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College group collecting toys

The Mexican-American Student Association at Howard College is collecting toys to give to homeless children all around Howard County.

Toys should be brought to the college library, administration building, STEPS lab, student services office

or the registrar's office. Off-campus collection points are the Big Spring Herald and KBYG.

Gifts for children of any age will be accepted. The toy drive will be held through Dec.

VAMC to turn on lights this evening

Lou Ann Atkins, director of the West Texas VA Health Care System, has announced that the VA Lighting of the Holiday Lights ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. today.

The Nursing Home Care Unit choir will sing carols, refreshments will be served and Santa will visit with all children.

The community is invited to participate in the turning on of the lights.

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Architects needed Sunday

Gingerbread house raising party planned at Dora Roberts Community Center

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

Gum drops and red hots, licorice sticks and candy canes combine with the sweet scent of gingerbread to greet children and adults alike who participate in the annual Gingerbread House Decorating Sunday at the Dora Roberts Community Center:

"This is an annual event I do for the community that started years ago with Troy



Fraiser and his family," said Gale kind.

"It has grown so big that now we do this at the community center," he said.

Sponsored by Gale's Sweet Shoppe, the doors open at 1 p.m. The come and go event concludes at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15, which includes everything gingerbread decorators

could want to make their project one-of-a-

Tickets are needed to participate in the event, so Pittman will know the number of houses to bring to the center.

And he's asking that reservations be made. "We will have some new additions to the event this year. This is always so much fun. Although it started primarily as something the kids could do, we have lots of adults and

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It's almost time for the big parade

Annual event expected to draw thousands of spectators

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

The Christmas season in Howard County will officially start at 5:30 Saturday afternoon when the 19th annual Big Spring Herald Community

AFTER THE PARADE

immediately follow-

"Oliver," commu-

Living Christmas

Tree, 8 p.m., First

United Methodist

ing the parade.

Refreshments

Hangar 25 Air

Christmas Parade gets under way with the long procession moving north on Gregg Museum reception Street.

While businesses : mark the Friday after Thanksgiving as the start of the Christmas shop- nity wide musical, ping season, others consider the Spring High School first day of the auditorium. Tickets Yuletide to be the are \$5. first Saturday in December when the parade is tradi-

tionally held. According Herald Publisher

Susanne Reed, she and the newspaper employees tend to think in terms of the parade being the season's kickoff.

Church.

"I've really been looking forward to this year's parade," Reed admitted. "Last year's parade was the first one I'd

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Children's choir members sing during last year's presentation of the Living Christmas Tree. The annual event will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the First United Methodist Church. There is also a dress rehearsal open to the public at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Collaborative effort necessary for 26th Living Christmas Tree

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

First United Methodist Church will present the 26th annual Living-Christmas Tree

at 8 p.m. Saturday and performances due to limited Sunday. A 2 p.m. dress rehearsal will

also be held Saturday. Although they are free, tickets are needed for the evening

seating. They may be obtained at the church office. "Hope comes home" is the

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Canterbury hopes to ease burden of holiday shopping with annual bazaar Saturday

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

It's all about helping those with disabilities to get their Christmas shopping done.

Canterbury Retirement Home is hosting its 25th annual Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Canterbury South, located at 1700 Lancaster.

"We hope this will give those who are unable to get out and shop a way to get their holiday gifts bought," said Shannon Nabors, Canterbury's executive director.

"Sometimes, senior citizens, residents of retire-

ment homes and those with limited physical abilities have a difficult time getting to stores. Because our facility is handicapped accessible, it will give these wonderful people a place to Christmas shop all in one stop," Nabors explained.

No vendors are charged to set up shop at the bazaar and vendors keep all of the money they earn. from the sale.

"Canterbury doesn't benefit from the sale, it all goes to help those who can't shop for extended periods of time and for those who don't want to

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Courtesy photo

Sandie Osborne shows some of the items she will have for sale at the 25th annual Canterbury Christmas Bazaar which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at Canterbury South. Vendors will have many unique gifts and homemade items for sale.

Local bands announce upcoming winter concerts

HERALD Staff Report

Winter concerts are coming up for local bands, including the Big Spring High School band, junior high band and beginner band.

The high school band is teaming with the Salvation Army for a concert set for 7 p.m. Thursday

in the school auditorium.



each person who attends to bring two cans of food, which will be donated to the Salvation Army," said Rocky Harris, Big. Spring High School band director.

The concert will feature the full band, playing selec-"There's no monetary charge, tions such as "Christmas with the band surrounding the

"Slovanic Folk Suite" by Alfred Reed, "Home for Christmas," "Green-sleeves Rhapsody" and "Jingle Bells Forever."

"'Jingle Bells Forever' is actually 'Jingle Bells' with 'Stars and Stripes Forever,' complete with a piccolo feature at the end,"

explained Harris. The concert will be topped off for either concert.

but we are asking Festival" by Leroy Anderson, audience and playing its entire marching show.

Tuesday, the junior high band

will hold its winter concert at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high gym. Tuesday, Dec. 14, the beginner

band will play a winter concert at 6 p.m. at Goliad Intermediate School.

There will be no admission fee

Obituaries

Jesus H. Herrera

Jesus H. Herrera, 91, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, in an Abilene hospital. Funeral services are 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial

He was born Dec. 13, 1912, in Mexico and married Manuela Resendez in December of 1938. She preceded him in death in 1995. Mr. Herrera had farmed in the Ackerly area and moved to Abilene in 1995. He was a Christian.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Helen Gonzales of Abilene and Elia Herrera of Austin; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by one son, David

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Take note

□ VA MEDICAL CENTER LIGHTING OF THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS is set for 6 p.m. Friday. Christmas carols sung by the the nursing home care unit choir, refreshments and a visit with Santa Claus are part of the festivites. The community is invited.

☐ HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM AFTER CHRIST-MAS PARADE RECEPTION Saturday in the museum, 1911 Apron Dr. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served. Call 264-1999 for more information.

☐ THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT ASSO-CIATION OF HOWARD COLLEGE HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE is set for Dec. 1-15. Bring toys to the Howard College library, which is open from 7:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Toys may also be taken to the administration building, the STEPS lab, the student services office or the registrar's office. Gifts for children of any age are appreciated, especially for children 13-15.

☐ THE BIG SPRING BASS CLUB is serving a barbecue plate dinner from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday at the Eagle's Lodge, 703 W. Third St. To-go plates available for \$5. All proceeds go to the family of Robert Seago and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Call Gary Gillihan at 264-6528 or Jerry Jones at 263-4329 for more information.

□ BIG SPRING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHEER-LEADERS brisket burrito sale, \$2 each, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at the east door of Wal-Mart.

□ COLLEGE PARK CHURCH OF GOD, 603 Tulane, has chicken fried steak dinners for sale Friday at 11:30 a.m. for lunch pickup. From 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., there is free delivery for dinner plates, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Call 267-8593 to place an

□ CHRIS' CROSSES WILL BE ON SALE AT THE EAST DOOR OF WAL-MART today as a fund-raiser for Home Hospice Halos Relay For Life team. Call Sherry or Rose Ann at 264-7599 for more information.

☐ A BENEFIT FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Jeremiah Best, to help with the cost of his cancer treatment. Contributions and prayers are appreciated.

□ LETTERS FROM SANTA ARE AVAILABLE FROM SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER as a Relay For Life fund-raiser. Each letter will have a North Pole postmark for a \$5 donation. Contact Amber Rich at 268-4960 for more information.

☐ GARAGE AND BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT CIR-CLE SIX RANCH IN STANTON is set for Friday and Saturday at the ranch, which is located six miles north of Stanton on Highway 137. Call 432-458-3467 for more information.

AN ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT TRISTIN RANGEL, son of Ione and Tim Rangel, has been set up at the Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, 2204 Gregg St., account No. 529903, to help with medical expenses. He has been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and is in a Lubbock hospital.

☐ THE BIG SPRING WEST TEXAS GIRL SCOUTS COUNCIL SENIOR TROOP 266 is collecting stuffed animals for Scenic Mountain Medical Center's emergency room. A collection box for the stuffed toys will be at Seams-So-Nice in the Big Spring Mall. Or call Laurie Peterson at 432-267-9773.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m.

· DALE ROBERT SCHENCK, 22, of 1101 Sycamore, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants and a Comanche County warrant.

· SAUNDRA JO GARRAD, 30, of 1520 Tucson, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while license suspended and a citation for expired vehicle inspec-• THOMAS WEBBER, 37, of 1602 Johnson, was

arrested Thursday on five local warrants. · STACEY DAWN JONES, 19, of 1313 Mulberry,

was arrested Thursday on seven local warrants.

• EARL ALONZO WRIGHT, 28, of 3907 W. Highway 80, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

FORGERY was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg

· BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of S. Nolan.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 1500 block of FM 700.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

Sheriff's report

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

· TRUCK FIRE was reported in the 4600 block of

• DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

Support groups

Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5-6 p.m.

☐ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. at the Spanish Inn Restaurant, 200 NW Third. Call 398-5522 for more information.

☐ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church,

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

☐ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more informa-

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

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

The Living Christmas Tree First United Methodist Church December 4th & 5th, 2004 8:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary **Dress Rehearsal Open To Public** Saturday, December 4th at 2:00 P.M. Tickets available in church office Nursery available

(Free) Limited Seating

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

 AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

 VA Medical Center Lighting of the Holiday Lights at 6 p.m. Christmas carols, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus are part of the festivities. Public

· "Oliver," a community-wide musical production. begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

 Spring City Senior Citizen's country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors

· Asleep at the Wheel at the Stampede. Tickets are \$20. Call Jody Nix at 267-2060 to make reservations.

· Canterbury Christmas Bazaar 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. · Living Christmas Tree dress rehearsal at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church.

· Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

· Heritage Museum Parade Watch and Winter's Blessings Exhibit 4-7 p.m.

