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# Local mechanic files for county judge's post on Democratic ticket

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Local resident Ron L. "Smurf" Sawvers' name will be on the Democratic Party ballot in the March primaries, as the Big Spring mechanic filed Friday to run for Howard County judge.

Sawyers, who is better known to his friends simply as Smurf, said he has considered running for the office in the

"I've thought about it before

and I didn't run," said Sawyers. "I've lived in Howard County for a long time and I don't know if I can make a difference in things, but I'd sure like to try."

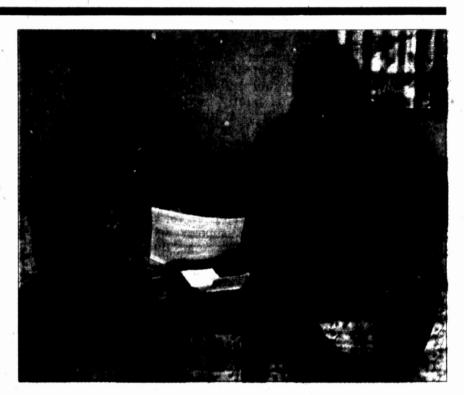
While many political hopefuls will hang their aspirations and ideas on the polls in 2006, Sawyers said he has no political agenda in mind.

"There weren't any particular issues that made me decide to run," said Sawyers. "I've been a mechanic for about 35

years now, and it's wearing me down. It would be nice to have a job that's not so inclined

See JUDGE, Page 3A

Ron L. "Smurf" Sawyers, right, who announced his candidacy for **Howard County Judge Friday,** goes over his filings with local **Democratic Party Chairman** Wayne Burns. Sawyers is set to square off against fellow **Democrat Woody Jumper in the** March primaries.



## **Symphonic Christmas** promises collection of favorites

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

Big Spring's holiday traditions are just not complete without Christmas music, and Big Spring Orchestra Symphony



brings to the stage a collection of favorites which somefor thing everyone with A Symphonic

Christmas" at Graumann 8 p.m. Dec. 17. "I try to

choose a repertoire that the audience in Big Spring will appreciate. There are some pieces only a stuffy music educator might enjoy, but we want to do things people here know and will enjoy hearing. I really like to say, the Big Spring Symphony is for everyone," said Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor for the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale.

And a vast variety of holiday traditions and classics, as well as a few pieces sure to delight all

See SYMPHONY, Page 5A



## Telling THE STORY OF CHRIST

Above, Clarence Hawkins, left, and Jordan Herrod pertray a scene from the Bible during Friday night's opening of the annual First Church of the Nazarene Drive Thru Nativity. Below, Jeff Powell portrays the rising of Christ. The nativity is open nightly from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. through Sunday.

**HERALD** photos/Thomas Jenkins



# Jet crashes in Nigerian city; 103 dead

By ONYEMA GODWIN

**Associated Press Writer** 

PORT HARCOURT, Nigeria (AP) — A Nigerian jetliner carrying 110 people, most of them schoolchildren, crashed stormy weather Saturday while landing in this delta oil port, and at least 103 people were killed, officials said.

Nigerian Civil Aviation spokesman Authority Sam Adurogboye said early reports indicated that seven people survived the crash of the

McDonnell Douglas DC-9, which left the capital, Abuja.

"They were breathing and were taken to the hospital. They are responding to treatment," he said. He did not say if the survivors were passengers or crew members.

An airport worker said burned bodies lay across the landing area after the plane broke into pieces.

"The place where I'm standing now is scattered with corpses," the worker

Airlines' See CRASH, Page 3A

## Salvation Army Angel Tree program moving slowly, Keeney says

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The annual Salvation Army Angel Tree program, which provides Christmas gifts for the area's needy, is moving along slowly according to Army officials, but that could be a part of the grand scheme in the end.

Capt. Russ Keeney said angel adoptions for the

program have been quite slow this holiday season. but he's confident the true message of the Christmas holiday will be spelled out when the dust

 or snow flake — settles. "We certainly don't want any child to go without this Christmas holiday," said Keeney.

See ANGELS, Page 5A



## No doubt! They're 'superior students'

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Rochelle McMeans and Kristen Richard had a thing or two to teach the so-called professionals.

Big Spring High School seniors Kristen Richard, left, and Rochelle McMeans recently developed professional level projects that were judged superior under a program developed by the **Texas Education Agency.** 

seniors are just your typical highachieving students — besides being National Honor Society members, they are also busy with a number of other extra-curricular activities, such as playing in the band or working on the school newspaper.

But, as if they didn't have enough to do, they decided last year to radically increase their workload.

McMeans, Richard and several other students in the BSHS gifted and talented program participated See SUPERIOR, Page 5A

The two Big Spring High School in the Texas Performance and Standards Project, a program administered by the Texas Education Agency that encourages students to develop professional quality projects in a field of their choosing.

McMeans decided to develop a project involving skits and songs to encourage good nutrition in young children. Richard worked on a computer program designed to use

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#### BEERLESS BAR

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — The beer taps behind the bar at a northeast Ohio pub are sitting unused after the owner discovered he set up shop in a dry district.

More than \$560,000 was invested in Legends Sports Pub & Grille in nearby Plain Township before owner Mike Bolognue learned from the state Division of Liquor Control that he couldn't get a liquor license. Bolognue said he plans to serve food until May, when voters can decide whether to approve alcohol sales. The pub opened Nov. 16.

"We're the only sports bar in the world, we think, that doesn't sell alcohol," Bolognue said.

#### POLAR EXPRESS

Coahoma Elementary's second annual Polar Express Drive Thru is set for 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Dec. 15.

The drive thru consists of 10 lighted, animated stops with students acting out scenes from the book. The line starts forming at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma High School parking lot.

The first attraction will be the high school band playing Christmas music. Hot chocolate and cookies will be for

There will also be a chance for children to have their picture taken with Santa Claus.

All proceeds will go to the playground.



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## **Obituaries**

#### **Bjorn Petter "Pete" Zetterstrom**



Bjorn Petter "Pete" Zetterstrom, 33, died Dec. 5, 2005, at Allgemeines Krankenhaus (General Hospital) in Vienna, Austria, of complications from a pulmonary embolism. Mr. Zetterstrom was in Vienna on business, working at a job he loved that supported a family he loved much, much more.

Pete Zetterstrom was born Feb. 10, 1972, in Stavanger, Norway, to Signe Lundh and Fredrik Zetterstrom. He

moved in 1983 with his mother and stepfather, Mel Griffin, to Atlanta, Ga. The family then moved to Borger, where Pete graduated from high school. He attended Texas Tech University, receiving a bachelor of music (vocal) performance degree in 1996.

He married Kathryn O'Hara Dawes Dec. 29, 1995, and they had their first son, William Henrik, in February of 1997 and their second son, Espen Andreas, in June of 2001. Pete was the Vice-President of Tour Development.

Western Division, for British European Specialty Tours, based in Indianapolis, Ind. Albeit too short, he spent his lifetime bringing immeasurable happiness to his parents, brother and

sisters; loving his wife unconditionally, wholly and gently; and being a father who beautifully exhibited patience, humor, exuberance, joy and love.

Pete was preceded in death by his father, Fredrik Zetterstrom of Stavanger, Norway, and is survived by his wife, Kathryn and two sons, Henrik and Espen, in Lubbock; mother and stepfather, Signe and Mel Griffin of Wimberley; a brother, Flemming Zetterstrom, his wife Janne and children Heike and Brage of Austevoll. Norway; a stepsister, Tammy Hohman, her husband Howard and son Brayden of McKinney; a stepsister, Jennifer Pennington, her husband Bryan and sons Austin and Colton of Kyle; his maternal grandmother, Diddi Lundh of Drammen, Norway; his parents-in-law, Joseph and Susan Dawes of Big Spring; an aunt, Aud Zetterstrom and her sons Frank and Stig of Stavanger, Norway; an uncle, Oivind Lundh, wife Britt and children Agnete Djupevag, Alexis Lundh, Dina Egeland and Andreas Lundhof Ogna, Norway; an uncle, Gregers Lundh, his wife Magnhild and children Francis, Sunniva, Live and Gard of Gjovik, Norway; and a host of friends heartbroken at the loss of a dear

Pete Zetterstrom was a faithful member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Lubbock, where his services will be held Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at 4 p.m. with a reception to follow.

St. John's United Methodist Church has established The Zetterstrom Family Fund. Those wishing to contribute to this fund may do so at St. John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University Avenue, Lubbock 79401, or directly to American State Bank, 1401 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79401.

Paid obituary

#### **Alice Mae Churchwell**



Alice Mae Churchwell, 71, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at James F. Hollis her residence. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Craig Felty of Cornerstone Church officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 19, 1934, in Miami, Fla., to Mary Louise and Phillip Charles Altman. She graduated from Miami Jackson High School in 1954. Alice mar-

ried Virgil C. Churchwell Dec. 31, 1954, in Miami, Fla. They came to Big Spring in 1957. He preceded her in death on May 2, 1997. Alice was a Baptist and a homemaker. Her hobbies were the beach, fishing and danc-

She is survived by two daughters, Wanda Rudinger and husband, James of Big Spring and Mary Haire and husband, Johnnie of Ingleside; four grandchildren, Sgt. Barbara Kepley of Ft. Bragg, N.C., Charlie Rudinger of Taylor, Mich., Richard E. Brackeen II of Ingleside, and Cindy Pritchard of Plainview: four great grandchildren, Richard E. Brackeen III, Victoria Pritchard, Liam Espinosa and Morgan Kepley; and a brother, Ray Altman of Pinbrook Pines, Fla.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, David Altman and Phillip Altman.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Rudinger, Richard Brackeen, Chris Churchwell, Jack Nixon, Dennis Churchwell and Johnnie Haire. Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Churchwell, Thomas L. Owen and Virgil F. Owen.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com. Paid obituary

#### Robert "Bobby" Dawayne Miller



Robert "Bobby," Dawayne Miller, 39, of Sand Springs died Thursday, Dec. 08, 2005, at Mt. View Lodge. Funeral Services will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Walter McCall of Odyssey Hospice officiating. Private burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 27, 1966, in San Diego, Calif. He came to Howard County in 1978 from San Diego and graduated

from Coahoma High School in 1986. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. He is survived by his mother, Margie Cochron of Sand Springs; a brother, Gary Miller of Odessa; a sis-

ter, Donna Kennedy of Sand Springs; and several niece, nephews, aunts and uncles. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

#### Venita J. Blassingame

Venita J. Blassingame, 72, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

She was born Oct. 16, 1933, in Key and married Joe Blassingame Feb. 5, 1955, in Ackerly.

Venita had lived in the community since 1955. She worked for Fina for 25 years, where she was the office manager at the time of her retirement in the early 1990s. Venita enjoyed crocheting, quilting and yardwork. She loved her family and cooking for them. She enjoyed watching her grandson play baseball.

Mrs. Blassingame was a member of the Desk and Derreck Club, the ABWA and the Fina 25 Year Club. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church where she was active in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Bible studies.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Joe Blassingame of Big Spring; one son and daughter-inlaw, Eddy and Joyce Blassingame of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Marty Brooks of Coahoma; a sister and brother-in-law, Daphne and Buster Snellgrove of O'Donnell; six grandchildren, Collin McMillan, Wade Salvato, Lane Salvato, Jennifer Painter, Tonia Brooks and Michael Brooks; and three great grandchildren, Sydni Salvato, Nicki Salvato and Cody Hancock.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin Hogg and Jonnie Harry Hogg.

The family suggests memorials be made to Baptist Temple Church, 400 East 11th Place, Big Spring 79720. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring, made at: Online condolences can be www.npwelch.com.

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James F. Hollis, 71, of Carbon, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, in Eastland. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at the Leon River Cowboy Church in Olton. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Pastor Paul Howie of the Leon River Cowboy Church officiating.

He was born Nov. 29, 1934, in Howard County and married Margaret Doris Box June 1, 1955 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Nov. 19, 1996.

James grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. He worked for Cosden Oil and Chemical for 32 years before retiring. He moved to Carbon in 1997 where he was involved in farming and ranching.

Mr. Hollis had been a member of the Berea Baptist Church in Big Spring and was affiliated with the Leon River Cowboy Church in Olton.

Survivors include two brothers and sisters-in-law. Preston and Joann Hollis of Canyon and Eston and Faye Hollis of Big Spring; two sisters-in-law, Glenna Hiltbrunner and husband, Ray, and Jeannie Pitts, all of Big Spring; five nephews and four nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Lucy Hollis.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-5, Midland 79701; or to the American Diabetes Association, Midland Office, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220E, Midland

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

# Support groups

#### SUNDAY

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

#### **MONDAY**

 Encourager's Support Group meets the first and third Monday of each month. The group meets at 6 p.m. All widows and widowers are invited. For more information, call 398-5522.

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 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-smcking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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## Police blotter

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

• JUAN DIAZ, 36, of El Paso, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

 AMANDA KAY BURCHAM, 18, of 208 Moore Road, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft.

• ECTOR BRANDON JARAMILLO, 19, of 1305 Lexington, was arrested Friday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• CODY NICHOLAS SPOLLINO, 17, of 2631 Langley, was arrested Friday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• DESIREE LAVERNE SAVELL, 27, of 3310 Drexel, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while

license suspended/invalid. • MARK PAT JUAREZ, 43, of 810 E. 13th Street, was

arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 2500 block of Wasson. in the 200 block of FM 700.

• FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 2300 block of

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

# Sheriff's report

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

· MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area of

## Take note

 COAHOMA ELEMENTARY'S SECOND ANNU-AL POLAR EXPRESS DRIVE THRU is set for 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Thursday. The line to view the 10 animated stops starts forming at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma High School parking lot. Hot chocolate and cookies will be for sale.

 AN OLD FASHIONED COOKIE EXCHANGE is set to start at 2 p.m. Sunday at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1200 E. Fourth. Bring four dozen cookies to exchange for four dozen different cookies. For more information, call 263-2253.

• DRIVE THRU NATIVITY is set for 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. today through Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

 THE ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES, sponsored by the Big Spring Symphony Association and Guild, is canceled for the 2005 holiday season. Organizers are making preparations for the 2006 event. For more information, contact the guild at 264-7223.

 NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce until Thursday. Contact the Chamber at 263-7641 for an application.

## Weather

Tonight-Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Light and variable winds.

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night-Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds around 10 mph becoming light and

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Tuesday-Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Tuesday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday-Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Wednesday night-Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper Thursday—Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Thursday night-Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Friday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-11-20-35. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-2

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## ONE-VEHICLE ACCIDENT



Law enforcement and rescue personnel examine the site of a one-vehicle accident on Todd Road south of Big Spring Friday afternoon. The driver of this vehicle was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with minor injuries.

