path.

These rovers can go about the length of a football field without direction from Earth. This is the longest distance any space robot has traveled on its own.

The Mini Page thanks Brett Kennedy, staff engineer, Mechanical and Robotic Technology Group at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory; and Seema Patel and Whitney Howell, the Center for Robot-Assisted Search and Rescue (CRASAR) at the University of South Florida, for help with this issue.

Sites to see: <http://prime.jsc.nasa.gov/ROV/>
<http://robotics.jpl.nasa.gov/>
<http://crasar.csee.usf.edu/>

Robots in harsh environments

The robot Dante II has explored the insides of an active volcano. The robot NOMAD is searching Antarctica for meteorites. Scientists hope to send robots deep under our oceans.

Robots in war

Some experts say the most complex robot today is probably the cruise missile. Humans launch it and tell it where to go. From then on, it is able to plot its own course.

In war zones today, robots are being used to search for land mines. In Afghanistan, U.S. soldiers have used robots to search caves.

Someday robots may take the place of many human troops in combat.

Robots in medicine

Experts say that in the future, robots will be able to bring items to disabled people. They could bring people the proper medicine at the proper times.

Universities and the U.S. government have developed robotic instruments to assist in surgeries.

Surgeons at colleges such as East Carolina University have led successful trials with these robotic helpers.

Robotic surgery can be safer for the patient, and may someday enable surgeons to operate on people far away, in space or in combat.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Softball boosters to meet this evening

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 BSBS girls participating in cheerleading, volleyball, basketball and track are encouraged to attend.

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

BSYBL 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 begin today

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.

Quarterback Club to sell banquet tickets

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

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).

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

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Dec. 10	
Spurs vs. Portland, 7 p.m.	1490
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Spurs vs. Memphis, 7 p.m.	1490
Dec. 17	
Spurs vs. Toronto, 7 p.m.	1490
Dec. 18	
Mavericks vs. Minnesota, 8 p.m.	1490

JV Steers split four games in Snyder Invitational

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Steers junior varsity basketball team split its four games at the Snyder Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament this past weekend.

The Steers notched a historic win in the opening round of the three-day tournament on Thursday by claiming their first win of the 2003-2004 season in a 51-24 rout of the Snyder Tigers.

Wes Parks sparked the Big Spring offense in the contest, sinking several key shots.

Brandon Boling and Justin

Green both hit double figures in the win for the Steers, finishing with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

"Getting that first win of the year was big," said Big Spring head coach Will Johnson. "We had a lot of positive things happen."

Big Spring didn't let the momentum slip away in the second round. Big Spring sailed to an easy 45-33 win over the Sweetwater Mustangs.

Parks and Boling again teamed up to power the Steers' offensive show. The two combined to score more the 50 percent of Big

Spring's points.

Parks lead the way with 13 points. Boling added 11.

The Steers ran into a little bit of bad luck on Saturday, dropping their final two games — a fact that left a bad taste in the mouth of both the team and the coach.

"The guys really thought that they should have won both games Saturday," said Johnson. "We just need to fix some little things and the wins will start coming."

In the first game, the Steers ran into a stubborn Abilene Wylie Bulldogs team and suffered a

heat-breaking 63-59 setback.

Shay Long and Kyle Piercefield keyed the Steers offensive game in the loss. Long ended the contest with 13 points, while Piercefield torched the Wylie defense for 12.

Despite getting a 10-point effort from Piercefield and another eight from Boling, Big Spring suffered a 43-36 loss to the Lamesa Golden Tornados in their final outing of the tournament.

Big Spring, which is scheduled to face Greenwood tonight in the Steer Gym, is 2-4 on the season.



Big Spring Lakers' head coach Wesley Watson takes a time out during a game last season to discuss strategy with his players. The Lakers finished in a tie for first place in the Big Spring Youth Basketball League's 10 and Under division. The BSYBL features more than 800 local athletes on more than 80 teams.

Playing the 'Y' game

Big Spring Youth hoops league hoping new rules aid growth, player development

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

For more than a decade, the Big Spring Youth Basketball league has been bringing the game to area youths. And, since the beginning, it's had a simple goal — give the children the chance to play, have fun and improve their athletic skills.

