



BSHS Drama set to present Winter Revue

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It wouldn't be fair to refer to the Big Spring High School Drama Department's Winter Revue as a case of the inmates running the asylum, but the same general theory applies.

The revue, which will feature about two hours of music, comedy and dancing, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the high school auditorium. Admission is \$3.

Appropriate to this year's theme of "Hooray for Hollywood," expect a lot of musical numbers from movies during the show, said Tracie Lindsey, head of the theater department.

Also, expect just about everything — and everything — she said.

"The revue is a variety show ... where every theater student has a chance to be on stage and see how they like it," Lindsey said.

The students — more than 100 strong — more or less decide what will be staged, picking the songs and doing most, if not all, of the choreography.

All of this has its serious side — money raised will go toward financing the school's one-act play competitions later this year — but there's not getting past the fun element, either, Lindsey said.

"I think every kid should get a chance to feel what it's like up on the stage," she said. "I like that this allows the kids a chance to express themselves ... You never know what a kid is going to bring until they get up on the stage."

For more information, contact the high school at 264-3641.

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Director Connie Earp, left, and the Bauer Elementary choir perform "Masters In This Hall" during a Christmas concert featuring choirs from all five Big Spring elementary schools and Gollad Intermediate School Thursday night at the Municipal Auditorium.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

VISITING WITH SANTA



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Kylee, Kale and Kameran Mata visit with Santa Thursday night during the Howard College annual Luminaria. The event had a large turnout despite the cold weather. Those that attended enjoyed a Frito pie supper and entertainment from the Coahoma Kids Choir, HC's New Dimensions and SWCID students.

Smokers will see cigarette tax rise Jan. 1

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

While it may not be considered good judgment and certainly won't win approval from the medical community, a possible gift for that friend or family member who is a smoker is all too obvious this Christmas — a carton of cigarettes.

That's because a week after Christmas — Jan. 1 — the price of a carton will leap \$10 in Texas. The dollar-per-pack state increase was approved during the last legislative session. When lawmakers were considering an increase on Texas' cigarette tax, the state had a fairly low rate, 41 cents, compared to other states. The combined \$1.41 rate would have spurred the Lone Star State ranking to 10th, but other states are jumping on the "sin tax" slush fund, too, faster than a smoke break in a snow storm.

When Texas does impose the new rate, it will be far below New Jersey's \$2.58 per pack

tax and way above South Carolina's mere 7 cents.

New Jersey's rate is still not the highest in the land, however. That distinction belongs to Chicago, which also imposes a "local" cigarette tax rate. The combined rate in the Windy City is \$3.66. Nearby Evanston, Ill., boasts a \$3.30 rate while Anchorage, Alaska imposes \$3.10 in taxes and New York City charges \$3.

The federal government cashes in at 39 cents per pack, by the way.

That means smokers in Chicago are paying more than \$4 a pack in taxes alone.

When the smoke clears by the end of 2007, Texas' \$1.41 tax will rank 16th, unless another state decides to encumber its smoking population more — which is likely considering that 42 states, the District of Columbia and several U.S. territories have increased cigarettes taxes more than 75 times

See JUMP, Page 3A

INDEX

Classified 4-5B
Features 5-7A
Obituaries 2A
Opinion 4A
Sports 1-2B



Find us online at:
www.bigspringherald.com

To reach us:

Please call 263-7331. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you miss your paper, please call (432) 263-7335 before 7 p.m. weekdays and noon Sunday.

HC PERFORMANCE SET

The Howard College Theater Department will present the holiday comedy, "A Christmas Carol — More or Less," this weekend at the Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

There are four performances — Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

The play involves a divorcing couple who currently do not like each other. They are forced to produce a two person version of 'A Christmas Carol.' In the end the story of reconciliation even effects them.

For more information concerning the show, call 264-5068.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Big Spring High School Band will hold its annual Christmas concert at 6 p.m. Monday in the high school auditorium.

In lieu of admission fee, people are asked to bring canned food to help the local Salvation Army in its annual food drive, BSHS Band Director Rocky Harris said.

The program begins with the Jazz Band at 6 p.m., with the BSHS Concert Band following at 7 p.m. That will be followed by an encore performance of the band's marching show music, Harris said.

For more information, contact the high school at 264-3641.

17 Shopping Days Til Christmas



Bargain Mart

403 Runnels Hrs.: Mon.-Sat. 9-6:30

Obituaries

Ian James Bethke



Ian James Bethke, of Midland, honored husband, father and friend, was taken home Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006.

Born in Palo Alto, Calif., on Feb. 16, 1976, Ian was raised and educated in Lake Isabella, Calif., and Big Spring. Ian married his soul mate, Kristine Grenvik, in Midland on March 9, 2006.

Ian is survived by his loving wife, Kristine, and beloved daughter, Victoria Grace, of Midland; mother, Jacqueline Sides of Big Spring; brother, Nicky Winn of Michigan; and sister, Amber Sides of Big Spring. In addition he is survived by many other loving family and friends, including his Halliburton family, whom he began working for in December, 2004.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Chris Brown, Trenton Avera, John Stutes, Jack Freeman, Rene Lopez, Craig Grenvik, Eddie Laney and Micah Wilson. Honorary pallbearers are: Ishmael Lujan, J.D. Winn, Richard Grenvik, Robert Simpson and Ruben Cantu.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy., Midland, Texas 79701 (432) 683-5555. To place on-line condolences visit www.mem.com.

Paid obituary

Royce Griffith



Royce Griffith, 72, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, in Georgetown. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at East Fourth Baptist Church with the Rev. Rex Clayton officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 21, 1933, in DeLeon. Royce worked for Fina for 32 years. He was an active member of the East Fourth Baptist Church. Royce was a choir member for over 30 years. He also drove in the bus ministry for over 30 years. He married Bettye J. DEan Aug. 10, 1952, in Forsan.

Royce is survived by his wife, Bettye J. Griffith of Big Spring; one daughter, Veanda Jones and her husband, Bill of Georgetown; four grandsons, Brant Jones and his wife, Christi of Grapevine, Blake Jones of Austin, Landon Jones of Georgetown, and Lastain Jones of College Station; two great-grandchildren, Brooks and Ellorie Jones of Grapevine; and one sister, Reta Crenshaw and her husband, Gene of Alba; two sisters-in-law, Johnnie B. Griffith of Midland and Hattie Griffith of Forsan; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Royce was preceded in death by his parents, David and Sallie Veta Griffith; two brothers, Ottis and Burl Griffith; and two sisters, Evelyn Bureson and Nell Foster.

Pallbearers will be Sug Cain, Roy Hester, Larry Nix, Phillip Riddle, Sonny Rhoton, and Daryl Wood. Honorary pallbearers will be all Fina Employees.

The family suggest memorials to the Davis Hall Memorial Fund, c/o East Fourth Baptist Church, 401 E. 4th Street, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Take Note

• **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.

• **THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP** will have its final meeting Dec. 12, at 6 p.m. at the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. It will include a gift exchange. If you have any questions, contact Tracey at 263-4948.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS**, part of the Big Spring Heritage Series, are available for the holiday season; however, only a few remain. Sales of the ornaments supports community history and the museum. For information, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999 or come by 1911 Apron Drive.

• **1955 HYPERION CLUB IS SPONSORING A COAT DRIVE.** The dropoff points are AI's and Son

Police blotter

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

- **ANTONIO FLORES JR.**, 26, 1212 E. 16th, was arrested on a warrant.
- **KEVIN RUTLEDGE**, 30, 1211 Mount Vernon, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana and a Jefferson County warrant.
- **JACQUELINE GRINESTAFF**, 19, no address given, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.
- **BRADLEY BERGREN**, 22, Spokane, Wash., was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.
- **LANA MUNOZ**, 43, 400 Dallas, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended and possession of marijuana.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of Third.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED** was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA** was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry and the 300 block of 12th.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2300 block of Wason, the 1700 block of FM 700 and the 200 block of Marcy.
- **THEFT OF SERVICE** was reported in the 500 block of Gregg.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

- **LANA RUTH MUNOZ**, 43, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of driving while license suspended and possession of marijuana.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of S. Main.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of W. 18th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Vines. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

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

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

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 for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month.

Barbecue, Harris Lumber and Hardware and Specs and Co. The drive will last approximately one month. The club will distribute these coats to as many different organizations as possible, depending on how many coats are received. Some of the organizations will be West Side Community Center, North Side Community Center, Big Spring State Hospital and public schools. Comet Cleaners and Classic Cleaners have volunteered to clean the coats before distribution.

• **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.

• **THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING** is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

Bulletin Board

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

- TODAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
 - **AMBUCS** meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - First Church of the Nazarene Drive Through Nativity, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. No admission fee; donations accepted.
 - Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.
 - Howard College Christmas play, a two-person version of "A Christmas Carol," 8 p.m. in the Hall Center for Performing Arts.

- SATURDAY**
- Howard College Christmas play, a two-person version of "A Christmas Carol," 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Hall Center for Performing Arts.
 - First Church of the Nazarene Drive Through Nativity, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. No admission fee; donations accepted.
 - Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

- SUNDAY**
- Howard College Christmas play, a two-person version of "A Christmas Carol," 2:30 p.m. in the Hall Center for Performing Arts.
 - First Church of the Nazarene Drive Through Nativity, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. No admission fee; donations accepted.

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. South winds around 10 mph.
Tonight — Cloudy. Not as cold. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds around 10 mph.
Saturday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday — Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.
Monday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 60.
Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.
Wednesday — Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.
Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
Thursday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-8-10-20-34.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$30,588.
Winning ticket sold in: Richmond.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-8-24-31. Bonus Ball: 32.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Prize: \$1.15 million
Winning ticket sold in: Denton.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$200,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night, in order: 7-8-3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon, in order: 2-9-2

BIG SPRING HERALD
www.BigSpringHerald.com
Big Sky, Big Heart, Big Spring

432-263-7331 (Main Switchboard)
432-264-7205 (Fax)

Missed Your Paper:
432-263-7335 (Mon.-Fri. 8a.m.-7p.m.)
Sun. 8a.m.-noon

Ronnie Cupstid Publisher... Ext. 250
John A. Moseley Managing Editor... Ext. 230
Rick Nunez Advertising Manager... Ext. 229
Duane McCollum Circulation Manager... Ext. 244
Tony Hernandez Production Manager... Ext. 256

The Big Spring Herald is a member of The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Texas Press Association, West Texas Press Association, Texas Daily Newspaper Association, The Associated Press.

Published afternoons Mon. thru Fri. and Sunday mornings, except Christmas Day. All materials copyrighted.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Periodicals postage paid at Big Spring, Texas.

USPS 1431-48 USPS 0055-940 ISSN 0746-6811
BY THE MONTH HOME DELIVERY: \$8.65 monthly; \$93.42 yearly (includes 10% discount). MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$12.50 monthly. Howard & Martin Counties; \$18.25 elsewhere.

Sunday
December 10, 2006
11:00 am

Christmas Cantata

Jesus, There is something about that name

Midway Baptist Church
6200 S. Service Rd. 263-6274

ODESSA-MIDLAND
DISH Network now has your local channels.

OVER 90 CHANNELS STARTING AT \$24.99 INCLUDING YOUR LOCAL CHANNELS

Save \$135* over Cable! (over 10 months)

PICK ONE PREMIUM MOVIE PACKAGE AND SAVE! 3 MONTHS FREE

FREE \$50 GAS CARD

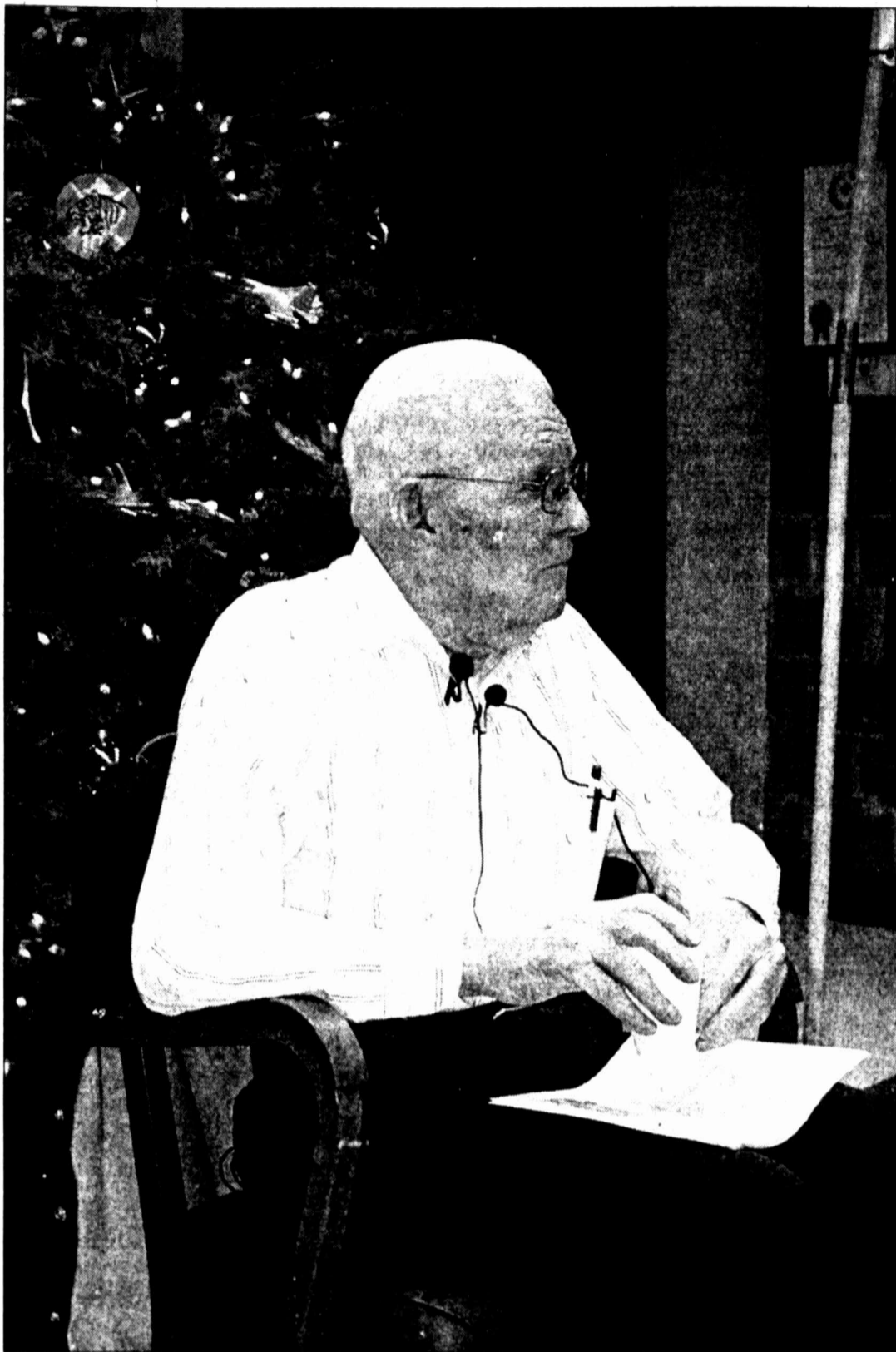
SWITCH TO DISH NETWORK AND YOU'LL ALSO GET YOUR DVR or HD Receiver Upgrade (up to \$100) FREE Standard Professional Installation (up to 4 hours) and Equipment to Buy

DON'T WAIT ANOTHER MINUTE. SWITCH TO DISH NETWORK NOW!

Textronics
Service Centers, Retailers & Authorized Sales
Big Spring (432) 263-3474
Toll-Free 800-781-3474
www.dish.com

REMEMBER! Find It In Big Spring First!

Banks recalls service on USS Nashville



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

William Banks Jr. talks about his experiences in World War II during ceremonies honoring him as December Veteran of the Month at Hangar 25 Air Museum Thursday evening.

Veteran of Month remembers ship fondly, but not all experiences from World War II

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Not a lot of fond memories from World War II leap to William Banks' mind, but he'll always have a soft spot for his ship.

Big Spring native Banks was honored Thursday evening as the December 2006 Veteran of the Month by the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

It is somewhat fitting that Banks received the honor on Pearl Harbor Day, because it was the Japanese attack on the U.S. Navy base that spurred him to join the service.

Within a few months of the attack, he enlisted. He wanted to be a Marine, but didn't meet age requirements (he was 18). So, he joined the Navy, instead.

After basic training in San Diego, he joined the crew of the U.S.S. Nashville as a boilermaker, and the Brooklyn-class cruiser would be his home and sometime protector throughout the duration of the war.

The ship, commissioned in 1938, was more than 600 feet long and displaced more than 9,400 tons. Banks quoted all those statistics — and more — with fondness.

"You know how some people get attached to cars? We were attached to that ship," Banks said.

Not that service on the Nashville was a pleasure cruise. Working in such

close proximity to the ship's boilers — where temperatures approach 200 degrees — left Banks with a skin problem that bothers him to this day.

And the Nashville had a nose for trouble, as evidenced by the 10 battle stars it earned during World War II.

The most noted action experienced by Banks and the ship was the 1944 Battle of Leyte Gulf, a furious sea battle that effectively broke the back of Japanese naval power.

But the Nashville didn't escape unscathed, as a bomb from a Japanese plane left almost 20 dead.

"There was blood and dirt and smoke everywhere," Banks said. "It was a bad feeling. You never forget a bad feeling like that."

But the Nashville's life was not all desperate military action. Banks also recalls it ferrying Gen. Douglas MacArthur at various times during the war.

"He wasn't too popular on the ship. We called him 'Dugout Doug,'" Banks said.

Banks served on the ship until the war's end and eventually came home to Big Spring.

"My parents sent four children to war ... and I

was the last one to come home," he said. "My dad met me at the bus station. I remember he hugged me and I was never so glad to be home, and I hoped I'd never have to go through that (war) again."

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

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Altie Lambright, 96, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 4:00 PM Friday at Baptist Temple with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Walter Voight, 59, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Royce Griffith, 72, died Wednesday.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at East Fourth Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The Family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

JUMP

Continued from Page 1A

since 2001.

