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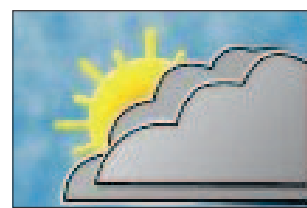
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TOUR OF HOMES

Guild annual fund-raiser slated Sunday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Looking for a few holiday decorating ideas?

Area residents will have the chance to get ideas from five of Big Spring's snazziest Christmas decorators Sunday, as the Big Spring Symphony Guild prepares to hold its annual Holiday Tour of Homes.

Guild president and spokesperson Janice Bond said her organization has lined up five local families willing to open their homes to tour-goers, a task that is by no means easy.

"As you can imagine, it is a lot of trouble to decorate — sometimes in an extra way from what one would usually do — and then give up a Sunday afternoon for the event," said Bond. "One of the main problems in having the tour every year, is finding people willing to open their homes to the public."

"The Big Spring Symphony Guild was founded in 1980, and in 1984 it was decided that a

"We're so very grateful to all those in the past and those this year who have provided the houses for the tour."



Bond

Christmas Tour of Homes would be a good way to raise money. The Guild understood that many people have always had a desire to see what the insides of other peoples' houses were like — especially how they had them decorated for the holiday season."

Bond said her and other guild volunteers make every effort, however, to see to it those on the our tread lightly, even requiring provided "booties" when the weather turns wet.

"We're so very grateful to all those in the past

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Water oozes out of a line break in the 400 block of Owens Street this morning. City crews will shut off water to the area Friday afternoon, which will result in the temporary closure of Big Spring Junior High School and the loss of water service to approximately 12 households for about a day and a half, officials said.

Line break

Junior High, homes to be without water, city officials say

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

A water line break near the downtown area will likely force the temporary closure of Big Spring Junior High and leave several households without water for a day or two.

City water crews were busy this morning determining the extent of the line break, which occurred at about 1:30 a.m. in the 400 block of Owens, Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said.

Corrosion is the suspected culprit behind the line break.

"It's a galvanized line that carries a large volume of water under a lot of pressure," Darden said. "That makes it much more susceptible to corrosion."

While final determination has not been made, crews believe the break occurred in an 18-inch "main carrier" line, which would require major repair work and effect water service to several residences and buildings in the area.

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Sexual assault suspect released on bond

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man indicted on a charge of sexual assault of a child was arrested Wednesday by officials with the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

David Jaquez Escovedo Jr., 36, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 102,

was arrested Wednesday on a charge of sexual assault of a child, a second-degree felony.

Escovedo was indicted Nov. 29 by a Howard County Grand Jury.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police

Department, the agency handling the investigation, Escovedo's indictment comes as a result of an alleged incident from earlier this year.

"The incident that led to his arrest occurred in March," said Everett. "It happened at a location on the north side of Big

Spring. Escovedo had sexual relations with a 14-year-old female. He was known to the victim at the time of the assault. Because of the nature of the investigation, I can't release any more details than that."

According to officials with the

Howard County Jail, Escovedo turned himself in at the county courthouse and was released just before noon Wednesday on a \$25,000 bond.

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

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WINTER FESTIVAL TONIGHT

Big Spring Independent School District will have its best young vocalists on display when it holds its second annual Winter Festival at 7 p.m. today in the municipal auditorium.

Vocal groups from all five elementary schools and Goliad Intermediate will perform during the concert, which is free to the public.

Darrell Ryan, director of federal programs for the school district, said each group will perform three songs during the concert, which should last about an hour.

"This should be an enjoyable evening of Christmas music that everyone should enjoy," Ryan said.

LOTS AND LOTS OF TOTS

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — What do you have with three of a kind and four of a kind? A full hospital.

Doctors at Ochsner Medical Center delivered triplet boys and quadruplet girls within 24 hours.

Pamela Kocke's boys made their appearance early Tuesday, while Alisha Murphy's girls began showing up about 12 hours later, according to a hospital news release.

All were doing well Wednesday.

"The trips were natural," hospital spokeswoman Katherine Voss said. The odds of naturally born triplets are about one in 8,000.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring High School schedules fall sports banquet

The Big Spring High School booster clubs have scheduled a fall sports banquet for Saturday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. in the high school's cafeteria.

Male and female athletes that participated in football, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading will be recognized.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center.

Call Denise Carillo at 816-1685 with any questions.

Lady Steers softball holding fund raiser at Pizza Inn Dec. 20

The Big Spring Lady Steers Lady Steers Booster Club will be holding a fundraiser for the softball team Dec. 20 at the Pizza Inn.

The Pizza Inn Doughnation Drive begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. Pizza Inn will donate 10 percent of the night's profit to the softball team.

Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area varsity basketball games for the 2007-08 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

Crossroads region varsity sports weekly calendar

Here's a look at the upcoming Crossroads varsity sports schedule: **TODAY.-SAT.**

Big Spring boys basketball at Midland Tall City Oilman's Tournament. (Starts Friday.)

Big Spring girls basketball at Clyde Tournament.

Coahoma boys basketball at Stanton's Hooptown Classic.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Borden County Tournament.

Grady boys and girls basketball at Water Valley Tournament.

FRIDAY
Coahoma girls basketball vs. Wellington at Idalou, 6:30 p.m.

DEC. 11
Big Spring boys basketball at Midland Lee, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring girls basketball at Pecos, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys and girls basketball vs. Grady, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Reagan County, 7 p.m.

DEC. 14
Big Spring girls basketball vs. Clyde, 7:30 p.m.

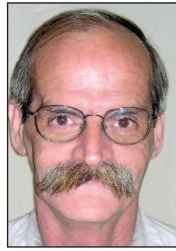
Forsan boys and girls basketball at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Stamford, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball at Pecos, 7:30 p.m.

BCS debate: To playoff or not to playoff? Reagan: Time for a change Hull: Playoffs? Dream on!

Since this is the Christmas season, I will be charitable and say the Bowl Championship Series is merely an abomination, instead of some of the more choice terms that come to mind.



STEVE REAGAN

For those who don't know what the BCS is — and, if you don't, why are you reading this column? — it is the method Division I college football officials use to determine who will square off in the national championship game next month in New Orleans.

Louisiana State and Ohio State have been anointed as the two best teams in the country. Why are they the best? Because the BCS told us, that's why.

And just who is the BCS?

Well, as best I can figure, BCS standings are determined by a combination of polls, computer rankings, fortune-tellers and omens obtained from midnight sacrifices.

In all fairness to the BCS, determining the top two college teams in this messed-up year is problematic at best. However, the system is so flawed that it takes a bad situation and makes it even worse.

Two-loss LSU is one of the top two teams in the country? Sure.

One-loss Ohio State, which "survived" a cream-puff schedule in a mediocre Big Ten Conference is the other? You betcha.

The simple fact is that there are at least eight or nine teams that can make a strong case for inclusion in the national championship game this year.

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This week, hundreds of sports columnists across the country are writing their arguments either for or against the current Bowl Championship Series that NCAA Division I-A football uses to determine its national champion.



JONATHAN HULL

Most will oppose the current system and many will offer their own proposal of a playoff system that is bound to work.

Sadly, many will never see their hopes of a drawn out playoff in DI-A football carried out.

Let me state first that I am absolutely for a playoff system. However, I have come to the realization in the past month that such a system will never be

installed. There are simply too many factors against a playoff featuring more than four teams.

One of the biggest arguments for a bowl system is the amount of money it brings in for the NCAA and the conferences involved in each individual bowl. Money is also one of the biggest accusations opponents to the current bowl structure make as to why a playoff doesn't already exist.

Here's the problem with a playoff in the monetary sense.

Where does the money accumulated by the participating teams go? It is put back into the programs, providing each participating school funds for scholarships and improvements to the current condition of athletic facilities.

Sure. Some of that money is greedily kept by the NCAA and the BCS conferences, but at least

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Fourteen Steers named to all-district team

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

To the naked eye, a 3-8 record for a high school football team probably means that a team played with a bunch of athletes that were subpar.

However, if someone looks at the Big Spring Steers' district record of 3-1, then a different thought might come to mind. The Steers finished second in District 4-4A and were honored by their opposing district coaches this week as 14 Big Spring athletes were named to the All-District teams.

Headlining the league awards handed out was middle linebacker Cade Hollandsworth who was named the district's Defensive Most Valuable Player.

"The neat thing about all-district is that your district foes vote for you," Steers Head Coach Mike Ritchey said. "So for Cade to receive Defensive MVP honors shows that other schools had to game plan around him."

Hollandsworth led the Steers with 65 tackles and six sacks. He also had two interceptions.

However, Ritchey says it's the middle linebacker's off the field attitude that makes the biggest difference on the field.

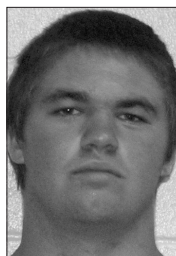
"Cade has a great desire to be a better athlete and puts the work in to become one," Ritchey said. "I would say his greatest attribute other than his desire to improve himself physically is his passion for the game. He has a passion and a love for football."

Sophomore quarterback Tyler Tannehill was named the district's Offensive Newcomer of the Year thanks largely to the consistency he brought to the position during league play. Tannehill didn't take over as starter until the last two games of the regular season, but still threw for 915 yards and eight touchdowns. He completed 60 of 105 passes and threw just two interceptions.

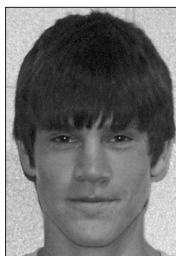
"Tyler gained a strong understanding of the offense this season. His experience grew a lot.

