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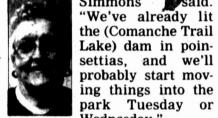
By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Just as they have for the past decade, Pat Simmons and her friends are about to light up your Christmas.

The 10th annual Festival of Lights begins Dec. 15 at Comanche Trail Park and Simmons, the driving force behind the event since its inception, said preparations are nearly complete.

"It's coming along nicely,"



Wednesday." SIMMONS The Festival of Lights annually turns the park and surrounding environs into a sort of electrified Winter Wonderland. All sorts of holiday related themes

probably start mov-

are played out in lights — lots largest ever. and lots of lights.

And the word has gotten out. Simmons said visitors from 38 states and nine countries toured the exhibit last year.

ing things into the Simmons estimated that park Tuesday or upwards to a million lights will be used at all of the displays this year.

More than 30 businesses, churches, civic groups and other organizations have "adopted" spots in this year's event, making it one of the

Long-time visitors to the festival will notice a few new features this year.

Instead of an electrified American flag greeting visitors as they enter the park of Highway 87, Simmons said a large silhouette of the Settles Hotel will be featured.

Also, the main area will feature a "poinsettia pasture" instead of the traditional field of candy canes, she added.

With the start of the festival

only two weeks away, Simmons said the pace of preparations are beginning to pick up.

"I've asked all our people to test their lights before they set them up," Simmons said. "We want them to have their areas up by Dec. 12, so we can test everything before the opening on Dec. 15.'

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

Parade gets Yuletide under way



The jolly old elf from the North Pole, Santa Claus, is joined by Mrs. Claus during the 21st annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, which traveled down Gregg Street Saturday evening. Thousands of attendees viewed the more than 50 registered entries at the parade, officials estimated.

Veterans Home takes honors as Best of Show

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

It was one cool parade — literally.

Although temperatures were colde than normal, that didn't keep a large crowd of area residents from attendar the 21st Annual Big Spring Hera' Community Christmas Parade Saturda

Thousands of attendees viewed the more than 50 registered entries at the parade, officials estimated.

"We felt like this was a fantast parade. We were extremely pleased, n only with the number of entries, but the work the entrants put into their floats. said Herald Publisher Ronnie Cupstid "This was my first year to see the F Spring parade, and now I can see wi the people here take so much pride i: the event and are so excited about being a part of it."

Best of Show in this year's parade wa entered by Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Sta Veterans Home. Officials there w receive a \$100 prize for their efforts.

The Mayor's Trophy and a \$75 prize went to the float displaying the best us of lighting, went to West Texas Center

The Grand Marshal's Award for bes costuming and \$50 prize was awarded to HEB, while Best Mounted Entry honor went to Mountain View Lodge.

Other category winners in this year parade were:

• Civic Division — First place, Big Spring High School Special Education Department; second place, First Baptis Church Mother's Day Out; third place Big Spring Red Hat Society.

 Industrial Division — First place. Western Container; second place, ALON

• Commercial Division — First plac Sonic Drive-In; second place, The Dan

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APS hoping holiday shoppers will 'Be a Star'

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With so many worthwhile causes trying to make the holiday season happy for people from all walks of life, Adult Protective Services is hoping area gift-givers will look to a slightly dif-

ferent demographic at Christmas.

Part of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, **Adult Protective Services** began is "Be a Star" program this week, collecting Christmas gifts for the area's elderly and disabled.

realize it, but the elderly and disabled population is the fastest growing in the state," said Darla Barton, community initiatives specialist for APS. "According to the last census, people 65 and older make up 12.4 percent of the population.

"A lot of people don't People between the ages of 21 and 64 with disabilities make up 19.6 percent of the population, and both of these demographics are the fastest growing in the nation.

> "Those same numbers are always higher for West Texas. In Howard County, 14.6 percent of

older, and 23.3 percent are between 21 and 64 years old with disabilities. So Big Spring and the surrounding areas have a very real stake in a program like this.'

The program, which is being sponsored by First Bank of West Texas, will See STARS, Page 3A

the population is 65 or run until Dec. 22 — the week before Christmasaccording to Barton.

"All you have to do is go to any First Bank of West Texas location and pick out a star," said Barton. "The stars will have the client's first name and

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RED DRESS LUNCHEON

In the Red Dress tradition, a Red Dress Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Heritage Museum.

Guests are invited to wear their red dresses and a fancy red hat. An award will be given to the woman with the best hat.

Lunch will be provided by the Heritage Museum Events Committee.

Those planning on attending are asked to RSVP by Dec. 6 to reserve a place. Seating will be limited to 60 guests.

For more information, contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255 or go by 510 Scurry.

Tour of Homes set

The Big Spring Symphony Guild will hold its annual Holiday Tour of Homes Sunday, Dec. 10.

Featured will be four local homes, 2829 Hunter's Glen, the home of Amy and Michael Beech; 1213 E. FM 700, home of Donna and Skip Burcham; 610 Edwards Boulevard, home of Leslie Elrod; and 2511 Fisher St., the home of Brenda and Duane Thomas.

Tickets are available at First Bank of West Texas, Heritage Museum, the Big Spring Herald and at any of the participating homes on the day of the tours.

For more information on the tours, contact the Symphony office at 263-4033.

21 Shopping Days Til Christmas



Obituaries

George Thomas Palmer Jr.

George Thomas Palmer Jr., 88, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, in a local hospital. No services are planned at this time.

He was born Dec. 26, 1917, in Prescott, Ark.

He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and had worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad as a car inspector, retiring in 1981.

Survivors include three grandsons, Myron Palmer of Burleson, Robert Palmer of Mineola and Thomas Palmer of Ft. Worth; and two granddaughters, Terri Valek of Mineola and Sundi Kissinger of Tyler.

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

Lonnie Ray Clanton



Lonnie Ray Clanton, 57, born in Big Spring Sept. 4, 1949, died at his home in Sand Springs Dec. 1, 2006. He graduated from BSHS in 1968 excelling in athletics and received a football scholarship to

He was preceded in death by his parents, Morris and Earline Clanton; his brother, Ronnie Clanton; and by his nephew, Andy Clanton.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Don and Deborah Clanton of Cypress; nephew, Ron Clanton; nieces Kim Ransleben, Paula Hunt, Amy Hill, and Annette Clanton; and many loving relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, 10 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 51 inmates at the time of this report. • SCOTT RANDALL WHITLOW, 29, was arrested

Friday by the HCSO on a motion to adjudicate for burglary of a building. · KAILEE RADLOFF, 20, was arrested Friday by

the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief. · KEVIN BRENT MATTESON, 46, was arrested

Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for an accident involving injury or death. · LIONSO LEE JIMENEZ III, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of theft

with two or more previous convictions and burglary of a habitation. · JACOB ANDREW FERRO, 26, was transferred to

the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid, criminal trespass and failure to maintain financial responsibility

· CHARLES ERROL POLLOCK, 38, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• GEORGE WILLIAM KOSTELAZ, 47, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense and resisting arrest.

• DANIEL JESUS LEMON, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest.

• TONY MONTES GARCIA JR., 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of accident involving damage to a vehicle.

