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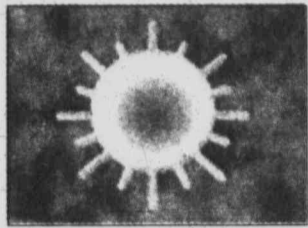
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Lights volunteers to gather Monday

All volunteers for the Festival of Lights are encouraged to meet at the spring at 11:50 a.m. Monday for a commemorative photo.

Poll: County should take no action over pet tethering issue

More than half of the respondents to the Big Spring Herald's Web site poll say they believe Howard County officials should take no action for their jurisdiction following Big Spring's enactment of a ban on the tethering and chaining of animals.

Of the responses, 52 percent said county commissioners should leave things as they are, while 24 percent said they should increase the county's budget for use of the city's animal control officers and the remaining 24 percent said commissioners should seek a statewide ban on tethering and chaining animals.

This week's poll question should draw considerable interest. Syndicated columnist Molly Ivins seems to be controversial with our readers. We want to know whether you love, hate or don't care about her column. To weigh in on that issue, go to our Web site at www.bigspringherald.com and let your opinion be known.

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Tracie Lindsey, front, sits with some of her students from Big Spring High School. The students are, from left, Caleb Choate, Jessi New, Loveita Raymond, Josh Plaia, Darla Johnson, Skyler Sherrod and April Gonzales. Lindsey was the winner of the United Way's '15 Minutes of Fame' competition.

Tracie Lindsey: giving others their chance at the spotlight

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Special to the Herald

As a theater teacher, Tracie Lindsey spends her days giving high school students their 15 minutes of fame. Now it's time for her own.

Thanks to the United Way campaign which sold tickets for '15 minutes of fame,' and a little help from a friend who nominated her, Lindsey won

15 MINUTES OF FAME

the chance to become Big Spring's answer to a celebrity. Lindsey's prize included a front page picture and article in the Big Spring Herald, 15 minutes on KBST's Morning Magazine program with Lisa

Brooks, 15 long stemmed red roses from Dakota's, a sash saying 'Winner of 15 Minutes of Fame,' a ride in the parade, her name on marquee at the Big Spring Mall and on Gregg Street and a 15-minute massage by Michelle Worthy of Wiggins Chiropractic.

Actually, plenty of people in Big Spring already know

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Officials 'impressed' with local emergency drill

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Outstanding cooperation and teamwork between local emergency responders, government and non-government agencies earned the Big Spring area a shining review this week, bringing the county-wide emergency drill to a close.

Local emergency coordinator for the drill, Terry Chamness, said several state agencies were examining the Big Spring drill during its two-day course, and while there's no report card for the scenario, the officials were thoroughly impressed.

"They were really impressed with how we all worked together," said Chamness. "There

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Chamness

were guys from all over the country, from New Jersey to South Carolina, watching us and examining how we handled the situations that were thrown at us.

"We feel really good about the outcome of the drill, especially with the comments we received from the observers. They said the

cooperation between the different agencies, which ranged from the city's public works department to the Red Cross and Salvation Army, first responders and other emergency personnel, was excellent."

Chamness said the team even had help from several local business owners.

"We had a few local business owners actually take the day off from their work to help with the drill by operating ham radios," said Chamness.

While a shining review of the drill, which the observing agencies are expected to put on paper and provide emergency coordinators within approximately 90 days, is certainly

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Business event will showcase VAMC's nursing care unit

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Special to the Herald

The West Texas VA Health Care System will show off its new fifth floor nursing home care unit Monday at a Business After Hours event for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Local business people are invited to tour the VA's new unit and enjoy refreshments from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 300 Veteran's Blvd.

"These events are designed to encourage networking among our members and showcase sponsors," said Liz Adamson, chamber exec-

What: Business After Hours.
Where: VA Medical Center, 300 Veteran's Blvd.
When: 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. Monday.

utive assistant. James Carter, chief of engineering at the VA, said the fifth floor unit has been completely renovated and will soon be home to patients moved down from the old nursing home unit on the sixth floor.

"This new unit contains all updated equipment, is

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Wendell Moore, left, Clarence Hawkins and Don Williams portray one of the many scenes from the Bible during Friday's opening night of the 18th Annual Drive-Through Nativity at Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene. The nativity will be open Saturday and Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30.

Trash talking

Commissioners to revisit landfill obligations

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While one issue scheduled for discussion during Monday-morning's Howard County commissioner's meeting may

save taxpayers a large sum of money, another could possibly put yet another strain on the county budget for many years to come.

Commissioners are expected to make a decision concerning refinancing general obligation bonds totaling \$1.2 million during the meeting, taking advantage of a sharp drop in interest rates that could save the county a great deal of money.

"We haven't received the exact rates yet. We expect First Southwest Company will gather them today and present them Monday," said County Auditor Jackie Olson. "Refinancing the bonds should generate approximately \$90,000 in savings over the life of the bonds."

Olson said the bonds, which were approved by the voters in 1995 to

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'There are only two counties in our area that have landfill agreements with cities.'



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## Obituaries

### Johnnie Ruth Darden Tatum



Johnnie Ruth Darden Tatum, 64, of Luther, died on Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Pastor Lynn Robertson, associate pastor of Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

She was born on March 14, 1940, in Portales, N.M.

Mrs. Tatum was a lifelong resident of Howard County. She had owned and operated Darden's Grocery and two Johnnie's Cafes, one in Sand Springs and one in downtown Big Spring. She took pride in serving as a Boy Scout leader. Johnnie enjoyed raising chickens, animals, gardening, ceramic painting and cooking. She had a large collection of cookbooks. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Sherry Darden of Luther; one daughter, Diana Sanders of Spring; two sisters, Leona French of Blanco and Margie Fordham of Marietta, Ga.; two brothers, Jimmy McEachern and wife, Betty, of San Angelo and Melvin McDougle and wife, Jan, of Austin; two daughters-in-law, Bernice Darden of Big Spring and Shirley Day of Luther; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Larry Don Darden and Johnny Dean Darden; and one grandson, Jody Day.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721-0823.

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Melford Anderson



Melford Anderson, 81, of Big Spring, formerly of Las Vegas, Nev., died on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, in a local nursing home. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Watertown, S.D.

He was born on Dec. 16, 1922, in Watertown, S.D.

Melford had worked as a fabricator making stoves. He was a Lutheran.

Survivors include his sister, Doraine Parks of Kingsland; two nieces, Laura McEwen and husband, Russ, of Big Spring and Lana Parks of Arlington; one nephew, Larry Anderson of Eureka, Calif.; and numerous cousins.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721-0823 or to the Angel Fund at Mountain View Lodge, 2009 Virginia, Big Spring 79720.

The family would like to give special thanks to the VA Medical Center, Mountain View Lodge and Odyssey Hospice for their special loving care.

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Arthur 'Mac' McNary

Arthur "Mac" McNary, 100, of Van, formerly of Big Spring, died Dec. 9, 2004. Funeral services are 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, in Pruitt Baptist Church with the Rev. David McNary officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Merkel.

He was born in New Britain, Conn., Aug. 21, 1904. He married Beulah Watkins in 1936 and they settled in Big Spring in 1942. She preceded him in death in 1982. He married Katherine Thompson in 1988 and she preceded him in 2000. He was a member of Pruitt Baptist.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan McClintock and husband, Rodney of Merkel; son, David McNary and wife, Pat of Van; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the building fund of Pruitt Baptist Church, P.O. Box 329, Van 75790, or the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be held at Pruitt Baptist Church one hour before the service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hilliard Funeral Home, Van.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 14-35-2-28-27.  
Number matching five of five: 0.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-8

### Ethel Marie Forgas

Ethel Marie Forgas, 90, of Big Spring died on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Oct. 23, 1914, in Eastland County. She married James Fredrick Snider on Nov. 11, 1930, and he preceded her in death in November of 1938. She then married Charles H. Forgas on Dec. 25, 1942, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death on Sept. 3, 1966.

Mrs. Forgas was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She had moved to Abilene in 1968 and returned to Big Spring in 1997. She played with several bands in the West Texas area playing the fiddle and harmonica. She was a member of Lytle South Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include one son, Glen F. Forgas of Gardendale; one daughter, Eula Mae Buzbee of Big Spring; five grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter in 1931 and one son, C. H. Forgas.

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday:

• **ALFONSO BACA III**, 22, of 1426 E. Sixth Street Apt. 116, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **FABIAN ALLEN CARPENTER**, 18, of 2212 NE 10th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less - in a drug free zone.

• **JUAN PABLO HERNANDEZ**, 21, of 1308 Madison, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less - in a drug free zone.

• **LAURA CLARE HILL**, 38, of 23 Meadowbrook, was arrested Saturday and held for the HCSO.

• **RICHARD MARTINEZ JR.**, 20, of 1406 Lexington, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

Note: A police activity log for the corresponding times was not made available to the press.

## Sheriff's report

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

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of E. Highway 350.

• **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** was reported in the 100 block of Meadowbrook.

## Take note

□ **MOSS ELEMENTARY PARENTS/TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The program will include a song written by Big Spring resident Mamie Lee Dodds. The public is invited. For more information call the school at 264-4148.

□ **BUS BARN YELLOW DOGS BAKE SALE FUND-RAISER TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE** is set for Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall. Order cookies by the dozen to be picked up that day by calling 264-4108.

□ **"A THRILL OF HOPE"** will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church and the Big Spring High School band at 7 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700. There is no charge and the public is invited. A nursery is available for children younger than 4.

□ **ALBERTO'S CRYSTAL CAFE BENEFIT FOR TRISTIN RANGEL** is set for 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday at the restaurant, 120 E. Second St. A choice of a Mexican dinner, the house special or two enchiladas with rice and beans, plus tea, is available for \$7. Tickets must be purchased. Contact Alberto's at 267-9024 or Gina at 267-2832 to purchase a ticket.

□ **MASTER GARDENER'S TRAINING ORIENTATION** for a Master Gardener's workshop is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at 1606 Phillips Dr. Cost for the course in January is \$75. Scholarships are available. Call 264-2236 for more information.

## Bulletin board

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

### SUNDAY

• Drive-Thru Nativity presented by Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene.

• Big Spring Symphony and Chorale Tour of Homes.

### MONDAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic-Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden-counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

• Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

• Big Spring Assembly No. 211 Social Order of Beauceant meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

• Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

• Master Gardeners orientation meeting at 6:30 p.m. Call 264-2236 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

## Weather

Sunday - Mostly sunny. Highs near 70. Southwest winds near 10 mph.

Sunday night - Increasing clouds. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Monday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

Monday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows near 30.

Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s

Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows near 30.

Wednesday - Mostly cloudy. Highs near 50.

Wednesday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows near 30.

Thursday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 50.

Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 30.

Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 50.

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Courtesy photo  
Big Spring Police Officer Scott Knight, right, accepts a Letter of Commendation from Police Chief Lonnie Smith during Friday night's Police Association Awards Ceremony at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Scott received the award for saving the life of a Big Spring man who was trapped in a burning car after a traffic accident on Highway 350 in February. Also receiving awards were Cpl. Brian Gorden, Officer of the Year; Sgt. Tony Everett, Supervisor of the Year; Ann Reed, Civilian of the Year; and Lt. Robert Fitzgibbons, the Jerry G. Edwards Award for Professionalism.

**DRILL**

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an accomplishment to be proud of, Chamness said they have also found some weak areas in the effort.

"Did we learn anything during the drill? Oh, we certainly did," said Chamness with a laugh. "There are three basic areas to look at: Communications, training and planning. Just like other cities where they've done this drill, our problem area was communications, and that's an area we plan to address very soon."

Chamness said the city has received a grant to upgrade communications in preparation for bandwidth changes in the near future, totaling approximately \$150,000 in equipment.

Operating from an office upstairs in the Polly Mays Annex, the team of emergency responders woke up to a number of scenario-based problems early Tuesday morning as the drill began.

The scenario was based on a terrorist attack on

the city of Big Spring, ranging from major explosions to bio-chemical weapons.

"We started off the day with a fictitious radical group that wants Texas to declare its independence from the U.S., and are doing terroristic type attacks," said Chamness. "First thing there was a scenario with an explosion near one of the substations, which took down electricity in the city for a short period of time. Right now we're working with a scenario where a lot of people are coming up sick with flu-like symptoms, which could be a multitude of biological weapons and viruses out there."

The National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center, which is contracted through the Texas Extension Center and has been set up through Gov. Rick Perry and Jack Colley, director of the governor's division of emergency management, helped us throughout the drill," said Chamness. "They come into a community after we've done pre-planning for several months and have had

some schooling and show us how things should be running."

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Susan Crawford, 41, died Tuesday. Funeral Services were at 10:00 AM Saturday Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jessie Woodruff, 40, died Tuesday. Funeral Services were at 2:30 PM Saturday at Mount Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mary Martinez, 50, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass was at 12 Noon Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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**COUNTY**

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finance renovations to the county courthouse, began at 8 percent interest, a cost they hope to put a serious dent in.

"The total amount of the bonds were \$1.6 million, and we've paid the principal down to \$1.2 million. Now interest rates are around 3.5 percent, so we're hoping to take advantage of the drop and save the county some money," Olson said.

While \$90,000 in savings may seem like a fitting Christmas gift for the county, commissioners may not want to count their holiday stockings just yet.

County Attorney Mike Thomas is expected to make a presentation to the commissioners concerning an interlocal agreement between the county and city of Big Spring for operation of the municipal landfill.

"The city sent us a proposed contract to consider, and that will be one of the things I'll be covering with the commissioners," said Thomas. "They asked me to look at the contract and give my opinion on it."

Thomas said the contract appears to be in

order, but the real question commissioners will have to answer is much more difficult — whether or not they feel the county should participate at all.

"There are only two counties in our area that have landfill agreements with cities," said Thomas. "That's part of the information I'll give commissioners. In the end, the decision will be up to them."

Commissioners voted unanimously to table approval of such a contract between the two entities in September after a proposed tipping fee at the municipal landfill sparked controversy over county residents' use of the facility, which was outlined by a contract between the city and county from 1974.

Provision four of the contract states: "All residents of Howard County will be allowed to use the sanitary landfill at no charge for the disposal of solid waste from residential use, unless the person using the landfill is a private contractor for disposal of solid waste."

Because of that provision, the city immediately repealed the \$5 tipping fee and began studying the contract, which yielded another obligation that hadn't been met.

"We got to looking at that contract and he was right," said City Councilman Woody Jumper following discussions concerning the tipping fee. "I noticed though, while doing my homework, that section two of the contract that states 'The county will build and maintain all roads in and around the

approved sanitary landfill site, and the county will trench the area to be filled with solid waste at the approved sanitary landfill site.' They haven't done that."

During Monday's meeting commissioners are also expected to examine invoices and purchase requests presented by Olson, as well as set the

court's holiday calendar for 2005 and discuss bids for office and printing supplies.

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# EDITORIAL

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FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

### Please help us put smiles on faces of some children

For children, Christmas just isn't Christmas without a new toy. We all know that, of course, because all of us were children. And what child doesn't love and want new toys?

Most of us can only imagine what Christmas with no toys is like to a child, but there are some who do and they assure us that it is no joyous experience.