· Big Spring Herald Christmas parade begins at 5:30 p.m.

· "Oliver," a community-wide musical production, begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

· Living Christmas Tree at 8 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. · Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 27-24-18-32-9. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday

Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-27-31. Bonus Ball: 29. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$275,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-4-0

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Northeast winds near10 mph.

Saturday - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 50s. Light and variable winds in the morning becoming south near10 mph in the

Saturday night - Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds near 10

Sunday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Sunday night - . Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Monday - . Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Monday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 30. Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows near 40. Wednesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Wednesday night – Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid

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NEWS BRIEFS

Bush taps former head of NYPD as next homeland security chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former NYPD commissioner Bernard Kerik, who helped rally New York City's police force and its citizens following the Sept. 11 terror attacks, is President Bush's pick to run the Homeland Security Department.

But Bush is losing his ambassador to the United Nations, John Danforth, who has submitted his resignation and plans to retire after serving as a troubleshooter for Democratic and Republican presidents alike. Danforth, a former Republican senator from Missouri, served less than six months in the post.

Bush was formally announcing the Kerik selection on Friday, a senior administration official said.

Bush on Thursday also announced that Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns, 54, was his choice as the next agriculture secretary, replacing Ann Veneman.

As Bush lines up his second-term team, seven members of his 15-member Cabinet have submitted their resignations. Another departure, by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, also appeared to be near.

Evidence gained by torture can be used to detain enemy combatants at Guantanamo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Evidence gained by torture can be used by the U.S. military in deciding whether to imprison a foreigner indefinitely at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as an enemy combatant, the government

Statements produced under torture have been inadmissible in U.S. courts for about 70 years. But the U.S. military panels reviewing the detention of 550 foreigners as enemy combatants at the U.S. naval base in Cuba are allowed to use such evidence, Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General Brian Boyle acknowledged at a U.S. District Court hearing

Some of the prisoners have filed lawsuits challenging their detention without charges for up to three years so far. At the hearing, Boyle urged District Judge Richard J. Leon to throw their cases out.

Attorneys for the prisoners argued that some were held solely on evidence gained by torture, which they said violated fundamental fairness and U.S. due process standards. But Boyle argued in a similar hearing Wednesday that the detainees "have no constitutional rights enforceable in this court."

Leon asked whether a detention based solely on evidence gathered by torture would be illegal, because "torture is illegal. We all know that."

Boyle replied that if the military's combatant status review tribunals "determine that evidence of questionable provenance were reliable, nothing in the due process clause (of the Constitution) prohibits them from relying on it."

Rejection of patch could discourage research into female sexual dysfunction

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a move that could chill excitement about experimental drugs to treat female sexual dysfunction, federal advisers refused to endorse a new testosterone patch for women.

Procter & Gamble sought to market the Intrinsa patch to women with impaired libido due to surgical removal of their ovaries. The company told a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel that the drug had not raised significant safety concerns in clinical trials.

However, the advisory committee was unanimous Thursday: More research was needed.

The FDA is not bound by the committee's recommendation, though the agency usually follows such guidance. An FDA decision on Intrinsa is expected in a few weeks.

Panel member Dr. Steven Nissen, a Cleveland Clinic Foundation cardiologist, said he worried about exposing millions of American women to heart attack and stroke risks to gain a marginal increase in sexual satisfaction.

PARADE

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seen in Big Spring. I was absolutely amazed and that has me excited about what we think may be one of the best parades the Herald has sponsored.

"It looks like this is going to be a great parade," Reed continued. "We know several businesses have had teams hard at work planning their entries for some time. We found that out during the Chamber of business Commerce's roundtable last month. And I know there are other community groups and individuals that have been doing the same.

"And since the Herald celebrated its 100th anniversary of publishing this year, we decided we needed to offer some cash prizes to three winning entries," she added.

A \$100 cash prize will be awarded to the entry selected as the winner of the Best of Show Award for the best interpretation of the theme "100 Years of West Texas Christmases."

The winner of the Mayor's Trophy for the best use of lighting will encouraged." receive a \$75 prize, while costuming will receive

Reed stressed that the Herald takes great pride in sponsoring each year's Community Christmas strive to make every procession just a little better than that which came before.

"I can't begin to tell you how surprised I was last the parade," Reed said. "I minute entries was not only impressed in encouraged. the quality of the entries, but how many of them ty's parade," when you consider how watch, it was just astounding.

"It's pretty obvious that the community takes as much interest in the parade each year as we do in sponsoring it," she added. "The employees who've been here several years say the entries continue to get better and better, especially since to an evening start and lighted entries were minute preparations.

the winner of the Grand Linda Conway will serve Marshal's Award for best as grand marshals for this year's parade.

This procession will have 53 registered entries, but even more are expected to join in the event.

Elizabeth Flores, the Parade and employees Herald's parade coordinator, stressed that late comers are welcomed to get their entries decorated and show up to be included in the parade. Only registered entries year when I drove our will be judged for awards grand marshal's car in and plaques, but last-

"This is the communi-Flores there were. And then explained. "So even if you weren't able to register an many people turned out to entry, but want to take part in the parade, we encourage vou go come join us in getting the Christmas season started and head downtown in with a bang.

Flores stressed that all parade participants are asked to make sure they do not block the driveways of homes in the process of lining up for A. Moseley can be contactthe event and to make the parade was changed sure they clean up any litter created during last- at editor@bigspringher-

Participants will begin Bobby McDonald and lining up for the procession at 4 p.m. The Big Spring High School and Forsan High School bands will need to arrive at 5

The parade will start at the corner of East 24th and Gregg streets, moving northward on Gregg Street, take a right on Sixth Street, go all the way up to Main, take a left on Main Street and disperse around the courthouse area.

"The parade route is pretty long and that's good because it gives lots of people an opportunity to view the parade," Reed said. "But remember, it looks like the weather's going to be pretty cold once the sun begins to set. So, remember to dress warmly, bring a thermos of coffee or hot chocolate plenty of time to get a good vantage point. We want everyone to enjoy this with us."

Managing Editor John ed by calling 263-7331, ext. 230, or he can be e-mailed ald.com

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groups who participate now," Pittman said.

The Big Spring State Volunteer Hospital Services members will be selling drinks and food at the event, with all the proceeds going to the volunteer fund.

"This is a perfect opportunity for people to come and purchase pies, cakes and cookies that they will need this holiday season," said Dorothy Sheppard, chairman of the Big Spring State Hospital volunteer organization.

A Girl Scout troop has reserved a table to do to construct a roof, houses, as has a church spearmint candy and group, Pittman said:

"If a group wants to come out, they just need to call me so I can reserve ' he said. a table for them," he said.

houses, which are baked and put together. He also provides all the decorating tools and items, including icing and cake decorating bags, vanilla wafers that some may use other types of candy.

"All they have to do is show up and decorate,"

The Heritage Museum

Contact Staff Writer

Pittman supplies the assists with the event. Tammy Schrecengost. museum curator, said the decorating project is a fun event.

> "And when you take your decorated gingerbread house home, it fills the air with that great Christmas Schrecengost said.

> To purchase tickets or reserve a table, contact Pittman at 263-2253.

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fight huge crowds of shoppers," said Nabors.

Canterbury The Auxiliary will have baked goods for sale to benefit the home's Christmas luncheon for residents.

famous Canterbury cooks are busily baking to have lots of homemade items ready Saturday," Nabors.

Canterbury cookbooks will also be available for purchase.

Nabors said that along with the baked goods, the bazaar will also offer hand-painted ornaments,

jewelry, crosses. Christmas decor and many types of handmade Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 crafts and gifts to fill any-next. 234 on by, e-mail at one's Christmas shapping

For more information, contact Nabors at 263-



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reporter@bigspringher The Big Spring Bass Club will be serving a

Barbeque Plate Dinner Saturday from 3 - 8 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge

Plates will be \$5 To go plates will be available

Proceeds will benefit the Robert Seago family and M.D.A.

Then stay for the dance at 8:30 p.m.

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name of this year's play, which will accompany the music. It was written by Big Spring's Sue Partee.

Choir members, orchestra and a children's choir work together to bring the annual presentation to the community. "The production is collaborative process," said the church's minster of music, Jim Wright.

The 75-minute presentation is usually attended by more than 2,000 people each

year, according to organizers. Call the church at 267-6394 for more

information.

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com





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-FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

Susanne Reed

John A. Moseley Managing Editor

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- The Downtown Revitalization Association on another wonderful Christmas concert, and to all of those who participated.
- Washington Elementary School students who "adopted" soldiers and are sending them packages for the holidays.
- Pat Anderson on her retirement after nearly two decades with the Howard County Clerk's Office.
- · Traci Lindsey, winner of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's 15 Minutes of Fame contest.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

America has effected our

The case involves the incident that occurred in New Jersey this past was robbed in front of his house by four black youths. The man then took it upon himself to chase the youths in his SUV as they got in their car and drove away. During the chase, the socalled victim ran over and killed one of the youths after they had fired on the victim's vehi-

Now most of the news networks like CNN and Fox News are saying this man is a hero, but I don't think he is. I feel the main news media and law enforcement officials in New Jersey fail to see the

The so-called victim in this case became a vigilante and he should be prosecuted. I think the true reason he is not is because he is a black man and the media fears that if it had made this man out to be what he really is, the black community would not have just sat around like it is now

It's a shame the fear of racism has brought the officials. justice system to a halt just because of someone's say, not as I do," must skin color. I do believe come into play here. that if it was a Hispanic or a white person who'd run over that black youth, the black commu-

nity would have made I would just like to take sure that person got a minute to discuss how arrested and prosecuted, the fear of racism in even though the youth robbed and threatened to rape the victim's daugh-

There are laws in this country for a reason and week where a black man no matter what one's skin color, we must abide by them.

It's a sad day in this great country of ours when the legal system has to pause and think what the racial repercussions are going to be if they act against a black man in this type of incident.