· LORIE JUAREZ, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

Take Note

 THE BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOVERNMENTAL **COMMITTEE** will be hosting a reception for newly elected State Rep. Joe Heflin from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at the chamber offices, 215 W. Third. The Chamber is encouraging everyone to come out and meet Joe and his wife Linda. Refreshments will be

 A RED DRESS LUNCHEON will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum. Guests are invited to wear their red dresses and a fancy red hat. An award will be given to the woman with the best hat. Lunch will be provided by the Heritage Museum Events Committee. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Wednesday to reserve a place. Seating will be limited to 60 guests. For more information, contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255 or go by 510 Scurry.

 DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES is giving flu shots Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 or no charge if you bring your Medicaid or Medicare card. Flu shots will be offered to everyone. For more information, call 432-263-9775.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m.

• DANIEL LEMON, 38, of 1603 S. Owens, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and evading arrest.

• EDWIN DEAN, 41, of 1205 S. Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on a charge of Class C assault - family violence.

• GEORGE KOSTELAZ, 47, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense and resisting arrest.

• ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE, 46, of 6203 Sterling, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

• LORI JUAREZ, 37, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license

• TONY GARCIA JR., 26, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Sunday a Howard County warrant.

LOGAN WAYNE LLOYD, 19, of 131 Jonesboro, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and a local warrant. THEFT was reported:

- in the 900 block of Willia.

- in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place. POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARA-PHERNALIA was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird.

• EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 300 block of Scurry.

ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported:

- in the 300 block of 11th Place.

- in the 2900 block of Highway 80. - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was

reported:

- in the 1800 block of Main Street. - in the 900 block of 14th Street.

- in the 2500 block of Gunter.

 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: TRAUMA was reported in the area of Village Road.

Service was refused. · MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of

Andrews Lane. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 2700 block of

Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC. · TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of

Lancaster. Service was refused. · MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of E.

Robinson. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of S.

Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Culp. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of Dallas. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Support Groups

· Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-

TUESDAY

 The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

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TODAY

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at The Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.

• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

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

• Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

· Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. · League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the board room of the

YMCA. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 714-4185 or 263-6351 or 816-6962. • Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7

p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information. • VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall,

500 Driver Road. Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse

on the Andrews Highway. Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas

Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main. Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center

at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. • Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m.

at 221 Main.

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

Weather

Today — Sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Light

and variable winds. Tuesday — Mostly sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the

mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the west

after midnight. Wednesday — Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the Thursday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper:

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Saturday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 60.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-16-26-30-33-37. Number matching six of six: none.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$10 million. Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-13-24-27-31.

Number matching five of five: none.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight. The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 0-1-0

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 0-1-1

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Monday, December 4, 2006 Seasonal employment means drop in joblessness

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

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Unemployment Howard County dropped slightly during the month of October as the holiday hiring season begins to boost numbers in the Crossroads area.

According to Mary Gregg, assistant area manager for the Workforce Network of Big Spring, said the unemployment rate dropped to 5.2 percent, down from 5.3 percent reported in September.

"The Howard County unemployment dropped slightly from last month's figure due to the fact that holiday hiring

has begun," said Gregg. "As of this date, the local Workforce Network has 106 open jobs. All job seekers are encouraged to utilize the www.workintexas.com system, whether employed or unemployed. New job listings are received daily and opportunities arise for those that have been discouraged with the type of jobs available in the past, or for those exploring new career opportunities."

While the small decline between September and October is a positive sign for the Big Spring workforce, it remains higher than the 4.9 percent posted in October 2005.

released by the Texas Workforce Commission, the number of employed residents in the Howard County area during October totaled 12,374, up from 12,287 in September and down from 12,617 in October 2005. The number of unemployed residents fell from 685 in September to 680 in October, compared to 648 reported a year ago.

The civilian workforce saw an increase, growing from 12,972 in September to 13,054 in October, but is still down from the 13,265 reported a year ago.

"Regionally, natural resources, mining and construction added 300

cent increase over last month," said Gregg. "This upward trend was reflected throughout the state, with many areas experiencing positive movement in natural resources, mining and

construction. "Professional and business services slightly decreased in October, losing 200 jobs, bringing year-to-date growth to 200 iobs for 2006. Local Government employment grew by 100 jobs for October as school districts continue to hire positions.'

Gregg said the Texas unemployment rate is 4.6 percent, while

By THOMAS JENKINS

Symphony Guild.

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This year's Holiday

Tour of Homes promises

Guild president and

Bond, and is something

she and the rest of the

guild members are look-

"The Guild members

will be acting as tour

guides, with two of us at

each home," said Bond.
"It's a lot of fun for us.

Even though we have to

work through the actual

tour, we'll get a preview

of the homes prior to the

tours, so it's really excit-

Janice

Staff Writer

According to figures jobs this month, a 2.2 per- Permian Basin Workforce Development Area is listed at 4 percent. Within the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area there are 193,874 employed individuals, compared to last year's figure of 189,574.

Similar tends have been seen in surrounding counties, with unemployment rates reported at 3.4 percent in Midland County; 3.9 percent in Ector County; 4.5 percent in Martin County; 7 percent in Dawson County; 3.7 percent in Borden County; 4.9 percent in Glasscock County; 3.7 percent in Andrews County; and 4.2 percent in Upton County.

"Job seekers interested in any job listings found at WorkinTexas.com can contact Carla Gross or Marie Benavides for more information and referrals," said Gregg. "We continue to have a critical demand in our area for administrative technicians, correctional officers, delivery drivers, diesel mechanics, economics Instructors, LVNs and jailers."

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

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







Bond said the tour, **STARS**

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requested gift. Each gift elderly or disabled clients need to be returned to the bank.'

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HERALD photos/Thomas Jenkins and Steve Reagan Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade judges Joyce Crooker, Bebe McCasland and John Ybarra (top photo) take in the procession Saturday night. They had a tough time on their hands in rating the various winners in each division. The parade, which included more than 50 registered entries, featured all sorts of vehicles including several ATVs, golf carts and small tractors, like that shown in the middle

photo, and motorcycles, but none as small as the

mini-chopper shown in the bottom photo. **PARADE**

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Gallery; third place, StarTek.

 Individual Division — First place, Jimmy Lockhart; second place, Terry Stanley; third place, Clifford Hart.

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Tour of Homes is set for Sunday which has been a part of money to decorate the the local holiday season since 1981, will feature

ing 2829 Hunter's Glen, to be an exercise in elethe home of Amy and gance as several local Michael Beech; 1213 E. families prepare to open FM 700, home of Donna their dwellings to the and Skip Burcham; 610 public in hopes of raising Edwards Boulevard, money for the Big Spring home of Leslie Elrod; and 2511 Fisher Street, the The tour is set for home of Brenda and Sunday, according to

four local homes, includ-

Duane Thomas. Tours will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue through 3:30 p.m., with a reception to immediately follow at the First Church Presbyterian

until 5 p.m. Those in attendance will also get the chance to see the First Presbyterian Church Choir — directed by Mike Michell - perform at 4 p.m.

"These home owners have been so gracious in opening up their homes for the tour," said Bond. "It takes a lot of time and

S. Scurry, 1810 E. FM 700 and 500 W. Broadway in Coahoma. Lobby hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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homes, and they do this gratis.

"We were unable to hold the tour last year because we couldn't get enough homes, but guild members have been out soliciting these home owners and we feel like this year's tour is going to be very special."

Tckets for the event are \$10, and a map to each of the homes will be printed on the back of the tickets.

"This is a fundraiser for the Guild, and more than 80 percent of the money we manage to raise will go directly to the Big Spring Symphony Association," she said.