The fun — and fundamentals-building skills — could get even better this year, league officials are hoping. BSYBL leaders are implementing several new rules this season aimed at giving each athlete a better chance to compete both locally and statewide at post-season tournaments.

The league, which is currently holding registration for the upcoming season through Saturday, is scheduled to begin Jan. 17 and run through March 6. A late registration period is set for Dec. 14 through Dec. 17.

"The league is set up in that it's all about the kids," said Big Spring YMCA program director Gary Barnett, who helps oversee one of the largest youth basketball leagues in West Texas. "It's all about teaching them the skills involved in playing the game and working with others in a team environment. It's about the kids having fun while learning the game of basketball."

Among the rule changes being implemented this season will be playing time requirements for each player and educational clinics for both coaches and referees.

Unlike previous years, the league will move to rules similar

Big Spring Youth Basketball League
What: Early registration runs through Dec. 13. Late registration will be Dec. 14-17.
Cost: \$20 per player if registered early. An additional \$5 will be added for late registration. Players will also raise funds by selling chances for prizes.
Info: Contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

to those followed by Little Dribblers — the rules all-star teams play with during the post-season.

One of the biggest requirements area coaches will have to adhere to is a "full quarter" rule. Under the new rule, each player must play two complete, uninterrupted quarters per game. The move, league officials feel, will give every athlete an ample opportunity to learn the skills needed to play.

"We want to make sure every child that signs up gets to play as much as possible," Barnett said. "As parents and coaches we sometimes forget this is about the children playing, learning and having fun. The best way to learn and have fun is to play."

With the new rule, each player on a team — with the exception of injuries and illnesses — that arrives 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of a game must play the entire first and second, or second-or third, or third and fourth quarters.

BSYBL officials feel the new rule, though cumbersome in the beginning, will help raise the overall talent level by increasing the playing time for most children. That, they feel, will only help in future years — and eventually beyond in the junior high

and high school programs.

The "playing time" requirement is just one of the major changes in the league this fall. Coaches will be allowed to double-team the ball at certain times and will have to agree to be a positive role model at all times.

"We want our coaches and referees to be a positive influence on the players," Barnett said.

To help improve the level of understanding on the new rules and standards, the league will be holding several coaching and officiating clinics for the more than 130 volunteers that run the more than 85 teams from five surrounding communities. All BSYBL coaches will have to attend one of two coaches' meetings on either Wednesday or Dec. 17. Referee clinics will be offered Jan. 10 and Jan. 14.

Barnett urged anyone interested in coaching a BSYBL team or refereeing games to attend the meetings or to contact the YMCA at 267-8234 for more information.

"We want to encourage anyone who wants to volunteer as a coach or referee to do so," he said. "If you want to give something back to the community, this is a great way to do so. By taking a little time to teach the young kids, you can make a big difference in their lives."

Barnett also said the BSYBL league could feature a new 13-14 Division if enough older players are interested. Teens not currently playing on junior high school teams are eligible to play in the league.

Hawks sweep past CV, WC

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Steve Goff has made his living all season long off his offensive shooting skills. Saturday night, the sophomore's defense gave the Howard College Hawks a 69-66 win over Weatherford College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Goff blocked a last-second shot by Weatherford College to preserve the Hawks' win — and sent Howard College into the holiday break sporting a 7-2 record and a two-game win streak.

The Hawks, who defeated Cedar Valley Community College on Friday night, had to fight back from an early deficit to claim the win. Howard College trailed by a 36-35 margin at the half.

The Hawks stepped up defensively in the second half, using a zone defense to slow the WC offense. Weatherford managed just 30 points in the final 20 minutes of play.

Offensively, Goff powered the Hawks by pushing in a game-high 18 points. Finlay Brashears and Johnny Jones also hit double figures with 16 and 14, respectively.

Jon Sykes, despite playing with the flu, pulled down 11 rebounds.

The Lady Hawks didn't fair as well. Weatherford went on a late run and claimed a 65-63 victory.

With the loss, the Lady Hawks head into the break with an 8-7 record.

Freshman Alison Lopez sparked the Lady Hawks offensively, pumping in a team-high 17 points. Sophomore Desiree Bostice pushed in 14.

Pribyla, Jansa headline Klassic all-tourney picks

Grady's Jason Pribyla and Garden City Leslie Jansa headlined the 2003 Garden City Bearkat Booster Klassic all-tournament teams.