The Herald, KBYG and the Salvation Army want to make sure no child in Big Spring has to experience that feeling this Christmas season.

Again this year we're concerned that not all the children will receive a gift. So, if you can, please heed the call. We'll have the doors open here at the Herald every Monday through Friday morning at 8 a.m. and will be here until 5 p.m. on those days for those wishing to donate to the drive.

The toys will be taken to the Salvation Army and distributed Dec. 23. Help us make sure they can give every child in need at least one new toy this Christmas.

Unfortunately, there's little time to make sure toys are available for children in need.

In fact, there are only a handful of days left. The last day to bring toys to the Herald office is Friday. The toys will then be taken to the Salvation Army corps building and will be distributed Dec. 21.

So, we're asking local residents who haven't had an opportunity to take part in the drive to bring a new unwrapped toy to the newspaper office at 710 Scurry between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. through Friday.

Help us make sure the Salvation Army can give every child in need at least one new toy this Christmas.

And don't forget, the Salvation Army's Angel Trees have the Christmas wishes of many needy children and elderly citizens on them as well this season.

The Angel Trees are within easy reach, located at the Big Spring Mall and Wal-Mart. Still another is at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. In addition, the tree for seniors is located here at the Herald.

Let's all be able to say we did our best to make it a joyous holiday season throughout Big Spring and Howard County.

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# Inside report: Torturing John Snow

For nearly two weeks, John Snow has been twisting in the wind. At this writing, Snow had not heard one word on whether he should leave or stay as secretary of the treasury. Nor has the White House repudiated the torrent of leaks suggesting that Snow must go, sooner rather than later.



ROBERT NOVAK

Nobody can accuse Snow of lacking in either loyalty to President Bush or fervor in trying to sell his economic programs the last two years. But the president's supporters, inside and outside the administration, doubt the former railroad executive is best equipped to achieve Bush's second-term goals of Social Security modernization and tax reform. So, poor Snow is tortured, while the president and his aides figure how to get rid of him.

That questions the myth of a super-competent Bush administration. Why was Snow selected in the first place? Why is the re-elected president without a clear choice for treasury? Why has Bush retained a superfluous economic staff position that fits his predecessor's needs? Is the president prepared to confront his second-term economic problems?

Actually, Bush never has appreciated the primacy of the secretary of the treasury in economic policy. It began four years ago, with a maladroit selection of Paul O'Neill to the premier domestic Cabinet position. Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld fondly remem-

bered O'Neill as a brilliant young bureaucrat 30 years ago. But as the rich, eccentric former CEO of ALCOA, he would not promote the president's program and turned the Treasury Department into a shambles.

Snow was one of those surprise nominations that Bush adores. In picking the CEO of the CSX Corp. (a railroad company) whose previous government experience was in the Transportation Department, Bush wanted a loyalist who would not be another O'Neill, but would push the tax reduction programs he inherited.

While George W. Bush is reputed for valuing loyalty as a two-way street, the treatment of Snow the last two weeks has shocked the president's supporters. Mike Allen of The Washington Post reported one of the most brutal capital comments in memory on Nov. 29, when he quoted a "senior administration official" as saying Snow "can stay as long as he wants, provided it is not very long." Snow is criticized for not being something he never pretended to be: a master of international economics and congressional strategy.

Bush's inner circle has been advised by outsiders that Snow's successor should have clear responsibility for the economy and be able to deal with both Wall Street and Capitol Hill. He should be able to confront the dollar problem and the Treasury's present state of disorganization.

It was recommended that the new secretary get the same broad mandate enjoyed by George Shultz under President Nixon and Robert Rubin under President Clinton.

Bush also has to figure out what to do with the post of national economic director, created by Clinton

to find a place for Rubin in 1993, when Sen. Lloyd Bentsen took the Treasury portfolio. When Rubin succeeded Bentsen in 1995, he was replaced by former aide Gene Sperling, who posed no threat to his old boss.

Bush kept this position in 2001, mainly to have a job for campaign economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey. When Lindsey's loyalty and enthusiasm were rewarded with a pink slip, Bush picked Wall Streeter Stephen Friedman (Rubin's former partner). Friedman resigned last week, after two years of invisibility. The president could consider abolishing this job as a fifth wheel.

To replace Snow, Bush might consider impressive possibilities overlooked two years ago: former Sen. Phil Gramm, now an investment banker; publisher Steve Forbes; California investment banker Gerald Parsky, a former assistant treasury secretary.

Sources close to the president say Gramm is getting a good look this time. Parsky was spotted recently leaving Vice President Cheney's office. There is no sign that Forbes, a natural for the job, is being considered.

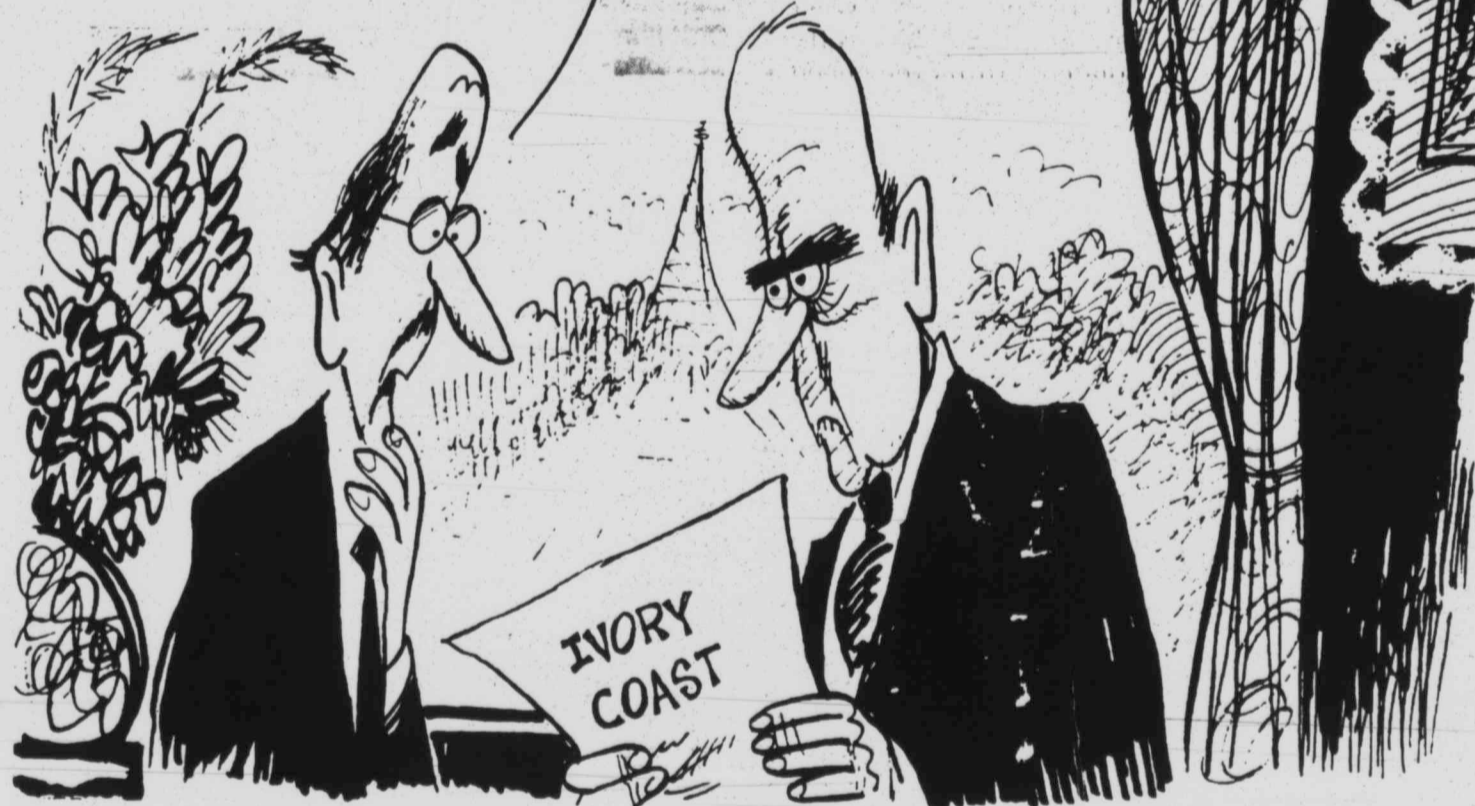
The word is out, however, that the president — or at least Chief of Staff Andrew Card — does not want anybody in this important Cabinet post with an independent power base. If so, the job description would be for somebody to steadfastly promote previously devised policies. In that case, why not keep John Snow, instead of torturing him?

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## DVD players: Better than wine?

My friend Phil called to tell me that a giant box store near him was selling DVD players for less than \$30.

At that price, I told him, you should buy two or three.

"But I don't own any DVDs," Phil said.

"Doesn't matter, I said. You can rent them."

"But I don't know what a DVD is," Phil said.

Inconsequential, I said.

"And my VCR, which I have owned for more than 10 years, still blinks 0:00," Phil said.

Beside the point, I said. That price is too good to pass up. At that price, you should buy five or six DVD players and bring them to dinner parties instead of a bottle of wine.

"But I thought people spend too much at this time of year," Phil said. "There was an article in The New York Times Sunday that said spending in America is 'out of control.'"

That was the bad news, I said. The good news in that article is that "the United States economy depends on its citizens' penchant

for spending with abandon."

"What does 'penchant' mean?" Phil asked.

It's not a real word, I said. It's a New York Times word. But that's not the point. The point is that consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of our economy, and to keep the economy going we all have to keep spending like madmen or the whole thing will collapse.

"I thought savings was supposed to be good, not spending," Phil said. "That's why I have my money in mutual funds."

Huge mistake, I said. I have written about this before. I call it my Buy Stuff Now Theory of Economics.

"Do you know anything about economics?" Phil asked. "You think economists do? I asked."

"Fair point," Phil said. "Here is how my theory works, I said. Let's say you have \$1,000 burning a hole in your pocket. You could put it in a mutual fund, or you could buy a new refrigerator with it."

"What kind of refrigerator?" Phil asked.

Doesn't matter, I said. "Would it have ice-in-the-door?" Phil asked. "I have always wanted ice-in-the-door."

Fine, I said. You take your thousand bucks and buy your refriger-

ator. And you are happy because it has ice in the door. But let's say you take that thousand bucks and put it in a mutual fund, instead, and the stock market goes down 15 percent. What happens to that thousand dollars?

"Some of it goes away," Phil said. "I don't know where it goes, but it goes away."

Exactly, I said. But if you had bought that refrigerator and the stock market plunged 15 percent, you know what would happen to that refrigerator? Nothing! Fifteen percent of it would not disappear! You would still have an entire refrigerator!

"With ice-in-the-door?" Phil said. Yes! I said. That is how the Buy Stuff Now Theory works. When you buy stuff, you actually have the stuff. It does not disappear. And your buying stuff helps the economy. Remember what The New York Times said: Our economy depends on your penchant for spending!

"I own a penchant?" Phil said. With ice in the door, I said.

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# Christmas decorators, it's time to show your stuff

□ Deadline to enter contest is 5 p.m. Wednesday.

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Special to the Herald

Christmas decorators: Set up your ladders, plug in your extension cords and start checking those endless strands of lights. Big Spring's annual Christmas Decorating Contest is about to begin.

Homes can be entered in four categories for judging: Religious, lights only, original homemade and other. Businesses can participate in two categories: Show windows (outside) and lights only.

Judging is Dec. 16. Terri Johansen, who will be one of the judges for the contest, said neatness counts.

"It is important the way the lights are put up and that all the lights are burning," she said. "It helps to put some thought into what you are going to do before you get started."

Johansen's advice to competitors is to plan ahead, be creative and do something different.

"Some of the same people enter every year with basically the same displays," she said. "I'd like to see some of them change what they do just a little

bit, which makes it more interesting."

Johansen said some of the simplest displays are the prettiest.

"Some of the elaborate ones can be too much at times, especially if there is too much moving," she said. Moving lights make a nice detail, she advised, or work well on a vehicle such as a tricycle or tractor.

Judges, who start after dark and spend at least three hours inspecting competitors, usually award a lot of first places.

"We've changed the focus in the last few years to try to give each and every one a unique award," Johansen said. "If it

merits a number one, we'll give it a special award that really fits."

Winners will receive media recognition, but all decorators will be placed on a list that will be available at the chamber. Those who want to decorate, but prefer not to be judged, can be included on the list as well.

Johansen said judged or not, she encourages everyone to be part of the contest, if only for the community spirit it fosters.

"Our town is more beautiful at Christmas time than at any other time of the year," she said. "This is a gift that you give your community, your neighbors. If you get a little

attention for your display, your neighbors might get excited about decorating and pretty soon, your whole street can be beautiful."

To join the decorating frenzy, fill out an entry form that is printed in the *Big Spring Herald* and return it to the chamber by mail at P.O. Box 1391 or take it by the office at 215 W. Third. The deadline for entries to be received at the chamber is 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Sponsors of the contest are the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the *Big Spring Herald*, KBST/KBTS, KBYG and the Spade and Hoe Garden Club.

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Lindsey, since she grew up in town and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1986.

"I wasn't actually born in Big Spring," Lindsey admitted, adding that she was adopted by her parents at the age of 1 week and brought back to the city from Irving.

Her mother, Wynell Wilkerson, was a longtime employee of State National Bank and continues to live in Big Spring. Ralph Wilkerson, Lindsey's father, is deceased, but he had a long career with the Big Spring Refinery.

An older brother and now Lindsey's own 8-year-old daughter, Brooke, round out the family. Lindsey, who moved back to Big Spring three years ago, said she is glad to be "home."

Despite having earned a degree in theater at Angelo State, Lindsey was happily employed by the VA Medical Center for several years after college. It wasn't until a friend, Howard College Theater Instructor Clay Grizzle, recommended her for a job at Odessa High School that Lindsey began teaching acting, set design and other theatrical arts.

While she enjoyed teaching in Odessa and was able to get her teaching certificate during that time, Lindsey said she "jumped" at the chance to come back to Big Spring when the job opened up

here. "I love it here," she said. "My kids are the best. We have so much talent here."

One of her priorities has been to build a connection between local students and the International Thespian Society. In the last few years, the first West Texas student ever on the state board was from Big Spring. This year, another Big Spring student holds a spot on the board, and Lindsey now takes about 20 students to the state convention each year. This summer, she hopes to take two to the national event.

"This has been so good for the kids because they see other people who are working professionally in the theater," she said. "They can talk to people, see professional actors at

work and gain experience. "Out here in West Texas, we can be pretty isolated. I think they need as much exposure as possible."

She knows of several students who want to pursue acting after high school, including one who wants to go to New York.

Back at home, though, she will be busy come January preparing for this year's One-Act Play, "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," a comedy written by funnyman Steve Martin.

"We've got a great cast for the one-act this year," Lindsey said. "These kids are on fire and I think they see that they can compete with others from all over the state."

Big Spring High School will host the competition on March 29.