> SANTIAGO FLORES BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with a great deal of interest the editorial about buying in Big Spring. You stated that usually it costs more or as much to go out of town and buy products.

Our city fathers and city manager always say buy in Big Spring, support Big Spring mermeant for the citizens'

benefit, I guess. I see our local police went . to department Lamesa and bought Dodge vehicles. Who put the OK on this project? It must have come from city

The old saying, "Do as I

KENNETH CARSON

BIG SPRING

Decorating the Settles; you get the idea

anta Clauses, candy canes, trees... Help me out here, OK? We need to figure out what decorations we're going to put at the top of the Settles Hotel. That's right, we're going to put holiday

decorations on the Settles. I'm talking lighted objects here. Night time viewing. What's that?

Permission? Are you kidding? That's the last step anyone takes. You're supposed to just dive headlong into a project with joy and cheer in your heart

and emptiness in your head and then throw a big fit if it doesn't work out. Use the word Grinch a lot. Anti-Santa. You get the idea.

Personally, I say if Borden County can put a star on its mountain, surely Howard County can put something on its Settles. True, the hotel is straight up, but it's not as tall as a mountain and we've got stairs. (Planning note no star. It's already being done.)

The way I see it, there are a couple of choices here. We can either put something on the very top of the Settles or we can put something on each side near the top. Picture a decorated tree on one side, a candle on another, a candy cane on another and a Santa on another. You get the idea.

We could spell out some traditional greetings in multi-colored lights on each side. Like "Merry Christmas," "Happy Holidays,"

"Peace on Earth" or that age-old favorite, "Shop Big Spring!" Note: "Hair Salon Capitol of

Texas," while applicable, just doesn't capture the essence we're looking for, nor does "Auto Parts Center of the West."

We don't want to get too elaborate for obvious reasons, the first being that it is the Christmas season and most of us have already spent more money than we will make for the next several years. Second, we want to evoke the warm, gentle spirit of Christmas and not the shrill sirens of ambulances rushing to the scene of a bloody traffic accident caused by idiots gawking at lights instead of looking where they were supposed to be going.

Obviously it would be wonderful to have reindeer pulling Santa in his sleigh around and around the old hotel, but that's probably a bit over the edge, at least to start. For now, these decorations will have to be easy to construct and store.

I'm thinking we could build them out of heavy duty chicken wire and just string lights where appropriate. They'd have to be fastened down pretty well, of course. The last thing we need is a family of five to be crushed on Third Street by a giant, dive-bombing snowman. The city would get sued and the family — those who survived - would make millions off a book "Unsettled at the Settles -Frosty's Carrot Becomes Weapon of Death.'

We, of course, would stand around and say "Lights?" There were lights up there?'

Anyway, back to the project. I figure lots of chicken wire and

duct tape would be the way to go. Each scene could be built in three to four sections, depending on actual dimensions of the project and width of the hotel. Then we'd lower the sections in place from the top of the hotel. That's the idea, anyway.

You may have a better one. I'm open for anything.

Storage shouldn't be an issue. Whatever display or displays we come up with can be stored in the Settles. There's plenty of room and we won't have to be worried about vandals. That's good because while we all know Big Spring has the most kind-hearted people in the world, we also have a few lowlife, scum-sucking degenerates who would rip the waddling clothes off baby Jesus if they thought they could pawn them.

Here's another bit of reality with just three weeks to go before Christmas, lighting the Settles may be too late for serious consideration this holiday season. However, I think it is worthwhile to look at for 2005.

Just imagine it. Seeing those lights from afar would draw travelers to our doorstep. Those lights would beckon them into our city. You can almost hear them saying "Yes, this is it! This is the city of lights. Home of the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights. Come see us. Come visit. Come eat with us. Come move here and pay taxes!"

OK, maybe lights don't talk to everyone, but, hey, you get the

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Phil Gramm: Mr. Charm on his way back

oody, goody, gumdrop. We could get Phil Gramm back again, this time as secretary of the treasury. Oh how I've missed that little ray of sunshine, the bleeding heart from Bryan, the

man who thinks poor people are all fat. As author Jim Hightower used to say, if you need a heart transplant, try to get Phil Gramm's

it's never been used. Just what we need

for treasury secretary: the banking industry's errand

boy. The man who helped bring us Enron. According to The Washington

Post, President Bush wants a new economic team. Can't imagine why. Oh, here it is. It's "part of Bush's preparation for sending Congress an ambitious secondterm domestic agenda." He wants someone "who can better relate to Congress and be more effective in dealing with financial markets and television interviewers."

There you have it — Phil's perfect for the job. Mr. Charm. And he knows how to talk those seniors into getting rid of Social Security. He's in practice. He's been back here in Texas lobbying to make it legal to sell "dead peasant" life insurance to the Teacher Retirement System.

"Dead peasant" insurance is chants. All of this is such a deal that Wal-Mart and lots of big companies do it. See, a company like Wal-Mart takes out life insurance on low-wage employees (that would be Texas teachers), then it gets to deduct the premiums from its taxes. And when the employee dies, the company gets a benefit between \$64,000 to more than \$250,000.

> Gramm is currently vice chairman of UBS Investment Bank. Under the UBS plan, the Retirement System would buy annuities and life insurance policies on retired teachers and keep the proceeds when they die. Of

course, the investment and insurance industries would profit from the premiums and brokerage fees.

Those of you who are regular readers know that I do not pick on the wives or children of politicians. I bring up Wendy Gramm because she is a player in her own right and also because this is a classic example of How Things Work in Texas.

Those who believe the entire nation is being Texasified should pay extremely close attention. Those interested in history will recall that W. Gramm was on the board of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission when it made what many regard as the key decision to set up the Enron scandal. She resigned from the commission a few days later and joined the board of Enron a few weeks after that.

But she has another legal case on her hands, State Farm Mutual and Wendy Gramm vs. Lopez, to be heard by the Texas Supreme Court, which is known here as the Dollar Docket. Texans for Public Justice, an excellent public interest group, keeps track of cases before the court every month and notes on its website the corresponding contributions to the justices from the parties and/or attorneys involved. This keeps us amused on slow days.

W. Gramm was on the board of State Farm Mutual Auto from 1994 through 2001. A policyholder lawsuit alleges that Gramm and other board members stiffed them on dividends after the company reported a \$37 billion surplus in 1997.

Even though we elect justices in Texas, Gov. Goodhair Perry gets to make an appointment when one resigns. Phil Gramm gave Goodhair's campaign the \$612,000 he had left over from his Senate campaign fund when he retired prematurely from that body after Enron collapsed. Goodhair had appointed Wendy Gramm to the Texas A&M board of regents a year earlier.

Gov. Goodhair in turn is close to James Leininger, who is the big

sugar daddy of the Texas right wing. Leininger also created the Texas Public Policy Foundation (not to be confused with the Public Justice people), which is dedicating to shaping public policy here in the state. Leininger is particularly keen on school vouchers and abstinence education. He not only gives generously to members of our legislative and executive branches, but also to candidates for the Texas Supreme Court. Wendy Gramm is the chair of Leininger's Policy Foundation.

Now, Goodhair Perry appointed the current chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, Wallace Jefferson, who was sworn in by Antonin Scalia, who is rumored to be on George Bush's list for chief of the U.S. Supremes. Goodhair has also appointed three other Texas justices, making four out of the nine.

You will be further amazed to learn that Goodhair Perry and James Leininger are such good buddies they went sailing together in the Bahamas last spring. Also, Perry's insurance commissioner has filed two amicus briefs for State Farm. (SET ITAL) His (END ITAL) predecessor gets paid more than \$200,000 to lobby for State Farm. There's more in this snake's nest of interlocking interests, but I wouldn't want to bore

Based on experience here in Texas, I can already tell you how this all comes out. Not only will Wendy Gramm and State Farm win the case, but the Republican legislature will then try to take away everyone's right to sue over anything like it, and you won't even know what happens after that because it will all be in sealed records. And anybody who objects gets accused of aiding the terrorists. Don't say I didn't warn you.

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First United Church

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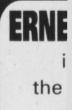
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Church News

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church welcomes all those who are looking for a place to worship, Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 Fourth Street. Preaching services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study is at 5 p.m.

Cornerstone Church

Church members have coupon books with \$125 worth of offers from local merchants available for \$5, with all proceeds going to the church building fund. Contact 816-3082 for more information.

Cornerstone Church, a Morning International Church, invites children entering kindergarten through fourth grade to a new fall program, "Looking At the Pieces," at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, featuring different stories of the Old Testament. A new Sunday school class for preschoolers continues with the story of Noah's Ark.

Cornerstone, located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship. Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday worship is at 7 p.m. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool. Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

First United Methodist Church

Dr. Dave Ring's sermon for Sunday is titled The "Hope." **Testament** scripture comes from Isaiah 40:1-11.

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal is Sunday at 2 p.m., and Children's choir practice is at 4 p.m.

Performances of the Living Christmas Tree are Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 8 Friends of Unity p.m. Tickets are required for the evening performances. Tickets are free West Texas in Odessa, Symphony Guild will and cannot be picked up will serve with us each hold its reception at our in the church office.

orders are due in no later p.m. in the ecenter in the Everyone is always wel-

than Dec. 5.

Bring gifts for the baby shower for Jesus to the sanctuary during the worship services during the Advent season. Gifts will be donated to the prenatal unit of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Gift suggestions include receiving blankets, newborn diapers, sleepers or undershirts.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs, call the church office at 267-6394.

East Side Baptist Church

On Friday we will present for your pleasure the Toney Brothers. They have been with us many times in the past and they have always been a blessing and joy to our church

and all of our friends. If you enjoy gospel music, you will surely The enjoy Toney Brothers.

Join us for a night of wonderful music, fun and Christian entertainment. The fun will start at 7 p.m., so come early for a

Sunday night in our 6 p.m. service the Hinckle Family will be singing for us. If you don't have a regular service to go to, come join us for some more great music.