With the impending tax hike in Texas, talk has been and continues to center around the possible increase of smuggling packs into the state. The increase will make it possible to purchase a pack of reefers cheaper just about anywhere immediately over the state border.

The state tax on cigarettes in Louisiana, for instance, is just 36 cents a pack. Cigarettes are taxed at 91 cents in New Mexico, \$1.03 in Oklahoma and even less across the Mexican border.

Editor's Note: The rankings below include state taxes to be imposed during

2007 and may not be corrdthly in effect.

1. New Jersey	\$2.58
2. Rhode Island	\$2.46
3. Washington	\$2.025
4. Michigan	\$2.00
4. Maine	\$2.00
4. Arizona	\$2.00
7. Alaska	\$1.80
8. Vermont	\$1.79
9. Montana	\$1.70
10. Hawaii	\$1.60
11. South Dakota	\$1.53
12. Massachusetts	\$1.51
12. Connecticut	\$1.51
14. New York	\$1.50
15. Minnesota	\$1.493
16. Texas	\$1.41
17. Pennsylvania	\$1.35
18. Ohio	\$1.25
19. Oregon	\$1.18
20. Oklahoma	\$1.03
21. Maryland	\$1.00
21. D.C.	\$1.00
23. Illinois	\$0.98
24. New Mexico	\$0.91
25. California	\$0.87
26. Colorado	\$0.84
27. Nevada	\$0.80
27. New Hampshire	\$0.80
29. Kansas	\$0.79
30. Wisconsin	\$0.77
31. Utah	\$0.695
32. Nebraska	\$0.64
33. Wyoming	\$0.60
34. Arkansas	\$0.59
35. Idaho	\$0.57
36. Indiana	\$0.555
37. Delaware	\$0.55
37. West Virginia	\$0.55
39. North Dakota	\$0.44
40. Alabama	\$0.425
41. Georgia	\$0.37

42. Iowa	\$0.36
42. Louisiana	\$0.36
44. North Carolina	\$0.35
45. Florida	\$0.339
46. Kentucky	\$0.30
46. Virginia	\$0.30

48. Tennessee	\$0.20
49. Mississippi	\$0.18
50. Missouri	\$0.17
51. South Carolina	\$0.07

Come See Santa at
StarTek
Friday
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

CINEMARK
The Best Seat in Town

CINEMA 4

1801 East FM 700 (432) 263-2232

ADULT MATINEE BEFORE 4PM \$4.99 / ADULT \$6.99 / CHILD/12 \$4.99

• UNACCOMPANIED MINORS (PG) Fri 5:00 7:30 10:00
Sat 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00

• HAPPY FEET (PG) Fri 4:30 7:00 9:30
Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30

• BECK THE HALLS (PG) Fri 4:50 7:20 9:50
Sat 2:20 4:50 7:20 9:50

• THE BATTLES OF IWO JIMA (PG) Fri 4:40 7:10 9:40
Sat 2:10 4:40 7:10 9:40

VALID 12/8 Thru 12/9/06

ADVANCE TICKET SALES • NO PASSES • NO SUPERSAVERS

Showtimes available at cinemark.com

FREE RAZR

buy one, get one free
Starting at \$79.99
with 2-yr. service agreement on both lines after \$60 mail-in rebate. See below for details.

Most advanced MOTORAZR™

- Bluetooth™ wireless technology
- 1.3 megapixel camera

Silver or Fire Red MOTORAZR V3m

come and get your love™

alltel wireless

shopalltel.com

Gift Cards — always the perfect gift

Alitel Retail Stores	Authorized Agents
Alpen 903 E. Holland (432) 837-7029 Andrews 401 N. Main (432) 524-4460 Big Spring 2101 Gregg St. (432) 264-0003	Fl. Stockton 222 W. Dickson (432) 336-8777 Midland 5323 W. Loop 750 N. (432) 520-3535 4511 N. Midluff, Ste. C20 (432) 522-2032

For Business & Government Accounts call 1-877-BIZ-CNTR or visit alltelbusiness.com

BIG SPRING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
DIRECTED BY DR. KEITH GRAUMANN
PRESENTS
TCHAIKOVSKY'S NUTCRACKER BALLET

WITH MIDLAND FESTIVAL BALLET
SAT. DECEMBER 16 - 8 PM
BIG SPRING CITY AUDITORIUM

CORPORATE SPONSORS
CITIZEN'S FCU AND ALON USA

TICKETS:
ADULTS \$5 SENIORS \$10 STUDENTS \$5
BS HERALD, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
HERITAGE MUSEUM, FAYE'S FLOWERS,
BLUM'S JEWELERS, FIRST BANK OF W-TEX.
OR AT THE DOOR AT SHOWTIME

432-263-4033
WWW.BIGSPRINGSYMPHONY.COM

And now we're ranked "Highest Call Quality Performance Among Wireless Cell Phone Users in the Southwest Region"

J.D. Power and Associates 2006 Wireless Customer Satisfaction Study™

Federal, state & local taxes apply in addition. Alltel charges a monthly connectivity, regulatory & administrative surcharge up to \$1.76. Federal & state Universal Service Fund fees (both vary by customer usage) & a 911 fee of up to \$1.24 (where 911 service is available). These additional fees may not be taxes or government-required charges & are subject to change. Phone Promotions: Phones available at sale prices to new customers & eligible existing customers. Qualifying Alltel rate plan required. Contact Alltel to determine if you are eligible. Phone Details: Phones & applicable rebates available for a limited time, while supplies last, with activation of a qualifying rate plan. Limit 1 rebate per qualifying purchase. Phone cannot be returned once mail-in rebate certificate has been submitted. Customer pays applicable taxes. See rebate certificate for details. Bluetooth Wireless Technology: The Bluetooth features of this handset may not be compatible with all devices that are Bluetooth enabled. Alltel cannot be responsible for compatibility with devices not sold by Alltel. Gift Cards: While supplies last. Additional information: Limited-time offer at participating locations. While supplies last. Credit approval & approved handset required. \$25 non-refundable activation fee applies per line. \$200 early termination fee may apply per line. Offers are subject to the Alltel Terms & Conditions for Communications Services available at any Alltel store or alltel.com. All product & service marks referenced are the names, trade names, trademarks & logos of their respective owners. Screen images are simulated. ©2006 Alltel Communications, Inc. All rights reserved. J.D. Power and Associates Award: Alltel Wireless received the highest numerical score among wireless cell phone providers in the Southwest region of the proprietary J.D. Power and Associates 2006 Wireless Call Quality Performance Study™ - Vol. 2. Study based on 23,826 wireless users measuring 5 providers in the Southwest region (AR, KS, MO, OK, TX) and measures opinions of consumers with the call quality of their wireless service. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of consumers surveyed in March and June 2006. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com

EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

Ronnie Cupstid
Publisher

John A. Moseley
Managing Editor

Bill McClellan
News Editor

OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- All those who participated in the 21st annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, as well as the thousands of Big Spring and Howard County residents who lined the parade route, truly making it an evening to remember.

- Coahoma High School and Coahoma Junior High School singers Nick Sevey, Callie Paige, Teryn Bibb, Reagan Reid, Megan Parris, Heather Kirby and Kenzie Moore, who performed in the All-Region Choir concert in Odessa on Nov. 4.

- Big Spring City Attorney Jean Shotts, who has announced he will step down from the part-time position, after six years at the job.

- Sandy Shelhamer, a first-grade teacher at Bauer Magnet School, applied for and received a \$500 grant through the Mars Foundation of Washington, D.C., to help enhance the school's Leveled Library and help improve the reading abilities of the school's students.

- The Choirs from all five Big Spring elementary schools and Goliad Intermediate Intermediate School who took part in the "A Winter Fantasy" concert at the Municipal Auditorium.

- The faculty, staff and students at Howard College on conducting another successful Luminaria Cememoney on Thursday night.

- Pat Simmons, who received the Community Builder Award from Staked Plains Masonic Lodge 598 during a meeting of Keep Big Spring Beautiful Monday afternoon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

- The more than 100 people who took part in the 28th annual production of the Living Christmas Tree at the First United Methodist Church.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

- In person at 710 Scurry St.
- By telephone at 263-7331
- By fax at 264-7205
- By e-mail Managing Editor John A. Moseley at editor@bigspringherald.com or News Editor Bill McClellan at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com.
- By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721

LETTER POLICIES

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

- Limit your letters to no more than 300 words.
- Sign your letter.
- Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as a street address for verification purposes.
- We reserve the right to edit for style and clarity.
- We reserve the right to limit publication to one letter per 30-day period per author.
- Letters that are unsigned or do not include a telephone number or address will not be considered.
- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. They can also be e-mailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we listen to Your new ideas, Lord, for our life.
Amen

Lordy, Lordy ... thoughts on turning 40

If you put your ear to the air every one is able to pick up the faint sound of a sad woman sobbing in the distance. If you hear that sound, it's not the ghost of "Indian Emily" it's my mother Sharon Jackson, lamenting over my 40th birthday this week. Sorry Mom, but by the time this is printed, God willing, your little boy will be 40 years old. As if you didn't have enough to deal with.



TROY BREWER

Instead of me trying to make this sound like a high school graduation speech, let me give you the real scoop of the Brewer turning 40.

When I look back at what I thought turning 40 was going to be like, I don't think this was it.

Of course I also thought that by the year 2000 I would have a ray gun and drive a hovercraft. Yes, I do have an occasional wiry eyebrow and the shape I am in can best be described as round, but that's fitting since the Roman numeral for 40 is XL anyway. Like Doc Holiday said in Tombstone, "I'm still in my prime."

True Lies

I am not sure how you are supposed to "feel" about any age anyway. To avoid any of those bad feelings I think I have a plan. Being a Christian, I know I am not supposed to lie at all but I

thought it might be cool to tell every one I am turning 50 instead of 40. That way it would guarantee a day of everyone telling me how young I look.

I can hear it now, "You don't look a day over forty five." I am not sure that would make me "feel" better.

I also decided to test the theory that forty is the pivotal power age by declaring young children must respect their elders in form of cash gifts the week following our birthdays. (Note to everyone younger than me, mine is Dec. 6.)

I think 40 is a strange age. I am still young enough to not have the benefit of the "Luann Plate" at Luby's and yet old enough to know I have to take vitamins to keep from going to the bathroom in Morse code. These are changing times for me but I've never been scared of drastic change.

Changing Seasons

All my life I've been in a state of psychological, physical, mental, spiritual and emotional transition and the dust hasn't settled yet. If you stick around me for very long you find that I am somebody willing to change. There is great hope in changing seasons and I am a major hope junky. That's one of the reasons why I love Jesus so much.

You see, my twenties were better than my teens, my thirties were better than my twenties and my forties are going to be much better than my thirties. Why shouldn't it be?

In Ecclesiastes Chapter Three the Bible declares that there is a time and season for every purpose under heaven. If you care to count those times and seasons, you find that there are 28 all together. A biblical timeline of the things we go through can be summed up in 28 seasons that change over and over again.

I love the hope that comes with changing seasons. If it's winter, I've got hope for spring and if it's summer, I've got hope for the fall. So because I'm a Christian, when I am in my 30s I've got hope for my 40s and when the day comes for me to take my last breath in Johnson County, I still have hope for my first breath of Heavenly air.

Ready or Not

My heart breaks for people that don't have that same hope and I believe the Lord's heart is breaking too.

Believe it or not, I'm headed forward. Onward and higher into deeper and better.

That's what Christians are supposed to do.

As I leave the shallow end of the "30 something" swimming pool, I dive head first into my 40s hoping the water is warm. Scoot over people — Cannon Ball!

Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. He can be contacted by e-mailed at FreshFromTheBrewer@OpenDoor Ministries.org or by phone at 817-297-6911.

ADDRESSES

19th Cong. District) 1510 Scurry Big Spring Phone: (432) 264-0722	(432) 268-9909 BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL	JOANN KNOX — Home: 816-9083; Work (BSISD): 264-3635.
• GEORGE W. BUSH President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500	• RICK PERRY Governor State Capitol, Room 2S.1 P.O. Box 12428 Austin, 78711 Phone: (512) 463-2000	HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE — 264-2200.
• KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON U.S. Senator 703 Hart Office Building Washington, 20510 Phone: 202-224-5922	• PETE LANEY State Representative Texas 85th District P.O. Box 2910 Austin, 78768 Phone: (512) 463-0604	BEN LOCKHART , COUNTY JUDGE — Home: 263-4155; Office: 264-2202. EMMA BROWN — Home: 267-2649. JERRY KILGORE — 263-0724; Work (Jerry's Barbers): 267-5471. BILL CROOKER — Home: 263-2566. GARY SIMER — Home: 263-0260; Work (Ponderosa Nursery): 263-4441.
• JOHN CORNYN U.S. Senator Washington, DC 20510-4305 Phone: 202-224-2934	• KEL SELIGER State Senator 401 Austin, Suite 101 Big Spring, 79720	RUSS McEWEN , MAYOR — Home: 263-0907; Work (Russ McEwen Insurance): 267-1413. GREG BIDDISON — Home: 267-6009; Work (Greg's Grill): 267-7121. MANUEL RAMIREZ JR. — Home: 268-9692; Work (VAMC): 263-7361. STEPHANIE HORTON — Home: 264-0306; Work (VA Medical Center): 263-7361. JOANN STAULCUP — Home: 263-4980. GLORIA McDONALD — Home: 263-4835.
• RANDY NEUGEBAUER U.S. Representative		

Personal unhappiness morphs

A friend and former co-worker and I recently reacquainted after life's busyness interrupted our relationship. He changed jobs, moved out of state, discovered a new passion in blogging, and generally had a tumultuous year. I transitioned from college professor to student again, in pursuit of a law degree.



CYNTHIA HALL CLEMENTS

My friend and I talk about the superficial—the weather; and the everyday — our respective journalism careers and our mutual interest in all things political. We also discuss the spiritual—peace, love, and understanding.

He and I have had many a discussion on happiness, what is it and how to find it. We haven't concluded anything definite, not yet. Turns out, my friend and I are not alone in our talks.

Many Americans are having the same conversation on happiness, according to Sonja Lyubomirsky, a psychologist at the University of California, Riverside. She is currently conducting empirical studies on what makes people happy and how we can experience true happiness in life.

Lyubomirsky notes the dearth of research in this area. She speculates the reason for this scarcity is previous researchers' faulty assumptions that most Americans had a fatalist, deal-with-the-hand-you-are-dealt outlook about seeking happiness in life.

Not so, says Lyubomirsky. She thinks that Americans want to be happier, but just don't know how. At first glance, Lyubomirsky's happiness study and other similar ones appear targeted to a pampered bourgeois class, sympto-

matic of Americans' consumer-driven culture and economy. "It's all about me," this mantra demands. "I deserve to be happy," the voice of privilege whines.

The working poor didn't have the indulgence of such self-analysis, Oprah-style, before there was Dr. Phil. When you are working to eat and exist, when you earn minimum wage, when mere survival is your standard, you probably don't devote much effort or energy in determining your happiness quotient. America's leisure class, comparatively, with its seemingly unlimited resources, finds the time to reflect on how ironically unhappy it is in its affluence and self-absorption.

A second glance, however, proves that our individual unhappiness manifests itself in the way we practice politics. It's not just that politics in this country has sunk to a new low; it's that politics has completely redefined itself by placing more prominence on personas, not policies. Anyone is target for attack, any time, for any reason.

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.), after her tenure as First Lady, defined it best with the phrase, "the politics of personal destruction." She referred to the climate during her White House years that let the Clintons' political foes revel in vicious character assassination of politicians and public figures, especially her.

Call Clinton a pragmatist, or perhaps a prophet, because the midterm elections this year were more about the sexual scandals of former Representative Mark Foley (R-Fla.), and Rev. Ted Haggard, expastor from Colorado and evangelical leader, and less about the issues of Iraq and immigration reform.

Americans wanted—needed—someone to blame for President George W. Bush's obviously failed

policies in Iraq, and Foley, Haggard and others were all-too-convenient representatives of the Republican Party.

Politics has become personal and overly intrusive. The topic, along with religion, was previously taboo in so-called "polite" circles, with conversationalists not wanting to offend or to be offensive. Today's discussions of politics appear deceptively civil on the face of things, with much ostensible acknowledgement of tolerance and diversity, but that actually contain an underlying, insidious element of moral conflict, indistinguishable from the political right or left.

We used to agree to disagree. Your views and mine were equally valid, born of different experiences and education. But now, if you oppose my political views, it must be that something is sinful, aberrant, with me — though not with you, of course. Some Americans want to rush to the political middle where in theory, we can all co-exist harmoniously, but where, in reality, opinions are as varied as the individual. Political disagreements become character attacks. Character attacks become moral judgments, even in the alleged safe haven of the misnamed middle.

Political discord has become our national identity and hatred, our national pastime.

Americans, we're an unhappy bunch, and our politics reflect it.

Cynthia Hall Clements has worked for the legislatures of both Tennessee and Louisiana and was most recently a columnist for the Lufkin Daily News. She is presently attending law school. She can be e-mailed at cynthiahallclements_mmm@yahoo.com

Distributed by MinutemanMedia.org.

First Church
"Festival of Christmas" presented Sunday Church of 2009 S. Main
Linda ...
choral ...
Spring H ...
pianist fo ...
Symphon ...
church's ...
youth an ...
well as ...
soloists.
The m ...
Christmas ...
served in ...
lowship h ...
are free o ...
public ...
attend.

St. Mary's Episcopal
Holy C ...
be celebr ...
and 10:30 ...
school for ...
at 9:30 a.m. ...
St. Mary ...
at 6 p.m. ...
church li ...
St. M ...
Advent C ...

Cor ...
Att ...
TRIN ...
810 11TH ...
don ...
Sunday ...
Service ...
over KB ...
on y ...

Inside T ...

Sun ...
No ...
An ...
S ...
One ...
Six M ...
Thre ...
One ...
Ca ...

YES! S ...
Enclos ...
Name: ...
Address ...
City ...
State ...
Teleph ...

Church News

United Country
Heart of the City Realtors

sponsored by

1209 Gregg St. • 714-4555

First Church of God
"Festival of Lights," a Christmas musical will be presented at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the First Church of God, located at 2009 S. Main Street.