After a short break dur-

ing the Christmas holidays, Lindsey will dig into the huge task of putting together the

University Interscholastic League One-Act Play. And of course, once her own 15 minutes is over, she'll be

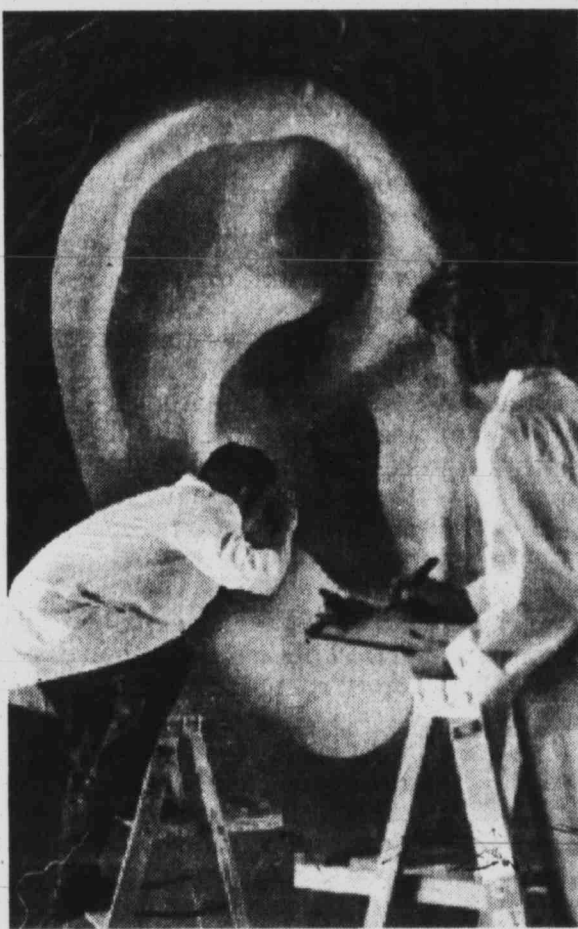
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entirely handicapped accessible and has much more space," Carter said. For example, he said the old ward has four beds to a room, while the new

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# Bush takes on task of revamping Social Security

## President faces formidable obstacles in plan to create private accounts

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — President Bush has made his ambitious proposal to revamp Social Security a priority for his second term.

By **LEIGH STROPE**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush will confront formidable hurdles in Congress as he pursues an overhaul of Social Security, the New Deal program known as the untouchable, third rail of politics. Add soaring budget deficits to the debate, and his effort becomes even more difficult.

Republicans, eyeing the 2006 midterm elections, have made clear they want a heavy political hand from the White House on the issue. Democrats are trying to hold tight in opposition, aided by troubled financ-

ing for the project. "I fully recognize it's going to require a bipartisan effort to address the issue," Bush said, ruling out payroll tax increases to help pay for an esti-

**"It will take presidential leadership to make this possible. If you left it up to the Congress, we're just going to talk to each other."**

—Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

mated \$2 trillion in start-up costs.

Compounding Bush's effort is opposition from

the largest advocacy group for seniors, AARP, which is gearing up for a major fight.

"I don't see anything yet that would indicate a bipartisan approach," said John Rother, legislative and public policy director for AARP, which has 35 million members. Former Rep. Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., a member of Bush's 2001 Social Security commission on partial privatization, said Social Security remains "the third rail" of U.S. politics.

That's because older people vote. Seniors age 60 and older were 24 percent of the electorate in November's presidential election. Voters age 45 to 59 made up 30 percent. Bush polled slightly ahead of Democratic challenger John Kerry among these age groups, according to Associated Press

exit polls.

Creating investment accounts alone will not fix the future shortfall. Cuts in benefits are required, and investments are expected to make up the losses. AARP wants a wide-ranging debate on improving the system's finances.

"Private accounts are kind of a diversion," Rother said. "There are many ways to fix the system. If all this debate is about private accounts, then it's going to deteriorate with little chance of actual success in meeting the problem."

AARP, which was heavily criticized by its members for backing Bush's Medicare prescription drugs plan, opposes any partial-privatization proposal that diverts money from the current system into accounts.

That's what Bush wants

**THE CHALLENGE:** President Bush will confront formidable hurdles in Congress and from the largest advocacy group for the elderly as he pushes his plan to allow some workers to create private investment accounts within the Social Security program.

**THE PROBLEM:** Social Security is a pay-as-you-go system, with current benefits funded by payroll taxes. The large baby boom generation will strain the system, which will start paying out more in benefits than it collects in taxes in 2018.

**THE COST:** Bush promises that benefits will not be cut for retirees or those nearing retirement and that payroll taxes won't increase. But he must come up with about \$2 trillion, depending on the size of the investment accounts, to continue paying retiree benefits.

—The Associated Press

to do. Though he hasn't offered specifics, he says younger workers should be allowed, if they choose, to divert a portion of their payroll taxes into accounts. The problem?

The 12.4 percent in taxes deducted from paychecks, split by workers and employers, helps fund current retirees benefits.

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# Chile's privatized system gets high marks, but many don't participate

By **ALAN CLENDENNING**

AP Business Writer

SANTIAGO, Chile — Instead of paying social security taxes and wondering whether the government will ever deliver promised retirement benefits, Chilean workers bankroll their own retirements and manage their nest eggs.

In visits to modern customer service offices as common as bank branches in this city of 5.5 million, they move money from one stock and bond fund to another and use ATM-like machines to make sure that monthly salary deductions go into pension savings.

Two decades after Chile's military dictatorship scrapped the country's broken and bankrupt government-run social security system and replaced it with privatization, forced retirement savings by everyone who gets a regular paycheck is a way of life.

Chile's pension system is hailed as a model for the world because workers fund their old age pensions, though critics point out that it doesn't cover the self-employed and legions of workers who float from job to job and contribute infrequently.

Still, about 7 million Chileans in the nation of 15 million are now investors in the longest running government-mandated private pension experiment on the planet. They don't pay the government a single peso (less than 1 cent) to fund their social security, and

half regularly funnel 10 percent of their income into retirement accounts they both own and decide how to invest.

### PRIVATE PENSIONS:

Chile privatized its social security system more than 20 years ago, requiring a percentage of each paycheck to go into bank accounts that workers manage themselves. Now, about 7 million Chileans have such accounts.

### HAPPY RETURNS:

On average, the annual return on the accounts has been 10.3 percent after inflation.

### WHO'S LEFT OUT:

Many self-employed workers and people who change jobs frequently are saving nothing or far too little to live on when they retire. The military, which ruled Chile when the reforms were made, decided to stay with a government-run system.

—The Associated Press

"The best thing about it is I didn't give my future to the government," retired tax lawyer Juan de Dios de Vergara said while making minor pension changes at an office run by Summa Bansander, owned by Spain's Banco Santander. "I assumed my own risks, made my own decisions and the funds belong to me, so I get the earnings."

Countries from Mexico to Sweden have adopted the system or elements of it amid concerns that government-based social security benefits will be slashed when retirees outnumber contributors.

The Chilean system also helped feed an unprecedented expansion for South America's most market friendly economy, and has drawn attention from President Bush, who has made privatizing part of the U.S. system a top second term goal.

Chilean employers pay nothing into the system, politicians barely fret about social security and the workers choose where to put their money, picking among six companies regulated by the government.

The funds have delivered 10.3 percent per year on average since 1981 with inflation factored in. That has many contributors feeling more secure when they reach retirement age and decide whether to start making withdrawals or buy an annuity that delivers a guaranteed monthly amount.

Pilar Duarte, a 32-year-old lawyer, could donate more than the government-required 10 percent of her income but said the idea has never occurred to her because she has three decades of contributions ahead of her. Duarte parks her 65,000 pesos, or \$112, monthly contribution in the riskiest stock fund available, realizing it may fluctuate wildly in value but should provide high long-term returns.

"I think it's a really well thought out system," she said. "I'm not scared I'm going to lose all my money."

The architect of the system is former Chilean labor and social security secretary Jose Pinera, a Harvard and University of Chicago-trained economist who now heads from one country to another promoting laws establishing private pension funds. The idea has caught on from Latin America to Eastern Europe, and Asia is expressing strong interest.

Pinera compares the underfunded U.S. social security system to the Titanic heading toward an iceberg, saying the Chilean example "shows that a system of personal retirement accounts can work superbly."

But several miles from Santiago's downtown of well-preserved colonial buildings and gleaming skyscrapers, the warts of Chile's system are exposed in the gritty blue-collar neighborhood of Independencia. Many residents are self-employed or go from one job to another, sporadically or never contributing because they barely earn enough to survive. Those that don't save enough to fund the minimum pension, currently paying out 79,000 pesos, or \$136, per month, will need government help to make up the

difference.

Retirees from Independencia shuffle into a dusty government office to receive their monthly cash pensions, hoping they won't be robbed on the sidewalk after heading past the armed guard posted just inside the front door.

Despite being bombarded for years by ads from fund companies competing for pension business from contributing work-

ers, many Chileans doubt they'll ever profit from the private system.

"I'm not in it and probably never will be," said Ignacio Ibacache, 47, who makes about the monthly minimum wage of 120,000 pesos, or \$207, taking pictures of tourists in front of Santiago's central cathedral.

In his hip restaurant in a bohemian part of

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"If there's one issue our members are united on, this is it," Rother said, adding that AARP will be "very visible and very aggressive" on the debate, expected to start when

Congress returns in late January.

Republican leaders hope to pass legislation by the end of next year. But former House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, cautioned that a bill will take time, especially with a growing concern about deficits.

"I don't think Social Security will be as quick in the Congress, and will depend on when the president sends up his recommendations" he said, adding that some lawmakers were politically skittish. "They want the pres-

ident to take the heat and the resistance and the pushback before they go to work on it," he said.

Some Senate Republicans proposed raising or removing the limit on income subject to the payroll tax. The maximum level of earnings that can be taxed now is \$87,900, and will rise to \$90,000 next year.

But Bush's opposition to raising payroll taxes leaves borrowing as the only real option since further raising the retirement age is not being considered. The administration is considering some

creative accounting that will not count borrowed funds in the budget as part of the skyrocketing deficit. Supporters view borrowing as a prepayment, comparing it to paying off a 30-year mortgage loan early.

But that could hurt efforts to get moderate Democrats and some Republicans on board.

Continued borrowing is a big concern to Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., who supported Bush's tax cut packages, which expanded the deficit, said spokesman David DiMartino.

"It would have to be a pretty solid plan of repayment to get back to a balanced budget for the senator to put that much at risk," DiMartino said.

Though some Democrats were willing to hold their fire to see what Bush proposes, others were critical.

"Ultimately, hiding the truth about benefit cuts or fleecing the public on massive borrowing would have a disastrous effect on the economy, not to mention betray the trust of the American people," said Rep. Bob Matsui of California, the top

Democrat on the Social Security subcommittee.

Asks Frenzel "Will the Congress be willing to suffer the risk of electrocuting itself at the president's request?"

"Without him, this will not be possible," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said of Bush. Graham has proposed letting workers divert two-thirds of their payroll taxes into accounts.

"It will take presidential leadership to make this possible. If you left it up to the Congress, we're just going to talk to each other."

CHILE

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Santiago, Rhony Castro knows he should be contributing but hasn't for years.

"There's always some crisis that comes up in this business, so I just say 'I'll get through this one and start contributing,' but I never do," said Castro, 48. "Most small businessmen here work until they die, and I'll probably be one of them."

If the lack of regular contributions continues, nearly half the work force retiring over the next 30 years won't save enough to fund their own minimum pensions, according to a study by the Chilean government's Superintendency of Pension Fund Administrators, which regulates the pension funds.

Privatizing Chile's old bankrupt "pay as you go" pension system wasn't politically difficult because it happened during the rule of dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

"The Chilean system had gone under," said Joseph Ramos, an economist at the University of Chile. "But they didn't

have to ram the new system through, there wasn't any place to ram it through."

*"I think we have a huge opportunity in front of us instead of a huge challenge."*

—Guillermo Larrain, head of the Superintendency of Pension Fund Administrators

Chileans have complained that fees charged by fund administrators are high, and some still harbor suspicions about privatization because the police and military were allowed them to keep their government pensions.

While acknowledging that privatization has been successful in many respects, the change "wasn't the big silver bullet that everyone expected," said senior World Bank economist Truman Packard. "There was the strong expectation and the promise that participation rates would go up to as high as 80 to 90 percent. Judged by that expectation, there is tremendous disappoint-

ment." Also, more than 17 percent of retired workers over age 65 keep on working or head back to work because their pensions don't give them enough income, according to a study conducted for the Chilean government.

Pinera insists the system doesn't need an overhaul, but said labor reforms in Chile would help boost stable employment and increase pension funding. Small business owners exempted from the system often prefer investing in their businesses for retirement, he said.

"It is an open question whether they should be mandated to contribute," Pinera said.

But Chile has a good chance of fixing its system's coverage problems because most Chileans are funding their own pensions, unlike countries like the United States that face huge social security deficits, said Guillermo Larrain, who heads the Superintendency of Pension Fund Administrators.

"I think we have a huge opportunity in front of us instead of a huge challenge," he said.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Kerik withdraws name for DHS job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernard Kerik, New York City's former top cop, withdrew his name from consideration to be President Bush's homeland security secretary, a victim of the embarrassing "nanny problem" that has killed the nominations of other prominent officials.

The surprise move late Friday sends Bush back in search of a Cabinet official to help guard the nation against another terrorist attack.

While assembling paperwork for his Senate confirmation, Kerik said he uncovered questions about the immigration status of a housekeeper-nanny that he employed. As homeland security secretary, Kerik would oversee the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

"I am convinced that, for personal reasons, moving forward would not be in the best interests of your administration, the Department of Homeland Security or the American people," Kerik said in a letter to Bush.

He said he could not allow personal matters "distract from the focus and progress of the Department of Homeland Security and its crucial endeavors."

## Army moving to speed production

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army entered negotiations with an armor manufacturer Friday in an effort to accelerate production of armored versions of the Humvee to get them to the troops more quickly, Army and company officials said.

Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey spoke with officials at Armor Holdings, Inc., based in Jacksonville, Fla., who told him Friday they could increase production by up to 100 vehicles a month.

Army officials had previously believed the factory was working at capacity until the company told the news media Thursday that it could make more. Democrats immediately criticized the Bush administration for not boosting production sooner.

Still, company officials said the Armor Holdings plant was not immediately capable of boosting output. Armor Holdings said in a statement issued Friday that it could increase its rate of production by February or March.

"During the interim period, we will continue to build as many vehicles as possible, as we have done to date. In fact, we are currently ahead of the Army's production schedule by more

than 330 total vehicles," the statement said.

## Bush dubs pick a 'problem solver'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush picked a new energy secretary Friday and dubbed him "a problem solver" — a talent Samuel W. Bodman will need as he deals with high oil prices, nuclear waste and a Congress unwilling to pass the president's long-term energy plan.

The announcement filled one of the last two vacancies in Bush's second-term Cabinet, leaving only the secretary of health and human services. Bush is replacing nine of his 15 Cabinet members.

The selection of Bodman came as a surprise to most in the energy field and to many in Congress, but it was widely applauded.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee that will consider Bodman's nomination, predicted a "swift and smooth" confirmation.