He played receiver all but one game as a freshman," Ritchey said. "He has a gifted arm and

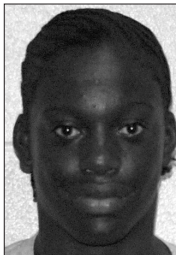
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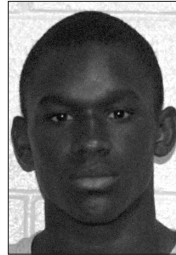
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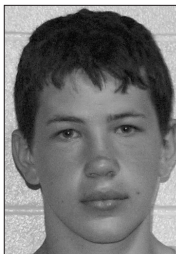
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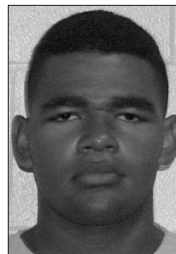
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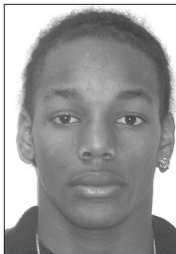
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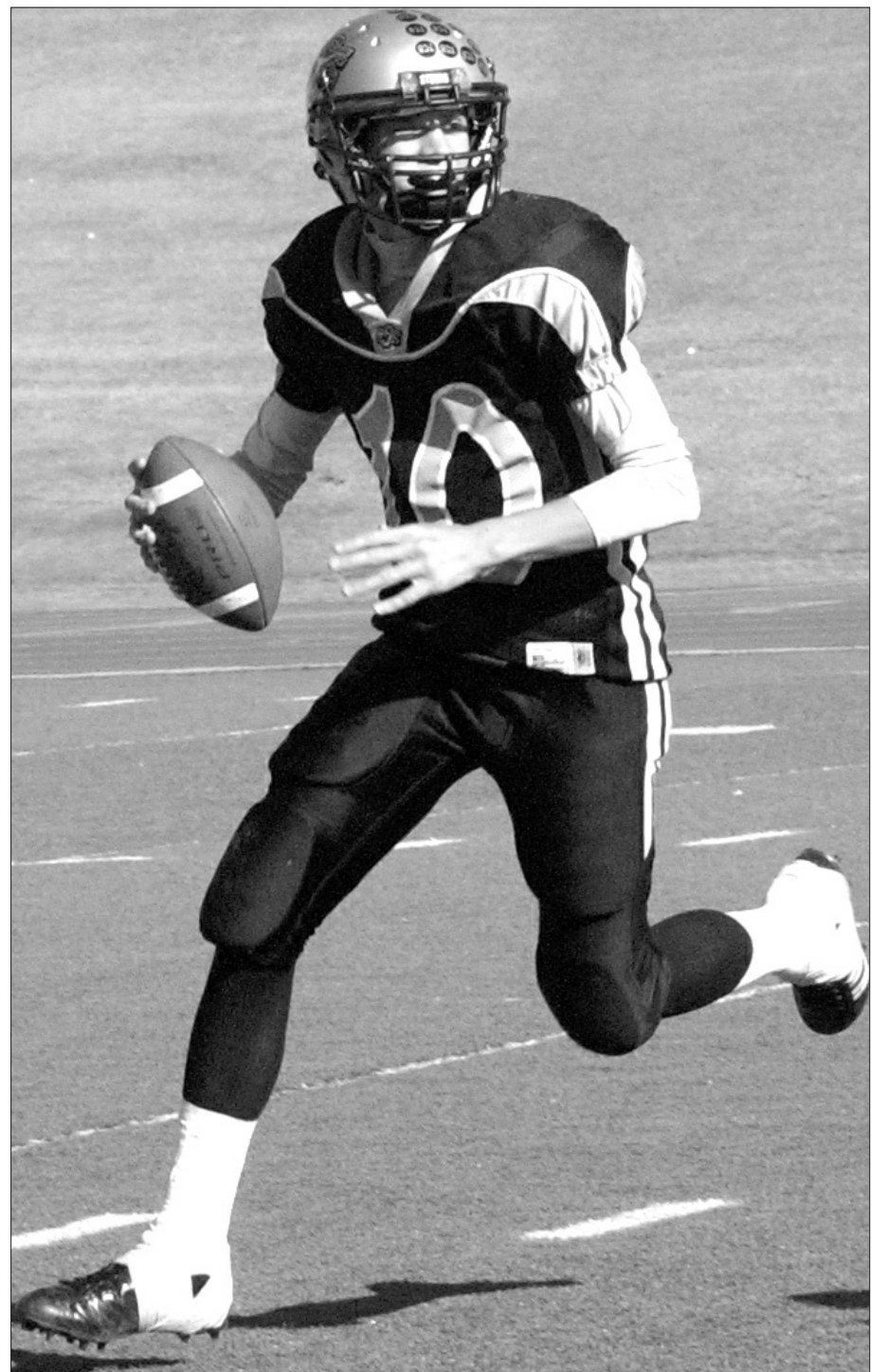
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HERALD photo/Gary Don Hull
Big Spring Steers quarterback Tyler Tannehill rolls out, looking for an open receiver in the Steers' playoff loss to Hereford Nov. 19. Tannehill was named District 4-4A's Offensive Newcomer of the Year and is one of 14 Steers to receive all-district honors.

Ginobili's 37 lifts Spurs past Mavericks

By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio Spurs reserve Manu Ginobili is talented enough to be part of just about any starting lineup in the NBA.

And as the defending NBA champions found out Monday, that includes them.

Ginobili scored a season-high 37 points in the Spurs' 97-95 win over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday in his first start of the season.

Ginobili was a game-time decision and played despite still recovering from a bruised finger he got Sunday against Portland.

"I woke up feeling pretty good. ... After I saw I could dribble and shoot pretty well, I had no doubt in my mind that I was going to try and help the guys," Ginobili said.

The starting lineup change came because Tim Duncan was

out with a sprained right ankle he sustained on Sunday.

"They're still a good team without Duncan," said Jason Terry, who had 20 points for the Mavericks. "They have good solid veterans, and give credit to Ginobili. ... He was the hot man, and everything we threw at him he took advantage of."

Tony Parker added 23 points for the Spurs, who lost almost all of an 11-point lead in the fourth quarter.

Josh Howard led the Mavericks with 22 points and nine rebounds and Dirk Nowitzki had 15 points and nine rebounds.

The Spurs won their fourth game in a row and remained unbeaten at home as they made up for a 105-92 November loss to the Mavericks.

After trailing by 10 points in the first half, the Spurs went on a 16-5 run to open the third quarter. Ginobili spearheaded the

effort, scoring seven of his 16 third-quarter points during the run. He tied the game at 49 with 10:21 to play and the Spurs got their first lead of the game, 53-52, off Parker's fast break layup with 8:06 to go.

Outscoring the Mavericks 31-17 in the third quarter, the Spurs built a 73-66 lead to end the period as San Antonio took control of the game for the first time all night. They went up by 11 in the fourth before Dallas closed in.

"We weren't very good for enough of this game. The breakdowns are very disappointing," said Dallas coach Avery Johnson. "Once the guys get sick and tired of having the same breakdowns over and over again, like I am, then we'll have some consistency."

Dallas got within four for the third time with 58 seconds to go after Terry stole Michael Finley's inbounds pass at the

Mavericks' end of the court for a dunk to make it 97-93.

Terry then hit a layup but missed the free throw and chance for a three-point play. With 3 seconds to play, San Antonio's Francisco Elson blocked Terry's layup attempt and Nowitzki missed a last-second 3.

"He came free. He had a stone-cold, wide-open 3 and, boy, we thought it was going down," Johnson said.

Brandon Bass added 18 points for the Mavs off the bench. Usual starter Finley scored 14 points for the Spurs as a reserve, including four 3-pointers.

"We knew Manu and Tony were going to take this game over. You've got to give them credit. They played a great game, both of them," Nowitzki said. "They made shots and tough

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Obituaries

Jonneal 'Jonnie' Eshleman



Jonneal "Jonnie" Eshleman, 68, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, at her residence after a 14-year-long fight against breast and colon cancer. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born to John H. Dixon and Mary Ethel Bennett, July 14, 1939, at Ponca City, Okla. Jonnie married Robert "Bob" Eshleman, Aug. 11, 1958, in Newton, Kan. They moved to Big Spring from Junction City, Kan., in 1981. Jonnie was a florist, homemaker and a member of the Lamont Methodist Church in Lamont, Okla. She was totally involved with her family, friends, pets and she loved helping other people.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Robert Eshleman of the home; two daughters, Kay Jeffries and her husband, Kirby, of Red Rock, Okla., and Dee Speck of Big Spring; one son, Robert Darrell Eshleman and his wife, Marion, of San Angelo; four grandchildren, Ali Jeffries, Casy and Colton Speck and Raphael Eshleman; two step-grandchildren, Kevin Jeffries and Robert Jeffries; three step-great-grandchildren, Kelly, Kaden and Haley Jeffries; step-mother, Dorothy Dixon of Tonkawa, Okla.; one sister, Vivian Smith of Enid, Okla.; one brother, Richard Dixon of Blackwell, Okla.; and also her best friend and beloved pet, Abby.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Grace Shaffer.

Pallbearers will be Rob Eshleman, Kirby Jeffries, Andy Smith, Casy Speck, Colton Speck and Raphael Eshleman.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721, or the Lamont Methodist Church, Lamont, Okla., 74643.

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

Paid obituary

I.L. 'Lou' Burchett Wright



I.L. "Lou" Burchett Wright, 70, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of Springcreek Fellowship, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born Jan. 30, 1937, in Howard County and married John Elmer Wright Jr. on April 4, 1958, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on May 17, 2007.

Lou was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1955.

