



## Retailers: Early sales encouraging



### Owners, managers were expecting slower start; say sales are going well

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Most area retailers are reporting above-average sales as the Christmas shopping season got into full swing this week.

Becky Thomas, an assistant manager at the local Wal-Mart Supercenter, said after-Thanksgiving sales went well for the department store, racking up the majority of its sales in various electronic items. "Things have gone very smooth," said Thomas. "We were expecting to be a little flat this season because of gasoline prices and everything else that has been happening, but it looks like we'll finish a little higher than we expected."

"Electronics were the big deal this year, but it's always a big category for us during the shopping

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Jay Hall,  
Beall's manager

season. We've also seen good sales in our cosmetic gift sets."

Thomas said in the end, the success of the after-Thanksgiving sale goes to the store's staff and the customers.

"We were able to handle the customer capacity well this year," said Thomas. "That's always a big concern for us. Of course, you're going to

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Shauna Armentrout takes advantage of the holiday sales at Beall's Department Store in the Big Spring Mall Saturday. Beall's Manager Jay Hall expects the local retail store to exceed projected sales during the holiday season.

## Festival of Lights expected to be bigger and better

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

If Big Spring's power grid suffers a brown-out in mid-December, blame Pat Simmons.

Simmons, the guiding force behind the annual Festival of Lights, promises a bigger and better production when this year's edition debuts Dec. 15.

The Festival of Lights, a Big Spring Christmas season fixture for the past nine years, temporarily transforms Comanche Trail Park and neighboring environs into an electrified winter wonderland. Christmas cards,

*"One visitor last year ... said he got the spirit of Christmas just driving through. We've received so many nice comments from people."*

Pat Simmons

poisettias, candy canes ... almost any traditional Christmas scene will be on display in all its lighted glory.

Simmons estimates the

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Rita Barnett of Big Spring searches the racks at Burke's Outlet, located at the Big Spring Mall, for holiday savings Saturday afternoon.

## Time grows short for Santa letters

The Big Spring Herald traditionally publishes Letters to Santa Claus near Christmas Day as a service to the community.

Letters from children in kindergarten, first and second grade, public, private and home schooled, as well as those in preschool, daycare and Head Start may be submitted for publication.

All letters should be received by Friday, Dec. 9. Each letter should contain the child's name as well as school or classroom affiliation.

The Herald will also accept children's drawings for publication.

Submit letters and drawings to the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431 or e-mail composing@bigspringherald.com

For more information, call 263-7331.

## County's unemployment rate drops slightly for October

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Thanks to seasonal hiring and an increase in the number of new job seekers, the unemployment rate in Howard County fell slightly in October to 4.9 percent, down from 5.2 percent a month prior.

The unemployment rate is

also down from 5.6 percent recorded in October 2004.

"As expected, the Howard County unemployment rate dropped slightly in the month of October from September's figure," said Virginia Belew, Big Spring Workforce Network manager. "This is attributed to the increase in the number of new job seekers and an employ-

ment gain of 99 individuals. In October we normally have an acceleration of seasonal hiring, as well."

The civilian labor force in Howard County grew from 13,419 in September to 13,482 in October. Both months are down in comparison to the workforce totals posted during October 2004, when the labor force was

recorded at 13,769.

Employment totals follow that same trend, with 12,824 people employed in October, up from the 12,725 people employed reported in September. Both numbers, however, are down compared to October 2004, when 13,002 people were employed in the Big Spring area.

The number of unemployed people in Howard County — 658 in October — fell considerably from the 694 reported a month prior, and is down from the 767 posted in October 2004.

"The unemployment rate for the Permian Basin Workforce Development area is 4.1 per-

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**70 YEARS OF BLISS**

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — When 19-year-old Ron Ramey fell in love with 14-year-old Marcella, doubters said it would never last. But the couple didn't listen, spurring away to get married in secret. Saturday, they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. He's 90 and she's 85, both in good health. "I still love him so much," Marcella said. "When we go to bed at night, we always hold hands. 'I love you' are the last words we say to each other." When they started dating, he worked at a market. She worked at a drug store. Ron delivered ice and Marcella would leave the icebox open — letting the ice melt — so he'd have to come by more often.

**LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE**

Free tickets to a Big Spring Christmas tradition are now available.

The First United Methodist Church will hold public performances of the Living Christmas Tree Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4.

Dress rehearsal for the event will be at 2 p.m. Dec. 3, with the first performance following at 8 p.m.

A second performance will be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 4.

Free tickets for the performances are available at the church office on 400 Scurry St.

For more information, contact the church at 267-6394.

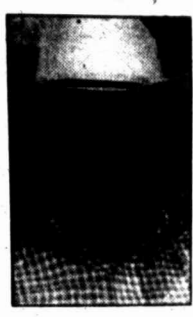
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## Obituaries

## Bobby Dean Munsell



Bob Munsell, 67, of Big Spring, waged a heroic battle with acute myeloid leukemia and went to be with his Lord at 2:25 a.m. Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Dennis Teeters and Don Brodie officiating. Interment is pending at Pecan Cemetery in Dublin.

Bob was born Aug. 9, 1938, and married Beverly Cole Jan. 30, 1981.

Bob was an active member of First Baptist Church where he gave unselfishly of himself to others. He was known for always greeting others with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. Bob also participated in volunteer work Sundays at the Veterans Hospital.

After retirement from Hunt Oil Company in Knox City, he was employed with Texas Railroad Commission Oil and Gas Division of Big Spring.

His hobbies included gardening and watching his precious grandchildren grow up.

Bob is survived by his wife, Beverly, of Big Spring; Robert Matthew Munsell and his wife, Stacey, of Big Spring; Latisha Munsell of Big Spring; Stephen Lee Munsell and his wife, Karen, of Odessa; Deana Lynn Eaton and her husband, Ernie, of Gardendale; six grandchildren; Maddie, Meagan and Montie Munsell of Big Spring, Stephanie and Kari Munsell of Odessa and Ray Eaton of Gardendale; one niece and six nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mark and Mable (King) Munsell; his brother, Freddie Joe Munsell; his nephew, Donnie Lee Munsell; and his great nephew, Ryan Heath Moody.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Billy Roy Hambrick



Billy Roy Hambrick, 81, of Lubbock, formerly of Ackerly, died Nov. 24, 2005. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Resthaven Funeral Home. Services are Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at Southcrest Baptist Church and burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

He was born Aug. 22, 1924, to L.C. and Julia Hambrick in Abilene and graduated from Ackerly High School. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 and farmed in Ackerly since 1945, retiring in 1989. He married Imogene Ingram Oct. 11, 1979. He served on the school board in Ackerly and was a member of Southcrest Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dean Hambrick and Harmon Hambrick; and one sister, Clarice Hambrick.

Survivors include his wife, Imogene; daughter, Terry Wilkes and husband, Steve, of Lamesa; son, Randy Hambrick and wife, Brenda, of Lubbock; a daughter, Shara Dee Cohorn and husband, Larry, of Nacogdoches; a son, Reggie Hambrick and wife, Sharon, of Ackerly; a stepson, Brad Ingram and wife, Amy, of Big Spring; a sister, Thelma Moore of Paso Robles, Calif.; eight grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock.

## Take Note

• **STAR TEK CANNED FOOD DRIVE** to benefit the Salvation Army from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Dec. 17. Bring two cans of food and get a free photo with Santa Claus. For more information, contact Anna Osborne at 264-2727.

• **LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE** dress rehearsal at 2 p.m. and performance at 8 p.m. Dec. 3 and at 8 p.m. Dec. 4 in the First United Methodist Church. Free tickets available at the church office, 400 Scurry.

• **GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY** presented by Gale Pittman of Gale's Sweet Shoppe from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center Dec. 4. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now. Call 264-9283 for more information.

• **FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE** needs a cow, sheep, goats and donkeys on loan for the Drive-Thru Nativity. Volunteers are needed. Call Vicki at 263-0203 or 816-9039.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE LUMINARIA** at 6 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Administration Courtyard.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE JURIED STUDENT ART SHOW COMPETITION** Dec. 1 in the Howard College library.

• **BENEFIT FOR GARY DANIELS** is set for Dec. 10 beginning at noon at the Ice House, 1612 E. Third St. Daniels has been diagnosed with cancer and proceeds are to help with medical expenses. The benefit features barbecue plates for \$6, live music, a chance to win a 12-gauge pump shotgun, an auction and a 50/50

## Police blotter

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

- **REYNALDO GONZALES**, 18, of 1400 Austin, was arrested Friday on 10 local warrants.
- **MARKQUIN HARRIS**, 19, of 1509 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on six local warrants.
- **KIMBERLIE PINEDA**, 24, of 2318 Brent, was arrested Saturday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 900 block of Willia.
  - in the 400 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported near Co-op Gin.
- **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** was reported in the west-bound lane of Interstate Highway 20.

## Support Groups

**MONDAY**

- Encourager's Support Group meets the first and third Monday of each month. All widows and widowers are invited. For more information, call 398-5522.

**TUESDAY**

- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

**THURSDAY**

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

**FRIDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

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

## Weather

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Patchy blowing dust. Windy. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds 20 to 30 mph. Gusts up to 45 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Monday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

Tuesday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Tuesday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Wednesday—Mostly sunny. Highs around 70.

Wednesday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

drawing. For more information, call Danya James at 816-6141 or Tom Cox t 393-5888.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM IS HAVING A WREATH DECORATING EVENT.** Any theme is acceptable and wreaths will be displayed at the museum during the Christmas season. Wreaths should be turned into the museum by Nov. 29. For more information, call 267-8255.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **POTTED FALL MUMS TO BENEFIT THE BSHS CARNEGIE HALL BAND TRIP** are on sale now at Jhansen's Nursery for \$15 while supplies last.

• **THE HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** seeks Christmas help for the 69 children in foster care. To 'adopt' a child or family for the holidays, contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or 268-4550.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

## Bulletin Board

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

## MONDAY

- 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.

- 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 north-west door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

- 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.

- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

## TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

## WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.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.

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

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

## THURSDAY

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

- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

- West Texas Pachyderms meet at noon at the Big Spring Country Club in a combination November-December meeting. For more information, call 394-4251.

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

- Howard College 29th annual Luminaria at 6 p.m. in the Administration courtyard.

- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

## FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

## Around Town

- **RAILROAD MUSEUM** at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

- **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

- **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

- **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 8-9-13-25-32.  
Number matching five of five: 2.  
Prize per winner: \$16,403.  
Winning tickets sold in: Colleyville and Wichita Falls.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-0-9

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**JOB**

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cent," said Belew. "Borden County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.6 percent, while Reeves County had the highest unemployment rate of 7.7 percent."

Other county rates include Andrews, 4 percent; Pecos, 4.4 percent; Dawson, 5.7 percent; Ector, 4.2 percent; Glasscock, 3.7 percent; Martin, 4.3 percent; and Midland, 3.4 percent.

The labor force for the region is comprised of 177,802 workers and 7,634 unemployed job seekers, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The majority of employment gains in the last month occurred in Midland County with 677, and in Ector County with 402.

"Meanwhile, the Texas

September unemployment rate was 5.0, and the U.S. actual rate is 4.6, making the Permian Basin unemployment rate comparable to the state and federal rates," said Belew. "This office currently has 85 job postings and continues to get new orders for seasonal jobs, as well as permanent, full-time jobs. Job seekers should continue to log on to WorkInTexas.com to view information about those jobs."

WorkInTexas.com offers a great deal of information for area residents looking for work or looking to change their current employment, according to Belew.

"The center calendar in WorkInTexas.com gives information about job search seminars and employer job fairs scheduled every month," said Belew. "Multiple job orders have been received

by StarTek, which continues to seek English speaking customer service representatives, as well as Cornell Corrections.

"Employers are encouraged to contact the local Workforce Network to inquire about assistance available to help them create jobs or find the means to help qualified applicants meet the hiring requirements. At present we have 7,244 registered job seekers in WorkInTexas.com for Howard County. Only 658 are unemployed. The remainder are exploring their options or seeking career advancement."

For more information, contact the Big Spring Workforce Network at 263-8373.

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**LIGHTS**

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displays — she's lost count of the exact total — will use up to 7 million lights during this year's festival, which will run from through Dec. 31.

Anyone traveling on Highway 87 just south of town can get a taste of what's in store; Simmons and crew have already turned on the switch to a string of four poinsettias along the side of Comanche Trail Lake dam. More of the electrified flowers are being erected along the side of Scenic Mountain.

But Simmons said that is only the barest preview of what is to come.

Entering the park at the Whipkey Drive entrance off of Highway 87, visitors will pass under a gateway of poinsettias — lighted, of course — and view

numerous Christmas scenes. Aside from displays festival officials maintain, there will also be more than 30 "adopt-a-spots," displays constructed by area businesses and civic organizations.

The theme for this year's Festival is "Candy Canes and Cactus," and is highlighted by a diorama consisting of 90 individual displays.

Although the festival is less than a decade old, the word has quickly spread of its existence. Simmons said last year's event drew more than 16,000 visitors from 37 states and 12 countries.

Simmons said reactions from visitors has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I think that if you haven't seen the poinsettias before, you'll be greatly impressed," Simmons said. "One visitor last year ... said he got the spirit of Christmas

just driving through. We've received so many nice comments from people."

Admission to the festival will be free, although donations will "be greatly appreciated," she said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**

24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Meliton "Meli" Arriola, Sr., 83, died Tuesday. Funeral Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

**CINEMA 4**

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**SHOP**

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have a few unhappy shoppers no matter what you do, but I think most people came away pleased this year. The customers are what make this a success, and we're very thankful for them."

Beall's Department Store, located in the Big Spring Mall, also reported a smooth and prosperous shopping day.

"Things have gone really well," said Jay Hall, Beall's local manager. "We're expecting to exceed our projected sales for this year. Not by a huge amount, but it looks like we'll do well."

Hall said sales have been steady across the store's entire inventory, with the only shopping trends dictated by Mother Nature.

"In the clothing industry the trends are usually based on the weather. When it's really cold out, you're going to sell a lot of coats," said Hall. "If it's not so cold, other items are going to go faster."

Hall said he doesn't feel like Beall's has suffered from economic spikes caused by high gas prices or hurricane relief efforts.

"We haven't noticed anything so far," said Hall. "Business here has been good. I really don't think those sort of things play much of a role in the clothing industry."

Denise Arvieu, a clerk with Payless Shoe Source, said the footwear retailer has done well with the start of the holiday shopping season as well.

"Things have been really good for us," said Arvieu. "Sales have been really good. I think a lot of that is because of our Buy One, Get One Half-Off sale. We're seeing really good sales across the board."

Jody Swinney, owner of the local Sears located in the Big Spring Mall, said he expects to finish the holiday season slightly up from last year, but the larger picture doesn't look quite as good.

"Friday was decent and things started out Saturday fairly slow," said Swinney. "That's just the life of retail, however. The Sears in Ft. Stockton had a record year this season, and the location in Sweetwater is up 33 percent this year."

"I expect we'll finish about 4 percent up for the holiday season this year, but for the year we're going to be slightly down. It's been a peculiar market this year."

Swinney said he believes "oddities" in the economy have played a role in sales being slightly down for the year.

All of the oddities this year — from uneasiness in the Middle East to the

hurricanes — has a lot of people spooked this year," said Swinney. "It's certainly understandable, however. Every time you think things are going to settle down something else happens."

Swinney said his store has enjoyed some increases in electronics sales this year.

"The LCD televisions have been really hot this year," said Swinney. "The

midsize sets, from 32 inches to 42 inches, have sold really well. We've also sold more plasma screen televisions this year than ever before. Prices have come down on them so much, it's more realistic for the buyers."

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OUR VIEWS

Look at home for shopping, entertainment

Friday — the day after Thanksgiving — is often heralded as the top shopping day of the year. We won't dispute that, though we sometimes wonder if the day after Christmas isn't just as crowded — at least over at the exchange counter.

Regardless, there is no denying that the holiday season is here, which means the shopping season has also arrived. Unless you are one of the few who purchase gifts ahead of time so that you can relax through the holidays, we suspect you are somewhere deep within the process right now.

There are always a few people we have no problem buying for, but there are always one or two that we agonize over. And of course, someone in the family has to be the Grinch and remind everyone the gifts have to actually be affordable.

At some point, we'll decide we can't put off any longer purchasing those gifts that have to go in the mail. We'll get those now; the others can wait just a little longer. Of course the longer we wait, the less selection there is.

But Christmas shopping doesn't have to be excruciating, nor do we have to go very far to do it.