## **JUDGE**

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**District Judge** 

**District Clerk** 

**County Judge** 

'Smurf" Sawyers

**County Clerk** 

R-None

R-None

R- Ben Lockhart (i)

D-Donna Wright (i)

**County Surveyor** 

D-Michael McBrayer

**County Treasurer** 

D-Woody Jumper, Ron

R-Colleen Barton (i)

D-None

**D-None** 

R-Robert H. Moore III (i)

toward bodily injury." Sawyers said there's no big secret for running a successful campaign, as the candidate gets ready

Who's filed?

to get people motivated.

'We have to get people on their feet and registered to vote," said Sawyers sternly. "We also have to get the people who are already registered off their butts and get them out there to cast their ballots. Voting is

Commissioner Pct. 4

R-Roy D. Beauchamp

R-Kathryn Wiseman (i)

Peace Justice, Pct. 2

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R-Jim Landtroop, Plainview

R-Quail Dobbs (i)

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R-Randy Neugebauer (i); ····

very important. It should be very important to everyone. It's your Godgiven right to vote."

Area voters shouldn't let Sawyers' playful and humorous demeanor fool them, as he's ready to get down to business if he's elected.

'This is one of the most serious things I've had in front of me in a long time. I don't know if I'll want the office once I'm in it, but from here I really want to try to do this job and make a difference. I want to do it to the best of my ability," he said.

Also recently filing was Howard County Clerk Donna Wright, who will run for re-election on the Democratic Party ticket, as well as County Surveyor Michael McBrayer, who will run as a Democrat as well.

The filing deadline is 6 p.m. Jan. 2. For more information. contact **Howard County Elections** Administrator Saundra Bloom at 264-2273.

Thomas Jenkins at 263 7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail

#### By THOMAS JENKINS Jameson will present the court with pipeline cross-

Staff Writer

The Howard \*County commissioners will meet Monday morning to discuss several items.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will present the commissioners with invoices and purchase requests, as well as budget amendments. Olson is also expected to request authorization to go out on bids for office supplies.

Teresa Thomas, county treasurer, will make a presentation to the commissioner's court concerning personnel considerations and a payroll report. Thomas is also expected to make her quarterly report to the commissioners.

**County Road and Bridge** Administrator Eddy

ings and a report on county road maintenance.

Varied agenda for commissioners

Phil Furqueron, construction administrator, is also expected to make a report concerning ongoing renovations at the courthouse and the county library, as well as other county facilities.

**County Extension Agent** Tommy Yeater is also expected to address renovations at the county fair barn.

County Judge Ben Lockhart is expected to entertain approval of the 2006 terms of court, in addition to request cancellation of the commissioner's court's Dec. 26 meeting.

Lockhart is also expected to make a presentation concerning a county-wide burn ban, as well as a ban on aerial fireworks.

The meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 "Bobby" Robert Dawayne Miller, 39, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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#### **CRASH**

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anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Frantic family members at the airport said the plane was carrying 75 pupils heading home for the Christmas holidays.

Adurogboye said there was stormy weather around the airport at the time of the crash and witnesses said they saw lightning flashes as the plane approached.

Saturday's crash was the second Nigeria air-

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plane accident in seven weeks — raising questions about air safety in Africa's most-populous nation.

Nigerian-owned Sosoliso Airlines was established in 1994. It began scheduled flights as a domestic airline in July 2000 and now flies to six Nigerian cities.

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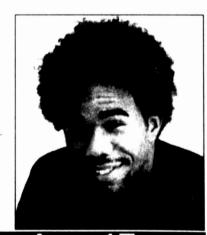
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OUR VIEWS

# Holiday season filled with many, many activities

week ago, we were talking about all of the activities that were going on, such as the Herald Community Christmas Parade, Living Christmas Tree and more. With those passed, you'll be happy to know there are still plenty of activities to celebrate the holiday season and bring joy to your hear, and a sn le to your face.

Our apologies in advance if we've overlooked some events; there are 1 any.

Under way at the First Church of the Nazarene is the Drive Thru Nativity. If you have not experienced this, it is one of those "must see" Christmas events. There are 17 scenes featuring live characters and animals which depict the life of Christ. You'll enter the display on Lancaster (the church is located at 1400 Lancaster) and be given the opportunity to use a prerecorded cassette tape or co...pact disc which contains a narrative of each of the scenes.

The nativity is something the entire family will enjoy. There is no charge, though donations are accepted. It continues through Sunday, opening at 6:30 p.m. and accepting visitors until 9:30 p.m.

Thursday is a day for multiple activities. It's the second year for The Polar Express at Coahoma. This is another drive through activity, geared mainly for children but fun for everyone. The drive it begins in the high school parking lot - contains 10 lighted, animated stops with students acting out scenes from the book, "The Polar Express." It begins at 6:30 p m. and continues accepting visitors until 8:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity for children to have their photo taken with Santa Claus and hot chocolate and cookies will be for sale. Proceeds go toward the elementary school playground fund.

Also that evening, Comanche Trail Park comes "alive" with the unveiling of the Festival of Lights. Almost a million lights are included in this year's festival and more than 30 businesses, civic groups, school groups, churches and others have set up adopta-spot displays. Last year's festival drew more than 16,000 visitors from 37 states and 12 countries. The lights will be on display through Dec. 31.

The 10th annual toy give-away from Spring Tabernacle Church is set for 10 a.m. Friday. This event gives new and barely used toys and clothes to parents and grandparents who are raising their grandchildren, all free and available on a first-come, firstserved basis. The Rev. Arnold Tonn and his wife, Mona, along with a handful of dedicated volunteers, work year-round to have the give-away be a great success, offering holiday cheer and spiritual comfort at this special time of year.

Last year, Spring Tabernacle Church provided four or five toys each to nearly 300 children. The only requirement is that parents find child care for the give-away, so they are free to select their gifts. It is even permissible to bring the children and the caregiver, if necessary; just so long as the parents may select the gifts without the children seeing the toy

room. Heritage Museum presents the Red Dress Tea Dec. 17, now in its fourth year of holiday festivities. This event brings a touch of yesteryear to the holidays, celebrating a simpler time when ladies needed a special occasion to wear their holiday finery.

Another special event happening Dec. 17 is the comfort quilt presentation by the Signal Mountain Quilters Guild to CASA. These quilts, made throughout the year by the members of the guild, will be used by the victims of child abuse and neglect served through the local Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children. That presentations is set for 2 p.m.

While this is not an exhaustive list, there are still plenty of opportunities to enjoy the Christmas season with family and friends as well as see how Howard County celebrates Christmas.

Other events include

· An Old-Fashioned Cookie Exchange at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1200 E. Fourth, beginning at 2 p.m.

 A lasagna dinner Tuesday followed by a musical performance of "A Sombrero for Santa" by the third grade class at Kentwood Elementary. The meal begins at 6 p.m.

• The Big Spring symphony presents "A Symphonic Christmas" Dec. 17 at 8 p.m.

· StarTek is having a canned food drive to benefit

the Salvation Army Dec. 17. · The Angel Tree and the Senior Angel tree programs, sponsored by the Salvation Army as well as the Teen Angel tree program allow community members to give back to others this holiday season.

# Case files of the criminally stupid

andom thoughts while shivering:

It's been while since we searched the Files of the Criminally Stupid, so let's correct that oversight with this news item from the Associated Press:

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — In an unusual case of mistaken identity, a woman who apparently thought c block of white cheese was cocaine was charged with trying to hire a hit man to rob and kill four men.

The woman also was mistaken about the hit man. He turned out to be an undercover police officer.

Jessica Sandy Booth, 18, was arrested over the weekend and charged with four counts of attempted inurder and four counts of soliciting a murder. She remained jailed Tuesday on \$1 million bond.

According to police, Booth was in the intended victims' home last week when she mistook a block of queso fresco for cocaine - inspiring the idea to hire someone to break into the home, take the drugs and kill the men.

An informant described the plot to police, who arranged a meeting between Booth and the undercover officer.

A few observations:

· Apparently, Ms. Booth hasn't read the "Know Your Drugs" chapter of "Crime for Dummies," or else she would have known that it's very important for people who are considering committing drug offenses to at least have some idea of what the drug in question looks

Now, I'll admit that I might not

know the difference between a pile of cocaine and a mound of cheese. On the other hand, you're not going to catch me soliciting capital murder anytime soon, either.

 Considering her age, it only goes to prove that youth are blessed with just about everything except common sense.

As humorous as the episode might seem, however, it did have a serious side: As one of the arresting officers said, "Four men were going to lose their lives over some cheese.'

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And that, gentle readers, is nothing but sad.

Ms. Booth has company in this week's walk through the FCS, as evidenced by this AP bulletin:

PORT JERVIS, N.Y. (AP) - A19-year-old man was behind bars Tuesday after allegedly biting the head off a gecko as part of a bet.

Derrick Ford was being held in the Orange County Jail on charges of felony animal cruelty, police

Ford was at a friend's home Sunday when someone bet him \$10 that he wouldn't bite the head off a gecko, police said.

Though Ford won the bet, it wasn't long before police showed up and placed him under arrest.

Remember what I said about teenagers earlier in this column?

The good news is that this guy at least has a \$10 head start on paying his fine.

The bad news is that he's going

to be remembered as "the idiot who bit the head off that lizard." The good news is that when his grandchildren feel bad about pulling some dumb stunt, he'll be able to put their minds to ease.

"Gee, Grandpa, I've done some dumb stuff in my life, but nothing like that!"

And just because I have to have something Santa-related in my col-

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) - A blackcurtain has risen between a shopping mall Santa and a lingerie store to shield children from a display of skimpy undergarments.

The Victoria's Secret window display includes a leggy mannequin in a hot-pink thong and a bra and the message "Give Me Sexy."

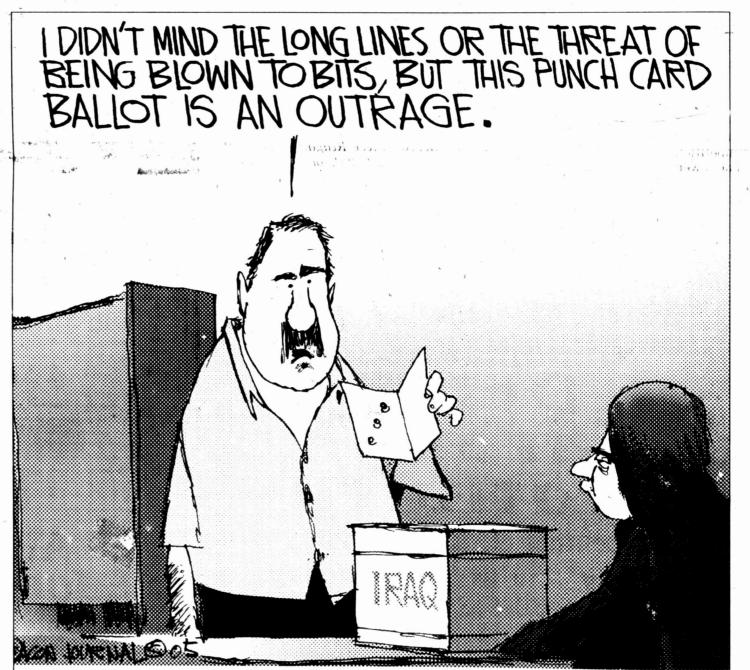
Following complaints from parents, management at Valley View Mall on Thursday raised the curtain to shield Santa's chair — and his young visitors — from the display.

"I want to make sure that everyone feels comfortable," mall spokeswoman Mandy York said. "We can't move the store ... We don't have control over what they put in their windows.'

Shirley Fairchild, waiting in line to see Santa with her grandchildren. Allison, 11, and Logan, 6, said the black curtain did a good job of hiding the lingerie-clad mannequins from children's view.

On a related note, the number of fathers bringing their children to see Santa dropped dramatically after the curtain was put in place.

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



### Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanksgiving has come and gone, but it occurred to me this morning as I sweated through exercises required to rehabilitate my knee after complete knee replacement surgery that Big Spring is a very blessed city.

We have the Dora Roberts Rehab right here in the heart of Big Spring. I doubt that the average citizen who passes by their building realizes what wonderful healing takes place in that building. Those of us enduring therapy tease the therapists — Kaki, Toby, Jason and Susan — that they are the meanest people in the world, when in actuality, they are the kindest people I have ever known.

Dora Roberts offers rehab for all sorts of injuries. I would bet that they have helped or will help every family in this city at one time or another. At the present time, I am taking rehab for a knee replacement and my husband is in a wellness program after taking cardiac

rehab.

Dora Roberts is a non-profit organization, so everyone gets the same kind of treatment no matter what his or her income is.

In this season of giving, I urge you to put \$5 or more if you can afford it in an envelope and send it to Dora Roberts Rehab rather than buy your grandchild that 100th Hot Wheels car or the latest Ipod. I can guarantee you will do a lot more good for your community.

May we always remember to count our blessings, both great and

> JUDY BYNUM BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Did you enjoy your parade Saturday? I'm glad you did because I didn't. Do you have any idea what like having Western Container's big rig in front of your house with a boom box blaring "Frosty the Snowman" over and

over or being blocked in your driveway by somebody riding on a

And these people could care less that they are infringing on your privacy. Hey, they're in a parade. So what if you're inconvenienced? So what if their dog poops in your yard, hey, that's your problem because they're in a parade.

But I can promise you this: Next year this is not going to happen. For the four years since I got this house, I've had to clean up behind the people who parked in front of my house for this "parade" and I'm tired of it. My wife and I are senior citizens and there's no reason for us to have to go through this torment every year.

If you want these big rigs in your parade, then line them up in front of your house and you listen to the racket for three solid hours and let's see how you feel.

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## SYMPHONY

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ages are part of the itinerary for the

The Coahoma Choir Kids, directed by Sandy Wallace will perform three wellrehearsed songs — "On Silent Night," by Joyce Eilers; "Angels' Carol," by John Rutter; and "A Holiday Hand Jive," by Greg Gilpin, compete with toetapping and hand-clapping movement,

"I think she has one of the best elementary music programs in all of West Texas," Graumann said, speaking of Wallace.

Big Spring's own Alex Edgemon, a countertenor, will perform "Christmas Song" and "Gesu Bambino," as well as some inspiring art songs learned during his university studies, Graumann said.