December 11, we will our eighth have Children's Christmas Fun Festival, a program for children 5 to 12 years old, presenting the story of Christmas in a most unique way.

The festival is free, however, we need you to make reservations for your children. Call 267-1915 or 267-1845 to get your children on the list for the festival.

Come join the fun and fellowship at East Side Baptist Church. A nursery is provided for children four years and younger.

The Rev. Jim Sims, min-Community Orders are being taken This allows us and all invited to join us for poinsettias. who want to participate to instrumental music, vocal Poinsettias may be desig- experience a traditional music and congregational nated in honor or in mem- Unity service with singing of traditional ory of individuals. The hymns, prayers, affirma- Christmas music. traditional flowers will tions and a message from become part of the wor- an ordained Unity minis- all of the previously menship service Dec. 12, so all ter. This service is at 1 tioned

Railroad Plaza at 100 S. Main. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

Mary's annual St. Offerings Advent Concerts will begin with a concert Thursday at 12:05 p.m. in the church.

The Lone Star Brass Quintet from Midland will present "Carols for Brass Quintet." A light lunch will be provided by St. Mary's after the program. There is no admission charge.

The community is cordially invited to this celebration of the season of Advent.

For more information about Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001

First Presbyterian Church

S. Goliad.

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on scripture from Matthew 3:1-12 Sunday, the second Sunday of Advent. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday school is held at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 starts at 10:35

Opportunities for the week include choir practice Wednesday at 6 p.m. Members are encouraged to adopt a teen from the community by picking one from the tree in the narthex of the church.

Members of the church will also be contacted by various church youth and asked to buy a poinsettia to be placed in the church in memory or honor of someone special to them. Proceeds will go to the youth program.

Other opportunities for the week include an advent workshop for children at Dora Roberts ister for Unity Church of Sunday. Also, Sunday the first Sunday of the month. church and everyone is

Please join us for any or activities.

Presbyterian Church located Runnels on between Seventh and Eighth streets. Call 263-4211 for more informa-

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Don't miss the Lighted Christmas Parade this Saturday. Come to our Gregg Street parking lot to receive free hot chocolate, popcorn and a stickon 2005 calendar, compliments of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Join us on Sundays for worship at 9 a.m. and Bible Study for all ages at 10:15 a.m. Call (432) 267-7163, for more information.

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Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We encourage you, if you do not have a church home, to visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. We are the church family you have been looking for, where visitors become friends and friends become family.

The ladies are leaving today for a ladies retreat in Eastland set for 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday. There will be fellowship, fun, food and plenty of rest and relaxation physically, mentally and spiritually.

In the morning worship beginning at 10 Sunday, the Hinckle Family

First Singers will be with us meaning of Christmas. ministering in word and song. We invite you to come and be blessed by this family's ministry.

This is a very busy time of year, but we must not forget that Jesus is the reason for the season. For information you can call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

East Fourth Street Baptist Church welcomes everyone to our fifth annual Hanging of the Green. This holiday service is filled with new and traditional music, highlighting the true

We invite all to this spe-

cial service that will begin at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary

Our Sunday schools for all ages start at 9:45 a.m. while worship begins at 11 a.m. Youth, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends and Mission Babies begin at 4:45 p.m., followed by the Hanging of the Green.

If you already have a church home, we encourage you to attend your church, if you don't, we welcome you here.

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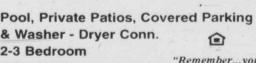
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'Handmade Christmas cards add touch to holiday greetings

By JOAN MORRIS KRT

Many of us are beginning to panic about one of the most daunting tasks on the December must-do list.

That's right, it's card time.

While we're not all early mailers, about 85 percent of us will dig out our address books and work our way through the lists, sending cards that will arrive sometime before New Year's.

A growing percentage of those cards will be personalized - created by crafters who spend hours designing and making their cards by hand, and by computer and Internet wizards who point, click and print their way to holiday greetings.

Crafters credit the trend to the steadily growing interest in scrapbooking and the staggering array of products and expertise available consumers. On technical side of holiday cards, trend-watchers say digital cameras have pushed the envelope. More than 825 million photos are now stored at photo Web sites, ready to viewed and transformed into a variety of greeting cards and gift items.

InfoTrends, a market research and consulting firm focusing on digital imaging technologies and markets, reported in August that revenue from personalized holiday gift items — cards, calendars, photo books, mugs — has been climbing and will likely increase 45 percent each year for the next four years.

According to a conducted last month for Shutterfly, a popular online photo service, about 40 percent of Americans expect to receive a personalized photo card this season.

"Personalization is a growing trend with no end in sight," says Dave Shutterfly Bagshaw, and CEO. president 'People want to send cards that capture their personalities, with an inside message that speaks their language. Our photo cards bring more meaning to loved ones, especially when they can't be together during the holidays.'

Web sites such as Shutterfly and Snapfish offer one-click shopping that permits customers to make their cards in a matter of minutes. They pick out card styles and designs, write a message and download their own pictures. They can 'even enter addresses, choose a

postage stamp, and the Torgerson say it's not as Web sites will print the cards and mail them off. Prices vary, but many cards cost well under \$1 each, including postage.

For those who want to add a more personal touch, the printed cards are sent to them, and they write personal notes and address the envelopes most themselves.

Even greeting card manufacturers bowing to the trend. Greeting card giants Hallmark and American Greetings both market software programs for home computers. The programs contain versions of cards that can be personalized and also allow users to design their own cards. For the cost of the program, card stock and ink, users can whip up as many cards as they need.

Some people, however, prefer a more hands-on approach to card making. Friends and co-workers Katherine Patti and Beckie Torgerson have been making their own cards for the past 10

Patti owns Stamped Creations Art Studio in Pleasant Hill, Calif. For a small fee — \$10 for up to four hours - visitors can use the work space and assorted equipment, which includes ink pads, embossing tools, paper cutters, die-cuts and more than 6,000 rubber stamps. Torgerson teaches classes at the studio and is a frequent visitór.

Patti hadn't done a lot of crafting before she discovered stamping; but it immediately captured imagination. Torgerson comes from a crafting family and was schooled early in a variety of arts.

Making their own cards is a way of relieving stress, flexing their creative muscles and sharing a part of themselves in their handiwork, they say.

"They are gifts as well as cards," Patti says. "You're giving something of yourself.'

While making cards by hand takes more time than picking up a box of premade cards or using your computer to create Patti them,

time-consuming as people think.

recommend They beginners start with a basic design and play around until they've created a design they like. Cards can be as simple or as complicated as you like, they say. Some of the detailed-looking cards can be easier to make than some of the simpler-looking ones.

Although people have been making their own cards for generations, modern card makers have a lot more resources available to them than ever before. Most stores that specialize stamping, scrapbooking and crafts offer classes; there are magazines devoted to the art; and other card-makers are always willing to share their knowledge and experience.

If you're planning to make your own cards, whether by computer, the Internet or by hand, experts say you should start now. But if you tarry, you won't be alone. According to RoperASW survey, 17 percent of those polled considered themselves "early birds," sending their cards within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving: 36 percent said they send "on time," about two weeks before Christmas; and 27 percent said they are "last minute" mailers, posting their cards less than a week before Christmas.

And 4 percent said they give up on Christmas and send New Year's cards.

How to do it Here are some to get you started.

Greeting card software: · Hallmark Card Studio 2005, about \$50

 American Greetings Creatacard Platinum 8, about \$25

 Print Master Platinum Version 16.0, about \$35 · The PrintShop, var-

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Katherine Patti, left, and Beckie Torgerson show two ways of creating your own greeting

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A Pastor's Message

nchurched. One of the aspects of my personal history that I often discover to be unique among the people with whom I most often associate is that I was not raised up in a church.

When I tell church people that about me, they look at me strange-

"How did you ever get to be a pastor?' I'm often asked. "By the grace of God and the love of Jesus

THE REV. DR. DAVE RING

Christ," is always my answer. My parents weren't "for" or "against" churches or the Christian faith — it was

just absent from our lives. Until my mid-teen years, the number of times I was ever in a church could be counted on the fingers of one hand - all those were

occasions when my

maternal grandmother

took me while I was visiting in her home. As I look back upon those early years, I had plenty of friends who did attend various and sundry churches, but no one ever invited me to

go with them. I don't think they intended to ignore or exclude me, they probably just assumed that I already had a church of my own.

And I honestly can't say whether I would have responded positively or negatively to an invitation to attend church back then, because I was never given the opportunity to consider the possibility.

My experience has taught me that many church people are very naive about what the "outside" world is really like.

The majority of Christians in America today spend their time associating with other church people; they read Christian books and listen to Christian music on the radio — and they naively assume that everyone else is just like they are.

They don't deliberately exclude those who don't know Jesus — they just neglect to mention Him outside their own circles, circles which primarily consist of already believing Christians.

The reality of Big Spring today is that less than one-half of the population of this city has any association, active or inactive, with any Christian fellowship.

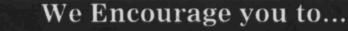
Every other person that you see at Wal-mart, or McDonald's or the gas station, is completely unchurched.

They're neighbors, coworkers and sometimes even friends of those of you know who are church members.

And they may or may not be open to an invitation to accompany you to church next Sunday — but the only way to find out is to ask them. If you claim to be a Christian, that's your responsibility.

I didn't set it up that way, but Jesus did. The Rev. Dr. Dave Ring is pastor of the Big Spring First United Methodist Church.