She worked as a secretary at Webb Air Force Base for 16 years, then worked at the VA Medical Center for 16 years, retiring in 1994. She was attending Springcreek Fellowship.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny E. and Shara Wright of Midland and Steven and Robin Wright of Big Spring; one grandson; one sister, Barbara Rogers of San Angelo; one brother, Jerry Burchett of Onalaska, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Burchett.

The family suggests memorials to Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, P.O. Box 2213, Big Spring 79721-2213 or to Midland Christian School, 2001 Culver Dr., Midland 79705.

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

Lanny Turrentine

Lanny Turrentine, 64, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at his home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Agnes Blake

Agnes Blake, 87, of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, in Odessa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

- **CHRISTOPHER YBARRA**, 19, of Coahoma, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ANNA RODRIGUEZ**, 40, of 602 Circle, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- **JAMES MORRIS**, 20, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Wednesday on four local warrants and a charge of theft.
- **JOE BARRIENTES**, 23, of 1009 Howell Lane, was arrested Wednesday on five local warrants and a local capias warrant.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 43, of Colorado City, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 2200 block of Cindy.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE III**, 47, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAVID JAQUEZ ESCOVEDO JR.**, 36, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of sexual assault of a child.
- **JOEY EUGENE MATA**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of violation of bond in family violence and harassment.
- **ALBERT MARTINEZ JR.**, 29, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear - accident involving damage.
- **RAYMOND LEE WHITAKER**, 31, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- **FRANKLIN KYLE CASEY**, 46, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest with a vehicle.
- **CHRISTOPHER MONTEZ VIERA**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and theft.
- **JUANITA MARIA MARES**, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping - failure to appear and bondsman off bond for theft.
- **ROGER EDWARDS**, 51, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charges of possession of cocaine and theft.
- **MICHAEL AARON HARE**, 35, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of passing bad checks.
- **JAY BILLINGSLEY**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported near the Interstate Highway 20 mile marker 195. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 300 block of Alfred. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2200 block of Cindy. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• The Cossacks Motorcycle Club has scheduled a fund-raiser benefiting its annual "Bykes for Tykes" Christmas Toy and Food Run for Friday at the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third St. Hamburger plates will be available for \$5 per plate from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Live music will be provided by "Texas Raw" from 8 p.m. until closing. Tickets for the dance are \$5 per person.

• The Alon USA Big Spring Refinery will hold its annual 25 Year Dinner and Induction meeting at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Valet parking will be available for those attending. The valet service will be available on the north side of the coliseum.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

• St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

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

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Friday night...Increasing clouds. Lows around 50. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Much colder. Highs in the upper 40s.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers may mix with light freezing rain or light sleet. Colder. Lows in the upper 20s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 30s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 40s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-21-36-40-44-53
Number matching six of six: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 13-22-27-28-32
Number matching five of five: none.

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Correction

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STEERS

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when our offensive line play became more consistent, Tyler started to show his abilities.

"The Newcomer of the Year is given to a sophomore that stuck out in coach's minds," he continued. "I know Tyler stood out in district in every game."

Ritchey was a sn't fully committed to naming Tannehill the Steers' quarterback for the next two seasons, but still expects the sophomore to hang onto the offensive reins for his junior season.

"We'll never say that the quarterback spot is absolutely his because everyone has to work for a position, but Tyler definitely has an edge for the position," Ritchey said. "I think his teammates are looking for him to play that role and expect him to make some plays at quarterback. After what he did late in the season, there's no reason to not think he won't be able to keep that spot given the edge he has for it heading into the spring."

One reason for Tyler's success was the emergence of solid play from an offensive line that had a tough time finding any consistency early in the season.

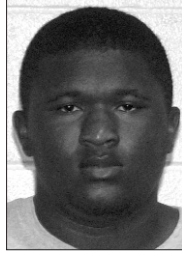
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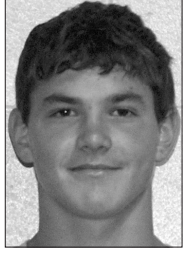
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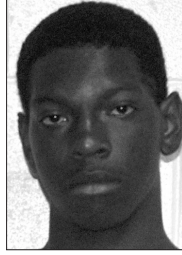
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all-district selection at guard. "The biggest impact John had on the team was his leadership," commented Ritchey. "John was the heart of the offense. His teammates looked to him for leadership. He's also the strongest guy on the team. He's very dedicated in the weight room. He's a big reason we had success late in the season."

Quentin Ausbie was a second-team selection at guard despite not ever playing the position until after the season started. "Quentin started the season as a linebacker, but we moved him to guard because of injuries," Ritchey said. "With his combined athleticism and strength, Quentin was able to do some fine things on the offensive line and really caught the attention of the other district coaches."

Pavel Plakhotny was selected as the Defensive Newcomer of the year and is the only Steer to be named to both an offensive and defensive all-district team. Plakhotny made the second-team as an offensive tackle, but was a first-team honoree as a defensive end.

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"Pavel is a great athlete. If we had to rank work ethic, Pavel would be right at the top," Ritchey raved. "He's relentless. Although he is a good athlete, it's his tenacity that separates him."

"Pavel is one of those kids that is just going to get the job done," he continued. "He's lined up against guys that outweigh him by 50 to 70 pounds, but he was going to win the battle because his heart was bigger."

Ritchey was quick to respond when asked about what made his receiving corps so volatile.

"Hands. Speed. Size. We had it all with our receivers," he said. "We felt coming into the season that this was our deepest position. We just had to get the positions around them set. We smile when we think that three of the four are coming back next year."

Sidney Parker led the Steers with 27 catches for 450 yards and four touchdowns. Parker was selected to the first team for his season accomplishments.

"Sidney had a target on his jersey because he was an all-district performer last season," Ritchey noted. "Defenses were scheming to stop Sidney and he was still making plays."

Sophomore Thaddeus Straughter was fourth on the team with 15 receptions and third with 230 yards. The Steers' coaching staff felt Straughter had the most reliable hands on the team. His efforts earned him second-team honors.

"Thaddeus probably has the best hands on the team," raved Ritchey. "He made some of the more unbelievable catches that I've ever seen this season."

Matt Ritchey, son of head coach Mike, battled

injury for most of the season and continues to do so in the offseason. However, Ritchey's impact was definitely felt when on the field and he was selected to the second team. He finished the season second in catches with 18 and had 170 yards and a touchdown to go with them.

"Matt emerged as a threat in the middle of the field late in the season," Ritchey said. "Once we got his knee healthy, he became another great receiving threat for us. He's a good athlete with a good frame, who also did a good job blocking and playing some other positions for us."

Terrance Clemons was one of the more pleasant surprises of the season. Clemons' emergence as a deep threat opposite Parker opened the Steers' offense up. He completed the year with 17 catches for 250 yards and two touchdowns, earning him second-team all-district honors.

"What Terrance did despite not playing the past couple seasons was remarkable," raved Ritchey. "He didn't participate in two-a-days so he got a late start on the season, but he really emerged as a nice compliment to Sidney in district. He's probably the best athlete on this team."

Monte Anderson led the Steers with 1,117 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns. His consistency in the backfield made him a first-team selection along with the nationally recruited Michael Connor of Frenship.

"Monte is a big play back capable of breaking away on every play," noted Ritchey. "He's got a ton of athletic ability and fits the prototypical mold of a running back within our offense."

The Steers received a

transfer just before district play started. Laray Woodard came back to Big Spring from Mansfield Summit and finished second on the team with four interceptions. Woodard received first-team honors as a safety, despite playing just four games on the varsity.

"Laray was a move back and a huge addition for us late in the season," Ritchey said. "He made some huge plays for us in the secondary. He's also a great leader and is showing that in our offseason program right now."

Woodard's cohort at the safety position also made the all-district squad. Tyrone Clemons picked up second-team notoriety, courtesy of his three interception performance this season.

"Tyrone came in late like his brother did, but he caught on quick and moved up from the junior varsity in a hurry," noted Ritchey. "He always seemed to be around the ball."

Matt Casteneda was named team captain at the start of the season and took the job very seriously. Casteneda showed a lot of toughness by playing through both a broken hand and an injured knee. His courage garnered him second-team honors.

"Matt, along with Justin (Amaro), was the heart of the defense," Ritchey said. "Matt came into this season with high expectations and with some colleges looking at him. Unfortunately, he had a lot of injuries, but he showed a lot of toughness by playing through them. He really set an example for everyone else with his toughness."

Tyler Chesworth rounds out the Big Spring players elected to the all-district team. Chesworth's ability to shoot gaps and pene-

trate as a defensive tackle mad him a first-team all-district selection.

"Tyler is undersized for his position, but he overcame that with his athleticism," Ritchey said. "He was usually taking on guys bigger than him, but beat them often because of his quickness and technique."

With all-district teams come unfortunate omissions and the biggest omissions in Ritchey's mind are the Steers' two cornerbacks — Brandon Ontiveros and Keagan Hunt.

"We were very shocked that Brandon was left off the all-district teams," commented Ritchey. "He led us in interceptions and was one of our top tacklers. We thought he was going to make the first team and that Keagan would be on the second team."

Another omission was team captain Justin Amaro, who injured his knee during the season. Before going down to injury, he was the Steers' second leading tackler. Amaro settled for honorable mention honors.

Xavian Young, Kyler McGee and Martin Yanez also received all-district selections as honorable mentions.

"Xavian really brought a strong presence in the middle of the defensive line," Ritchey said. "Kyler gives us a lot to be excited about with our offensive line next season. Martin is one of the best utility players in the district. He plays a lot of positions and is also a very good kick returner."

Only three seniors populated this list for the Big Spring Steers, leading Ritchey to believe the sky is the limit for next season.