Pribyla was named the boys' MVP, while Jansa netted the girls' honors.

Joining Jansa on the girls' squad were teammates Jessica Hoch, Megan Niehues and Amanda Henson and Grady's Miranda Spradling and Kelsey Tubb and McCamey's Jasmine Martinez.

Grady's Trent May and Brent Madison joined Midland Classical's Wally Dunn, McCamey's Brandon Butler, Garden City's Chais Goodwin and Christoval's Forest Holt on the boys' squad.

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more interesting to me. It
asks us,
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you learned,
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you going to
do with the
information?" The
truth is, it
will probably
take another
day or so to
even begin to
assimilate
the revelations into a cohe-
sive plan. Take your time.
But realize things have
indeed shifted.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).
Friends want to support you
in your endeavors. If only
family would be as down to
earth, you'd have a perfectly
smooth day. Oh well, don't
take comments too personal-
ly, and inject some funny,
lighthearted news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).
If you find yourself engaged
in an unsavory task, you can
trace this activity back to the
moment you said, "Gee, I'd
really like to..." What were
you thinking? Next time,
you'll choose to think bigger.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).
Career advancement comes
to many of you - it happens
with so little fanfare, you'll
wonder if it's really true. Yes,
it's true. Seize your new
responsibility, and make the
most of it. Prove that you
were the best choice for the
job.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).
Your body needs more activi-
ty, and when your blood is
pumping, your body can
deeply cleanse itself, includ-
ing a clearing of mental clut-
ter. Go for a walk/jog/hour-
long yoga session. Tonight,
young people help you get
perspective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Someone who has trouble
focusing will use you as an
anchor in the storm. Huge,
sweeping changes can be
made in your life when you
face the big issue - and it

has something to do with
making more money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A
fulfilling personal life will
bring much-needed balance.
You could even forget about
work worries altogether.
Singles are looking for some-
one who makes the heart
overflow. Express your feel-
ings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
You've got definite ideas
about what a loved one
should do with his or her life.
Unfortunately, this person
doesn't share your vision.
Being right doesn't matter if
no one follows your advice.
Use diplomacy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).
You'll earn your daily bread
today without much incident,
so focus on your love life.
Early expectations could get
in the way of a relationship's
progress. The union doesn't
have to be serious for you to
relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21). Knowing that with-
out a doubt you are worthy of
emotional fulfillment will
open the door to romance. If
you're pulling away, ask
yourself why. Tonight is per-
fect for assessing the return
on your investments (time
and money).

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19). At work, you could easily
zone out due to a lack of
interest. If you're unhappy,
all you have to do is let more
love in. There are people who
will reach out to you if you
make the slightest gesture to
include their advances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18). Rise above the petty prob-
lems and fears your loved
ones are holding on to. For
couples, bonding now over a
shared hobby, investment or
responsibility is a lovely way
to spend the evening. Go over
homework with children.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).
The creativity that is flowing
through your career sector
makes it easier for you to
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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie, I want to protest your answer to "Exhausted in Virginia," who said her loving mother raised her alone. She spoke to her mother for an hour once a week, but the calls were so unpleasant she called them "emotional nightmares." Now, Mom is pressuring her to phone more often.

I can't imagine what you must have been thinking when you advised her to compromise by making shorter daily calls. This mother might have been loving at one time, but not anymore. "Exhausted" should stop calling NOW and get on with the rest of her life. She need not feel one twinge of guilt. - Angry in New York State

Dear New York State: We heard from hundreds of readers, many of whom had little compassion for Mom. We do not recommend that a daughter who loves her mother stop all contact, but you are right that "Exhausted" should not allow Mom to manipulate her, which is why we suggested shorter phone calls. Here's more:

From New York: My daughter lives across the country, and I miss her terribly. I never realized how much of myself I put into raising my child, and when she left home, I was adrift. I feel loved and appreciated when my daughter, who is a teacher, calls and says, "Mom, do you have any ideas for a craft for my kids?" It makes the transition to "empty nest" easier because I still feel needed. That gives me the courage to venture out to new things.

Vermont: Mom needs to leave her daughter alone. Chances are, the more this daughter does, the more Mom will demand. If Mom needs so much attention, she should be in a nursing home where somebody will check on her several times a day.