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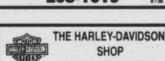
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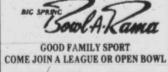
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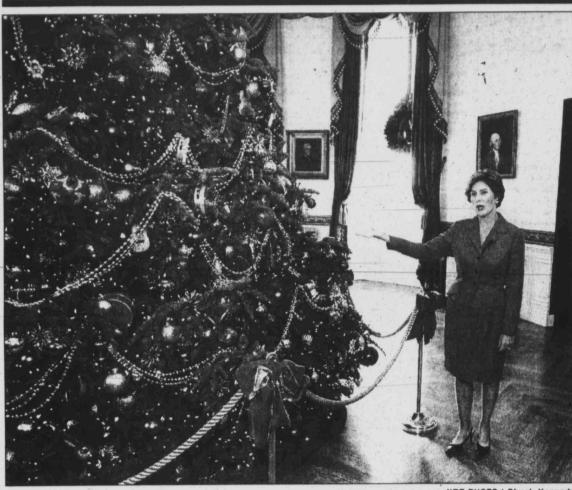
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Holiday memorial service set

Odyssey HealthCare will have a special ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Christ's Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. honoring the memory of loved ones who died this past year

For more information, call James Byler at 263-5999.

Heritage Museum tour

Heritage Museum tour Dec. 10 will visit San 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 Angelo.

On the tour will be Fort Concho, Miss Hattie's attend the event, and the Eggemyer's script is provided to Museum, General Store and the Chicken Farm, which is an art display.

Cost for the chauffeured 7015. trip is \$25 per person and lunch will be dutch treat. Space is limited to 24 people. Make reservations by Tuesday by calling 267-8255.

'Messiah' set Dec. 18

The Big Spring Symphony and Chorale will present George F. Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. Dec. 18 in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

Tickets are available at the symphony office, 808 Scurry, the Big Spring Herald, the Big Spring Area Chamber



Club News

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Heritage

Leader Donna Menges presided when Take Off Pounds Sensibly TOPS TX 21 met at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. Third.

Olnee Menges opened the meeting with prayer, the pledges were recited and the group joined in singing the fellowship song.

Donna read an article titled, "I Love My Job," followed by the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by secretary Gladys Russell.

Assistant weight recorder Hughetta Roberts called the roll, with members answering with their weekly loss or gain. Olnee Menges and Duffy Yancy tied for weekly best loser of the TOPS and received the weekly best loser award and certificate.

Both Keep Off Pounds members Sensibly present recorded small gains.

The program titled, "Healthy Eating Through Holidays" presented by Carol Smith.

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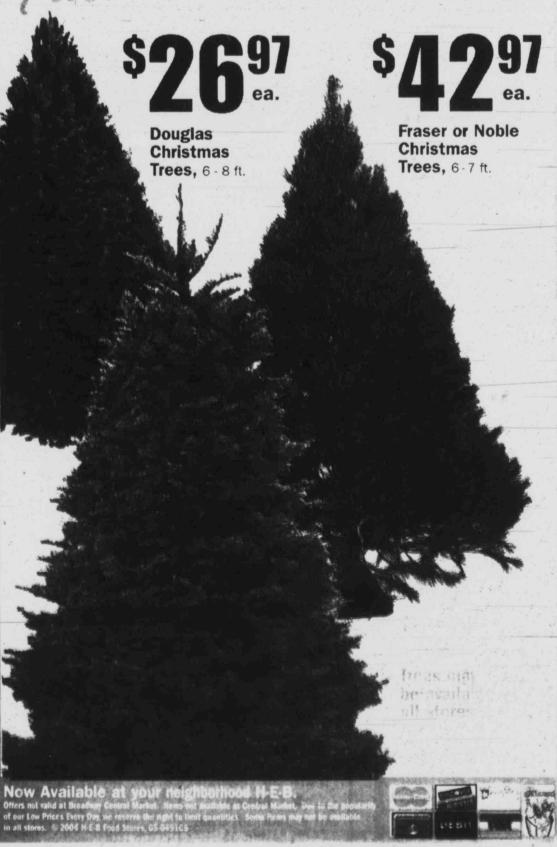
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SPRING HERALD

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

> Page 1B Friday, December 3, 2004

IN BRIEF

Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

YMCA extends youth registration

The YMCA has announced that youth basketball registration for the upcoming season will extend through today.

The second organizational meeting for adults who would_like to be age group coordinators is still scheduled for Saturday. Everyone interested in coaching must attend one of the two scheduled meetings.

The teams will be formed Saturday, as well.

The games are scheduled to begin Saturday, Jan. 8.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

B.S. football banquet set for Dec. 13

The Big Spring football banquet has been Monday, Dec. p.m. in the pring Junior High Cafetorium.

The meal will cost \$10. For more information, call the Athletic Training Center at 264-

Class 3A rivals meet in huge playoff game

Snyder Sweetwater will face off at 7:30 p.m. tonight Spring's at Big Memorial Stadium in the Region I, Division II Quarterfinals of the Class 3A playoffs.

The two teams are in the same district and have already met this year as Sweetwater defeated Snyder at home 35-25.

The game is expected to bring at least 7,000 fans and that number could reach 10,000.

Pre-sale tickets are \$5, but spectators can purchase tickets for \$7 at the gate. However, pre-sale tickets can only be purchased in Snyder or Sweetwater.

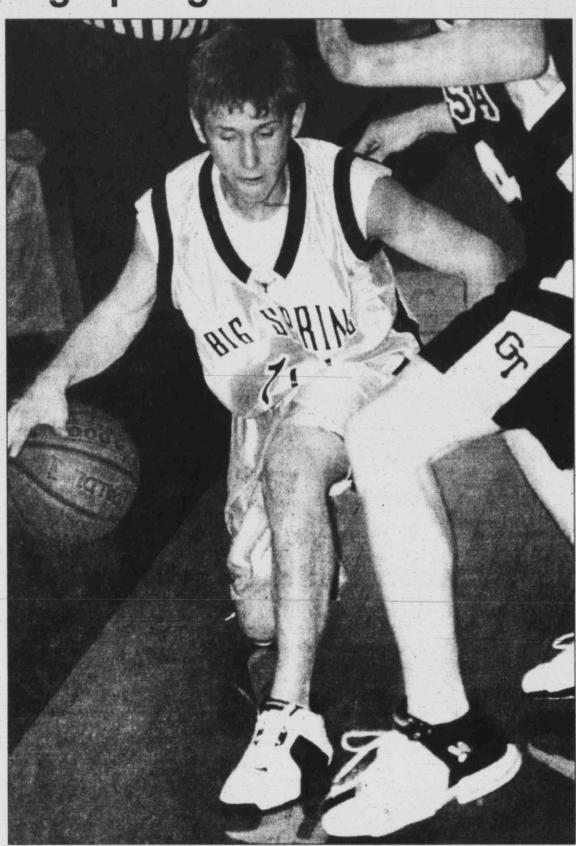
Left-hander Tejera signs with Rangers

ARLINGTON - Leftpitcher handed Michael Tejera signed a minor league contract with the Texas Rangers and was invited to spring training.

Tejera was acquired by the Rangers after he was waived by Florida in September, and made six relief appearances in Texas. He has pitched 108 career games, compiling an 11-13 record with a 5.06 ERA.



Big Spring runs into troubles at separate tourneys



Big Spring senior Brandon Gross tries to find an opening during a game last week. The Steers lost to Fort Hancock in the Andrews Tournament Thursday and played Snyder today at 11 a.m. Big Spring will advance in the tournament regardless of a win or a loss due to Snyder's playoff football game tonight.

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor The Big Spring boys and girls basketball teams ran into troubles last night in the opening night of their respective tournaments. The Steers

lost to Fort Hancock at Andrews Tournament, while the Lady Steers lost to Sante Fe by 10 points at the Concho River Classic in San Angelo.

Steers 45 Fort Hancock 58

ANDREWS Steers forgot to get off the bus Thursday afternoon in Andrews, according to Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear, as the team lost to Fort Hancock, 58-

up," said Kinnear. "We had no intensity and we played without emotion."

Big Spring trailed 28-18 at halftime and then got ond half.

Kinnear. "However, it is good to get this type of game out of the way before the district season have ever seen. begins.

"The guys are upset at the result of today's game turnaround complete (Friday)."

led the Steers with 14 go their way. I rest my points, while freshman case with the score.' Jordan Kinnear scored 13 points and pulled down 10 rebounds (seven offen-

Junior Kyle Piercefield VanHecke to call three grabbed seven rebounds

senior Bobby Newton had five rebounds. Justin Green had a team-high three assists.

The Steers played Snyder today at 11 a.m. in the second round of the tournament, but the score was unavailable at press time. Big Spring will also play at 7:30 p.m tonight regardless of the outcome due to Snyder's playoff football game against Sweetwater at Big Spring's Memorial Stadium tonight.

Lady Steers 51 Sante Fe 61

SAN ANGELO - The Lady Steers outscored Sante Fe in three of the four quarters, but still found a way to lose Thursday at the Concho "We really didn't show. River Classic in San Angelo because Sante Fe outscored Big Spring 29-0 in the second quarter. The final score was 61-51.

"I have never had a outscored 30-27 in the sec- total team breakdown like nd half. that before," said Big "It was a total team Spring head coach Tim breakdown of all aspects VanHecke. "I thought I of the game," said gave one of my best pregame speeches ever and the girls played one of the worst first halves I

The team is still running the offense that they want to run and are not and we are looking for a listening to me. They refuse to do what I ask and some of the girls Senior Nathan Teeters think things are going to

The Lady Steers committed 15 of their 29 turnovers in the second quarter alone, forcing

and had two steals, while See BIG SPRING, Page 2B

Buffaloes struggle in opening round of Bulldog Invitational

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

COAHOMA Stanton boys and girls basketball teams each lost their opening round game at the Coahoma Invitational Tournament Thursday.

The boys team fell to Seminole's junior varsity squad 55-48, while the girls struggled to score against Sweetwater and lost, 47-15.

The Buffaloes and Seminole played a tight first half with Stanton leading after one quarter, 12-10, while Seminole's advantage was 29-27 at halftime.

the second quarter. Stanton then responded with seven straight points to regain the lead. The sixth and seventh points came off a jumper by sophomore Michael Stanton up 19-14 with 4:38 to play in the half.