"A countertenor is a male voice able to sing the higher register where women normally sing, but with a masculine, vibrant sound that is exciting to hear,' Traditional Christmas favorites,

including "The Nutcracker Suite," "Sleigh Ride" and "Carol of Bells" will be performed by the symphony orches-

Joyce Bradley will perform "O Holy Night," which has become a Big Spring Christmas tradition, he said.

"I have the rare opportunity to con-

duct a professional symphony orchestra. especially considering there are so few, just 250 in the United States, and this gives me the unique opportunity to work with some of the finest musicians available anywhere," he said.

The 55-to-60-member symphony is composed of musicians from El Paso, Abilene, Lubbock, Big Spring, Midland and Odessa. The concert master. Sue Baer, travels from Arizona to appear in Big Spring.

Graumann explained Baer's position is that of head violinist, requiring her to organize and lead the violins in synchronized bowing.

'There is more weight pulling the violin bow than there is pushing the bow, bow fibers. While it looks great to see all the violinists bow in unison, its not done for the way it looks, it's done for the sound quality," Graumann said.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students, available at the Big Spring Herald, Blum's Jewelers, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Faye's Flowers, Heritage Museum, First Bank of West Texas and at the door of the Municipal Auditorium the night of the concert.

Read the Big Spring Herald each day this week for a chance to win free concert tickets.

Contact Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331 partly from gravity and partly from the or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com.

#### **ANGELS**

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"We would like to see things move at a quicker pace. However, we have no doubt God will provide for them. I think he likes to wait until the last minute, that way we know it's from Him.'

There will be plenty to provide for this holiday season, with more than 550 angels adorning the symbolic trees, which are located at several area businesses.

'We have 425 children in the program, on top of 90 senior angels and 50 teen angels," said Keeney.

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with their emotions.

m isic therapy to help

autistic children deal

The projects proved to

be even more involved

than they sound. Each

student spent months

generating ideas, consult-

ing with professional

mentors, gathering mate-

rials and fine-tuning their

projects before presenting

them at district and state

Facts were checked and

double-checked. Other

teachers and students were called in to help the girls with their presenta-

If all that sounds some-

what overwhelming, well,

emphasis on the last two

Richard was quick to

"There were a quite a few times when I thought.

'What did I get myself into?" she said. "Coming toward the end of the pro-

ject, little bumps in the

road would come up -

things didn't work out like they were supposed

to, or people I really need-

ed to talk to weren't available. But eventually, everything worked out."

The girls' projects first

passed muster at the dis-

trict level, then were judged superior at a recent state competition.

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sionals in the field," according to state guide-

received all 5s from

judges, while Richard

Cindy Hillman, gifted

and 'alented coordinator

for the school district, put

the scores into perspec-

"To receive a 3 is amaz-

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ject reflected professional

work," Hillman said. "To

receive a 5, however, is

amazed — astonished,'

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McMeans

"It was busy. I was stressed a lot," McMeans said, putting additional

competition.º

words.

concur.

Indeed.

"We also have at least one family from the Katrina evacuation among the angels, so there's a major need within the community this year.

"We have trees set up at Wal-Mart, the Big Spring Mall, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the TravelCenters of America truck stop. We also have a special Angel Tree for our seniors at the Big Spring Herald."

Keeney said it's quick and easy to participate in the annual program.

"To help out, all people have to do is take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that child or senior," said Keeney. "It this

McMeans said. "I would

have been happy with a 4;

I wasn't expecting any-

"It was a relief,"

Richard countered. "To

wait a year to get the

results on something you

worked so hard at for so

long, and to find the

results were positive, it

Hillman, while quick to

praise the girls for their

accomplishments, added

that several people helped

the expression, 'It takes a

village to raise a child?"

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doesn't necessarily have to be what's listed on the angel card. Once they purchase the items, they will attach the card to the gifts and bring them to our office, or drop them off where they got the card from. It's very important that they tape or tie the card to the gift, however, so we can make sure it goes to the correct child."

Keeney said there is some concern this holiday season, as financial resources seem to have been stretched to an alltime low.

'Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita have definitely had an impact on program,"

that. We couldn't have gotten this done without the help of a lot of people."

And the girls were to credit each quick

"I couldn't have done this without Kristen and Miss Hillman," McMeans said.

Added Richard: "Can I ditto that? I couldn't have this done without Kristen's help.'

Contact Staff Writer "Have you ever heard Steve Reagan at 263-7331. ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringhershe asked. "It was like ald.com.

Keeney. "We're pretty far ly. behind where we were at this point last year because resources just aren't there right now. We're hoping the Howard County community will get behind us on this project. It's not just a problem here. It's a problem

everywhere right now." Keeney said the Angel Tree program is very special to him and his fami"This program

extremely special to me. Of all the programs that we do, this one is my heart because of the young people it helps,' said Keeney. "When we take the toys to a family and there's nothing in the house for Christmas and he gets a bike, it's just chaotic with excitement.

That's what it's all about,

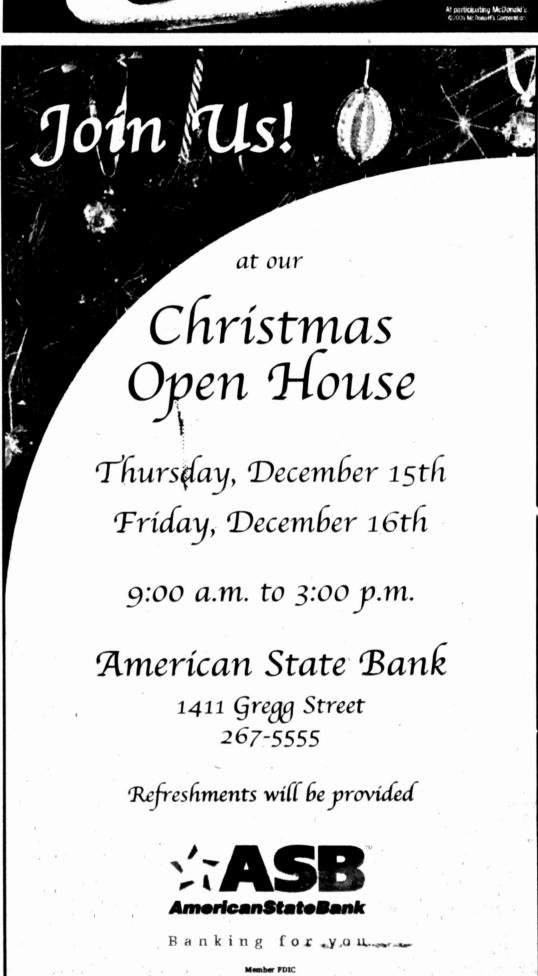
helping a child see somebody out there cares."

For more information on the Angel Tree program, call 267-8239 or stop by the Salvation Army office, located at 811 W Fifth Street.

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#### **Pearland teen arrested on suspicion** of killing father

**PEARLAND** (AP) — A Pearland teenager has been arrested on suspicion of killing his father, police said.

The 14-year-old was arrested Friday in connection with the death of Reginald Carmen, 50, who was found dead in his Pearland home earlier in the day, police said. Authorities found the teenager driving his father's vehicle in Texas City, Pearland police spokesman Rick Fernandez said.

The teenager was being held Friday in the Brazoria County Juvenile Detention Center.

Fernandez said Carmen was shot at least once, but investigators did not release a motive for the killing. Police discovered Carmen's body Friday morning after receiving a call that he did not show up for work.

Fernandez said the teenager was on juvenile probation and was cooperating fully with police.

#### **Longtime** TV journalist Gayle Hill dies in Odessa

**ODESSA** (AP) — Gayle Hill, a veteran TV reporter, anchor and news director in West Texas, has died after a long illness.

A memorial service was held Friday for Mary Gayle Hill Bowden, 45, who died Dec. 2 at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Odessa attorney Bill Bowden said his wife died fol**lowing** a lengthy illness.

Hill was born in Houston and grew up in Kerrville. She graduated from Texas A&M as an English major. with a minor in journalism.

Hill worked at KAMU in Bryan-College Station

before joining KOSA in Midland-Odessa and working there from 1982-1986.

She worked at KMID in Midland-Odessa from 1986-1991, then joined KWES in Midland-Odessa as news director, from 1991-1999.

Hill was executive director of news and corporate development for the Drewry Group, for KWES, from 1999-2002, according to information provided by **Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.** 

Graveside services were held Tuesday.

#### Former Austin detective gets 10 years in child porn case

AUSTIN (AP) — A former Austin police detective was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison on Friday for possession and transmission of child pornography.

Lance McConnell, 34, had pleaded guilty to seven counts of child pornography, admitting that he possessed hundreds of images on his computer of children engaged in sex acts.

"Those who possess and trade in child pornography commit a terrible crime," said U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton, "but the fact that the perpetrator in this case was a cop, shocks the conscience.'

A search of McConnell's home in Lockhart in March resulted in authorities seizing several computers, including one with digital images and movie files of child pornography, prosecutors said. They included images of prepubescent children engaging in sex acts with each other and with adults.

McConnell is a former Lockhart City Council candidate and was a member of the city's planning and zoning commission until he resigned April 4.

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Diana Lynn Hanley, 19, of

Jonesboro, Ark.

He had been on the Austin police force for seven

years, most recently assigned to investigate illegal alcohol sales, before he was fired after a grand jury handed up an indictment against him in May.

#### Democrat Bell files to run for governor

AUSTIN (AP) — Predicting he'll stage an upset victory in the Texas governor's race next year, former congressman Chris Bell made it official Friday that he's a candidate in the March 7 Democratic primary.

Bell, filing his candidacy with the Texas Democratic Party, said he feels good about his standing in recent polls, though he acknowledged he has "a long way to go before I pull this one off." Bell, 46, served on the Houston City Council for five years and represented part of the city in the U.S. House for one term.

He became widely known for his ethics complaint against then-House Majority Leader Tom DeLay that resulted in an admonishment for DeLay.

Since launching his campaign, Bell said, he has visited more than 40 cities and towns across Texas. He said his message centers on education — school finance, the dropout problem and the overall quality of public schools.

Bell pledged to make Texas public schools the best in the country in the next decade. "I'll make that commitment," he said.



## TV producer: Suspect will talk if death waived

AUSTIN (AP) - A producer for the television show "Dateline NBC" has punishment. offered the governors of Texas and Florida a deal: said the letter was sent to waive the death penalty state and local law for a murder suspect and he'll help solve three murder cases in their states.

**Producer Shane Bishop** offered the deal to Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush in a letter dated Nov. 29. A copy of the letter was years. Network spokesobtained by the Austin woman Jenny Tartikoff American-Statesman said Bishop wrote the letunder Texas public record laws.

The letter offers to help solve the cold cases if the governors would "guarantee not to pursue the death penalty" against an Arkansas convict serving life without parole for murder.

admitted to me that he has committed a total of the Fort Worth suburb at seven murders," Bishop wrote, insisting he is "convinced" that Ronning killed Annette Melia, 20, Arlington **September** 1982 and Melissa Jackson, 16, who **disappeared** from a Grand Prairie apartment building in Aug. 12, 1983.

The remains of both victims were eventually found a few hundreds him to confess ... and we yards from each other, could clear these cases," according to the letter.

"Why am I writing you to beg you take up this effort? Because it's the right thing to do," Bishop wrote. "But I am certain Dateline NBC would give substantial coverage to the solving of these three cold case murders tied to a serial killer, and the essential roles played by the Governors of Texas and Florida."

didn't know he was writing the letter.

Perry's office said it said. would improper for the

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governor to get involved in an investigation or Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt enforcement officials.

Bishop's letter said a written no-death penalty guarantee is necessary to get Ronning to discuss the case.

Bishop's letter said he has been a producer for "Dateline NBC for 12 ter on his own, not on behalf of "Dateline NBC."

An Arkansas prisons official and several former attorneys said they did not know if Ronning, 48. currently has a lawyer.

In the Texas cases, Bedford Police Chief Michael Ronning "has David Flory, who said he was chief of detectives in the time of the murders. said he supports a waiver of the death penalty if it will draw a confession.

Flory said Ronning is a suspect in the unsolved Texas cases, but said Bedford investigators so far have only circumstantial evidence.

"With that guarantee, we think we could get he said. "This guy's in prison for the rest of his life. What's there to lose?"

Tarrant County Assistant Criminal District Attorney Alan Levy said the matter is under investigation. The prosecutor, not the governor, decides whether to waive the death penalty, he said.

"We're checking to see whether the evidence is Bishop said Ronning still here, and we'll be talking with the investigators on the case," Levy

Ronning was convicted



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3. "Gold Digger," Kanye West (feat. Jamie Foxx). Roc-A-Fella. 4. "Photograph,"

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5. "Soul Survivor," Young Jeezy feat. Akon. Coporate Thugz/Def Jam/IDJMG. (From Billboard magazine)

#### **ALBUMS**

1. "Now 20," Various Artists. Sony BMG.

2. "Chris Brown," Chris Brown. Jive.

3. "Some Hearts," Carrie Underwood. Arista.

4. "The Road and the Radio," Kenny Chesney.

5. "Fijacion Oral Vol. 2," Shakira. Epic/Sony Music.

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#### **CONCERT TOURS**

1. U2.

2. Paul McCartney. Elton John.

4. Neil Diamond.

Coldplay. (From Pollstar)

#### **VHS/DVD RENTALS**

1. "War of the Worlds (Full Screen)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.

2. "The Polar Express (Full Screen)," Warner Home Video.

3. "Madagascar," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.

The Skeleton Key," Universal Studios Home Video.

5. "Christmas With the Kranks," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine)

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1. "The Polar Express," Warner Home Video.

2. "Madagascar," DreamWorks Home Entertainment. 3. "Shrek2,"

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4. "Christmas!" Nickelodeon Video.

"Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home

Entertainment. (From Billboard maga-

#### **DVD SALES**

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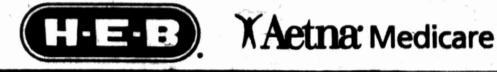
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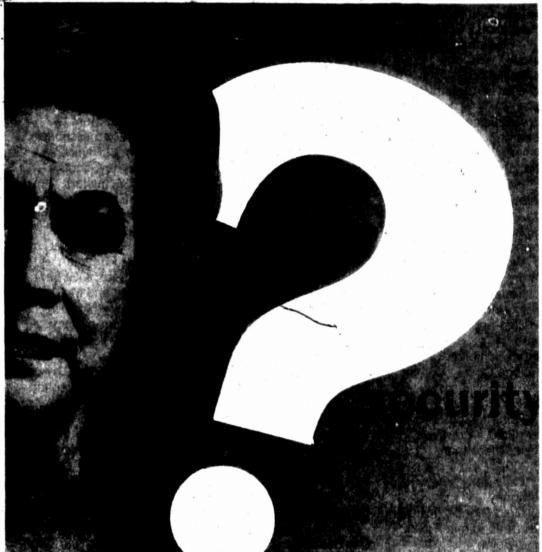


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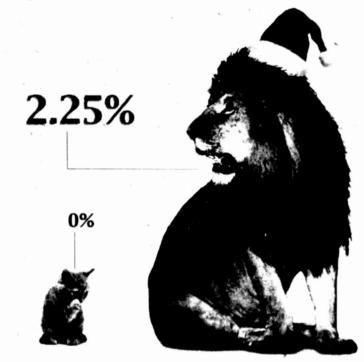
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#### Northern Iowa takes down Texas State

SAN MARCOS (AP) - Matt Tharp intercepted Barrick Nealy's third-down pass after Brian Wingert made a 25-yard field goal to give Northern Iowa a 40-37 overtime victory over Texas State in the Division I-AA semifinals Friday night.

Northern Iowa (11-3) will face the winner of Saturday's game between Furman (11-2) and Appalachian State (10-3) next Friday night in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Northern Iowa tied it at 37 with 1:27 left on Terrance Freeney's 2yard touchdown run and Eric Sanders' 2point conversion pass to Justin Surrency. Sanders, who passed for 417 yards and four touchdowns, was 6-of-7 on the 72-yard tying drive.

chance to win in regulation, but the Bobcats (11-3) ran out the final 1:16 to set up the overtime, drawing boos from the crowd of 15,712.

Texas State took a 37-29 lead with 5:01 left on Daniel Jolly's 2yard run. Dominic Giametta recovered Johnny Gray's fumble deep in Panthers' territory to set up the TD.

Sanders completed his first nine passes, including a 30-yarder to a diving Justin Surrency in the end zone, and another for 12 yards to Brian Cutright for a touchdown, and Northern Iowa led 14-0 in the first quarter.

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Texas State answered with an 11play, 82-yard drive capped by Barrick Nealy's pass to a wideopen Markee White, but the Panthers came right back. Sanders' play-action fake froze the Bobcats' defense, and receiver Patrick Hunter was 20 yards behind the nearest defender on a 69-yard scoring play that helped the Panthers take a 23-17 lead at the break.

## Barnett resigns, Hankwitz takes over

as Colorado coach ULDER, Colo. Defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz was appointed the interim replacement for ousted Colorado coach Gary Barnett and will lead the team against Clemson in the Sports Bow

 No. 2 Hawks hold Trojans to zero field goals in final 13:22

#### By TROY HYDE

**Sports Editor** 

Second-ranked Howard College got all it could hand from Trinidad State for about 27 minutes Friday during men's basketball action at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Then, the Hawks buckled down defensively and finished the game strong, winning its first game of Super 8/Hawk Shootout, 74-44 against the Trojans.

"Our emphasis was defense and we played well for 30 minutes (Friday)," said Howard head coach Mark Adams.

Howard (12-0) led by only eight at halftime and the Trojans cut the lead to six with 13:22 to play after a 3-pointer. However, Trinidad State made zero shots from the field the rest of the way, scored just five points from the line and the Hawks cruised to the 30point win.

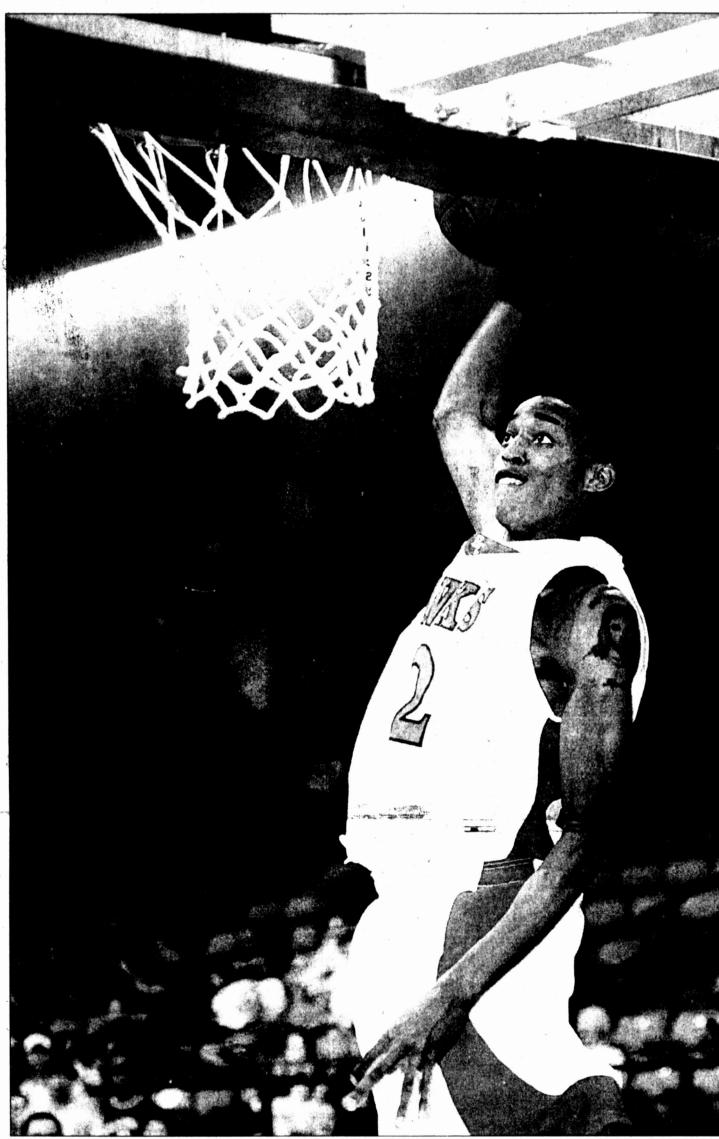
"This was one of our first games of the year in which we didn't shoot the ball very much," said Adams. "This is the best offensive team I have ever coached, but we have to learn how to win with defense on some nights. Credit Trinidad State with forcing us to win with defense.'

The Hawks took on Northern Virginia Saturday afternoon, but results were unavailable at press time. Northern Virginia lost its first game to Howard conference rival South Plains. 96-53. South Plains, and former Howard College head coach Steve Green, took on Trinidad State Saturday.

The Hawks defense was the reason for Friday's win over the Trojans. Trinidad State cut the Hawk lead to 45-39 with just more than 13 minutes left in the game, but a 25-1 run by Howard ended all hopes the Trojans had at an upset.

The run was started by freshman Benson Akpan, who played his best game

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Sophomore Louis Rodgers gets up high for the dunk against Trinidad State Friday night at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks defeated the Trojans, 74-44. Rodgers finished with four points on two dunks in the game,

## Forsan boys suffer first loss of season

#### Nieuhes scores 19 to lead Garden City past Buffs in tourney

## By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald WATER VALLEY The Forsan Buffaloes fell for the first time this year, losing to Garden

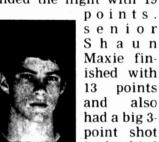
City in the Water Valley Tournament, 53-36. Adam Bailey scored 14 and Tye Baker added 12, but it was not enough to keep pace with the Bearkats, who took advantage of a 20-7 third

Buffs out of the game. "We just couldn't get going on offense tonight," said Forsan head coach Terry McDonald, "But to their credit they played really good defense. We played hard, but tonigh the shots just weren't falling."

quarter run to keep the

Forsan was down by just three points at halftime, but the Garden City third quarter run put the game out of reach.

Junior Taylor Niehues had three 3-pointers in the third period and ended the night with 19



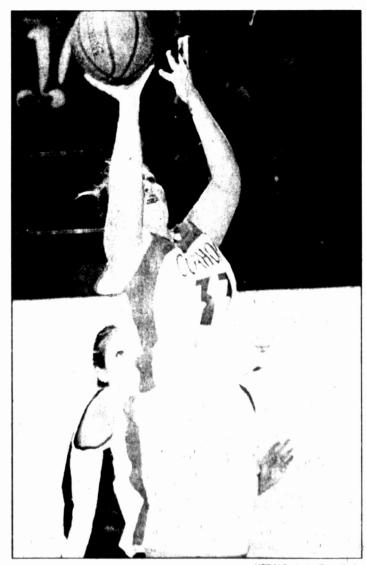
in the third NIEHUES

frame. Garden City reached the second round by defeating Brooksmith and moved on to the champi-



w e r e BAKER unavailable at press time. Niehues junior

Halfmann led the See TOURNEY, Page 2B



Coahoma sophomore Christie Rich puts up a jumper Thursday at the Stanton Hooptown Classic. The Bulldogettes lost to Alpine in the consolation semifinals

## **Bulldogs** earn two victories in Stanton

#### Bulldogettes lose lead in fourth quarter, fall by four to Alpine

#### By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor STANTON Coahoma boys had just one win entering Friday's play at the 15th Annual Stanton Hooptown Classic, but might have picked up some momentum after taking down Iraan and Rankin in the consolation side of the

tournament. The Bulldogs started the day with a 50-41 win against Iraan. The game was tied after one quarter, but Coahoma grabbed a four-point lead at the break before outscoring Iraan 17-4 in the third

quarter. Iraan made a run in the

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### HOWARD

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of the season as he finished with a season-high 14 points. Akpan scored on a putback and a layup on back-to-back possessions and the Hawks cruised after that.

"Benson played extremely well for us." said Adams. "If he continues to score like he did (Friday) that would add another dimension to an already good offensive team."

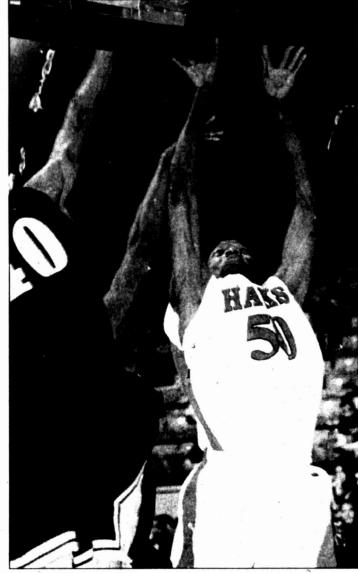
After two free throws from sophomore Richard Forbes, Howard got four straight layups off its defense. Sophomores Charles Burgess and Dezmon Harris hit the first two and freshman Benny Valentine scored two straight layups in between a Trinidad State free throw.

Valentine then added a jumper from inside the lane to start another run. Burgess, Akpan and Bougari Konate added three straight layups before the 13-0 run was capped off by a 3-pointer from Harris.

"We were able to score off our defense," said Adams. "We got Trinidad State out of its rhythm and that was the difference in the game."

Trinidad State added four free throws after that and Howard ended the game with a Konate layup and a dunk by freshman Phil Murphy.

contest seemed to be heading for a blowout in the early stages as Howard started fast out of the gates. The Hawks led 18-5 with just under 13 minutes to play in the first after a dunk by sophomore Louis Rodgers, his first of two



Howard freshman Benson Akpan goes up strong inside and scores two of his season-high 14 points against Trinidad State Friday during the undefeated Hawks' victory.

slams in the game.

Valentine scored on a layup with 7:05 left in the first half to put the Hawks up 23-10. The Hawks led by 13 three other times in the half, but Trinidad State ended the half with a little momentum.

"We kind of let them back into the game at the end of the first half," said Adams.

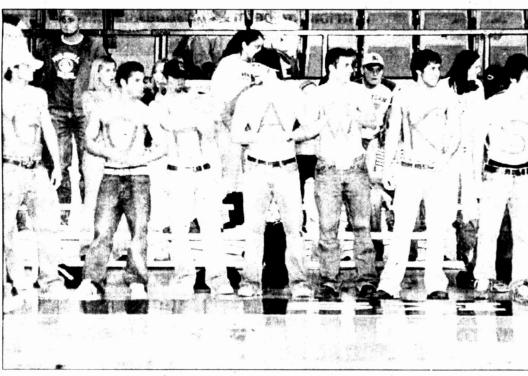
The Trojans sccred four straight points and cut the Hawk lead to eight before an Akpan dunk with 2:40 play pushed the lead back to 10. The

Trojans got to within six late in the half after a dunk, but Akpan scored a basket and got fouled and sent his Hawks into the locker room with an eight-point advantage.

Valentine and Burgess led the Hawks with 17 points apiece. Akpan's 14 points was followed by Harris' 11.

Everyone on the roster scored at least two points for Howard.

Ronald Jenkins led Trinidad State with 17 points, but 14 of those were scored in the first half.



Howard College students show their support in the student section of the second-ranked Hawk men's basketball game during action at the Super 8/Hawk Classic Friday. No. 2 Howard improved to 12-0 on the season with a 74-44 win over Trinidad State. The Hawks finished the classic against Northern Virginia Saturday afternoon.



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# Nowitzki leads Dallas past Grizzlies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) The more Memphis fans booed, the more Dirk Nowitzki shots made.

Nowitzki matched his season high with 35 points and grabbed nine rebounds Friday night as the Dallas Mavericks beat Memphis 90-83 to snap the Grizzlies' six-game winning streak.

Memphis fans quickly got on Nowitzki, taking issue with the Dallas star's comments that the Mavericks should have done a better job against Pau Gasol when the Grizzlies' leading scorer had 36 points and 15 rebounds in a Nov. 26 vic-

"I think the whole thing got blown out of proportion a little bit," Nowitzki said. "I never disrespected Pau's game. I'm a big fan of his game, and always have been. All I

really said after that game was he had a special night and he's a good player, but not the way we made him look that night."

Nowitzki was 13-of-29 from the field and missed only one of nine free throws before fouling out with 37 seconds left. The Mavericks extended their winning streak to four.

Memphis, which trailed by as many as 16 in the second half, cut Dallas' lead to three on several occasions in the final six minutes, the last time when Damon Stoudamire hit a 13-footer with 23 seconds left. But Stoudamire and Eddie Jones missed 3pointers down the stretch, with Devin Harris blocking Jones' shot.

Memphis hurt itself by missing seven of its first nine free throws in the fourth quarter, including a miss by Stoudamire,

who shoots 92 percent. The Grizzlies were 30-of-45 from the line.

"It was all about us making plays," Jones said. "We did it late, but we didn't do it early. It catches up with you sometimes, when you don't do it early."

Marquis Daniels scored 18 points and added six assists for the Mavericks, while Keith Van Horn finished with 13 points. Harris added 10 points and eight assists.

Mike Miller Memphis with 19 points, Shane Battier scored 17 and Stoudamire finished with 15. Gasol had 13 but was 5-of-13 from the field.