NBA

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buckets in the lane over our centers. ... We should have won this game, but we didn't."

The matchup between the Texas rivals was physical at times, but both teams said it was just a result of the type of intense play that should be expected when they meet.

"That's just good, tough basketball. I'm sure that's the way they play, and so do we," Terry said.

With 7:50 left in the first half Parker fell to the floor after running the court alongside Terry on a fast break. Terry was called for a clear-path foul and Parker, apparently OK, hit two free throws. Terry also got a technical early in the third quarter.

"It's always that fine line between physical and all those extra hits we don't need," Parker said. "You know, it was just a physical game. That's it." Soon after the foul involving Parker, Terry went for seven points in a

three-minute span for Dallas, putting the Mavericks up 43-33 with 4:14 to play in the half. Dallas was up 49-42 at the break.

Notes: Before the game, Johnson was asked about playing the Spurs minus Duncan. Even when told that Spurs coach Gregg Popovich had confirmed the day before that Duncan would be out, Johnson joked: "I haven't gotten the official starting lineup yet." ... Devean George and Eddie Jones continued to sit out for the Mavericks. ... The Mavericks outrebounded the Spurs 38-33. ... The Spurs had a 44-36 advantage in the paint.

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"We didn't compete like we are capable of," Brown said. "There were times that we just didn't put bodies on bodies."

Missing James, Larry Hughes, Donyell Marshall, and Anderson Varejao, who sat out this season in a contract dispute that was resolved Wednesday, the Cavaliers bear little resemblance to last season's Eastern Conference champions.

"We can win games, but obviously we're going to have to get some bodies healthy for us to be able to get back to where we were at the end of last year," Brown said.

Until then, they'll most likely continue to struggle. And they won't be getting much sympathy from the rest of the league.

"There's a specialness," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "We were suffering in the playoffs and we had to repay them."

Celtics 113, 76ers 103

In Philadelphia, Paul Pierce had 19 points and 12 assists, Kevin Garnett scored 22 points and Boston broke open a surprisingly tight game in the fourth quarter.

Ray Allen added 12 points for Boston (15-2), but it was Eddie House and James Posey who sank the big 3-pointers that let the NBA-best Celtics remain undefeated in the Atlantic Division.

Andre Miller kept the

Sixers in it until the fourth with his first double-double of the season, a 26-point, 12-assist effort.

Suns 136, Raptors 123

In Toronto, Leandro Barbosa scored 35 points, Steve Nash had a season-high 18 assists and Phoenix set a season high in points in beating Toronto.

Shawn Marion added 10 points and 14 rebounds for the Suns, who have won four straight and 12 of their past 14. Amare Stoudamire had 25 points and six rebounds.

Bulls 91, Bobcats 82

In Charlotte, N.C., Luol Deng scored 30 points and Chicago dominated the fourth quarter to send Charlotte to its seventh straight loss.

Andres Nocioni scored 10 of his 15 in the final quarter and added 11 rebounds for the Bulls, who erased an 11-point deficit. Gerald Wallace had 22 points for the Bobcats.

Knicks 100, Nets 93

In East Rutherford, N.J., Jamal Crawford scored 29 points, Zach Randolph added 25, and New York overcame the absences of Stephon Marbury and Eddy Curry.

Fred Jones and David Lee stepped into the lineup and finished in double figures, helping New

York beat its cross-river rival for the second time in the past 12 regular-season meetings.

Richard Jefferson scored 31 points for the Nets, who were without Jason Kidd because of a migraine.

Rockets 105, Grizzlies 92

In Houston, Tracy McGrady finished with 17 points, 10 rebounds and 12 assists for his third career triple-double, and Yao Ming added 24 points and 13 rebounds.

Reserve Bonzi Wells added a season-high 24 for the Rockets, who have won four of six since losing six straight.

Paul Gasol led the Grizzlies with 23 points and 12 rebounds.

Lakers 111, Nuggets 107

In Denver, Kobe Bryant and the Lakers hung on despite a season-high 51 points by Allen Iverson.

Carmelo Anthony had 26 points and eight rebounds and Marcus Camby had 20 rebounds for the Nuggets.

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Warriors 120, Bucks 90

In Oakland, Calif., Baron Davis and Stephen Jackson scored 20 points apiece to lead Golden State.

Michael Redd scored 24 points for the Bucks, who have lost six of seven.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
We've all talked about changing a bad habit, wanting to make a leap toward happiness, but we've wondered, "Why am I still stuck?" Maybe our thinking is the culprit. With Mercury and Saturn at squares, mental housecleaning requires part effort, part curiosity and a dose of positive thinking. Peer around the dusty corners of your mind!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's luck for first-time meetings. Create a few. Even if you don't feel particularly outgoing, go up and introduce yourself to that person who looks interesting. You'll be warmly accepted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a casual day. Life comes to you when you're not trying too hard or looking too "done." Don't worry about every last detail. Leave room for others to help you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Vulnerability is wildly attractive, so don't be afraid to show it. Potential loves are drawn to you when they think there's a possibility you could need them, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone close feels driven to compete with you; rise above pettiness. Be supportive instead.

You are not in a contest, and there's nothing to win when the other person loses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The more you reach out, the happier you are. People around you mirroring the way you feel about yourself, which you can always change if it's not what you prefer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You express yourself beautifully today, so place yourself among the ones-to-know. Be open, smile, and say hello. A perfect stranger could wind up being your next client, boss or love interest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a talented student of human nature, and this gives you an edge in anything you chose to do. Someone with a crush on you will reveal a bit of it this afternoon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In love and business, your power relies on being independent. Know what you can do on your own. You choose to connect with people, not because you're afraid but because it's more fun to work together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your calm self-assurance is a magnet for the person you most want near to you. One sweet gesture carried out with grace will etch your name on this person's heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A person who seems aloof may be melting with desire and too shy to show it. Proceed with caution,

and be prepared to change direction at a moment's notice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There may be disagreement about which is the proper way to do things. With an open mind, compromise is easily reached. Ultimately, you'll be acknowledged for a job well done, which builds your confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This day is perfect when you choose to see it that way from the start. Give yourself easy things to accomplish. When your head hits the pillow tonight, you'll feel like a winner.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Cancer, born July 9, 1976, and I have been dating a Leo born August 1, 1966, for more than four years. We just broke up, but I don't know if this is temporary or permanent. Based on our charts, should I hold out hope that our love will rebound, or should I move on and cut my losses?"

Without knowing the details, you're eyeing freedom, and that's looking far more attractive than your relationship. My question is: Do you want your relationship to end, or do you want certain things about your relationship to change? Mars has been in Cancer since October; it's now retrograde. You (and other Cancers) are asserting yourselves in new ways, so marshalling the courage to express

what you want and need is appropriate. Cancers are nurturers, practiced at becoming indispensable to their partner while forgetting their personal needs. And Leo has no problem being her sole recipient. Mars retrograde in your sign implies a time of deliberation, so use it to carefully consider your heart's desire. No, I don't think you're ready to move on. Cancer's loyalty in love rivals Leo's. It's hard for both of you to let this good thing go.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: As part of a widespread influence, Pluto in Sagittarius has brought up humanity's shadow surrounding religion. Sinead O'Connor's controversial confrontation with Catholicism triggered her spiritual journey, which eventually led her to distinguish spirituality as separate from religion. Impassioned by Pluto's pass through her sun sign, Sinead's inclusive theology now draws on many faiths.

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Annie's Mailbox ® : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: For the past year, our son and his wife of three years have chosen not to be part of our family. We all made mistakes, but anything we do now is interpreted as evil. He refuses to talk things over. He blocks all calls and e-mails and sends back gifts I mail to their children. I haven't seen my grandchildren in over a year.

My son teaches at the school where I substitute and won't have any communication with me. He sees me and turns in the other direction. He won't eat lunch if he knows I am in the cafeteria. I try not to cause problems for him, but it truly hurts for him to ignore me the way he does.

Should I quit subbing at this school? I've taught here for 13 years and enjoy seeing the kids, and some of my friends still teach here. It is obviously causing a lot of strain. — Stressed Mom

Dear Mom: We don't know what happened to cause such an estrangement, but it's possible the breach can be patched up if someone will act as an intermediary. If your school has a counselor, make an appointment to discuss this and also ask the counselor to talk to your son and find out what you need to do to make things better. The counselor may be willing to get involved for the sake of the school. Two teachers who cannot get along create tension for everyone, including the students.

Dear Annie: I have been dating "Cathy" for the past two months. We are very attracted to each other and get along great, except for one major problem.

Cathy and I recently started sleeping together, and I discovered that she snores like a lion. I am awake nearly all night. It's impossible to sleep in the same room with her. We have run out of ideas to resolve this.



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

I used different kinds of earplugs without success. Sleeping in separate bedrooms seems logical, but I enjoy cuddling and don't want to sleep apart for the rest of my life. We are both 55 years old and plan to spend our golden years traveling. Separate bedrooms on vacation doesn't seem like much fun. Cathy tried sleeping on her side and used those nose patches that are supposed to keep your nostrils open, but nothing works. Surgery is out of the question. We are actually considering breaking up over this. Any suggestions? — Sleepless in N.Y.

Dear Sleepless: Cathy needs to see her doctor. Anyone who snores that much may have sleep apnea, which can be quite serious. Not only are both of you getting too little rest, she is putting her health in danger. If she doesn't want surgery, she should ask her doctor about a CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) machine.

Dear Annie: Thank you for being "weight undigots." I love it when you remind people that extra weight is not a reason to divorce someone, nor does it give you permission to flirt with a married person whose spouse is heavy.