While we sometimes err in thinking that bigger is better, it's just not so. Big Spring has lots of shops with an amazing variety of gift items. From the latest gadget to hit the stores to those rare finds in antique stores, you'll find just about everything you need right at home.

The downtown area has some of the most unique shops in West Texas, offering a lot of one-of-a-kind items ranging from rustic furniture to musical instruments and western art. Up and down Third and Fourth streets, along Scurry and Main, the length of Gregg, east and west on FM 700 — all across Big Spring, there are more shops than we'd realized. And each offers something a little different.

And there are the larger stores as well — primarily out on FM 700 and at the Big Spring Mall, which feature a large variety of more "mainstream" items.

In short, Big Spring has a lot to offer. Shoppers are limited only by their imagination.

Speaking of imagination, where else can you find activities like we have — the Community Christmas Parade, Festival of Lights, Living Nativity Scene and "A Symphonic Christmas," by the Big Spring Symphony? Christmas in Howard County just can't be beat.

We encourage you to plan your shopping and budget within your means — that takes much of the stress off the process. And spend the holidays shopping and enjoying Big Spring. We think you'll be delighted at the quality and quantity of what you'll find. We know you'll enjoy the festivities, too.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are in the right place at the right time, Lord, when we walk with You.

Amen

A most wonderful time of year?

Random thoughts while making my list and checking it twice:

"This is the most wonderful time of the year," Santa Claus thought as he looked over the busy North Pole toy factory.

"All those toys, all the joy they'll bring. Why, if some of those anti-Christmas curmudgeons could just see all this, there would be a smile on their faces so quick ..."

"Oh, Santa," his secretary said. "There's someone in your office to see you. He says his name is Mr. Miller, and he's with an organization called 'The True Meaning of Christmas.'"

"Well, OK," Santa said, heading toward his office. Once there, he was met by a rather severe-looking gentleman in a gray suit and horn-rimmed glasses.

"You must be Mr. Miller," Santa said, extending his hand.

"And you don't exist," Miller shot back.

"I beg your pardon?"

"You heard me ... You don't exist," Miller repeated.

"Well, the very fact that I'm standing here talking to you proves I exist," Santa said, congratulating himself on his iron-clad logic.

"Says you," Miller said. "But we at The True Meaning of Christmas know otherwise. We know that you're nothing more than a rather pleasant, albeit pig-headed figment of greedy little children's imaginations."

"Mr. Miller," Santa asked, "what makes you think you can hang in

here and ..."

"Listen, Mr. Figment, I haven't got all day, so let's get down to brass tacks, shall we?" Miller demanded.

"By all means," Santa replied. Miller opened his briefcase and pulled out a few sheets of type-written paper.

"This," Miller said, "is a statement we'd like you to sign and release."

"What type of statement?" Santa asked.

"It's a confession."

"A confession of what?"

"Of admission that you've been hood-winking gullible children for generations with your 'Jolly Ol' St. Nick' hokey ... that you're nothing more than a gray-haired, slightly obese impostor."

"Forget it," Santa said.

"And," Miller continued, as if he didn't hear Santa, "you'll admit your name isn't really Santa Claus."

"It most certainly is," Santa snapped back, suspecting that his jolly mood might soon be history.

"We at TTMC know different," Miller said. "We've been keeping an eye on you for quite some time. We have it on good authority that your name is actually Bob Wentworth and, until recently, you were an unemployed house painter from Tempe, Ariz."

"Where'd you get that nonsense?"

"Oh, we have our sources," Miller responded. "But that's not important. What is important is that you sign this document, or suffer the consequences."

"You're not from the Christian Coalition, by any chance, are you?" Santa asked.

"No ... and don't change the subject."

"You mentioned consequences?" Santa asked.

"That's right, Mr. Wentworth."

"Claus," Santa interjected.

"As I was saying, *Mister Wentworth*, if you don't sign this statement, you can expect severe consequences from TTMC," Miller said. "News conferences, media blitzes, boycotts ... You name it, we'll throw it at you."

"You're going to boycott Christmas?" Santa asked.

"No, we're going to boycott you, you big fraud," Miller responded.

"But what about the children?"

Santa asked. "You would seriously consider breaking their little hearts? It seems to me that you're the fraud, Mr. Miller."

"They'll get over it," Miller said.

"Once they accept the fact that there is, in fact, no Santa Claus, they'll simply find some other reason for being good during the holidays."

"Well, I think you underestimate children, and you certainly underestimate me, Mr. Miller," Santa said. "I will certainly not sign any statement, and I am kindly asking you to leave. Now, get out."

"You'll be sorry, Wentworth."

"Claus," Santa corrected. "Now, if you'll be so kind as to leave ... and have a Merry Christmas."

"Bah, humbug," Miller said as he left.

"Well, that was certainly distasteful," Santa thought, "but if that's the worst thing that happens this month, I'll be ..."

Just then, the intercom buzzed. "Mr. Claus," his secretary said. "There's someone to see you."

"Who is it?"

"The elves' union representative."

Santa grumbled. "Most wonderful time of the year, my foot."

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We are truly amazed that in one day's newspaper you talk "shop in Big Spring," but on opening day of the Harry Potter movie, there has been no advertisement that we could have stayed in Big Spring to see it.

JOHN AND HELDA CRAVEN  
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TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to say "thank you" to all our friends and fans that were with us at the Stamped Nov. 12 for the dance with Bobby Flores. I tip my hat again to my Texas Cowboys. They always do a great job, and to Bobby Flores and his band, they were great too.

We had people from Big Spring: San Angelo; Lubbock; Lovington, N.M.; Snyder; Midland; Odessa; Balmorhea; Fort Worth; Garden City; Colorado City; Hermleigh; Stanton; Vincent; Coahoma; and all points in between.

Thanks to Thomas Jenkins and the Big Spring Herald for the story and to KBST radio for the spots and to all the merchants that let me put posters in their windows. I appreciate you all.

JODY NIX  
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TO THE EDITOR:

I'd like to give recognition to the city park crew. They're preparing Comanche Trail Park for the holiday season with dozens of projects — tree clearing, revitalizing the historic spring's water terraces, the irrigation complex sustaining donated trees from the Big Spring Living Tree Memorial, etc.

Much is owed to the devoted few who care for more than 1,600 acres that includes a golf course, the spring, trails, the lake, the Dora Roberts Civic Center and more.

We should also pay tribute to the pioneers, past and present, who've invested their resources, trust and vision to give the community a symphony of nature. Families like the Pickles, Mays, Roberts, Choafes, Halls, McMahons and others are synonymous with generosity to the park.

Mayor Pickle, in the midst of the Great Depression, amassed much of the park that is now a 75-year-old example of civic vision and courage.

October 1 actually begins the holiday season when Pat Simmons summons an army of volunteers to begin work on the year's Festival of Lights.

Exhibits are planned, a theme chosen and then Gary, the talented iron artist, begins work on hundreds of exhibits.

There's also Jack, whose giant machines lift the exhibits into place and Paschal the engineer who coordinates many of the massive placings. But there's a cornucopia of volunteers who delight themselves and the community with dramatic holiday light presentations season after season.

The park becomes a unique wonderment — a one-of-a-kind, beautiful, mile-long stage blending nature and lights. Huge poinsettias drape the lake dam in colors compelling the view of passing highway tourists. The effect, intentional or not, creates interesting ripples.

Far away cities call or send representatives for onsite inspection then visit the state park. Newlyweds stop and stay. Some passing families, moved by the display of civic pride, now call Big Spring their permanent home.

One of the initial Festival of Lights purposes was to create a special, extraordinary identity for Big Spring somewhat similar to what the Christmas season reputation the city of Marshall enjoys. Perhaps that time has arrived.

Mrs. Simmons and the Festival of Lights Committee encourage the community to act. We have a moment to gain a reputation.

The Howard County Courthouse leads this year with an example of gracing the lawn with giant iron poinsettia ornaments.

In 1928, Carroll Carpenter was commissioned to decorate the lamp posts of Gastonia, N.C. From meager beginnings a worldwide business was born.

But exhibits crafted in Big Spring are often equal to and display superior imagination to those produced by the Carpenter organization.

For some industrious, persistent and enterprising Big Spring resident, it's possible an opportunity is beckoning for the beginning of a new business — one that could be connected to a sense of pride displayed a few years ago by Mrs. Simmons.

Community pride and progress appear to share innate relationships.

Many have speculated that Comanche Trail Park can play a part in providing a revelation for VA Administrator Nicholson. Big Spring, like New York, has its own miniature, semi-desert style Central Park at the VA hospital's doorstep.

Veterans — battle wounded in mind, body and spirit — can intertwine with nature in a healing, rural fastness. A rustic, irreplaceable, natural, yet enhanced by man place if found nowhere near any other VA hospital.

Years ago nature awarded Big Spring with a gift by bringing the Great Plains to an end, directing the course of two rivers and begin other formations that lifted up bluffs for all to see its handiwork and give Big Spring a grand place to enjoy a special Christmas.

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**State news in brief**

**Protesters file into Crawford again**

**CRAWFORD (AP)** — President Bush's supporters were expected to arrive in his adopted hometown for a rally Saturday, once again countering the anti-war demonstrators who have resumed their protest near his ranch.

Gary Qualls, whose son Louis died with other Marines in Iraq last fall, said he was re-creating the pro-Bush camp he set up in downtown Crawford in August. He said Bush supporters would hold a rally there because the war protesters are being disrespectful to soldiers and hurting troop morale.

Three months after ending a 26-day protest that drew thousands and reinvigorated the country's anti-war movement, dozens of peace activists returned to Crawford this week as Bush spends Thanksgiving at his ranch.

They planned an anti-war rally Saturday afternoon on the same 1-acre private lot that a landowner let them use during the last few weeks of the August vigil led by a fallen soldier's mother, Cindy Sheehan. The group used the lot about a mile from Bush's property after Sheehan's original site, in ditches off the main road leading to the ranch, became too crowded.

**Authorities continue search for evacuee sex offenders**

Fugitive squads are combing Texas and other states to track down registered sex offenders and violent felons who evacuated from hurricane-ravaged Louisiana, using information that proved troublesome to get.

Authorities have been trying to locate sex offenders and felons with recently acquired lists of evacuees from the Federal Emergency Management Agency along with records from Louisiana that were almost destroyed.

While officials have reported arresting some sex offenders for new crimes or for failing to register in Texas, it's unclear how many have been located so far. Police in Richardson arrested one registered sex offender from New Orleans who they suspect molested an 8-year-old girl in Houston, police charged a Katrina evacuee with breaking into a motel, exposing himself to a girl and trying to sexually assault an adult.

Authorities have found that some offenders returned to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Others remain missing even though they have registered in states where they relocated to, said Justin Vickers, a fugitive task force coordinator in New Orleans for the

U.S. Marshals Service. "The problem in tracking them all down is far more complex than people might think it is," Vickers said. "That list is no magic wand."

**Holidays add stress to hurricane victims' recovery**

**SABINE PASS (AP)** — Hurricane Rita destroyed this coastal town, where discarded refrigerators and washers are piled along a main drag, trailers sit across the road from where originally anchored, houses have been split in half and some call a tent home.

Ideas on how to keep warm at night or get the next hot meal have become just as important as tackling the task of cleaning up and rebuilding.

Cleanup in East Texas has been slow because local governments, some saying they can't even afford to handle a portion of the cost, are waiting for federal assistance.

A computer from one of Dawson's apartments was thrown onto the floor near a bed during Rita, which came ashore near the Texas-Louisiana border in September and kept many from their homes until the following month.

Meanwhile, mold and mildew grew on everything that did survive Rita.

**Plan focuses on motorists to curb pollution**

**FORT WORTH (AP)** — Planning leaders have proposed a set of restrictions for motorists in the Dallas-Fort Worth area as they try to steer the region into compliance with federal ozone requirements.

Most of the recommendations try to curb tailpipe emissions from cars and trucks by making driving more expensive, restricting driving during peak traffic times and promoting use of fuel-efficient vehicles.

But only a handful of them are approved and used, the region hopes to do more to meet tougher federal ozone standards by the July deadline, officials warned.

Officials with the North Central Texas Council of Governments are still completing the list of pollution control measures for the nine-county area. They will forward the plan to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which must approve each recommendation. Gov. Rick Perry also would need to submit the plan to the federal Environmental Protection Agency for it to be adopted into law.

Among the recommendations:

— Prohibiting motorists' use of drive-through windows at fast-food restaurants, banks, dry cleaners and pharmacies from May through October, the ozone season. That's because tailpipe emissions occur while cars are idling.

— Increasing toll road fees during rush-hour, lifting them for buses or vanpool services.

— Imposing a one-time fee for new vehicles based on their fuel efficiency. For example, the suggested fee would be about \$300 for a new sport utility vehicle and none for a hybrid vehicle.

We would like to thank everyone for their concern during BF's illness. Thanks to the Home Hospice Staff (especially, Hospice Aides, Nurses Tina and Bev) for the excellent care BF received while at home these last 2 years of illness. Also thanks for the excellent care BF received during his short stay at Hospice House in Odessa TX.

The visitors, phone calls, cards, memorials, flowers and food were greatly appreciated.

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**Identity switch results in escape from county jail**

**ARDMORE, Okla. (AP)** — A Texas woman escaped from the Carter County Detention Center after assuming the identity of another female inmate, authorities said.

Karen Neveling, jailed Wednesday on a series of charges that included counterfeiting, was released when bond was posted for Misty Dawn Johnson by an Ardmore bail bond agency early Thursday. Sheriff Harvey Burkhardt said.

Neveling, Johnson and possibly others apparently were involved in the identity switch, Burkhardt said. Neveling had Johnson's personal items when she left the jail with Rick Feiler, owner of the bond company.

Burkhardt said Neveling apparently telephoned a man in Dallas, letting him in on the plot. Neveling told the man she would impersonate Johnson and to bring cash for Johnson's bond. The two women then switched cells.

When Feiler arrived, Johnson's name was called in a cell block, but it was Neveling who appeared. Feiler had bonded Johnson previously but apparently did not realize the woman was not the person he had bonded before.

Burkhardt said the detention center system also failed. "When the information was put into the computer, a photo of Johnson should have

appeared, allowing employees to do an actual visual comparison. The photo did not come up on the screen," Burkhardt said.

Feiler drove Neveling around Ardmore in search of her vehicle when police discovered the switch. Neveling and Feiler had been seen still with him, he was returning her to jail when she jumped from his truck and disappeared.

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# Indonesia reports new human bird flu case

## Taiwan wants to produce Tamiflu

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia reported a new human bird flu infection on Saturday, and Taiwan joined other Asian governments in announcing it wanted to produce the anti-viral drug Tamiflu to treat people infected with the virus.

Tamiflu, otherwise known as Oseltamivir, has shown promise in the treatment of bird flu infections in humans. Countries around the

world are trying to stockpile the drug in the event of a human pandemic, which experts fear could kill millions.

At least 68 people have died from the virus in Asia since 2003, most in Vietnam. Almost all cases have been linked to contact with sick poultry. But health experts fear the virus could mutate into a form that is easily passed from human to human and spread rapidly across the globe.

Indonesia and Vietnam have secured permission from Swiss-based drug manufacturer Roche Holding AG to make the medicine, while other countries are in talks with the company.

Taiwan has said it plans to produce Tamiflu for domestic use when stocks supplied by Roche run out.

But Roche, which holds the patent on the drug in Taiwan, said it was surprised by Taiwan's move and called it unnecessary because the company will meet its agreement to

deliver 2.3 million Tamiflu treatments, covering 10 percent of the island's population, next year.

World Trade Organization regulations allow for drug patents to be violated in the event of medical emergencies, providing the patent holder is compensated at a later date.

Roche and Taiwan have been discussing licensing terms for the drug's production locally, but there are fears the talks could drag on. Roche said in its statement that no

Taiwanese company could produce the drug more rapidly or at a lower cost than Roche.

Taiwan's first case of bird flu caused by the virulent and lethal H5N1 strain was confirmed last month in birds smuggled in from China.

But the island has not recorded any human infections.

On Friday, Roche said

Indonesia could produce Tamiflu on the condition it did not export it.

"Tamiflu does not have patent protection in Indonesia," Roche spokesman Baschi Duerr said from the company's headquarters in Switzerland. "Indonesia is therefore free to produce Tamiflu as long as the product is distributed only in the domestic market."

## Palestinians begin new era at Gaza border

RAFAH TERMINAL, Gaza Strip (AP) — Joyous Palestinians crossed from Gaza to Egypt through a Palestinian-run border terminal Saturday, the first time in nearly four decades they didn't have to submit to Israeli security checks to leave the fenced-in coastal strip.