"I couldn't get it going because they were doubleteaming me, so it was hard," Gasol said. "It was a frustrating situation.

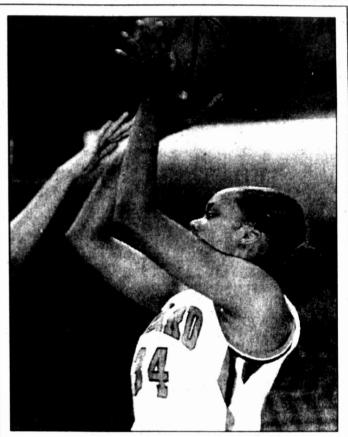
"We really did a good job in the fourth, we just didn't make our foul

shots. If we made a few of those foul shots that we missed, I think we were 9of-17 in the fourth, maybe it would have been a totally different game, and we would be much happier now."

Memphis leads league in defense, but Dallas looked like the stronger defensive club. The Mavericks kept Gasol from taking the ball inside and held the Grizzlies to 34 percent shooting. The Mavericks had 11 blocks, including six by DeSagana Diop, and Gasol committed half of Memphis' 12 turnovers.

Nowitzki scored 19 points in the half to help Dallas build a 43-36 lead at the break.

Dallas extended the lead to 16 in the second half, and despite Battier's 3pointer, the Mavericks carried a 64-57 lead into the fourth period.



Howard sophomore Latoya Fairley puts up a jumper in a game earlier this year. The Hawk women will face Hamilton Sunday at 6 p.m. in their final game before the break.

## **TOURNEY**

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Bearkats in the first round game with 10 points each.

Forsan moved into the second round by defeating Eldorado Thursday night, 61-46.

paced the Buffs with 22 Friday and the Garden

and 11, respectively.

The Buffs moved to 10-1 on the year and played in the third place game against Loraine Saturday afternoon, but results were unavailable at press

Garden City girls 47 Forsan girls 11

Lady Kat junior Erin Bailey and Baker again Hirt scored 25 points

City girls beat Forsan by 36 points. Forsan was led by Alyssa Hodnett, who scored four points.

Garden City defeated the Lake View JV earlier in the day. Hirt led the Lady Kats with 15 points.

The Lady Kats played Veribest in a consolation game Saturday, but results were unavailable at press time.

## COAHOMA

Continued from Page 1B

fourth quarter, but it was not near enough as Coahoma won for the second time this season. Junior Blaine Kerby

had a team-high 16 points to lead Coahoma, while Patrick Croft added eight. Iraan was led by Drey Rasco, who scored a game-high 18 points.

Coahoma (3-7) played again Friday afternoon and took on Rankin in the consolation semifinals. Rankin's only game in the tournament was a loss Thursday to Stanton.

Iraan 59, Mid. Christian 46

Sterling City 51, Rankin 41

Kermit 40. Greenwood 28

Stanton 45, Kermit 30

Alpine 35, Coahoma 31

Wink 51, Presidio 31

Saturday's Games

Grady vs. Greenwood

Coahoma vs. Presidio

Brownfield vs. C-City

Iraan vs. Sterling City

Kermit vs. Iraan/S-City

· Stanton vs. Iraan/S-City

Alpine vs. Wink

· title game

Mid. Christian vs. Rankin

Girls



The Bulldogs had little trouble with Rankin, winning 56-41, behind 20 points from junior Jason Gonzales.

Coahoma led 12-3 after the first quarter and outscored Rankin 18-13 in points for the second period. Rankin tried to come back in the third quarter, but a 16-12 fourth quarter advantage for Coahoma was too much for Rankin to over-

Kermit 55, Big Lake 37

Greenwood 56, Wink 45 Wall 58, Presidio 43

Coahoma 50, Iraan 41

Tahoka 71, S-City 61

Wall 54, Stanton 29

Saturday's Games

Presidio vs. Grady

Sterling City vs. Rankin

Colorado City vs. Iraan

Coahoma vs. Tahoka

Kermit vs. Greenwood

Stanton vs. Kermit/Greenwood

Wall vs. Kermit/Greenwood

Big Lake vs. Wink

title game

Coahoma 56, Rankin 41

**Stanton Hooptown Classic** 

Scores from Friday

Senior Terrell Bibb, junior Stephen Ewing and Kerby all scored six points for Coahoma.

The Bulldogs played Tahoka in the consolation championship Saturday at 1:30 p.m., but results were unavailable at press

#### Coahoma girls 31 Alpine girls 35

Kali Roberts scored 14 Bulldogettes Friday afternoon, but Coahoma could not find its way into the win column against Alpine, losing 35-31, after struggling in the fourth

Coahoma jumped out to a 10-4 lead after one quarter and led by five points at halftime and by three points after three quarters, but Alpine outscored the Bulldogettes 12-5 in the final period to win by four.

The Bulldogettes faced Presidio, a team they defeated at their host tourney last week, Saturday in a guaranteed game, but results were not available at press

Presidio lost to Stanton by 22 points in the first round and lost to Wink by 20 points Friday after-

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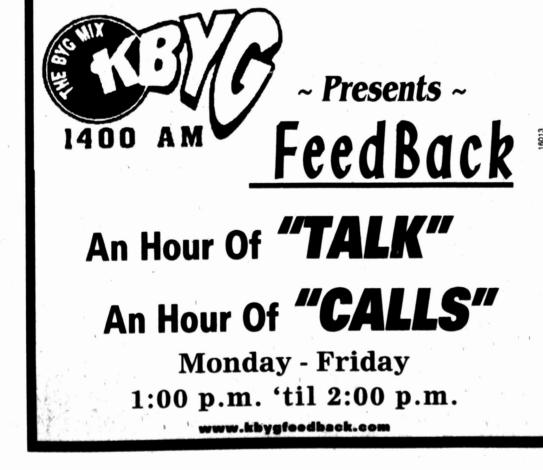
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## **Duncan continues** to dominate Boston

By T.A. BADGER

**Associated Press Writer** SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Here's one more reason for the Boston Celtics to regret not getting the chance to draft Tim Duncan in 1997: They haven't beaten the San Antonio Spurs since.

**Duncan scored 20 points** and had 10 rebounds on Friday night as the Spurs beat the Celtics for the 17th straight time, 101-89. Boston is the only team in the NBA without a victory over San Antonio during the Duncan era, though it had some chances Friday when the Spurs surrendered several double-digit leads.

"We played well for the majority of the time," Duncan said. "We had a little bit of ups and downs - a little more than we wanted to.'

San Antonio led by as many as 16 in the third quarter, but the Celtics trimmed that to 75-65 at the end of the period.

Boston's Orien Greene scored on a fast-break layup to make it 79-71 with about 10 minutes remaining. But Duncan then made a left-handed jumper and Nick Van Exel found Manu Ginobili for an alley-oop layup, and after that the Celtics never got closer than 10.

"I thought we caught the Spurs on an off night," Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "They were beatable."

But the last time the Celtics did beat San Antonio was in January 1997, five months before Duncan was drafted first

overall by the Spurs. The Celtics finished with the NBA's worst record during the 1996-97 season and had the best shot at Duncan, but they ended up getting Chauncey Billups with the third pick.

"They're a well-oiled machine — they've been together for a long time and they understand what it takes to win,' said Paul Pierce, who led Boston with 24 points after shooting 3-for-9 in the first half.

Tony Parker had 16 points and Ginobili 14 for San Antonio, which has won six straight games. Michael Finley added 11.

The Spurs had a seasonhigh 11 blocked shots, six by Rasho Nesterovic and the other five by Duncan.

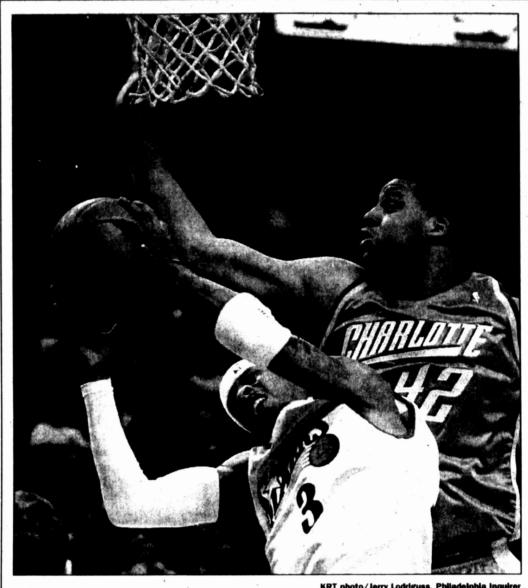
Ricky Davis and Mark Blount each contributed 19 points for the Celtics. and Kendrick Perkins had 10 rebounds.

Ginobili grabbed the opening tip and drove for a reverse layup, then added two more baskets as the Spurs took a 10-2 lead.

He also had three steals in the first period.

Boston battled back but San Antonio used a 9-2 run, capped by a pair of free throws by Ginobili, to go up 19-10 late in the period.

A short jumper by Delonte West trimmed the Spurs' lead to 39-33 with about five minutes left in the half, but San Antonio went on a 10-2 spurt to build their largest advantage of the first half at 49-35.



Philadelphia 76ers' Allen Iverson, left, seems to be fouled by Charlotte Bobcats' Sean May, but no foul was called during the 76ers' 119-115 win over the Bobcats Friday in Philadelphia, Penn.

## Grandbury coach now nation's best

GRANBURY woman with a fourdecade coaching career wins from 1948-93. has become the nation's girls high school basket-

Granbury coach Leta two red roses. Andrews led her team to defeat San Antonio Taft 40-35 on Friday night in her 1,218th career victory, surpassing

 A high school coach Jim Valerie Lemmons. "She is Smiddy's record of 1,217

Andrews, whose career all-time leader for wins in record is 1,218-245, embraced her players as each presented her with

The team also gave Andrews a bracelet with "A Day to Remember" front of 1,200 fans. It was engraved on the charm.

"All of us wanted to win Tennessee it for her," said senior job well-done."

the most determined person. She's got this fire in her that spreads throughout everybody."

Andrews' 44-year career includes stints at Tolar, Gustine, Comanche, Corpus Christi Calallen and her alma mater. Granbury.

Andrews said she felt "relief, happiness and a

## **Newton wins** 2A Division title in Tyler

By PAUL J. WEBER

**Associated Press Writer** TYLER - Since his town survived Hurricane Rita, Newton running back Toddrick Pendland knew winning a state title would be easier by comparison.

Pendland had 199 total yards and scored three touchdowns, and Newton celebrated the end of its hurricane-disrupted season by beating Argyle 28-20 to win the Class 2A Division I championship Friday night.

It was the first state title since 1998 and the third in school history for Newton (13-0), which didn't play for four weeks during the midst of the season after Hurricane Rita pounded the small East Texas town in late September. The storm destroyed homes of players and left parts of Newton without power for six weeks.

"If Rita couldn't stop us, nothing could stop us,' said Pendland, who rushed for 101 yards and had 98 receiving.

Brice Bode caught 12 passes for 171 yards and Jeff Martz scored two touchdowns for Argyle (11-4), which was playing its first state title game in only the school's sixth year of existence.

When Argyle played its first year of varsity football in 2002, the team had just 22 players and went 1-9.

Argyle trailed 28-0 before climbing back in the second half, closing the gap to 28-20.

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the season for holiday baking — when sharing tastes delicious! Spread some good cheer as part of a cookie exchange by finding a favorite bar or cookie recipe and baking a batch or two to trade. Call on close friends or family to join in the fun and do the same; then, swap sweets — and recipes — along with good conversation. You'll leave with plenty of home-baked cookies to serve throughout the season, and fine memories of the event.

survey, 36 percent of women who bake participate in holiday cookie exchanges with friends, family and co-workers. And, if you're curious to know some of the season's favorite goodies, respondents ranked Peanut Butter Blossoms as tops, followed by Sugar Cookies, Snickerdoodles and Gingerbread. Find recipes for three out of the top four listed below. Or visit www.BettyCrocker.com, and type in "cookie exchange" to discover other ways you can sweeten the deal for your exchange gang this holiday

"Holiday Cockies and Traditions" survey conducted by Opinion Research Corporation.

## From left: Snickerdoodles,

Raspberry Jam Strips, Gingerbread People, **Decorated Peanut Butter Blossom Cookies** and Luscious Layer Bars

#### **Decorated Peanut Butter**

**Blossom Cookies** Top off this favorite holiday cookie recipe with a chocolate and a sprinkle of color — and you're

- sure to earn a hug or two! 2 pouches (1 pound 1.5 ounces each) Betty Crocker peanut butter
  - cookie mix 2 tablespoons water
  - 6 tablespoons vegetable oil

  - Granulated sugar 72 milk chocolate drops, unwrapped White decorating gel Assorted holiday candy sprinkles
- Red decorating icing 1. Heat oven to 375°F. In medium bowl, stir cookie
- mix, water, oil and eggs until dough forms. 2. Shape dough into 72 (1-inch) balls; roll in sugar.
- Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. 3. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until light golden brown. Immediately press I chocolate in center of each cookie. Remove from cookie sheets. Cool completely. Decorate as desired using remaining ingredients.

## Snickerdoodles

About 6 dozen cookies

Oodles of flavor are packed into these holiday favorites that get their made-from-scratch taste from a handy sugar cookie mix. Leave a few for Santa and serve with a cold glass of milk.

- 2 pouches (1 pound 1.5 ounces each) Betty Crocker sugar cookie mix cup butter or margarine, melted 1/4 cup Gold Medal all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1. Heat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, stir cookie mix, butter, flour and eggs until soft dough forms. 2. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Mix sugar and cinnamon. Roll balls in sugar-cinnamon mixture.
- Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. 3. Bake 11 to 12 minutes or until set. Cool 1 minute. Remove from cookie sheets. If desired, roll warm cookies in additional sugar-cinnamon mixture. About 6 dozen cookies

#### **Gingerbread People**

Ginger and spice and everything nice can be found in this scratch recipe that delivers added decorating fun!

#### Cookies

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup shortening 1 1/2 cups dark molasses
- 2/3 cup cold water
  - cups Gold Medal all-purpose flour teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt Easy Creamy Frosting
  - 4 cups powdered sugar

#### 1 teaspoon vanilla

- About 5 tablespoons half-and-half 1. In large bowl, stir together brown sugar, shortening, molasses and cold water. Stir in remaining cookie ingredients. Cover and refrigerate at least
- 2 hours. 2. Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease cookie sheet. On floured surface, roll 1/4 dough 1/8 inch thick. Cut with floured gingerbread cutter or other favorite shaped cutter. Place about 2 inches apart on
- cookie sheet. 3. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until no indentation emains when touched (for softer, chewier cookies, bake 8 to 10 minutes). Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Repeat with remaining dough. Cool
- completely, about 30 minutes. 4. In large bowl, stir together frosting ingredients thtil smooth and spreadable. Decorate cookies with frosting.