Tickets for the tour are available at First Bank of West Texas, Heritage Museum, the Big Spring Herald and at any of the participating homes on the day of the tours,

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on the program, contact Barton at 432-684-3201.





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Ronnie Cupstid

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OUR VIEWS

You all make our Christmas parade very special event

nce again, Big Spring, you pulled it off. Saturday's 21st annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade was everything we had hoped it would be an more, and was, we believe, an excellent start

Downtown Big Spring was indeed aglow with holiday lights and festive cheer, and while we here at the *Herald* do work hard each year in sponsoring the parade, it is the community that makes this event the magical start to the Christmas season it

Not only were there plenty of participants and brightly colored and lighted entries, but the thousands of local residents — especially the radiantfaced youngsters — who line the parade's route each year is heart warming..

The more than 50 entries in this year's parade made it difficult for judges, but there was little question in our minds that the panel had it right when issuing a perfect rating and the Herald Best of Show Award and \$100 prize to the float entered by the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home. The same holds true, we think, for the \$75 prize given to the West Texas Centers for MHMR as the winner of the Mayor's Trophy for best lighted entry, and the \$50 prize that went to H-E-B's entry that had the best costuming...

Competition in the lighting category was the closest we've ever seen, with West Texas Centers for MHMR needing a perfect score in that category to win. Six other entries were within one or two points of that score once the judges' scores were tabulated.

We were also proud to see entries from the Mountain View Lodge, Big Spring High School's Special Ed Department, First Baptist Church's Mothers Day Out, the Big Spring Red Hat Society, Western Container, Alon USA, Sonic Drive In, The Dance Gallery, Startek, Jimmy Lockhart, Terry Stanley and Clifford Hart receive accolades from the judges.

But above all else, we want to take this opportunity to thank all those who took part in the procession and ask you to all take a bow.

Thanks to all your efforts, Big Spring's Christmas Parade for 2006 was certainly one of the

You all made it worth the effort and a very pleasant memory that will stay with us for quite some time to come.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we walk with You, Lord, everything looks better. *

What a battle! Bigotry vs. greed

of you don't have the law, argue the facts. If don't have the facts, argue public policy." I wonder if Flip Benham has ever been to Walt Disney World? I wonder if he remembers the 1997 Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) vote urging its members to boycott Disney because of SBC's perception that Disney sanctioned homosexuality by hosting "Gay Day" at its parks?

There are morals, and then there's money, and the latter trumps, at least in the real world. That's the lesson of the woefully ineffective SBC boycott of Disney. It's one that Benham, as director of Operation Rescue/Operation Save America, based in Dallas, should have learned before

calling for people of faith to boycott Wal-Mart on Black Friday. That's the day after Thanksgiving, typically retailers' most-profitable shopping day of the year. His group was one of two conser-

vative organizations that announced the boycott. However, the other one, the American Family Association, called its protest off after Wal-Mart issued a statement saying it would not support controversial causes. Benham wanted Christians to punish Wal-Mart financially for joining the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) last August. He threw down the boycott gauntlet as a litmus test for Christians, as earthly evidence of their worthiness of eternal sal-On his Web site, he says,

"American businesses across this nation are being blackmailed by the devil himself," and urges Wal-Mart to re-apply "biblical principles." Disneyworld is still here. and Wal-Mart is too, despite Benham's protestation. Doubtless more than one homosexual-despising evangelical roamed the retailer's aisles in search of holiday bargains last Friday. Playstation 3 trumps church politics nearly every time.

Benham knew that he couldn't convince many on the merits of his argument, so he took it to the front door of that embodiment and essence of capitalism, Wal-Mart. His tactic? Christianity meets mass consumerism: Hatred of homosexuals juxtaposed with Happy Holidays, a weird mix of pseudo-faith and cash. Benham then secured his proverbial 15 minutes of fame on the media merry-go-around.

His argument says homosexuality is morally wrong and homosexuals are hell-bound in lieu of repentance of their sinful lifestyle choice. The Bible condemns homosexuality; therefore, Christians must condemn homosexuals and boycott retailers that solicit business from the gay and lesbian community. Are we still having the nature versus nurture debate about homosexuality? That argument is so way last century. Time for Benham and his type to move into the scientific realm that proves homosexuality is genetic, and stop regarding it as a mental illness or a sexual deviation.

The boycott reveals more about his organization, his scant, gullible followers, and their faith than it does about Wal-Mart's business practices. There are more legitimate and compelling reasons to dislike corporate America in general and Wal-Mart in particular. Its low wages and its treatment of female employee are examples. Its partnership with the NGLCC is not.

Profit making is the essence of capitalism, surely Benham real-

izes. Wal-Mart made a calculated decision to reach a wider shopping demographic by reaching out to the GLBT community. It is looking to improve its bottom line, not to make an overt political or a concealed religious statement. Show me the money, stupid. Benham's tactics mock the very faith he purports to espouse. He garnered publicity for his organization but to what result? Boycott Wal-Mart, the Mecca of materialism, and you'll get your name in the news, as an oddity to most, an ordained man of God to a confused few. But such publicity is pride, in contradiction to Christian humility. Benham had his political say on homosexuals, but he did not speak in love, a requirement of his faith. "Blessed are the peacemakers," the Bible says, but

I don't think that God was impressed with Benham's boycott, nor his bigotry. He can't win on the merits of his case. He doesn't have the law, facts, or a compelling public policy argument for a Christian boycott.

his boycott was "in your face," not

at all a tolerance effort.

Perhaps Benham should recall the words of Shakespeare's Macbeth, "Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player/That struts and frets his hour upon the stage/And then is heard no more: it is a tale/Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,/Signifying noth-

That seems to be apropos.

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You're not hungry ... just insecure

ranklin Delano Roosevelt. on the eve of his nomination for president in 1932, said: "I see one-third of a nation ill-fed, ill-housed and illclad." Ever since, American presidents have promised to end hunger. None of them has.

Not John Kennedy with his plans cut short, not Lyndon Johnson who used them to build his own Great Society, not Ronald Reagan with his "a rising tide raises all boats" philosophy, not Bill Clinton, who felt everybody's pain. Until now. George W. Bush, who didn't



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even promise to end hunger, has done it anyway. And in time for the holidays.

In fact, mere days before Thanksgiving, Mr. Bush's Department of Agriculture issued its annual report on food availability and, lo and behold, no one was listed as "hungry." Take that, FDR!

It seems that the USDA had done away with the "hungry" category in its 2006 report because the word is an imprecise, non-scientific term. Instead, those who can't afford to put food on ne table are now said to have "very low food security." This year, that group was even bigger than last year — 35 million, or 12 percent of the population. But no hunger.

Good for our side. Now if President Bush would only get to work on the ill-housed and ill-clad issues we could get on about the business of carving a place for him on Mt. Rushmore.

But if you're surprised that 35 million Americans have very low food security and that 11 million reported going (you should pardon the expression) hungry at times, you shouldn't be.

I know that we're the greatest country in the world — just ask us — but there are certain minor areas in which we lag behind much of the industrialized world. I'm talking matters almost too trivial to mention: life expectancy, nutrition, housing, health services, education, employment.

The United Nations each year publishes a "human development" index, ranking countries according to the ability to provide their citizens a chance at a long and prosperous life.