Linda Lindell, former choral director at Big Spring High School and pianist for the Big Spring Symphony, will direct the church's adult ensemble, youth and children, as well as several guest soloists.

The musical and a Christmas meal will be served in the church's fellowship hall at noon. Both are free of charge and the public is invited to attend.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Vestry meets at 6 p.m. Monday, in the church library.

St. Mary's second Advent Offerings will be

at 12:05 a.m. Thursday in the church. The theme for the concert is "Carols Old and New." After the concert, a light lunch will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbt.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

N. Birdwell Lane United Methodist

The North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will host the Gospel Jubilees on Sunday for the annual Christmas program. The group of young women, under the direction of Bernadine Grisset, will present a program of Christmas and gospel music. The program begins at 5 p.m. with fellowship following.

The Angel Food Ministries delivery day will be Dec. 16 beginning at 11 a.m. All orders must be picked up before 1 p.m. Orders not picked up will

be donated. The food list for January will be available on Dec. 16 and orders may be placed on that day. There will be scheduled days in January for orders to be brought to the church. The last day to place an order will be Friday, Jan. 12. There will be someone at the church at 2702 North Birdwell from 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on that day. Additional dates and times for placing orders will be published later. All orders must be paid for, cash only, when placed. For more information, please call 267-2203 or 267-4082.

A candlelight service will be held on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. There will be a service of Holy Communion and caroling. Please make plans to attend as this will be a time to worship together and remember the reason for celebrating Christmas.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

See CHURCHES, Page 7A



Courtesy photo
Among those that will appear in "Festival of Lights" at the First Church of God Sunday, front row from left and front to back, are: Sophia Gonzalez, Bernadette Flores, Linda Lindell, Jaxon Lindell, Ty Camden, Cloee Camden, Jerrilyn Leftwich, Nehria Vincent, Tara Camden, Hope Harrington-Kolb, Therma Carlile, Sheena Dallas, Larry Thibeault, the Rev. Jerry Kolb (interim pastor), Jonathan Smith, Cleo Carlile and Dennis Dallas. Not pictured are: Isabella and Justine Delatour, Rhonda Paredes and Brandi Flores.

Cordially Invite You to Attend our Services

TRINITY BAPTIST
810 11TH PLACE 267-6344

When things go wrong, don't go with them.

Randy Cotton
Pastor

Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Service broadcast over KBYG 1400 AM on your dial	Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
	Evangelistic Service....6:00 p.m.
	Wednesday Service.....7:00p.m.

Blum's Jewelers One beautiful place

All I Want For Christmas

Available In Yellow or White Gold

Now Open
Saturdays 10 am - 8 pm
Sundays 1 pm - 6 pm 267-6335

Subscribe Now And SAVE 52% up to over news stand prices

	Subscription Price	News Stand Price
One Year	\$93.42	\$195.00
Six Months	\$51.90	\$97.50
Three Months	\$25.95	\$48.75
One Month	\$8.65	\$15.00

Call for Senior Citizen and Mail Delivery Prices

YES! Start my subscription for _____ months.
Enclosed is \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

HERALD
710 Scurry, P.O. Box 1431
Big Spring, TX 79721 • (432) 263-7331

Card # _____
Exp. Date: _____
Signature _____

BEALLS
Give & Be Merry!

MOST STORES OPEN LATE!

1/2 OFF ALL MEN'S & YOUNG MEN'S SWEATERS
By Sun River, Dockers, more.
Reg. 30.00-50.00, SALE 14.99-24.99

1/2 OFF MISSES SWEATERS
By Designers Originals and Crystal Kobe.
Reg. 36.00-48.00, SALE 18.00-24.00

SALE 29.99
1/8 CT. TW. DIAMOND PENDANTS
Your choice with any jewelry or fashion accessory purchase. Reg. 120.00.
CT. TW=carat total weight.

1/2 Price Sale!

SAVE FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY!

1/2 OFF ALL MEN'S WARM-UP SETS
By Graphite Sport and Sun River Sport.
Reg. 52.00-62.00, SALE 25.99-30.99

1/2 OFF OUTERWEAR FOR HER
In wool, corduroy, leather or faux fur.
Reg. 28.00-280.00, SALE 14.00-140.00

1/2 OFF MISSES NYLON SETS
By Rebecca Malone.
Orig. 144.00, SALE 21.99

1/2 OFF ALL JUNIORS SWEATERS
By It's Our Time, J.J. Basics, more.
Reg. 20.00-34.00, SALE 10.00-17.00

1/2 OFF ALL LADIES FASHION BOOTS
By Andrew Geller, Markon and more.
Reg. 49.00-109.00, SALE 24.50-54.50

1/2 OFF ENTIRE STOCK TAKE-ME-HOME LAYETTE SETS
By Specialty Baby.
Reg. 18.00, SALE 8.00

1/2 OFF ALL HOLIDAY HOME DÉCOR
Santas, angels, nutcrackers, more.
Orig. 3.95-150.00, SALE 1.97-75.00

Gund Collectible Plush
Just \$6 each with any \$100 purchase

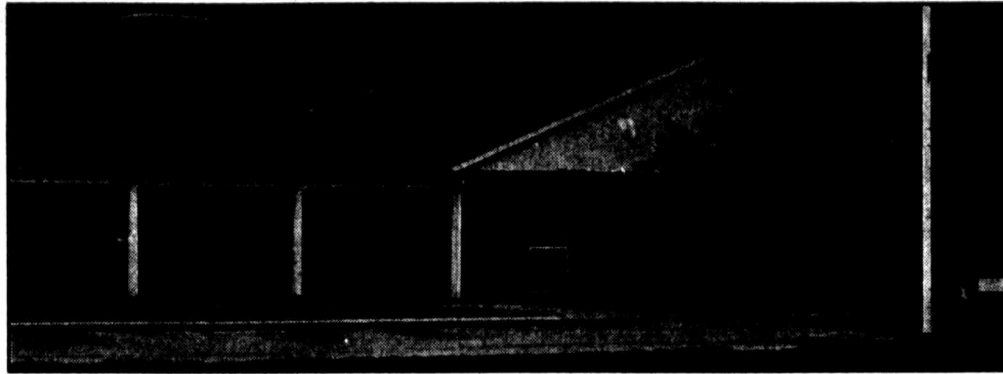
Our Holiday Gift Cards Always the Perfect Present!

Prices effective December 8-10, 2006. Selection varies by store. Interim markdowns may have been taken. Entire stock only where indicated.

BEALLS HOURS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10 AM - 9 PM • SUNDAY 10 AM - 8 PM
MONDAY & TUESDAY 10 AM - 10 PM • WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 8 AM - 10 PM
INSIDE THE BIG SPRING MALL 263-0273

Church Directory

Life Church



600 East FM 700 263-7714

Pastor - Rev. Clint Collins

ADVENTIST

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
4319 Parkway 267-5381

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
4th & Lancaster 267-7971
TEMPLO BELEN
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
2205 GOLIAD 267-2111

BAPTIST

AIRPORT BAPTIST
1208 Frazier St. 263-7451
BAPTIST TEMPLE
400 11th Place 267-8287
BEREA BAPTIST
4204 Wasson Rd. 267-8438
BIRDWELL LANE BAPTIST
1512 Birdwell Lane
CALVARY BAPTIST
1200 W. 4th. 263-4242
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
5108 Nichols Rd., Big Spring, TX
432-398-5469

(Elbow Community)
COLLEGE BAPTIST
1105 Birdwell Lane 267-7429
CRESTVIEW BAPTIST
Gatesville Street
EAST FOURTH BAPTIST
401 East 4th 267-2291
EAST SIDE BAPTIST
1108 E. 6th 267-1915
FIRST BAPTIST
705 W. FM 700 267-8223
FIRST BAPTIST
Knott
201 South Ave., Coahoma
FIRST BAPTIST
Sand Springs 393-5565
FIRST MEXICAN
701 N.W. 5th
BORSAN BAPTIST CHURCH
201 W. Main 457-2342
Porsan, TX
HILLCREST BAPTIST
2000 W. FM 700 267-1639
IGLESIA BAUTISTA
CENTRAL
2105 Lancaster S. 267-3396
IGLESIA BAUTISTA LA FE
408 State Street 267-7512
LUTHER BETHLE BAPTIST
Gail Rd.
MIDWAY BAPTIST
E. I-20 263-6274
MORNING STAR BAPTIST
403 Trades
MT. BETHEL BAPTIST
630 Sgt. Paredes 263-4069
PRAIRIE VIEW BAPTIST
Farm Mkt. Rd. 2230
PRIMERA BAUTISTA MISSION
701 N.W. 5th 263-1139
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
201 East 24th
SALEM BAPTIST
Old Colo. City Hwy - Salem Rd
TRINITY BAPTIST
810 11th Place 267-6344

CATHOLIC

IMMACULATE HEART OF
MARY CATHOLIC
1009 Hearn 267-4124
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
508 N. Aylford 263-7884
ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC
605 North Main 263-2864

CHRISTIAN

COLLEGE HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN
400 East 21st 263-2241
FIRST CHRISTIAN
911 Goliad 267-7851
ANDERSON STREET
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Green & Anderson 263-2075
BIRDWELL LANE CHURCH
OF CHRIST
11th Place
CHURCH OF CHRIST
14th & Main
COAHOMA CHURCH OF CHRIST
311 N. 2nd
SAND SPRINGS CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Nine Miles East of B.S. on
Thomas Rd.
WEST HIGHWAY 80
CHURCH OF CHRIST
3900 W. Hwy. 80 267-6483
CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
15th & Dixie
COLLEGE PARK CHURCH OF GOD
603 Tulane Avenue 267-8593
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
2009 Main 267-6607

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
MCGEE MEMORIAL CHURCH OF
GOD IN CHRIST
1000 N.W. 3rd 267-6605
NEW LIFE
204 NW 10th 264-0771
POWERHOUSE OF GOD IN CHRIST
1311 Goliad

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
1803 Wasson 263-4411

EPISCOPAL

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL
1001 Goliad 267-8201

GOSPEL

SPRING TABERNACLE
1209 Wright St.

JEHOVAH WITNESS

KINGDOM HALL JEHOVAH'S
WITNESSES
1500 Wasson Rd.

LUTHERAN

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
810 Scurry 267-7163
EVERY NATION
CORNERSTONE CHURCH
706 E. 12TH 263-3072

METHODIST

BAKER'S CHAPEL AME METHODIST
911 North Lancaster 267-7158
COAHOMA UNITED METHODIST
Main at Central
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
400 Scurry 267-6394
IGLESIA METHODISTA
Unida Northside
Goliad & NE 6th St.
NORTH BIRDWELL LANE
UNITED METHODIST
2702 N. Birdwell 263-2536

NAZARENE

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1400 Lancaster

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP
1008 Birdwell Lane 263-5683
Bilingual Services
6:00 p.m.
TEMPLO BIBLIA ABIERTA
604 E. 13th St. 263-1998
LIFE CHURCH
600 EAST FM 700 263-7714
FAMILY FAITH VICTORY
CENTER, INT.
3401 E. 11th Pl. & FM 700 267-6001
Samuel A. Segundo, Jr.
Pastor
SPRING OF LIFE CHURCH
Johnnie Sevey, Pastor
400 E. 21st 267-8658
HOUSE OF HOPE
COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rev. Floyd Green, Jr., Pastor
200 W. 17th • 325-728-5900 • Colorado City, TX

PENTECOSTAL

THE PENTECOSTALS OF
BIG SPRING
Jesus Name UPC
1004 Locust 432-263-0050
Pastor: Michael A. Mahaney

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
701 Rannels 263-4211
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
205 N. 1st Coahoma

OTHER

THE SALVATION ARMY
811 West 5th 267-8239
TOLLETT ALL FAITH CHAPEL
Big Spring State Hospital
FRIENDS OF UNITY
100 A. S. Main (East Boxcar)
TEMPLO CENTRO DE ALABANZA
900 Magnolia

Lamun - Lusk - Sanchez
Texas State Veterans Home
1809 North Highway 87
Phone 432-268-VETS (8387)
Big Spring, Texas 79720-0793
Fax: 432-268-1987
managed by Senior Dimensions, Inc. a Member of Sears Methodist Retirement System, Inc.

Blums Jewelers
One Beautiful Place
Big Spring Mall
Big Spring, Tx.
(432) 267-6335

HARRIS LUMBER & HARDWARE, INC.
LUMBER - HARDWARE - BUILDING SUPPLIES - APPLIANCES - ELECTRONICS
www.harrislumber.homeappliances.com
1515 E. FM 700
267-8206 Big Spring, Tx.

Sherry Wegner Agency
Life & Health • Farm & Ranch
www.swcia.com
267-2555
1902 N. Hwy. 87 • Big Spring

suddenlink
Life Connected™
Cable • Internet • Phone
2006 Birdwell Lane • 267-3821
Formerly Cox Communications

Odissey
1003 E. FM 700
Big Spring, TX 79720
Phone: (432) 263-5599
Facsimile: (432) 263-9996
Cell Phone: (432) 967-2124
DPatrick@OdisseyHealth.com
Improving the Quality of Life

Water Water, Inc.
your hometown culligan dealer
1509 E. FM 700
Big Spring
263-8781

FEED & SEED FERTILIZER
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS
Big Spring
Farm Supply, Inc.
Ronnie & Diane Wood
263-3382 Lamesa Highway

Dakota's
FLOWERS & GIFTS
www.dakotasflowers.com
1110 11th Place • 263-8323

THE HARLEY-DAVIDSON SHOP
"OLDEST DEALERSHIP IN TEXAS"
908 W. 3RD ST. HWY. 80
263-2322 BIG SPRING, TEXAS
HOWARD & MARIJO WALKER

Wendy's
Mgr. - Roanna Rodriguez
2311 Gregg St. 263-6663

Gale's Sweet Shoppe
4411 W. Illinois Suite B-7
Midland, TX 79703
432-689-6090
1200 E. 4th St.
Big Spring, TX 79720
432-263-2253

Burrito Express
3101 W. Hwy. 80 Open 6am-2pm 2200 Gregg
432-264-9116 Mon.- Sat. 432-264-6341
Specializing In Breakfast Burrito
Barbacoa • Fajitas • Asado
Menu on Sat. At 3101 W. Hwy. 80

Graumanns Inc
Specializing In
OIL FIELD PUMP & ENGINE SERVICE
Founded by A. A. (GUS) GRAUMANN
304 Austin
267-1626
www.graumanns.com

BooLaKama AND GRILL
GOOD FAMILY SPORT
COME JOIN A LEAGUE OR OPEN BOWL
3318 E. I-20 267-7484

MVL Mountain View Lodge
A Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
2009 Virginia Avenue
Big Spring, TX 79720
(432) 263-1271
"Where Everybody is Somebody"

Buddy Everett Edward Jones
Investment Representative
410 E. FM 700 Suite C
Big Spring, TX 79720
Bus. 432-263-0460 Toll Free 877-263-0461
Toll-free fax 866-462-8412 Home 432-268-9742
www.edwardjones.com
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

"SERVING HOWARD COUNTY FOR OVER 75 YEARS"
CLOSING & ESCROW SERVICES • TITLE INSURANCE
ABSTRACTS OF TITLE
Howard County Abstract & Title Co.
106 WEST 3RD STREET
BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720
BONNIE FRANKLIN (432) 263-1782
OWNER (432) 267-2169

Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union
2204 Gregg Big Spring, TX 79720
(432) 263-1361 • (800) 299-6761
Fax (432) 263-5916
www.bigspringgov.org tamara@crcom.net

Pizza Hut
2601 Gregg St. 267-4153

Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel
301 E. 24th 267-8288
Big Spring, TX

"WE BUILD"
Kiwanis Club of Big Spring

H-E-B
2000 SOUTH GREGG
263-3000
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Telephone Long Distance
High Speed Internet
WESTER
711 Scurry 263-0091
Big Spring
W. Bus. 20 756-3826
Stanton
Cellular
Local Customer Service

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Funeral Home & Crematory
906 S. Gregg Street
Big Spring, Texas 79720
432-267-6331
www.npwelch.com

Gillihan Paint & Body
30 Years - Same Location
Flexible Hours
264-6528
821 W. 4th Big Spring, TX

www.shotgunmax.com
Maxwell Green
Buy • Trade • Sell
432-263-0395 or 263-4720
702 Johnson, Big Spring, TX
FFLD

Home Hospice
It's about living...
Offering the finest in Hospice Care
111 E. 7th St. 264-7599
www.homehospicewtx.com

DINE IN • ORDERS TO GO • HOMEMADE BURRITOS
Country Corner Cafe
Open Monday - Saturday • 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday • 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
ESTELLA, Owner (432) 263-1604
3004 N. Hwy. 87
Big Spring, TX 79720

SAUNDERS OIL EQUIPMENT
ALL TYPES OF SUCTION HOSES AND DISCHARGE HOSES
HYDRAULIC HOSES & FITTINGS PUMPS
P.O. BOX 1787 803 E. 2ND STREET
BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79721
DWIGHT PERKINS OWNER PHONE (432) 263-4100
FAX: (432) 263-4107

FIRST Bank of West Texas
Member FDIC
www.fbwt.com
Big Spring 267-1113
Coahoma 394-4256

DARYL RICH OILFIELD ELECTRIC CONTRACTOR, INC.
509 N. Tubb Rd.
Big Spring, TX 79720-0610

TA TravelCenters of America
HWY 87 & I-20 Big Spring, TX 79720
Phone 432-264-4444 Fax 432-263-0418
e-mail gm.ta230@tatravelcenters.com

ORALIA G GRANADOS MANAGER
WAL*MART SUPERCENTER
Phone: 432-267-3363 FAX: 432-267-4123
Store 513 201 WEST MARCY
BIG SPRING TX 79720

K. C. Steaks & Seafood, Inc.
(432) 263-1651
Fred L. Green P. O. Box 830
Manager Big Spring, Tx 79721

COWBOYS Steakhouse & Restaurant
STEAKS • SEAFOOD • CHICKEN
OPEN 7 DAYS • 11 A.M. - 9 P.M.
BUFFET SUN.-FRI. 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
404 E. FM 700 263-0181

23 1/2 HR. ROAD SERVICE
MECHANIC ON DUTY
DON'S TIRE & TRUCK SERVICE
NEW & USED TIRES
432-267-5205
SO. SERVICE ROAD 1-20, EXIT 178 DON TAYLOR
BIG SPRING, TX 79720 432-617-0313

PARKS AGENCY INC.
OFF: (432) 267-5504
FAX: 267-3618
RES.: 263-4640
Ray E. & Barbara Kennedy
ray@parksinsurance.com
900 MAIN • P.O. BOX 230
BIG SPRING, TX 79721

Uchi Slaton Slaton Insurance Agency
(432) 267-2398
(800) 947-6368
Fax (432) 267-9787
VSLATON@PARKSINSURANCE.COM
205 E. 15TH • Big Spring, TX 79720

CLANTON CHEMISTRY
"No Steam or Shampoo"
Dries in 1 Hour
Carpet Stretching & Repair
Commercial - Residential
WATER DAMAGE SPECIALIST
Free Estimates!
Randy & Tricia Clanton
Big Spring 263-8997

STC DARBY TITLE, INC. dba SURETY TITLE COMPANY
Cindy Pittman, Escrow Officer
421 MAIN STREET Phone (432) 263-2407
BIG SPRING, TX 79720 Fax (432) 263-4693
suretytitle@crcom.net 22898

H&R BLOCK tax, mortgage and financial services
1512 S. Gregg
Big Spring, TX 79720
Tel 432-263-1931 Fax 432-263-1402
jrhmond@hrblock.com www.hrblock.com

BIG SPRING HERALD
Friday, D
CHURCH
Continued
is led by
Miller. S
are at 9:30
Sunday s
a.m.
Birdwell Baptist
The men
to worsh
1512 B
Sunday v
are at 10
p.m. Mi
are at 7 p
A nursery
There v
a.m. - n
ladies m
Secret
exchange
For Sun
vices w
rolling a
homes in
them up
son.
The Jr
are pr
Christma
which w
Dec. 17 a
vice.
For fur
or a ride
267-7157
First Pre Church
The
Miles,
speak on
Luke 3:1-
vice Su
school be
and Tak
10:35 a.m.
The Chr
women
Presbyter
be held
p.m. to
Ranch H
Carpente
Patti Ho
and Clau
host the
Activit
are at 9
men of th
up the C
for the F
at 4 p.m.
Keep Bi Spring
Keep
Beautiful
Dec. 4,
College C
Club pr
Brumley
invocatio
Lee Emer
New of
dent, Ka
vice pr
Blackshe
Debbie
treasure
Sarah
our gues
ME
WEIGHT MA
432-
Coro
1 Bedroo
801 W
Big
Pool, Pri
& Wash
2-3 Bedr

CHURCHES

Continued from Page 5A

is led by Pastor Joel R. Miller. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members invite you to worship with them at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. A nursery is provided.