**Wout** 9 dozen 3-inch cookies

#### Raspberry Jam Strips

These pretty homemade cookies are simple to make, and impressive to share.

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine,
- softened 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups Gold Medal all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup raspberry jam
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla 2 to 3 teaspoons water
- 1. In large bowl, stir together butter, sugars, egg and I teaspoon vanilla. Stir in flour, and baking powder. (If dough is soft, cover and refrigerate 2. Heat oven to 350°F. Divide dough into 8 equal
- parts. On ungreased cookie sheet, roll each part into 8-inch rope; press down until 1 1/2 inches wide. Make indentation down center of each with handle of wooden spoon. Fill with 1 measuring tablespoon jam. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until edges are light brown; cool 2 minutes
- 3. Stir together glaze ingredients until smooth and thin enough to drizzle
- Drizzle over

## **Luscious Layer Bars**

Layer on the love with a scrumptious bar packed with flavor. These are perfect for holiday mixers or work well as a simple dessert. This version starts with a convenient cookie mix and is ready to go into the oven in just 10 minutes.

- 1 pouch (1 pound 1.5 ounces) Betty
- Crocker chocolate chip cookie mix 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine,
- 1 egg
- 1 cup butterscotch chips cup milk or semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed
- 1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray bottom of 13 x 9-inch pan with cooking spray
- 2. In large bowl, stir together cookie mix, butter and egg. Press cookie mixture in bottom of pan using floured fingers
- 3. Bake 15 minutes. Sprinkle with chips, coconut and walnuts. Drizzle evenly with sweetened condensed milk. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until light golden brown; cool. For bars, cut into 9 rows by 4 rows 36 bar**s**



# Trade Secrets

Here's an easy way to dress up and dole out your **Raspberry Strips**, a delicious holiday scratch recipe not to be forgotten.

- Use a wooden spoon to gently make a uniform indentation in a strip; then, fill with raspberry jam (or your favorite flavor).
- Once you drizzle the vanilla glaze over the baked strips, allow t to cool completely before storing or transporting them. This allo the glaze to dry and prevents the goodies from sticking together.



**Braxton James Phelps** 

Praxton James Phelps, a boy, born Sept. 28, 2005, at 8:53 p.m. weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. His parents are Theresa and James Phelps of Big Spring. His grandparents are Pascual Porras Jr. and Janie Porras of Big Spring and Robert and Linda Phelps of Amarillo.

Illiam Wesley Fuller, a boy, was born Oct. 19, 2005, at 2:02 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Bill and Jennifer Fuller of Ira. His grandparents are Billy and Deborah Sullivan of Coahoma and Joyce and the late William G. (Sonny) Fuller of Big Spring.

William was welcomed home by siblings Caden, Britney, Kayla and Sterling.

Issac Samuel Amoako Jr., a boy, waborn Nov. 29, 2005, at 3:57 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Isaac and Gloria Amoako of Ghana, West Africa. His grandparents are Samuel E. Oppong of Ghana, West Africa, the late Adelaide Twum-Ampofo and Mr. and Mrs. Eliezer Amoako of Ghana, West Africa.

Issac was welcomed home by big sister, Shannen Eyide Amoako.

## Who's Who

#### Miranda Jennings

Miranda Jennings, daughter of Mike and Heather Jennings of Big Spring, won the Spirit Award at the Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program Nov. 25-27 in Austin. She is a fifth grader at Elbow Elementary.

She was one of almost 100 girls participating in the Young Miss division of the program.

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

## Senior Leadership graduation named

Graduates were
Evelyn Anderson,
Donald Austin, Ellen
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Miranda Jennings

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## Air Force Airman Jon W. Cluck

Air Force Airman Jon W. Cluck has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

He is the son of Benny Cluck and brother of Joel Cluck, both of Big Spring. Cluck is a 2004 graduate of Sands High School.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

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#### Air Force 2nd Lt. Matthew L. Andrews

Air Force 2nd Lt. Matthew L. Andrews has arrived for duty at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla. Andrews is assigned to the 325th Air Control

Squadron.

He is the son of Donnie and stepson of Genia Andrews of Big Spring and Jennifer and Gil Jones of Marble Falls.

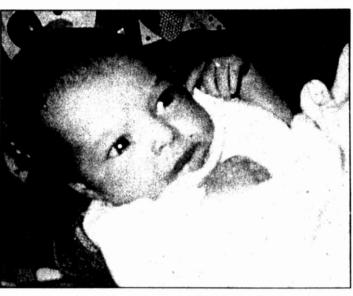
The lieutenant received a bachelor's degree in 2005 from Oklahoma State University.



**Brandon Robert Lee Rodriguez** 

Brandon Robert Lee Rodriguez, a boy, was born Nov. 26, 2005, at 10:33 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

His parents are Samantha Alcantar and David Rodriguez of Big Spring. His grandparents are Becky Salgado and the late Simon Alcantar of Big Spring and Mary Ramirez and Tommy Rodriquez of Big Spring.



**Destiny Don Hodnett** 

estiny Don Hodnett, a girl, was born Oct. 30, 2005, at 12:05 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Renee Alvarado and James Hodnett of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Jaime and Cecilia Alvarado of Garden City and Theresa and Donald Hodnett of Big Spring.



Makayla Shae Calvio

akayla Shae Calvio, a girl, was born Nov. 28, 2005, at 12:55 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Mike and Gina Calvio of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Manuel and Melba Chavez, John and Irene Jackson, all of Big Spring, and the late John Calvio.

Makayla was welcomed home by big sister, Megan.

#### Newcomers

 Craig Maxwell, wife, Anita, son, Braden, 8 months old, formerly of Sweetwater. He owns and operates Papa Georgio's Pizza.

 Chad Armstrong, wife, Stacy, formerly of Lubbock. He is the manager formerly of Sherwin Williams.

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## Engagement



**Andy Allen and Stacey Covington** 

## Covington, Allen to wed

Kerry and Karen Allen are pleased to announce the engagement' and approaching marriage of their son, Andy Allen to Stacey Covington, the daughter of Eddie

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 5 p.m. Dec. 17 in an outside wedding at the home of Grady and Ann Cunninghham, No. 4 Highland Cove.

## **Welcome Home**



#### Sanchez welcomed home from Iraq

SFC Cruz Sanchez with the US Army Reserve 2nd Battallion 142nd Infantry Division returns home from the War in Iraq after a year's deployment.

Sanchez was been in Iraq since January of 2005, and his family traveled to Waco Saturday for a welcome home ceremony at Baylor University honoring the entire battallion.

Sanchez is an employee of Cornell Corrections when he is not active military. He is married to Olga Sanchez and is the father of Angie Martinez of Arkansas and April Martinez, Ernesto Diaz Jr., Marie Diaz and Mark Sanchez, all of Big Spring.

Also welcoming him home are his nine grandchildren, his sister, Janie Garcia of Big Spring and his niece, Pattti Acuna.

He will be at home at 3226 Drexel or call 267-1791 to welcome this soldier home.

#### **Big Spring ISD**

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, sausage link, pineapple orange juice, milk; Lunch, corndog, potato rounds, fresh veggie medley, strawberry banana bars (high school second choice, taco salad).

Tuesday: Breakfast, cheese omelet, orange smiles, milk; Lunch, spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli salad, Jello with mixed fruit, corn, garlic rolls (high school second choice, chicken strips).

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancake-on-a-stick, fruit punch, milk; Lunch, chicken rings, mac and cheese, California veggies, Rosy applesauce, wheat rolls (high school second choice, meat sandwiches).

Thursday: Breakfast, cheese sticks, peach cup, milk; Lunch, nacho grande, border beans, mandarin oranges (high school second choice, grilled chicken).

Breakfast, Friday: peanut butter uncrustables, orange juice, milk; Lunch, sausage pizza, garden salad, apple cobbler (high school second choice, hamburger).

#### Forsan ISD

Breakfast, Monday: toast, peanut butter with jelly, juice milk; Lunch, corn dogs, spinach, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, beef stew, cornbread, pears, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, cereal, yogurt, juice, Lunch, milk; ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, mixed fruit, rolls, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, sausage on-a-stick, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, garden salad, apple wedges, fruited gelatin, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, iuice, milk: Lunch, ham sandwiches, chips, pickles, mixed

#### life! deadlines set

December 19 and Dec. 26 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for all submissions for the Dec. 24-25 and the Dec. 31-Jan. 1 weekend editions of the Big Spring Herald, as well as Church News and Club News that publishes

Dec. 23 and Dec. 30. This includes all birth, wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements.

For more information, call 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald

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Monday: Breakfast, bread sticks, milk or juice; Lunch, pigs-in-blanket, pinto beans, pineapple, orange salad, chips, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, Nutri-bars, milk or juice; Lunch, bean chalupas, lettuce, tomato, Rosie applesauce, Spanish rice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, milk or juice; Lunch, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, shortcake, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, egg/potato burritos, milk Lunch, juice; Lunchables, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, pancakes and sausage; Lunch, Lunchables, milk,

#### Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, waf fles, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; cheeseburger. Lunch, hamburger, French fires, hamburger salad, orange slices, milk, mustard, mayonnaise.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, broccoli/cheese, peaches, hot rolls, milk, cream gravy.

Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon French toast, cereal, buttered toast, iuice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, pizza cheese sticks, peas, carrots, garden salad, fruit cocktail, milk, ranch dressing.

Thursday: Breakfast, scrambles eggs, sausage,

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toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken wrap, beef wrap, western beans, lettuce and tomatoes salad, pineapple, milk, salsa, American cheese.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue, bun, peanut butter, jelly sandwiches, Cheetos, baked vegetarian beans, vegetable sticks, apples, milk.

#### Westbrook ISD

Monday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, oven chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cups, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, sausage, bacon, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, burritos with chili and cheese, tossed salad, corn, fruit snack, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast,

biscuit, cereal, buttered oatmeal, toast and jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, nachos with meat and cheese, peppers, salsa, tossed salad, pinto beans, pineapple chunks, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, pancakes pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, ham and cheese sandwiches. salad fixings, French fries, chocolate pudding,

#### **Spring City Senior** Citizens Center

Monday: Lunch, chicken strips, potatoes, carrots, milk, bread, fruit.

Tuesday: Lunch, beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, chips, milk, fruit.

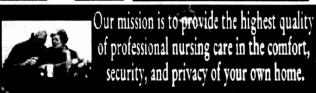
Wednesday: Lunch, spaghetti and meat sauće, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, milk/garlic bread, fruit salad.

Thursday: Lunch, steak and onions, corn, blackeyed peas, milk, cornbread, cake.

Friday: Lunch, turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, milk, bread, fruit salad.

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# Comin' home

## Retirees look to open donut, ice cream shop in Big Spring

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Where can you go in Big Spring for authentic Mexican pastries, donuts, burgers, hot dogs and more flavors of handdipped ice cream than you can shake a stick at?

Until Jose and Shawn Zubiate had a wild idea, the answer would be simple — nowhere. Of course, times change.

The Zubiates, who recently moved to the Big Spring area from Dallas, are opening a one-of-akind restaurant on East 11th Place. The eatery, which is a combination of Southern Maid Donuts and Kaleidescoops Ice Cream, is expected to open the last week in December.

The Zubiates said the idea for the restaurant came when Shawn, a native of Oklahoma, See ZUBIATES, Page 5C

decided it was time to retire from her job as a

"I wanted to retire out of Dallas," said Shawn. "I worked 20 years at the **Baylor** University Medical Center in downtown Dallas in the Level

One Trauma Center, so I

Shawn

was looking at retirement. But there was the question of what do we want to do when retire?

"So we decided to look for property in Big Spring. The decision came down to here in Big Spring, which is Jose's hometown, or my hometown in Oklahoma. **Business** opportunities were better in Texas, so we decided to come here



Jose Zublate, a native of Big Spring who recently moved back from the Dallas area, stocks the shelves of what will soon be Southern Maid Donuts and Kaleidescoop Ice Cream, located on E. 11th Street. Zubiate, along with his wife, Shawn, expect to have the restaurant open by the last week of December.

## Flower Grove Gin resumes production quickly after fire

**Herald Staff Report** 

The Crossroads area showed its spirit of caring a week ago when residents responded to a fire at the Flower Grove Gin. seven miles west of Ackerly.

Some time around 10 a.m. on a from the gin. The high winds out. spread the blaze across a CRP

field before it jumped across FM 26. Embers apparently blew under the gin's module feeder.

"We got on the phone and people came as fast as they could," said office manager Maryetta

The fire burned some 33 modgusty Saturday, Dec. 3, a cotton ules and an undetermined num-

"Other gins came and moved Howard and Martin County fire the season is complete.

modules away or we would have lost a lot more than that," said Oaks.

People responded from throughout the sparsely populated area, which includes Ackerly, Knott and Punkin Center. Crews brought equipment from the Tinsley Gin, and gins at Knott

We were real thankful that it was no worse than it was," Oaks said of the fire. "We recovered without any major damage to the gin and we were up and running again in a couple of days."

Oaks said the gin has processed about 17,500 bales so far this ginmodule caught fire about a mile ber of bales before it could be put and Ackerly. Also responding ning season and expects to gin were the Ackerly, Lamesa, between 40,000 and 45,000 before

# Tech gifts for Santas on a budget

The Dallas Morning News

favorite your techies what they want for the holidays, and they'll probably suggest a 50-inch plasma television, the hottest Windows laptop or a 60-gigabyte iPod.

But those hot items cost some serious change, particularly when your gift budget is in the double digits. A limited budget doesn't mean you can't please your tech-focused friends or relatives, though.

Our tech team wandered the aisles of their favorite electronics stores, browsed through tech shopping sites and searched their inner geek to find some cheaper suggestions that should please.

With \$50 as our upper limit, we found dongles, staples, VoIP and cheap protection. Read on.

For Christmas, think dongles: WiFi, Bluetooth and infrared dongles.

What's a dongle? That's the stubby device you can plug into your computer's USB port. Usually it's a storage device, but manufacturers have created a wide range of dongles for wireless communications - with no need to install a card into your computer.

WiFi dongles will connect your computer wirelessly to other WiFi devices, and Bluetooth helps you transfer information between your computer and your cell

phone or PDA.

Stuck on how to get some ringtones from my computer to my cell phone, I bought a \$20 Bluetooth dongle and solved my problem rather quickly.