Stanton's run triggered costly in the end. a Seminole timeout, which then triggered five attack was led by Randy straight points and a tie game at 19-19.

Washington's back-tothe game close for Stanton despite the Buffaloes inability to hit their free throw shots.

but Washington's 3-point attempt as time expired clanked off the rim.

Turnovers dominated the first part of the third quarter for both teams.

turnovers for Stanton as Washington got called for two quick fouls in the period and sat out half the third quarter with four fouls total.

Seminole also went on a 13-0 run (9-0 with Washington on the bench) to push its lead to 41-29 with 1:40 left. They eventually took a 46-33 lead into the fourth quar-

Washington returned in the fourth quarter as Stanton tried to claw their way back into the game. They cut the lead to 10 with 56 seconds left and an Esparza free throw even got the Seminole took its first Buffaloes to within seven. lead with 6:05 to play in However, they couldn't get any closer and wound up losing 55-48.

Stanton was led by Washington, who had 22 points before fouling out. Matthew Ireton and Brad Smith each scored seven Washington, which put points, but Stanton's eight-for-21 performance from the foul line proved

Seminole's balanced Pack's 13 points and Chris Douglas' 12 points. Eric Boyd and David back-to-back baskets kept Browne each added nine points, while Michael Martinez finished with eight points.

The Stanton girls team Stanton had a chance to shot at baskets with lids take the lead at halftime, on them Thursday night as they struggled to score points against Class 3A's Sweetwater in its opening round at the Coahoma Invitational.

Bad news followed the See STANTON, Page 2B



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Stanton's Jeremy Esparza flings the ball up court to a teammate during the Buffaloes' loss to the Seminole JV Thursday at the Coahoma Invitational. Stanton will challenge the San-Angelo Central sophomores today at 3:30 p.m. in the Coahoma High School Gym.

Snyder (11-2) vs. Sweetwater

(11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Big

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Henrietta (12-1) vs. Boyd (13-

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Celina (13-0) vs. Crawford

Troup (12-1) vs. Omaha Paul

Rogers (13-0) vs. Lexington

Sunray (13-0) vs. Stratford

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Kimbrough Stadium in

Haskell (11-1) vs. Windthorst

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(11-2), 3 p.m. Saturday, Canyon

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By The Associated Press

Class 5A Division I

Euless Trinity (10-3) vs. Tyler Lee (10-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium.

Region III/IV Semifinals

Spring Westfield (12-1) vs. Converse Judson (13-0), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome.

DIVISION II Region I

Quarterfinals Southlake Carroll (13-0) vs. Denton Ryan (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium.

Region II Quarterfinals

Cedar Park (11-2) vs. Lufkin (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium.

Region III Quarterfinals

Katy (12-1) vs. Houston Clear Lake (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome.

Region IV Quarterfinals

SA Taft (10-3) vs. Smithson Valley (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Farris Stadium, San Antonio.

Class 4A Division I

Sherman (10-3) vs. Ennis (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at SMU's Ford Stadium.

Region III/IV Semifinals

Marshall vs. Boerne (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Waco ISD Stadium.

DIVISION II Region I

Quarterfinals

Aledo (10-3) vs. Wichita Falls Rider (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Collins Athletic Complex in Denton.

Region II Quarterfinals

Wylie (10-3) vs. Dallas Lincoln (11-1), at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grand Prairie's Gopher-Warrior Bowl. Region III

Quarterfinals

Kilgore (12-0) vs. La Marque (11-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Texas A&M's Kyle Field, College Station.

Region IV Quarterfinals

Gregory-Portland (13-0) vs. Pflugerville Connally (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at San Antonio's Farris Stadium.

Class 3A Division I

Abilene Wylie (10-3) vs. Royse City (11-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium Region III/IV

Semifinals

Palestine (11-2) vs. Cuero (13-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Round Rock

DIVISION II Region I Quarterfinals

STANTON

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The Lady Mustangs won the game 47-15 as they held Stanton to single digits in all four quarters and scoreless in the third period.

Stanton trailed 26-10 at halftime before Sweetwater scored 12 unanswered points in the third frame.

Senior Ashley Gutierrez led Stanton with eight points.

Also, Stanton, which played the game without the services of junior Bonnie Kendall, lost two players during the game to injuries.

Kendall missed the game because of a foot injury. Marion Tracy left the game in the second quarter after sustaining a knee injury, while Colby Ringener left in the third period with a shoulder injury.

The Stanton boys will play the San Angelo Central sophomore team today at 3:30 p.m. in the Coahoma High School gym, while the girls team plays an unknown opponent at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the high school gym.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Stanton's Stormie Duggan looks for a teammates assistance during the Lady Buffaloes' loss to Sweetwater Thursday at the Coahoma Invitational Tournament.

Nowitzki wins superstar battle

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

Dirk DALLAS Nowitzki and Tracy McGrady were trading baskets and exchanging winks, each savoring their game of "Top This!" A jumper here, a

rebound there. A 3-pointer matched by a driving layup. A 9-0 run for McGrady, a 10-0 spurt for Nowitzki.

When it was finally over, McGrady stood at midcourt, ready to admit defeat and congratulate points, the second-most in the winner.

Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks won the game of the season in the NBA far, beating thus and McGrady - Houston Rockets 113-106 in overtime Thursday night.

Their one-on-one duel overshadowed the expecting battle of young stars later in the night, Cleveland's LeBron James vs. Denver's Carmelo Anthony.

To a national cable television audience, Dallas-Houston was just supposed to be the warmup act, but viewers might as well have gone to sleep

lenged the Hereford and San Antonio Marshall loser at 11:30 a.m. today, but the score was not available at press time.

"If we play another game like we played yesterday during the second quarter, we won't win a game the rest of the year."

deserved to be savored _ in contrast to Cleveland's 92-73 victory in Denver.

Nowitzki led the way with 53 points, the most ever by a Dallas player and tops in the NBA this season. He also had season

highs in rebounds (16) and blocks (four), plus three steals, yet the most amazing part was that he always seemed to get them at the right time....

McGrady scored 48 the NBA this season, and had nine assists and nine rebounds, narrowly missing the third triple-double of his career.

"This was by far one of the best I've ever been a part of, two of the league's superstars both putting their teams on their backs," Houston forward Juwan Howard said.

"I'm going to be telling my kids about this one,' said Dallas forward Josh Howard.

Nowitzki hit his first four shots, including a four-possession sequence that saw him get rebounds on defense and

early because this one nail jumpers, and knew then he'd have a good night.

Even though he missed eight of his next nine shots, he was still being productive by getting to the foul line, and his confidence never waned.

The German star opened the fourth quarter with a 9-0 run, assisted on the next basket, then scored again.

He scored the first 10 points of overtime and came up big on defense, basket and poking the ball away from McGrady on Houston's next posses-

The Rockets couldn't even escape No. 41 during a late timeout.

Coahoma finds win column at tourney

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

COAHOMA - Three players reached double figures for the Coahoma boys basketball team as the Bulldogs began their own tournament with a win Thursday against the Clyde junior varsity, 59-

The Bulldogs held Clyde

two points in the second quarter and led 25-7 at halftime. They added 21 points in the third quarter before being

SHIFFLETT outscored in

the final frame, 14-13. Tyler Fowler led the Bulldogs with 12 points, including two 3-pointers, while Darrick Shifflett added 11 points. Terrell Bibb went two-for-three from the foul line on his way to a season-high 10 points.

The Bulldogs only shot four-for-11 from the charity stripe in the game. However, Clyde wasn't better as it connected on six of 14.

The Bulldogs will play tonight at 7:30 p.m. against the winner of the Coleman/Presidio game, which was played at 12:30 p.m. today.

Coahoma's girls basketball team started the tournament today at 11 a.m. against Fort Stockton, but the score was unavailable at press time. They will play again too, stripping Jim either tonight at 6 p.m. Jackson on a drive to the against Presidio (firstround win) or Saturday at 10:30 a.m. (first-round

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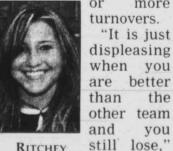
timeouts in the period.

"I have never done that before," said VanHecke. "Our turnovers were just fascinating.

had three more turnovers. "It is just

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VanHecke.

Senior Alex Watkins scored 12 of her 14 points in the second half. She grabbed eight rebounds and delivered seven assists.

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Junior Raegan Ritchey, who played the game under the weather, scored nine of her 13 points in the second half and added six rebounds.

"She is trying to carry

America's Drive-In Sonic apocials Everday Check Out The Marqueel this whole iceberg and she had to do it tonight when she wasn't feeling the best."

Senior Cycelye Tuitt scored 12 points (seven in second half) and grabbed eight rebounds, while junior Carmen Lewis Five girls on the team dished out four assists.

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Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joseph Manning Kilpatrick, Deceased, were issued on November 29, 2004, in Docket No. P-13214. pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Mr. Jimmy Michael Carey

The residence and mailing address of the Independent Executor is Mr. Jimmy Michael Carey, 1800 CR 340, Coahoma, Texas 79511.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law

James L. McGilvray P.O. Box 1370 Stanton, Texas 79782 Attorney for the Estate #4395 December 3, 2004

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The moon void of course shifty side (if not downthis morning contributes right indecent or dangerto the general mood of ous). restlessness and anticipa-

tion of what? .That sense of not knowing is both maddening and delicious. As long as we stay in the whatdark, ever it is behind the

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proverbial door No. 3 = becomes the projection of all our hopes.