My husband and I were both normal weight when we married over 32 years ago. Over the years, I have gained several pounds. My husband has, too, but not to the extent

that I have. We have a lovely daughter, a nice home, family and friends and a wonderful relationship. We both have master's degrees and fulfilling careers, and are active in our church.

Recently, I was aghast to learn that some people are trying to write "weight control" into their prenuptial agreements, even though pre-nups are about control over property, not personal characteristics. One attorney I know said if a person uses a pre-nup to control your weight, you should re-evaluate whether you want to enter into a relationship with that person. — Trying My Best

Dear Trying: The need to control someone else's physical appearance is a bad sign. You never know what life will throw at you.

Dear Annie: My mother has made me executor of her estate and given me power of attorney over her medical care. My parents divorced when we were young, and my brother and I didn't have contact with my mother for several years. She now lives far away and is in poor health. I drive back and forth from another state to check on her, and I phone twice a week.

The problem? My brother, "Mike," never calls Mom or returns her calls and won't see her, but she constantly makes excuses for his behavior and still plans to leave half her inheritance to him.

I don't think Mom has much time left, and I want Mike to contact her before she passes away. I have told him this repeatedly. Is there any way I can use my position as executor to "blackmail" him into calling her? — Last Will & Testament

Dear Last Will: No. As executor, you are expected to fulfill the requests of the deceased. Unless your mother adds a stipulation that Mike

won't inherit unless he calls her, she has no leverage at all, and even then, he may choose to ignore her and skip the inheritance. Obviously, Mike is still carrying around a great deal of hurt from the divorce. You may have better luck if you can lovingly explain to him that at some point, it will be too late to see his mother and he could be left with regrets that can never be resolved. More than that you cannot do.

Dear Annie: I have been married to my husband for 25 years. About 15 years ago, my husband's son graduated from college. I elected not to attend as I did not want his ex or kids to be uncomfortable. A family picture was taken and, of course, his ex was in it. His parents have this picture hanging in their home, and it's the first thing you see upon entering.

I don't care if they hang this picture, but it seems insulting that they put it where I am assaulted by it. A few years ago, my stepson divorced and remarried, and this same picture also has his ex-wife in it. His new wife isn't very pleased, either.

My husband has asked his parents to hang the picture in their bedroom, but my in-laws have said they will not remove it because it's part of their family history. I think it is disrespectful to flaunt it if it offends others. Are my daughter-in-law and I wrong in our thinking? — Miffed in Memphis

Dear Miffed: Of course not. Considerate in-laws will put such family history where it does not annoy the current spouses. However, it is their house and they can hang their pictures wherever they want. Put up with it as graciously as you can, and consider presenting them with a more up-to-date photograph to replace it.

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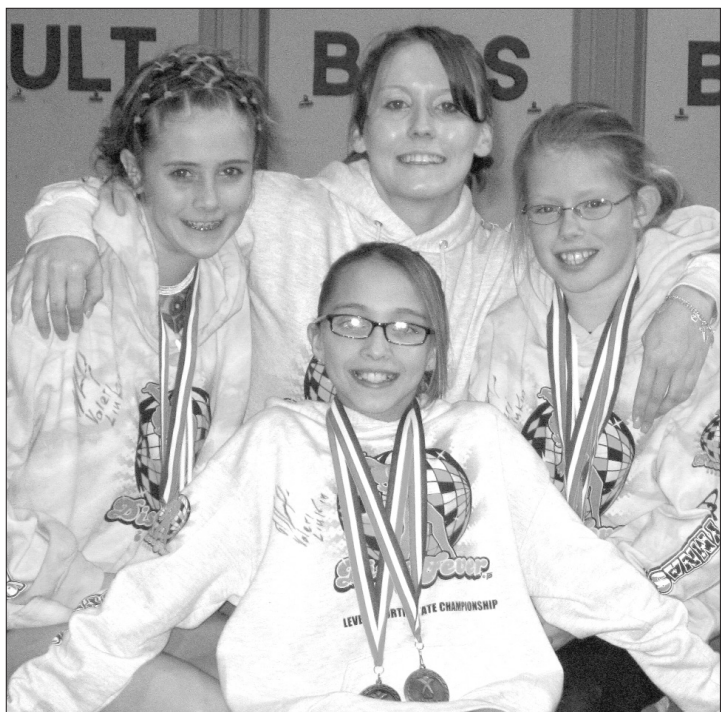
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Sidewinders members, left to right, back row, Shelbi Montgomery, Desiree Best and Courtney Berringer, and center, Alyssa Armentrout, performed well in recent competition.

Sidewinders fare well in Mesquite competition

Special to the Herald

Sidewinders team members Courtney Berringer, Shelbi Montgomery and Alyssa Armentrout all competed in Mesquite recently and placed! Berringer had her best meet of the season, scoring a 9 on the beam to place seventh and an 8.425 on floor for fifth. She ended up with a 33.125 all around, placing her 10th out of 17 in her age and bronze-ranked division. Armentrout scored a 9.20 on beam and had her

best bar routine of the year, scoring an 8.70. She ended up placing fifth on beam and taking 17th out of 20 in her age and silver-ranked division. Montgomery was the last Sidewinder to compete in day two of competition. She scored an 8.35 on vault. It was her best two vaults of the year. She placed 18th out of 20 in her age and silver-ranked division. The girls are going to continue to compete into the spring with their teammates, who rank in level from 5-9.

Romney: Candidates shouldn't be rejected based on faith

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney, confronting voters' skepticism about his Mormon faith, declared Thursday that as president he would "serve no one religion, no one group, no one cause," and said calls for him to explain and justify his religious beliefs go against the profound wishes of the nation's founders.

At the same time, he decried those who would remove from public life "any acknowledgment of God," and he said that "during the holiday season, nativity scenes and menorahs should be welcome in our public places."

In a speech less than a month before the first nomination contests, Romney said he shares "moral convictions" with Americans of all faiths, though surveys suggest up to half of likely voters have qualms about electing the first Mormon

president. "I believe in my Mormon faith and I endeavor to live by it," Romney said. "My faith is the faith of my fathers. I will be true to them and to my beliefs." Nonetheless, he strove to clarify his personal line between church and state, recalling a similar speech delivered by John F. Kennedy in 1960 as Kennedy sought to become the first Catholic elected president.

"I do not define my candidacy by my religion. A person should not be elected because of his faith, nor should he be rejected because of his faith," Romney said at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, 90 miles from Kennedy's speaking site in Houston. "Let me assure you that no authorities of my church, or of any other church for that matter, will ever exert influence on presidential decisions. Their authority is theirs,

within the province of church affairs, and it ends where the affairs of the nation begin," Romney said.

He added: "If I am fortunate to become your president, I will serve no one religion, no one group, no one cause and no one interest. A president must serve only the common cause of the people of the United States."

Romney's speech lasted about 20 minutes and was interrupted a dozen times by applause from the invited audience. He said the word "Mormon" only once, otherwise referring to "my religion," "my faith" and "my church."

He hoped the speech would allay concerns of Christian conservatives, some of whom have propelled former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee to join him atop the polls in Iowa. Its caucuses kick off presidential voting next month.

Romney said he is often asked whether he believes

in Jesus Christ. "I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God and the savior of mankind," he said. While conceding Mormons have different beliefs about the earthly presence of Jesus Christ, "each religion has its own unique doctrines and history. ... Religious tolerance would be a shallow principle indeed if it were reserved only for faiths with which we agree."

Illustrating Romney's challenge, one of his own invited guests said he believes Mormons are not Christians.

"I don't think his Mormonism is a deal breaker for most Americans, but only Mitt Romney can close the deal," said Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

BREAK

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Plans call for crews to hold off shutting off water to the area until 1:30 p.m. Friday. Residences in the 400 and 500 blocks of Owens will be without water for approximately a day and a half, Darden said.

Big Spring Junior High School also will be effected by the water shut-off. BSISD Superintendent

Michael Downes said the junior high will dismiss classes at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

The early dismissal will be for the junior high only and will only be for Friday, Downes added.

Downes thanked the city for helping the school district deal with the situation.

"We appreciate the cooperation we've received from the city water department and Todd Darden, supporting

the educational program here in Big Spring," Downes said.

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TOUR

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and those this year who have provided the houses for the tour," said Bond. "This year the homes on the tour are Loretta and Ron Farquhar, 716 Hillside Drive; Barbara and Ray Kennedy, 2901 Stonehaven; Billye and Ralph Mc Laughlin, 3 Kiowa Circle; Debi and A.J. Pirkle, 2807 Stonehaven; and Susan and Rick Watkins, 908 Mountain Park Drive."

The tour — slated between 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. — is a much-needed fund-raiser for the guild, according to Bond.

"Tickets are \$10 per person and can also be pur-

chased at each home on Sunday afternoon," said Bond. "One advantage to purchasing the tickets ahead of time, however, is a map with the location of each house is printed on the backs.

"Traditionally, we also hold a reception following the tour," she added. "As customary in the past several years, it will be held in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church, located at Eight Street and Rannels from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m."

Tickets are available at First Bank of West Texas, Blum's Jewelers, Faye's Flowers, the Heritage Museum and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information on the tours, contact the Big Spring

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Charley Upton, 87, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 3:00 PM Thursday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Jonneal Eshleman, 68, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 3:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
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In Sunday's Big Spring Herald
American Profile
Favorite holiday recipes
The holidays are a the time to pull out all the stops when it comes to cooking for family and friends. Our readers share their favorite recipes as a way to wish everyone a happy holiday season. Plus, Project Starfish and caramel cake.
American Profile

AN ENCOURAGING WORD
By Eddy Pitchford

This time of year offers many contradictions. People in warm climates sing of frosty snowmen. Individuals drive interstate highways while singing about sleigh rides. Preschool children serenade one another about Christmases they used to know. Customers retreat from responsibility with cards that charge. Frazzled shoppers hum peace on earth while griping at one another. Drivers mall other drivers while seeking joy in their world.