Midwest: Might I suggest that a brief once-a-week letter, in addition to phone calls, would be a good way to remind Mom that her daughter loves and thinks about her, and the letter can be read over and over until the next phone call.

Colorado: That mother sounds like a devoted control freak to me. Lots of parents of adult children would be thrilled with a one-hour call per week. Mom needs to get

her own life going and not harass her daughter.

Branford, Conn.: My children gave me a "mail station" for Christmas, and included a year of online service. This little keyboard only sends and receives e-mail. It's simple to operate, the price is reasonable, and the e-mail service is within my budget. When I have something to say to my children, I e-mail and ask them to reply or call when convenient. This way, I don't interrupt their busy activities.

Littleton, Colo.: That mother is selfish and controlling. "Exhausted" has a busy schedule and seems to be handling all her responsibilities with amazing success. Her mother should be proud and supportive, not manipulative.

Maryland: Your advice is usually so reflective of most contemporary thinking, but you seem to have taken a step back with this one. This daughter has been eating guilt all her life and needs to know it is OK to stop. The mother is so toxic that she can infuse poison from across the country.

Spokane, Wash.: You said when the daughter doesn't phone, Mom feels neglected and unimportant. I say, hooley! She should stand her ground and learn to be at peace with her heroic efforts to balance the needs of all the people in her life, including those of her emotionally abusive mother.

California: My mother and I communicated through e-mail and instant messenger. She's passed away, but I am grateful I had the opportunity to chat with her as much as I did. Time is so short. When "Exhausted's" mother is gone, there is no going back.



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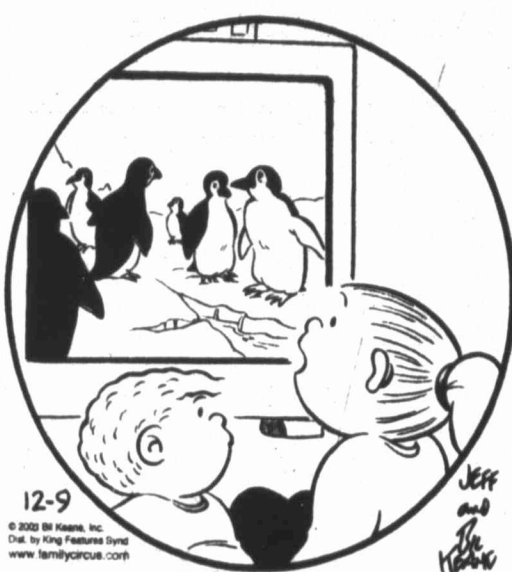
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	Dallas	Midland	Spanish	Odessa	Odessa	Telemundo	Midland	Atlanta	Odessa	Odessa	Discovery	Classics	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports	New York	Premium
6 PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	El Menarial	King of the Hill Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Pasion de Gavilanes	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)	Booker John Haggie	News-Laher	Justice Files (CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live Movie Special	Sister, Sister Lizzie McGuire	NFL Live NFL's Greatest	College Basketball: Illinois vs. Providence	JAG (CC)	Gentlemen (CC)
7 PM	I Want a Dog-Charlie Brown	I Want a Dog-Charlie Brown	Veloz de Novia	70s Show Simple Life	Red-Nosed Reindeer	Amor Descarado	Tracy Morgan Whoopi (CC)	Movie: Murder at 1600 (CC)	Update/Israel N. McBride	Nova (CC)	New Detectives-Forensic	Movie: Hud (CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Partners (CC)	Movie: 'Twas the Night	Game (CC)	NBA Fast Break Tuesday	College Basketball: Arizona vs. Texas (CC)	Movie: Pump Up the Volume (CC)
8 PM	Accord- Jim Less-Perfect	Accord- Jim Less-Perfect	Nina... Amada Mia	24 (CC)	Billy Graham	Ladron de Corazones	Fraser (CC) Happy Family	Law & Order: Special Victims	Light of the Southwest	Isaac Stern: Life's Virtuoso	New Detectives-Forensic	Movie: Hud (CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Coming to the Stage	(CC)	NBA Fast Break Tuesday	College Basketball: Arizona vs. Texas (CC)	Movie: Replicant (CC)	45 Movie: Hardball (CC)
9 PM	Line of Fire (CC)	Line of Fire (CC)	Casos de la Vida Real	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Judging Amy (CC)	La Presencia de Anita	Law & Order: Special Victims	25 Movie: Chi Factor (CC) (DVS)	Hour of Healing	Independent Lane (CC)	FBI Files (CC)	Movie: Hud (CC)	Charmed (CC)	Comickew	Sister, Sister Boy World	Season	SportsCenter	Law & Order: Special Victims	Sexual
10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show (CC) (DVS)	25 Movie: Murder at 1600 (CC)	Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Now Detectives-Forensic	45 Movie: Hud (CC)	Angel (CC)	Highly News Grown Folks	Kim Possible Proud Family	Season	SportsCenter	Law & Order: Special Victims	Sexual
11 PM	Ent. Tonight (CC)	Ent. Tonight (CC)	En las Mejores Familias	Becker (CC) Spin City	(CC) Lulu Lulu	Al Rojo Vivo	Late Night (CC)	25 Movie: Murder at 1600 (CC)	Rev. J. Harlan Richman	Sign Off	Now Detectives-Forensic	45 Movie: Hud (CC)	X-Files (CC)	Midnight Love	Even Stevens Sister, Sister	Rodeo: Wrangler	Outside-Lines	Movie: Sudden Death (CC)	Predator
12 AM	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Angela	Blind Date	Show (CC) Guardian	Maria Cortes-Familia	Fraser (CC)	Update/Israel Booker		FBI Files (CC)	Movie: Hud (CC)	X-Files (CC)	Comickew	Boy World Recess (CC)	National Finals - Fifth Round	SportsCenter		12:05 Movie: Brimstone and	

