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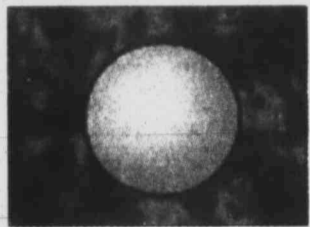
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College group collecting toys

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. 15.

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.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



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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



PITTMAN

Fraiser and his family," said Gale Pittman.

"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-

kind.

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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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 Sunday.

A 2 p.m. dress rehearsal will also be held Saturday.

Although they are free, tickets are needed for the evening

performances due to limited 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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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.

"There's no monetary charge,



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but we are asking 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 selections such as "Christmas

Festival" by Leroy Anderson, "Slovak 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 with the band surrounding the

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 for either concert.

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

While many businesses mark the Friday after Thanksgiving as the start of the Christmas shopping season, others consider the first day of the Yuletide to be the first Saturday in December when the parade is traditionally held.

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

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

AFTER THE PARADE

Hangar 25 Air Museum reception immediately following the parade. Refreshments served.

"Oliver," community wide musical, 7:30 p.m., Big Spring High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5.

Living Christmas Tree, 8 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

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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 concedes.

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 Thursday.

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 Commerce's business 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 receive a \$75 prize, while the winner of the Grand Marshal's Award for best costuming will receive \$50.

Reed stressed that the Herald takes great pride in sponsoring each year's Community Christmas Parade and employees 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 year when I drove our grand marshal's car in the parade," Reed said. "I was not only impressed in the quality of the entries, but how many of them there were. And then when you consider how many people turned out to 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 the parade was changed to an evening start and lighted entries were

encouraged."

Bobby McDonald and Linda Conway will serve 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 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 will be judged for awards and plaques, but last-minute entries are encouraged.

"This is the community's parade," Flores explained. "So even if you weren't able to register an entry, but want to take part in the parade, we encourage you to come join us in getting the Christmas season started with a bang."

Flores stressed that all parade participants are asked to make sure they do not block the drive-ways of homes in the process of lining up for the event and to make sure they clean up any litter created during last-minute preparations.

Participants will begin 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 p.m.

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 and head downtown in plenty of time to get a good vantage point. We want everyone to enjoy this with us."

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GINGERBREAD

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groups who participate now," Pittman said.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer 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 houses, as has a church group, Pittman said.

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

Pittman supplies the 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 to construct a roof, spearmint candy and other types of candy.

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

The Heritage Museum

assists with the event. Tammy Schreengost, 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 smell," Schreengost said.

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

BAZAAR

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fight huge crowds of shoppers," said Nabors.

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

"Our famous Canterbury cooks are busily baking to have lots of homemade items ready for Saturday," said 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 crafts and gifts to fill anyone's Christmas shopping list.

For more information, contact Nabors at 263-1265.

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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 minister 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.

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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 W. Fourth Street. Preaching services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and 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 Star 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 "Hope." The Old 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 p.m. Tickets are required for the evening performances. Tickets are free and cannot be picked up in the church office.

Orders are being taken for poinsettias. Poinsettias may be designated in honor or in memory of individuals. The traditional flowers will become part of the worship service Dec. 12, so all orders are due in no later

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 enjoy The 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 seat.

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 have our eighth 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.

Friends of Unity

The Rev. Jim Sims, minister for Unity Church of West Texas in Odessa, will serve with us each first Sunday of the month. This allows us and all who want to participate to experience a traditional Unity service with hymns, prayers, affirmations and a message from an ordained Unity minister. This service is at 1 p.m. in the center in the

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.

St. Mary's annual Advent Offerings 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 St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at www.stmarysbs.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church

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 a.m.

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 Community Center Sunday. Also, Sunday the Symphony Guild will hold its reception at our church and everyone is invited to join us for instrumental music, vocal music and congregational singing of traditional Christmas music.

Please join us for any or all of the previously mentioned activities. Everyone is always wel-

come at First Presbyterian Church located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets. Call 263-4211 for more information.

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 stick-on 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

Singers will be with us 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

meaning of Christmas.

We invite all to this special 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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Handmade Christmas cards add touch to holiday greetings

By JOAN MORRIS
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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 now available to consumers. On the 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 be 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 survey 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 Bagshaw, Shutterfly president and CEO. "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 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 themselves.

Even greeting card manufacturers are 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 years.

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 visitor.