We do not have a lot of details about the birth of Jesus. We know it is a significant subject because the Bible frequently mentions it. We realize the birth of Jesus needed to occur in order for the crucifixion and resurrection to happen. We realize there are many distortions about the birth of Jesus and that the early Christians did not focus their attention on disinfected barns and glamorous pageantry.

I am glad that Jesus was born but I am also glad He did not stay in the manger. I am glad that He gives peace and joy. I also believe that Jesus needs to be more than the reason for the season - He needs to be the reason for our lives!

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OUR VIEWS

All Angel Tree program needs now is all of us

Almost 500 people in Big Spring — young and old — will be counting on the generosity of others this holiday season. That's because several last minute names were added to the Salvation Army's Angel Trees this year.

The only thing missing, according to Salvation Army officials, is us — those of us capable of going out to shop, pick up the angels and buy gifts for the area's needy children and senior citizens.

It really is just that simple.

With nearly 400 children and 80 seniors signed up for the annual program — which provides Christmas gifts for area low income children and seniors that might otherwise go without — there are plenty to choose from.

Sadly, Salvation Army Social Worker Paula Lafler says the program has gotten off to a fairly slow start. Judging by the number of "angels cards" still left on the Senior Angel Tree here in the *Herald's* lobby, that's somewhat of an understatement.

Two of the Angel Trees are set up at the Big Spring Mall — one in the mall itself and a second inside Bealls Department Store. Others are at Walmart and at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. As mentioned earlier, the Senior Tree is here at the *Herald's* offices.

Obviously, we here at the newspaper want to stress the Senior Angel Tree, because we realize our office isn't somewhere you'd traditionally think of doing Christmas shopping, I think a lot of people forget about it, and there are far too many senior citizens who really need the gifts provided through the program.

Adopting a holiday angel is simple. Just take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that child or senior citizen. The card has a wish list, but the gifts don't necessarily have to be what's listed on the card. Once you buy the gifts, you simply attach the card to the gifts and bring them to the Salvation Army office, or drop them off where you got the card.

The deadline to return gifts for the program is Dec. 15, with distribution slated for Dec. 18 at the Big Spring Refinery Union Hall.

So, if you can this holiday season, stop by one of the Angel Tree locations and open your heart to the less fortunate. We're convinced you'll be blessed for doing so.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Having a quiet, heavenly stance works, Lord, for a good life.

Amen

Mitt should can 'the speech'

I think it's a mistake for Mitt Romney to give "the speech" — the one aimed at addressing his Mormonism and its relevance, or irrelevance, to his candidacy.

There have long been rumors that Romney would make "the speech," but the matter seemed dormant until recently, when evangelical Mike Huckabee began surging in the polls, especially in Iowa.

Some Romney strategists fear his conservative Christian supporters in Iowa are shifting to Huckabee — an ordained Baptist minister — because they are uncomfortable with Mitt's Mormonism.

Huckabee's Christian credentials are doubtlessly helping him with many Christian conservatives. But I don't think Mitt's Mormonism is driving Romney voters to Huckabee. If Romney's Mormonism didn't bother them before Huckabee surged, it isn't bothering them now.

This is not to say that Romney's Mormonism isn't a potential liability for him. I think it is, but not among those who have already been supporting him. The more attention he draws to his religion, the more of a liability it will become. He should leave well enough alone.

Indeed, Romney's hurdles with Mormonism are probably greater than those John F. Kennedy faced with his Catholicism. Protestants might truly have been concerned that he would take his marching orders from the Pope and that his first allegiance would be to the Vatican, not the Constitution. Apparently, Kennedy's speech confronting those concerns directly went a long way toward dispelling any anxieties.

Some similarly fear Romney's primary loyalty will be to Mormon authorities. But I think a bigger problem is that many consider

Mormonism a cult with certain bizarre beliefs.

So, you ask, shouldn't Romney give a speech to clarify and assuage their concerns? I don't think so.

With all due respect, many will find certain distinguishing Mormon beliefs disturbing. Romney would be better off relying on people's relative ignorance of other religions and grateful that Mormonism presents itself as more mainstream Christian than it actually is.

Please don't misunderstand. My purpose here isn't to attack Mormonism. Mormons generally are very good people who live moral lives. But it's inevitable that some voters will react negatively to Mormonism the more they learn about it — and that can't possibly help Romney.

Romney also runs a risk in giving a "religious" speech that skirts all theological questions, which is likely. After all, we almost never hear Mormons talking about what distinguishes their religion from mainstream Christianity. They emphasize — even on their TV commercials — their belief in the Bible and their emphasis on Jesus Christ.

If Romney gives a speech that never gets past these generalities, it may prompt critics to probe further and discover there are major differences in Mormonism and mainstream Christianity of which they were unaware.

The teasers we've seen so far from Team Romney on "the speech" certainly hint that Romney will not delve into Mormon doctrine. Romney's spokesmen say it will be an opportunity for Romney to share his views on religious liberty, religious tolerance and how his faith would inform his presidency.

But this approach could be problematic for Romney, as well. People might take offense at Romney suggesting they are intolerant or bigoted for considering his religious beliefs to be a factor. What's wrong with considering a

candidates' faith — or lack thereof — as part of the mix? In fact, isn't Romney inviting that consideration when he says his religion "will inform his presidency"? He can't have it both ways.

Voters factoring in the candidates' spiritual beliefs are exercising their liberties, not encroaching on the candidates'. For Romney to suggest otherwise is the tactical equivalent of Hillary Clinton or Mike Huckabee saying that criticizing their views is tantamount to personally attacking them.

Nonsense.

All of this said, I don't believe the voters' exposure to Mormon theology will hurt Romney as much as the troubling perception that he is something less than completely authentic.

I sincerely believe that most evangelical Christians could support a Mormon — even if they learn Mormonism is different than what they thought — as long as he is right on the issues and can be trusted. Does he really share their values? Is he really who he says he is — about religion or anything else? That's what inquiring conservatives want to know.

They love that he professes to be strongly pro-life and an ardent supporter of traditional marriage. But is he really?

If so, why did it take him so long to come around to these views? Was it a religious conversion? How can that be when he's been a Mormon for decades? I know he said that wrestling with the stem cell question changed him, but it strikes me as implausible that one could be moved over a Petri dish and not an ultrasound. But I would love to be wrong about this.

In the meantime, I believe the governor should reconsider giving "the speech."

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Blacks' plight get blamed on values?

African Americans have broken two new barriers, according to a Pew Charitable Trust new report. Almost half the children of middle-class blacks have fallen into the lowest income bracket in the last 30 years, the first generation in a century to lose so much economic ground. And for the first time, a majority of African Americans polled say that blacks are responsible for their own economic situations and that the values of poor and middle-class blacks have worsened over the last generation.

Yeah, right, it's the values. Those middle-class African Americans whose children are now in poverty — they're rotten parents, every one of them. By going out to work every day they were obviously telling their children not to do the same. The black unemployment rate in October was double white unemployment, 8.5 percent versus 4.2 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employers of all races, with their superior values, no doubt rejected those black pavement-pounders because they could see the poor work ethic a mile away. The quarter million drop in the number of U.S. jobs in October, and all the offshore outsourcing of the last decade must be "a poor black values thing."

It was poor black values that led neighborhoods of color to be targeted by predatory lenders. It wasn't the secondary mortgage industry that started the current tsunami of foreclosures now evicting people, disproportionately black

and Latino, it was the homeowners' bad values. Higher interest rates charged to borrowers of color with identical credit rating are obviously payback for their poor behavior. And the mostly white executives who made millions off discriminatory sub-prime lending, they deserved that reward for their exemplary moral character.

The drop in unionization from 20 percent to 12 percent in the last 25 years wouldn't have happened, and the American labor force would not have lost 265,000 black union workers, if those workers' values had been better. The professional union-busting consulting firms, who advised companies how to illegally fire pro-union workers — they're role models of the American work ethic.

Similarly, the mostly white Congress members increased their own paychecks over \$50,000 with multiple raises since 1990 while blocking an increase in the minimum wage for a record-breaking decade. And the mostly all-white billionaires on the Forbes 400 list of richest Americans who are \$290 billion richer than last year — they must have finest values of all.

Prison sentences are longer for blacks and Latinos than whites convicted of the same crime because judges can just see the difference in moral fiber between defendants of different races. And of course employers and health insurance companies are not insuring 7.2 million black people — nearly 20 percent — because their moral failings have made them too sickly.

The re-segregation of schools, and the widening gap in class sizes and per-pupil spending between mostly white and mostly black schools? The roll-back of

affirmative action in higher education? All due to the character flaws of African American students.

Are values really the explanation for the racial income gap? Or do we too often assume that the American dream of equal opportunity is a reality? Do we overlook growing structural obstacles that block the path of some more than others among us?

Employed African Americans on average work more hours per week than employed white people. Blacks are slightly less likely than whites to use illegal drugs. They are more likely to be affiliated with a religious congregation. Poll after poll shows no difference between races in attitudes towards education, paid work, or expectations for children's advancement. Where are these famous bad values?

As a former teacher, I know that some young people have self-destructive attitudes and behaviors — some black and Latino youth, some white youth and some youth of 30 years ago. Far more young people have talent, ambition and a work ethic that go underutilized, especially working-class youth of color in this have and have-not economy.

We as people of color are used to noticing racism and putting it into words. We're less accustomed to naming classism — but it's rampant among middle-class people of color. Is this what racial progress has come to — more middle-class blacks taking up the previously white sport of blaming the victim?