Hundreds of Palestinians crowded the Rafah terminal, a day after Palestinians took control of the crossing between Gaza and Egypt. The European Union said Saturday that people crossed during the first half hour of operations. Jihad Zouan, a government employee, was the first to cross.

"It is the beginning of a new era

that will open a new horizon for me," said Zouan, who was heading to Egypt to visit relatives.

The crossing had been controlled by Israelis who shut it down before they pulled out of Gaza in September, ending 38 years of occupation.

Under Israel's security precautions, it would take hours or even days for Palestinians to get through. Zouan did it today in just three minutes.

International officials made reopening Rafah under Palestinian control a top priority to give Gazans concrete proof that their lives were improving after the

withdrawal. Israel had been reluctant to let the Palestinians run the crossing, fearing that militants and weapons would be able to cross.

Israel gave in and agreed last week — after months of international mediation and a final push by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice — to hand the Palestinians control of the border, with help from European monitors.

Palestinians called it a step toward independence. It is the first time they have real control of a border.

Initially, the crossing will be open just four hours a day, but eventually it is to operate around the clock.

## Japanese probe apparently succeeds in landing on asteroid, collecting samples

TOYO (AP) — A Japanese spacecraft apparently succeeded in landing on an asteroid and collecting surface samples Saturday, part of a long-planned mission to bring the material back to Earth. Japan's space agency said.

The Hayabusa probe touched down for only a few seconds on the far-away asteroid — long enough to collect powder from its surface — and lifted off again to transmit data to mission control in Kagoshima and Kyotaka.

It returns to Earth. It is expected to touch down in the Australian Outback in June 2007.

Hayabusa was launched in May 2003 and has until early December before it must begin its 180 million-mile journey home.

A NASA probe collected data for two weeks from the asteroid Eros in 2001, but did not return with

samples.

The space agency hopes that examining asteroid samples will help unlock the secrets of how celestial bodies formed, because their surfaces are believed to have remained relatively unchanged over the eons, unlike larger bodies such as the planets or moons.

Hayabusa touched down

shortly before 8 a.m. Japan time, firing a metal projectile into the surface and collecting the dust that was kicked up.

The whole procedure was over in a matter of seconds.

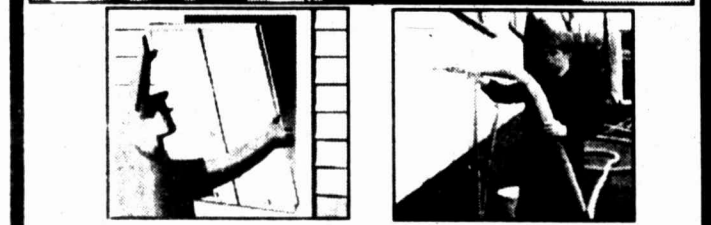
The asteroid is named after Hideo Itokawa, the father of rocket science in Japan, and is orbiting the sun between Earth and Mars.

The initial movements and operations look very good," Yashiro said.

The process of sample collection seems to have gone very well.

More data confirming the mission's success is expected later in the day after scientists have examined additional transmissions from the probe, Yashiro said.

The probe won't know if it has successfully collected the samples until



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## By The Associated Press

### Television

1. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
2. "Desperate Housewives," ABC.
3. "Lost," ABC.
4. "Without a Trace," CBS.
5. "Grey's Anatomy," ABC. (From Nielsen Media Research)

### Film

1. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," Warner Bros.
2. "Walk the Line," Fox.
3. "Chicken Little," Disney.
4. "Derailed," Weinstein Co.

5. "Zathura: A Space Adventure," Sony. (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

### Hot Five

1. "Run It!" Chris Brown. Jive. (Gold — certified sales of more than 500,000)
2. "Gold Digger," Kanye West (feat. Jamie Foxx). Roc-A-Fella.
3. "My Humps," The Black Eyed Peas. A&M.
4. "Soul Survivor," Young Jeezy feat. Akon. Corporate Thugz/Def Jam/IDJMG.
5. "Photograph," Nickelback. Roadrunner/IDJMG. (Platinum — certified sales

- of 1 million units) (From Billboard magazine)

### Albums

1. "Confessions on a Dance Floor," Madonna. Warner Bros.
2. "Some Hearts," Carrie Underwood. Arista.
3. "The Road and the Radio," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
4. "The Emancipation of Mimi," Mariah Carey. Island. (Platinum)
5. "Now 20," Various Artists. Sony BMG. (From Billboard magazine)

### Concert Tours

1. U2.

2. Paul McCartney.
3. Eagles.
4. Neil Diamond.
5. Dave Matthews Band. (From Pollstar)

### VHS/DVD Rentals

1. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005)," Warner Home Video.
2. "Christmas! Nickelodeon Video.
3. "Shrek2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
4. "My Little Pony: A Very Minty Christmas," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine).

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### DVD Sales

1. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2005 (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video.
2. "Star Wars Episode III — Revenge of the Sith (Widescreen)," Fox Video.
3. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2005 (Full Screen)," Warner Home Video.
4. "Christmas With the Kranks," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
5. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2005 (Deluxe 2-Disc Edition)," Warner Home Video. (From Billboard magazine)

# Best sellers — books

## The Associated Press

### Publishers Weekly Best-Sellers

- Hardcover Fiction**
1. "Mary, Mary" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
  2. "Light from Heaven" by Jan Karon (Viking)
  3. "A Feast for Crows" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam Spectra)
  4. "Predator" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
  5. "At First Sight" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
  6. "The Camel Club" by David Baldacci (Warner)
  7. "Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt" by Anne Rice (Knopf)
  8. "Knife of Dreams" by Robert Jordan (Tor)
  9. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
  10. "The Truth About Diamonds" by Nicole Richie

## (Regan Books)

### Nonfiction/General

1. "Teacher Man" by Frank McCourt (Scribner)
2. "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin (Simon & Schuster)
3. "Our Endangered Values" by Jimmy Carter (Simon & Schuster)
4. "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
5. "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion (Knopf)
6. "The Truth (with Jokes)" by Al Franken (Dutton)
7. "700 Sundays" by Billy Crystal (Warner)
8. "Healthy Aging" by Andrew Weil, M.D. (Knopf)
9. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
10. "Natural Cures "They"

- Don't Want You to Know About" by Kevin Trudeau (Alliance Publishing)

### Mass Market Paperbacks

1. "State of Fear" by Michael Crichton (Avon)
2. "Night Fall" by Nelson DeMille (Warner)
3. "Whiteout" by Ken Follett (Signet)
4. "Life Expectancy" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
5. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
6. "Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell: Operation Barracuda" by David Michaels (Berkley)
7. "The Colorado Kid" by Stephen King (Hard Case Crime)
8. "The Winds of Change" by Martha Grimes (Signet)
9. "Jarhead" by Anthony Swofford (Pocket)
10. "London Bridges" by James Patterson (Warner Vision)

1. "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey (Anchor)
2. "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden (Vintage)
3. "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire (ReganBooks)
4. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
5. "Rachael Ray 365: No Repeats" by Rachael Ray (Clarkson Potter)
6. "Why Do Men Have Nipples?" by Mark Leyner and Billy Goldberg, M.D. (Three Rivers Press)
7. "Light on Snow" by Anita Shreve (Little, Brown, Back Bay)
8. "Sudoku Easy to Hard" by Will Shortz (St. Martin's/Griffin)
9. "Vanishing Acts" by Jodi Picoult (Washington Square Press)
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<p>*** GM's/Dodges ***</p> <p>2003 Dodge Neon SE 4WD - White, One Owner w/68,000 miles. <b>WAS \$8,995</b> <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>2001 Pontiac Grand Prix SE 4WD - Silver, V6, All Power. <b>WAS \$9,995</b> <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p>	<p>*** TRUCKS ***</p> <p>*** Fords ***</p> <p>2005 Ford F150 Supercrew - White, All Power, Leather, All Power, Local One Owner, w/17,000 miles. <b>WAS \$31,995</b> <b>NOW \$30,995</b></p> <p>2005 Ford Explorer Sporttrac XLS - Red, One Owner With Only 6,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$22,995</b> <b>NOW \$21,995</b></p> <p>2004 Ford F150 Supercab STX 4x4 - Yellow/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/33,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$25,995</b> <b>NOW \$24,995</b></p> <p>2003 Ford F-150 Supercab XLT - Black, V-6, Manual Shift, Local One Owner w/21,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$16,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2003 Ford F-150 Supercab XLT - Silver, V-6, Manual Shift, Local One Owner w/37,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$23,995</b> <b>NOW \$22,995</b></p> <p>2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Grey with Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/28,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$21,995</b> <b>NOW \$20,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - Arizona Beige, V-8, All Power, One Owner w/44,000 miles. <b>WAS \$17,995</b> <b>NOW \$16,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford F-150 Supercab XLT - White, V-8, All Power, One Owner w/70,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$13,995</b> <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>1998 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - Blue/Black Two-tone, V-8, All Power, 76,000 miles. <b>WAS \$11,995</b> <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p>	<p>*** SUVs ***</p> <p>2004 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - Red Tan, Leather, DVD, Power 3rd Row Seat, Dual Air/Heat, One Owner w/42,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$30,995</b> <b>NOW \$29,995</b></p> <p>2003 Ford Explorer XLT 4DR - Arizona Beige, All Power, Local One Owner w/46,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$17,995</b> <b>NOW \$16,995</b></p> <p>2003 Ford Escape XLT - Red, V-6, All Power, Local One Owner w/50,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$17,995</b> <b>NOW \$16,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4DR - Blue w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/49,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$17,995</b> <b>NOW \$16,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford Expedition XLT - Silver, w/Leather, All Power, Locally Owned w/60,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$16,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4DR - White Silver, All Power, Local One Owner w/51,000 miles. <b>WAS \$16,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford Explorer XLS - Black, All Power, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner With 35,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$14,995</b> <b>NOW \$13,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - White Beige, Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/77,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$15,995</b> <b>NOW \$14,995</b></p>
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<p>*** Mustangs ***</p> <p>2004 Ford Mustang - Black, All Power, One Owner w/40,000 miles. <b>WAS \$14,995</b> <b>NOW \$13,995</b></p> <p>2004 Ford Mustang - Black, V-6, Program Car w/25,000 miles. <b>WAS \$17,995</b> <b>NOW \$14,995</b></p> <p>2003 Ford Mustang GT. - Red, 5-Speed Transmission, Loaded, w/31,000 miles. <b>WAS \$18,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2003 Ford Mustang - White, V-6, Automatic, One Owner, w/22,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$13,995</b> <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p>	<p>*** Dodges ***</p> <p>1999 Dodge Durango SLT 4x4 - Black w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/57,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$12,995</b> <b>NOW \$11,995</b></p>	<p>*** YANS ***</p> <p>2004 Ford Freestar S Van - Gray, All Power, Only 4,700 Miles - Program Van. <b>WAS \$19,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2004 Ford Freestar SES Van - Silver, All Power, Dual air/Heat, 20,450 Miles. <b>WAS \$19,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2003 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - Blue, V-6, All Power, 54,000 Miles. <b>WAS \$14,995</b> <b>NOW \$13,995</b></p>
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Menus

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**Monday:** Lunch, stew, salad, cornbread, milk, fruit.  
**Tuesday:** Lunch, steak fingers, macaroni and cheese, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, pudding.  
**Wednesday:** Lunch, chicken fried steak, noodles, broccoli and cheese, salad, milk, rolls, cake.  
**Thursday:** Lunch, meat loaf, noodles, mixed vegetables, bread, milk, fruit.  
**Friday:** Lunch, catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw, milk, cornbread, pudding.  
 \* Menu is subject to change due to availability of food.

**Big Spring ISD**

**Monday:** Breakfast, cereal, sausage link, apple juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, mixed fruit, corn (high school, chili cheese fries).  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast, cinny swirl bread, cheese bites, orange smiles, milk; Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, California veggies, applesauce, rolls, (crispy chicken sandwiches).  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast, pancake-on-a-stick, fruit punch, milk; Lunch, taco salad, refried beans with cheese, Spanish rice, grapes, (high school second choice, chicken salad).  
**Thursday:** Breakfast,

cheese sticks, mixed fruit cups, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, pineapple Jello, rolls (high school, beef stew).  
**Friday:** Breakfast, breakfast pockets, pineapple-orange juice, milk; Lunch, hamburger salad, French fries, pork and beans, cookies (high school pork roast).

**Sands CISD**

**Monday:** Breakfast, Pop Tarts, milk or juice; Lunch, fajita chicken breast, rice, broccoli and cheese, bread sticks, peaches, milk.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast, muffins, milk or juice; Lunch, burritos, tossed salad, orange quarters, cookies, milk.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast, hot pockets, milk or juice; Lunch, chicken nuggets, quick baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, milk.

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**Monday:** Breakfast, pancakes, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, pizza cheese sticks, mixed vegetables, garden salad, pears, ranch dressing, milk.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice milk; Lunch, hot dogs, combination burrito, chili, buttered corn,

vegetable sticks, fruit cocktail, ranch dressing, milk.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, chicken casserole, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

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**Vermont high school teacher accused of giving 'liberal' quiz**

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) — A high school teacher is facing questions from administrators after giving a vocabulary quiz that included digs at President Bush and the extreme right.

Bret Chenkin, a social studies and English teacher at Mount Anthony Union High School, said he gave the quiz to his students several months ago. The quiz asked students to pick the proper words to complete sentences.

One example: "I wish Bush would be (coherent, eschewed) for once during a speech, but there are theories that his everyday diction charms the below-average mind, hence insuring him Republican votes." "Coherent" is the right answer.

Principal Sue Maguire said she hoped to speak to whomever complained about the quiz and any students who might be concerned. She said she also would talk with Chenkin. School Superintendent Wesley Knapp said he was taking the situation seriously.

"It's absolutely unacceptable," Knapp said. "They (teachers) don't have a license to hold forth on a particular standpoint."

Chenkin, 36, a teacher for seven years, said he isn't shy about sharing his liberal views with students as a way of prompting debate, but said the quizzes are being taken out of context.

"The kids know it's hyperbolic, so-to-speak," he said. "They know it's tongue in cheek." But he said he would change his teaching methods if some are concerned. "I'll put in both sides,"

he said. "Especially if it's going to cause a lot of grief."

The school is in Bennington, a community of about 16,500 in the southwest corner of the state.

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## IN BRIEF

### Sign-ups for YMCA basketball underway

Registration for the Big Spring YMCA youth basketball league is taking place now until Dec. 3.

The league is for boys and girls ages 5-12. Some 13-year-olds may play depending on their date of birth.

Practices are scheduled to begin Dec. 19. Kids who played last season may play on the same team from last year.

All games are scheduled to be played Saturdays beginning Jan. 7.

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

### Big Spring sets volleyball clinic

A volleyball clinic for girls aged third through eighth grade has been set up for Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The clinic will take place at the B.S. Junior High and it will be instructed by J.E. Thomas, who is the Midland College assistant coach.

The cost is \$25 per player.

For more information or to register, contact Della Partee at 267-4038.

### Toronto signs Ryan to big-time contract

**NEW YORK (AP)** — B.J. Ryan and the Toronto Blue Jays reached a preliminary agreement on a \$47 million, five-year contract, a high-ranking baseball official said.

Ryan, a left-hander who turns 30 next month, is getting the largest deal given to a reliever, topping the \$39.99 million, four-year contract Mariano Rivera had with the New York Yankees from 2001-04. Rivera just completed the first season of a \$21 million, two-year deal with the Yankees.

The baseball official spoke on condition of anonymity because Toronto had not yet announced the agreement.

Ryan had 36 saves in 41 chances last season for Baltimore and went 1-4 with a 2.43 ERA. He had a \$2.6 million base salary, earned \$200,000 in performance bonuses based on games finished and \$25,000 for making the AL All-Star team.

### White Sox trade for hard-hitting Thome

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — The Phillies and the White Sox completed the trade that sends slugger Jim Thome to Chicago for center fielder Aaron Rowand.

The trade was announced Wednesday, but wasn't official until the players passed their physicals. Philadelphia also gets minor league left-hander Daniel Haigwood and a player to be named later. The Phillies are giving the White Sox \$22 million as part of the deal.

# Hawks win first showdown with rival Midland

## Valentine's big shot propels Howard to big win over Chaps

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

ODESSA — Freshman point guard Benny Valentine hit big shot after big shot in the second half Friday night at the Odessa College Sports Complex as the ninth-ranked Howard men's basketball team used a big second half run to take down arch rival Midland in the semifinals of the Odessa College Thanksgiving Shootout.