There will be from 10 a.m. - noon Saturday a ladies meeting with a Secret Sister gift exchange.

For Sunday evening services we will go car-rolling at the nursing homes in town and lift them up this Holiday season.

The Jr. and Sr. youth are practicing their Christmas program which will be Sunday Dec. 17 at the 11 a.m. service.

For further information or a ride to Church call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from Luke 3:1-6 at worship service Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten starts at 10:35 a.m.

The Christmas Party for women of First Presbyterian Church will be held Monday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 5916 Ranch Road 33. Marj Carpenter, Katie Grimes, Patti Horton, Nancy Little and Claudie Patter will host the party.

Activities for the week are at 9 a.m. Saturday the men of the church will set up the Christmas Cards for the Festival of Lights, at 4 p.m. Sunday after-

noon, a choir concert will be held following the Tour of Homes reception; at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study will be held followed by choir practice at 6 p.m. Thursday, Working Women Bible study will be held in the parlor.

Members are reminded to bring non-perishable food to donate to less fortunate families during the Holiday season. These items are to be placed in the grocery basket in the Narthex.

First Presbyterian Church is located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

East Side Baptist Church

Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Youth meet at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and on the same day, Bible study is held at 7 p.m. The church provides a nursery for all its services and a children's church during the morning sermon.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship services 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible classes 10:15 a.m. Lutheran Hour on 10 a.m. at 7:30 a.m.

Advent worship services are Dec. 13 and 20 at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Services are at 6 p.m. Christmas Day worship services are at 10 a.m. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Bake Sale raised \$875 for the High School Bible classes. The chili supper after the parade raised over \$800 for a family in need.

The Youth Sunday School class is sponsoring a food drive for Christmas giving. All non-perishables can be brought to the church now. Donations are encouraged to be used for turkeys, etc. All donations are appreciated.

The Senior High Sunday School Class will do your Christmas wrapping for you at The St. Paul Lutheran Annex, 9th and Scurry on Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted. All donations will be given to the Ablaze Mission Project.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Saturday, Dec. 9, the CUMC Youth will be hosting their first "Christmas Wrap-Rap" fundraiser. Bring your Christmas packages down to the church and let the youth do your wrapping for a donation. There will be singing and snacks for your enjoyment while you wait. Paper and supplies will be provided or you can bring your own. Come support our youth and take a break from the Christmas rush.

Please join us Sunday, Dec. 10 as Rev. Lea leads us in our Advent worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 am followed by the worship service at 11 a.m.

The Coahoma United Methodist Women will be holding their Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. Call the church office for more information on location.

The Coahoma Community Wide Christmas Contata will be hosted by First Baptist Church in Coahoma on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. Come be blessed with a Christmas message from the community wide choir.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, the Youth will meet at 6 p.m. at the church for worship and study to be followed by Praise Band worship at 7 p.m.

Ministry Team will meet Thursday, Dec. 14 7 p.m. at the church.

Sunday, Dec. 17 will be a day of joyous celebra-

tion. Beginning at 9:45 a.m. there will be a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party for the children followed by our annual Christmas Pageant at 11 a.m. All are invited to celebrate the "reason for the season" with us. The church is located at 401 N. Main Coahoma. For more information call 394-4432.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

Elder Gail Faries of Lubbock will be the visiting minister for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. worship service at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St.

Visitors are always welcomed and encouraged to attend. Bible study and prayer meeting are scheduled for Wednesday at 7p.m.

You may call John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4067 or Dennis Walker at 264-1363 for more information on these services.

Baptist Temple Church

The church will hold a Christmas concert on Dec. 17 at the morning worship service.

Brother Don Snipes is the pastor of the church. The church is located at

400 E. 11th Place and Goliad. Worship services are 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Sunday school is held at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call 267-8287.

Friends of Unity

The talk for this Sunday at 1 p.m. centers around the spiritual and physical interaction which is bringing forth a better understanding of the unity or oneness of all life.

With ideas gleaned from "The Little Book of Big Ideas," the friend who will be giving the talk will do so from the standpoint of Quantum Physics.

The World Day of Prayer, also known as World Healing Day, on Dec. 31 each year, will again be giving opportunity to pray with millions perhaps a billion, at noon

Greenwich Time. That is 6 a.m. our time in West Texas.

Christ Community Fellowship

Looking for a non-judgmental, loving church home? Come join us on Sundays at 10 a.m. for class and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. for service. If you want something smaller and informal join one of our home groups on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening. Youth on Wednesdays is taught by Stan Parker for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders and by Janae Giles for 9th-12th grades at 7 p.m. Janae returned from the mission field in Brazil to teach in the mission field right here in Big Spring. What a blessing she has been to our youth. Join us at 1001 Birdwell Lane or phone our pastor Nick Portocarrero at 432-263-5683.

QUICK CASH REBATES
The Quick Way to Payday
We'll cash your personal check in minutes, deposit it on your next payday, up to 14 days, give you the money you need, the long distance you want and the discount you deserve!
Requirements For Service: 1) Valid Picture ID
2) Verification Of Income
3) Most Recent Checking Account Statement
612 S. Gregg Big Spring, Texas 432-263-4400



ALL THINGS MERRY & BRIGHT
During The Month Of December
Accessories - 25% Off
Close Out On Many Items Such As -
Christmas Decor - Lamps - Mirrors - Rugs
Trees - Pictures
Many Christmas Items ~ Shop Early For Best Selection
Elrod's
Big Spring's Oldest, Finest, Largest Furniture Store
2309 S. Liberty 267-8491

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, Dec. 4, at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Club president Barbara Brumley presided and the invocation was given by Lee Emerson.

New officers are president, Kathryn Wiseman; vice president, Terri Blacksheer; secretary, Debbie Wegman; and treasurer, Jan Foresyth. Sarah Bavin presented our guest speaker, Tom

Nurre Sr. of San Angelo. He heads up the Keep San Angelo Beautiful committee and had many worthwhile suggestions to improve our own unit.

Numerous guests were in attendance including a large group of Big Spring Independent School personnel.

Pat Simmons was feted with the Community Builder Award. This was presented by Bob Noyes in behalf of the Big Spring Masonic Lodge 598.

Simmons was cited as

the driving force behind continuing cleanup efforts in our town as well as Love Your Lake, Keep Big Spring Beautiful, and the spectacular Festival of Lights in Comanche Trail Park.

This the 10th year for the lighting extravaganza and it gets grander every year, thanks to the work Simmons puts in, as well as the work of the countless volunteers she manages to recruit each holiday season.

The festival will begin on Dec. 15.

METABOLIC
WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS
432-682-1600

DREXEL HERITAGE.
Welcome Home
2101 West Wadley
Midland, TX
432-682-0029
www.drexelheritage.com

Coronado Hills Apartments
1 Bedroom - \$375 • 2 Bedroom - \$475 • 3 Bedroom - \$575
801 W. Marcy • 432-267-6500
Big Spring, Texas 79720
Pool, Private Patios, Covered Parking & Washer - Dryer Conn.
2-3 Bedroom
"Remember...you deserve the best!"

To get all your local news online, just go to www.bigspringherald.com

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
May your Christmas be rich with family love, warm with friendship, happy with life's goodness and blessed with the joys of the season.
Full Moon Roofing, Inc.
Save Up to 30% On A New Roof...
20 yr., 30 Yr., Shingle Roofs • Flat Roofs
Modified Gravel • 26 Gauge U-Panel Metal
Most Colors Available!!
FULLMOON, INC. ROOFING
Commercial • Residential • Industrial • Insured • Bonded • Three Million General Liability
REASONS TO CALL
• Ranked Top 25 Roofing Contractors in Texas
• Owners Coming Preferred Contractors
• Save \$100's to \$1000's On Your Next Roof
VOTED BEST ROOFING CO. IN BIG SPRING
FREE ESTIMATES
(432) 267-5478 • BIG SPRING, TX
HENRY BACKES

And you have emergency service?

hez Home
INC. MONICS s.com Tx.
cy
h
k
one 821
nc.
IZER LS
hway
n 23
SON
TEXAS AS
Gregg 4-6341
rito
80
C
VICE ANN
BOWL 484
dge Center
body"

H-E-B 'TIS THE SEASON for savings!



25% off Regular Price Select Christmas Outdoor Decor
price reflected at shelf



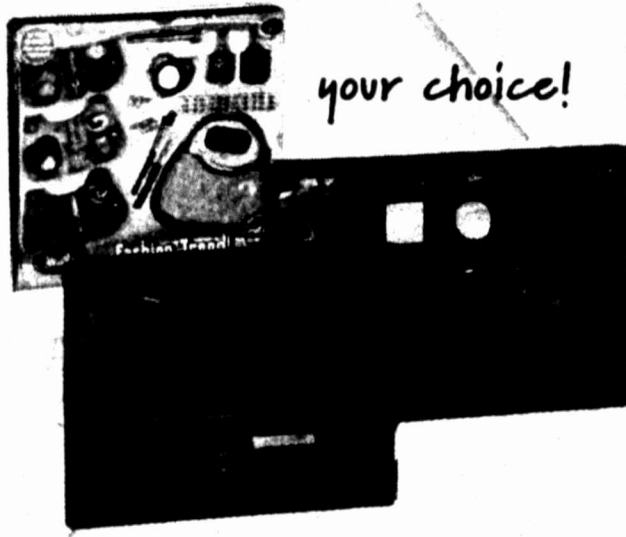
\$9.98 ea. Candle Accessories
assorted styles



\$4.99 ea. Jar Candles
20 oz.



\$29.99 ea. Elizabeth Taylor White Diamonds for Women
6 piece gift set



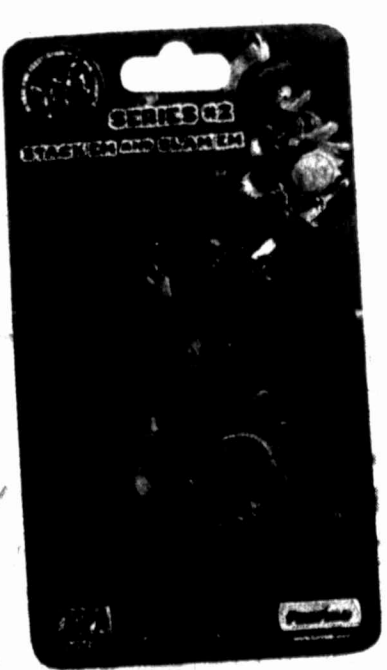
\$9.99 ea. Holiday Makeup Sets for Kids, Teens and Adults



\$19.99 ea. Curve for Women or Men
3 piece gift set



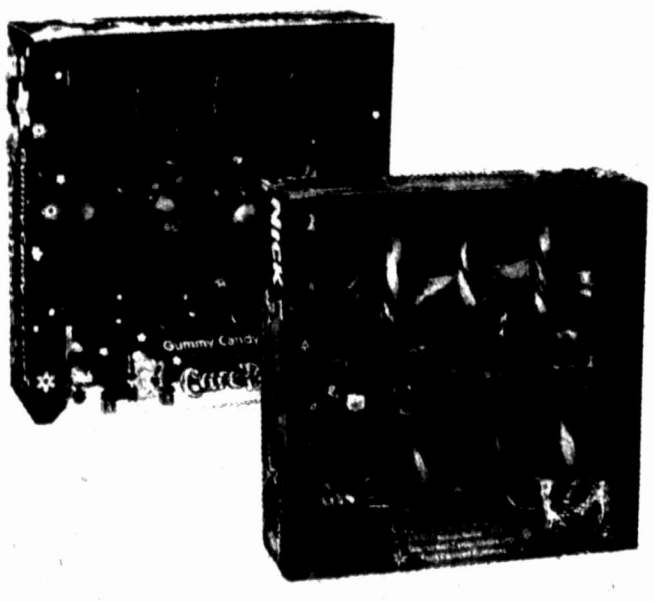
25% off All Bratz Dolls
price reflected at shelf



\$1 ea. POG Foil Blister Cards
regular price \$1.98 ea. - \$3.97 ea.



25% off All Superman Toys
price reflected at shelf



\$1.97 ea. SpongeBob, Barbie or CareBears Gummy Candy and Canes
3.52 oz.



\$1.98 ea. Brach's Christmas Peppermint Nougats
13 oz.

Price Good Friday, December 8 thru Tuesday, December 12, 2006. All items subject to availability. © 2006 H-E-B.

IN
Odessa
holdin
Footb
be hel
for the
football
Stadium
a.m. T
have si
players
three s
are exp
same th
Interes
should
teams o
tion at
(727) o
website
necks.c
Razor
Doak V
Darr
Arkans
Walker
nation'
back
night.
McFad
Trophy
school
yards
scored
help Ar
S o u t
Confere
The s
out M
Hart
Virgini
and be
Arkans
the
Award,
1990.
McFad
New Yo
for
ation.
Longh
Thorpe
Aaron
won th
Award
ball's to
on Thur
Ross,
back, is
secutive
win the
ing safe
The
were M
back I
Florida
Nelson.
Ross h
passes o
been i
takeawa
caption.
forced f
fumble
also ha
touchdo
18th-ran
A play
conferen
award f
past six
of those
from th
Texas
Univers
Oklahor
Baylor
Ray Gu
Daniel
Baylor
Award
punter
ball for
Thursda
Sepulv
won an
years
more
the nat
with
He
win
with
an

Sports

BIG
SPRING HERALD

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Sports Editor Mike Grimes at 263-7331, ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

Friday, December 8, 2006

IN BRIEF

Odessa Roughnecks holding tryouts

Football tryouts will be held this Saturday for the Odessa indoor football team at Ratliff Stadium, beginning at 8 a.m. The roughnecks have signed several key players over the past three seasons and they are expecting to do the same this weekend. Interested players should contact the teams office for registration at (432) 332-pass (7277) or visit the team website at www.roughnecks.com

Razorback wins Doak Walker award

Darren McFadden of Arkansas won the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back on Thursday night.

McFadden, a Heisman Trophy finalist, set a school record with 1,558 yards rushing and scored 16 touchdowns to help Arkansas reach the Southeastern Conference title game.

The sophomore beat out Michigan's Mike Hart and West Virginia's Steve Slaton and became the first Arkansas player to win the Doak Walker Award, which dates to 1990.

McFadden will be in New York on Saturday for the Heisman presentation.

Longhorn wins Thorpe award

Aaron Ross of Texas won the Jim Thorpe Award as college football's top defensive back on Thursday night.

Ross, a senior cornerback, is the second consecutive Texas player to win the Thorpe, following safety Michael Huff.

The other finalists were Michigan cornerback Leon Hall and Florida safety Reggie Nelson.

Ross has 71 tackles, 23 passes defended and has been involved in 10 takeaways — five interceptions and three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. He also has scored two touchdowns for the 18th-ranked Longhorns.

A player from Big 12 conference has won this award five times in the past six years, with four of those five coming from the University of Texas and the University of Oklahoma.

Baylor Bear wins Ray Guy award

Daniel Sepulveda of Baylor won the Ray Guy Award as the best punter in college football for the second time Thursday night.

Sepulveda, a senior, won the award two years ago and again this year. He is the first punter to win the award in two years. He is also the first punter to win the award in two years.

Howard classic to tip off today

MIKE GRIMES
Sports Editor

It's basketball time in Big Spring.

The Whitten Inn Basketball Classic is scheduled for today through Saturday and features three women's team from Texas, one from Nebraska and the Trinidad State College men's team. There will be two ladies games starting at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. today and then the No. 5 ranked Howard men's team is scheduled to participate in the classic with a 8 p.m. tip off.