Patti hadn't done a lot of crafting before she discovered stamping; but it immediately captured her 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 them, Patti and

Torgerson say it's not as time-consuming as people think.

They recommend 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 most 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 in 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 the 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 resources 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, various versions, \$15-\$65
 - Art Explosion Christian Greeting Card Factory, \$25-\$27

Web sites:
www.shutterfly.com;
www.snapfish.com;
www.cardstore.com;
www.imagestation.com



Katherine Patti, left, and Beckie Torgerson show two ways of creating your own greeting cards at an art studio in Pleasant Hill, Calif.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

Data	10	Total		
Control Codes	General Fund	Other Funds	Governmental Funds	
REVENUES:				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$5,680,152	\$35,924	\$5,716,076
5800	State Program Revenues	250,800	56,224	307,024
5900	Federal Program Revenues		225,685	225,685
5020	Total Revenues	5,930,952	317,833	6,248,785
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011	Instruction	1,814,884	206,409	2,021,293
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	29,840	503	30,343
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	500		500
0021	Instructional Leadership		7,144	7,144
0023	School Leadership	182,445	926	183,371
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	48,411	42	48,453
0033	Health Services	296		296
0034	Suden (Pupil) Transportation	144,409	2,334	146,743
0035	Food Services		162,961	162,961
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	140,135	346	140,481
0041	General Administration	252,659	500	253,159
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	564,285	2,533	566,818
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	900		900
0053	Data Processing Services	11,703		11,703
Debt Service:				
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	80,733		80,733
0072	Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	7,567		7,567
Capital Outlay:				
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	88,093		88,093
Intergovernmental:				
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	2,746,318		2,746,318
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agency/Member District of SSA	50,296		50,296
6030	Total Expenditures	6,163,474	(383,698)	6,547,172
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(232,522)	(65,865)	(298,387)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	6,414		6,414
7914	Non-Current Loans	334,336		334,336
7915	Transfers In		65,865	68,865
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(65,865)		(65,865)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	274,885	65,865	340,750
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	42,363		42,363
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,690,652		2,690,652
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$2,733,015		\$2,733,015

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U.S. first lady Laura Bush previews the White House holiday Christmas card in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Dec. 2, 2004. Mrs. Bush hosted a press preview of the decorations at the White House, including 41 Christmas trees, 660 feet of garlands, 245 wreaths, 251 bows, 155,000 lights.

► Local Briefs

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

Cost for the chauffeured 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 of

Commerce, Blum's Jewelers, First Bank of West Texas, Heritage Museum and Faye's Flowers.

Call 264-7223 or visit www.bigspringsymphony.com for more information.

Drive-Through Nativity set

Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene presents the Drive Through Nativity from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Dec. 10-12.

Three is no charge to attend the event, and the script is provided to participants on CD or tape.

Call the church at 267-7015.

Business cards wanted

Craig Sheppard, a 7-year-old cancer patient from Atlanta, Ga., contacted the Make-A-Wish Foundation with his wish, which is to enter the Guinness World Book of Records for collecting the most business cards.

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► Club News

TOPS TX 21

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 Sensibly members present recorded small gains.

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

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Basketball needed for...

The Crossroads is looking for ball officials for upcoming season.

For more information, contact Rodriguez at 517-0300.

The games played in local schools such as Big Spring and Forsan and will be at the junior high school levels.

YMCA extends youth registration

The YMCA announced that basketball registration for the upcoming season will be through today.

The second national meeting for adults who volunteer is scheduled for everyone into coaching will be one of the topics discussed at the meeting.

The teams formed Saturday well.

The games are scheduled to begin Jan. 8.

For more information, call the 267-8234.

B.S. football set for Dec.

The Big Spring ball banquet set for Monday, Dec. 13, at the Big Spring Junior Cafeteria.

The meal is \$10. For more information, call the Training Center at 3662.

Class 3A rivalry in huge play

Snyder Sweetwater off at 7:30 p.m. at Big Memorial Stadium in the Region II Quarterfinal Class 3A play.

The two teams have already met in the same division last year as Snyder defeated Sweetwater 35-25.

The game is expected to bring a lot of fans and could reach a high point.

Pre-sale tickets are \$5, but special purchase tickets at the gate. Pre-sale tickets only be purchased by Snyder or Sweetwater.

Left-hander signs with...

ARLINGTON handed Michael Tejera a minor league contract with the Rangers and he is expected to spring to the majors.