After an evenly played first half, the Hawks went on an 18-2 run to start the final 20 minutes, held off a late rally from the Chaps, made their free throws in the final minute and advanced to the title game with a 67-58 win.

The Hawks played Lee College (Baytown) Saturday in the championship game, but results were unavailable at press time. Lee defeated Cecil College in their semifinal matchup.

The first half saw no real advantage for either team as Midland's biggest lead was six points and Howard's was four. Howard took its first lead of the game on a Valentine layup with 9:09 left in the game and only trailed one other time in the contest.

"We pretty much just felt one another out in the first half," said Howard head coach Mark Adams.

The 18-2 run to start the second half was led by two 3-pointers from

sophomore Louis Rodgers, five points from Valentine and an old-fashioned 3-point play from freshman Dezmon Harris.

"The first five minutes of every half are huge and we came out of the locker room with the mindset that we were down by 10 points," said sophomore Charles Burgess, who finished with 14 points, six rebounds and two assists. "Everyone put forth the effort and we came away with a big win."

Like good teams do, No. 10 Midland battled back and slowly chipped away at the lead. The Chaps went on a 7-0 run midway through the second half and cut the lead to two points, but every time the game got close Howard came up with a big shot.

"The second half was a half of runs," said Adams. "We controlled the first 10 minutes, they controlled the next six minutes and we had enough to hold them off in the final four."

Howard pushed the lead back to six on a jumper by Valentine and then Midland cut the lead to three, but Valentine hit a huge 3-pointer with 1:21 left in the game to pretty much seal it.

"I was off (Thursday), but felt much better (Friday)," said Valentine. "Charles told me to keep shooting. He believed in me and got me the ball late and I just knocked it down."

Adams added, "We were just trying to be patient with the ball and Benny

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard freshman Benny Valentine goes up for two of his game-high 20 points against Midland College Friday during the semifinal matchup in the Odessa College Thanksgiving Shootout. The Hawks won the game by nine points and played in the final Saturday night, but results were unavailable at press time.

# Howard struggles in Arizona

## Hawks can't fight off Scottsdale runs, lose by seven points

By TROY HYDE

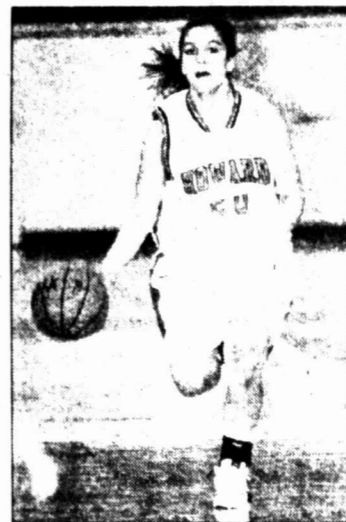
Sports Editor

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Howard College women's basketball team traveled to Arizona after a Thanksgiving stop in El Paso Thursday. The Hawks took on Scottsdale Community College Friday, but came away with a 69-62 loss on the road.

The Hawks stayed in Arizona Saturday and took on Mesa College, but results of that game were unavailable at press time.

Howard jumped out to an early 14-2 lead in the game, but gave up a 17-4 run after that and trailed 19-18 with just under nine minutes to play in the first half and then allowed another 13-2 run in Scottsdale's favor before halftime.

The game was still close at halftime, however, as the Hawks trailed 39-34. Scottsdale maintained



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard sophomore Jennifer Pena takes the ball up the floor Wednesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Pena scored 13 points Friday against Scottsdale.

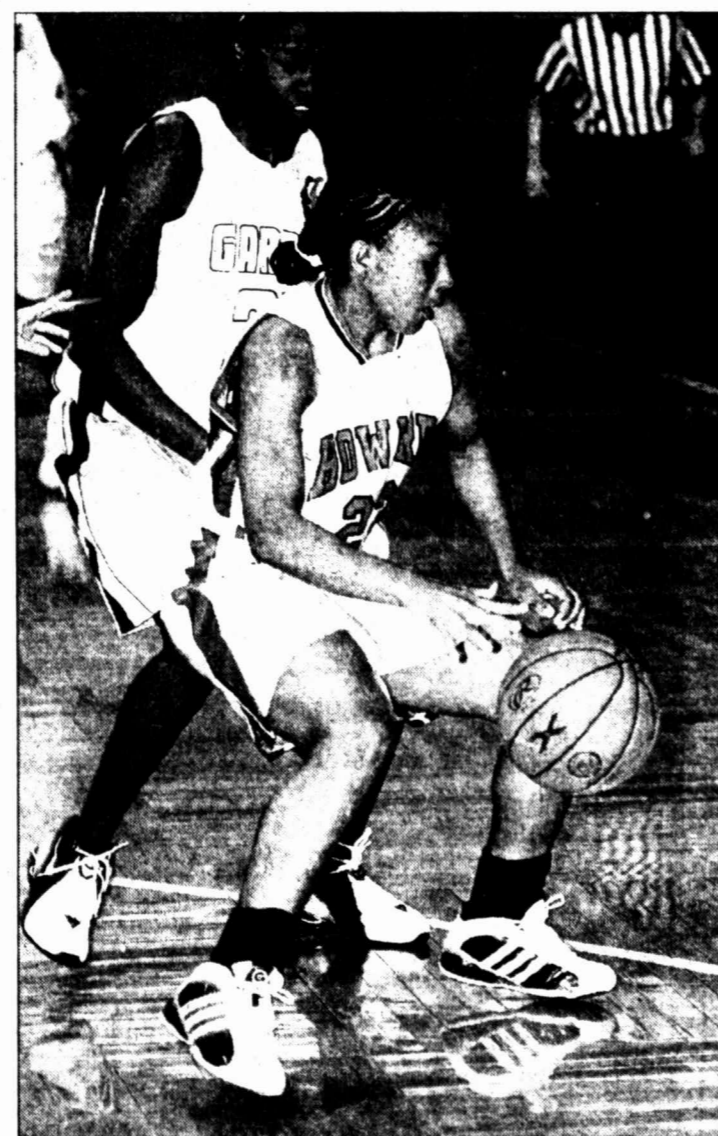
its advantage for the entire second half. It led by eight with 15:44 to play in the game before Howard cut its deficit to five with 12:37 left. The lead was only six for Scottsdale with just more than nine minutes to go in the game, but Howard couldn't get any closer. Sophomore Latoya Fairley led the Hawks

with a game-high 18 points and improved on her free throw shooting, connecting on six out of eight. She only hit two-of-nine Wednesday in a home win against Garden City. Fairley got into early foul trouble, as well, and did not play the final nine minutes of the first half.

The Hawks as a team improved from the foul line as they went 25-for-30.

Sophomore Jennifer Pena scored 13 points as she hit two 3-pointers and went seven-for-eight from the line. Freshman Sara Rondeau hit three 3-pointers and finished with 10 points, while freshman Chanel Jones-Delas added nine points and made five out of six from the charity stripe. Freshman Tomisha Martin made all four of her free throws and finished with six points.

Scottsdale was led by Ivan Lepeman's 16 points. Mesa College, Howard's opponent Saturday, is ranked No. 4 in NJCAA Division II.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard College freshman Kim Gilyard looks for an opening Wednesday night at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks lost to Scottsdale Friday in Arizona.

# Longhorns survive scare from upset-minded Aggies

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — Battered and bruised, Vince Young and No. 2 Texas are still undefeated and a step closer to the Rose Bowl. Even if it was a much tougher step than most expected.

While far from perfect, Young and the Longhorns were good enough to keep their national title hopes intact with a tough 40-29 win over Texas A&M on

Friday. Ramonce Taylor ran for two touchdowns, Cedric Griffin returned a blocked punt for a score and the Longhorns survived Young's shakiest game of the season.

The Heisman Trophy candidate wasn't even the best quarterback on the field against the Aggies, and for the first time since Texas won at Ohio State by three way back in September, the Longhorns had to put in a

full 60 minutes off work to notch the W.

"I was never nervous. That's not me," Young said. "Nervousness, scari-ness, that's not even in our vocabulary."

Young is one of the leading contenders for the Heisman Trophy, but A&M freshman Stephen McGee made the plays and provided the inspirational leadership the Longhorns usually get from their quarterback. Starting in place of

injured senior Reggie McNeal, McGee ran for 108 yards and a pair of touchdowns as A&M made a strong effort at pulling off one of the biggest upsets in college football history. "I wanted to beat them and lead these guys to want to do it," McGee said. "I have seen McGee, who raised his arms after both of his touchdowns to whip up the excited home crowd. "I'm already sore. I know

How sore tomorrow." Young came in likely to keep pace with USC's Reggie Bush in the Heisman chase and his penchant for making big plays in Texas' biggest games seemed to guarantee it. Instead, he struggled. Just a defense ranked 10th in the country with 162 yards passing, 19 rushing and two

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**SEC struggles, still clinches spot in SEC championship game**  
BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — JaMarcus Russell threw a 50-yard touchdown pass, Justin Vincent ran for a score and LSU's defense had another strong effort to help the Tigers clinch a spot in the Southeastern Conference title game as LSU got a win over Arkansas, 19-17.

The Tigers (10-1, 7-1 SEC) registered their second safety in as many games, earning two points that proved critical when Arkansas (4-7, 2-6) refused to relent after falling behind 19-3 early in the second half.

LSU will face Georgia in the conference championship game in Atlanta on Dec. 3, the second time in three years those two teams have met to decide the SEC.

The Tigers held Arkansas standout freshman Darren McFadden to 57 yards on 24 carries, but he had a 1-yard touchdown run with 10:43 left to make it a two-point game.

LSU stopped the two-point conversion attempt with an interception by Chevis Jackson, then blanked Razorbacks the rest of the way. LSU has held every opponent during its nine-game winning streak to 20 points or less.

**Wisconsin wins in regular-season finale**

HONOLULU (AP) — Brian Calhoun ran for 149 yards, including 133 in the first half, and a touchdown to lead No. 24 Wisconsin in coach Barry Alvarez's final regular-season game with the Badgers. Wisconsin defeated Hawaii Friday night, 41-24.

Wisconsin (9-3) snapped a two-game skid and now waits to find out which bowl it will play in.

It was the 117th victory and secured the sixth nine-win season for Alvarez, who is retiring from coaching after 16 years. He will continue as Wisconsin's athletic director, a position he has held since April 2004.

Badgers quarterback John Stocco was nearly flawless, going 12-of-16 for 191 yards passing and two touchdowns. He also had a 1-yard scoring run on fourth-and-goal late in the third quarter to put the Badgers up by 17.

Wisconsin totaled 440 yards of offense.

The Warriors (4-7) could not get their highly ranked offense fully going.

Quarterback Colt Brennan was 33-of-53 for 403 yards and three touchdowns.

**Mavericks waive veteran Christie**

MIAMI (AP) — Doug Christie was waived by the Dallas Mavericks, a move that could be a precursor to the veteran guard's retirement.

The 35-year-old Christie left the team last week to have his surgically repaired left ankle examined.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard sophomore Charles Burgess puts up a floater in the lane Friday at the Odessa College Sports Complex during the Hawks' win against Midland College. Burgess finished with 14 points and six rebounds.

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was able to hit a big shot. "It was a dagger."

Valentine credited the team's defense as the reason they took control in the second half.

"We want to be known for our defense," he said. "Some of these guys lost to this team last year at the regional tournament and we are just trying to use that as motivation."

Valentine and Harris each hit two free throws inside of 30 seconds to play and Rodgers came up with a big block on a 3-point attempt by Midland's Tim Crowell with 17 seconds to go and the Hawks came away with a nine-point win.

"We are trying to set a mark for Hutch," said Burgess. "Everyone wants to win, but we want to win it all. I took this game personal because I felt like they stole something out of my house last year. We made a point with this win, but we will play them again and we have to keep working hard."

Valentine finished with 20 points, hit four 3-pointers and was four-for-four from the free throw line. Rodgers added 10 points, three rebounds and two assists, while Harris, Benson Akpan and Phil Murphy all scored six



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard sophomore Dezmon Harris tries to get around a Midland College defender during action at the Odessa College Sports Complex Friday.

points. Harris pulled down five rebounds and Murphy grabbed four.

Howard hit 14 of its 17 free throws, while Midland struggled from the line, connecting on just 10 of 22.

Midland was led by Ricky Smith's 12 points. Crowell added 11.

Adams was unsure about Lee immediately after the game, but the

entire team watched its game with Cecil to get a scouting report.

"We don't know much about them at this point," said Adams. "This Midland game was the emotional one for us, but it is important that we don't overlook our next opponent."

The Hawks improved to 9-0 with the win, while Midland dropped to 8-2.

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turnovers that led directly to Aggies' touchdowns. He did throw for a touchdown and led two key late drives for field goals.

"There are some great guys in the running," for the Heisman, Young said. "I just want to keep playing and keep winning ... may be the best man win."

Despite Young's off game, Texas (11-0, 8-0) moves on to the Big 12 title game next Saturday against the winner of the North Division. Win that game and the Longhorns are a lock for a return trip the Rose Bowl on Jan. 4 to play for the Bowl Championship Series title.

The Aggies (5-6, 3-5) did everything they could to spoil those plans.

Behind McGee and the punishing running of 265-pound freshman Jorvorski Lane, the Aggies had the Longhorns reeling before finally running out of gas late in the fourth quarter. Lane ran for 104 yards on 17 carries.

The Aggies finish with their second losing season in three years under coach Dennis Franchione. A win would have made the Aggies bowl eligible.

"I think I was the only one in the country who anticipated this," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "I told the guys...they're going to pull it all out because they've got nothing to lose. I was really, really not proud of myself that I was right."

Taylor ran for 102 yards on 15 carries for Texas.

His second touchdown, an 8-yard scamper through the right side in the third quarter capped a 10-play, 80-yard drive after the Aggies had taken a 22-21 lead on McGee's 11-yard touchdown run.

The Longhorns got the critical blocked punt on A&M's next possession when Michael Griffin crashed over the left side. Cedric Griffin snared the ball in mid-air and cruised into the end zone for a 34-22 Texas lead.

McGee's second touchdown — a 1-yard run — got the Aggies within five before the Longhorns stretched the lead on David Pino's 41-yard field goal. Pino also kicked a 29-yarder with 2:22 left for the final points.

While the Longhorns own a six-game winning streak over their rivals, they had to feel lucky to get out of this one.

The Aggies outgained Texas 395-336, had more first downs (22) and found a weakness in Texas' run defense by chewing up huge chunks of yards and time. The Aggies held the ball for 35 minutes.

"They played their hearts out," said Longhorn defensive tackle Rod Wright. "They ran a whole lot of options and the quarterback was able to scramble."

Texas led 14-0 in the first quarter thanks mostly to A&M mistakes: an interception and a short punt that set up Texas with short drives for TD runs by Henry Melton and Taylor.

"Now it's time for the second part of the season and the finish," Young said. "Now, we prepare for that."



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard College freshman cheerleader Crystal Bridges gets tossed in the air during men's basketball action earlier this season. The Hawk men are one game away from the Odessa College Thanksgiving Shootout title, while the Howard women try to get a win Saturday against Mesa College. Results from both games Saturday were unavailable at press time.

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# No. 1 Duke survives big test from Memphis in New York

By JIM O'CONNELL

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Duke left Madison Square Garden with two more wins; another MIT Season Tip-off championship trophy and its No. 1 ranking.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski also looked at the tournament from more of a philosophical perspective after his Blue Devils beat No. 11 Memphis 70-67 on Friday night.

"To me, maybe the most significant story of the whole NIT is Drexel," he said.

Drexel, beaten by Duke in the semifinals, lost 57-56 to No. 16 UCLA in the third-place game. The Dragons were the only unranked team in the semifinals and the only one of the four with a lineup full of upperclassmen.

"They don't have freshmen but you have a really good coach (Bruiser Flint), an unbelievable system and kids who have played together who are playing together and that's the parity that you have in college basketball right now," Krzyzewski said.

Still, the top-ranked team won the tournament and one of its two senior stars came up big in the title game to win MVP honors.

Shelden Williams matched his career high with 30 points, including the winning tip-in with 32 seconds left. The rebound was his eighth of the game and he had 16 points in the second half, 16 more than fellow star J.J. Redick had in the final 20 minutes.

Redick had 15 points, but missed his only three shots of the second half.

"We're a team, me and him," Williams said of his fellow senior. "We take the weight and onus on our backs every game. If he's not doing something I'll take it up for him and I know he'll be there whenever I need him."