It turns out that Norway, land of the steeply progressive income tax, is the place most likely to help you live long and well. Capitalistic America is no better than eighth, coming in behind Iceland, Australia, Ireland, Sweden, Canada and Japan. To which I can only say in rebuttal: "Our rich people are richer than your rich people and we don't make them pay taxes either. Ha,

If that doesn't make the Norwegians and the rest of those socialists emerald green with envy, nothing will.

Meanwhile, back in Washington, President Bush and the Democrats have already started making good on the promise to be bi-partisan.

Mr. Bush's fired off the first gesture by nominating a man who does not believe in the United Nations (John Bolton) to be our U.N. ambassador and a man who doesn't believe in contraception (Eric Keroack) to oversee federally

funded planned parenthood programs. The appointments are in keeping with Bush's philosophy of putting incompetents (former FEMA head Michael Brown) and outright saboteurs (former Secretary of Energy and auto industry shill Spencer Abraham) at the controls of government to demonstrate that government doesn't work.

The Democrats — who like government and think we should have more of it — haven't contrived their bi-partisan answer yet; they've been too busy fighting among themselves. Nancy Pelosi's first move on becoming the presumptive Speaker of the House was to try to strong-arm Abscam scandal-tainted John Murtha of Pennsylvania, into the No. 2 House position.

Rep. Stenny Hoyer of Maryland, however, had his own ambitions for the job. In addition, he had the votes so he won, thus making Ms. Pelosi not merely the first woman ever to lead the House, but the first to enter office carrying her head underneath her arm. But never fear. She's hoping to salvage her reputation for leadership by naming Rep. Alcee Hastings of Florida chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

Hastings, you might remember. was the federal judge impeached on a bribery charge. Tell me again why we voted the Democrats into office. I keep forgetting.

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Fit family: Two moms launch fitness magazine for kids — and parents

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MIAMI - Maria Sanz, Miami mother of four, wanted a fun fitness magazine for her kids that would encourage them to live healthy, smart lives. When she couldn't find one, she created it.

Along with childhood friend Marycel Diaz, Sanz is now publisher of Be Fit Kids, a bimonthly sports and fitness magazine that targets kids 8 to 14. Created two years ago, the Miami-based magazine has a circulation of 25,000.

The glossy magazine satisfies kids' hero worship of professional athletes by featuring a highprofile jock on the cover. The August/September issue had New York Yankees player Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez on the front, with the Miamireared pitcher granting a quick interview with a local 10-year-old inside.

Cover celebrities have included The Rock (WWFwrestler-turned-actor Dwayne Johnson), Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal, tennis star Serena Williams, seven-time Tour de France champ Lance Armstrong, soccer star Mia Hamm and Boston Red Sox third baseman Mike Lowell.

But while superstars have their place in the 50page magazine, most of the articles are written about kids.

"We always have a professional athlete on the cover - that way kids want to pick it up and read it," Sanz says. "But we want to provide kids with different alternatives. Maybe they don't like baseball or running or swimming; we show them different aspects of the game and we profile two or three student athletes. We try to show that you don't have to be the best on the team, that what's important is that you make the effort to get out there and play.

Inside a recent issue: an interview with pro volleyball player Kerri Walsh, stories on flag football and kids' cross-country running, and step-by-step photos that demonstrate how to do five morning exercises, such as squats and shoulder rotations. There are also articles on how to pick a healthy lunch at school, a dozen ways to study smarter, and snacking right.

"We believe it's often good for kids to read about this themselves and make their own decisions," says Sanz, the mother of a 17-year-old boy, a 12-year-old daughter and twin boys, 10.

Fighting Childhood Obesity

The magazine's motto is "Fighting Childhood Obesity One Kid at a Time." Its timing couldn't be better.

Obesity in children 6 to 11 years has quadrupled in the past 25 years and doubled for adolescents, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Today, three out of every 10 American



Miami Herald MCT photo/Patrick Farrell Marycel Diaz, left, and Maria Sanz created Be Fit Kids magazine. In the background are their family members, from left, Afred Meneses Jr., Eric Meneses, Alfred Meneses Sr., Max Vega-Sanz, Michael Vega-Sanze,

children are overweight, full-time horse breeder kids," says Diaz, a former according the Obesity American Association, with the highest rates occurring among African-American, Hispanic and Native-

Cristina Vega-Sanz and Matthew Vega-Sanz.

American children. Obese children often develop early health problems, such as diabetes and heart disease, and they are most likely to become obese adults, with continued medical problems and shorter life spans. Researchers fear if the trend continues, obesity will soon top smoking as the nation's most pre-

ventable cause of death. Sanz, who grew up on a horse farm, says she's as guilty as most working parents when it comes to lack of exercise and poor eating habits. She was a

before taking on the role of publisher. Her husband, Max Vega, is a real estate broker.

"I don't always make the wisest food choices. and I am not as physically active as I should be," Sanz admits. "My daily workout' consists of climbing aboard my SUV and driving my kids to school, to the library, to the tutor's house, to basketball practice, to piano recitals.

Important Choices

Says Diaz, who has two boys, ages 11 and 13: "The worst thing for a mother and father who both work is that there is no time to cook home. Wendy's, McDonald's, Burger King — those are

choices. But try to teach kids the importance of the choices they make. don't say, 'You can't go McDonald's anymore,' but we educate

them make healthier choices "Kids are

advertising coordinator for The Biltmore Hotel in Gables, Coral Fla. They're going to eat a cookie here and there. The question is, 'How often do you eat those things?' It's not about gaining a pound and losing a pound. It's about staying fit."

The magazine's editorin-chief, Alfred M.

the easiest Meneses, an assistant principal at Jane S. Roberts K-8 Center in Miami and Diaz's husband, writes some of the features and also calls on freelancers around the country to contribute.

A "Just for Parents" section in the back aims to educate parents about the importance of eating and exercising right.

A recent issue included an article on childhood obesity bу Roberto Salazar, administrator of the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, as well as tips on finding a good coach for your kids.

A Teacher Resource Guide, which can be downloaded from the magazine's Web site (www.befitkidsmagazine.com), gives teachers a chance to incorporate the magazine into lesson plans. Meneses developed the curriculum-friendly

The magazine is used at such Miami-Dade County public schools as Howard **Bent** Tree, Drive. Brentwood and South Pointe elementaries, as well as Epiphany, St. Kevin and Holy Family Catholic schools. The magazine also has been picked up by some YMCAs, Boys & Girls Clubs, doctor's offices and hospitals.

Sanz and Diaz, who oversee a staff of five, plan to launch a Spanish version of the magazine sometime next year and are searching for more advertisers so they can increase distribution. Current advertisers include Macy's, St. Jude Research Children's Hospital, Wilson and Spalding.

"Our ultimate goal is to provide every school-age child in America_and eventually Latin America - with a copy," Sanz



Famous Hand

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The deal is from a round-robin qualifying match between Great Britain and New Zealand, which

ended up losing to the British in the final. The bidding was the same at both tables, both Souths opening five diamonds in first seat. The opening lead — the king of spades, on which

Unfortunately, this left East in the dark as to how many spades and hearts everyone held, and he was also uncertain about who had the heart king. Ultimately, he tried to cash the ace of spades, and that was that. South ruffed, drew trumps and

discarded the heart deuce on a high

both Easts played the eight — was

also the same, but the defense dif-fered significantly thereafter.