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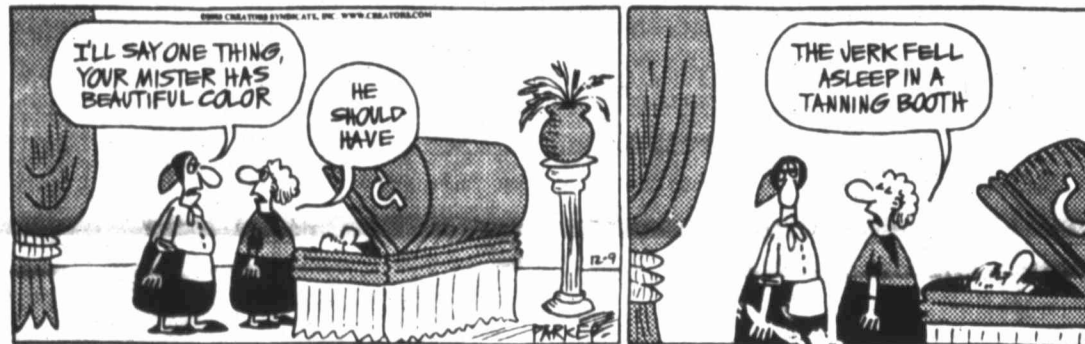
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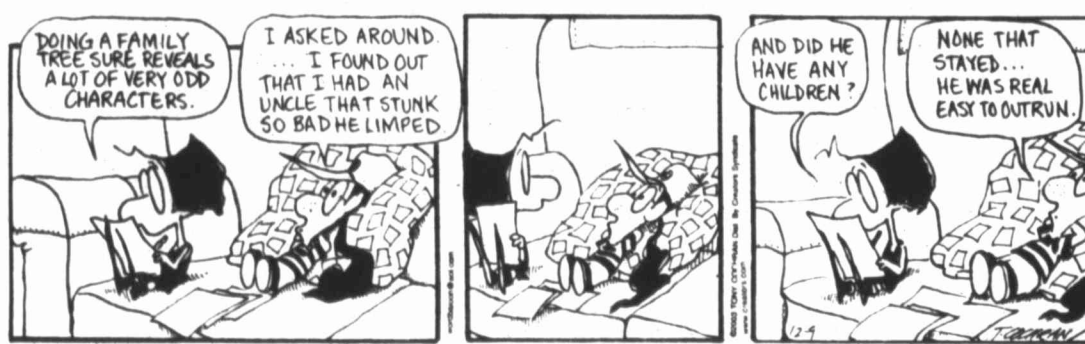
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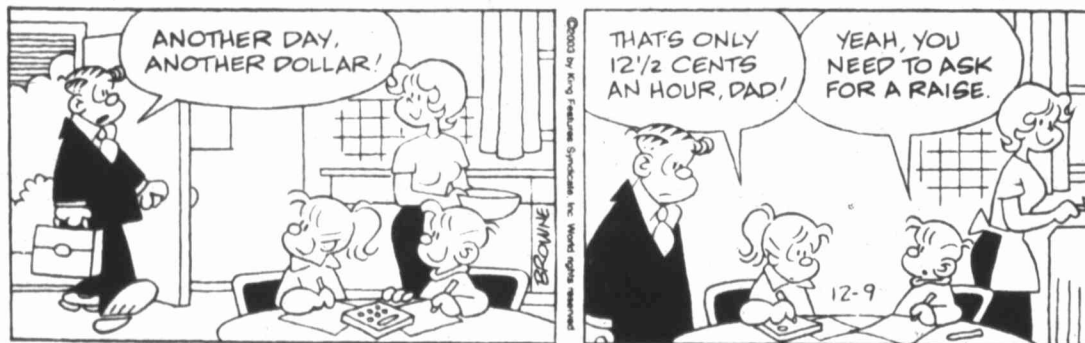
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 2003. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 9, 1907, Christmas seals went on sale for the first time, at the Wilmington, Del. post office; proceeds went to fight tuberculosis.