In other Top 25 games Friday, it was: No. 7 Kentucky 81, Liberty 51; No. 10 Boston College 87, Drake 84; No. 14 Florida 74, Florida State 66; No. 15 Illinois 55, Wichita State 54; No. 17 Syracuse 96, Siena 77; No. 24 Wake Forest 91, Appalachian State 78; and No. 25 Washington 112, Loyola Marymount 65.

## College basketball top 25 Roundup

The Blue Devils (5-0) also won the tournament in 1985 and 2000.

Duke's Lee Melchionni was fouled after grabbing the rebound of a miss by Memphis' Darius Washington Jr., but missed two free throws with 11 seconds left. Dockery got the rebound of the second miss, but he didn't make the first of his two free throws. He made the second for a 70-67 lead and then Memphis freshman Shawne Williams hit the rim with a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"The two plays that cost us the game, they weren't anything with skill or anything else," Memphis coach John Calipari said. "They missed a layup and they offensive rebounded, simply effort. They missed two free throws and they offensive rebound. That was the ballgame."

Freshman Josh McRoberts added 12 points for Duke, which got all its points from the starting five. The Blue Devils were without starting guard DeMarcus Nelson, who is out indefinitely after suffering a hairline fracture of his right ankle in the 78-68 semifinal win over Drexel.

"Together, Shelden and J.J. still scored 45 points. If they do that every night, we'll be good," Krzyzewski said. "We just have to figure out other people to score with them. That's where we miss DeMarcus because he was capable of scoring of driving, rebounding, shooting."

Williams had 15 points for the Tigers (3-1), while Rodney Carney added 12 and Washington had 11. Memphis advanced to the final with an 88-80 win over UCLA.

"We have guys who just haven't played together," Calipari said of his two sophomores and five freshmen in the eight-man rotation. "We're just trying to figure it out."

Calipari was happy with Rodney Carney's second-half defense on Redick.

"Rodney did an unbelievable job on Redick in the second half and gave us a chance to win, but we just didn't have any answers for Shelden Williams," Calipari said.

**No. 7 Kentucky 81, Liberty 51**

At Lexington, Ky., Bobby Perry scored a career-high 22 points, and Rajon Rondo added 13 points and nine assists for Kentucky (4-1).

Larry Blair had 26 points for Liberty (1-2).

**No. 10 Boston College 87, Drake 84**

At Las Vegas, Jared Dudley scored a 23 points for Boston College (4-0) in the third round of the Las Vegas Holiday Invitational.

The Eagles will play Oklahoma State in the championship game Saturday night. Allou Bryant had 16 points for Drake (2-1).

**No. 14 Florida 74, Florida St. 66**

At Gainesville, Fla., Taurean Green scored 15 points, all from the free throw line, and Florida (5-0) overcame a 17-point deficit to beat Florida State (2-1).

**No. 15 Illinois 55, Wichita St. 54**

South Padre Island, Texas, Warren Carter hit the winning layup with 1.3 seconds left in the South Padre Island Invitational semifinals.

Illinois (4-0) advanced to the final Saturday against Rutgers. James Augustine led the Illini with 14 points. Paul Miller had 18 for Wichita State (3-1).

**No. 16 UCLA 57, Drexel 56**

At New York, Jordan Farmar made the second of two free throws with 0.8 seconds to play for UCLA (4-1) in the third-place game of the NIT Season Tip-Off.

Arron Afflalo led UCLA with 18 points. Kenell Sanchez had 14 for Drexel (3-2).

**No. 17 Syracuse 96, Siena 77**

At Syracuse, Gerry McNamara hit six 3-pointers and scored a season-high 22 points for Syracuse (4-2). Antoine Jordan led Siena (0-2) with 29 points.

**No. 24 Wake Forest 91, Appalachian St. 78**

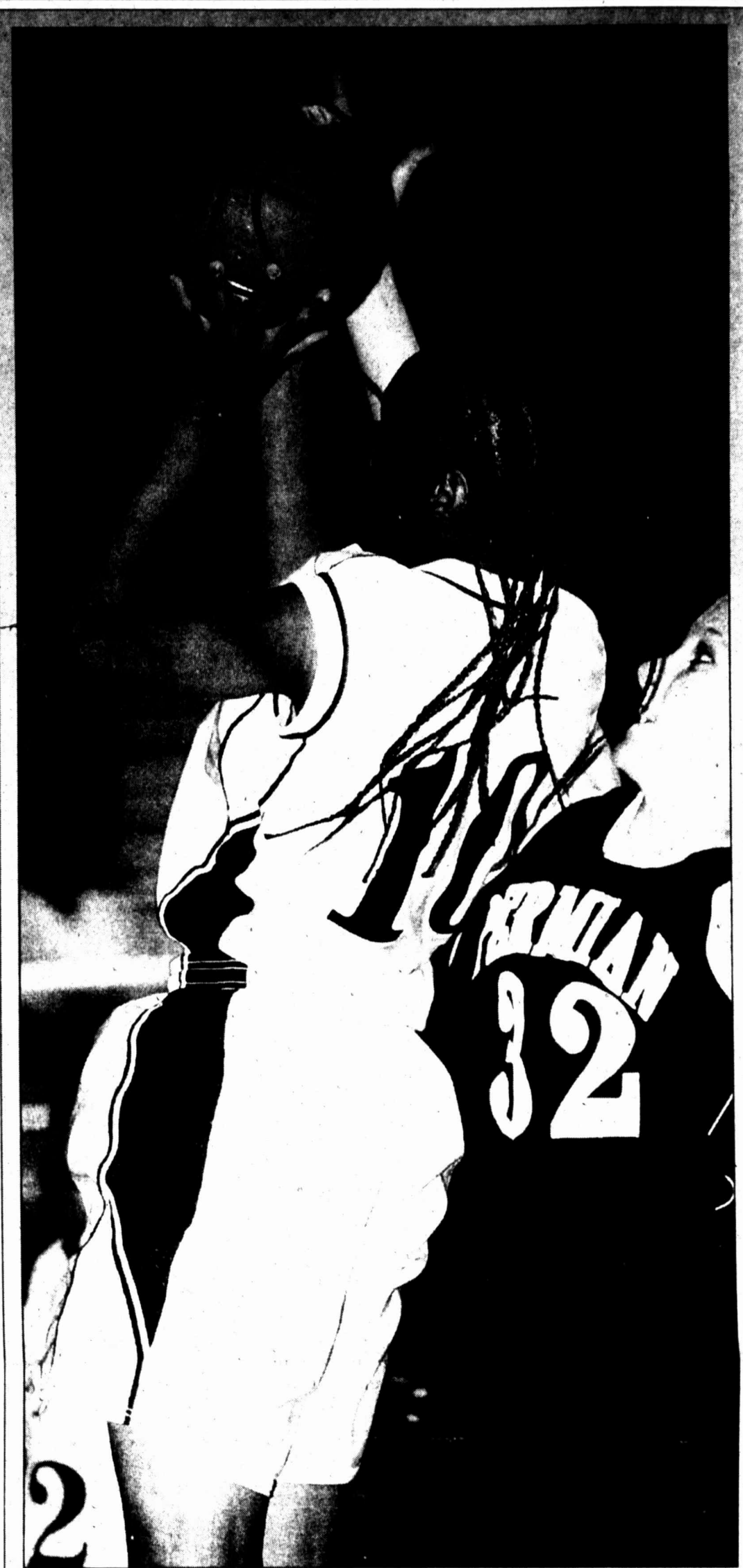
At Winston-Salem, N.C., Trent Strickland scored a career-high 25 points to lead Wake Forest (5-1) to its 20th straight home victory.

D.J. Thompson scored 20 points for Appalachian State (2-1).

**No. 25 Washington 112, Loyola Marymount 65**

At Seattle, Brandon Roy scored 19 points and Ryan Appleby added 18, all on 3-point shooting, for Washington (6-0).

The Huskies scored a school-record 65 first-half points on the way to their 28th straight win at Bank of America Arena. Loyola Marymount is 1-2.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring senior Carmen Davis puts up a shot against Odessa Permiian in a game earlier this year. The Lady Steers and Steers will resume play Tuesday on the road in Lamesa, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

# No coach, no QB is big trouble as Rams prepare for Houston

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The St. Louis Rams have lost their coach and their starting quarterback. Now they're on the cusp of losing all hopes of a playoff berth.

As the injury-plagued team prepares to meet the Houston Texans (1-9) for

the first time Sunday, interim coach Joe Vitt doesn't want anyone to feel sorry for them.

"I don't know if we can even suit 45 players, but the fact of the matter is we're still going to play the game on Sunday, it's still going to count and they're still going to keep score," Vitt said. "We

have to prepare and do whatever we have to do to compete."

Vitt is 2-3 since taking over for coach Mike Martz, who stepped down for the season while recovering from a heart ailment.

The Rams (4-6) will have

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used a 4-iron  
Witnesses: Manuel Ramirez  
and Ben Garcia Sr.

**No. 7 Kentucky 81, Liberty 51**  
At Lexington, Ky., Bobby Perry scored a career-high 22 points, and Rajon Rondo added 13 points and nine assists for Kentucky (4-1). Larry Blair had 26 points for Liberty (1-2).

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**TEXANS**

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to win all six of their games for even an outside shot at a wild card.

They'll have to do it without quarterback Marc Bulger, who is out indefinitely with a shoulder injury. Career backup Jamie Martin is 2-0 as a starter this year and Sunday will mark the first time the 35-year-old has started more than two games in a season.

"Martin has been around this league for a long time," said Rams offensive tackle Orlando Pace. "He's comfortable with our offense, and it's a situation where we just have to protect and he'll have a good go."

He didn't have too good of a go last week when he took over for Bulger late in third quarter of the Rams embarrassing 38-28 loss to Arizona. He was sacked twice with the second one resulting in a fumble that led to an Arizona touchdown.

Houston is trying to rebound from another embarrassing loss in this nightmare season after Larry Johnson piled up a Kansas City-best 211 yards rushing in a 45-17 victory. The Texans will have to win at least half of their remaining games to simply tie their expansion season record of 4-12.

The loss to Kansas City put a magnifying glass on the Houston's league-worst rushing defense, which is allowing 160.6 yards per game. The unit has allowed seven 100-yard rushers this season.

"Most important is stopping the run," said Texans linebacker Antwan Peek. "That's what we've been having the most difficult problem with this season and it's not going to stop now. We know they're going to run the ball and we've got to stop it."

If they don't, history indicates that it will be a good day for St. Louis. Since the Rams moved to St. Louis in 1995, they are 37-0 when having a 100-yard rusher.

With Bulger out, it will be even more important for Steven Jackson to recover from last week's performance of 12 carries

for just 6 yards. He has 167 carries for 735 yards this year.

"He's one of those rare backs, the more carries you give him, the stronger he gets as the game goes on," Vitt said. "(He's) a big guy and if you give him a crease, he can take it all the way."

While the Rams' fourth-ranked offense will have to depend on its running game, Houston's sputtering passing attack, ranked next to the bottom, might finally get a break.

St. Louis is among the league's worst teams against the pass and it could further deteriorate Sunday after the injury-riddled secondary took another blow. Strong safety Adam Archuleta will miss the game with a concussion and starting cornerbacks Travis Fisher and DeJuan Groce are both listed as doubtful.

The Rams' secondary have two inexperienced starters: rookie cornerback Ron Bartell and converted wide receiver Mike Furrey at safety.

Texans quarterback David Carr, who's been sacked a league-high 47 times, got his best protection of the season last week and was trapped just once. It didn't help much though as he threw no touchdown passes and had an interception. Kansas City returned for a score.

He's concerned with the lack of big plays by the Texans. Houston has only one play from scrimmage of more than 40 yards this season.

That stat would certainly change with a breakout game by Pro Bowl receiver Andre Johnson, who's had a disappointing season with just 29 catches for 259 yards.

One area where Houston hasn't lacked in big plays is kick returns, where rookie Jerome Mathis has given the team the NFL's best average. He has gained an NFL-best 32 yards per return and is the only player in the league to return two kickoffs for touchdowns this season.

Mathis could also return punts for Houston this week after punt returner and cornerback Phillip Buchanon was put on injured reserve.

**H.S. football playoffs — results and matchups**

**By The Associated Press**

**Class 5A**

EP Franklin (10-1) vs. Eules Trinity (11-1), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

**Region II**

**QUARTERFINALS**

A&M Consolidated 26, Richardson Berkner 7

**Region III**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Cypress Fairbanks (10-2) vs. Spring Westfield (10-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Spring's George Stadium

**Region IV**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Converse Judson 37, Harlingen 15

**DIVISION II**

**Region I**

**REGIONALS**

Southlake Carroll 52, Abilene 0

**Region II**

**REGIONALS**

Midland (10-2) vs. Plano (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

**Region III**

**REGIONALS**

Copperas Cove 30, Garland 14

**Region IV**

**REGIONALS**

South Garland (8-4) vs. Lufkin (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Nacogdoches' Homer Bryce Stadium

**Region III**

**REGIONALS**

Katy (11-0) vs. Beaumont West Brook (8-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Rice Stadium

**Region II**

**REGIONALS**

Cypress Falls 38, La Porte 35

**Region IV**

**REGIONALS**

SA Madison 31, PSJA 7

**Region II**

**REGIONALS**

Smithson Valley 56, Laredo United 28

**Class 4A**

Plainview (12-0) vs. Stephenville (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Jones SBC Stadium

**Region II**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Highland Park 45, Ennis 28

**Region III**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Marshall (10-1) vs. Houston Yates (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD

**Region IV**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Pflugerville Connally (11-1) vs. CC Flour Bluff (12-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Farris Stadium

**DIVISION II**

**Region I**

**REGIONALS**

Aledo 41, EP Chapin 35, OT Wolforth Frenship 56, Denison 14

**Region II**

**REGIONALS**

Lewisville Hebron (12-0) vs. Everman (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

**Region III**

**REGIONALS**

Wylie (9-3) vs. Killeen Ellison (7-5), 1:30 Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

**Region III**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Kilgore (11-1) vs. La Marque (12-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Conroe's Moorhead Stadium

**Region IV**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Brenham (12-0) vs. Rosenberg Terry (10-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Katy's Rhodes Stadium

**Region IV**

**QUARTERFINALS**

CC Calallen 13, Austin McCallum 10

**Region II**

**QUARTERFINALS**

New Braunfels Canyon 38, Edcouch-Elsa 10

**Class 3A**

Abilene Wylie (10-2) vs. Gainesville (11-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Irving's Texas Stadium

**Region II**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Kennedale (9-2) vs. Liberty-Eylau (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Rose Stadium, Tyler

**Region III**

**QUARTERFINALS**

West Orange-Stark 42, Giddings 21

**Region IV**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Wimberley 52, Hondo 8

**DIVISION II**

**Region I**

**REGIONALS**

Monahans (12-0) vs. Bridgeport (7-5), 6 p.m. Saturday, Sweetwater

**Region II**

**REGIONALS**

Canton 42, Emory Rains 14

**Region III**

**REGIONALS**

Tatum 28, Dallas Madison 19

**Region III**

**REGIONALS**

Cameron Yoe (12-0) vs. Kirbyville (8-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, Conroe's Moorhead Stadium

**Region IV**

**REGIONALS**

Hutto (10-2) vs. Bridge City (9-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Klein's Memorial Stadium

**Region IV**

**REGIONALS**

Liberty Hill (9-2) vs. Devine (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, SA's Comalander Stadium

**Region III**

**REGIONALS**

Cuero 56, Ingleside 17

**Class 2A**

Early (11-1) vs. Sanford-Fritch (10-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls

**Region II**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Argyle 32, Troy 0

**Region III**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Newton 26, Hughes Springs 6

**Region IV**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Comfort (8-4) vs. Industrial (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Seguin

**DIVISION II**

**Region I**

**REGIONALS**

Crane (11-1) vs. Idalou (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Sweetwater

**2), 2 p.m. Saturday**

**Sweetwater**

Childress 38, Coleman 7

**Region II**

**REGIONALS**

Celina 65, Hamilton 7

**Region III**

**REGIONALS**

Garrison 20, Kerens 13

**Region IV**

**REGIONALS**

Blanco (9-3) vs. Skidmore-Tynan (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Seguin

**Region II**

**REGIONALS**

Lexington (10-2) vs. Schulenburg (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Bryan's Viking Stadium

**Class 1A**

Stratford 41, Wink 0

Quanah 27, McCamey 13

**Region II**

**REGIONALS**

Lindsay 31, Albany 14

**Region III**

**REGIONALS**

Windthorst 42, Haskell 20

**Region III**

**REGIONALS**

Harleton (10-2) vs. Iola (11-1), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Tyler's Rose Stadium

**Region IV**

**REGIONALS**

Big Sandy 55, Dawson 0

**Region IV**

**REGIONALS**

Chilton 24, Shiner 0

**Region IV**

**REGIONALS**

Bremond 28, Brackettville 7

**Class Six-Man**

Meadow 55, Roscoe

**Region II**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Turkey Valley 48, Grandfalls-Royalty 42

**Region III**


**QUARTERFINALS**

Richland Springs 62, Blum 14

**Region IV**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Throckmorton 78, Trinidad 32



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## Through the wardrobe door

### QUIZ

How much do you know about "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and the Chronicles of Narnia?