One of the women's teams that made the journey to Big Spring is Jacksonville College.

This, the Jaguars first visit to Big Spring and first year head coach Brad Phillips said he is thrilled to be in West Texas.

"I think this is going to be a great classic," Said Phillips, as his team checked into the hotel late last night. "I know that Howard has a reputation for playing very good basketball and we're looking forward to that challenge. We play in one of the toughest conferences in the country (Texas Eastern Athletic Conference) and this weekend should help us get in some really good competition before the Christmas break coming up."

The Jaguars stepped off the bus last night with 10 freshman on the team and they plan on starting three or four of them in this classic. They are a young and upcoming team, but they also feature Mary Lawson — the school's all-time leader in three



Jacksonville's Mary Lawson, Melsha Williams, Dora Pandell, Spbia Piggie, Lashundra Rogers and Shundrae Faulk arrive in Big Spring, Thursday night and share a laugh at the Whitten Inn lobby. The Jaguars and Ranger College start the classic at 4 p.m. today at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

pointers. Despite having such an inexperienced team, Phillips said that his team set high goals this season and that they expect to compete and play well every night.

"Our captain is Mary Lawson," the first year coach stated. "She's

averaging 13-points a game and four rebounds. Mary is a terrific shooter and if we can set some good screens and get her open, she can knock down the shots and help us beat anyone."

The Lady Jaguars are coming off a loss Wednesday night and

according to Lawson they are looking forward to getting back on the hard wood.

"Despite the long drive and cold weather, we're happy to be here," Lawson, the Jaguars lone

See CLASSIC, Page 2B



Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young looks to pass against the Denver Broncos at Invesco Field at Mile High in Denver, Colorado, Saturday, August 19. Young will lead the Titans against his home town team, the Texans, Sunday.

Young now hurting defenses with legs

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vince Young scored on the Indianapolis Colts with his arm. He tore them apart with his legs.

The Tennessee rookie scrambled nine times for 78 yards. Seven of those picked up first downs, and six came on third down. He looked for an open receiver, then didn't hesitate to take off if everyone was covered.

And yes, he's proving just as elusive in the NFL as he was in leading Texas to a national championship.

"This is as good a tackling defense as you'll find in space, and he made people miss," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said of the Colts. "I think that kind of gives you an idea to what kind of runner he is."

Young has run for at least 49 yards in each of the Titans' last three games, all wins in their longest streak since the end of the 2003 season.

The No. 3 pick overall in the draft has run 62 times for 372 yards, much better production than Reggie Bush, who was taken one spot ahead of him (119 for 368).

Mobility has been a big help for a quarterback who just topped 50 percent pass completion percentage. It's not coincidence that his two best passing performances have been in the past two games, where he has run the most (19 times for 147 yards).

"A lot of people think I'm just taking off running," Young said. "At the same time, the guys are doing a good job covering routes downfield. ... Instead of taking my checkdowns, I've been telling T-Hen (Travis Henry) and LenDale (White), those guys to turn around and make a couple blocks."

That has opened up the field for the rest of the rushing offense. The

See YOUNG, Page 2B

Parker runs wild in Steelers win, breaks Pittsburgh rushing mark

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — First, Willie Parker ran over, around and through Cleveland's defense for a Pittsburgh Steelers record 223 yards, more yards than Franco Harris or Jerome Bettis gained in a game.

Then, Joey Porter piled on the Browns, insulting them and calling their names after the Steelers' 27-7 win Thursday night.

On a night the Browns were as miserable as the weather — and, with a below-zero wind chill, it was very nasty — the Steelers (6-7) closely resembled the team that

won the Super Bowl 10 months ago. Even if that 2-6 start of theirs may prevent another playoff run.

The Browns? Assured of a fourth consecutive losing season with their 4-9 record, they looked much like the Browns of last year, and the year before that and the year before that ...

"We rammed it down their throats, you could hear them arguing among themselves, they knew we were going to run it and they couldn't do anything about it," Steelers tackle Marvel Smith said.

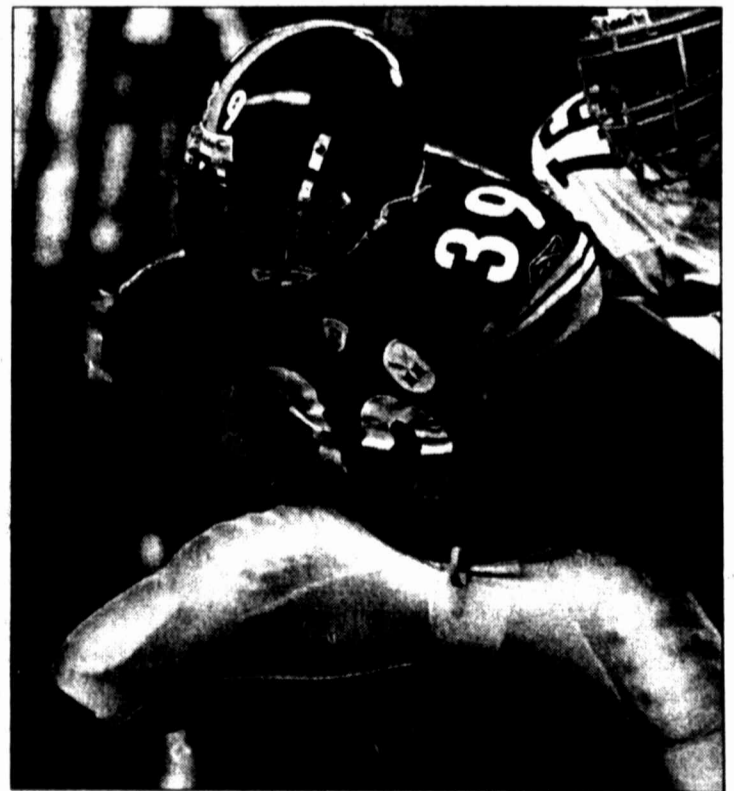
The Browns, outrushed 303-18, were defenseless when it came to slowing Parker, who broke John

"Frenchy" Fuqua's 1970 team record of 218 yards — and did so in barely more than three quarters. Parker might have threatened the 300-yard mark if the game were closer but, given it was a Browns-Steelers game, it wasn't.

"Coach (Bill) Cowher came up to me and asked me if I wanted to run some more," Parker said of a fourth-quarter sideline conversation with his coach. "I asked him why and he said I was eight yards away from the record. So I said, 'Yeah, I want to run some more.'"

Parker, a speed back

See NFL, Page 2B



Pittsburgh Steelers' Willie Parker breaks tackles during the first quarter at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. Parker rushed for 223 yards in the Steelers win.

Bonds, Giants reach \$16 million deal

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer
LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Barry Bonds is headed back to the San Francisco Giants, agreeing to a \$16 million, one-year deal just hours after the winter meetings ended with just one major trade and only a handful of free-agent signings.

While most team executives packed up and left Thursday, the Giants kept trying to re-sign the 42-year-old slugger. Bonds has 734 home runs and is

22 from breaking Hank Aaron's record.

Bonds and the Giants wound up with a deal that includes performance bonuses that could make it worth a total of \$20 million, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because there had been no official announcement.

Bonds has played 14 seasons for the Giants and is coming off a \$90 million, five-year contract. He is a

seven-time NL MVP and, despite steroids allegations, is a fan favorite in the Bay Area.

There wasn't a lot of other action before the meetings finished up.

Free-agent ace Barry Zito wasn't close to signing and Manny Ramirez remained with the Boston Red Sox. Kansas City made a big move on the final day, agreeing to a \$55 million, five-year contract with right-hander Gil Meche.

Also, reliever Guillermo

Mota and the New York Mets agreed to a \$5 million, two-year contract that pays him \$1.8 million next year and \$3.2 million in 2008. Mota tested positive for a performance-enhancing substance and is suspended for the first 50 games of next season — costing him about \$600,000.

Backup first baseman Daryle Ward reached a preliminary agreement with the Chicago Cubs on a \$1.05 million, one-year deal.

NFL

Continued from 1B

rather than a power runner like Bettis, is the first Steelers runner to have two 200-yard games during the same season. Parker first threatened Fuqua's record by rushing for 213 yards against New Orleans on Nov. 12.

Not bad for a running back who wasn't drafted out of North Carolina in 2004 and initially felt he would be an NFL special teams player, given the Steelers' tradition of having only big backs like Bettis and Franco Harris.

"They've never had a speed back, they've always had power backs so I thought I'd have to make a niche on special teams," Parker said.

"Then I said, 'Naw, I'm going to keep going at it, keep hard at it and be a running back, just be that

every down back.'"

Parker scored on a 3-yard and, with Ben Roethlisberger, generated much of the offense during touchdown drives of 97 and 91 yards that were the Steelers' longest of the season. Roethlisberger threw a 49-yard touchdown pass to Nate Washington, who filled in for the injured Hines Ward, and scored on a 2-yard bootleg of his own.

Browns coach Romeo Crennel was almost embarrassed with his team's lack of competitiveness against a team it led 20-10 in the fourth quarter on Nov. 19, only to lose 24-20 when the Steelers scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter. With the season sweep, the Steelers have won seven in a row and 13 of 14 from the Browns.

"You can't stop it and you can't move it, you get beat," Crennel said.

CLASSIC

Continued from 1B

returning starter from last year said. "I've never been to West Texas and I'm excited about being here. This is a good opportunity to see some talented and well coached teams outside of our conference."

Another player the Jaguars lean heavily on is freshman Dora Pandeli.

Pandeli leads the team in rebounds and is second in scoring with 12-points a game. Having just moved to the States three

months ago from Greece, the young player said she is here to further her education and learn to play 'American' style basketball.

"People in this country seem to work too much and are always in a hurry to get somewhere," Pandeli, the talented freshman said. "Basketball here kind of reflects that attitude. It's a much faster and much more physical game over here. I definitely prefer the basketball over here."

Jacksonville comes into town with a record of 6-4, but with the holiday sea-

son around the corner they are concerned with working on some fundamentals and getting ready for conference, not necessarily picking up more wins.

"We have to take care of the basketball and do a good job of getting into our offense," coach Phillips added. "That's what I really want to see us accomplish this weekend. We're always on the court to win, but we have to work on some things to get ready for conference play. I'm also looking forward to catching some of the Hawks men's game

Friday night as well. I have heard nothing but exceptional things about Howard and this should be a fun weekend."

The Lady Jaguars are scheduled to play 4 p.m. today and at noon on Saturday.

YOUNG

Continued from 1B

Titans are averaging 165.5 yards rushing the past eight weeks, and Henry said it has helped having a spy on defense — a player focused on following Young.

The Titans (5-7) are relying on Young's instincts to tell him when to scramble. He ran for 3,127 yards at Texas, a performance capped with 200 yards on the ground in a title-game victory against USC in January.

"If he drops back,

nobody's open and he sees certain coverages and realizes he can run it, he needs to go," offensive coordinator Norm Chow said. "He's doing that pretty well right now."

The Houston Texans (4-8) must try and slow down Young on Sunday. He ran four times for 44 yards in beating them 28-22 on Oct. 29 in Nashville — his fourth career start.

Coach Gary Kubiak noticed how effective Young was against the Colts on third down. Young was responsible for six of the Titans' eight converted third downs.

"In this league, that is

what you want your quarterback to do. You have to be able to keep us on the field and make some plays on third down, and that's what he's been doing for his team," Kubiak said.

The Texans are allowing 116 yards rushing per game. Texans safety Glenn Earl compared Young to Randall Cunningham for his long strides and size.

"A lot of times, the challenge is to stay in coverage and not come off the receivers too quick. He's a weapon. He's like a running back back there," Earl said.

MIDLAND-ODESSA,
DISH Network now has your local channels.

Get your local news, weather and sports.

Save \$135* over CableOne (over 10 months)

OVER 80 CHANNELS STARTING AT \$24.99 (including your LOCAL CHANNELS)

PICK ONE PREMIUM MOVIE PACKAGE AND SAVE! 3 MONTHS FREE

SWITCH TO DISH NETWORK AND YOU'LL ALSO GET:
FREE DVR or HD Receiver Upgrade
FREE Standard Professional Installation (up to 4 hours)
NO Equipment to Buy

DON'T WAIT ANOTHER MINUTE. SWITCH TO DISH NETWORK NOW!

COMING TO THE BIG SPRING AREA!!
Custom Computers & Satellites
(432) 264-7603 (866) 306-2148

COME BY AND SEE US!
1702 E. FM 700, SUITE B
ACROSS FROM SUDENLINKA CABLE
ON CORNER OF BIRDWELL & E. FM 700

dish
Better TV for all

You deserve a factual look at . . .

Israel's "Right to Exist" (II)
How could anyone question such a right?

Perhaps the most bizarre aspect of the never-ending Moslem-Israel dispute is the perennial question about Israel's "right to exist." What a strange formulation! How weird that anybody should question anybody else's right to exist, that one country should question another's existence. It is definitely a first in the history of the world.

What are the facts?
Denial of the obvious. The questioning by the Moslems of Israel's right to exist is particularly strange in view of Israel apparently being the major preoccupation of all Arab countries and of most non-Arab Moslem nations, Iran prominently among them. And how can the Arabs possibly question Israel's existence since they have been involved with Israel in at least five major wars, in all of which they were decisively defeated. Nobody questions that if results had been reversed in any of these encounters, Israel would indeed have ceased to exist and most of its inhabitants killed.

How is it possible, one wonders, that despite the decisive military defeats that the Arabs have suffered, they still wish to deny Israel's existence. It is an almost unbelievable act of mental acrobatics to deny the existence of a country that has inflicted such severe and repeated punishment on them. When it becomes inevitable for the Arabs to mention Israel at all, they always refer to it as "the Zionist entity."

This non-acknowledgement of Israel's existence is not simply a matter of semantics. Arab maps do not show Israel, but a vast area, including Jordan, called "Palestine." Major cities such as Tel Aviv and Haifa simply don't exist on Arab maps. Arab school children, imbued from early age with hatred for the Jews, have no "official" knowledge of Israel's existence. They learn about it, one supposes, just as they learn about sex, by whispered remarks in the schoolyard.

Sacrifices for nothing. As an inducement to Israel for yielding part of its minuscule national territory, the Arab nations, dangle from time to time the carrot of "recognition," "the right to exist," before Israel. Almost inexplicably, the Jews, who are supposed to be so "smart," have yielded to these insincere offers and in the spirit of the "land for peace" mantra have surrendered valuable territory to their implacable enemies. They have turned the vast Sinai back to Egypt, including the oil fields that they had developed and which would have made them independent of petroleum imports for the foreseeable future. They have

abandoned Gaza, where Jewish families had lived for generations. They have evacuated the buffer zone in southern Lebanon that protected Israel's northern cities and settlements. All of these sacrifices were in vain. The peace with Egypt is the coldest imaginable. The Gazans daily lob Qassam rockets into Israel and kill and wound its people. In southern Lebanon, where the Israelis have incredibly allowed vast fortifications to be established and tens of thousands of rockets to be installed, Hizbollah (the "Army of God") has launched a bloody war against Israel, which has caused thousands of casualties on both sides and mutual destruction, mostly in Lebanon.

Take threats seriously. In order to gain "recognition" and, one hopes, the "right to exist," Israel now seems poised to yield Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") and even the Golan Heights to its mortal enemies. Both would be unbelievable acts of folly and would immediately subject Israel to utter destruction. It would no longer be a matter of the right to exist, but an assured road to non-existence.

The denial of Israel's "right to exist" goes hand in hand with the threat to exterminate this non-existent entity as soon as feasible. It has already been tried many times. Abdal Nasser, the former dictator of Egypt, promised his people to drive the hated Jews into the Sea. He did not succeed. Iran's ruler Ahmadinejad has vowed to "excise the Zionist cancer" and to "wipe Israel off the map." He is feverishly trying to develop nuclear weapons. There can be no doubt that he will drop such weapons on Israel the very day he comes into their possession. The world made a terrible mistake when it doubted the fulminations of Adolf Hitler. The world would make a fatal error in not taking Ahmadinejad seriously. He means every word he says.

In view of that, and if persuasion continues to be unsuccessful, isn't it clear what the world must do in order to prevent a nuclear catastrophe that would engulf not only the Middle East but the entire world? But there are only two possible actors that could take such initiative: the United States and Israel.

The bizarre concept of Israel's not having the right to exist has been around for almost 60 years. It is often said that Israel needs to be "recognized" by the Arabs in order bring about peace and to "normalize" its position. But need not the Arabs, too, "normalize" their position? Most Arabs live in abject poverty and in third-world conditions. They need peace in order to obtain a standard of living approaching that of Israel. But peace will come to this troubled region only when the Arabs accept the reality of Israel's existence and negotiate with it openly and in good faith.

This ad has been published and paid for by
FLAME
Facts and Logic About the Middle East
P.O. Box 590359 ■ San Francisco, CA 94159
Gerardo Joffe, President

FLAME is a tax-exempt, non-profit educational 501 (c)(3) organization. Its purpose is the research and publication of the facts regarding developments in the Middle East and exposing false propaganda that might harm the interests of the United States and its allies in that area of the world. Your tax-deductible contributions are welcome. They enable us to pursue these goals and to publish these messages in national newspapers and magazines. We have virtually no overhead. Almost all of our revenue pays for our educational work, for these clarifying messages, and for related direct mail.

To receive free FLAME updates, visit our website: www.factsandlogic.org

WOW teens with your generosity.

This season, support the Marines and Toys for Teens at Best Buy.™
Make a monetary donation to help make the Holiday a little brighter for teens in need.

Go in any Best Buy store or online to BestBuy.com/ToysforTeens to make a donation.

WOW
TOYS FOR TEENS
BEST BUY

Foundation

BIG SP Friday,

BIRDIE!