On this date:

In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1941, China declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy.

In 1942, the Aram Khachaturian ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Saber Dance," was first performed by the Kirov Ballet.

In 1958, the anti-Communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1965, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1990, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential runoff by a landslide.

In 1992, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (The couple's divorce became final Aug. 28, 1996.)

In 1995, Congressman Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., was chosen the new head of the NAACP.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kirk Douglas is 87. Actress Dina Merrill is 78. Actor Dick Van Patten is 75. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 73. Actress Dame Judi Dench is 69. Actor Beau Bridges is 62. Jazz singer-

musician Dan Hicks is 62. Football Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus is 61. Actor Michael Nouri is 58. Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., is 56. Singer Joan Armatrading is 53. Actor Michael Dorn is 51. Actor John Malkovich is 50. Country singer Sylvia is 47. Singer Donny Osmond is 46. Rock musician Nick Seymour (Crowded House) is 45. Actor Joe Lando is 42. Actress Felicity Huffman is 41. Country musician Jerry Hughes (Yankee Grey) is 38. Rock singer-musician Thomas Flowers (Oleander) is 36. Rock musician Brian Bell (Weezer) is 35.

Answer to previous puzzle

ERAS	SALEM	CAVAL
TALE	ALIVE	OVAL
APPLE	PIE	ALAMODE
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SCREAM	BOAST	
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Newsday Crossword KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- Courtroom peer
- Old MacDonald's place
- On easy street
- Eat away
- Pay into the pot
- Double-reed woodwind
- Pool player's target
- Relate
- Menlo Park monogram
- Carpet coverage
- Overjoyed
- Patronizes, as a store
- Owl howl
- ABA member
- Dolphin kin
- "You said it"
- Isaac's eldest
- Boo-boo
- Sandwich shops
- Tax agency: Abbr.
- La (opera house)
- Pass into law
- Will of The Waltons
- Operates, as a computer
- Bask on a beach
- North Pole aide
- Grunting sounds
- Poker player, at times
- Little sofa
- Ship's guardhouse

DOWN

- Witticisms
- Heep
- Broncbuster's venue
- Poem of praise
- Meal
- Aspect
- "Puppy Love" singer
- Map line: Abbr.
- Shooting star
- Shoulder muscle group
- "Yeah, sure!"
- Composer Porter
- Conducted, as a meeting
- Make a speech
- Easy strides
- You might press it in a crisis
- Party or plant preceder
- Gay city of song
- Gershwin and Levin
- Foot feature
- Historical times
- Citrus drinks
- On-screen list
- Verve
- Sorrowful sounds
- Acting site
- Piece of antiquity
- Burglaries
- Dracula actor
- Cattle identifier
- 52 Completes, with "out"
- Wipe away
- Played again, as a video
- Graceful bird
- Soothe
- Former Yugoslavian leader
- "_ there, done that"
- Pasture
- Experiment site

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