1. What did Edmund hunger most for?  
A. Turkish Delight  
B. Chocolate Cake  
C. Marshmallow Fluff  
D. Honeycomb
2. Why are the Pevensie children, below, sent to the country?  
A. Their mother is ill  
B. It's summer vacation  
C. There are air-raids in London  
D. Poor school performance in the city
3. Who is the first to reach Narnia?  
A. Peter  
B. Susan  
C. Lucy  
D. Edmund
4. What is a faun?  
A. Half man, half goat  
B. Half man, half dwarf  
C. Half man, half horse  
D. Half man, half lion
5. Who tells the children about Aslan?  
A. Mr. Tumnus  
B. Mr. and Mrs. Beaver  
C. The White Witch  
D. Father Christmas
6. Father Christmas gives Susan what gift?  
A. A shield  
B. A sword  
C. A horn  
D. A horse
7. What is Cair Paravel?  
A. An island  
B. A castle  
C. A mountain  
D. A glen
8. Who are the children following when they return to the lamppost?  
A. Aslan  
B. Mr. Tumnus  
C. The White Stag  
D. The White Witch
9. The children kept warm in coats made of:  
A. Fleece  
B. Leather  
C. Wool  
D. Fur
10. The Witch, left, turns her enemies into:  
A. Stone  
B. Wood  
C. Dust  
D. Water



ANSWERS: 1. A 2. C 3. A 4. B 5. B 6. C 7. B 8. C 9. D 10. A

### ABOUT C.S. LEWIS

Clive Staples Lewis was born in 1898 in Belfast, Ireland, although he lived most of his life in England. He served in the British Infantry in World War I and was wounded at the Battle of Arras. He studied at Oxford and went on to become a professor, teaching at Magdalen College, Oxford and then Cambridge. His areas of study included English and literature.

He was a prolific writer of both scholarly work and fiction, and was a member of a literary society, which included J. R. R. Tolkien, Charles Williams and Owen Barfield. Several of his books are directly on Christianity, including "Mere Christianity," while others, including the Narnia series, contain strong Christian themes.

Lewis was an atheist for a period of time, before converting to Christianity and joining the Church of England. Although Anglican, he had stated that he was influenced by Roman Catholic friend Tolkien.

The Narnia series, which contains seven books, saw great success both during and after Lewis' lifetime. "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" was by far the most successful and was adapted for both stage and screen.

Lewis died Nov. 22, 1963. Media coverage of his death was overshadowed by the death of John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated the same day.



"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" tells a magical tale of good versus evil

In 1950, C.S. Lewis opened the door to a magical world of strange creatures, an evil witch, a powerful lion and four heroic children with "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." The book, written as a children's tale scarcely five years after the conclusion of World War II, captured the imaginations of kids and adults alike.

Now the story — the first in what became a seven-book series called the Chronicles of Narnia — is being released as a major motion picture by Walt Disney and Walden Media Dec. 9.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" takes place during the Second World War and tells the tale of the Pevensie children — Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy — who've been sent to live in the country home of an elderly professor to escape the London air raids. While playing a game of hide and seek, the children discover a magical wardrobe, which takes them to the land of Narnia.

But the extraordinary land — inhabited by talking beasts, dwarfs, fauns, centaurs and giants — has fallen on dark times. The evil White Witch has cast a spell on the once-charming land that makes it always winter, but never Christmas. Under the guidance of Aslan, a noble and mystical lion, the children fight to overcome the White Witch and free Narnia from her icy spell.

What unfolds is a profound tale of good versus evil set in a magical world filled with imagination and wonder. Here, we explore the world of Narnia, its inhabitants and the story that has touched readers for more than half a century.

— Wendy Zang, Knight Ridder/Tribune



### WHO'S WHO

- **Peter** (played in the movie by William Moseley): Oldest of the Pevensie children. He is the siblings' leader and protector.
- **Susan** (Anna Popplewell): Second oldest. Susan is known as sweet and kind.
- **Edmund** (Skandar Keynes): Third in the Pevensie line. Edmund can be a troublemaker. He falls under the spell of the White Witch.
- **Lucy** (Georgie Henley): Youngest of the children. Curious Lucy first discovers the gateway to Narnia.
- **The White Witch** (Tilda Swinton): The evil queen of Narnia.
- **Aslan** (voice of Liam Neeson): A lion and the hero of Narnia.
- **Mr. Tumnus** (James McAvoy): A faun — with the head and torso of a man and legs and hooves of a goat, he is the first creature Lucy encounters in Narnia.
- **Professor Kirke** (Jim Broadbent): The elderly professor (who lives in this world, not Narnia) takes in the children so that they may escape the air raids of World War II.
- **Mr. Beaver** (voice of Ray Winstone): A friend of Tumnus' and a help to the children.
- **Mrs. Beaver** (voice of Dawn French): Mr. Beaver's kind wife.

### THE PLACES

- **The Wardrobe**: Located in Professor Kirke's country home, the wardrobe is a passage way to the magical land of Narnia.
- **Narnia**: When the Pevensie children discover it, Narnia is under the spell of the White Witch. It is always winter, but never Christmas.
- **Professor Kirke's house**: The Pevensie children have been sent here to escape the London bombings.
- **The Lamppost**: The lamppost is located at the border between Narnia and the wardrobe door, in a wooded area



called the Lantern Waste.

- **The Stone Table**: A low, ancient table made of stone and carved with runes and symbols, where the children go to meet Aslan.

- **The Thrones at Cair Paravel**: According to ancient prophecy, bad times will end for Narnia when four humans (two girls and two boys) sit in the thrones.

### NARNIA AND CHRISTIANITY

(Spoiler alert: Some material here gives away the plot of the books and the movie.)

An undeniable correlation can be drawn between the story of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and the story of Christ.

Simply put, the heart of the book involves Aslan sacrificing his life for Edmund and then rising from the dead to bring new hope and life to all. However, C.S. Lewis said he did not intend the book as allegory.

"It all began with images, a farm carrying an umbrella, a queen on a sledge, a magnificent lion. At first there wasn't anything Christian about them; that element pushed itself in of its own accord," Lewis wrote in "Of Other Worlds."

Intentionally or not, the book takes inspiration from the Gospel themes of betrayal, death, resurrection and redemption.

Readers and scholars also draw parallels between other specific elements of the story and Christianity.

- Edmund's insatiable desire for the White Witch's Turkish Delight leads him into her clutches, much like Adam and Eve's desire for the forbidden fruit lead them to eternal damnation. Edmund is eventually saved by Aslan's sacrifice.

- The Stone Table, according to some scholars, is a reference to the stone tablets that Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai containing the Ten Commandments. The stone table's destruction represents the end of an older, crueler era and the dawn of a kinder, gentler era.

- The Emperor-Over-The-Sea, who gets only minor mention in "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," is Aslan's father, and represents God.

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## Engagement



Melissa Gale Cantrell and Chris Allan Copeland

### Cantrell, Copeland to wed

David and Reba Cantrell of Barry are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Melissa Gale to Chris Allan Copeland, son of Ernie and Donna Copeland of Blum and Terry and Lanell White of Big Spring.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Blooming Grove High School and is

currently employed by Avery Flooring in Corsicana.

The groom-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Big Spring High School and is currently employed by Sherwin Williams in Ennis.

The couple is planning an outdoor ceremony June 10, 2006, at the home of the bride's parents.



Lacey M. Knight and Benjamin W. Blaine

### Knight, Blaine to wed

Lacey M. Knight of San Angelo and Benjamin W. Blaine of Wingate announce their intention to exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. March 18, 2006, at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The future bride is the daughter of Alan and Mitzi Knight of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Pete and Peggy Sanderson, the late Billie Sanderson, Orvel Knight of Breckenridge and Jerry Filler of Midland.

The future groom is the son of Al Blaine of Wingate and Deanie Blaine of Abilene.

Lacey is a Big Spring High School graduate and earned her bachelor's of arts with a minor in business degree at Angelo State University in 2005.

Benjamin is a graduate from Winters High School and attended Ranger Junior College.

He is currently employed by QCI-Trent/Mason Windfarms, Midland.



Amanda Renee Reyes and Armando Louis Rivera

### Reyes, Rivera to wed

Bill and Rosie Lain of Coahoma announce the engagement of their daughter Amanda Renee Reyes of Abilene to Armando Louis Rivera of Colorado City.

The ceremony is set for May at Holy Family Catholic Church in Abilene.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Julian and the late Gregoria Reyes of Colorado City and Phillip and Sally Vigil of Westbrook.

The future groom is the son of Jesse and Irma Rivera of Colorado City. He is the grandson of Louis and Sagie Rivera

and Pete and Amelia Martinez, all of Colorado City.

Amanda is a 1999 graduate of Coahoma High School.

She received her bachelor of arts degree in advertising and public relations in 2005 from Angelo State University.

She is employed by the Abilene Reporter-News as a media consultant.

Armando is a 1998 graduate of Colorado City High School.

He is employed by Union Pacific Railroad.

Following the ceremony, the couple plan to reside in Abilene.

## Births

**R**aylee Beth Mallett was born Nov. 16, 2005, at 11:36 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

Her parents are Leland and Harmony Mallett. Her grandparents are Lee and Sandy Mallett of Artesia, N.M., and Denton and Beth Wiggains of Las Vegas.

**M**ichael Lee Muñoz Jr., a boy, was born Nov. 4, 2005, at 8:03 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

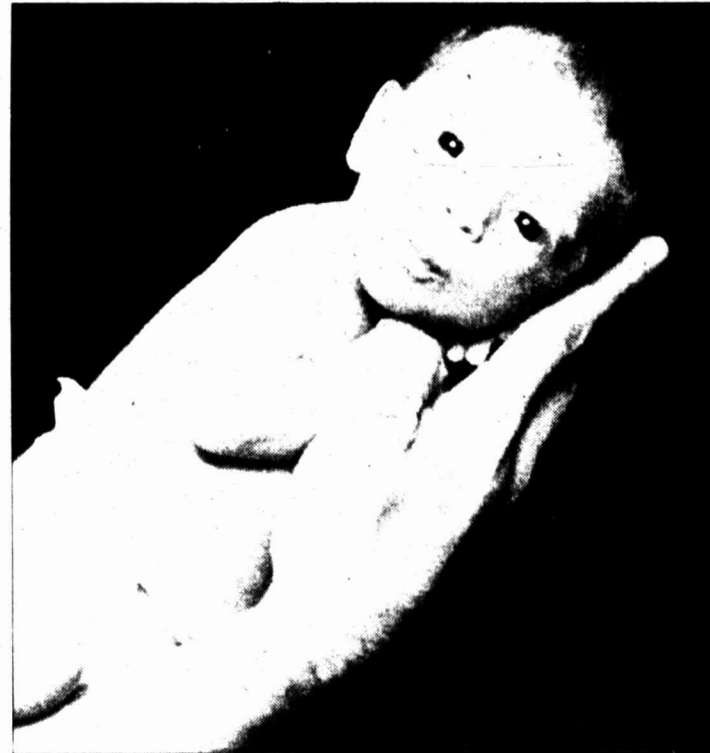
His parents are Melinda Muñoz and Michael Lee Muñoz of Big Spring. His grandparents are Diana Ovalle

of Big Spring. Sammy Muñoz Sr. of St. Louis, Mo., Joannette Muñoz of Big Spring and Herman Orosco.

Michael was welcomed home by sibling A'Jae Iziah Contreras.

**S**am Michael O'Brien, a boy, was born Sept. 22, 2005, at 5:48 p.m. weighing 4 pounds, 10 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches in length.

His parents are Matthew and Sami O'Brien of Abilene. His grandparents are Sam and Linda Buchanan of Big Spring and Ret. Master Sgt. and Mrs. Michael O'Brien of Abilene.



Sam Michael O'Brien

### Symphony set to perform 'A Symphonic Christmas' Dec. 18

The Big Spring Symphony Association presents "A Symphonic Christmas" at 8 p.m. Dec. 17 in the Municipal Auditorium.

The special event features the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra

with music director and conductor, Dr. Keith Graumann.

Alex Edgemon is counter-tenor and the Coahoma Choir Kids will also perform, directed by Sandy Wallace.

The symphony orches-

tra is performing "The Nutcracker Suite," "Sleigh Ride," "Carol of Bells" as well as other traditional holiday music.

Edgemon, a Big Spring native, will perform "Christmas Song" and "Gesu Bambino."

The Coahoma Choir Kids will present music as well.

A Christmas carol sing-along will be led by the symphony orchestra.

Tickets are available at the *Big Spring Herald* or by calling 264-7223.



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# Who's Who



Cevan Smithson

### Cevan Smithson

Cevan Smithson is the son of Debra and Tommy Smithson.

He has maintained the highest grade point average among boys at Sands High School for four years and is a four-year member of the National Honor Society.

He has participated in UIL academic activities for four years and was a regional qualifier as a freshman and junior. Cevan has participated in one-act play since he was a sophomore.

He has been in the FFA for four years and has served as student council vice president four years. He is listed in Who's Who and was selected for the Best Smile and was Most Outgoing.

Athletically, he has participated in football four years and was all-district and all-region as a junior. He participated in basketball as a freshman and sophomore and has been on the track squad for four years. He has also participated in tennis for four years, golf for three years and cross country one year.

Texas. Each student will receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond.

The Distinguished Youth Program is designed to recognize girls who rank high academically and who are leaders in their schools and communities.

Miranda is sponsored by the following local entities: Sid Richardson Maintenance Department, Big Spring State Hospital Employees, No Fences and the communities of Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma.

### Austin Barton

Austin Barton, the son of Debra and Don Barton of Coahoma, was selected to the Austin College Student Development Board.

The 45-member board is selected each year in interviews held by the Board's executive committee and members of the Office of Admission.

SDB members assist the college professional staff in promoting Austin College. The group assists with opening of school activities, Parent and Family Weekend, Homecoming, Preview events, Kangaroo Camp, Honors Convocation and Commencement as well as high school visitations programs and campus tours.

Barton is a Coahoma High School graduate.

has been the French horn section leader for the past three years.

She is also an active member of the BSHS UIL academic team; has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and is an All-American scholar in both academics and journalism.



Kristen Marie Duncan

### Kristen Marie Duncan

Kristen Marie Duncan was one of 28 women to take part in the coronation of Rose Queen as a Duchess during the 2005 Texas Rose Festival in Tyler in October.

Duncan, the daughter of and James and Rita Duncan of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, is a sophomore at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She is majoring in international business and Spanish and is member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

She is the granddaughter of J.T. Langley and the late Marguerite Langley of Big Spring.

She is a graduate of Highland Park High School in Dallas, where she was a freshman and junior varsity cheerleader. She participated on the cross country track team. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and was a member of the Freshman Leadership Council and principal's advisory committee. She was the recipient of the "You Make A Difference Award" her junior year.

She attended Camp Waldemar. She is a member of Highland Park Presbyterian Church and participated in Young Life Bible Study. She has volunteered for the Genesis Women's Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, the Family Place and Children's Medical Center Style Show. She spent the summer of 2005 studying Spanish in Spain and also studied Spanish in Mexico in the summer of 2003.

Her sister, Leigh Langley Duncan, was a Duchess in the 2003 Rose Festival.



Alyssa Rains

### Alyssa Rains

Alyssa Rains, a junior at Big Spring High School, has been named to the All-State Journalism staff for the second year, an honor reserved for 20 students state-wide. To be eligible, Rains had to acquire more than 50 points during University Interscholastic League journalism competitions.

She is the daughter of Susan and Clark Lowery of Big Spring and John and Barbara Rains of Austin. She is the granddaughter of Edith Russell of Big Spring.

Rains is the feature editor of both The Corral and El Rodeo for BSHS. She is also a member of the BSHS Honor Band and



Miranda Jennings

### Miranda Jennings

Miranda Jennings, the daughter of Mike and Heather Jennings of Big Spring, has been selected as a candidate in the Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program, an event at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin Friday through Sunday.