Tejera was waived by the Rangers in September but made six appearances in Texas League games, including a 11-13 record in ERA.

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

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 set for Monday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria.

The meal will cost \$10. For more information, call the Athletic Training Center at 264-3662.

Class 3A rivals meet in huge playoff game

Snyder and Sweetwater will face off at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Big Spring's 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

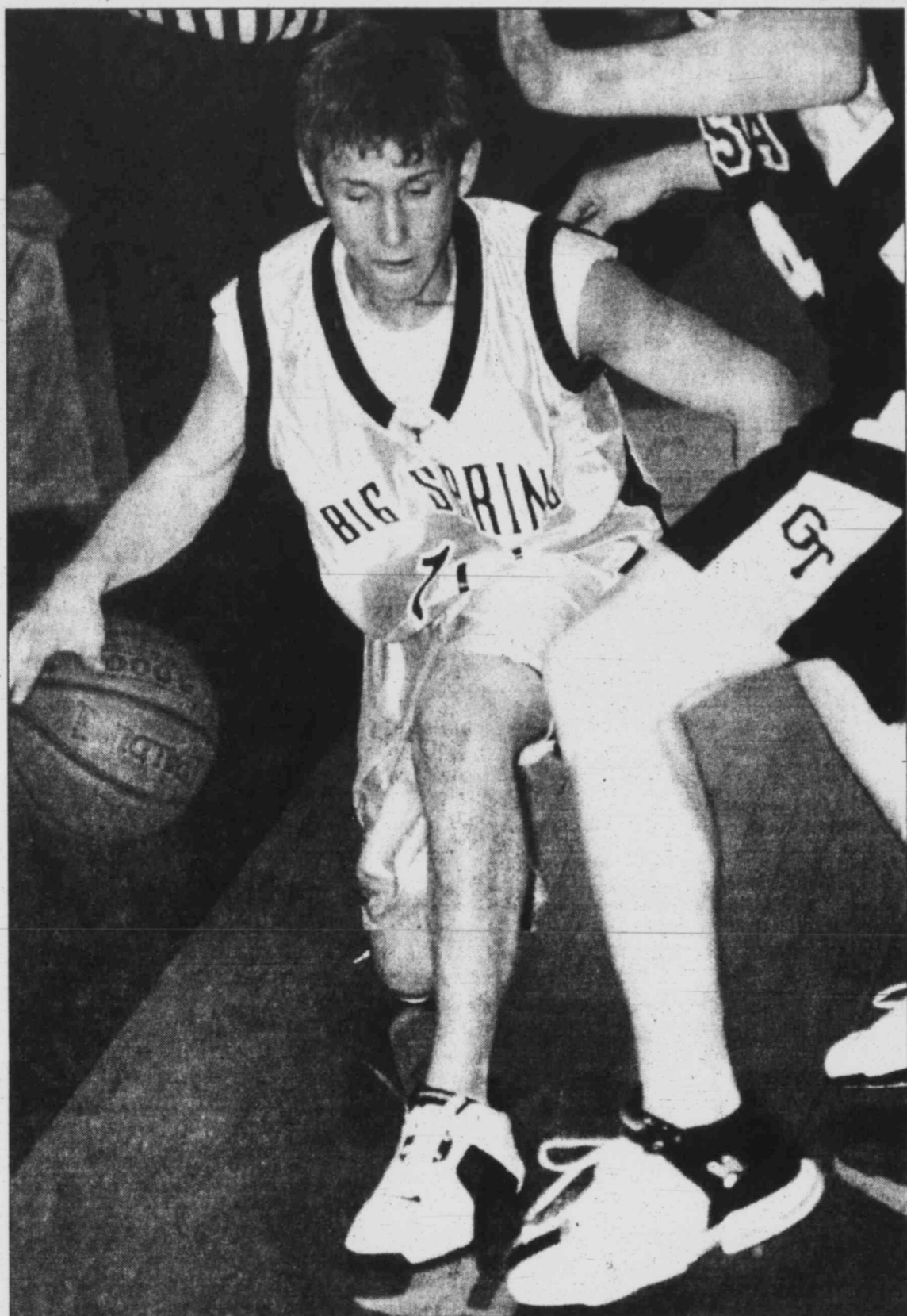
ARLINGTON — Left-handed pitcher Michael Tejera signed a minor league contract with the Texas Rangers and was invited to spring training.