Rhonda Soto is the Race/Class Intersections Project Coordinator at Class Action, a national non-profit based in Hadley, Mass.

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Mazda SUV offers fuel economy, safety — with soul of a sports car

Here are a few key words to focus on before reading the article: Mazda, SUV, 22/28, safety.

For a lot of motorists, there is no substitute for the flexibility and versatility of a sport utility vehicle. Owners like the commanding view of the road and the feeling of safety and security provided by SUVs.

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Once again: Mazda, SUV, 22/28, safety. With a base price starting below \$19,000, the 2008 Mazda Tribute is an outstanding vehicle — for its value, performance, safety feature and its fuel economy.

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Sharing the same platform as the Ford Escape — which I also highly recommend — the Tribute has been completely redesigned

for the 2008 model year. Available in front- or four-wheel drive configurations, Mazda also offers Tribute buyers the choice of three available powertrains.

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The all-new 2008 Mazda Tribute SUV.

Buyers can also opt for the 3.0-liter V-6 (200 horsepower/193 lbs.-ft. torque) mated to a four-speed automatic transmission.

Both engines receive the Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle rating and both require regular unleaded gasoline.

A Mazda Tribute Hybrid version is also offered utilizing the I-4 engine and electric motor hybrid system to achieve a Super Low Emissions Vehicle rating and outstanding fuel economy.

Three trim lines are offered — Sport, Touring and Ground Touring. All Tribute models are equipped with a long list of standard safety fea-

tures, including dual front airbags, seat-mounted front side impact airbags, side-impact air curtains, dynamic stability control, roll stability control, traction control and tire pressure monitoring system, among many others.

As I mentioned before, the 2008 Mazda Tribute is a “must” to add to the test drive list. Not only do you get to “Zoom-Zoom,” you also get to “save-save.”

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ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

THE NUTS AND BOLTS



MODEL:
2008 Mazda Tribute 5-seat compact SUV
Front-; four-wheel drive

Trim packages:
Sport, Touring, Grand Touring

PRICE RANGE:
\$19,000-\$29,000

ENGINE:
2.3-L I-4 (153 hp/152 torque)
3.0-L V-6 (200 hp/193 torque)
Hybrid electric

TRANSMISSION:
5-speed manual
4-speed automatic
CVT on hybrid

EPA: 22/20/34 mpg city, 28/26/30 mpg highway (2WD MT/2WD AT/MT/Hybrid)

FUEL: Regular unleaded

TRACTION CONTROL:
Dynamic stability control, roll stability control, traction control

BRAKES: ABS

LENGTH: 174.9 inches

WHEELBASE: 103.1 inches

WIDTH: 81.3 inches

HEIGHT: 70.2 inches

WEIGHT: 3,233-4,640 lbs.

TOW CAP.: 1,500/3,500 lbs.

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D. Other

COMMERCIAL:

- A. Show Windows B. Lights Only D. Other

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- A. Residential B. Commercial

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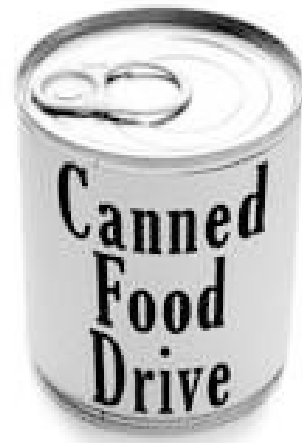
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► State briefs

Strip clubs seek to block state's \$5 surcharge on visitors

AUSTIN (AP) — A coalition of strip clubs has filed a lawsuit seeking to block a state law that would add a \$5 surcharge for every strip club visitor.

The new fee, which was approved this year by the Texas Legislature, is set to take effect Jan. 1. It's expected to raise about \$40 million to be dispersed for sexual assault prevention programs and health care for the uninsured.

The Texas Entertainment Association and Karpod, Inc., the operator of an Amarillo club, filed the lawsuit Wednesday in Travis County against Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and Comptroller Susan Combs.

The lawsuit argues that the fee would amount to an unconstitutional tax on nude dancing, a form of expression protected by the First Amendment. It also says the measure unfairly targets strip clubs, while not including modeling studios and adult video arcades. Strip club owners have said that the fee unfairly links their customers to rape.

Couple living in filthy home face child endangerment charges

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Lubbock couple faces seven counts of child endangerment after police, alerted by a report of a miscarried fetus in the family's refrigerator, found seven children living in a home filled with rat feces, cockroaches and trash.

The Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office filed the charges against Gloria Ramirez and Anthony Moya on Wednesday, alleging that the seven children were in imminent danger of death, bodily injury or physical or mental impairment.

The DA's office did not know if the couple had an attorney. The Associated Press could not find a working phone number for Moya or Ramirez.

The charges came five months after police went to the couple's home to investigate a report of a miscarried fetus. An employee at a funeral home alerted police in July that Moya called to ask about a small casket. According to an affidavit obtained by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, Ramirez miscarried July

7, cleaned the fetus and placed it in a box in the refrigerator.

TPWC names Smith as executive director

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has selected Carter Smith, state director of The Nature Conservancy, as the department's executive director — the first time in more than 25 years the position was filled from outside the agency.

Chairman Peter Holt said a search committee spent months interviewing more than 30 candidates from across the country to lead the department, which is responsible for managing the state's natural resources and parks system.

Smith, 39, will take over for Robert L. Cook in January. Cook retired in August but has been serving in the position on an interim basis.

Smith will oversee an agency with an annual budget of more than \$405 million and 3,100 employees.

Pimp C remembered a day after his sudden death at 33

HOUSTON (AP) — Pimp C was a Southern rap innovator whose work influenced a generation of current superstars.

His sudden death on Tuesday at 33 has the Houston rap community again mourning a life that was cut much too short. Pimp C, born Chad Butler, is the fourth area rapper to die before his 40th birthday in this decade.

Pimp C was one-half of the rap group Underground Kingz or UGK, whose latest album hit No. 1 on the Billboard hip hop charts earlier this year. It was the seventh major label release from the Port Arthur duo, who influenced everyone from T.I. to Lil' Jon.

Pimp C was found dead in the Mondrian hotel in Los Angeles. Officials said he apparently died in bed and

there were no signs of foul play. Autopsy and toxicology results won't be available for up to eight weeks.

2 Texas A&M football players arrested in home-invasion case

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Two Texas A&M football players have been charged in an alleged armed robbery of a College Station apartment.

Yemi Babalola, 21, of Bryan was charged with two aggravated robbery counts and one of misdemeanor marijuana possession, according to a College Station police statement. Brandon Joiner, 18, of Killeen was charged with three drug possession counts, one of them a felony. Both men were in the Brazos County Jail in Bryan on Thursday.

According to the police statement, one resident suffered minor injuries in the alleged Nov. 29 home invasion at the Callaway Villas Apartments. The investigation led to searches of both suspects' homes on Wednesday, where drugs and other evidence were found, according to the statement.

Babalola started on the Texas A&M offensive line this season as a junior. Joiner is a freshman defensive end from Killeen.

Texas A&M (7-5) plays Penn State (8-4) on Dec. 29 in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio.

Austin call center set to close next year

AUSTIN (AP) — A center that handles customer calls for Fortune 500 companies will shut down early next year, months after officials announced plans to expand.

About 400 employees will lose their jobs when the PRC LLC center closes in early February, said company spokeswoman Alicia Miyares.

"We decided to streamline the operations of our programs, and unfortunately that affected the center in Austin," Miyares said.

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6			5		4		7
	3						5
	7	1				4	8

Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
Larceny of a Very High Order

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 7 5
♥ Q 8
♦ K Q J 9
♣ 8 7 4 2

WEST
♠ J 9 6 2
♥ A J 7 6
♦ 7 4
♣ 9 5 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ K 9 5 3 2
♦ 6
♣ Q J 10

SOUTH
♠ K 3
♥ 10 4
♦ A 10 8 5 3 2
♣ A K 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
4♥ Pass 5♦

Opening lead — two of spades.
Even a well-oiled partnership is bound to wind up occasionally in a contract it hasn't got a chance to make.

However, impossible contracts can sometimes be salvaged by giving the opponents a chance to make a mistake, and such a tactic may well succeed if the setting is right. Take this case where declarer made five diamonds, even though, looking at all four hands, you might wonder how this could happen.

Of course, West could have defeated the contract by leading the ace and another heart initially, in which case South would have had to lose a club trick eventually and go down one. But West, not having X-ray eyes, made the more normal lead of a spade.

Even with this lead, South saw he had no hope of making 11 tricks by regular means. So, to give the defense a chance to go wrong, he played a low spade from dummy, and, when East played the queen, he let him win it!

East found it difficult at this point to lead a heart, which was the only play he could now make to defeat the contract. Instead, he returned the queen of clubs.

Given a life, South won the club with the ace, drew two rounds of trumps, then cashed the king of spades and king of clubs. After entering dummy with a trump, he discarded a club on the ace of spades and ruffed a club.

When the opposing clubs divided 3-3, declarer was home. He crossed to dummy with a trump and discarded a heart on dummy's eight of clubs. The only tricks he lost were a spade and a heart.

Note that South's duck of the spade at trick one had everything to gain and nothing to lose. Even if the defense cashed two heart tricks at that point, the opening play would not cost a thing since the club loser could later be discarded on the ace of spades.