Look at fu

Every Sergio G foreign p golf. But the mix, My pi the 2006 Nationw list in '08 shoot low a bunch. 28 to Oct 66-71-70- 65-64-694 That's 51 rounds. ball in th what th and that this play What 2007: a te caddy. My se He finish with \$2, ers. Grou ting, dri are all ir What time. Also i • J.B. driving makes h ting is a Needs like grea fit the co • Ben Open, w one. He' \$2,256,32 swing fa Needs • Ryan quirky s works th Needs • Bubi lion, but Holmes, and loo sure. Needs

GOLF S

Na

The r league insuran exempt Nationv The c players in 1990 taking c was the until Na 2002, a through

SCHED

WC

• Site: S
• Schedi
• Course
Club Co
• Purse:
\$700,000
• TV: ES
ABC (Sa

A
• Site: C
• Schedi
• Course
(7,246 y
• Purse:
\$222,240.
• TV: Th
Sunday,

DON'T

Perfect
Need
structio
build yo
swing? I
teacher
new box
Perfect!
Here:
scribes
asked w
method
teach g
tomizin
body str
often s
person l
It's \$1

Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

BIRDIES AND BOGIES

Looking ahead at future stars

Everyone is familiar with Adam Scott, Sergio Garcia, Luke Donald and Geoff Ogilvy, foreign players under 30 who are the future of golf. But what young American golfers are in the mix, and who will be the best in 2007?

My pick is Troy Matteson, age 27, 36th on the 2006 money list after leading the Nationwide money list in '05. He can shoot low numbers in a bunch. From Sept. 28 to Oct. 22, Matteson shot in sequence 72-66-71-70-71-68-70-68-67-65-64-69-67-65-65-70. That's 52 under for 16 rounds. Getting the ball in the hole is what they pay you for, and that's just what this player can do.



MATTESON

What he needs in 2007: a tee time and a caddy.
My second choice is Lucas Glover, also 27. He finished 21st on the PGA Tour money list with \$2,587,982, best of all the under-30 players. Glover does everything very well — putting, driving and greens-in-regulation stats are all in the top 50.

What he needs in '07: a bit more playing time.

Also in the running:
• **J.B. Holmes**, 24, is mega long (second in driving distance) with a controlled swing that makes him a decent iron player, but his putting is awful (158th).

Needs for '07: the course to fit his game, unlike great players who can adapt their game to fit the course.

• **Ben Curtis**, 29, winner of the 2003 British Open, whose only outstanding stat is a great one. He finished 30th on the money list with \$2,256,327. But while he plays well in spurts, a swing fault keeps him from being a top player.

Needs for '07: a swing fix.
• **Ryan Moore**, 23. An injured hand and a quirky swing led to a mediocre year, but if he works through his injury, he'll be a top player.

Needs for '07: a clean bill of health.
• **Bubba Watson**, 28, earned over \$1 million, but has almost the identical profile of Holmes, except that Watson's swing is long and loopy, and it makes him wild under pressure.

Needs for '07: a course management lesson.

GOLF SPOKEN HERE

Nationwide Tour

The name of the PGA Tour's minor-league tour, sponsored by the Nationwide insurance company. The PGA Tour awards exempt status to the top 20 players on the Nationwide Tour money list.

The concept of a feeder tour to prepare players to play on the PGA circuit began in 1990 as the Hogan Tour, with Nike taking over sponsorship in 1992. Then it was the Buy.com Tour starting in 1999, until Nationwide became the sponsor in 2002, a relationship that will continue through the 2012 season.

SCHEDULE

All Times EST WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS Barbados World Cup

- **Site:** St. James, Barbados.
- **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
- **Course:** Sandy Lane Resort, The Country Club Course (7,173 yards, par 72).
- **Purse:** \$4 million. Winner's shares: \$700,000 per player.
- **TV:** ESPN (Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

AUSTRALASIAN PGA TOUR Australian PGA Championship

- **Site:** Coolumb, Australia.
- **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
- **Course:** Hyatt Regency Resort Course (7,246 yards, par 72).
- **Purse:** \$949,000. Winner's share: \$170,000.
- **TV:** None.

SUNSHINE TOUR/ PGA EUROPEAN TOUR Alfred Dunhill Championship

- **Site:** Malelane, South Africa.
- **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
- **Course:** Leopard Creek Golf Club (7,249 yards, par 72).
- **Purse:** \$1.33 million. Winner's share: \$222,240.
- **TV:** The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon).

DON'T MISS IT

Perfect reading

Need a good instructional book to build your golf swing? Don't Miss top teacher Jim Suttie's new book, "Your Perfect Swing."

Here's how he describes it: "When asked which teaching method I use, my answer is always, 'I teach golfers, not methods.' Any single method is too limiting. I believe in customizing each student's swing to fit his body strengths and desired ball flight. I often say, 'No one swing fits all, but each person has his own perfect swing.'"
It's \$19.95 at www.jimsuttie.com.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I regret having to call my mom and dad so many times to say, 'Don't open the newspaper today; you're not going to like it.'"

Carolyn Bivens (right), the LPGA's first female commissioner, whose my-way-or-the-highway style of dealing with sponsors and the news media has made her highly controversial.



LIBBY VOLGYES / Cox News Service

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



The power of PGA Tour pro Robert Gamez's swing pulls him right onto his toes.

Twinkle toes

Elevation during swing should come naturally

Conventional wisdom says that you should swing from the ground up, meaning that your feet are firmly rooted to provide both balance and torque. But it is obvious looking at the photos of Robert Gamez that there is another way to get the job done: Gamez, winner of over \$7 million on the PGA Tour, rises up on his toes as he nears impact.

When good players elevate (come up on their toes), it's late in the downswing, after they already have the elements of power in place — coil and leverage. The reason elevation takes place so late is because it happens as a response to an explosion of power. Basically, it's a result of a high-velocity swing, not a cause.

Elevation is something you don't want to make happen, it's don't try to incorporate it into your swing. It develops naturally near impact.

If you try to manufacture it and do it too early in the swing, problems occur. When you unplug from the ground by rising up onto your toes as you swing away from the ball, you abandon an important power source: torque with the ground.

On those days when you're not

ABOUT THE WRITER



Dr. T.J. Tomasi is a teaching professional at Nantucket Golf Club on Nantucket Island, Mass. To ask him a question about golf, e-mail him at TJInsider@aol.com.

hitting the ball as far as normal, one short drive usually leads to another because the tendency is to lift your front foot and knee directly upward. This breaks your resistance to the ground and ruins both your weight transfer and your coil. To understand the role that ground resistance plays in the creation of power, imagine taking a full swing standing on a skateboard.

So when drives shorten, make a special effort to keep your front heel planted during your take-away as your weight moves to your trail side. The turning of your chest and the momentum of your clubhead swinging away from the target will pull your front heel off the ground as part of your coil at just the right time (if you're supple enough, your heel may not come up at all). Put another way, to plug back



Don't force an unnatural elevation. It's a product of a high-velocity swing that develops naturally near impact with the ball.

into your power base make a special effort to remain grounded. Stay plugged in until you're unplugged by the force of your swing. And please remember that when you try to generate power by rising up on your toes, chances are you'll do just the opposite. Leave the toe dance to the pros.

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Avoid the habit of quitting

A mistake repeated is a mistake learnt, and nowhere is that more true than in quitting — the art of not trying your best.

By "quit" I don't mean walking off the course before your round is over. I mean mentally giving up. One of the classic symptoms of this give-up mentality is skipping or changing your pre-shot routine so that not every shot receives the same attention.

The only way you can practice never quitting, is by never quitting. Here is some advice from Jay Haas who holds the record for cuts made (592) on the PGA Tour:

"Out of 592 cuts, there were probably 25 that I shouldn't have made but did because I kept hang-

ing in there. I've withdrawn three or four times in my career from just playing poorly and not wanting to be there, and I understand that, but it's not a good habit to get into.

"What I've learned is that you might be missing the cut by eight shots and hit a shot on the 17th hole of that second round, and you try a little something different on your drive and it clicks, and the next week you play great.

"There's no telling when your game might turn around. And it's better to work on your game in a tournament than in a practice round. If you're 6-under or 6-over, there's pressure when you've got a scorecard in your pocket."



Cox News Service

Don't let a few bad shots ruin your outlook on upcoming holes. "There's no telling when your game might turn around," golf pro Jay Haas (above) said.

ASK THE PRO

Q: I see the pros on TV always checking their yardage books. What should I be checking when I make a shot? I'm a 12 handicap.
— Alex P., from the Web

A: Most golfers, including the pros, would do well to know the carry distance to any trouble in front of the green and over the green. That means you use three numbers: carry to the front, carry to the back and carry to the pin. Let's say there's water in front of the green with a 160-yard carry required and then another 10 yards to the pin for a total of 170. And in our example, there is no trouble over the green, which is another 20 yards. Your normal 5-iron carries 170

TEERING OFF

Getting high is the best way to tee off

Due to the rapid improvements in equipment technology, things are changing so quickly that it's difficult to separate fact from fancy. A case in point is determining the best tee height for your driver.

Clearing up the muddy waters of opinion has always been the strong suit of science, so I'll quote a study done by Eric Alpenfels, a GOLF Magazine Top 100 Teacher in Pinehurst, N.C., and Bob Christina, Ph.D., dean emeritus of the School of Health and Human Performance at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The full study is published on www.golfonline.com.

Three tee heights were used in the study. For the lowest tee height, the top edge of the driver was even with the top edge of the ball. At the mid tee height, the top edge of the driver was level with the middle of the ball. And the highest tee height placed the top edge of the driver level with the bottom of the ball.

The 27 subjects in the experiment were divided into three groups according to handicap levels: 0-9, 10-19 and 20 plus. Each golfer hit 30 drives, 10 at each tee height. Only the best five drives at each tee height were used to prevent mis-hits from distorting the data.

Participants used their own drivers with clubheads ranging in size from 410 cc to 460 cc. Distance and accuracy were calculated using a launch monitor.

The results: Over the entire range of handicaps, carry distances in the mid- and high-tee trials were significantly longer than in the low-tee trials. The reason for this is that the higher tee heights encourage higher launch angles and less spin. The highest tee heights produced the longest drives, averaging 12 yards more carry per drive than the low tee trials.

The high-handicappers benefited the most from the high tee height, picking up an average of 18 yards versus balls hit from the low tee height.

The results assume that you are using a modern, deep-faced driver. This means that the center of gravity is more toward the back of the driver, so the hot spot (the point of contact that produces the longest drive) is higher on the face than it is with the pre-modern driver. Also, with the new space-age materials being used, like titanium, the forgiveness zone located around the hot spot is much wider, so your off-hot-spot hits go much further than they used to.

GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

22

Number of players who earned 2007 PGA Tour playing privileges via the Nationwide Tour this year. Former Nationwide Tour players have won 196 times on the PGA Tour. This leads some to the conclusion that the prep tour is indeed the best indicator of success.

In 2006, 57 percent of Nationwide qualifiers (12 of 21) kept their cards, while only 28 percent of the qualifiers through Q-school (9 of 32) kept theirs.

yards, but there is always the chance that you won't make solid contact.

The rule is about 10 percent of the total distance is lost via a mis-hit of an iron, so that's 17 yards, and 17 minus 170 is 153, which means you are in the water.

Instead choose a rescue club that carries, say, 185 yards max on perfect contact. This way you have some yardage to play with, plus the rescue is more forgiving than the iron.

In any case, know how far the trouble is and take precautions based on your playing ability.

(To Ask the Pro a question about golf, e-mail him at TJInsider@aol.com.)

BIG SPRING HERALD

CLASSIFIEDS

710 Scurry

263-7331

www.bigspringherald.com

Freebies

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

Announcements

Didn't Get Your Paper?
Call 263-7335
Mon-Fri. 8am-7pm
Sun 8am-noon
HERALD

Business Opportunity

\$\$\$ WEEKLY! Do what I do. Earn what I earn. Automatic system, 100% group support! Leverage your cash.
www.3500now.com

\$1,000 TO \$3,000 A WEEK!
Daily pay! Toll Free 1-800-611-6509.

BUY-SELL-TRADE
In the Big Spring Herald Classifieds
263-7331

Business Opportunity

THIS NEWSPAPER is not responsible for the specific content of the National Classified ads. Before investing money in a business/employment opportunity with which you are unfamiliar, please call the National Better Business Bureau at 703-276-0100 or visit www.bbb.org

Educational

HIGH SCHOOL Diploma at home. 6-8 weeks. Low payments. Free brochure. 1-800-264-8330 or www.diplomafromhome.com

SOUTHEASTERN CAREER INSTITUTE
Midland Campus
Act now for career training from Southeastern Career Institute - Midland. Train in Computer Business Systems, Dental Assistant or Medical Assistant.
1-800-497-1557
www.scinow6.com
4320 W. Illinois Avenue, Suite A, Midland, TX 79703

Garage Sales

ESTATE SALE
By Joseph and Team
12 Chapman Rd (Big Spring)
Thursday & Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

This is a neat as pin house with a well stocked shop of 25 years behind it, wood working, metal (you name it he had it!). Don't let the drive to Big Spring keep you from shopping at this sale!
Frankohma Pottery, Kerosene Lamps, Depression glass, Great Kitchen Items, Kenmore Washer/Dryer, 3 Kenmore Fridges, 2 Curio Cabinets, Oriental Carved Furniture, 2 Bedroom Sets, Entertainment Center, Pair of Recliners, TV's, Clocks, Lots of Yard Ornaments, TOOLS, TOOLS, TOOLS, TOOLS, Sears Professional Table Saw, Cut Off Saw, Cut Off Saw, 2 Drill Presses, Router & Table, Miter Saw, Wood Planner, Metal Shelving, Plumbing, Electrical, Fishing Equipment, Several Rifles, And the usual household misc.

Garage Sales

ESTATE SALE of Henry Stewart, 60 years accumulation X-mas decor, furniture, kitchenware, collectibles, linens, much much more, corner of Birdwell and 15th. Street. Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 1-5. You can park in church parking lot behind house and enter through the back door.

INSIDE SALE, 1507 E. 4th. 1-4X plus size men and ladies clothing. Christmas decorations and lots more. Saturday 8:00-12:00.

INSIDE SALE, Christmas decorations & gifts, spiral Christmas tree, outside Nativity scene & more. Saturday Only! 8:00-? 115 S. Moss Lake Rd in back.

MOVING SALE, 12 Village Rd, Village at the Spring. Friday, 12:00-5:00, Saturday, 8:00-5:00. Side by side refrigerator/freezer, formal dining set, good furniture, decorative, household items. (432)267-8573.

Help Wanted

ANIMAL CARE taker needed Tuesday-Saturday 8am-4pm. Must pass Drug Test. Call (432)267-7832 for interview.

ARE YOU Bilingual? Are you interested in working for \$9.50 per hour. If so please call 432-264-2007 leave message.

BACKHOE OPERATOR with at least 1 year experience. Call or go by Rusty's Oilfield Service in Stanton. Call (432)756-2821.

BLAST MASTERS has a position available for:
* Crew Technician
Come by 1711 Snyder Hwy., and pickup an application. No phone calls please. Must have a valid TX drivers license and pass mandatory drug test.

COME JOIN our friendly team at Kate's Fina Mart. Good benefits. Now hiring full & part time. Apply at 1100 N. Lamesa Hwy.

NEED EVENING Dishwasher part-time. Must be 16 yrs. old. Apply in person, Red Mesa Grill, 2401 S. Gregg.

Help Wanted

DOWN HOLE Pump Repair/Delivery Person. Experience Preferred, but will train. Must have valid Driver License. Salary D.O.E. Full Benefits Package. Background and drug test required. Send Resume to P.O. Box 2234 or come by 2903 North Birdwell for application.

DRIVERS BE HOME DAILY. Coastal Transport is a leader in transport of LPG Asphalt & Petroleum Products. Coastal serves high profile accounts & needs dedicated professionals to join our growing team in Big Spring. Quality 23 with class A & One year driving experience. Inquire about Sign-on Bonus up to \$4000. Call Jay at 888-527-7221.

FULL TIME day cook. Willing to work, positive attitude. No experience necessary. Will train. Apply at Wagon Wheel, 2010 Scurry. No phone calls.

NEED EARLY Morning Front desk person. Computer & phone skills a plus. Honest and Dependable. Pick up application at Holiday Inn Express, 1109 N. Aylsford.

BUSINESSES & SERVICES

\$1.89 Per Day; 6-Month Contract:\$1.58 Per Day

Call 263-7331 to place your ad today!!



AUTO CARE

G & M Auto Care
Locally Owned & Operated Service 1972
263-1091
George & Mary
900 & 3rd St. Big Spring

AUTO PARTS

A Modern Auto Dismantler
WESTEX
Since 1947
• 14 Acres of dismantled vehicles
• 20,000 sq ft. of Warehouse storage
• Specialize in late model quality auto parts
• Foreign and domestic parts for cars, trucks, mini vans, 4x4 and sports utility vehicles
Hrs. 8 a.m.-5:30 Wkday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. SAT
1511 Hwy 350 • (432) 263-5000

CARPET

Teal Carpets
* Ceramic Tile
* Laminate
* Wood
* Vinyl
* Carpet
We carry all your carpet supplies
2810 E. FM 700 • 268-0008

CONCRETE

STUCCO DRIVEWAYS SIDEWALKS BLOCK FENCES
Chico and Sons Concrete
(432) 466-0573
(432) 816-6561
621 Sgt. Paredz Big Spring, TX 79720

CONCRETE

J. T. Builders
Remodeling • Drywall
Ceramic Tile • Electrical
Plumbing • Roofing
Brick & Concrete Work
Driveways • Sidewalks
Fireplaces • Stucco
Swimming Pool Decks
JOHNNY TALAMANTEZ
(432) 213-0882 Cell
(432) 263-2110 Res.