Two state title holders were expected to be announced Sunday afternoon as well as the new Little Miss if Texas and the new Young Miss of

## In the Military

### Air Force Tech. Sgt. David C. Collinsworth

Air Force Tech. Sgt. David C. Collinsworth is currently deployed overseas at a forward operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations.

The sergeant is a multi-purpose vehicle craftsman regularly assigned to the 27th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, N.M.

He is the son of James Collinsworth of Big Springs and Joan Sanders of Lubbock.

Collinsworth is a 1981 graduate of Spearman High School, Texas.

## Newcomers

• Bobby Friesenhahn, wife, Susan, son Jimmy Ray, 1 year old, formerly of San Antonio.

• Brandi Swinney, daughter, Aurora, 6, formerly of Bakerfield, Calif. She works for the Sears store.

• Roxanna Kennedy, formerly of Brownwood.

• Oland Whitecotton, formerly of Canbridgeshire, England. He is the director of environmental and occupational health and safety for the VA Medical Center.

• Scott Antilley, formerly of Abilene. He is the assistant superintendent of the city of Big Spring golf course.

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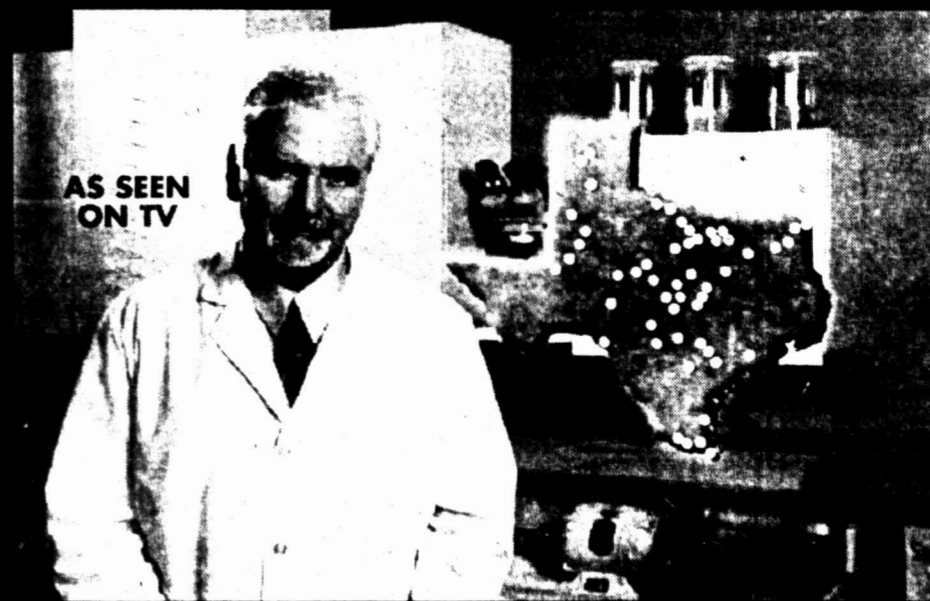
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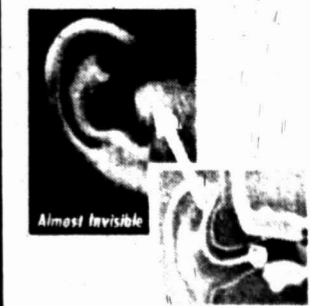
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## Workplace Corner

DEAR LYNDA,

My best friend Gina and I work for the same company and in the same

department. Gina started working there about a year before I did and actually recommended me for the job. We have been friends since high school (about 10

years) and frequently socialize outside of work. Here's the problem:

There is a job opportunity in the company for which we're both qualified. It would mean a promotion in both title and pay.

You have probably guessed that we both have put applications in for the job. Gina has told me that I should withdraw my name so she can get the job.

She claims that because she has been with the company a year longer, she is more deserving.

She also said that if I were a real friend, I would understand. I really want this job, but I don't want to lose my best friend.

What should I do?

BEST FRIEND

DEAR BEST,

You have a real problem on your hands. The first is real state of your friendship.

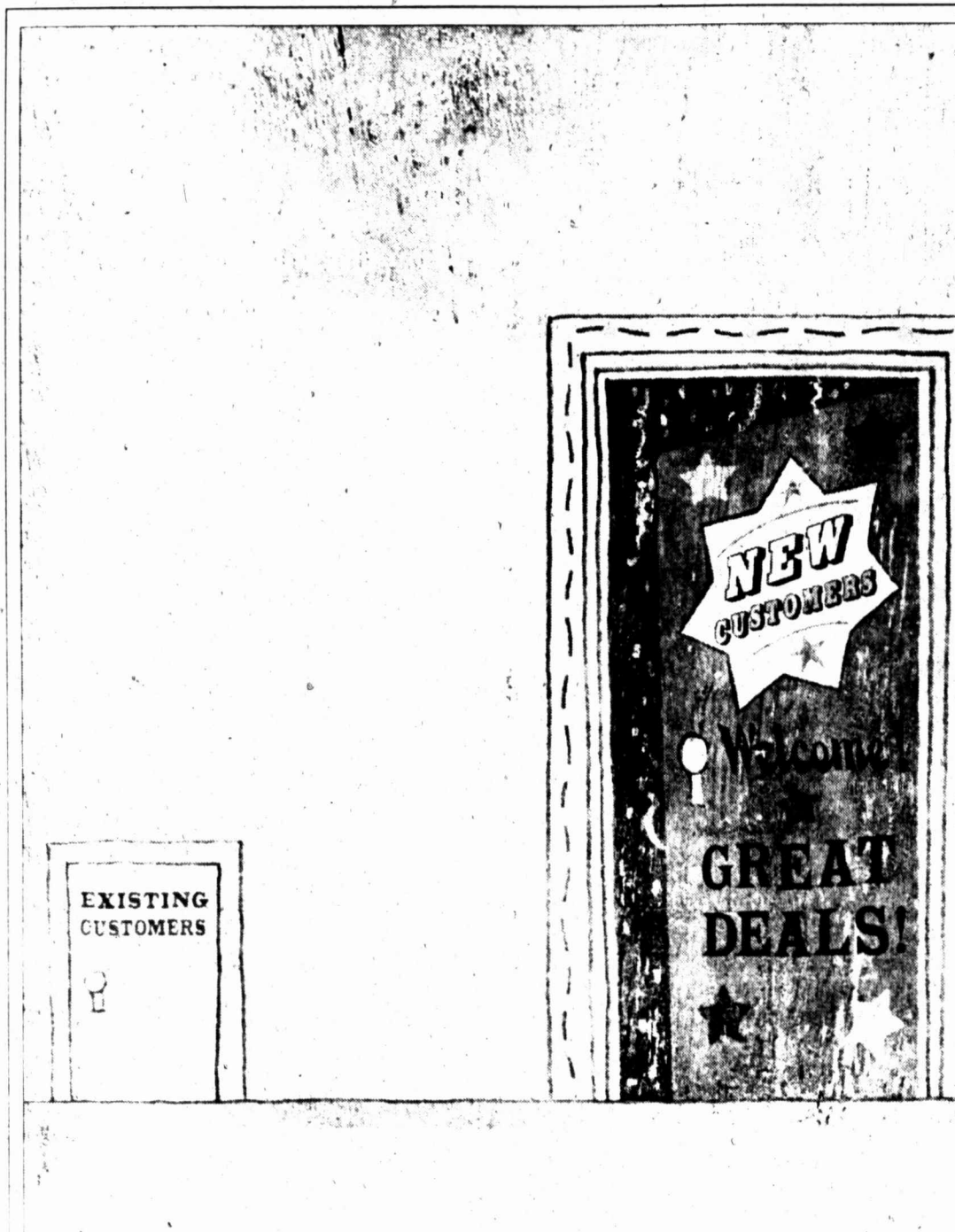
It seems that if you and Gina were truly best friends, you both would be encouraging and offering support to each other. Gina seems to want a friendship based on you getting out of her way. But you have decisions to make. If Gina's friendship is that important to you, then getting this job will probably impact it.

So decide what is more important: the friendship or the job promotion. That will help guide you in your decision-making. Good luck.

*Lynda Ford is president of The Ford Group, a management and human resource consulting firm. She can be contacted at asklynda@fordgroup.com or (315) 349-0266.*



LYNDA FORD



## New customers get deals that longtimers don't

By TERRY MAXON

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — How would you like a new Nokia V1-3155i cell phone with a built-in FM radio? You're in luck. It's free for new Sprint customers who buy online.

But current customers in the middle of their contracts?

Expect to pay the full price of \$189.99.

DSL broadband service from SBC Communications Inc., Verizon Communications Inc. or other suppliers is cheap for new customers, not so cheap for existing customers.

New DirecTV customers can get a free digital video recorder. Existing ones may get a rebate, but they still have to pay.

It's one of the more frustrating and annoying experiences for consumers.

They see a great deal offered by their cable operator, cell-phone com-

pany, Internet provider or satellite television company, but they can't take advantage of it because they're already a customer.

On one hand, it may seem unfair that the existing customers have to pay more or can't get special packages simply because they are already signed up. It's as though they're being punished for their loyalty.

But businesses say promotions exist strictly to reel in new customers.

After all, anglers offer bait to the fish they haven't caught yet, not to the ones already in the boat.

Southern Methodist University marketing professor Daniel J. Howard said that companies are increasingly turning to promotional deals and pricing because they work. Consumers, once hooked by a promotional price or deal, tend to stay hooked.

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## IN HIGH COTTON



Raymond Martinez, left, and Eloy Garcia are "walkin' in high cotton" in a field owned by Knott farmer Kenneth Schuelke, formerly owned by Larry Shaw. courtesy photo

## Upcoming activities

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, will meet with Farm Service Agency employees and committee members from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the Glasscock County Community Center in Garden City.

The VA Task Force will meet at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

A ribbon cutting and open house will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 1 at Brushworks, 2106 Scurry in Big Spring. The public is invited.

Nominations are being accepted now for Big

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## Texas occupational injury and illness rates below national average

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — In the latest reporting period, the Texas incidence rate of nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses was lower than the national average. The Texas incidence rate for 2004 was 3.7 injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time workers, down from 4.0 in 2003. The national incidence rate was 4.8. This is the 15th consecutive year that the Texas rate has been lower than the U.S. rate.

The Texas injury and illness rate information was obtained from a survey conducted by the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics

(BLS) of the U.S. Department of Labor. The rates are based on survey findings from approximately 9,000 private industry establishments in Texas, and data are categorized by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes. These codes are assigned to employers based on production processes.

In Texas, incidence rates decreased or remained unchanged from 2003 in most major industries, although 6 percent increases were seen in both financial activities and leisure and hospitality. Rate increases occurred in utilities (4.7 in 2004 compared to 3.4 in

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## RIBBON CUTTING

Dr. Joseph Chavez, center, is joined by staff members, Chamber of Commerce officials and Chamber Ambassadors at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at his offices at Malone & Hogan Clinic Wednesday morning. Chavez has a pediatrics practice at the clinic.

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District Filings:
Adrienne Christina Suazo vs. Bernie Winfred Suazo, divorce.
Rachell Nicole Smith vs. Chad Byron Smith, divorce.
Nora Porras Bustamante vs. Joe M. Bustamante, divorce.
Juan Manuel Garcia vs. Bertha Susan Hinojos Garcia, divorce.
Rachel Salamanca vs. Armando Salamanca, divorce.
Tonia Brooks vs. George Bruce Hancock III, divorce.
Mary L. Rawls vs. Johnnie H. Rawls, divorce.
Staci Lynn Fraley vs. Lyndon Trent Fraley, divorce.
Alicia Moran vs. Rigoberto Terrazas Moran, divorce.
Dionne Fletcher Stiles vs. Frankie Lee Stiles Jr., divorce.
David Scott Warneke vs. Marivic Degua Warneke, divorce.
Manda Lisman Meeks vs. Randy Dale Meeks, divorce.
Melanie Dawn Sneed vs. William Elgin Sneed, divorce.
Brian K. Allen vs. Maranda J. Allen, divorce.
Cecil Len Bingham vs. Celeste Ann Bingham, divorce.
Severo Montes Morales vs. Isabel Romero, divorce.
Paula Renee Friday vs. Carl Stanley Friday, divorce.
Sandra Lee Wright vs. Arvil Don Wright, divorce.
Mindy Waltenbaugh vs. Ricky L. Waltenbaugh, divorce.
Cliff Castilaw vs. Daphne Castilaw, divorce.
Great Seneca Financial Corp vs. Landori B. Turrentine, accounts, notes and contracts.
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. vs. Dancel C. Wagner and Christina Wagner, accounts, notes and contracts.
Credigy Receivables Inc vs Ronald Lee, accounts, notes and contracts.

Credigy Receivables Inc. vs. Johnny Ramirez, accounts, notes and contracts.
Crown Asset Management vs. Shane M. Burt, accounts, notes and contracts.
Zurich American Ins. Co. vs. The State of Texas et al, accounts, notes and contracts.
Darrell Callahan vs. Alex Rodriguez, accounts, notes and contracts.
Sybil Blackwood vs. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., injury or damages - other.
Reginal Dean Kendrick vs. Shirley J. Dawson, injury or damages - other.
Dewey Sigmon vs. Amy Lou Hearn, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Linda Neal vs. William Leslie Neal, family protective order.
Rebecca Bustamante vs. Jose Trinidad Cantu, family protective order.
The state of Texas vs. Abel Silva, forfeiture.
The state of Texas vs. Matthew Casey Obrien.
Warranty deeds with vendors lien:
Grantor: Michael H. Hall and Barbara Hall
Grantee: Ray M. Smith and Evelyn Smith
Property: Lot 2 and a tract out of Lot 1, Block 6, Washington Place
Date Filed: Oct. 20, 2005
Grantor: Derwood Blagrove
Grantee: Wylie Stokes and Veronica Stokes
Property: Lot 23, Block 2, Capehart Addition
Date Filed: Oct 21, 2005
Grantor: Donna C. Ashley Bennett and Jerry Bennett
Grantee: Mike D. Towne
Property: Lot 37, Block 6, Monticello Addition
Date Filed: Oct 21, 2005
Grantor: Phillip Bridge and Christi Bridge
Grantee: Cody Wells and Marie

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Property: Lot 4, Block 2, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date Filed: Oct. 21, 2005
Grantor: Martha Dean Fielder
Grantee: Gregory L. Moore
Property: Lot 8, Block 13, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date Filed: Oct. 21, 2005
Grantor: Lanny Hamby
Grantee: Joshua Hamby
Property: Two tracts out of Lots 1 and 2, Block 22, Original town of Big Spring
Date Filed: Oct. 25, 2005
Grantor: Wendell Stasey, Patricia Aylor and Maribeth Scott
Grantee: John R. Middleton and Cynthia Middleton
Property: The N.2 of Section 21, Block 33, T-2 N. T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Oct. 25, 2005
Grantor: Troy Koenig
Grantee: Michael McLinton and Shawna McLinton
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date Filed: Oct. 25, 2005
Grantor: Jason Caldwell and Teresa Caldwell
Grantee: Rex Rainey and Angela Rainey
Property: A tract out of Section 26, Block 33, T-2 N. T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Sept. 27, 2005
Grantor: John Paul Brown
Grantee: Wendell Stasey
Property: The N.2 of Section 21, Block 33, T-2 N. T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Sept. 27, 2005
Grantor: Lesa Smith
Grantee: Randy Smith
Property: A tract out of Section 48, Block 32, T-2 N. T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Sept. 27, 2005

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2003), real estate and rental leasing (4.3 in 2004 versus 3.8 in 2003), educational services (up to 1.8 in 2004 from 1.7 in 2003),

and accommodation and food services (3.7 in 2004, while the rate was 3.4 in 2003). In manufacturing, the industries with the highest rates were animal (except poultry) slaughtering (15.5); rendering and meat byproduct processing

(13.0); motor vehicle body and trailer manufacturing (12.9); soft drink manufacturing (12.3); foundries (11.7); forging and stamping (11.1); and meat processed from carcasses (10.1). The highest rates in the service providing sector were seen

in couriers and messengers (13.1); water, sewage and other systems (12.9); air transportation (12.5); beer, wine, and distilled alcoholic beverage merchant wholesalers (9.7); hospitals (8.5); building material and garden equipment and supplies

dealers (7.2); and nursing and residential care facilities (7.1). In the construction sector, the framing contractors and electrical contractors industries experienced the highest rates with 7.9 and 7.6, respectively.

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DEALS

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"They offer them to people who don't currently use their products because of a fundamental psychology that is known as commitment and consistency," Howard said.

"Once you get a customer to buy in, typically, historically, scientifically and empirically, there is a tendency for people to stay," said Howard, who chairs the marketing department at SMU's Cox School of Business.