Over the past four years, Bodman, 66, has been the No. 2 official at the Commerce Department and, more recently, the Treasury Department. He replaces Spencer Abraham, the former Michigan senator.

## U.S. soldier sentenced in killing

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. soldier pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in prison Friday for killing a severely wounded Iraqi teenager in what investigators say may have been a mercy-killing, the latest of several similar incidents that have undercut American efforts to win support among Iraqis and defeat a rampant insurgency.

The conviction and sentencing of Staff Sgt. Johnny M. Horne Jr., 30, of Winston-Salem, N.C., comes almost a month after the Nov. 13 killing of another wounded Iraqi found lying in a Fallujah mosque among the bodies of several people killed during a weeklong operation to retake that city from insurgents.

He was sentenced to three years in prison late Friday by a jury-like panel of seven service members, the military said Saturday. He also received a reduction in rank to private, forfeiture of wages and a dishonorable discharge.

Horne is the first of four soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, based in Fort Riley, Kan., to face court-martial on charges of murdering Iraqis during fighting in Baghdad's impoverished Sadr City in August.

This week in Germany, a U.S. tank

company commander was ordered court-martialed after being accused of shooting and killing a critically injured Iraqi driver for radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on May 21 near Kufa, 100 miles south of Baghdad.

## Rehnquist plans to swear in Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, suffering from thyroid cancer and absent from the bench for seven weeks, still plans to preside at President Bush's inauguration on Jan. 20, a Supreme Court spokeswoman said Friday.

The chief justice normally swears in the president, but it had been unclear if Rehnquist would be well enough. Little information about his condition has been released, though it's known he is undergoing the kind of treatment often

used for the most serious type of thyroid cancer.

Rehnquist's continued absence from the bench and the dearth of information about his condition fueled speculation the 80-year-old may step aside soon, giving the court its first vacancy in more than a decade, a modern record.

Supreme Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said Bush had invited Rehnquist to administer the oath of office and he accepted. Arberg said she did not know if he would be on the bench when the justices return from the holiday break on Jan. 10.

Court-watchers said it's unclear how to read the news. His attendance at the event on the Capitol lawn could be Rehnquist's final hurrah before ending a 33-year career on the Supreme Court or could indicate he's making a remarkable recovery.

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# Ode to ornaments of Christmases past

By ALYSON WARD

Knight Ridder Newspapers

If you grew up in America in the '40s and '50s, Shiny-Brite ornaments were probably a part of your childhood. The little glass globes were charming, colorful and completely unassuming, all lacquered with gleaming pink, green and blue or encircled by peppy stripes.

These were not the intricate European ornaments of yesteryear, with all their handpainted complexity. No, there was a certain purity to the Shiny-Brites. They were refreshingly simple, cheerfully bright, often transparent. They were ornaments that represented the frank and fresh-faced American sensibility of the mid-20th century. And, mass-produced and sold for a few cents at Woolworth's, they were a solid, practical decorating choice.

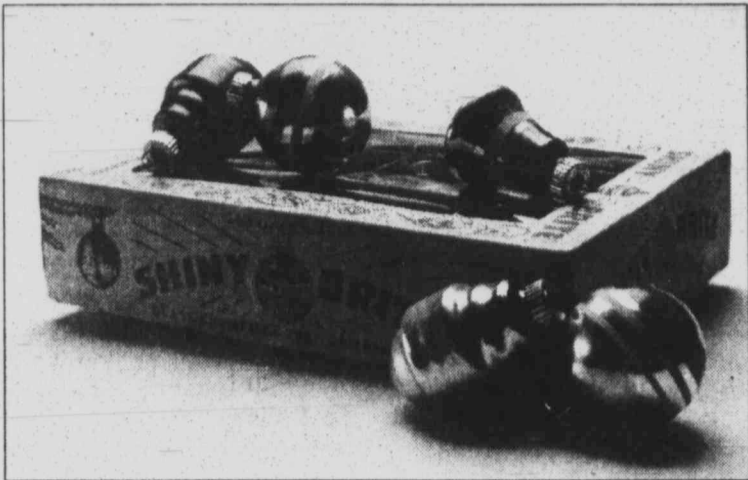
Shiny-Brites enjoyed their heyday in the '50s, and when they stopped selling as well in the 1960s, it was a sign of the times. They weren't made at all anymore by the '70s, and it was just as well; by then, in a nation confused by Vietnam, the sweet pink-and-purple glass ornaments seemed almost naive.

Fast-forward to today. It's a new century, and Shiny-Brites are back; holiday designer Christopher Radko has been producing replicas since 2001. We found the new ornaments in gift boutiques and a few department stores, as cheerfully colorful as ever.

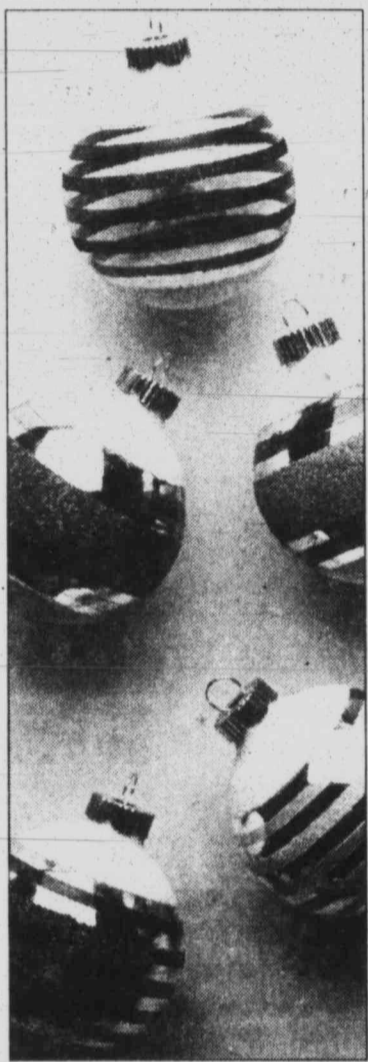
Of course, the original Shiny-Brites never really went away. You can find vintage glass ornaments in antiques shops and on eBay, at garage sales and estate sales — and, of course, on Christmas trees across the country, handled lovingly by people who have pulled them out every year for half a century or more.

#### Some Shiny-Brite History

Shiny-Brites have come to represent the hope and optimism of Americans in the mid-20th century — probably because they were a childhood fixture for lots of baby boomers. But Shiny-Brites, with all their joyful glimmering,



Fort Worth Star-Telegram photos/Ralph Lauer  
Shiny Brite christmas ornaments are collectible items from a time gone by. They came in bright colors, metallics and strange shapes.



were created in the dark days before World War II.

Before the war, Americans bought intricate, hand-painted glass ornaments that were imported from Germany and Poland. But in the late 1930s, when it became clear that a world war was imminent, Max Eckardt knew he had a problem. Eckardt, who imported ornaments from Europe, knew the war would complicate international trade — and besides, Germany was slowing down its ornament production and rededicating its factories to war materials. So he looked for a way to make the ornaments in the United States.

He found one: By 1937, he was in business with

the Corning glass manufacturing company in New York, making glass ornaments on machines that were designed to make light bulbs.

In 1939, Eckardt's ornaments got the boost they needed to make them ubiquitous in American homes: The Woolworth five-and-dime chain placed an order for more than 200,000 ornaments. In December 1939, the mass-produced Shiny-Brites were sold nationwide in Woolworth's stores for just a few cents apiece.

If they were sold in Woolworth's — and for such an affordable price — you know they were on Christmas trees all over America. The packaging bolstered the all-American vibe. The boxes — solid brown cardboard, enhanced in later years with a cellophane window — featured the words "American Made." For several years the boxes even had a picture of Santa shaking hands with Uncle Sam.

Shiny-Brites were popular throughout the '40s and '50s — but then the company started making plastic ornaments, and it was all downhill from there; by the 1970s, the company had stopped making Shiny-Brites altogether.

But in a marketplace where boomer nostalgia reigns, Shiny-Brites couldn't have stayed away forever. A few years ago, Christopher Radko, a holiday-decor designer whose complex glass ornaments are handblown in Poland, began selling Shiny-Brite replicas.

Radko has an interesting story of his own — in 1984, his family's

Christmas tree fell over, shattering almost every one of the family's 2,000 mouth-blown, European glass ornaments. Determined to replace them, Radko traveled to Poland, where he found a man who could duplicate the ornaments. On his way home, though, bearing ornaments for family use, Radko sold them all to friends in New York — and discovered that he was onto something. The twentysomething Radko quit his job in a talent-agency mailroom and went to work designing ornaments; over the past 19 years, he has made a name for himself in holiday ornaments and decor.

Radko bought the Shiny-Brite name in the late '90s and started selling replicas of the old Shiny-Brite glass ornaments in 2001. The lustrous little baubles look just the way they used to, in colors that seem brighter than ever. Even the Shiny-Brite boxes are the same. Well, almost: The new boxes contain snappy messages such as "Just like Grandma's!" and "Lighting your way down memory lane" to play up the nostalgia factor.

Today's ornaments do, however, carry a bigger price tag. The ornaments that once sold at Woolworth's for 39 cents per dozen are now closer

to \$39 — or even more. Of course, you can still find the old ones, often for a better price.

#### Where to Buy Shiny-Brites

New: Christopher Radko's Shiny-Brite ornaments are sold in boutiques all over the country. See [www.christopher-radko.com](http://www.christopher-radko.com) for a retailer near you.

Antique: Antique Shiny-Brites often pop up on eBay, with prices that range from dirt-cheap to "who has that kind of money?"

A better bet: Shop for them at antiques stores, where you can see what you're getting before you buy.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
The Capricorn moon loves tradition. And during this very traditional time of year, honoring the rituals passed down through your family, culture and generation will bring a feeling of peace and unity. The simple act of sitting down to dinner together will be grounding, getting you psychologically ready to face the action-packed week ahead.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Let that genie out of the bottle. You've racked up a few new wishes and are ready to articulate them to someone who can actually do something

about it! The future is bright, and it's right now.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You get the message loud and clear — and this important communication probably comes through a family member or close female friend. Take full advantage of the info and use it to close a big deal. Kisses are lucky.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). All those numbers you've been crunching lately finally add up to big bucks. You'll see a windfall before the year's out. If you need special permission to invest in yourself first, consider this horoscope your invitation.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Like the shape-shifting moon, you are always able to reinvent yourself. Others see you in a new and flattering light. Accept the recognition with grace — you earned it through years of hard work.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Something that was previously hidden behind gray clouds now comes to light. This crucial bit of information t helps you put all the puzzle pieces together. Take time to rethink your strategy before redoubling your efforts.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being a team player

pays off for you when a kindred spirit in your group becomes a champion of your pet project. Mixing business with pleasure was never this much fun. Be willing to share the profits, though.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your dream job is calling to you like a beacon in the fog. Tune in to your instincts, and you'll see the way clearly. You might feel duplicitous for even considering other employment, but not considering your options would be foolish.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just because the spotlight isn't on you, that's no excuse to let someone

else get all the glory. Book a trip, or take a class — you'll awaken your spirit, and you might even benefit financially.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You stand to benefit amazingly from other people's money. Those "other people" may include your spouse, your business partner, a family member or even the government. Be generous to those less fortunate.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your significant other or perhaps a close friend can sometimes express your hidden fears and desires better than you can. It's OK to let him or her see your vulnera-

ble side. You are cherished.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a good thing you like surprises because your schedule is about to get thrown for a loop. When folks get uppity, you're just as likely to be the anchor in the storm as the lightning rod.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You've never needed an excuse to party, but you'll get plenty anyway. An abundance of love, money and creative freedom are just the beginning. Fishes create their own fiesta everywhere they go, so pick a pond, and dive in.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'm 14, and I think I am suffering from bipolar disorder — high manic episodes quickly followed by full-blown depression, where I often cut myself to avoid committing suicide or hurting others.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net.

The problem is, I'm not really sure if I have manic depression or if it's just teenage hormones going wild. I would love to receive a proper diagnosis, but I don't know how to approach my parents and ask to see a psychiatrist or somebody. I'm afraid they'll just push it aside and tell me there's nothing to worry about.

benefits, Social Security, Medicare, or the new Medicare prescription drug program. At the end of the letter, it asks them to complete a form and mail a check.

Is there any way I can get them to take me seriously? And if they don't, could I see someone without parental consent? I would really like to get some help because the way I feel really sucks. — Kurt Cobain's Would-Be Stalker

Please warn your readers that these letters are junk mail disguised as official information and are worthless. Official assistance and information on government benefits do not have any fees associated with them. All of these services can be provided free of charge by local senior centers or advocacy groups such as The Center for Healthcare Rights (healthcarewrights.org).

Dear Friend: What you describe doesn't sound like typical teenage angst. Please talk to your parents, and if you think they won't listen, talk to a favorite relative, family friend or your school counselor. You also can contact the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, 730 N. Franklin St., Suite 501, Chicago, IL 60610. 1-800-826-3632 (www.dbsalliance.org). Keep us posted, honey. We're worried about you.

I see so many seniors treating this mail seriously, assuming they must respond or miss out on a needed program. People should take these letters to someone they trust before they are cheated out of thousands of dollars. — Social Worker in Los Angeles

Dear Annie: I am a social worker who works primarily with the elderly and the disabled in their homes. I have seen my clients receive pieces of official-looking mail, with a Washington, D.C., address and what looks like a government seal, offering to assist people with their government

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**B.S. football slated for M**  
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**YMCA anniversary gymnastic**  
The YMCA hosting its gymnastics Friday. The program consist of all ages and it will from 4:30 p.m. The community is attend. The kid's gram will 4:30 p.m. while beginning nastics from 5:20 p.m. The tuesday sidewinder tions of t will begin and 6:30 p tively.

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#### 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.

#### B.S. football banquet slated for Monday

The Big Spring football banquet has been set for Monday at 6:30 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.

#### Booster Club gets more Steer gear

The Lady Steers Booster Club has just received a new shipment of Lady Steer Gear.

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#### Coahoma Youth Basketball sets draft

The Coahoma Youth Basketball League will draft teams Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the junior high gym.

There will also be late sign-ups at that time.

The cost for the league is \$25 and the league is for boys and girls in the fourth, fifth or sixth grade.

#### YMCA announces gymnastics program

The YMCA will be hosting its Christmas gymnastics program Friday.

The program will consist of children of all ages and abilities and it will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The entire community is welcome to attend.

The kidnastics program will last from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., while beginning gymnastics takes place from 5:20 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The tumbling and sidewinders team portions of the program will begin at 6:05 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively.

#### 2009 Super Bowl narrows field to four

NEW YORK — Atlanta, Houston, Miami and Tampa, Fla., were selected as the four finalists for the 2009 Super Bowl.

The four were recommended by a committee of owners at a meeting in Atlanta Wednesday. One of the four will be chosen as host by the league's owners next May.

This season's game will be played Feb. 6, in Jacksonville, Fla.

## Shooting problems continue for Lady Steers

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
MONAHANS — The Lady Steers' poor shooting continued Friday afternoon and Big Spring head coach Tim VanHecke really can't explain it.