CONCRETE

All Types Concrete Work
Block & Brick Repair
Trenching & Tractor Service
Campbell Concrete Contractors
Call-Tommy Campbell
Concrete Contractor
(432) 466-0623
(432) 935-3644
2006 Runnels Big Spring, TX 79720

DIRT WORK

DECKER'S FARM SUPPLY & NURSERY
We do Dirt Work, Brush Hog, Backhoe, Building Small Grubbing Jobs and Will Clear Lots.
432-756-3444

FENCES

Quality Fence Co.
Jimmy Marquez-Owner
Finest In Fencing
Wood & Chainlink
Free Estimates
432-267-3349

FENCES

CHAINLINK METAL • CEDAR DOG KENNELS ORNAMENTAL IRON
B & M Fence Co.
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
GET OUR PRICE & COMPARE
FREE ESTIMATES
ROBERT MARQUEZ
263-1613 •
1-800-525-1389
1008 Lamesa Hwy. • Big Spring

FIREWOOD

Mixed Firewood
\$125⁰⁰ Cord
Delivered & Stacked
Also Sell Mesquite
Call
(432) 238-6770 or
570-9617

HEATING & AC

JOHNSON AC, HEATING & SHEET METAL
• Servicing all heaters central & wall
• Duct work - all sheet metal work
• Registers & Grills
We Carry All Heating Parts & Filters, Belts
1408 East 4th 263-2980

HOME IMPROVEMENT

DOORS/GARAGE DOORS/OPENERS
Home Repair • Carpentry
Sheet Work
Repaired/Replaced
Kitchen & Bath
BOB'S CUSTOM WOODWORK
409 E. 3RD 267-5811

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Handyman Matters
Accepting New Clients
Pam Parsley-Owner
Mention this ad and get \$25.00 OFF your first job with us.
Office - (806) 687-8928
Fax (806) 687-8927
5919 50th Street, Suite D • Lubbock, Texas
Insured and Bonded
www.handymanmatters.com
We accept all major credit cards

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Day & Day Builders
Custom Building • Remodeling • Roofing
Tile • Garage Doors • Cabinets
Vinyl Siding
D. W. Day (432) 457-2289
Cell (432) 270-8783
Dennis Day (432) 816-5080
Box 266
108 West 7th
Forsan, TX 79733

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Gibbs Remodeling
New home Construction •
Room Additions
Dry Wall Hanging & Finishing
Ceramic Tile • Installation & Repair
All Remodel Needs Of Any Room In Your Home.
Call **263-8285**

HOME IMPROVEMENT

AFFORDABLE HOME MAINTENANCE
•Renovation
•Repairs
•Maintenance
7 Day Emergency Service
Satisfaction Guaranteed
NO JOB IS TOO SMALL!
Russ Crain (owner) 432-270-2585

HOME IMPROVEMENT

RS HOME REPAIR
Custom Wood Decks, Remodel, Carpenter, Painting, Plumbing, Minor Electrical
FREE ESTIMATES
Garage door repair, Appliances installed
816-3030

JANITORIAL

BREATHE-EZ CLEANING SERVICE
Chimneys, Maid Service, Home & Office, Carpets, Air Ducts & Much More
432-353-4849

LAWN SERVICE

FALL CLEANUP
Alleys • Tree Trimming
Light Hauling • Odd Jobs
CALL
267-5460
CELL
816-6150
Danny Scoggin

NAIL SALON

Pro Spa Nail Salon
Pedicure: \$21.99
Manicure: \$11.99
Full Set: \$20.00 & Up
Refill: \$13.99 & Up
SPECIAL
Solar Nails: \$29.00
111 E. Marcy Dr. Ste 110 (432) 263-6245

PEST CONTROL

SOUTHWESTERN A-1 PEST CONTROL
Since 1954
432-263-6514
2008 Birdwell Lane
Max F. Moore
www.swalpc.com
mm@swalpc.com

PLUMBING

ADVANCE PLUMBING
Drain Cleaning
Gas Line
Water Leaks
Fixtures
• Licensed
• Bonded
• Insured
M-37359
263-4973 or 517-0751

RENTALS

VENTURA COMPANY
432-267-2655
Houses • Storages
Commercial Buildings
For rent/sale
610 E. 12th
1003, 1011 E. 11th

REPAIRS

Sewing Machine Guy Steve
REPAIR AND SERVICE
ALL MAKES & MODELS
(432) 935-6380
All Work Guaranteed

ROOFING

JOHNNY FLORES ROOFING
Shingles, Hot Tar & Gravel. All type of repairs! Work Guaranteed. Specializing in Hot Tar Roofs and Doctor of Repairs!
Free Estimates!!
Big Spring & Surrounding Areas.
267-1110

ROOFING

PALACIOS ROOFING & HOME IMPROVEMENT
Roofs, Room Additions, Ceramic Tile, Fences, Painting Insured & Bonded
Home Phone#
432-263-5430
Cell#
432-213-0363

STORAGE

AAA Mini-Storage
1/2 Off First Month
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
No Deposit
Now Accepting Visa & Mastercard
3301 E. FM 700 263-0732

TREE TRIMMING

LUPE'S TREE TRIMMING
More than 20 years of experience. Stump grinder available. For Tree Trimming and removal.
Call
Lupe Villalpando
432-268-6406

WELDING

Bar-B-Q Pits
Ornamental Iron Work
Car Ports • Fences
Gates • Handrails
Portable Welding
V.H. Morris Welding Service
2300 S. Williams Rd.
Big Spring, Tx 79720
432-263-6908 270-5109

WINDOWS

Rose of Sharon Wood Blinds
• Custom Blinds
• Shutters
• Arches
View online
www.rosblinds.com
Ricardo Parra
432-689-9850 - Office
432-978-6677 - Cell

Big Spring Herald Friday, 1
Hel
HELP WA
ing for part
Starting pa
Full-time r
Experience
property. \$
Must pass
Please apr
2900 E.
please.
MEDICAL
needed ful
from Hospit
Fax resum
or call 1-800
SE
NEED
HVACR ter
Spring are
Ice Machin
Willing to p
right perso
benefits pa
paid vacati
sharing. Fi
sideration
888-229-17
Carey.
NEED CA
Apply at Fa
Street, Big
DE
COOL
All s
1710 E
NEW CHRI
station nee
person. Sta
E-mail resu
tdwork@g
NI
CC
COM
JOB SU
must be
experi
a
Drug tes
physical i
Ma
(
SUPI
PC
MIDL
Now I
Care
StarTek o
and compe
501 Bird
or cal
NOW HIF
hands. To
drug test. C
& RE
Be a part
providing
Hiring for
sistant's, w
tive pay, c
fantastic w
Looking fo
CNA's to j
at 3200 Pa
PARK
& RE
Come join
our devo
resident c
LVN's, whi
pay, great
tastic work
ple in pers
Rd.
NOW HIRI
TIONS. AP
AT 1702 G
CALLS.
POLLARD
taking appl
department
edge & ex
tive prefer
ing. Benefi
surance,
1501 East
WANTED:
to work fr
computer.
\$5000 PT/
www.Work
If your ide
and a rug
We're a le
the follow
Mechani
Working a
maintenan
brake adju
Requires
• Entry lev
• Ability to
• Welding
• Experien
• Must hav
Benefits
• Medical/l
• Life Insur
• 401(k) thi
• Holidays
For imm
please ap
BJ Servic
6108 W. I
Odessa, T
We support a

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED- We are looking for part time night Auditor. Starting pay \$6.00. Also need Full-time maintenance person. Experience in Commercial property. Starting pay \$7.50. Must pass back ground check. Please apply at Comfort Inn, 2900 E. I-20. No phones please.

MEDICAL RECORD Clerk needed full time. Experienced from Hospital or Doctors Office. Fax resume to 417-777-8459 or call 1-800-873-1831.



NEED AN experienced HVACR technician for the Big Spring area. Refrigeration and Ice Machine experience a plus. Willing to pay top dollar for the right person. Guaranteed work, benefits package, sick leave, paid vacation, 401K and profit sharing. For confidential consideration please call 888-229-1757 and ask for Tony Cary.

NEED CASHIER and Stocker. Apply at Fast Stop, 1500 E. 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas.



NEEDED COOKS *SERVERS All shifts available Apply at: 1710 East Third Street E.O.E.

NEW CHRISTIAN FM radio station needs full time sales person. Start immediately. E-mail resume to tdwork@gmail.com.

NOW HIRING COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION JOB SUPERINTENDENT must be professional and experienced in all phases of construction. Drug test, pre-employment physical and travel required. Mail resume to: GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT PO BOX 60708 MIDLAND, TX 79711

StarTek Now hiring Customer Care Representative. StarTek offers great benefits and competitive pay. Come by 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 30 or call 432-264-2700

NOW HIRING pushers and hands. Top pay. Must pass drug test. Call (432) 394-4161.

PARKVIEW NURSING & REHABILITATION Be a part of our devoted staff providing resident care. Now Hiring for Certified Nursing Assistant's, which offers competitive pay, great benefits and a fantastic working environment. Looking for reliable and caring CNA's to join our team. Apply at 3200 Parkway Rd.

PARKVIEW NURSING & REHABILITATION Come join our team! Be part of our devoted staff providing resident care. Now Hiring for LVN's, which offers competitive pay, great benefits and a fantastic working environment. Apply in person at 3200 Parkway Rd.

PIZZA INN NOW HIRING FOR ALL POSITIONS. APPLY IN PERSON AT 1702 GREGG. NO PHONE CALLS.

POLLARD CHEVROLET is taking applications for the parts department. Computer knowledge & experience in automotive preferred. Some heavy lifting. Benefits: Health & Life insurance, 401(k). Apply at 1501 East 4th St.

WANTED: 29 Serious people to work from home using a computer. Up to \$1500 or \$5000 PT/FT. www.WorkNowNotLater.com

If your idea of a high-powered job involves high-powered equipment and a rugged, outdoor lifestyle, then consider a career with BJ Services. We're a leader in the oilfield services industry and we're interviewing for the following position located in Odessa, Tx.

Mechanics
Working as a Mechanic you will perform all necessary preventative maintenance on gasoline and diesel engines, pumps, hydraulic systems, brake adjustments and overhauls.

Requirements

- Entry level with six months experience or recent graduation from a vocational school
- Ability to meet DOT standards for drivers would be considered a plus
- Welding experience is a plus
- Experience with hydraulic systems a plus
- Must have own tools

Benefits

- Medical/Dental plan - Prescription card
- Life Insurance - Disability Insurance
- 401(k) thrift/retirement plan
- Holidays and Vacations

For immediate consideration, please apply in person at:
BJ Services
6168 W. Murphy
Odessa, TX 79764
We support a drug free work environment

BJ
The best place to work - on earth
BJ Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Help Wanted

POST OFFICE NOW HIRING. Avg. Pay \$20/hour or \$57K annually including Federal Benefits and OT. Paid training, vacations. PT/FT. USWA Ref#6901.

STATE LICENSED JOURNEYMEN ELECTRICIANS and HELPERS Local Company Seeks Qualified applicants for LOCAL work. Paid holidays, Vacation and Sick Time. Weekends Off. All interested applicants, please phone (432)263-3939.

THE BIG Spring Independent School District is accepting applications for Full Time Evening Custodian. Benefits available. Apply in person at the Bus Barn. 3600 E. 11th Place. (432)264-4108.

The Martin County Hospital District of Stanton is seeking personnel for a housekeeper on an as needed basis. Please contact Paul McKinney, CEO or Alison Israel, CFO at 610 N. Saint Peter, Stanton, Texas or call (432)756-3345.

THE MARTIN County Hospital District of Stanton is seeking a Physician Assistant for employment in a Rural Health Clinic. Please contact Paul McKinney, CEO or Alison Israel, CFO at 610 N. Saint Peter, Stanton, Texas or call (432)756-3345.

TRUCK DRIVER Helena Chemical Company, a national agricultural-chemical company, has an immediate opening for an experienced truck driver. This position will make deliveries, load and unload product, utilize a forklift, and perform general warehouse duties. Requires high school diploma or equivalent, CDL with HAZMAT endorsement. We offer an excellent working environment and outstanding compensation and benefits package. For consideration, please apply in person: Helena Chemical Company 100 S. St. Peter Stanton, Tx 79782 Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F/V/H

WAREHOUSE/ DELIVERY Wanted for local Rental Store. Benefits include paid vacation, retirement & health insurance. Requirements are back ground check, drug screening, good driving record and be at least 21 years old. Starting pay, \$8.50 per hour. Apply in person, Credit World, 1611 Gregg.

Instructional SOUTHEASTERN CAREER INSTITUTE Midland Campus Act now for career training from Southeastern Career Institute - Midland. Train in Computer Business Systems, Dental Assistant or Medical Assistant. 1-800-497-1557 www.scinow6.com 4320 W. Illinois Avenue, Suite A, Midland, TX 79703

Items for Sale BACK FROM Lease- 14'x40' Office Building with 1/2 bath \$399.00 a month. Delivery/Financing. 432-563-3108.

QUILTING MACHINE for Sale. Professional quality Cammill Premier model DC 18-8 Eighteen inch throat, 12 ft. bed. Assembled but never used. Paid \$4,750 dollars. Call (432)267-2976 to view, in Big Spring, Texas, 9:00am-9:00pm.

SHELLED PECANS. Pick up at the Fillin' Station, FM 700, Ezell-Key Feed or Big Spring Farm Supply or call (432)267-1180

SPECIAL PURCHASE- 12'x16' Barn/Workshop. \$78.00 a month. Delivery/Financing. 432-563-3108.

WHY PAY Rent? 10'x16' Storage Buildings \$59.00 a Month. Delivery/Financing. 432-563-3108.

Lost and Found

FOUND KITTEN, 8 months old in the area of Goliad School. Call (432)263-3144.

Miscellaneous

\$139 QUEEN BED. Pillowtop/orthopedic mattress set. Plastic wrapped. Warranty. Call 806-549-3110.

5 TO 6 person Hot-Tubs as low as \$84.00 a month. Delivery/Financing available. 432-563-3108.

6-PIECE BEDROOM set: All wood, complete bedroom. List \$2250. Sacrifice \$750. Call 806-549-3110.

ALL NEW Mattress Set, Full Size still in packaging. Sell for \$119. Call 432-349-4043.

BRAND NEW Queen pillow top mattress set. In wrapper. Warranty. Must Move. Sacrifice \$149.00. 432-349-4043.

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

COMFY COUCH and loveseat. Microfiber \$489, Leather \$799. 806-549-3110.

COOKWARE- FOR Christmas presents!! Beautiful 17-piece sets! 7-ply surgical stainless steel! Waterless and Greaseless! Retail \$2000, now \$368! vapoaseal.com 1-800-434-4628.

DINING ROOM table and chairs, Cherry mirror finish, \$229. Must sell now. Call 806-549-3110.

DISTRIBUTOR OVERSTOCK NASA- memory foam mattress sets - conforms to body. \$399. Call 806-549-3110.

DOUBLE/FULL MATTRESS and box. Brand new, warranty. \$129. Call 806-549-3110.

KING PILLOWTOP Mattress Set. Brand New still in Plastic. Full Factory Warranty. Must Sell. \$249. 432-349-4043.

LARGE DINING room table, 6 chairs, buffet, hutch, still boxed \$999. 806-549-3110.

MOVING!!! QUEEN mattress set \$125. Twin mattress set \$99. NEW, CLEAN. Washer \$225. 806-549-3110.

NASA MEMORY FOAM Mattress Set. Conforms to body. New in plastic. List \$1399.00 Sacrifice \$399.00. 432-349-4043.

NEW KING mattress set. In plastic, full factory warranty. \$249. Call 806-549-3110.

QUEEN ORTHOPEDIC Mattress Set. New, still in plastic w/Warranty. \$129.00. 432-349-4043.

SACRIFICE; 6 pc sleigh bedroom set. Still boxed. \$499. 806-549-3110.

SLIGHT DAMAGE- 12'x16' Storage Building. Will Deliver. 432-563-3108.

SOFT MICROFIBER sofa and loveseat with coffee tables. BRAND NEW condition. \$499. Call 806-549-3110.

URGENT SELL -- King mattress set \$210. Full mattress set \$109. PERFECT CONDITION Microwave \$225. 806-549-3110.

ZERO ACHES, NASA memory foam mattress set. List \$1599. Sell \$399. Warranty. 806-549-3110.

Pets

AKC REGISTERED Golden Retriever puppies. \$300. Ready before Christmas. First shots. Call (432)267-7884.

JACK RUSSELL Terrier Puppies, \$100.00 each. Call (432)354-2334 leave message or (432)553-1728.

Real Estate for Rent

104 WEST 13th. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath with garage. \$300.00 month or \$550.00 with All Bills Paid, \$150.00 deposit. Call (432)264-6611.

Real Estate for Rent

BEAUTIFUL GARDEN COURTYARD

- Swimming Pool
- Private Patios
- Carports
- Appliances
- Most Utilities Paid
- Senior Citizens Discount
- 1 & 2 Bedroom Unfurnished

PARKHILL TERRACE APARTMENTS
800 W. Marcy Drive
263-5555 267-5444

LOVELY NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLEX

- Swimming Pool
- Carports,
- Most Utilities Paid,
- Senior Citizen Discounts
- 1 & 2 Bedrooms & 1 or 2 Baths Unfurnished

KENTWOOD APARTMENTS
1904 East 25th Street
267-5444 263-5555

South Plains Apts
Efficiency, 1 & 2 Bdrms

- New Appliances & Fixtures
- Dish Network w/ 300+ Channels incl 34 Latino
- Hi-Speed Wireless Internet
- Picnic/BBQ Area
- New Laundry & Vending

Ask about our New-In Special
3304 W. Hwy 80
(432) 714-4840

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

2606 CARLETON. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, CHA. \$550.00 month plus deposit. Call (432)263-6997.

4215 DIXON, 3 Bdrm, 1 bath. Call 432-267-3841 or 517-0642.

4221 HAMILTON. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Call (432)267-3841 or 517-0642.

608 HOLBERT, clean, 3 bedroom, 1 bath and garage. CHA. Contact information on location.

6305-1/2 EAST MIDWAY RD., 3 bedroom 1 bath Duplex. Sand Springs area. Call (432)267-3841 or 517-0642.

FOR LEASE 40x120 Building with 2 offices, 4 over head doors on 2 acres, fenced land. 1514 Hwy. 30. \$750 Month + deposit. Call (432)263-5000.

HIGH PRIVACY one bedroom house. Downtown near church & grocery store. \$265. Smoking & pets prohibited. Credit & background required. McDonal Realty. (432)263-7615 or 263-4835.