What are you wishing for? 19). Just when a situation life you currently think is starts to feel like it's taking over your life, a friend offers a chance for adventure. You remember adventure, right? Consider how many of the seven wonders of the world you've seen. Explore.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You usually can be counted on as the emotional rock, the stabilizing force, the one who soldiers on no matter what. So the effusively mood you're in today is seen as an anomaly and may amuse loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your role as "whistleblower" is tough for you, as you are used to being liked by all sides. You'll be the one to spot the element of the plan (or the charac-

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Bring plenty of initiative to the table. When you dare to want more, you're

more likely to find a way to get more. Someone who knows the secref shortcuts is nearby. Turn up your person! LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

The super volcano that is now Yellowstone devastat-MATHIS the Hemisphere some 640,000 years ago. Now, it's the first and most fantastic national park. There's

> a catastrophe! VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can't believe what you hear. Someone close may be trying to smirch a perceived rival by spreading false rumors. Sticking up for the underdog is just one of the ways you make a difference in this crazy

world! LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Life is a game, and you are, in the hippest sense of sentimental the word, a player. A clever maneuver you make in the early part of a project gives you the edge that will keep you in the

> SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes in life, as in chess, a pawn must be sacrificed in order to gain FORECAST: an attacking position. Be Mercury is retrograde, we DICATE, INC.

ter involved) that is on the smart. Make sure you don't always say what we completely understand your role in a situation. See that the pawn isn't you!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You relate your story well. In fact, you're such a witty teller of anecdotes that you'll be invited to see new places and get to know new people. It's instinct, and locate this fun to care for the non-ver- love deals you, so stick bal ways you communi- your neck out! Dare! CANcate to the world, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll find your-Western self being reviewed in some way. Others shiver and shake under such circumstances, but you're as LEO: There's a tendency ready and cool as a Swiss ARIES (March 21-April hope for that area of your Alps ski vacation. You should be practical and coast your way into a beautiful offering.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have no time to waste. Then again, you have never considered taking a different route home or venturing into the unknown to be a waste of time! A field trip is featured, especially one that is short, direct and memo-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not alone in what you believe, but your communication style is pretty unique. Finding people you relate to is the unconscious quest of the day. A witty gambit opens a fascinating conversation.

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mean, but as long as you mean what you say, the message will connect. Speak low when you speak love! ARIES: Clue in to subtle moves - someone has a crush on you. TAU-RUS: Do your homework. Learn something about your desired one! GEMINI: You can handle whatever CER: Burning question? Literally ask your heart it will answer you with a hunch, a telling mental image or an uncomfortable feeling in your body. to be romantic when you passionate when levelheaded is what's required. That's so loveable! VIRGO: Your public persona gets you romantic interest. But it's how you relate to yourself that brings happiness. LIBRA: Even when you're unsure of yourself, someone else isn't. SCORPIO: Your need for freedom is pressing you to cut loose from romantic restrictions. SAGITTARIUS: The better you express yourself, the more love you get CAPRICORN: back. Someone loves you just as you are. AQUARIUS: Giggle, flirt, and be silly. No one said love must be serious. PISCES: Romance is encountered at a gathering of old friends.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS HOWARD COUNTY

TO: Vernon Huff, Billy Joe Huff, Dennis W. Noggler, Sharon Hardin, Janice Parker (who is the daughter of Larry Huff), and Margaret Colley Huff (who was the spouse of Larry Huff), or if deceased, his or her pursonal representatives, unknown heirs, and legatees

ou are hereby commanded appear before the Honorable District Court, 118th Judicial District of Howard County, Texas, at the courthouse in. Big Spring, Texas at or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from November 23, 2004, the date of issuance of this citation, by filing a written answer to plaintiff's petition that was filed in the court on September 29, 2004, Number 43702 on the docket of the and entitled IN THE GUARDIANSHIP OF LARRY EUGENE HUFF, AN INCAPACI-TATED PERSON.

A brief statement of the nature of this application is: The application requests that the court accept the resignation of Dennis Noggler as guardian of the person and of the estate of Larry Eugene Huff, and that Dennis J. Noggler be appointed as successor guardian of ne person and estate of Larry Eugene Huff, with full authority over the proposed ward, and that letters of quardianship be issued to proposed successor guardian.

The Attorney for the applicant is the Burnette Law Firm, Susan L Burnette or Hollye H. Hawkins, 500 Taylor, Suite 504, LB 206, Amarillo, Texas, Telephone (806) 372-4900; Fax (806)372-4980.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve it and make due return according to requirements of law, and the mandates of this citation.

#4393 November 26 & December 3, 10, 17, 2004

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Anna Mae Gray, deceased, were issued on November 23. 2004, in Cause No. P-13205 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Sheila Watts, Administratrix.

The mailing address of the Adminstratrix is in care of her attorney in Taylor County, Texas, as follows:

Sheila Watts c/o S. Clinton Nix P.O. Box 59 Abilene, Texas 79604

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law

DATED November 30, 2004. BRADBURY & NIX

P.O. Box 59, Abilene, TX 79604 (325)673-7317 (325)673-3833 FAX Attorneys for the Estate

By: Clinton Nix

S. Clinton Nix State Bar No. 15043300 #4399 December 3, 2004

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My cousin, "Steve," is a homosexual. He is very nice and compassionate, but lives far away, and we see him only once or twice a year.

My brother never had a good relationship with Steve, and the old conflicts have now started to reappear. At a recent family gathering, my niece told my daughter that Steve was a "bad man" because he's gay and not to be nice to him or "you could catch the disease.'

I was shocked to hear these cruel statements coming from such an innocent child's mouth, until I learned that my brother had been teaching her these things. I'm horrified that this has been going on, but reluctant to start yet another conflict. What should I do? Tolerant Cousin

Dear Cousin: Shame on your brother for deliberately reinforcing ignorance in his own child and teaching her to be intolerant. Make sure your own children are better informed, and if your niece should say any of these things in your presence, feel free to correct misimpressions. her Unfortunately, unless you are willing to get into a fight with your brother, you cannot otherwise tell him how to raise his

child. Dear Annie: I have been happily married for over 20 years to a wonderful man who is 10 years younger. The age difference has never been an issue until recently, when my husband decided to wash the years out of his hair. The distinguished and very attractive gray is completely gone. He looks quite youthful, and now our age difference is very noticeable.

All these years I have tried to look my best in a wholesome way — healthy lifestyle, practical makeup and a positive attitude. This latest development makes me feel old. My husband refuses to take my concerns seriously. He laughingly says it's HIS hair, HIS body, HIS choice and it's no big deal.

My annoyance is now turning to frustration and obsession. Should I be considering plastic surgery? — The Older Wife

Dear Older Wife: Do you have reason to sus-



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

pect your husband's new look is a sign of dissatisfaction with you or an effort to make himself attractive more younger women? If so, plastic surgery isn't going to fix it, and if not, it is a drastic step to take because you are feeling insecure.

If the situation were reversed, would you consider it a problem? Probably not. Unless you believe something else is going on, please don't turn into "Extreme Makeover." Remember, the most important thing is a youthful attitude. Talk to your husband about your fears so he can reassure you, and consider updating your makeup and hair. Sometimes a little change can make a big difference.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Modesto Mom," whose daughter turned in the wrong textbook and was fined. I disagree that she's learned any lessons from this. Why did the mother, and not the daughter, write a letter to the principal? Why did the mother pay the fee and not the daughter? Why is Mom taking time off work to look through the 500 books and not the daughter? You get my drift.

The only lesson this daughter learned is that her mother will always bail her out if she gets in trouble. -Trying to Teach My Kids Personal Responsibility in Arizona

Dear Ariz.: Yes and no. A letter to the principal from a parent has more clout than one from a student, and we assume Mom paid the fee because her daughter was unable to do so. Also, Mom obviously doesn't want her daughter to take time away from

school to search through books. And please keep in mind that the daughter DID return the book she thought was hers. It was her locker mate, "Renee," who was irresponsible and should have offered to pay at least half the cost. Dear Annie: I find

myself in what I would classify as a friendship with a co-worker. Actually, I am her assistant. "Myra" calls me at all hours of the day, including weekends and evenings. We discuss everything - her children's problems, her family and her fiance.

Myra and her fiance just finalized their list for their wedding attendants, and I find it a little depressing that, while I am good enough to be a sounding board, apparently, I'm not good enough to be a bridesmaid. In fact, her attendants are mostly women who dislike the groom and have been quite vocal about it.

Myra has given me other duties at the wedding, but they are more like working assignments and don't involve any fun or interaction with the bridal party. Is it possible that what I assumed was a friendship is actually an extension of my job description? - Feeling Down About Myself

Dear Feeling Down: Myra sees you as her assistant. That means she expects you to listen to her complaints, provide support and advice, and take whatever assignments are given to you. Is this friendship? No. Although Myra no doubt appreciates the help you offer, it is not the same as a true friendship. Don't take it too hard, though. She probably thinks you're a terrific assistant.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators .com.

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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 3, the 338th day of 2004. There are 28 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Twenty years ago, on Dec. 3, 1984, thousands of people died after a cloud of methyl isocyanate gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India. (About 4,000 people died within hours of the leak; over the years, according to the Indian government, some 15,000 people have died from effects of the gas.) On this date:

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States. In 1925, "Concerto in F,"

by George Gershwin, had its world premiere at New York's Carnegie Hall, with

Gershwin himself at the piano. In 1947, the Tennessee

Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway. In 1953, the musical

'Kismet" opened on Broadway. In 1960, the musical "Camelot" opened on

Broadway. In 1964, police arrested some 800 students at the University of California at Berkeley, one day after the students stormed the

administration building

and staged a massive sit-in. In 1967, surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the new heart.

In 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.

In 1992, the Greek tanker Aegean Sea spilled 21.5 million gallons of crude oil when it ran aground at La

Coruna, Spain.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ferlin Husky is 79. Singer Andy Williams is 77. Movie director Jean-Luc Godard is 74. Singer Jaye P. Morgan is 73. Actress Mary Alice is 63. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 56. Actress Heather Menzies is 55. Country musician Paul Gregg (Restless Heart) is 50. Actor Steven Culp ("Desperate Housewives") is 49. Actress Daryl Hannah is 44. Actress Julianne Moore is 44. Actor Brendan Fraser is 36. Singer Montell Jordan is 36. Actor Royale Watkins is 35. Actor Bruno Campos is 31.