"We have been getting great shots but for some reason they just aren't going in," he said. "I thought we were going to turn things around and win the game, but it was not to be."

Big Spring wound up losing 43-26 to El Paso Del Valle in the second round of the Monahans

Tournament. The two teams were tied after one quarter, but an 8-3 advantage in the second quarter

put El Paso up five at the break. Big Spring cut the lead to two points after three quarters, but were outscored again by five in the final eight minutes.

"We turned it over too many times and are stuck in a huge shooting slump right now," said VanHecke. "And every-

thing they shot went in." The Lady Steers committed 27 turnovers and shot just 16-of-43 from the floor.

"We gave one away (Thursday) and should have won (Friday)," said VanHecke. "It was interesting, but that turnover total is way too many."

Senior Alex Watkins led Big Spring with nine points, five steals, five rebounds and three assists.

However, Watkins committed six turnovers and shot just four-for-10 from the field.

Junior Raegan Ritchey has been in a shooting

slump, as well. She finished with seven points and four rebounds, while committing seven turnovers and shooting three-for-14 from the floor.

Junior Carmen Lewis finished with eight points and five steals, while Cycelye Tuitt, a senior, pitched in with six points.

"We really had a nice press (Friday), but didn't have much success on offense," said VanHecke.

VanHecke brought up three players from the junior varsity level — JaLesia Terrel, Chalesa Johnson and Cecil Isles — in hopes of helping the

program find some success at all levels. He also sent two down to the JV level.

"So far the success has come at the junior varsity and hopefully the varsity will follow shortly," said VanHecke.

The junior varsity team won its game Thursday over the Trent varsity by two points at the Midland High Tournament.

The varsity team played for seventh place Saturday, but the score was not available at press time.

The Lady Steers most likely faced Lubbock High or Seminole.

## Hawk men put on cruise control with UTPB junior varsity

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
BIG SPRING — If a 20-point early season defeat by Howard gave the UTPB junior varsity any confidence of possibly pulling out a win Friday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, the confidence was quickly thrown out the window early as the Hawks cruised to their 12th win of the season, defeating the Falcons, 97-36.

The Hawks scored the first 10 points of the game and, after one free throw by UTPB, went on a 24-0 run in the first half to go up 34-1.

UTPB's first basket from the field came with seven minutes to play in the first half as Josh Helmstetler, who played for Forsan, connected on an inside layup.

The 24-point run included two dunks and a 3-pointer by freshman Louis Rodgers, a dunk by sophomore Brandon Sampay and 3-pointers by Iman Shokvohizadeh and Charles Burgess.

After UTPB's first basket, the Hawks went on a 12-0 run in the next five minutes to go up 46-3.

Sophomore Munir Shakir highlighted the run with three layups.

The Falcons scored eight points in the final two minutes of the first half, but Howard led at the break 54-11 as Burgess hit back-to-back 3-pointers, including a buzzer-beater, to cap off a dominating 20 minutes.

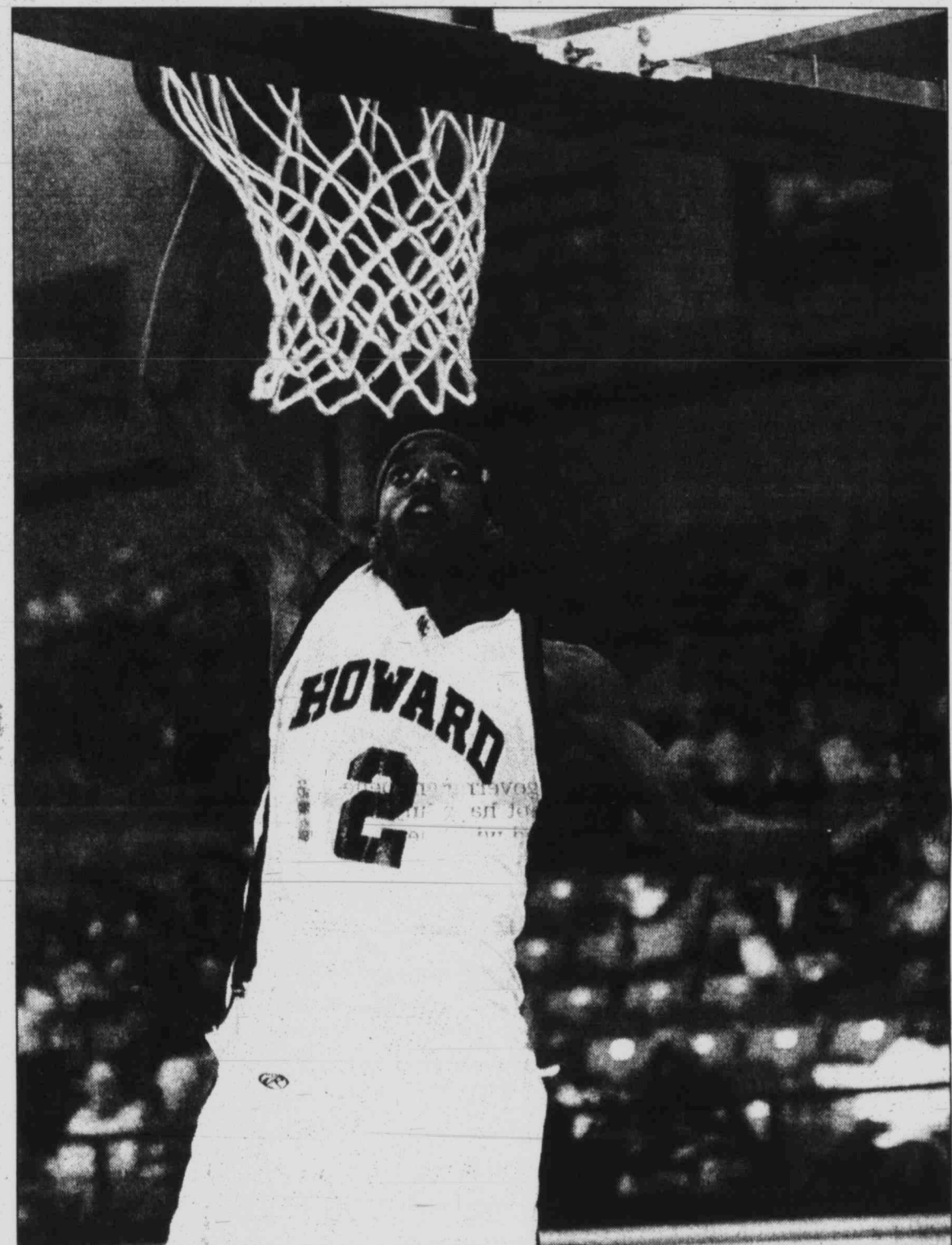
The Hawks increased the lead to 51 points five minutes into the second half and then a layup by freshman Dwayne Abraham with 10 minutes to play made the score 80-21.

Burgess scored 22 points, including three 3-pointers, to lead six guys in double figures for Howard (12-1).

Rodgers finished with 18 points (13 in the first half), while Shakir added 13. Sampay and Shokvohizadeh added 12 points apiece and Barrett clipped the nets for 10 points.

Jamie Dominguez and Tyson Mankin led the Falcons with six points each, while Helmstetler added five.

The Hawk men will pick up action again Jan. 5-6 at the New Mexico Junior College Classic.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard College freshman Louis Rodgers slams down two of his 18 points during the Hawks' win over the UTPB JV Friday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks won the game 97-36.

## Steers leave, forget to get off bus, lose bad to M.C.

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
MONAHANS — The Steers had to do more than just get off the bus to win Friday against Midland Christian at the Monahans Tournament. And, according to Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear, the team didn't even do that.

"It was one of those games we just forgot to get off the bus," said Kinnear. "There is really nothing else to say."

Big Spring had more turnovers than points and lost to Midland Christian, 78-30. The Steers finished with 38 turnovers and shot 28 percent from the field and 43 percent from the foul line.

Midland Christian shot 62 percent from the field as the game was virtually over at halftime. Big Spring trailed 35-14 at halftime and were outscored 43-16 in the second half.

Junior Kyle Piercefield

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard College's Latoya Fairley goes up strong inside against the Hardin Simmons JV Friday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Fairley scored 23 points to lead Howard to a 74-60 win.

## Howard women jump past Hardin Simmons

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
BIG SPRING — The Hardin Simmons women's junior varsity team proved to be no cake walk for the Howard women Friday as the Cowgirls stuck with the Hawks for most of the game. However, the Hawk women still found the win column, 74-60.

The game was tied 10-10 early on and Howard only led by five points midway through the first half.

Howard freshman Latoya Fairley maintained her dominant presence inside, but the scrappiness of Hardin Simmons showed up on the scoreboard as the Hawk women led 26-20 with 7:52 to play in the half after a layup by sophomore Ciara Tidwell.

With 4:32 to play in the first half, Howard went on a the run they needed to blow the game open. The Hawk women ended the half with 11 straight points, including two 3-pointers by freshman Kristen Ray.

Fairley scored 17 points in the half, but was

matched by Jamie Jones, who led Hardin Simmons with 17 points.

The Hawk women came out fast in the second half as Pena's 3-pointer with 17 minutes to play upped their advantage to 25 points.

Jones continued to make her presence known inside as she prevented Howard (12-5) from getting a bigger lead.

Jessica Davenport's basket with under 10 minutes to play cut the lead to 18 points. Her back-to-back 3-pointers at the end of the game cut the Cowgirls' deficit to 13 points before Howard won by 14 points.

Fairley was held to six second half points, but still led Howard with 23. Tidwell and Pena added 15 and 12 points, respectively, while Ray and freshman Ariel Rhodes pitched in with 11 apiece.

Jones finished with a game-high 30 points, while Davenport added 15.

Howard's next games will be played at the Northeastern Colorado Classic Jan. 5-6.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Abilene Wylie wins title after field goal**

WACO (AP) — Tyler Driskell kicked a 25-yard field goal on the final play of the game to give Abilene Wylie a 17-14 win over Cuero and its first state title in the Class 3A Division I championship Friday night.

Facing 3-and-11 at the Cuero 48 with less than a minute to play, Bulldog quarterback Case Keenum scrambled 39 yards to the Gobbler 9-yard line. Michael Kiger's 2-yard run put Abilene Wylie in place for Driskell's winning kick.

The Bulldogs (12-3) tied the game at 14 early in the fourth quarter on a 25-yard touchdown pass from Keenum to tight end Josh Archer.

**Rangers acquire OF free agent Hidalgo**

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Russ Ortiz, Steve Finley and Richard Hidalgo found new teams and David Wells closed in on an agreement to join the Boston Red Sox as baseball's winter meetings began.

While there were no trades announced, Arizona set the free-agent pace for the second straight day, agreeing to a \$33 million, four-year contract with Ortiz in an effort to complement Randy Johnson in its starting rotation.

Finley, who started last season with the Diamondbacks and finished it with the Dodgers, moved down Interstate 5, agreeing to a \$14 million, two-year contract with the Anaheim Angels.

The Texas Rangers agreed to a \$5 million, one-year deal with right fielder Richard Hidalgo, who split last season between Houston and the New York Mets. And the Florida Marlins reached preliminary agreements with relievers Antonio Alfonseca and Todd Jones.

**Chiefs' Holmes done for rest of season**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs star running back Priest Holmes will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury.

Holmes, who was leading the NFL in scoring and rushing when he got hurt Nov. 7, was placed on injured reserve but will not need surgery.

Coach Dick Vermeil said Holmes might have remained on the roster if the Chiefs (4-8) were headed for the playoffs. But he had already been declared out for Monday night's game at Tennessee.

**Bulldogs win one, girls fall twice at Hooptown Classic**

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor STANTON — A win over Wall Friday set up the Coahoma boys for a Saturday morning battle with Borden County at Stanton's Hooptown Classic. The Bulldogs defeated Wall, 50-38, in the consolation bracket after losing to Greenwood, 48-34, Thursday.



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The Bulldogettes have begun their portion of the Stanton Classic 0-2. They lost to Midland Christian in the first-round

Thursday and then lost to Wink Friday.

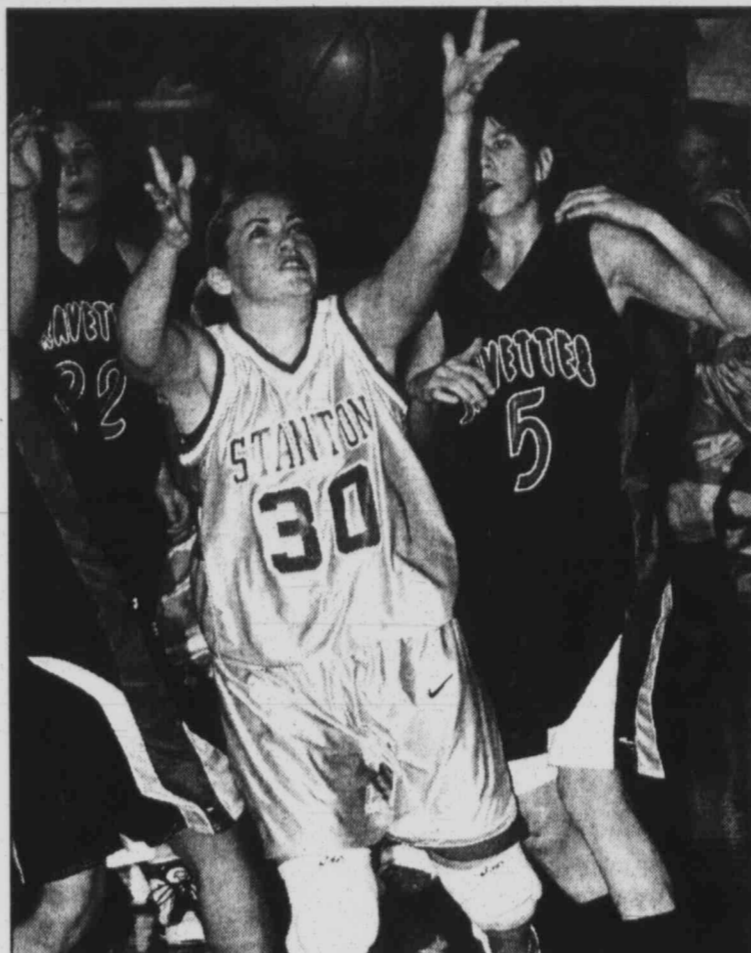
The Bulldogs were plagued by poor second and fourth quarters in their loss to Greenwood. Coahoma was outscored 34-18 in those periods.

Clint Walker led the Bulldogs with nine points, while Adrian Abrego and Tyler Fowler added eight apiece.

Wall scored 18 of its 38 points in the first quarter, but Coahoma proved to be more consistent throughout the game, outscoring its opponent 33-20 in claiming the win.

Fowler led the Bulldogs with 18 points and Isaac Brewer pitched in with 10

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler Stanton's Amy Jo Bryand reaches up for the ball during action at the Lady Buffaloes' host Hooptown Classic Friday night. The Stanton girls lost to Iraan in second-round play, 36-22.