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would almost surely have overtaken

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eight. East won the heart jack with

When a New Zealand pair held the East-West cards, West switched to the heart jack at orick two. West had worked out from the play to the

club to make the contract. At the other table, where twin brothers Justin and Jason Hackett were East-West for Great Britain, Jason found the winning defense Anticipating that his brother would have a problem as to how to continue after taking the hoped-for heart ace Jason laid down the heart king at trick two and continued with a second heart to Justin's ace to defeat the

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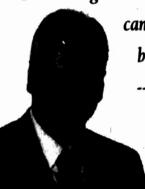
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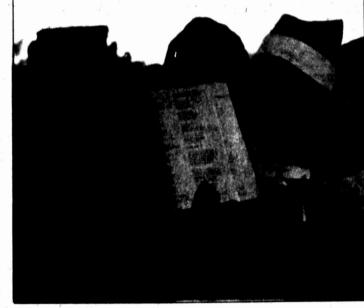
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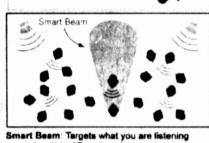


The 21st annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade was a hit for local civic groups, churches and businesses, as parade entries of every shape and size made the rather chilly journey down Gregg Street Saturday night. Best of Show in this year's parade was entered by Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home. Officials there will receive a \$100 prize for their efforts. The Mayor's Trophy and a \$75 prize, went to the float displaying the best use of lighting, went to West Texas Centers for MHMR. The Grand Marshal's Award for best costuming and \$50 prize was awarded to HEB, while Best Mounted Entry honors went to Mountain View Lodge.



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Quarterback Club meeting scheduled

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Mark Tissue, the booster club president, encourages all parents of BSHS football players and the teams' fans to attend. Officers for next season

will be the topic of conversation. For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

Texas Tech University accepts bowl bid

Texas Tech kept its bowl streak under coach Mike Leach alive Sunday accepting its seventh bowl appearance in his seven seasons. The Red Raiders will play in the Insight Bowl.

The Red Raiders (7-5) will play Minnesota (6-6) in the Dec. 29 game in Tempe, Ariz.

Nebraska accepts CottonBowl bid

Nebraska is playing football in January again, against No. 10 Auburn in a Cotton Bowl matchup of teams with little history in that game or facing each other.

The Cornhuskers (9-4) are in a January game for the first time in five seasons. The New Year's Day game will be only their fourth Cotton Bowl — and first since

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"The Insight Bowl is a great bowl in a great location that provides a great matchup with the Big 12 and Big Ten conferences," Leach Leach said. "We are excited about the opportunity to face Minnesota and look forward to spending some time in Phoenix".

University of Texas accepts Alamo Bowl

Texas, which lost its chance to defend its national championship with consecutive losses to Kansas State and Texas A&M, will play in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 30, a team spokesman said Sunday.

The Longhorns (9-3) will play Iowa (6-6), which finished in ninth place in the Big Ten. Iowa has lost three straight games and five of its

ast six. It is the first trip to the Alamo Bowl for Texas, team spokesman John Bianco said. The onghorns have made be 75-mile trip to San ntonio at least two her times: a loss to

Cowboys 23, New York 20 Out with the old kicker and in with the new

By DAVE GOLDBERG

AP Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. In an NFC where nobody stands out, the Dallas Cowboys are beginning to pass for a dominant

Newly signed kicker Martin Gramatica booted 46-yard field goal with 1 second left to give the Cowboys a 23-20 win over the New York Giants and a two-game lead in the NFC East. Gramatica's winning kick went straight through the uprights with plenty of power, more than making up for his wide-right miss from 44 yards to end the Cowboys' opening drive.

The winning score was set up by a 42-yard pass by Tony Romo to Jason Witten and came just over a minute after the Giants had tied the game at 20-all on a 5yard TD pass from Eli Manning to Plaxico Burress.

Gramatica, who also kicked field goals of 41 and 35 yards, was signed last week after the Cowboys cut Mike Vanderjagt. But being the new guy didn't keep Gramatica from bursting into one of his trademark wild celebrations: The diminutive kicker leaped into the arms of his teammates, while coach Bill Parcells broke into a wide smile on the sidelines as the ball sailed through.

"For a guy who hadn't been kicking with regularity, it was a difficult thing to do," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said of the winning kick.

It was the fourth straight loss for the Giants (6-6) and the fourth win in five games for Dallas (8-4) since Romo replaced Drew Bledsoe at quarterback at halftime of a 36-22 loss to New York



MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram Dallas kicker Martin Gramatica looks skyward after successfully kicking a field goal against the New York Giants

with one second remaining in the first half at Giants Stadium in New Jersey, Sunday.

on Oct. 23. He finished 20-of-34 for 257 yards with two intercep-

There were three scores in the

First, Marion Barber III scored

But Romo hit Witten on the on a 1-yard run. Then Manning first play after the kickoff with a drove the Giants 63 yards for the strong throw to take the

tying score on the pass to Burress. Texans win unusual game; Carr passes for -5 yards

BY JOSH DOROM

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Houston Texans didn't complete a pass in the second half, finished the game with negative yards passing and somehow found a way to win.

That's what happens when you play the Oakland Raiders.

Faggins Demarcus scored on a 58-yard fumble return and Houston used two long returns and a pair of fumbles by Randal Williams to set up 16 more points in the second half of a 23-14 victory over Oakland on Sunday.

In a season full of ugly losses by the Raiders (2-10), this one gets its own special place. In the first game since John Shoop took over the play-calling duties from Tom Walsh, Oakland turned the ball over five times, missed three field goals, allowed five sacks and had only one offensive score.

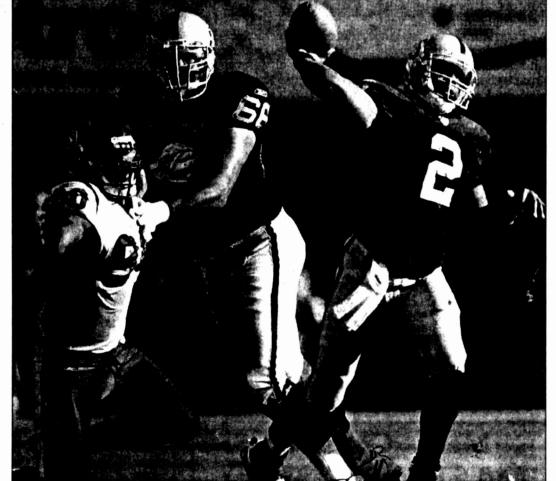
thing Scary Houston's offense might have been even worse. David Carr finished 7

of-14 for 32 yards, failing to complete a pass in the final 32 minutes. He was sacked five times for 37 yards, leaving Houston with negative-5 yards passing — their fewest ever and the fewest allowed by the Raiders.

About the only thing working for the Texans (4-8) on offense was handing the ball to Ron Dayne, who had 83 of his 95 yards rushing in the second half.

Houston Pro Bowl kick returner Jerome Mathis, who missed the first 11 games recovering from a fractured foot, provided a spark with an 87-yard return of the second-half kickoff. Wali Lundy ran in from the 3 on the next

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Oakland Raiders quarterback Aaron Brooks (2) passes against Houston Texans during second quarter action at McAfee Coliseum in California, Sunday. The Texans won 20-19.

All-Big 12 team filled with talent

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer DALLAS — Parity has hit the Big 12, at least when it comes to the distribution of talent. Just look at The Associated Press all-conference team.

Eleven schools have first-teamers. Texas A&M is the only exception and the No. 22 Aggies have more second-teamers than anyone else.