The dongles typically require the installation of a software driver, but that's almost always included with the package. Prices vary from manufacturer to manufacturer, and retailer to retailer, but buyers can comfortably find a broad array of choices under \$50 - in some cases, under \$25.

Pros: Dongles plug right in and begin working, with only a little setup required.

Cons: The dongle sticks out in front, and you don't want to whack it with your knee. Not as permanent a solution as a card.

Bottom line: The easiest way to add Bluetooth, Wi-Fi or infrared capabilities. to your computer.

-Terry Maxon

If your living room or home office has exploded into a writhing nest of cables and cords, it's time to bring some order to the chaos.

Short of ripping your walls open and running the cables behind the drywall, the best way to do that is with some special

cable clips. The Gardner Bender 351-piece Staple Value Pack (Gardner Bender, \$13.99) offers a near-bottomless bucket of clips



KRT photo/Kye R. Lee, Dallas Morning News A Bluetooth portable drive helps you transfer information between your computer and your celiphone or PDA.

and staples. It does require a willingness to punch some small nails through your wall or floor, but the results are far more effective than

duct tape. This package comes with a variety of different-sized staples and had more than enough for me to run about 80 feet of Ethernet cable from my PC upstairs to my home theater system down-

stairs. I used some of the larger metal staples to create small hooks behind my TV cabinet so I could hang unplugged cables that I need easy and fre-

quent access to. For the geek in your life who needs a little cable coordination, this is the

cheapest way to go. Pros: Every staple or connector you'll need in one handy bucket. Easy to run cables in tight,

straight lines. Cons: You will leave lots of little holes in your walls or floors.

Bottom line: Who cares about holes? Organization means you can spend more time playing with your electronic gizmos, and less time plugging them in.

-Victor Godinez

Your geek giftee knows that Skype is one of the most popular new forms of Internet telephony, also known as voice over Internet protocol. All you have to know is that this software lets them make phone calls using a com-

puter. Skype is a free download on the Internet, and users can contact other users for free online. But to make outgoing calls to traditional phones, Skype users have to buy minutes at a rate of about 2 cents for U.S. calls.

That's where you come in. RadioShack is selling a \$5 Skype starter kit that includes an installation CD. a bare-bones headset and 30 minutes' worth of talk time.

The installer CD is for Windows, but Mac OS X and Linux users can download the software online.

Pros: An easy and convenient way to try out a relatively new service. And maybe the recipient of your gift will actually call you.

Cons: The headset is very basic, just a simple earpiece and microphone. Serious Skype users will want to upgrade.

Bottom line: A surefire hit in any tech-savvy person's stocking.

-Crayton Harrison

In looking for a great gift, I thought of what I use every day. One of my favorite things is the \$29 Sleevz for Notebooks, a form-fitting Powerbook protector (www.radtech.com).

Think of an envelope of chamois material that exactly fits your laptop.

With the Sleevz on my

Powerbook, I can use any

bag to carry my laptop and not worry about scratches. It may not be sexy, but it works great, and you can clean your laptop's

screen (or your eyeglasses) with the fabric. The Sleevz also repels

spills. Pros: Looks great, protects just as well.

Cons: Limited size selection - Mac only Bottom line: One of

those things you realize you need once you see it. —Jim Rossman

## Wildfire siege?

State gearing up for that possibility

t's cold — but also very, very dry. That's the message fire officials across Texas want people to understand.

The threat of wildfire across the state is so imminent, fire control leaders are gearing up for what they believe could be a long winter wildfire

siege. With that in mind. additional in-state and out-of-state personnel and equipment resources including six dozers and seven



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from Wisconsin — have been sent to strategic areas to bolster the state's firefighting arsenal. Critically dry vegetation exists across much of the state, officials say, a fact evidenced by several wildfires that have already occurred. With no significant change in the weather pattern in sight, fire control leaders are planning for the worst but hoping for the best.

"Vegetation is critically dry in much of the state," said Mike Dunivan, fire behavior analyst with the Texas Forest Service.

"Add winds and low humidity during the afternoon prime burning period, and you have a recipe for fast-spreading, dangerous wildfires Most of the large wildfires that already occurred statewide resulted from this deadly combination of wildfire ingredients."

Already this year, two volunteer firefighters suffered serious burns upon being overrun by wildfires, and another firefighter lost his life in an accident when the fire tanker he was driving rolled over.

"Now that most summer grasses and weeds have gone dormant, any wildfires that arise will have more fuel available to stoke the flames. Also, wherever dead grass, weeds and other fine-textured fuels are present. even short periods of dry, windy weather can cause a rapid escalation in wildfire risk and difficulty of control," Dunivan said.

The following are suggestions from the Texas Forest Service. Obey outdoor burn-

ing bans. Postpone all outdoor fires during periods of

dry, windy weather. - When outdoor fires are permitted, establish wide control lines down to bare soil before igniting your fire, and stay

with your fire until it is cold to the touch. Dispose of smoking materials properly, either in an ashtray or crushed out in bare dirt. Avoid using welding

or grinding equipment in or near dry grass and weeds.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.

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**County Court Decisions:** 

Probated Judgment: Jessica Blanco driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$266 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months proba-

Probated Judgment: Irma Morin Yanez, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 shorths pro-

Probated Judgment: Jeannie Sanchez, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180

months probation). Judgment and Sentence: Sele Hernandez III, evading arrest, \$500 fine \$266 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Pamela Kay Hadorn, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspend ed, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Matthew Luis Almazan, burglary of a vehicle, \$750 fine \$270 court costs, 180 days in jai (jail time suspended,12 months proba-

Judgment and Sentence: Dominic D. Parker, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction. \$400 fine, \$270 court costs, 30 days in jail

**District Court Filings:** Eutimio Ortega vs. Tina Marie Chavez

Ortega, divorce. Sonny Glen Kinard vs. Alisa Kay Kinard, divorce.

Michael Monique Daves vs. Sandy Ralph Daves, divorce Carol Ann Gonzales vs. Samuel Gonzales, divorce.
The estate of Delores Carpenter

(deceased) vs. In Re, other civil. Marriage Licenses:

Martin Alvarado, 24, and Sarah Olivas, 17, both of Big Spring. Daniel Strickland III, 39, and Ashlee Loredo, 23, both of Big Spring. Alexander Tapia, 20, and Jessica Jiminez, 18, both of Big Spring.

Alejandro Garza, 47, and LaFawn Faye Johnson, 32, both of Big Spring. Robert L. Austin Jr., 38, and Stack Dianne Canatser, 43, both of Big Spring.

Warranty deeds: Grantor: Jimmy Hector and Sandra Hector

Grantee: Christopher Rios and Erica Property: Lot 12, Block 1, Ridgelea Date Filed: Nov. 14, 2005

Grantor: Joe G. Fowler and Cynthia Grantee: CJ Fowler Properties

Property: One-half interest in the E/2

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of the SW/4 of Section 40, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date Filed: Nov. 29, 2005

Property: Lots 11 and 12, Block 14,

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Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 6,

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Grantor: Jose Angel Gonzales

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Grantor: Linda Kay Appleton

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Grantor: Charles Rosenbaum

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Block 5, Cole and Strayhorn

Grantor: Charlotte Eva Hughes

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Grantor: Virginia Mayo

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Property: Lot 12, Block 23, Monticello

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Property: Lot 6, Block 2, College Park

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Grantee: James Nipp and Maple Nipp

Property: Lot 23, Block 13, Douglas

Grantee: Alex Patterson and Violet

Property: A tract out of Section 14,

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Grantee: Clay Ingram and Mary Heth

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Date Filed: Nov. 30, 2005 Grantor: Troy Koening Grantee: A.E. Kelley

Property: Lot 5, Block 35, College Heights

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## **ZUBIATES**

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and put in a business." Shawn said the double even triple — theme of the business comes from her experiences as far back as her teen

years. "The decision to come to Big Spring and open up this store has been two years in the making," said Shawn. "In my younger years, before I was ever a nurse, I managed a Braums Ice Cream and Dairy in Dallas. I had some experience in managing that, and way back when in California, I worked for Winchells Donuts, which is a well-known company **in Southern** California. So I know a few things about donuts and ice cream.

The couple's decision to come to Big Spring wasn't just busi-

For Jose, it's more like a homecoming for the Big Spring High School graduate and former Steer football player.

"I've come back to Big Spring after being absent since 1970," said Jose, who his wife refers to home to Big Spring was a very 'affectionately as No. 35, his emotional one for him.

high school football number. 'Why did we decide on this location to open up? Because it holds a lot of promise and potential because of the traffic.

"I'm not the donut guy, I'm the construction guy. I'm working on my second retirement already. I retired in 1996 from a health insurance company and I got into my real estate with holdings in the Dallas area. I'm selling that off and bringing everything to Big Spring. This is home for me.'

Jose said the decision to come

"Besides being proud I'm from Big Spring, this gives me a sense of accomplishment.' said Jose. "There were a lot of people who I met right here who were role models for me in school and affected me in life. Now I can give back to the community. It's pretty touching for

As for location, the Zubiates Jose in particular — don't have to look far for a shot of

"It's 'the' high school," said

"We're going to be offering Steer burgers and Steer dogs. which have a special S or

"The decor is going to be Big Spring High School colors We're going to be prone the Steers, and I just happen to have a live Steer right here,' said Shawn, pointing to Jose.

Once the restaurant is opened in late December, the Zubiates say they plan to be open from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. until the summer, when they expect to extend the hours.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

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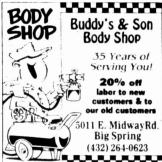
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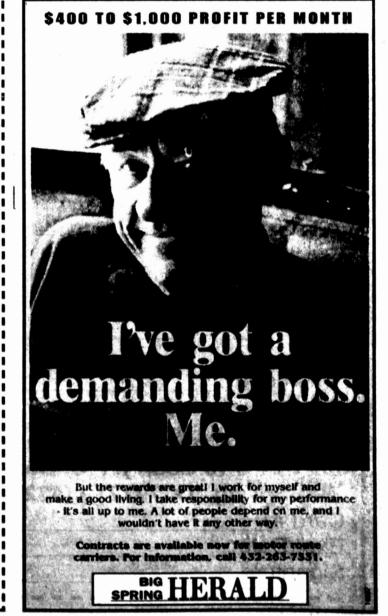
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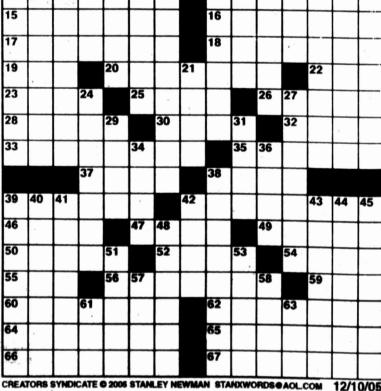
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79720, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.

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pour in. The Sagittarius sun suggests that we search for such excitement in places we've never been before. ARIES (March 21-April

19). You may be entirely unaware of the things you prize most. The stars alter your perspective, perhaps through travel, so that you may see your own heart as though it were someone else's.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Correct protocol is important. Certain practices feel so artificial to you that you may equate them with weakness or phoniness. But when in Rome ... If you're not sure what's appropriate, ask a Capricorn.

GEMINI (May 21-June

Tomorrow's Horoscope

21). Your family, friends and acquaintances are, unbeknownst to you, doing a bit of PR on your behalf. Your reputation is more important than money in the bank. Make sure it's being favorably upheld.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The planets illuminate the many paradoxes in your life lately. For example, the way you show your weakness and bring someone powerful to his knees or the way you put yourself last and become the leader.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Strength, charisma and vibrant uniqueness are your astro-gifts. These are qualities you can appreciate in a way that not everyone is able to. Other value systems are not wrong, but they are very different from your

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You would have been caught off guard, but now that you're reading your horoscope, you'll know to watch out for surprise visitors. Look good. What you wear, even around the house, professes your style and your selfesteem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This Paul Simon lyric

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sings to your secret heart today: "Some people never say the words 'I love you.' It's not their style to be so bold. Some people never say those words: 'I love you,' but like a child, they're longing to be told."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Every action comes with a cost. Your eyes are being opened to what that cost is. You're learning that it's probably more dangerous to avoid danger than to put yourself out there.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-**Dec. 21). You seek relationships that support you as you improve, striving to be more authentic in all you do. A Pisces could be the answer. When you're sure you'll be loved no matter what, you are truly free.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's OK not to know what to do next. That's not, however, the same thing as doubting yourself. Believe in your talents. At the same time, be willing to wait for a clear sign indicating which way to turn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're so comfortable traversing the territory beyond the

expected norms that you realize don't even whether or not you're fitting in. Your originality attracts people who you will be proud to call "friends."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are two options today. Go with the one that seems scarier. The thrill is good for your health. Those looking for love find it in a rather precarious situation.

FORECAST FOR THE

WEEK AHEAD: It's the

final full week of the current solar transit, and the music of Sagittarius swells like the score to a lush, over-budget adventure film. Other worlds are projected in glorious golden light on the movie screen of the mind. Of course, foreign places always seem so pregnant with the magic of possibility, when in reality, they may provide the very same potential as one might find back at home. Nonetheless, the past few weeks have been about exploring and being seduced by the wonder of distance. The moon waxes toward Thursday's full moon in Gemini, a time to paste together all the bits of recently collected information into one cohesive picture - a mental billboard declaring: "Do this ... " Hopefully the "this" in question is within your spending plan, but the relationship between Saturn and Jupiter suggests a clash in the area of finance. If what you want is terribly impractical, and if you also lack the discipline to pay for it

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** Waiver for First Day of Student Instruction 2006-2007 School Year

Big Spring Independent School District is considering School Calendars for the 2006-2007 school year with the first day of student instruction beginning before the week in which August 21st. falls. The calendars being considered have the fist day of student instruction beginning on the following date:

August 14, 2006 It is the intention of Big Spring Independent School District to apply to the Texas Education Agency for a waiver to begin the first day of student instruction on of the above date.

Big Spring Independent School District's Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing at 5:15 P.M on Thursday, January 26, 2006, in the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas. At this hearing, the Board of Trustees is soliciting public comment concerning the proposed date for the first day of student instruction.