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.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Today		
Event, Time	Station	
Sports @ 5:30 p.m.	3490	
Saturday		
Event, Time	Station	
Sports @ 7:00 p.m.	3490	
Sunday		
Event, Time	Station	
Tennis @ 11:00 a.m.	3490	

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 the 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 — The 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, 58-45.

"We really didn't show up," said Kinnear. "We had no intensity and we played without emotion."

Big Spring trailed 28-18 at halftime and then got outscored 30-27 in the second half.

"It was a total team breakdown of all aspects of the game," said Kinnear. "However, it is good to get this type of game out of the way before the district season begins."

"The guys are upset at the result of today's game and we are looking for a complete turnaround (Friday)."

Senior Nathan Teeters led the Steers with 14 points, while freshman Jordan Kinnear scored 13 points and pulled down 10 rebounds (seven offensive).

Junior Kyle Piercefield grabbed seven rebounds and had two steals, while

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 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 total team breakdown like that before," said Big Spring head coach Tim VanHecke. "I thought I gave one of my best pregame speeches ever and the girls played one of the worst first halves I have ever seen."

The team is still running the offense that they want to run and are not listening to me. They refuse to do what I ask and some of the girls think things are going to go their way. I rest my case with the score."

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

See **BIG SPRING**, Page 2B

Buffaloes struggle in opening round of Bulldog Invitational

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The 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.

Seminole took its first lead with 6:05 to play in 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 Washington, which put Stanton up 19-14 with 4:38 to play in the half.

Stanton's run triggered a Seminole timeout, which then triggered five straight points and a tie game at 19-19.

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

Stanton had a chance to take the lead at halftime, 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. Bad news followed the

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 quarter.

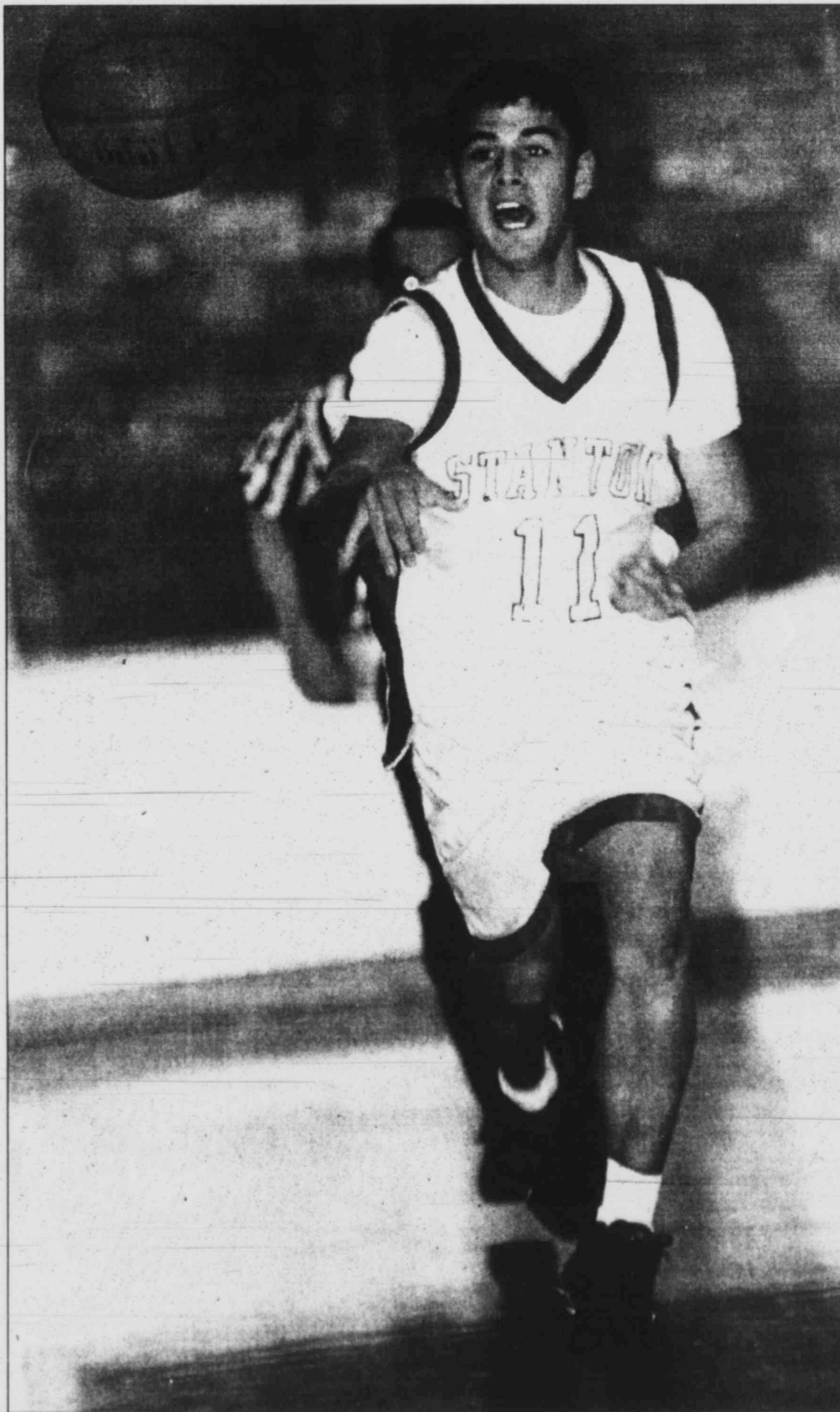
Washington returned in the fourth quarter as Stanton tried to claw their way back into the game. They cut the lead to 10 with 56 seconds left and an Esparza free throw even got the Buffaloes to within seven. However, they couldn't get any closer and wound up losing 55-48.