The split between the division is close, too the South rose again, but its lead was only 14-12. That's a big leap for the North after having only eight top picks each of the last three years.

Texas led the way with six first-teamers, matching the combined total of

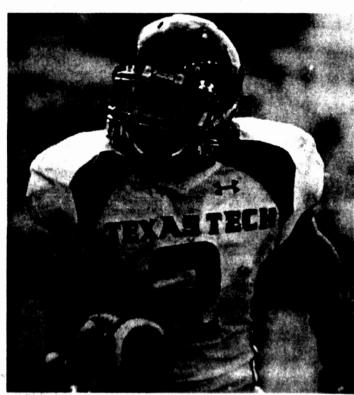
No. 8 Oklahoma and No. running 19 Nebraska. And even though the No. 17 Longhorns beat the Cornhuskers and Sooners, the old Big Eight rivals are the ones who'll meet for the conference championship Saturday, yet another fitting example of the theme to this

year's AP team. A panel of 20 sports writers who regularly cover the league for newspapers throughout the conference's seven states were split on so many positions that there were only two unanimous picks: Texas offensive lineman Justin Blalock and Kansas running back

Jon Cornish. Cornish was joined at See BIG 12, Page 2B

back Nebraska's Brandon Jackson, who narrowly edged out Adrian Peterson of Oklahoma. It's interesting that Peterson came so close considering a broken collarbone forced him to miss half the season long enough for his replacement, Allen Patrick, to get honorable mention on the all-conference squad.

In addition to Jackson, other Nebraska players picked as the best at their position include quarterback Zac Taylor, who also was voted the offensive player of the year, and defensive lineman Adam



Texas Tech's Shannon Woods was named to the All-Big 12 team as the offensive specialist.

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Texas Bowl features Big 12 vs. Big East

By STEVE BRISENDINE

AP Sports Writer

Kansas State's first postseason trip in three years will match the Wildcats against an opponent that came within a whisker of making the Bowl Championship Series.

Kansas State accepted a bid on Sunday to the Texas Bowl, where the Wildcats (7-5) will meet No. 16 Rutgers.

The game is set for Dec. 28 in Houston.

The Scarlet Knights (10-2) could have earned the Big East's automatic BCS berth by beating West Virginia on Saturday, but fell 41-39 the to Mountaineers in triple overtime.

iber team, for sure," firstyear Kansas State coach Ron Prince said. "But we've played a couple of those this year, and we're ready to go compete."

Rutgers' situation should be familiar to Kansas State fans who remember the Wildcats' 1998 season.

The Wildcats, for years the most miserable program in college football, were ranked No. 2 and on the verge of playing for a national championship in 1998 before they blew a 15point fourth-quarter lead to Texas A&M and lost the Big 12 title game in double-overtime. They tumbled to the Alamo Bowl, where they looked and acted — dispirited

"They're a national cal- in a loss to unranked hurts. Purdue.

> Rutgers, which played Princeton in the first college football game ever. also struggled for years before its resurgence under former Miami assistant Greg Schiano.

This year, the Scarlet Knights won their first nine games and were ranked as high as No. 7 before going 1-2 down the stretch.

Despite that disappointment, Schiano said, his team won't let down for the Texas Bowl.

"Certainly, there's disappointment," he said. We had an opportunity to be in the BCS, and more importantly to be league champions. To come close and not get it

"But in 137 years of football, we've only been to two bowl games, so we're thrilled to be going to another bowl game and for the first time in our history, to be going to back-to-back games."

The Texas Bowl picked last among bowls with Big 12 Conference ties, but Kansas State athletic director Tim Weiser said he wasn't disappointed especially since the Wildcats were picked to finish last in the Big 12 North this year.

think in anything but terms of excitement." Weiser said.

Kansas State won its only Big 12 title in 2003,

"It's difficult for us to

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Cowboys to the Giants

The Giants took an early 7-0 lead on their first possession, driving 66 yards on 10 plays with Manning hitting Jeremy Shockey on a 17-yard pass for the score. But they couldn't score a touchdown again until the fourth quarter although they had first downs at the Dallas four twice in the second half and had to settle for field goals.

Dallas tied it at 7-all on Barber's first plunge, which was set up by bizarre sequence: Matthias Kiwanuka picked off a Romo pass and returned it 12 yards before he was stripped of the ball and Sam Hurd recovered for

Cowboys.

It was the second game in a row that the rookie started to make a big play that turned into a mistake - last week he had Tennessee's Vince Young in his arms for what could have been a gamewinning sack released him because he thought Young had released the ball. Young then scampered for a first town and Tennessee went on to win.

On Sunday, the key sequence came just before the half.

With a fourth-and-short and 1:30 left, the Giants went for it, running short specialist yardage Brandon Jacobs outside, where he was stopped for a 3-yard loss. Romo then drove the Cowboys down the field for a 41-yard field goal by Gramatica.

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play to tie the game at 14.

Mathis was later used as a decoy when Dexter Wynn faked a reverse on a punt return and went 58 yards before being tackled by punter Shane Lechler at the 21.

The Texans settled for a 42-yard field goal by Kris Brown to make it 17-14. A pair of fumbles by Randal Williams led to two more field goals by Brown, putting the game out of reach.

The Raiders had their chances, but Sebastian Janikowski missed three field goals, hitting the left upright on a 37-yarder and 29-yarder in the third quarter. Janikowski was in the lineup despite being bothered by a bad back during the week.

The final miss came after the Raiders were called for a delay of game on a fourth-and-1 from the 6 when they were trying to go for the first down.

Rookie DeMeco Ryans led the defense for Houston with 14 solo tackles, a sack, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and an interception.

The defenses did more scoring in the first half than the offenses, with each team returning a fumble for a touchdown. The only offensive touchdown came on a 21-yard drive set up by Chris Carr's 34-yard punt return for Oakland.

Faggins returned ReShard Lee's fumble on the opening drive for a touchdown.

After an intentional grounding and false start put Houston in a fourth-and-35 hole, Carr's return set up **Justin Fargas'** 3-yard run early in the second quarter.

The Raiders had their own fourth-and-long situation when two penalties by Jake Grove and a sack by Justin Babin left Oakland needing 43 yards for a first

Lechler punted 60 yards into the end zone. Houston's next drive started a run of three straight sacks and fumbles forced by Oakland against Carr.

Carr lost the first two fumbles, including one returned 35 yards for a score by Kirk Morrison after Warren Sapp's in the final minute of the half to make it 14-7.

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Carriker.

The Sooners were represented by linebacker Rufus Alexander, the defensive player of the year; defensive back Reggie Smith; and offensive lineman Chris Messner. Bob Stoops was a unanimous pick for coach of the year.

Other Longhorns joining Blalock on the top squad were fellow linemen Lyle Sendlein, at and Kasey center. Studdard; and a trio of defensive players: lineman Tim Crowder and defensive backs Aaron Ross and Michael Griffin.

Both specialists were honored for the third straight year — Colorado kicker Mason Crosby and Baylor punter Daniel Sepulveda. Since they are seniors, there will be new blood in both slots next year.

The offensive machine at Texas Tech produced two more first-teamers in receiver Joel Filani and all-purpose pick Shannon Woods. Oklahoma State's Adarius Bowman was the other receiver Cowboys teammate Corey Hilliard was picked at offensive line.