Consumers, who have to make thousands of buying decisions, don't want to revisit ones they've already made, he said.

"Once they make the decision — 'I'm going to go from A to B in terms of product or service' — there is a very strong tendency to stay with that," he said. "Oftentimes, companies offer incredible offers just to get us to buy, knowing that once you got 'em, you're going to have 'em for a while."

The special offers, while attractive, also contain enough hooks to make sure the customer sticks around long enough for a company to make a profit: The introductory price may be good for only three months; a two-year commitment may be required; huge price jumps sometimes go into effect long before the commitment ends.

It may seem one-sided to consumers. But companies often don't recoup their investments in a customer until late in the game because of the high upfront costs to catch him or her.

A typical experience is that of Alltel Corp., a Little Rock, Ark.-based telecommunications company. In the third quarter, it cost Alltel \$348 to add a new wireless phone customer. By comparison, its average revenue per user was only about \$54 a month.

Obviously, companies have to hold on to the customer a while to earn back their money — which explains the one- and two-year contracts that have become prevalent, particularly for wireless phone companies.

"To begin making a profit on services provided, a customer has to stay with you more than one year," Sprint Nextel Corp. spokeswoman Roxie Ramirez said.

And those acquisition costs begin with that neat new phone that cellular companies offer at heavily subsidized rates. Typically, a cellular provider is subsidizing a new phone at \$150 or more.

"You have to recoup the cost of the subsidy," Ramirez said. "Most wireless customers would not be able to afford a phone if they weren't heavily subsidized by the wireless providers."

Jim Gordon, a spokesman for Comcast Corp., said the cable company does offer promotional rates from time to time that current customers can't take advantage of. In defense, he noted that Comcast continually invests in its service to give current customers more.

For example, Comcast has increased the speed of its Internet broadband service several times without raising the price and improved cable ser-

vice with such features as video on demand, which was introduced in its Dallas-Fort Worth markets in late 2004.

"Those features, if paid for separately, would add to a consumer's bill. We're able to roll out product enhancements all the time that add to their value," he said.

Ramirez said cellular phone companies realized belatedly that they needed to invest in keeping customers, not just signing them up. Now companies are focusing on reducing churn, or customer turnover, not just gross additions to the customer list.

"I think you've seen an evolution — for Sprint in particular," she said. "When we first launched our service, it was a new-customer frenzy. You focused on adding new customers, and nobody paid attention to churn. It was all about gross adds. Now it's not just important to companies, it's also important to Wall Street."

The two largest cellular phone companies offer an example of the importance of controlling churn. Cingular Wireless LLC, the largest, signed up 4.4 million subscribers in the third quarter. But because of subscribers leaving Cingular, it reported a net addition of only 867,000 customers.

No. 2 Verizon Wireless LLC signed up only 3.8

million customers during the same period, 600,000 fewer than Cingular.

But because its churn rates are so low, its customer base jumped 1.9 million in the quarter, more than twice that of Cingular's.

Sometimes companies will lower the price of service or replace a handset for existing customers, even if they're not required to do so. The trick is to call customer service and ask, a tactic more effective for a customer who's prepared to switch to a competitor.

SBC spokeswoman Destiny Belknap said that SBC offers its cheap DSL promotions to "attract more customers and get them to stick with us."

"That said, we value all our customers, both our new customers and our existing customers. We're always willing to work with our customers, indi-

vidually, case by case, and provide that customer service," Belknap said. "We want to attract new customers, and we want to keep old ones."

James H. Leigh, associate marketing professor at Texas A&M University, said consumers are always looking for a good deal, and the promotions attract them. But companies sometimes don't get the desired results if the offer isn't restricted to new customers, as a study on coupon use has shown.

"The study found that at least for responding to coupons in the newspaper, the people who are more likely to respond to it are people who are regular purchasers," Leigh said.

"The whole idea was to get people to switch from what they regularly buy and try this," Leigh said. "That doesn't always hold."

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- Blade of a windmill
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- Brunch drink
- Bill Ford's grandfather
- Like some exclusive communities
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Help Wanted

**GREATER OPPORTUNITIES OF THE PERMIAN BASIN INC. HAS THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION AVAILABLE:**

**Position:**  
Education Staff Development/Literacy Manager

**Hours:**  
8:00-5:00 Per Day  
10 months

**Salary:**  
COE/E \$40,000+

**Summary:** Will supervise and monitor educational progress of teachers and teacher aides, working with area educational institutions. Will serve as TEEM monitor and direct all classrooms with continued literacy training.

**Education/Experience:**  
MA in Early Childhood Education and at least 2 years experience in a Head Start/Childcare setting as a consultant, or mentor.

BA in Early Childhood Development or related field with Early Childhood endorsement or CDA and 5 years consultant or management experience in a Head Start/Childcare setting. All applicants must:  
Be 18 or older.  
Bring transcripts and documentation of management experience.  
Pass a pre-employment drug screen.  
Post-employment Criminal History check must be clear of felony convictions to continue employment with the agency.

Agency offers OJT, full benefit package for all full and part-time employees. Applications available on line [www.gopb.org](http://www.gopb.org)

Applications, resumes and transcripts may be faxed to (432)337-3773.

Job will remain open until filled. Submission of a resume, applications and resume does not guarantee an interview. Applications will be accepted until December 2, 2005. No phone calls please. EOE

**MAINTENANCE FACILITY WORKER.** Experienced only. Call (432)263-1271, 2009 Virginia, Big Spring.

**MODULE TRUCK DRIVERS** needed. All shifts available. Class B drivers licenses required. Experienced drivers only. For inquiries, call (432)353-4570.

**TUBING TESTER** operator/derrick person. Must pass drug test. Good wages. Call Jesse, (432)213-0739 after 7:00 p.m. only!

Help Wanted

**NOW ACCEPTING** applications for:

1. LVN - Mitchell County Hospital 7AM to 7PM
2. 2 LVNs - Wallace Prison Medical Unit 3 PM to 11PM
3. RN - Mitchell County Hospital 7AM to 7PM
4. RN - Mitchell County Hospital 7PM to 7AM

These are full time positions with benefits. Contact Human Resources at (325)728-3431, ext 7105.

**WAREHOUSE/PLANT WORKERS NEEDED BIG SPRING AREA**

Immediate openings for long term employment. Requirements are: experience working in a warehouse or a plant environment. Some forklift experience helpful. Positions are for cotton seed plant located in Big Spring. Contact Kelly Services of Midland at (432)689-9801. Never an applicant fee. Equal Opportunity Employer

**WE ARE** Looking for an out-going person to start part-time 25 to 30 hours week. Flex hours includes some Saturday work. Will be opening new accounts, teller work, cross selling products to members. Good starting pay. Must Pass Credit Check & Drug Test. Please apply in person only at Cosden Federal Credit Union 400 E. Marcy. This is a great opportunity for someone.

**Instructional**

**DRIVING SCHOOL**  
New Class December 5th Register Nov. 25th & 26th Big Spring Mall between 5:00p.m.-7p.m. (432)268-1023 or 263-2505.

**Items for Sale**

**FRESH SHELLED** Pecans this year. Can't pick up at Buffalo Country. Final Call (432)267-1180 after 5:00p.m.

**ONE** of a kind 16x24 workshop, ready for delivery, financing available. Call (432)563-3108.

**SLIGHTLY BLEMISHED.** 12x16 storage, free delivery and financing available. Call (432)563-3108.

**Jobs Wanted**

**CHRISTIAN LADY** seeks job as live-in caregiver for elderly. Excellent local references. Country Okay! Call (432)563-5307, (432)425-6387

**SPA REPAIRMAN** Will work on any brand of spa. Call (432)563-1807.

Miscellaneous

**BIG! "RED"** Barn ready for delivery, financing available. Call (432)563-3108.

**CAKES:** Wedding, Anniversaries, Quinceanarios, Arches, Candelabras and florals. FREE DELIVERY. Call Grishams (432)267-8191.

**FREE PALLETS.** Good for do it yourself wood projects. Pick up behind the Big Spring Herald's office at 710 Scurry.

**OVERSTOCKED 10X16** storage, ready for delivery financing available. Call (432)563-3108.

**Pets**

**AKC WEIMARANER** male puppies for \$200.00. Call (432)213-1556.

**CKC CHIHUAHUA** puppies - 2 males & females. AQHA Bay Gelding, 4 years old. Very Gentle. Call (432)263-1701 or 466-3999.

**Real Estate for Rent**

**HAVE YOU HEARD...**

- Efficiency Apts \$175/mo. (432)263-1271
- One Bedroom \$225/mo. (432)263-1271
- Two Bedrooms \$300/mo. (432)263-1271

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New Appliances & Full Size Washer & Dryer in Apartments

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- Fitness Room
- 2 Playgrounds

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1 BR \$195  
(432)263-2292

Real Estate for Rent

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**KENTWOOD APARTMENTS**  
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**BEAUTIFUL GARDEN COURTYARD**  
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**1 & 2 Bedroom UNFURNISHED PARKHILL TERRACE APARTMENTS**  
800 W. Marcy Drive 263-5555 263-5000

**1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms**  
Rent Based on Income  
**NORTHCREST APARTMENTS**  
1002 North Main Big Spring, TX (432) 267-5191

**1 Bedroom Apartments** Move-in 50% off 1st months rent  
**Coronado Hills Apartments**  
801 W. Marcy Big Spring, TX 79720 (432)267-6500

**1314 MT. Vernon.** 3 Bedroom, Office, Screened porch, Central heat. No pets! References Required. \$425 month. \$250 deposit. Call (432)263-3535 after 6:00 pm

**FOR RENT** large 1 bedroom, 1503 Scurry A. All bills paid. \$400 month. \$150 deposit. Call (432)264-6611.

**2 BEDROOM,** 2 bath, fenced yard. No pets. Deposit. Call (432)263-7259.

**2 Thru 6 Bedroom Homes.** Pool, 24 hour maintenance, Central Heat and Air, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, furnished. Washer/dryer connections. **(432)263-3461 -Tom.**

**4219 HAMILTON.** 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Call (432)267-3841 or 517-0642.

**802 1/2 Nolan-** 1 bedroom, \$400.00 All Bills. 2528 Fairchild 2 or 3 bedroom, \$350/\$450. 32 Trailer- 5600 South Service Road. Call (432)264-9907.

**803 & 811 Lorilla** both have 3 Bedroom. Partly furnished. Also have a lot for sale set up for Mobile Home. Call (432)263-7854 or 816-9713.

**BUILDING for LEASE** for retail or office. 1712 Gregg. Approximately 5,000 sq. ft. \$750 month + deposit. Call WESTEX Auto Parts (432)263-5000.

**HEIGHTS APARTMENTS**  
1 Bedroom - \$400. month \$200. deposit. All Bills Paid 403 East 8th Call (432)267-2771

**HOMES TO Rent!**  
Three Bedrooms 1517 Kentucky Way- \$400.  
Two Bedrooms 807 Anna- \$300.  
3006 Cherokee- \$300.  
One Bedroom 502 1/2 Goliad- \$240.  
Call (432)267-7380.

**Real Estate for Sale**

**2 Thru 6 Bedroom Brick Homes.** No Down Payment. Owner Financing. Bad Credit OK. 6 Month warranty. Call **Maria (432)263-3461.**

**4 Bedrooms,** 2 bath, approx. 2100 square feet on approx. 1 acre, fenced, 3 car covered carport. Coahoma Schools. Many New Features. By Owner (432)393-5430.

**BY OWNER** 1508 Sunset Ave., 2 bedroom, 2 bath, carport and storage shed. \$25,000.00. Call (432)816-9018.

**OWNER FINANCE.** 19605 North Hwy. 87 in Ackerly, 2.64 acres. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath w/barn. On 87 and 2230. \$26,000.00. \$3,000 Down. Toll Free 866-894-4591, 325-650-5900.

Real Estate for Sale

**SALE or LEASE:** Nice 3 bedroom house, near Washington School. Call (432)466-3999.

**VERY NICE** 2 bedroom, 1 bath, CH/A, fenced backyard, with 2 storage buildings, double carport. 1205 Wood. \$26,000. Call (432)263-2694.

**Vehicles**

**3 New 2004 Ford Freestar Vans 12,000 Off MSRP**  
**Bob Brock Ford**  
500 W. 4th 267-7121

**Legals**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Sale to satisfy landlord's lien of furniture, vacuum, TV, baby seat and miscellaneous items of the following tenant now stored at Great Dane Storage, 1510 West 4th St., Big Spring, TX 79721.

Jason D. Canales  
Sale to be held at the Spring City Auction, 501 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX, to the highest bidder on December 9, 2005.  
#4792 November 27 & December 4, 2005.

Advertisement for Bids  
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:  
**RFB# 06-009**

**Contract Security Services**  
Specifications and drawings may be obtained from Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. (432)264-5167. e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 in the Howard College, Administration Building, A2, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.

All questions must be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167. e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
#4793 November 20 & 27, 2005

Advertisement for Bids  
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:  
**RFB# 06-008**

**Irrigation Project (Day Care Grounds)**  
Specifications and drawings may be obtained from Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. (432)264-5167. e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 in the Howard College, Administration Building, A2, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.

Technical questions are directed to Ricky Sneed, Grounds Supervisor, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. (432)264-5095. e-mail: rsneed@howardcollege.edu. Bidding questions are directed to Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell, Big Spring, TX 79720. (432)264-5167. e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
#4794 November 20 & 27, 2005

**LEGAL NOTICE:**  
These Texas Lottery Commission scratch-off games will close on December 31, 2005. You have until June 29, 2006, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#441 PLAYER'S CLUB** (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 2.89. **#478 FIND THE 9'S** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.85. **#487 \$300,000 CASINO THRILLS** (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 2.35. **#527 WILD 10'S** (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.14. **#542 MONEY JAR** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.81. **#548 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.76. **#556 CASH WIN-FALL** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.39. **#584 GIMME 5** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.83. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$999.999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Services at 1-800-37-LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at [www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org) for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws. Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A scratch-off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. Play Responsibly. Remember, it's just a game. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education.  
#4795 November 27, 2005

Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHS**

The Sagittarian solar energy zings through the universe, igniting the drive to explore, expand and expect more from life. With the moon in Libra, this growth spurt is made exponentially grander with the right partner - someone who wants the same things (anything different from what's already known) as you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Patience may be a virtue, but it's not one that's valued in our society of instant gratification. The wait is worth it. So plant a seed and then go do something else. Don't push for results.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). It was probably a Taurus woman who said: "Chocolate, men, coffee - some things are better rich." But it really is unfortunate when your extravagant spending habits affect your relationships - better to pay your own way.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). People around you need to be heard. It's almost more important that you listen to someone's story than it is that you solve his or her problem. Use those bright, alert eyes of yours to honor others with your attention.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The prize goes to the one who doesn't give up and today, that's you. You may complain and you may even despair, but you will not let go of the issue until you have a happy resolution.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). In regard to your recent relationship "incident," you'll soon feel as good as new. But wounds heal by degrees. So trust that things are getting better, even if you don't feel it all the way yet.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People who tend to use others are easy to spot, but hard to say "no" to. The surest way to get a fair-weather friend off your back is to ask for a favor. Your perpetrator will say, "no problem" and then run for the hills.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Needing to be right is dangerous at worst and boring at best. But you're above all that. You not only admit your mistakes, but you also profit from them! Hopefully loved ones appreciate your open mind.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's no wonder children love you and romantic contenders flock to you. You turn drudgery into something interesting with a bolt of genius from your fertile imagination.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make sure you're enjoying your experiences while they happen instead of mentally leaping into the future. A new relationship has wings, but keep it on the ground for now - one step at a time.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Pace your efforts. Everything happens better at a relaxed rhythm. You'll need a cushion to protect yourself from unexpected drains on your energy. Healthy habits fortify your reserves.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Usually you're amenable to compromise, but do the hard thing - maintain your position. You'll get your way, which is actually better for everyone. Progress that has been hampered will now flow again.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Last night left a question unanswered. The mystery won't be solved any time soon, so try to feel tantalized rather than tortured about it. Social issues arise. Try to accept the best from friends and ignore the rest.

**Legals**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
CITY OF BIG SPRING  
CITY COUNCIL  
5:30 PM, DECEMBER 13, 2005  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
307 E. 4TH STREET,  
BIG SPRING, TEXAS  
**REPLAT OF WORTH PEELER ADDITION**

NOTIFICATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR REPLAT OF A SUBDIVISION DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 6, LOTS 13, 14, & 15, WORTH PEELER ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.  
#4799 November 27 & December 4, 2005

Answer to previous puzzle

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