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

Seminole's balanced attack was led by Randy Pack's 13 points and Chris Douglas' 12 points. Eric Boyd and David Browne each added nine points, while Michael Martinez finished with eight points.

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

See **STANTON**, Page 2B



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.

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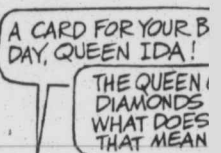
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This Date In History

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.

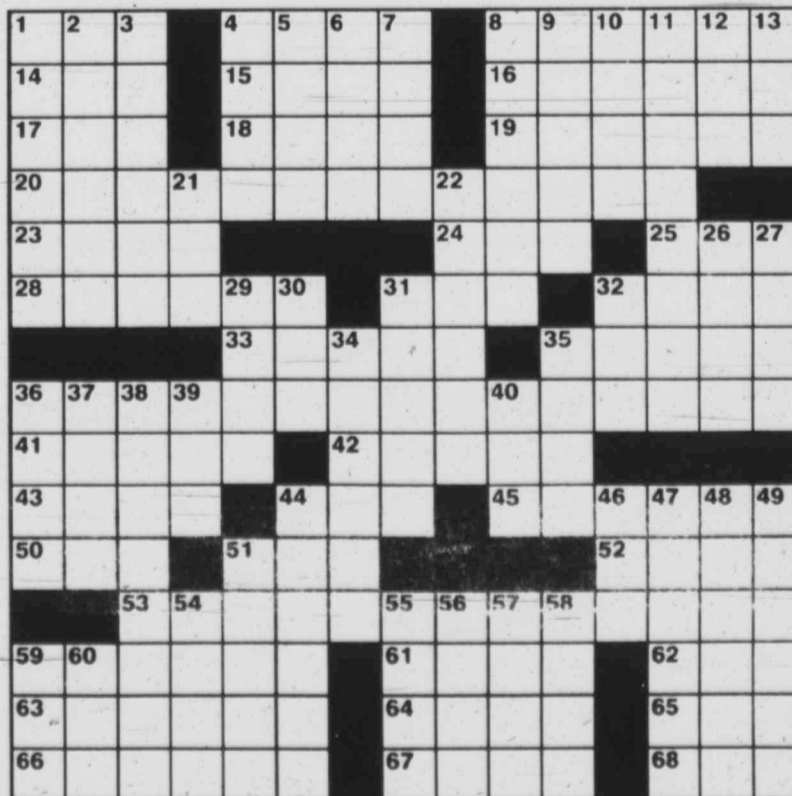
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Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

BIRDIES AND BOGIES

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 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.



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GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

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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 Administrators 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.

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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 never-say-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.

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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.

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.practicerrange.com/product/gft100_golf_foot.asp.



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 apparent.

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

TEERING OFF

Pre-shot ritual helps players concentrate

All good players have a pre-shot 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 wide-open 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 how 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.

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

Every 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 shift.

• **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 hanger.

• **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-to-end 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.

ABOUT THE WRITER



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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 series of lessons from a PGA teaching professional.