SEVERAL OFFICES available. Call (432)263-6514, 517-0038, (432)770-5656.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT to Qualified Renters on Long Term Lease. 3202 Auburn, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, fenced yard, refrigerator and stove included. \$525.00 a month, \$250.00 deposit. Rent to Own an option. Call (432)270-7086.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHS Under this Leo moon, you don't have to have a plan to create something of value and beauty. Such results could happen quite by accident. It's the spirit in which you approach your projects, not your skill level, that matters. Sagittarian solar energy encourages us to talk to strangers. Everyone you know was a stranger at some point.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In a nervy mood, you could call up the one who has been bothering you and have it out. To get the most out of this conversation, hang up while dialing. (Some conversations are best when they never happen.)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It doesn't matter whether you know how to get where you want to go. You'll figure it out — you always do. If you stumble around in the darkness long enough, you're bound to bump into the light switch.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Go easy. The fewer judgments you make, the more energy you'll have. Give people you've known a long time the benefit of the doubt. You'll never be sorry for showing compassion.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Emotions continue to run high, and you can just blame it on your innate sensitivity to the changing moon. Yoga, exercise and laughing with friends are effective stress reducers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's time to let a certain cat out of the bag — give voice to your secret wish. But here's the caveat — be

alone when you do this. When you declare your quiet desire out loud, your feelings resonate and make it real.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes you're so willful that you go to extremes. The object of your affection is, hopefully, someone who'll surrender to your wacky wisdom. If not, there could be a power struggle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Perhaps you don't mean to be elusive, and yet there are those in your life who only have your e-mail address or a cell number. Remain a glamorous mystery. Have fun with the projections of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your tendency toward social exclusivity is activated. You're charming and sympathetic, and you expect the same. If people lack attractive manners, you don't care how many other virtues they possess.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Why think big when you can think huge? If your attitude is huge and your plans are huge, soon your outrageous goals won't seem so outrageous at all. Leo people can help you slip into this exaggerated headspace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's this pressure to act purposeful and be driven. Chuck it for the day. You don't always have to know what you want for the long term. You only have to know what you want right now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in an expansive mood, which can translate into bloated debts and waistlines. Try to keep your various appetites in check. You're especially vulnerable to binge shopping — keep receipts!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Involve at least one other person in today's activities — you need another point of view in order to remain fresh and effective. And as part of a group larger than two, you experience a power greater than the sum of its parts.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: With Venus headed into serious territory, it's time to take relationships to the next level. ARIES: Drum up a higher energy level in yourself, and loved ones follow suit. TAURUS: Your patience stops you from being frustrated when others aren't doing what you need them to do. GEMINI: You're in your glory, with interesting people swirling around you. CANCER: When you're forever moving forward, the cast of characters is going to change. This happens gracefully. LEO: The bonds of love are strengthened through shared creative pursuits. VIRGO: One person goes cold and the other heats up — a natural role shift. LIBRA: Past rejections have taught you how to cultivate your unique and attractive qualities, which you do so well this weekend. SCORPIO: You help the object of your affection relax, thus lulling him or her into your care. SAGITTARIUS: You sometimes seduce by putting distance and space between you and your love — but too much space and distance makes love disappear. CAPRICORN: In order for you to have a good time, you must feel that others are having a good time. AQUARIUS: Romance pushes you to the brink of self-discovery. PISCES: Modesty is unnecessary. There's nothing noble about shrinking so others feel taller.

© 2006 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

Real Estate for Sale

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

ABSOLUTELY DARING! 1211 Lloyd. \$44,900.00 OBO. Owner Financing Available. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath. Beautifully decorated. Just waiting for the right family. Call for information Kim Pollard, Heart of The City Realty 432-213-2842.

CUTE LITTLE Cottage w/backyard playhouse. \$39,900 OBO. 1108 Mulberry. Owner Finance Available. Call for information Kim Pollard, Heart of The City Realty 432-213-2842.

FINANCING AVAILABLE on 4 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas with CHA. Call (432)268-1375 for appointment.

Services Offered

WORK WANTED Home Cleaning, window washing, errand running, odd jobs and businesses. Joan Tatum (432)466-1335.

Vehicles

TWO POLARIS Scrambler 400 ATV's. One set up for racing or trail. One set up for trail. \$6,000 for both. Call (432)816-6138 or 264-1939.

(2) New 2005 7 Passenger Vans
\$9,500 Off
Bob Brock Ford
500 W. 11th 267-7121

su | do | ku
© Puzzles by Pappocom
ANSWERS

6	2	5	1	3	4	7	8	9
1	3	7	6	8	9	4	2	5
8	9	4	5	7	2	1	3	6
2	7	3	8	4	5	6	9	1
9	6	8	3	1	7	5	4	2
5	4	1	2	9	6	8	7	3
4	1	2	9	5	8	3	6	7
7	5	6	4	2	3	9	1	8
3	8	9	7	6	1	2	5	4

BARCELONA APARTMENTS
\$299 MOVE IN SPECIAL + APPLICATION & SECURITY DEP.
ALL BILLS PAID
538 Westover 263-1252 1-866-265-4104
Housing Assistance Accepted

Auction
Saturday December 9th 6:00 p.m.
Annual Potluck Christmas Party/Auction
Duncan Phyfe Dropleaf Table w/4 Lyre Back Chairs. Antique End Tables. Antique Firestone Radio. 2 Small Secretaries. Treadle Sewing Machine Base. Refrigerator. Washing Machine. Gun Cabinet. 2 Nearly New 27" TV's. Microwaves. Frankoma. Carnival Glass Punch Bowl & Cups. Porcelain Figurines. Christmas Decorations, Quilts, Chaps, Steer Horns, Lots of Elvis Records & Collectibles, Little Black Sambo Book, Baseball Cards, Dallas Cowboys Misc., Gas powered Mini Chopper, Chopper Bicycle, Drum Set, New Toys, Snap-On Clock, Small Air Compressor, Delta Miter Saw, New Victor Cutting Torch, Lots of Collectibles & Brand New Items That Would Make Excellent Gifts.
www.crossroadsauctionco.com
Crossroads Auction Co.
Located at 6607 N. I-20 Service Rd., Two Miles east of Refinery on North Service Road at Exit 184, Big Spring, TX.
David Lefever-Auctioneer Lic. #13261
(432) 264-9900

Get Career Training to Become a Dental Assistant
Call Now
1-800-497-1557
www.scinow6.com
4320 W. Illinois Avenue, Suite A
Midland, TX 79703

FRIDAY

	WFAA (2)	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	KMLM (12)	KPBT (13)	DISC (20)	AMC (21)	SPIKE (22)	TNT (23)	BET (25)	DISN (27)	ESPN2 (28)	ESPN (29)	SCIFI (32)
6 PM	News (CC)	News	Heridas de Amor	King of the Hill	News Entertainment	Vucla de Blanco	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond	John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Surviving Urban Disasters		CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Without a Trace (CC)	Live (CC)	That's So Raven (CC)	Interruption College	NBA	Heroes (CC)
7 PM	Billy Graham Special (CC)	Furthest Home Videos	La Fea Mas Bella	Justice (CC)	Red-Nosed Reindeer	Marina	1 vs. 100 (CC)	King King	Update/Israel Alan Granger	Wash. Week NOW (CC)	Everest: Beyond the Limit (CC)	Movie: Hidalgo (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Movie: Van Helsing (CC)	Movie: Lockdown (CC)	Zack & Cody	Football: NCAA Division I-AA Semifinal - Teams TBA	NBA Basketball: Wizards at 76ers	Doctor Who (CC)
8 PM	Primetime (CC)	Primetime (CC)	Mundo de Fieras	Trading Spouses	Frosty Returns	Amor Mio Amoros	Las Vegas (CC)	Movie: Mean Girls (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Johnny Mathis: Wonderful	Man vs. Wild		CSI: Crime Scene Investig.			Movie: Big Fat Liar (CC)	Movie: Big Fat Liar (CC)	Wizards at 76ers	StarGate SG-1 (CC)
9 PM	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Nuestra Navidad	Becker (CC)	NUMB3RS (CC)	Decisiones	Law & Order (CC)			To Be Announced	I Shouldn't Be Alive		Prisoners Out of Control	Movie: Van Helsing (CC)	American Gangster	40 Movie: Big Fat Liar (CC)	With Smith NFL Live	Basketball: Miami Heat at Galactica	
10 PM	News (CC)	News	Primer Impacto	70s Show	News Late Show	Not Telemundo	News Tonight Show	Movie: Handball (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Stunt Junkies	Movie: Halloween III: Season of the Witch	MXG Game Head		Jamie Foxx	Big Fat Liar (CC)	Wizards at 76ers	Basketball: Miami Heat at Galactica	
11 PM	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Incognito	King of the Hill	Letterman Late Late	Telemundo	Late Night	Global Force In-Crosshairs		Sign Off	Everest: Beyond the Limit	Season of the Witch	MXG Game Head		In Living Color	Kim Possible	Rodeo: Denver Nuggets	Doctor Who (CC)	
12 AM	Live (CC)	PGA Wrap-Up Extra (CC)	Guareya y Algo	My Wife-Kids	Show The Insider	Saba Listed Programa	Conan O'Brien	Family Guy Futurama	Update/Israel CCM Ministries	Man vs. Wild	Halloween 4: The Return of	Movie: Blade II	BET After Dark (CC)	Proud Family	National Finals - Ninth Round	SportsCenter	SCI FI Investigates		

DENNIS THE MENACE



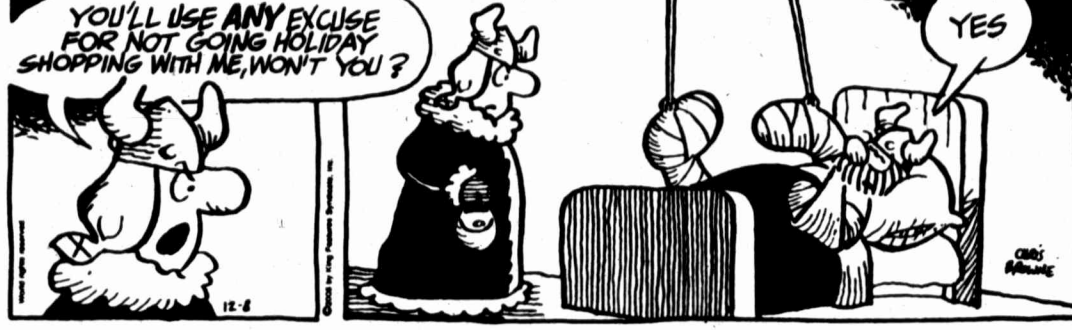
"LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME FOR US TO START BEING GOOD FOR CHRISTMAS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"That's the best wake-up sound there is! Snow being shoveled!"

HAGAR



BLONDIE



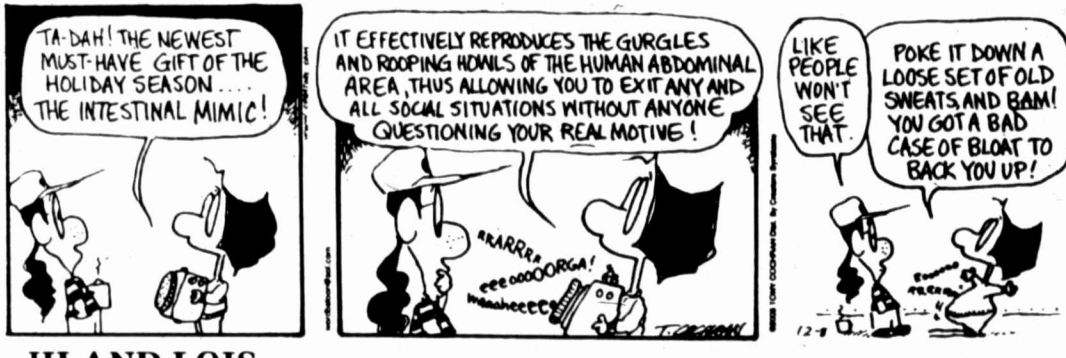
BC



WIZARD OF ID



AGNES



HI AND LOIS



THE OTHER COAST



SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 2006. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 8, 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

On this date:

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment of her own conception.

In 1863, President Lincoln announced his plan for the Reconstruction of the South.

In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1914, "Watch Your Step," the first musical revue to feature a score composed entirely by Irving Berlin, opened in New York.

In 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1949, the Chinese Nationalist government moved from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists pressed their attacks.

In 1986, House Democrats selected majority leader Jim Wright to be the chamber's 48th speaker, succeeding Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill.

In 1987, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

In 1991, AIDS patient Kimberly Bergalis, who had contracted the disease from her dentist, died in Fort Pierce, Fla., at age 23.

In 1993, President Clinton signed into U.S. law the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect at the start of 1994.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Maximilian Schell is 76. Actor David Carradine is 70. Actor James MacArthur is 69. Flutist

James Galway is 67. Singer Jerry Butler is 67. Pop musician Bobby Elliott (The Hollies) is 64. Actor John Rubinstein is 60. Rock singer-musician Gregg Allman is 59. Actress Kim Basinger is 53. Rock musician Warren Cuccurullo is 50. Rock musician Phil Collen (Def Leppard) is 49. Country singer Marty Raybon is 47. Rock musician Marty Friedman is 44. Actor Wendell Pierce is 43. Actress Teri Hatcher is 42. Rapper Bushwick Bill (The Geto Boys) is 40. Rock musician Ryan Newell (Sister Hazel) is 34. Actor Dominic Monaghan is 30. Actor Ian Somerhalder is 28.

© 2006 The Associated Press.

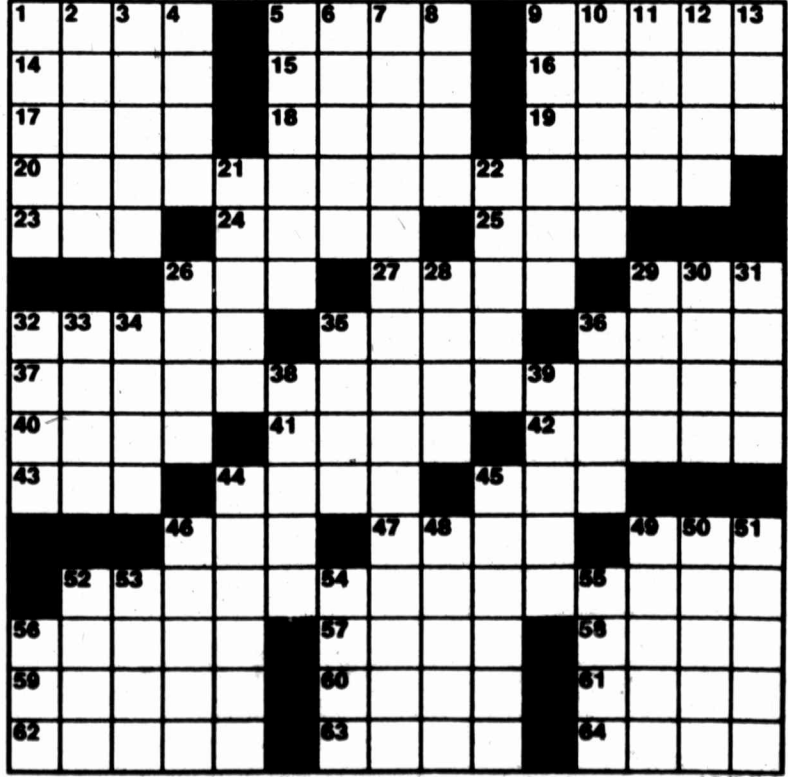
Answer to previous puzzle

SLID	URSA	CAJUN
HARI	PIPS	ALAMO
ENOS	SPAT	NOMAD
BENCH	WARRANT	
ABSUME	SOSO	PST
	SOPH	ALPINE
MUS	STOOL	PIGEON
ANOM	SUE	ATOP
CHAIR	PERSON	ATM
YIPPEE	SNOB	
SPY	TRIO	ATEASE
	LOUNGE	SINGER
MAJOR	ERAS	DADA
EXIST	PERI	ETAS
DEBTS	TSPS	RENE

Newsday Crossword

NEAR MISSES by Tim Haley
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Network of four British galleries
 - 5 Very small sum
 - 9 Treble-staff starter
 - 14 Polka cousin
 - 15 Double reed
 - 16 "Drab" color
 - 17 Partakes of
 - 18 Personal reps.
 - 19 Made to fit
 - 20 Almost there
 - 23 Intelligence gatherer
 - 24 Boomer progeny
 - 25 '80s sitcom
 - 26 No gentleman
 - 27 New Yorker cartoonist
 - 29 Really soak
 - 32 Brilliance
 - 35 -deucy
 - 36 Ineffectual
 - 37 Almost there
 - 40 Jumble
 - 41 Perry's penner
 - 42 Courage
 - 43 Work of praise
 - 44 Donkey sound
 - 45 Farm machine
 - 46 Low-tech propeller
 - 47 Pasta: al dente :: porterhouse :
 - 49 Not up
 - 52 Almost there
 - 56 14th of Adar
 - 57 Northern Indian city
- DOWN**
- 1 Tie up tightly
 - 2 Ancient fabulist
 - 3 Lilliputian
 - 4 Other
 - 5 Rose fast
 - 6 Med. specialty
 - 7 Almost there
 - 8 Exploit
 - 9 Fly alone
 - 10 Cheers regular
 - 11 Judy's daughter
 - 12 For all time
 - 13 Flowed into
 - 21 Striated marble
 - 22 Sony competitor
 - 26 Bucks
 - 28 Russo of Ransom
 - 29 Long story
 - 30 Persian poet
 - 31 Saucy
 - 32 Say again
 - 33 Dressed (in)
 - 34 Get rid of
 - 35 Ambiance
 - 36 Property claim
 - 38 Mantle teammate
 - 39 Principal
 - 44 Robin's partner
 - 45 Pun responses
 - 46 Basketry willow
 - 48 Upper-heart chambers
 - 49 Cut corners
 - 50 Eagle's egg site
 - 51 Salon specialists
 - 52 Rope fiber
 - 53 Word before Major or Minor
 - 54 Situate
 - 55 Source of dog distress
 - 56 Chum



CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2006 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM 12/8/06

BIG SPRING
VOLUME
Ba
By LI
Specia
Choir
guest p
and la
Offerin
son.
Big S
12:05
includ
Getti
Man
Sy
By JOI
Manag
The se
season
tions
The
Sympl
tradit
its pr
Nutter
featur
Russia
Ilyich
Satur
For
sympl
with
in pr
tional
INI
Busin
Classi
Life
Obitu
Opin
Sport
To r
Pleas
a.m.
If you
263-7
noon