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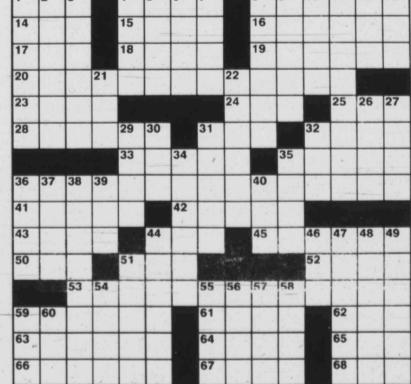
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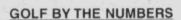
Shark: new clubs, new tour

It doesn't seem possible but as of Feb. 10, 2005, Greg Norman becomes eligible for the Champions Tour, making him the first mega star to turn 50

since Tom Watson. If he stays healthy, Norman will play events on the PGA and European tours in addition to the Champions.

Norman has just signed to represent-MacGregor Golf and will use its equipment exclusively, so he's got new equipment

NORMAN and a new place to play. He should become the Normanator on the Champions Tour, and his dominance will provide just the buzz a sinking tour needs to right its ship.



The percent of players in this year's U.S. Open who carried a hybrid club. The combination club — part iron, part wood — became commonplace on all the professional tours in 2004. For example, on the Champions Tour at the Administaff Classic, half the field carried at least one hybrid while 42 percent of the LPGA Tour players at the ARI International Championship had one in their bags.

The number of guesses it would take to name this year's winner of the bounce-back category on the PGA Tour. Bounce back is the percent of time a player is over par on a hole and then is under par on the following hole.

The most obvious guess is neversay-die Tiger ("Mostly in the Woods") Woods - obvious but wrong. Tiger finished 10th. How about Phil ("The Thrill") Mickelson? Nope, he finished 13th. Then it must have been this year's version of the tour-slayer, Vijay ("Of Thee I Sing") Singh. Not. He was fourth.

Welcome to paradise regained: It was John ("All My Exes Wear Rolexes") Daly, who in the past often let his temper ruin his score. In 2004 he maintained his cool and won a personal best \$2.2 million.



John Daly established a personal best by winning more than \$2 million in 2004.

The number of players in PGA Tour history to win at least nine times in one season. Can you name them? They are Vijay Singh this year, Tiger Woods in 2000, Sam Snead in 1950 (he won 11), Ben Hogan twice (10 in 1948 and 13 in 1946) and, of course, Byron Nelson in 1945 (18).

The first five are easy, but the sixth is a fooler. Here's a hint: He was a tiny man with a great short game who beat his larger rivals so often they affectionately called him "Little Poison:" If you said Paul Runyon, you may play through.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



An extended club encourages you to keep your chest moving while pitching. Here I've used two clubs, but a 3-foot dowel plugged into the butt end of your club works quite nicely too.

Self taught

Teaching aids you can make at home

very expensive teaching aid on the market started with a dirt-cheap prototype that in many cases was just as effective as the Madison Avenue version that consumers buy. If you're a golfer who can't or won't pay retail for your swing aids, here are some of the most important ones you can make at home, along with the swing principles they teach.

· The Swing Aid: A teeter-totter made with a board over a shaft. · The Swing Principle: Weight

· How To: Place an old shaft on the ground, then rest the board across the shaft perpendicular to it. Take your stance standing on the board and take a few swings. Every good swing has a hip-switch when weight transfers to your trail hip on the backswing (the board teeters backward) and then moves to the target hip on the downswing (the board totters forward).

• The Swing Aid: A wire coat

· The Swing Principle: Eye alignment in putting.

· How To: Use a coat hanger with the hook extended like a finger then bent at a right angle so that it points at the target (left for right-handers). Fit the hanger around your head at address with the "finger" pointing down the eye line. Then position your head so the "finger" is over the target line for perfect eye-line match when you putt. You'll look ridiculous, but you'll putt better.

· The Swing Aid: Clubs held end-

to-end. · The Swing Principle: Body action during pitching.

· How To: Place two clubs end-toend or plug a 3-foot dowel into the end of your club Practice a pitching motion with the extension against your rib cage. If you overuse your hands or arms, the shaft raps you in the ribs. This aid teaches you to keep your chest moving during both pitches and chips.

· The Swing Aid: A comb, ruler, tongue depressor or similar object. · The Swing Principle: Target wrist's position.

· How To: Slip a comb or ruler into your golf glove against the back of your target hand so the aid keeps



Teeter-Totter: This aid is designed to teach you weight transfer. All you need is an old golf shaft and a board.

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your wrist in line with your forearm while you swing. Anchor if necessary with an ace bandage. This prevents your target wrist from flipping during the swing.

· The Swing Aid: Paper towel tube.

· The Swing Principle: Proper head cock

· How To: Hold the tube with both hands, arms fully extended. Using

both eyes, look through the tube at a ball on the ground. Now close your left eye. If you can still see the object through the tube, you're right-eye dominant. Otherwise your left eye is your dominant eye. This will help you to set up correctly with your head cocked so your dominant eye looks directly at the ball.

· The Swing Aid: An old board used in the bunker.

· The Swing Principle: Bounce. · How To: Cover the board with a layer of sand equal to the amount of sand you should take. Place a golf ball on the sand and hit sand shots off the board. The bottom of the club skids rather than digs, just as it should in a real sand shot.

Making your own teaching aids is fun and can save you some money. My advice is to make your own aids then invest the money you save in a sories of lessons from a PGA teaching professional.

TEEING OFF

Pre-shot ritual helps players concentrate

ll good players have a preshot routine that doesn't vary. Actually, the step-by-step process they go through is a much higher-grade routine called a ritual.

A ritual is more powerful than a routine because it concentrates your attention, giving you the focus of a snake charmer for the 30 seconds or so it takes to hit a golf shot.

In a ritual, the whole is more than the sum of its parts, and your pre-shot ritual acts as a golfing amulet that protects you at every turn. It has the ability to turn a playing field filled with distress into a safe haven.

The sequence and composition of the parts of the ritual never vary, and it is this sameness that gives the brain solace no matter how stressful the situation. Hazards, wind, the pressure of a downhill 3-footer for the match, a simple chip or a drive to a wideopen fairway — it doesn't matter because all shots are run through the ritual as equals, with no shot given more importance.

As we shall see, a ritual carves out a safe space on the course where the golfer is free of distress and therefore able to perform at whatever talent level she or he has obtained. Done correctly, a ritual projects you outside yourself because it connects you directly with the target, forming a tight player/target bond so powerful that all of your bodily systems (balance, vision, etc.) are on the same page, dedicated to bringing ball to target.

Part of the power of your golf ritual comes from the exact repetition of a sequence of actions, a repetition that creates control. While the outcome is in doubt, the process is not.

Thus the golfer's ritual is a tool for controlling the stress generated from bad outcomes. No matter now bad the outcome, the grieving period is brought to heel by the start of the next pre-shot ritual.

In practical terms this means that you play one shot at a time and stay in the present. The past is gone and the future hasn't arrived, so all you have to work with is the present.

If you are surprised by the importance of a golfing ritual to your game then you are in dire need of one. Next week the nuts and bolts of such a ritual will be outlined.

BETTER BODY, **BETTER GOLF**

Weight lifting: power through speed

All things being equal, the strongest machine wins, but there is a right way and a wrong way to build up your golf muscles.

Lifting heavy weights is a bad idea for your golf game. You risk injury, and if you don't use perfect technique, you can lose flexibility and coordination. It's true that when you lift your maximum weight all your fibers are recruited, so you get maximum muscle growth, but there is another way you can build power.

Here's the secret: Lift light weights and increase the speed of your lifting motion. Your muscles operate on the "size principle," using the small fibers of the muscle for the light lifts then progressively recruiting more and more of the big fibers as the load and/or the speed of the lift increases.

The safest way to grow the maximum number of fibers for golf is to lift a light weight but pump it up and down as fast as you can till exhaustion. Just make sure you use a spotter.

DON'T MISS IT

Plant your best foot forward

The Golf Foot is a training aid that can teach you proper footwork and balance. Basically, it's a large piece of plastic Velcroed to the bottom of your foot like a small snowshoe.

· Problem It Solves: Overactive feet.

· What You Do If You Have This Problem: When you lift your left heel off the ground during your takeaway and your knee juts out toward the target line in front of the ball, you change the level of your body, something you'll have to rectify before impact — and that's tough to do. · What You Should Be Doing: You should be using your ankle to roll

onto the inner rim of your front foot with your knee pointing at (or slightly behind) the ball as you shift your weight to your back hip. · How Golf Foot Helps: It keeps your front foot anchored and under

control, yet allows you to roll your front ankle correctly on the backswing. · Advantage: It can end the agony of "de-feet" for a mere 40 bucks. Disadvantage: If it starts to rain, it's tough to hobble for cover with the golf foot on.

You can view the Golf Foot at www.practicerange.com/product/gft100_golf_foot.asp.



The Golf Foot is essentially a large, plastic snowshoe that helps you properly roll your front ankle on the backswing. It retails for around \$40

ASK THE PRO

Q: Who do you think is the best player in the world, and how would your game stack up? — C.B., from Buffalo, N.Y.

A: I don't play tournament golf anymore, but your question is a good one because the answer points up the difference between a golf professional and a professional golfer.

I teach for a living, so the most important scores are my students', not mine. Still, the differences in performance between the great players and everyone else are quite

The best player in the world won the money title by more than a million dollars, finished first in greens

in regulation, rounds under par, scoring average and won eight tournaments to total 54 career

When you hit 79 percent of your greens in regulation (that's about 14 a round), shoot under par 86 percent of the time, average 68.7 strokes per round and drive the ball on average 268 yards, you deserve the title - world's best. The only category that I could

compete in is driving distance, but the rest of the way to the hole, Annika Sorenstam has me beat hands down.

To Ask the Pro a question about golf, e-mail him at: TJInsider@aol.com.