Missouri was represented by tight end Chase Coffman and linebacker Marcus Bacon. Defensive lineman Ian Campbell and linebacker Brandon Archer made it from Kansas State

Colorado defensive lineman Abraham Wright, Iowa State linebacker Alvin Bowen and Kansas defensive back Aqib Talib round out the 26-man first team.

Some other noteworthy facts about the 11th annual AP All-Big 12 team:

year Peterson wasn't — Peterson. named on every first-team ballot. After consecutive unanimous picks, he landed on the second team.

Besides the kickers. other repeat first-teamers Blalock, Filani, Carriker and Alexander.

After A&M's five second-teamers, Oklahoma had the next most with four. Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech each had three.

Cornish was the only 1,000-yard rusher in league play, going for 1,020 in eight games. Patrick was the only other back to average 100 yards per game, gaining

612 in six. Woods, the allpurpose honoree, was the most productive all-purpose gainer with an average of 137.9, just .09 ahead

of Cornish.

Graham Tech's passing, but was only honorable mention at quarterback.

- One area where the talent wasn't distributed is by class. There were 17 seniors, five sophomores and only four juniors. Perhaps it's no surprise there were such few iuniors: there was only This was the first one sophomore last year

> tne second team: Texas quarterback Colt McCoy and dual all-purpose honorees Marlon Lucky of Nebraska and Perrish Cox of Oklahoma State.

> - McCoy was the offenyear. Defensive newcomer of the year Joe Pawelek

of Baylor made honorable mention.

Chalk up another method of distribution: geography. Nine players hail from Texas and four are from Oklahoma. After Harrell led the league in that, you might as well pin little flags on a map two for Arizona and Louisiana, then one each for Colorado, Missouri, Tennessee, Kansas, Mississippi, Washington, Minnesota, New Jersey, Georgia and (would you believe?) New Westminster, B.C., Canada.

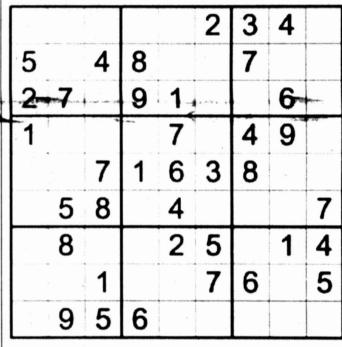
 Even within Texas, there was no talent base. - Three freshmen made Tyler had two (high school teammates Crowder and Ross) and all other locales had one, although there were three Dallas-area picks along with one from the city.

 The states of Iowa sive newcomer of the and Nebraska failed to produce any first-teamers for a second straight year.

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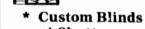
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties that the Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors will accept sealed bid proposals on the purchase of two (2) vehicles for use by the district. Sealed proposals will be accepted at the office of the Chief Appraiser until 5:00 PM central standard time on January 9, 2007. The Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors will open the proposals at their regular scheduled meeting at 5:15 P.M. central standard time on January 10, 2007.

All bid proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "VEHICLE BID". All proposals must be made on the District's bid spec sheets. These sheets and specs can be obtained in the office of the Chief Appraiser, 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas, P.O. Drawer 1151, Big Spring, Texas 79721, phone 432)263-8301.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The full moon in Gemini is a party game. It's truth or dare — an exercise in

brinkmanship. It invites you to go bungee jumping with your emotions, promising to snap you back before you can get hurt.



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you're like === most people, somehow that doesn't make the risk any less scary. Beware: People you know well can be unpredictable and erratic.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You won't get through the day without in one way or another persuading someone of something. This is best done with charm, hints and insinuations. Let others think they came up with an idea on their own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You overcome fear or inertia to master new ways of operating within a group. By doing this, simultaneously vou strengthen your selfesteem. A new boldness touches everything you do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know you've done a good job. There's nothing wrong with letting others know, too. Directing attention to your fine work opens future opportunities. A Pisces person is especially responsive.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A certain ordeal con-

sumes your thoughts. Too bad you can't, as of yet, proclaim this one as ended, but there will be some encouraging devel-

opments in that direction. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can't be responsible for the behavior of individuals acting on their own initiative. But you also can't discount your influence over those who follow you with zombielike loyalty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll hear a long tale, the details of which are all too familiar. Perhaps you're spending more time with someone than is good for either of you. An effort to freshen up your world is very lucky.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This is no time to be wishy-washy while presenting your ideas. Stand up for them. Even if they're not good, saying them out loud is the only way to figure out where the holes are and grow from the experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Take a high-tech approach to solving a problem. If that doesn't work, take a low-tech approach. The stars promise that if you're persistent and try different things, you'll be victori-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may have to revise your plans based on someone else's schedule. While this sudden shift may be frustrating and could inconvenience you temporarily, the end results will be well worth

Jan. 19). Greatness doesn't happen in a vacuum. Even if it seems like only one person is involved, others are present giving information, inspiration and support. You're one of the informing, inspiring supportive types now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone else's trash is your treasure. Check out flea markets, used bookstores, online auctions, vintage clothing stores and other places where you're likely to turn lead into gold. You'll make a fantastic find.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Poor everybody else. If they're competing with you now, they should prepare to lose. You're really thinking and grooving. If it can be done cheaper, safer or faster, you'll find

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-

TIONS: "I've been with this company for nearly four years, and even though I do a great job, I don't seem to get the pay raise or promotion I deserve. On the other hand, I'm thinking of studying or starting my own business. Outside of work, I seem to make enemies even though I put up with a lot of nonsense from people. Any light on this area? I was born April 8, 1966.

As an Aries with hotheaded Mars in Aries as well, you're a go-getter with incredible drive. You firmly believe that as long as your achievement is high, the spirit in which you achieve is your own business. Your two areas of concern are intercon-CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- nected. Both have to do

with your people skills, which you tend to put less importance on than others in your workplace probably do. Though I think you'd do well in your own business, I believe the lesson you could learn by moving up in your current company is such a valuable one that you should stick it out until you've broken this barrier between you and the promotion you want. Instead of focusing on achievement, focus on learning how to make people feel validated and how to make them realize your value.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Talk show host, "America's Next Top Model" creator and host, actress and mentor to young girls across the country, Tyra Banks Sagittarian tenacity and drive move her to achieve all of her post-catwalking dreams. I see her personal life — along with her professional life — on a serious upswing over the next two years, culminating with both a marriage and a pregnancy by the end of

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My nephew's parents are dead, and I have always been close to him. His exwife and daughter live in a shabby mobile home. The place is squalid. I am not talking about cobwebs on the ceiling. I am talking filth and bugs.

I asked if I could help clean up, and she agreed. I filled six large trash bags and still uncovered only a quarter of the kitchen floor. It was coated in animal waste. My great-niece is in high school and goes around

smelling like that. The ex-wife suffers from fibromyalgia and probably depression. So far, she hasn't been able to get disability. I told her, gently, that if someone reported her, they could take away her child. In response, she took a dose of morphine for pain. Now I'm worried she may have a dependen-

cy problem. I'm thinking of telling my nephew how bad it is and suggesting he take custody of his daughter. My apartment is too small, so that's not an option. But what will become of his ex-wife? Is there an organization I can contact for her? -**Anonymous Please**

Dear Anonymous: Your nephew should know what is going on in his daughter's home. He is responsible for her wellbeing and ought to pay more attention. You are kind to worry about his ex-wife, but it sounds as if she may be mentally ill.