**Lady Buffs fall to Iraan at Tourney**

By TROY HYDE

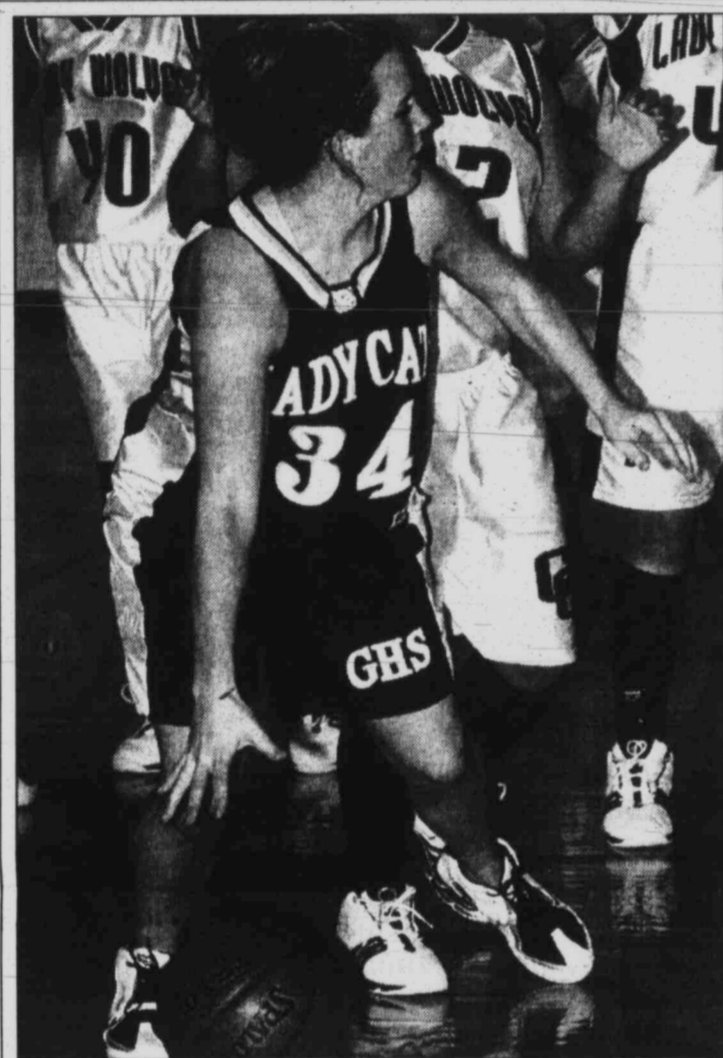
Sports Editor STANTON — Iraan's strong first half was too much for the Stanton girl's basketball team to handle Friday night as the Lady Buffaloes fell in the second-round of their host Hooptown Classic.

Stanton reached the second-round after defeating Presidio in the opening round Thursday.

Iraan, which won the game 36-22, outscored Stanton 23-13 in the first half.

The Lady Buffaloes were led in scoring by Stormie Duggan's 11 points.

Stanton took on Kermit Saturday afternoon, but the score was unavailable at press time.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler Grady freshman Kenzie Madison tries to find room to the basket during a game with Colorado City Friday night at Stanton's Hooptown Classic.

**Grady splits at Hooptown**

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor STANTON — After a first-round bye in the Stanton Hooptown Classic, the Grady girl's basketball team struggled in the second round of Friday against Midland Christian, before rolling past Colorado City in a consolation game Friday night.

The Lady Wildcats lost to Midland Christian in their opener, 71-41.

They were outscored 20-9 in the second quarter and 22-11 in the third after only trailing by two points after one.

Freshman Kenzie Madison led the Wildcats with 12 points.

The result was nearly reversed against the Lady Wolves Friday night as Grady exploded for 31 points in the opening quarter before winning 73-20.

The Lady Cats outscored Colorado City 17-2 in the second period before matching them in the second half, 25-12.

Kelsey Tubb led way for Grady with 14 points.

They took on Greenwood Saturday afternoon in a consolation game.

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**Buffalo two win away from host title**

Washington's points leads Stanton in second round of Hooptown

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor STANTON — A tentative effort Friday against Wink Stanton boy's basketball team to the sem final of its host Hooptown as the Buffaloes Wink, 48-39.

Stanton got off start and led 1-0 the first quarter taking a 27-19 lead in the locker room at 10:00.

Wink outscored by three point third quarter, Buffaloes boun in the fourth their opponent's points.

Sophomore Michael Wash Stanton with 15 points.

Stanton took Greenwood morning for a play in the char game, but the score was unavailable at press time.

The other top contenders are battling for a spot in the semifinals are Brown and Reagan County.

**Stanton's Hooptown Classic — Friday**  
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## Buffaloes two wins away from host title

• Washington's 15 points leads Stanton past Wink in second round of Hooptown

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

STANTON — A consistent effort Friday night against Wink sent the Stanton boy's basketball team to the semifinals of its host Hooptown Classic as the Buffaloes defeated Wink, 48-39.

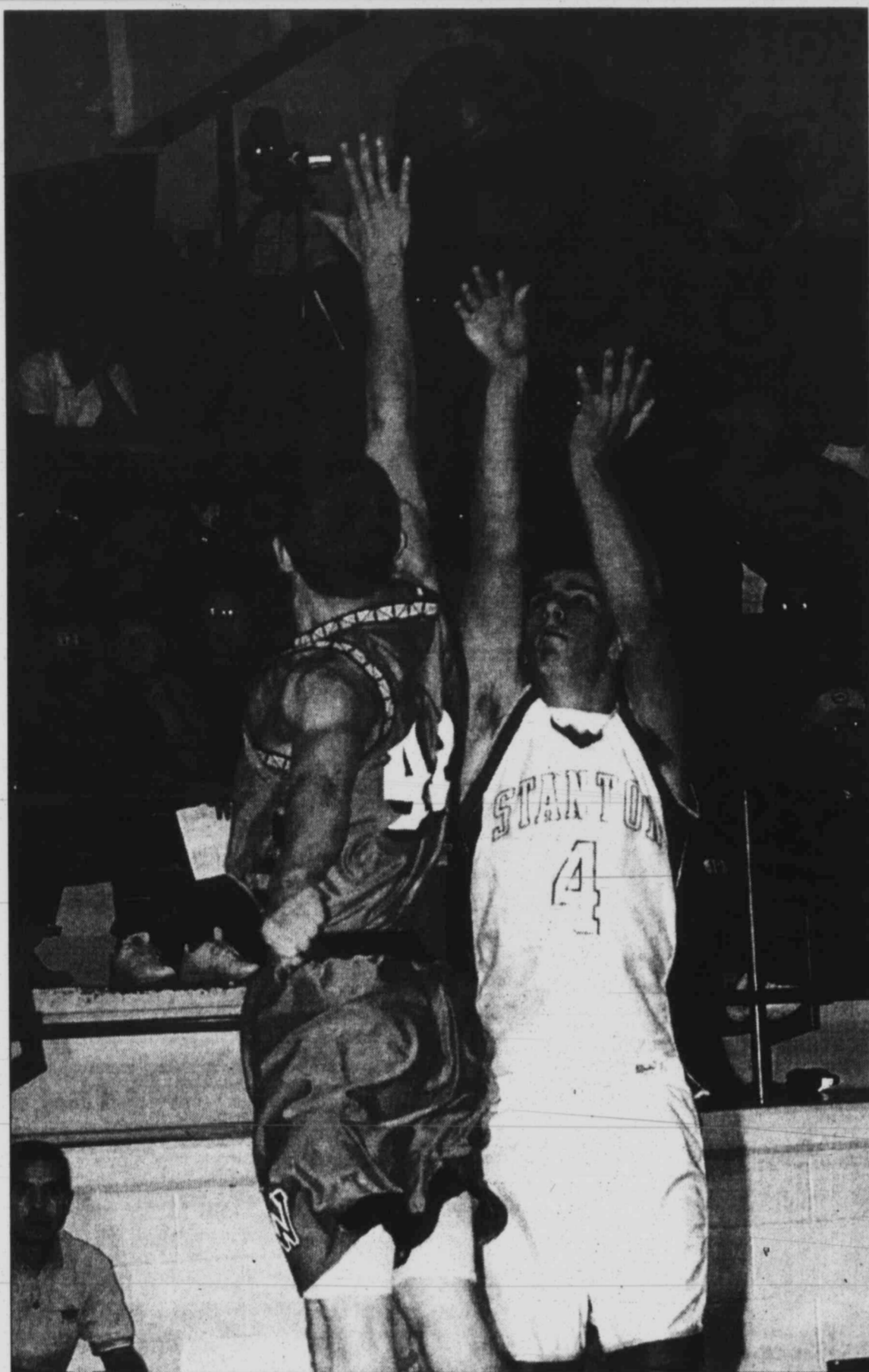
Stanton got off to a good start and led 13-10 after the first quarter before taking a 27-19 lead in the locker room at halftime.

Wink outscored Stanton by three points in the third quarter, but the Buffaloes bounced back in the fourth, edging their opponents by four points.

Sophomore forward Michael Washington led Stanton with 15 points.

Stanton took on Greenwood Saturday morning for a chance to play in the championship game, but the score was unavailable at press time.

The other two teams battling for a spot in the finals are Brownfield and Reagan County.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Stanton sophomore Michael Washington goes up for a jump shot during the Buffaloes' win over Wink Friday night at their host Hooptown Classic. Washington scored a team-high 15 points and Stanton won, 48-39.

## STEERS

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led the Steers with nine

points and five rebounds, while sophomore Ryan Tannehill added six points, five rebounds and three blocks. Senior

Bobby Newton scored six points and freshman Jordan Kinnear pitched in with five points and five rebounds.

Big Spring took on either Pecos or Monahans at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, but the score was unavailable at press time.

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- 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Crew Cab - Stk# D211A, White, V8 6.6L Turbo Diesel, 4WD, LS, CD, Running Boards, Bed Liner, Grille Guard, Towing Pkg. Was \$36,775. **NOW \$31,995**

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## Grady falls twice at Stanton Classic

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

STANTON — A 25-6 halftime advantage Friday at the Stanton Hooptown Classic propelled Grape Creek to a 45-18 victory over Grady.

The Wildcats also lost by two points to Colorado City.

Justin Tubb led the team against Grape Creek with seven points.

Colorado City jumped out to a 15-8 first quarter lead on Grady in the Wildcats' second game.

However, Grady battled back in the second period and trailed by only two at halftime.

The Wildcats took the lead after three quarters with a three-point advantage.

But, Colorado City outscored the Wildcats 16-13 in the final frame and claimed the narrow victory.

Senior Ben Hirth led Grady with a season-high 15 points.

Grady played Saturday but the score was unavailable at press time.

## COAHOMA

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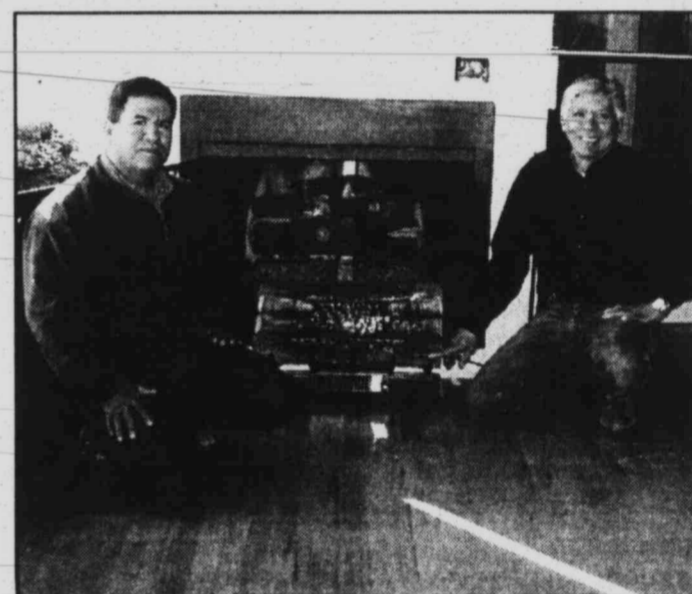
The Bulldogs took on Borden County Saturday morning, but the score was unavailable at press time.

Against Wink, the Bulldogettes were outscored 14-5 in the first quarter and 18-0 in the third period and lost

55-46. Coahoma made a run in the fourth quarter with a 16-point advantage, but the deficit was too much to overcome.

Sterling Gee and Mendy Morgan led Coahoma with nine points apiece.

Coahoma played the loser of Brownfield and Pecos Saturday at 3 p.m. but the score was unavailable at press time.



Bill Rodriguez (left) and Jesse Silva of Bill's Fireplace Center demonstrate the warmth of electric logs. Call 684-6069 to learn more.

## Electric logs from Bill's Fireplace Center really warm your home

Maybe you've always enjoyed the idea of relaxing in front of a warm, crackling fireplace, but you can't have a real one where you live now. Either there's no place to put a fireplace, it's too expensive, or there's no gas to your home that would run gas logs or start a wood fire.

Bill Rodriguez at Bill's Fireplace Center has the perfect solution: electric fireplace logs that not only give you the look of a real fireplace, they really provide warmth!

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Bill says a little creativity can make these logs look really good. "You can add lava rocks, some pine cones or whatever you think of to enhance the look," he points out. The logs are available in birch or oak, and a set takes about ten days to get in on order.

Electric logs can provide a wonderfully homey atmosphere to a retirement home, townhouse, apartment or anywhere a real fireplace isn't feasible.

Bill's Fireplace Center also sells and installs gas fireplace logs. Because the installation process usually takes less than an hour, Bill says this is a great gift idea. These ceramic logs come with a lifetime warranty.

A rain cap is a vital addition to a chimney, whether you burn logs or gas, for several reasons. The obvious one is that it keeps moisture out of the chimney and away from the damper. A wet damper will eventually rust out, leading to a repair that can cost hundreds of dollars. Even a little moisture behind the smoke shelf can create a musty smell.

Besides rain, the rain cap keeps out small critters like birds and squirrels. A bird nest in the top of your chimney could flood your home with dangerous smoke when you start a fire. A squirrel that gets into your chimney and survives the fall to the fireplace itself can do a lot of damage to furnishings before he's caught.

Bill asks, "When was the last time you had your chimney cleaned? If you burn wood, your chimney should be checked yearly—if gas, it should be checked every two-to-three years. If you have a vertical dryer vent, that exhausts through the roof, that should be cleaned yearly, too. Lint buildup in the vent pipe can obstruct the air flow from your dryer and can become a fire hazard.

The company can build you an outdoor fireplace or fire pits. They also sell and service Duane gas grills.

Service is available not only in Midland, but also in Odessa, Big Spring, Stanton, Andrews, Kermit and other surrounding communities.

Bill's Fireplace Center is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year of serving the Permian Basin. Bill adds that he supports the community in a variety of ways. He's particularly excited about the ministry of Safe House that helps victims of domestic violence.

Bill's Fireplace Center is located at 15009 North Big Spring. Call them at 684-6069 or 682-5157.

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# Cowboys hope to build off emotional victory Sunday

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The helmets, pads and jerseys came off. The smiles didn't. They couldn't.