**AVISO PUBLICO** Renuncia para el primer dia de instuccion del estudiante Ano escolar 2006-2007

El Distrito Independiente de la Es cuela de Big Spring esta considerando calendarios de la escuela para el ano escolar de 2006-2007 con el primer dia de instruccion del estudiante comenzando antes de la semana en cual el 21 de agosto cae. Los calendarios que son considerados tienen el primer dia de instruccion del estudiante comenzando en la siguiente fecha:

14 de agosto, 2006 Es la intencion de la escuela del Districto Independiente de Spring aplicarse a la Agencia de la Educaccion de Tejas que una renucnia comience el primer dia de instruccion del estudiante en el dia 14 de agosto, 2006:

La Junta Directiva del Distrito Independiente de Big Spring llevar a cabo una Audiencia Publica a las 5:15 de la tarde en jueves, 26 de enero, en el cuarto de la Junta de la Escuela Secundaria, la direccion es 707 East 11th Place, en Big Spring, Texas. En esta audici Junta Directiva esta solici comentario publico concernia fecha propuesta para el pri de instruccion del estudia #4816 December 11, 2005.

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OF REAL PROPERTY
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CAUSE NO. T-4546 STYLE Howard County, et al v. Debra Ann

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 4, Block 7, Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, CAUSE NO.

T-456 STYLE Howard County, et al v. Daniel

Hembree PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 8, Block 11, Edwards Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

CAUSE NO T-4570 STYLE

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION The East Forty (40) feet of Lot 7, Block 9, Earles Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO T-4584

Howard County, et al v. Yolanda PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Lot 11, Block 14, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO. T-4584

STYLE Howard County, et al v. Yolanda Trevino

T-4614

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 12, Block 14, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

STYLE Howard County, et al v. Antonio T. Martinez PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

A 100' x 140' tract out of the SE/4 of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, William B. Currie Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

Howard County, et al v. James T. Marlow

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 7, Block 5, Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-4618

Howard County, et al v. Emma PROPERTY DESCRIPTION The S/2 of Lot 8, Block 5, Cedar Crest Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO. T-4620

STYLE Howard County, et al v. John S. Gunn PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Lot 5, Block 7, Cole & Strayhorn Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO. T-4621

Howard County, et al v. Robert Dale Little, Jr. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 12, Block 23, College Park Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

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CAUSE NO. -4630 STYLE Howard County, et al v. Nancy PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Lot 27, Block 8, Douglass Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

Howard County, et al v. Zelda Mae PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 1.2 & 3. Block 2 Lakeview Ad-

dition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO. STYLE

Howard County, et al v. Andrew David Smith dba VIA Investment PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 13. Block 10. Monticello Addi-

tion, City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas CAUSE NO. Howard County, et al v. Frank Lu-

era and his wife, Sandy Luera PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 5, Block 3, Indianola Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, CAUSE NO.

T-4652 STYLE Howard County, et al v. Rosario Sanchez PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Lot 3, and N/2 of Lot 4, and W/2 of the S/2 of Lot 4, Block 13, Jones Valley Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO. T-4662

STYLE Howard County, et al v. Janey B. Thomas McCormick PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 10, Block 1, Bowser Addition,

City of Big Spring, Howard County, CAUSE NO. T-4672 STYLE

Howard County, et al v. Jesus Carnero, et ux PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 5. Block 6. Indianola Addition. City of Big Spring, Howard County

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CAUSE NO.

STYLE Howard County, et al v. Thomas Wayne Savell, Jr. and Deland

Wayne Savell PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 3 and 4, Block 22B, Fairview Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

CAUSE NO. T-4695 STYLE Howard County, et al v. Ida Mae

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 2, 3 & 4, Block 14, South Haven Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO. T-4698 STYLE Howard County, et al v. Everett

Frank Barnett Estate and Graham Leslie Barnett PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 15, Block 3, Ridgelea Terrace Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

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Howard County, et al v. Bertie Bell PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A .570 acre tract out of and part of the SE/4 of Section 14, Block 33, T-1-S, Certificate 2030, T&P Ry,

Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

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STYLE Howard County et al v. J.A. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 10, Block 5, Settles Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard

County, Texas CAUSE NO. STYLE Howard County, et al v. Jimmy Lee

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A 290 acre tract out of the NE/4 of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO. T-4721

STYLE Howard County, et al v. Elida C. Rodriguez PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 11, Block 16, Boydston Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

CAUSE NO. T-4729 STYLE Howard County, et al v. L.M. San-

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A .420 acre tract out of Section 43. Block 31, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO. Howard County, et al v. Migue Yanez and Anita Yanez

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Tract of land out of Section 26. Block 33, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

Howard County, et al v. Bessie E. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 8, Block 33, Cole & Strayhorn Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

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STYLE Howard County, et al v. Frederick C. Coleman and wife, Hellen A. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 14, Block 2, Stardust Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County,

CAUSE NO. T-4543 STYLE Howard County, et al v. Lita Askew, et al PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 20, Block 19, Monticello Addi-

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County, Texas Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be anplied to the satisfaction thereof. and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Witness my hand this 29 day of

November, 2005. SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS By: D. Restelli, Deputy

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# Annie's Mailbox .: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am an average 18-year-old guy. I work hard to achieve my goals in life. I have many interests. I have lots of friends who are girls. I go on dates.

The problem is, it's all the same. I mean, I feel the same for every girl I meet and date. Things go well, but I just can't see a future with any of them. They are not what I am looking for.

I believe everyone is destined to be with someone. I'm not searching for perfection. I just want a girl I can imagine a future with, someone who likes some of the same things I

I know a few girls who would love to date me and one day marry me. I'm starting to think maybe I should just be with one of them, even though it's not really what I want. Do you think I should just give up and settle for one of them because I can't seem to find what I'm looking for? Am I rushing things, or am I just too Wondering If picky? She's Out There

Dear Wondering: We would be very surprised if you met your future wife by the age of 18. It happens, but not often. Very few teenagers are ready to settle down, which is as it should be. Slow down.

As you get older, your ideas of what you want will coalesce, and you will have a better idea of what makes a good partner for you. The women around you also will be growing up, changing and maturing, and developing many of the characteristics you find appealing. If you meet enough women. eventually you should be attracted to one you want to settle down with. Put some of that energy into your education — you can meet a lot of women in

Dear Annie: I have been living with "Tony" for



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I noticed she had put out an old picture of Tony with his arm wrapped around another woman.

I told Tony that I thought this picture was disrespectful to me, and if it were my mother, I would have told her to put it away. Tony said I was making too much out of nothing. He bet me that 99 percent of other women would think nothing of it. Is he right? — Settle Our

Dear Settle: Based on our mail, we'd say Tony is completely wrong. Most women are indeed upset by this sort of thing. However, you cannot control what someone else does in her own house. Tony should ask, nicely, if his mother would consider putting that picture out of your line of sight, but otherwise, leave it alone.

Dear Annie: With the holidays approaching, I would appreciate it if you would print this. I am an adult newspaper carrier and deliver seven days a week. For my efforts, I make less than 10 cents per paper, per day, and that does not take into account the gas for my car or the supplies I have to buy to wrap my papers

My customers all pay by mail, and half of them have never included a tip with their payment. It is not for lack of service, as two years, and his mother I am very dependable. I says I am like a daughter- would like to ask every- help build up his confiin-law. However, when I one who gets home deliv- dence by being patient was at her house recently, ery of their newspaper to and loving, regardless of

please be generous with the outcome. their newspaper carrier this Christmas. Thanks. — K.

Dear K.: Many people do not realize that it is appropriate to tip the person who delivers the newspaper. Folks, these people work hard so you can have your paper delivered to your door (or relatively close to it). Keep them in mind at holiday time.

Dear Readers: Please remember to light a candle tonight at 7 p.m. local time, in remembrance of all the children who have died.

Dear Annie: I have been in a relationship with my boyfriend, "Ben," for the last three months. I am very happy with him, and things seem to be going well. The problem is that we lack a sex life.

I hope this isn't too graphic for your column, but the minute Ben puts on a condom, he loses his erection. The two times that we have had sex, it lasted for under a minute. I have expressed my concern and suggested that he see a doctor, but he becomes very defensive and won't discuss it.

Is this a normal experience for a 26-year-old man? Please help me out. Unsatisfied Girlfriend in Michigan

Dear Unsatisfied: It sounds as if Ben is suffering from erectile dysfunction and/or premature ejaculation. There are treatments for these problems, but Ben must be willing to seek help. Assure him that doctors have seen everything and he has no reason to be embarrassed.

Beyond that, however, if you care for him, try not to make this the focus of your physical relationship. Sexual problems can self-fulfilling become prophecies if Ben convinces himself in advance that he's going to have difficulties in bed. You can

Dear Annie: I've been married to "Ellie" for eight years. Recently, her uncle called a family meeting. I asked her if I should come along, and she said, "No. It's just for Mom, me, and my brother and sisters."

Needless to say, I was a little bit upset, but I told her to go ahead without me. When Ellie returned, I asked her what the einergency meeting was about, and she said she couldn't tell me because it was a family secret.

I told her that when we married, we all became family. I asked my mother-in-law and sister-in-law what the meeting was about, and was told the same thing — "It's none of business." your argued for a week about this.

When two people get married, the secrets are supposed to stop. I think my wife's mother and uncle should not have put her in this situation. Your reply would be helpful since they all read your column. (That's n secret.) — T. in Florida

Dear T.: We agree that married couples should not feel excluded from each other's lives, but not everything needs to be shared. If your wife and her family are discussing Mom's will, for example, or her health, you need not be included in these meetings, nor does your wife have to tell you what went on, although if it affects you in any way, she ought to. Nonetheless, her family has asked her to keep it to herself, and she wants to respect that. Please don't put any additional pressure on her.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Giving Up in Alaska," who had trouble finding a girlfriend. I can sympathize. I grew up in Alaska as well. I went through high school without a single date. I was extremely shy, and girls either considered me the "nice" guy or they already had boyfriends. I, too, wondered if I was weird or ugly, or if I was just going after girls who were out of my league.

A year after graduation, no I went to another state for college, and suddenly, I was in a whole new world a world where girls noticed me, talked to me and even asked ME out.

I have since married and have a beautiful family. I strongly urge "Alaska" to consider relocating. The ratio of men to women in his state is roughly 6 to 1, so it's not hard for a woman to be picky. - Alaskan in Iraq

Dear Alaskan: You've provided some encouraging words. Several readsuggested ers "Giving Up" move to another state. Our thanks to all who wrote.

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## Dear Prudence....

Dear Prudie: I have ular keeps accusing me of reached the point in life when loved ones pass away with greater frequency, and I have won-

dered there are rules or guidelines about the sanctity of remains.

My grandfather was embalmed, and I could view his body and



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recognize that he was not alive. Now I have lost close friends who chose cremation, and their deaths are proof that the person I knew has now passed away. I only see an urn.

Is it appropriate for close friends and family of the deceased to touch the body during a visitation or viewing? Are there guidelines about contact with cremation urns or ashes that will be scattered?

I wish to respect the families of my friends, but I also miss the physical contact with my dead loved ones. — Mourning in the Midwest

Dear Mourn: Your views about death are interesting, because many people would rather ride a lawnmower to the supermarket than have physical contact with the deceased — which is not to say that your view is unhealthy.

As for your question about death etiquette, it is entirely appropriate to touch or kiss a body in a casket at the viewing. Ashes are a different experience, certainly, in terms of touching, seeing and "accepting" that the person is gone.

Prudie: But trust Anyone who's been cremated is gone. The cremains, a term of art in the funeral business, may certainly be felt if they are not sealed in a container; if they are, then feel free to touch the container.

Perhaps if you focus on your memories of the departed, along with feeling the connection to everyone else at the funeral, the lack of physical contact will be easier on you. - Prudie, attitudinally

Dear Prudence: I have what I think is a relatively simple request. Can you please define, in your own words, what it is to be considered judgmental? One person in partic-

judging him, but I do not think that is the case. Any guidelines you could offer would be great. -

Dear Don: Funny you should bring this up. Prudie, too, has been told she is judgmental (and she heard this long before she was Prudie). People who are consid-

ered judgmental thought to have an opinion about what is "right" and what is "wrong," and perhaps to be vocal about

In short, being considered judgmental is probably an issue somewhere between semantics, valharder to accept, because ues, forbearance and in a serious seven-year I don't have physical rigidity. — Prudie, analyt- relationship after the secically

Dear Prudence: My husband recently informed me that his friend is having a bachelor party in Las Vegas on our first wedding anniversary. He asked me to come along, but I feel infuriated and cannot believe he would even consider asking me to do this. I think it is

inconsiderate. I feel our first wedding anniversary should be celebrated and honored alone together — not with a bunch of drunken guys in Las Vegas. Am I wrong to be angry? I know he will say that we spend every minute together, so why should it matter that we are not celebrating our first anniversary alone together?

I feel his doing this, along with some past actions (looking at girls on the Internet and on dating services), are huge red flags that I am not letting sink in. I need advice on what I should do and what you think he is doing. I don't want to overreact. — Wedding **Belle Blues** 

Dear Wed: What a guy. . . so romantic and sentimental. But given that this is his idea of fun, accept the invitation and go to Vegas. It will shock his socks off. It is a getaway and may, in fact, turn out to be a romantic trip after all.

Granted, this is a counterintuitive move, but your "permission" attend his buddy's party will give you good-sport points forever. Such a gesture on your part seems wiser than raising hell about his wanting to go since you already know that's what he wants.

And Prudie wonders about a guy married only a year who is looking at

dating sites. You might want to discuss this with him and ask him why. As to what Prudie thinks he is doing, she has no idea but does suggest you monitor the situation. He sounds immature, at the very least. - Prudie, alertly

Dear Prudie: I recently got a telephone call from my high-school boyfriend, whom I have not seen in 50 years. We are now both 68 years old, and I am not the same uncomplicated person that I was at 18,

He was married for about 40 years, and his wife died three years ago. I have been married twice, and was involved ond marriage ended. All these relationships have been heartbreaking failures, and I don't really want to get involved with anyone again.

high-school The boyfriend came to see me a couple weeks ago, and he calls me every three or four days. I don't want to hurt his feelings, but he just isn't my type. I have managed to fill up my life with my family, my dog, my job, home improvement projects, hobbies, etc., and I don't have time for any more people to keep up with.

I can go where I want. when I want, and I can pay my own way. Maybe I am selfish, but I really like my life the way it is. Your suggestions as to how to turn this man off would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. -Happily Going It Alone

Dear Hap: There is nothing selfish about liking one's life just the way it is. As for how to cool down Mr. High-School Boyfriend, perhaps the most comfortable way for both of you would be to either cut the calls short ("Whoops - late for a lunch date!") or manage to miss some of them. When he offers to come visit, tell him that unfortunately, you have an engagement on that day (or evening).

Prudie thinks this way of dampening his interest is preferable to an announcement that he's not your type and you'd

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rather be with your dog. Prudie, unconnectedly

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