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Your great-niece is old enough to help with the housework and you or your nephew might consider contributing toward the cost of cleaning help once a month until she gets out from under. In addition, you can get information and referrals through the National Fibromyalgia Association (fmaware.org), 2200 N. Glassell St., Orange, CA 92865; the Arthritis Foundation (arthritis.org) at 1-800-568-4045 and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (nami.org) at 1-800-950-NAMI.

Dear Annie: My husband thinks it is acceptable to read at the table during meals. He feels as long as there is no actual food in front of him, reading his newspaper is totally fine.

We spend at least one meal a day listening to him comment (usually negatively) about something he's read. Then I'll place his food on top of the paper to get his attention. If I had a dollar for every time I've heard, "I just want to read my paper," when the kids are trying to talk to him, well, you know the rest. Worse, he leaves newspapers and flyers all over the house and inky fingerprints on

the walls. I've asked him to read his newspaper at the office, but was treated like I asked if he could stop breathing. My last ditch hope is that he will read this in his beloved paper and realize there is

more newsprint. — Inked Off in Canada

Dear Canada: We admit, there's nothing like spreading out the Sunday paper over a cup of coffee, family. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse has found that the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs. Here's your compromise: Let your husband read until food is ready to be served, then the paper must be put away immediately. (You also can keep some moist wipes nearby so he can clean the ink from his hands.)

Dear Annie: I am 72 years old and read your column daily. Why do some people complain and moan about things that are such unbelievably minor concerns? My wife has had MS for over 10 years and is homebound. I take care of her 24/7, 365days a year because I love the woman and know she would do the same for me.

Tell these insecure people to wake up to reality and face life the way it has been dealt to them. Thanks. Just wanted to get this off my chest. Greg

Dear Greg: Thank you for reminding us so clearly that we should be thankful for what we have.

Dear Annie: As a minister, I would like to respond to those letters you have received about men who cannot get dates. I would like to tell her about a true story about Jacob, who was 93 years old, and his wife, Emma, age 91.

On Aug. 14, 2001, I was summoned to the home of Jacob, who was on his deathbed. I was asked to give Jacob his last blessing. The doctor stated that Jacob would likely pass away within the hour. As I sat with him, we spoke of his younger years, and how he used to bore

to life than Emma with farm talk and what the cows had done that day. As we spoke, Emma nodded her head and smiled and said, "You used to bore me to my wits' end, but I loved you but we also believe meal- just the same." As Emma times should be for the leaned over to kiss Jacob goodbye, Jacob passed away quietly.

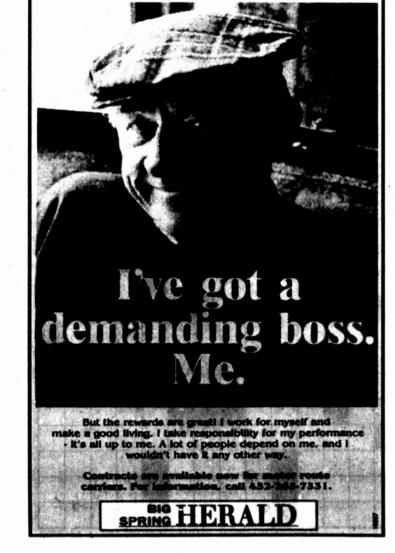
> On July 12, 2002, I was summoned to the bedside of Emma, who had suffered a serious stroke. Emma spoke very slowly so that I could hear her. She asked me, "Will God allow me one request?" I asked her what her request was, and she said, 'Will God allow me to be in Jacob's arms? I would like to hear about the cows again." I told Emma that her request was what God was waiting for. I held her hand, and within minutes, Emma passed away.

Annie, I have blessed children as they came into this world, and I have been with many who have died. Those words and that request by Emma bring tears to my eyes and respect for a marriage of 74 years.

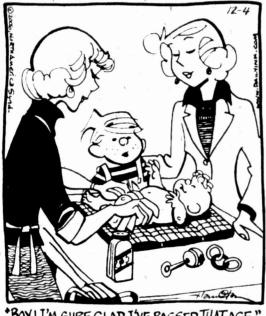
Any spouse who will not be a good listener will miss out on the little things that bring joy to a marriage. May God bless. Reverend in Mayfield, N.Y.

Dear Reverend: Most people wish for a marriage as full of love as that of Jacob and Emma. Thank you for a heartwarming story.

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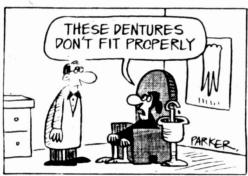
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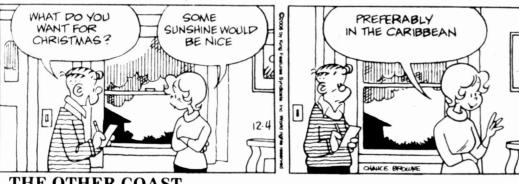
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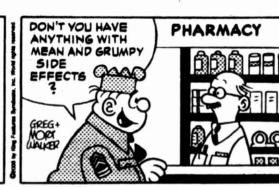






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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 2006. There are 27 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

On this date:

In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States.

In 1875, William Marcy Tweed, the "Boss" of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country.

In 1918, President Wilson set sail for France to attend

Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1942, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II. In 1965, the United States

launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard. In 1978, San Francisco got

its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein was named to replace the assassinated George Moscone. In 1986, both houses of

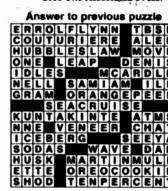
Congress moved to establish special committees to conduct their own investigations of the Iran-Contra affair. In 1991, Associated Press

correspondent Terry Anderson, the longest held of the Western hostages in Lebanon, was released after tivity.

In 1991, Patricia Bowman testified at William Kennedy Smith's trial in West Palm Beach, Fla., that Smith had raped her the previous Easter weekend. (Smith was acquitted.)

In 1991, the original Pan American World Airways ceased operations. Today's Birthdays:

Actress-singer Deanna Durbin is 85. Game show host Wink Martindale is 72. 2006 The Associated Press.



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40 That woman

garbage holder

43 Small child

45 Tasting like

scallions

46 Bedding and

tablecloths

47 Thermometer

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54 "Anything __?"

44 Metallic

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- Hope
- **15** Step __ (hurry) 16 Deliver a
- speech
- **18** On the peak of
- 19 Bad habits
- 20 Proceed with
- 23 lcy precipitation
- 24 Golf platform
- 25 Comic's
- one-liner
- 28 Cobful of corn
- 33 Shoe bottom
- **34** Major blood
- vessel
- enclosure
- **36** Help to recollect
- 40 Early evening
- 41 Excite
- **43** Had a
- spoonful of
- 48 Be incorrect
- 50 Granter of
- wishes
- chairperson
- 60 Gardener.

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13 "Absolutely!"

21 When many

22 Spy novelist

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27 Hair stiffener

31 Had dessert

32 To-do list items

33 Get groceries

34 Like some

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64 Singer Della

- 5 Boys
- 9 Full of good cheer
- **14** Decisive victory
- **17** Gymnast Korbut
- caution

- 29 Tidy up
- 35 Turtle's
- hour
- 42 Pay attention to
- **45** Outdated
- 49 Ship's call for help
- 52 Serve as
- **57** Japanese city
- 59 Dressed
- at times **61** Late-blooming
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- 5 Lounge around
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- Celine
- 8 Tampa
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