The Dallas Cowboys had just gone from blowing a big fourth-quarter lead to pulling off a remarkable comeback, all before a national audience on a Monday night. In the locker room afterward, players were savoring what they'd accomplished. The smiles they shared and the joy they felt were the kind of things that bring a club together and can lead to

bigger, better things. It happened early last season, starting a five-game winning streak that Dallas rode into the playoffs.

Now the Cowboys are hoping another similar win this past Monday night can be their springboard into the postseason. "There's always a point in the season where it clicks for you," defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said. "Hopefully this is that point."

The first test of their newfound confidence and kinship comes Sunday against the New Orleans Saints (4-8), who have lost

three straight and are already thinking about changes for next season.

Dallas is only barely better at 5-7, but that's good enough to be in the NFC wild-card chase. And the Cowboys have reasons to believe they can emerge from that group.

They've won consecutive games for the first time since Weeks 2 and 3 and coach Bill Parcells says they're playing better than they have all season. The offense is clicking thanks to the emergence of rookie running back Julius Jones and the defense has improved since being simplified

three games ago.

Factor in that three of their last four games are against fading teams and remember the spark provided by their 43-39 victory over the Seahawks and it's easy to see why the postgame giddiness was still evident during the week.

"The team just needed a little confidence to see that things were going to change," Parcells said. "Once they started getting it, they perked up."

The Seattle game was the ultimate confidence booster. It nearly was the ultimate downer.

The Cowboys let a 12-

point lead in the fourth quarter turn into a 10-point deficit.

Then came a touchdown catch, a recovered onside kick, a touchdown run by Jones and an incomplete desperation pass by the Seahawks on the game's final play.

Dallas fans who believe in omens must've been thrilled.

After all, the TD grab could've been ruled out of bounds, the onside kick never worked that well in practice and that last-second pass did bounce off the face mask of a Seattle receiver.

No wonder that locker

room scene was so special.

"Those first couple of minutes after an emotional win, that's the best feeling I think there is in sports, no matter if it's the first game you've won or the Super Bowl," quarterback Vinny Testaverde said. "This game is played on emotion and with emotion. That was as emotional as it gets."

As for the Saints, they're falling apart.

They've lost three straight and four of five, putting them one loss from another losing season and possibly costing coach Jim Haslett his job.

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2003 BMW 325i - White w/leather, fully loaded, local one owner w/30,000 miles. <b>Was \$29,995 NOW \$28,995</b>	2003 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat - Dk. green w/tan, tan leather, 5.4 V-8, all power, local one owner w/only 29,000 miles. <b>Was \$25,995 NOW \$24,995</b>	2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR. - White/beige tutone, all power, local one owner w/51,000 miles. <b>Was \$18,995 NOW \$17,995</b>
2003 Ford Mustang - Black, V-6, all power, one owner w/33,000 miles. <b>Was \$13,995 NOW \$12,995</b>	2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Black w/cloth, 4.6 V-6, all power, one owner w/35,000 miles. <b>Was \$22,995 NOW \$21,995</b>	2002 Ford Expedition XLT - Silver, cloth, dual air, 3rd seat, local one owner w/58,000 miles. <b>Was \$19,995 NOW \$18,995</b>
2003 Saturn L200 4-DR. - <b>SOLD</b>	2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT 4X4 - Blue/Silver, 5.4 V-8, all power, local one owner w/37,000 miles. <b>Was \$25,995 NOW \$24,995</b>	2002 Ford Expedition XLT - Silver, cloth, all power, one owner w/31,000 miles. <b>Was \$22,995 NOW \$18,995</b>
2002 Buick Century Custom - Brown w/cloth, all power, local one owner w/67,000 miles. <b>Was \$10,995 NOW \$9,995</b>	2002 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Blue/tan tutone, 4.6 V-8, all power, one owner w/41,000 miles. <b>Was \$21,995 NOW \$20,995</b>	2002 Toyota 4 Runner SR5 - Pewter, loaded, local one owner w/37,000 miles. <b>Was \$23,995 NOW \$22,995</b>
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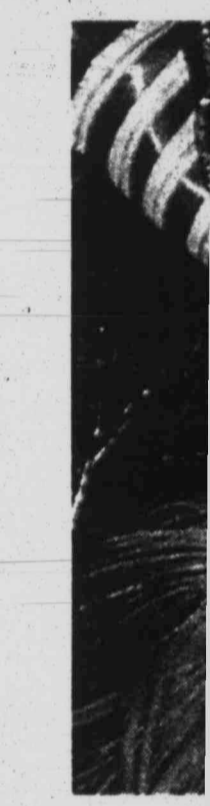
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Hostesses, above, for the Tour of Homes are Angie Byerly, Pauline Nelson, Phyllis Graumann, Janice Bond, Suzanne Markwell, and not pictured, Jo Beth Corwin; Carolyn Freeman, left, with a kitchen-decorated Christmas tree, part of the Freeman home decorations.

# The Big Spring Symphony Guild presents Holiday Tour of Homes

## A Christmas tradition of hospitality

The 22nd annual Symphony Guild Holiday Tour of Homes brings West Texas hospitality together with a unique fund-raiser featuring beautiful homes, captivating Christmas decorations and some of Big Spring's most gracious hosts and hostesses.

Stacy and Mark Barr completed remodeling projects in their home this year, just in time to become part of the Tour of Homes. Plush, comfortable rustication best describes the Barr's home, which contains three bedrooms and three baths for a total of 2,700 square feet of living area.

A remodeled kitchen breathes rustic elegance, reminiscent of a vintage, 1930s kitchen with pewter handle pulls, suspended cookware and windows that provide a view of an enormous, well-manicured lawn.

"The home was originally a two bedroom, one bath, built in 1929 by Robert Piner, so it has been remodeled and added to many times. We have the fireplace mantle from my husband's family home in Vincent and a replica of the J Double-Barr brand. This adds to our cowboy Christmas motif," Stacy Barr said.

Elegant touches of Christmas visible throughout John and Carolyn Freeman's home contrast with a mesmerizing view of Howard County through floor to vaulted-ceiling windows in their home in Highland. Spacious elegance best describes this home, which was designed by the couple, completed Christmas 1999 and contains 5,760 square feet.

A winding staircase leads to a top floor bedroom and game room and provides a breathtaking view to the living room/formal dining room and fireplace.

The Freeman's private bedroom features a large private bath and an adjacent bedroom provides a perfect location for their grandchildren. The home has five bedrooms, six bathrooms and three fireplaces, one of which is located outside in an alcove-style patio.

In fact, grandchildren are the focal point of the entire home, and photographs are visible in every room. A family holiday tradition is a Christmas morning photograph, taken by Carolyn, of the entire family.

"Family is very important to us and I love pictures, so when we designed the game room, I want-

ed one entire wall with shelves built where I could display our family photos. They show our family history," Carolyn Freeman said.

Big Spring's beloved Dorothy Garrett once lived in the home the Grissett's recently purchased, and her love of color is evidenced throughout the 7,000 square foot home.

Dreamcicle-orange walls and carpeting compliment an Oriental motif. Another room bursts yellow and a third is a turquoise dream. The home has five bedrooms, six bathrooms, two dining rooms, a music room, an elaborate and expansive patio and backyard and three fireplaces.

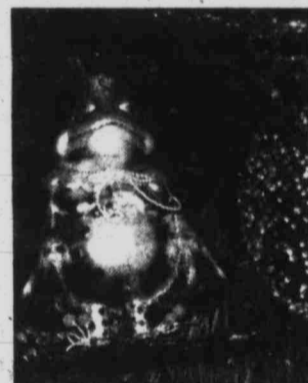
Dr. Michelle and Roy Worthy's ranch-style home offers privacy combined with intimate locations for family coziness. An outdoor, double grill provides the perfect setting for entertaining and the large backyard gives children plenty of room to romp.

A sunken living room, formal dining room, v-shaped kitchen and comfortable den compliment the decor of bright, bold colors that are visible from areas within the rooms.

A special treat is a ceiling fan in their son's room. The home was built in 1951 by Son and Frankie Powell.

The tour of homes, an annual event and fun-draiser for the Symphony Guild, serves as a herald to the winter concert, "The Messiah," which will be performed by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale at 8 p.m. Dec. 18.

Marsha Sturdivant is features editor for the Big Spring Herald. Contact her at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com



Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant  
Part of a table display in the Grissett's home, above and a Christmas frog ornament, top, in the Worthy's home.



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant  
A Christmas tree in the Worthy's home is filled with presents. Also, the photo that creates the background of the title for this page is from this tree.



Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant  
This white tree, above, bears pastel ornaments of purses and hats in the Barr's home, and a white Santa Claus collection, left, is in the dining room.

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### Holiday Tour of Homes

- Stacy and Mark Barr, 600 Mathews Ave.  
*Enter through the front door on Mathews Avenue.*
- Carolyn and John Freeman, 1200 Mountain Dr.  
*Handicapped accessibility may be obtained by parking in the drive on the first level.*
- Bernadine and James Grissett, 715 Edwards Blvd.
- Dr. Michelle and Roy Worthy, 900 Mountain Park Dr.

Tickets \$10 per person available at any of the homes.  
Sunday 1:30 until 4:30 p.m.

Reception at First Presbyterian Church 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

# Anniversary

## Helms celebrate 50 years

Robert and Faye Helm of Coahoma celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Branson, Mo., with their son and daughter-in-law. After their return home, they were honored with a barbecue lunch and reception hosted by Johnny and Khamphouy Helm, which was attended by family and friends.

Robert was born in Haskell and the former Mary Faye Gray was born in Shackelford.

They met in Lueders where they were introduced by family members.

They were married Nov.

26, 1954, in Albany. The couple have one child, Johnny and daughter-in-law, Khamphouy Helm of Dover, Del.

They have lived in Roscoe, Lueders and Stamford, and have resided in Coahoma since 1961. Robert is retired from the city of Coahoma and Faye is a retired child care provider. They are affiliated with First Baptist Church in Coahoma and are active in church activities.

They enjoy traveling, camping, yard work and gardening.

They say "It's been a great 50 years. God has been so good to us."



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helm



Robert and Faye Helm in 1967

## Carl and Frances Herron to celebrate 50 years wed

In honor of the 50 years together, Carl and Frankie will celebrate with a reception at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church. The reception hosted by their children and grandchildren will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18.

Frankie and Carl were married in Big Spring Dec. 24, 1954, in the home of the Rev. Duke and Jane

The couple have one daughter and two sons, Cindy Herron and Kevin Herron, both of Austin and Marty Herron and his wife, Suzanne, of Fort Worth.

They also have three grandchildren, Ashleigh and Brandon of Fort Worth and Kaylee of Austin.

Carl was born and raised in Muncie, Ind. While in the U.S. Air Force, he was stationed at Webb Air Force Base.

The former Frances (Frankie) Geurin, who was born and raised in Martin County, also worked at Webb.

They first met at a church revival.

After they were married, they lived in several different places, including a few years in Indiana, until they settled in Big Spring in 1964. Carl worked at Webb in a civilian capacity until the base closed.

They then transferred to a base in Oklahoma city, where they lived for 11 years.

When Carl retired from the federal government with 36 years of service, they spent a year in Fort Worth before moving back to Big Spring, where they continue to be thankful to be back home.

Carl continues to work part-time for Nalley-Pickle & Welch. In his spare time he enjoys fishing and gardening. Frankie enjoys baking, reading and writing memoirs of her family's life. They both are members of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church of Big Spring and devote time to participating in the life of the church.

They say they have a great marriage, many good friends and live for God one day at a time.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Herron



Carl and Frances Herron in 1954

## Births

Rylee Nicole Logsdon, a girl, was born Nov. 27, 2004, at 9:31 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Rudy Munoz of San Antonio and Brandy Logsdon of Big Spring.

Her grandparents are Mike and Ginger Logsdon, the late Vicky Logsdon and Robert and Rosella Munoz. Her great grandmother is Bonnie Logsdon of Coahoma.



Rylee Nicole Logsdon

### Life! publications

Wedding, anniversary and engagement announcements are published in the Big Spring Herald's weekend edition at no charge within three months of the event.

Birth announcements with or without photos are also published free of charge.

All photos submitted must be of good quality for reproduction purposes.

All articles are edited for style and content and must contain a connection to Big Spring and Howard County.

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## Wedding

### Davis, Ward exchange wedding vows

Karyl Ann Davis and Adam Lee Ward, both of Oklahoma City, were married Nov. 13, 2004, at the Little White Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Sheryl Allen of Oklahoma City and Robby and Sherre Davis of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Weldon and Genelle Tibbs and Sandra McKinney, all of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Jim and Mary Ward of Dripping Springs.

The bride wore an off the shoulder, white satin, princess-style dress embellished with white pearls and crystals. She carried a simple bouquet of two long stem red roses tied with a red ribbon.

The wedding music was the traditional Wedding March and "It Had To Be You" by Harry Connick Jr.

A small family reception was hosted by Karen and Jeff Wilson, aunt and uncle of the bride, in the Trinity Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Nov. 27.

The bride's cake was a two-tiered white cake adorned with red roses accented with white lace and topped with a miniature groom carrying the



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lee Ward

bride.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School, a graduate of Howard College and attended San Angelo State University. She is employed as a job coordinator at ETI in Oklahoma City.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Texas State University with a master's degree in International Business. He is employed as an inventory accountant at Hertz in Oklahoma City. They have made their home in Oklahoma City.

## Menus

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Smothered Steak, macaroni and cheese, spinach, milk, rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Salmon patties, potatoes, green beans, milk, rolls, cake.

WEDNESDAY-Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk, cornbread, apple crisp.

THURSDAY-Barbecue chicken, potatoes salad, beans, milk, cornbread, cobler.

FRIDAY-Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, milk, rolls, fruit salad.

### FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST  
MONDAY-Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sausage on a stick, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Donuts, juice, milk.

LUNCH  
MONDAY-Corn dogs, spinach, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Beef stew, cornbread, pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, rolls, green beans, applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY-Pizza, garden salad, apple wedges, cookies n cream, milk.

FRIDAY-Ham sandwich, chips, pickles, mixed fruit,

milk.

### COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST  
MONDAY-Pancake sausage on a stick, orange juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Biscuits, ham, gravy, apple juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Poptarts, fruit, sausage, milk.

THURSDAY-Sweetened rice, ham, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Waffles, sausage, juice, milk.

LUNCH  
MONDAY-Tacos or McRib, mixed fruit, salad, ranch beans, milk.

TUESDAY-Green enchiladas or corn dogs, salad, pinto beans, milk, cookies.

WEDNESDAY-Cheeseburger, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oranges, milk.

THURSDAY-Pizza, salad, apples, milk. Early Out

FRIDAY-Burritos, chips, pickle spears, mixed fruit cups, milk. Early Out

### BIG SPRING ISD

BREAKFAST  
MONDAY-Breakfast burrito, pears, milk.

TUESDAY-Cereal, sausage patty, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Breakfast pocket, applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY-PB and J uncrustable, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Cereal, banana, muffin, pears, milk.

LUNCH  
MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, ranch style beans, apricots, wheat roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Nacho Grande, corn, mixed fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes California veggies, apple sauce, roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Turkey w/gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, Christmas treat, roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, potato wedges, pork and beans, peanut butter cookie, milk.

### WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST  
MONDAY-French toast strips, Little Smokies, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Donuts, cereal, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Sausage, bacon, biscuits, cereal, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Oatmeal, toast, cereal, juice, milk.

LUNCH  
MONDAY-Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, biscuits, honey, milk.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, blackeyed peas, scalloped potatoes, fruit cup, garlic bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Homemade hotdogs with cheese, corn, pear halves, milk.

THURSDAY-Nachos with meat and cheese, peppers, pinto beans, peaches, corn bread, milk.

FRIDAY-Bologna, pimento cheese, peanut butter, turkey sandwiches, chips, pork and beans, pineapple chunks, milk.

## Engagement

### Pierce, Jackson engaged

Cheradyn Pierce and Richard Craig Jackson, both of Lubbock will exchange wedding vows Jan. 29, 2005, at Highland Baptist Church in Lubbock.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Loretta Pierce of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Byron and Kathy Pierce and Jimmy and Patsy Gary, all of Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Leonard and Cathy Reitzer and the late Manuel (Jack) Jackson, all of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Alice and the late Richard "Dick" Ewing of Big Spring.



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## Chalet

### Resale shoppe moves to downtown location

Special to the Herald

The Chalet Resale Shoppe — the volunteer-run gently used items store benefitting patients at Big Spring State Hospital — offers more clothing, household goods and decorative items in its new location at 115 E. Second Street.

The volunteers recently set up shop in the former Wheat Furniture building across from Alberto's Café.

"It's been a really big job, especially right here at holiday time, but the increased sales has made it worth all the volunteer hours," Chalet Co-Chair Tommy Corwin said.

The larger store boasts additional space for clothing racks and display tables allowing volunteers to put out more merchandise than what was available in their cramped location on E. 11th Place.

"We get the best of the best, and boy, does it ever go out the front door fast," Chalet Co-Chair Murlene Williams said. "We've had The Chalet for about 25 years, and this is the best location yet. We are getting more donations and the sales have been great."

Merchandise changes daily depending on the previous days' donations.

Donations are accepted at The Chalet during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We never can have too many donations of quality merchandise," Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations and Volunteer Services Director Billie Christie-Morgan said. "We do ask that your donations be clean, of good quality and in working condition. With our new larger



Patsy Stokes, volunteer, sorts through racks of clothing and other items at the Chalet Resale Shop, which raises money for patients at the Big Spring State Hospital. The new location, at the old Wheat Furniture building, 115 E. 2nd St., leaves much more room for merchandise.

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building we are really in need of more furniture, dishware, decorator items, sports items, tools,

you name it, and we will sell it!" A new addition for the holidays is the Christmas

Corner. Holiday decorative items are displayed in a prominent location. New co-chairs Tommy

and JoBeth Corwin and Murlene Williams have See CHALET, Page 5C

## Forestry services offers trees at nominal cost

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK — With much of Texas receiving an abundance of rainfall in 2004, the moisture stored in the soil during the winter months will be readily available to trees planted in early spring 2005.

The Texas Forest Service-West Texas Nursery, Lubbock, produces a variety of tree

and shrub species each year for seven geographic regions of Texas. These adapted one-year-old seedlings are available to private landowners at a nominal cost. Containerized evergreens cost \$52 for 30 seedlings and 100 bare-root deciduous seedlings cost \$50.

Landowners plant West Texas Nursery trees for a variety of conservation purposes. Wildlife habitat development is the

most popular conservation planting statewide but of regional importance are plantings for livestock protection, living snow fences, controlling wind and water erosion of topsoil and home-stead protection.

"Now is the time for landowners to order seedlings from West Texas Nursery for the 2005-planting season," said Stephen Stanphill, Texas Forest Service staff

forester. According to Stanphill, seedling sales started in October, and the supply of preferred stock is nearly sold out.

Stanphill encourages landowners to place their orders soon. To order conservation seedlings, call your local Soil and Water Conservation District or contact the Texas Forest Service at (806) 746-5801.

## ASK THE AGENT

### Premises identification number program ready

Ranchers and other livestock facility owners from every facet of the Texas livestock and poultry industry can now sign up for a unique premises identification number for their livestock facilities. The premises identification number will identify the location of livestock operations in the state. It is the first

step in implementing a national system for quickly tracing livestock and poultry for disease investigations or during a disease outbreak or animal health emergency. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) also is launching a year-long pilot project with a number of ranches, feedlots, livestock markets, slaughter plants and other facilities to test the durability and reliability of electronic ear tags, related equipment and databases for identifying and tracking individual animals.

The national premises and animal identification system has been under development for several years, with input and ideas from

nearly 70 federal and state animal health agencies and livestock industry associations, said Dr. Bob Hillman, a member of the Secretary's Advisory Subcommittee on the National Animal Identification System. He serves as Texas' state veterinarian and heads the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

The U.S. must have a reliable and efficient method for tracking and finding livestock and poultry during an animal disease investigation or when an animal health emergency occurs, Dr. Hillman said. He noted that producers and organizations have discussed at great length, the need for information to remain confidential. To protect data in regards to premises and animal identification, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, state-level agencies, such as the TAHC, and livestock organizations and associations are seeking national and state legislation to protect the data from public release or access.

Regulatory agencies do not need or want access to production data, but specific information, such as the age and class of animal, as well

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Big Spring Area Foundation president Charles Bell, right, and Jane Jones, grants committee member, left, present a \$500 grant check to Keep Big Spring Beautiful Beautiful committee members Barbara Brumley, Jan Hansen and Jan Foresyth. This is the second of three grants the foundation will award this year, the first efforts of the foundation since it formed two years ago.

## Online store finds success with one-item-only sales

By DAVID KOENIG

AP Business Writer

DALLAS — Mike Masnick was in the market for a new watch when he spotted an Internet special too good to pass up — a \$99 model that doubled as an MP3 player.

He was hooked; not only on the watch, which he raves

about, but on the Web site.

Woot.com takes an unusual approach in the crowded field of Internet retailing. It sells just one item each weekday, starting at midnight local time in suburban Dallas, where the company is based, until it sells out.

Woot — short for gamers' exclamation, "Wow! Loot!" —

doesn't tell its shoppers how many watches, laptops or hot tub phones it has. It just sells what it has in stock, and when the item is gone, sometimes within hours, that's it — there are no rain checks, nothing else to buy. Shoppers have to wait until midnight for the next offering.

The limited-supply, lottery-

like nature of the site makes it exciting, said Masnick, a Belmont, Calif., tech worker who has also bought a digital camera and a pocket-size printer on Woot.

"It's a different approach that makes it more of a game than going to Amazon.com," he said. "EBay does it with bidding. With Woot, it's buying some-

thing that's only available right now."

Most Woot specials are consumer electronics. Some of the items are discontinued or overstocks. Prices are low enough to be eye-catching.

Specials have included a Hewlett-Packard notebook com-

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puter with a 3-gigahertz processor and 17-inch screen for \$1,200, and Dell computer speakers at \$30 a pair, which sold out in a record 23 minutes. Many other items are not familiar brand names.  
Items that sold last week included a \$79.99 pendant that's actually an MP3 player with 256 megabytes of memory — it "could easily be mistaken for a piece of jewelry," the site boasted — and a device to transmit your music over any FM radio for \$12.99. Shipping was \$5 per item.  
About 80 percent of the daily items sell out, but occasionally there are flops, Woot founder Matt Rutledge said. One was a Dick Tracy-like watch loaded with features.  
"We actually sold several hundred, but the tone in the community was that it wasn't a very desirable item," Rutledge said. "We wouldn't do that one again."  
Woot, which started in July, is Rutledge's second business. Rutledge, 33, dropped out of community college 12 years ago to

become a wholesale distributor of closeout electronics goods. Woot seemed like a natural extension, and the business shares the distributor's Carrollton warehouse.  
Woot's staff of about 10 employees calls manufacturers in a constant search for hot items. When they find one, lot sizes range from 50 to more than 1,000, Rutledge said.  
"We're fans of gadgets," Rutledge said. "That's our core demographic. This is a big hit in the 20-something crowd, and probably a more male demographic. Our crowd is very Internet-savvy. They're online 23 hours a day."  
That's clear when reading the customer comments posted the Woot site, which review the good, the bad and the ugly aspects of items in a young, irreverent tone.  
Adam Sarner, an Internet-commerce analyst for technology researcher Gartner Inc., said the commentary has created a buzz that keeps customers coming back to Woot. Still, he said, the Web site's success hinges on the consistency of its

products.  
"There has to be excitement about everything," Sarner said. "If Woot puts up five straight things that are crap, you don't go back on the sixth day."  
Carrie A. Johnson, an analyst at Forrester Research Inc., said Woot has tapped into the Internet's social nature while offering a good outlet for liquidators.  
Still, Johnson said, Woot's "short-term pop" may fade because the one-item approach won't generate enough loyalty or repeat customers. She said sites with more offerings, such as Overstock.com, stand a better chance.  
Woot.com will probably approach \$5 million in revenue for this year, Rutledge said. The company is profitable "in an operational sense" by sharing space and borrowing employees from the distribution business, he said.  
Rutledge said he plans to boost revenue by selling more advertising on the site and running contests but he won't alter the one-item-a-day approach anytime soon.

The company is already inspiring imitators who combine daily offers with a chance for customers to spout off. Deal.com, an

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Dr. Hillman explained that the national animal identification system, also called NAIS, has two major components. The first, he said, is the unique premises — or facility — identification, which identifies the location of livestock operations. This seven-character alphabetic and numerical "address" is to be assigned to ranches and other sites where livestock or poultry are maintained or moved. Premises information will reside on a database, managed by each state and accessible only by animal health officials. Dr. Hillman said facility owners can obtain a

premise identification number now by calling the TAHC's headquarters in Austin at 1-800-550-8242. By late January, ranchers and facility owners in Texas also may register online through the TAHC's web page at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>http://www.tahc.state.tx.us  
The second component of the national system — animal identification — is ready for field-testing. This involves the unique identification of each head of livestock moved from its original herd. For cattle, sheep, goats, cervidae (deer) and some other species of livestock, the identification device will be an electronic ear tag, also called a radio frequency identification device (RFID). For other species, such as swine and poultry, the number can be applied to groups of animals, if they spend their entire production life together as a group or unit, he said.  
*Tommy Yater is the Cooperative Extension agent for Howard County.*


**CHALET**

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introduced new opportunities at the Chalet.  
"One of the new things that is causing a great deal of excitement is the silent auction item," Corwin said.  
On the first and third Monday of each month a silent auction item will be displayed for two weeks. At the end of the two weeks, the item will be awarded to the highest

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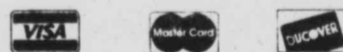
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Help Wanted

CITY OF Big Spring is taking applications for Heavy Equipment Operator/Streets and also General Maintenance/Golf Course. Applications will be accepted until December 20, 2004. Apply at The Personnel Department, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call (432)264-2346. The City of Big Spring is EOE. Applications may also be obtained from website: www.ci.big-spring.tx.us

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**THE CITY** of Big Spring will be testing for the position of Certified and Non-Certified Police Officer at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday January 13, 2005 at the Police Training Center on 307 E. 4th. Applications are being accepted through Wednesday January 12, 2005. Preference will be given to Certified Officers. For further information contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call (432)264-2346. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications may also be obtained from website: www.ci.big-spring.tx.us

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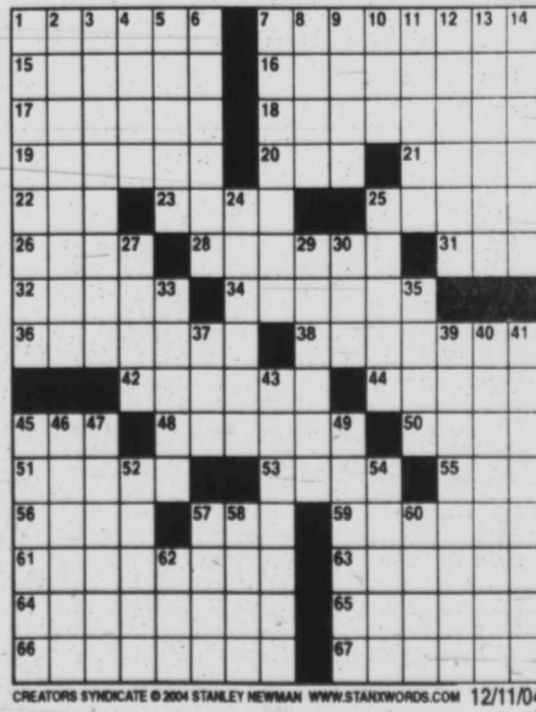
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- ACROSS 1 Attacks
- 7 Place to browse
- 15 Big name in opera history
- 16 Sculptor's framework
- 17 Certain negotiators
- 18 Kerosene burners
- 19 Slows
- 20 Moslem prename
- 21 What Hamlet smelled
- 22 Feedbag morsel
- 23 Jurassic Park star
- 25 Bring cheer to
- 26 Ovid's bird
- 28 Shirt fabric
- 31 That woman
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- 42 Looked at
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- 48 In Nod
- 50 Be uneasy
- 51 Natural pigment
- 53 Small drink
- 55 Compass pt.
- 56 Ground corn
- 57 Metal tooth
- 59 Cookouts
- 61 Point of view
- 63 Skillful
- 64 Order giver
- 65 Mislead
- 66 Plot creators
- 67 Waxed melodramatic
- DOWN 1 Coast
- 2 Lapidary, at times
- 3 Written exposition
- 4 Drop
- 5 Took steps
- 6 Finished the salad
- 7 What's left
- 8 Grad-school exam
- 9 Former science magazine
- 10 Herriman feline
- 11 Move
- 12 Encouraging word
- 13 Highly wrought
- 14 Needle
- 24 Descend a cliff
- 25 Gauls, to the Romans
- 27 Wild guess
- 29 More embarrassed
- 30 Unseal, to Blake
- 33 Political ploy
- 35 Weathervane site
- 37 Sounds of hesitation
- 39 Produce
- 40 Dusk, in verse
- 41 Couldn't take
- 43 Bob Cratchit's concern
- 45 Footloose fellows
- 46 Acid in vinegar
- 47 Colonial roofing
- 49 Prance
- 52 Font choice
- 54 Web surfer's need
- 57 Precious
- 58 Sniffer's whiff
- 60 Alice's Restaurant patron
- 62 Highlands hat



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ESTATE OF NELL W. SANDERS, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Nell W. Sanders, Deceased, were issued on the 22nd day of November, 2004, under Docket No. P-13,209, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Randolph K. Sanders, Charlene F. Smith and Debra Ann Sanders.

Claims may be presented in care of Randolph K. Sanders to the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Nell W. Sanders  
c/o Randolph K. Sanders  
P.O. Box 191  
Big Spring, Texas 79721-0191  
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 this 22nd day of November, 2004:

RANDOLPH K. SANDERS, Independent Executor of the Estate of Nell W. Sanders, Deceased  
CHARLENE F. SMITH, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Nell W. Sanders, Deceased  
DEBRA ANN SANDERS, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Nell W. Sanders, Deceased  
#4406 December 12, 2004.

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