FRIDAY

	WFAA (2) Dallas	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPIKE (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28) Sports	ESPN (29) Sports	SCIFI (64) Science Fic.
6:PM :30	News (CC) Entertainment	Jeopardy! Wheel-Fortune	Yo Amo a Juan	The Simpsons Two-Half Men	News Entertainment	12 Corazones	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	John Hagee	News-Letter	Giant Squid: Caught		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) Hell Date	Han. Montana Zack & Cody	NFL Live Football Live	NBA Basketball:	The Dresden Files (CC)
7:PM :30	Billy Graham Special (CC)	Men in Trees (CC)	Amar sin Limites	Next Band	Frosty Frosty Returns	Madre Luna	Deal or No Deal (CC)	Raymond Raymond	Update Review Alan Granger	The 4 Kings of Rhythm	Planet Earth (CC)	Movie: She's Having a Baby	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Movie: Cinderella Man	Movie	Han. Montana Wizards-Place	College Football:	Chicago Bulls at Detroit	Stargate SG-1 (CC)
8:PM :30	Women's Murder Club	Women's Murder Club	Pasion	Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Movies Rock! (CC)	Victoria	Friday Night Lights (CC)	Movie: Bewitched	Light of the Southwest	Stevie Ray Vaughan Live:	Man vs. Wild	Movie: Die Hard With a Vengeance			College Hill: Interns (CC)	Movie: The Santa Clause 2	NCAA Division I Semifinal --	Pistons (CC) NBA	Stargate Atlantis (CC)
9:PM :30	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Familia-Luche Retro P. Luche	TMZ (CC)	Raymond	Pecados Ajenos	Las Vegas (CC)			Play Hard InnerVIEWS	Warrior Quest	Movie: The					Teams TBA (CC)	Basketball: Utah Jazz at	Stargate Atlantis (CC)
10:PM :30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Two-Half Men Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias Boxeo	News Tonight Show	Sex and-City Sex and-City	J.R. Church Rico Cortes	Charlie Rose (CC)	Everest: Beyond the Limit	Frighteners	MANswers	Movie: Cinderella Man	Hell Date	Zack & Cody Han. Montana	SportsCenter NBA	San Antonio Spurs (CC)	Flash Gordon (CC)
11:PM :30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Letterman Late Late	Telemundo	Late Night-	Movie: Sleepy Hollow (CC)	In Touch-Dr	Tavis Smiley Tavis Smiley	Planet Earth (CC)	Movie: The	Game Head Madden NFL		Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Replacements Kim Possible	Rodeo: Wrangler	SportsCenter (CC)	Stargate Atlantis (CC)
12:AM :30	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Lighthouse	Salome (SS)	Reno 911! George Lopez	Show The Insider	Just Laugh Programa	Conan O'Brien News		Update Review CCM Ministries	Sign Off	Man vs. Wild	Fog (CC)	Game Head MXC (CC)		Comicview (CC)	Emperor New American Drgn	National Finals -- Second	NFL Live NBA Fastbreak	Stargate SG-1 (CC)

DENNIS THE MENACE

12-7

"THE NORTH POLE IS OUT OF TOWN, RIGHT, MOM?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

12-7

"If it's two against one, I'd rather be one of the twos."

HAGAR

12-7

RIGHT ABOUT NOW HE'S GOING TO ASK IF HE CAN GO TO THE TAVERN...

...AND SHE'S GOING TO SAY "NO!"

BLONDIE

12-7

MY HUSBAND IS GOING TO THROW ME A LAVISH PARTY FOR THE HOLIDAYS! THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!

HOW WONDERFUL!

OH, AND IT'S GOING TO BE A SURPRISE PARTY, TOO

BUT YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT IT

YES, BUT HE DOESN'T!

BC

12-7

HI THERE, I AM AN APTERYX, A WINGLESS BIRD WITH HAIRY FEATHERS.

WHO CARES?

SUCK IT UP, KID, YOU GOT OFF EASY.

WIZARD OF ID

12-7

YOU KNOW THOSE TWO OERBILS YOU SOLD ME LAST WEEK?

YES

NOW I HAVE TWENTY!

YOU WANT TO RENT A PYTHON?

AGNES

12-7

I ONCE READ AN ARTICLE ON HOW TO RAISE FLAMINGO BABIES. DUE TO MY AMAZING POWERS OF PRECISE REMEMBERIZATION, THE EGG MUST BE KEPT WARM FOR A TIME.

HOW WARM?

UH... BETWEEN NOT WARM ENOUGH AND HARD BOILED... TO BE PRECISE.

HOW MANY DAYS?

EXACTLY BETWEEN SOME AND A BOATLOAD... TO BE PRECISE. YOU GET FIRST SIT SHIFT.

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN NO AND YOU ARE OUT OF YOUR MIND... TO BE PRECISE.

HI AND LOIS

12-7

MMMM... IS THAT AN APPLE PIE?

YES, BUT IT'S NOT FOR DINNER!

WHAT'S IT FOR?

THE SMELL OF HOME COOKING AT MY REALTORS' OPEN HOUSE!

THE OTHER COAST

12-7

YOU'RE HAVING LEFTOVERS, BOB. THERE'S FAR TOO MUCH ENDING UP IN LANDFILLS, CLUTTERING UP THE PLANET.

I HEAR WE ATE TAINTED LEFTOVERS.

SNUFFY SMITH

12-7

YOU SHORE ARE LOOKIN' MITEY CUTE THIS MORNIN', GRANNY !!

YOU AIN'T SO BAD YORESELF, GRAMPY !!

KISS!!

WE GOTTA LOSE OUR SPECS MORE OFTEN !!

BETLE BAILEY

12-7

WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR OFFICE?

OH, BETLE SAID HE WOULDN'T GIVE UP TILL I GAVE HIM A WEEKEND PASS

GREG+ MORT WALKER

AND I GUESS HE NEVER GAVE UP

This Date In History

Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff.

In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

On this date:

In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1796, electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.

In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the U.S.

In 1907, the first Christmas Seals to help the fight against tuberculosis were sold, in Wilmington, Del. (Some sources say Dec. 9.)

In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff Hotel in

Eli Wallach is 92. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 76. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 75. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 70. Broadcast journalist Carole Simpson is 67. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Johnny Bench is 60. Country singer Gary Morris is 59. Singer-songwriter Tom Waits is 58. Sen. Susan M. Collins, R-Maine, is 55. Actress Priscilla Barnes is 52. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Larry Bird is 51. Former "Tonight Show" announcer Edd Hall is 49. Rock musician Tim Butler (The Psychedelic Furs) is 49. Actor Jeffrey Wright is 42. Actor C. Thomas Howell is 41.

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Newsday Crossword

SILVER BULLETS by Ray Hamel
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ACROSS

1 Sampling undero

5 Threatening word

9 Low-paying employment

14 Leave a deep impression

15 Gangster's gal

16 Yellowish cheese

17 Sonic comeback

18 Milk container

19 Tunnel creators

20 He was stopped by a silver bullet

23 Customary act

24 JFK and RFK, e.g.

25 Haunt

27 Formulated idea

30 __ sprach Zarathustra

32 Distinctive air

33 Irascible

34 Hardworking boat

37 Site of the Silver Bullet roller coaster

41 Shaker marking

42 How crates may be set

43 Jackie Robinson school

44 Twelve Oaks neighbor

45 No more than

47 Pettulance

51 Bounty rival

52 Last name in spydom

53 User of silver bullets

59 Melancholy poem

61 Sink or swim

62 Deal (with)

63 Greeting word or partina word

DOWN

1 Borscht veggie

2 Restless longing

3 Rue the run

4 End-zone dancer, say

5 Take advantage of

6 Lounges

7 Shed some weight

8 Spanish "she"

9 Gigi studio

10 With 50 Down, product with Silver Bullet Train ads

11 *Carousel* heroine

12 *Golden Boy* playwright

13 They may be loaded

21 Boston Bruins great

22 Polite refusal

26 Hobgoblin

27 Gate profits

28 Barbarous group

29 Child of Aphrodite

30 Pro sports venue

31 Cooking material

33 Semi driver, often

34 Tex-Mex snack

35 Web addresses

36 GRE relative

38 Airplane carry-on

39 Show one's teeth

40 Fictional criminal genius

45 Car-safety item

46 Dam org.

47 Use a crib, perhaps

48 Handel's birthplace

49 Triple-layer treats

50 See 10 Down

51 Page two, for one

54 Haploid cell

55 *Quo Vadis* ruler

56 Exits

57 Blunt weapon

58 Warren Beatty movie

60 Spectator's cheer

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19-year-old with rifle opens fire in Nebraska mall, killing 9, including himself

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The teenager carried his rifle into the mall, passing shoppers and decorations.

A department store employee was pressing a suit for a customer. A woman was making a quick stop to buy Christmas presents before picking up her son from school. Christmas music played.

The gunman stopped on the third floor and cut through the sounds with gunfire. Shoppers and employees at the Westroads Mall scrambled for cover in dressing rooms, clothing racks, offices and storage areas.

Eight people were killed and five wounded before the shooter ended the horror by taking his own life. He left behind a note that read, in part, "Now I'll be famous."

Robert A. Hawkins, 19, had recently split with his girlfriend and been fired from McDonald's. He had a criminal record and had been kicked out of his parents' house.

Space shuttle Atlantis poised for afternoon liftoff carrying Europe's Columbus lab

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Near perfect weather was forecast over Florida for Thursday afternoon, giving NASA confidence that Shuttle Atlantis can continue its streak of on-time take-offs.

Each of the year's previous shuttle countdowns have ended with an on-the-dot departure, and NASA hopes to make it four in a row with Atlantis. It will carry a crew of seven and Europe's long-awaited space station lab, named Columbus.

About 750 Europeans connected to the scientific laboratory — a \$2 billion project begun nearly a quarter-century ago — were in town for the launch and expected to gather at the space center.

Columbus is "our cornerstone, our baby, our module, our laboratory," said Alan Thirkettle, the European Space

Agency's station program manager.

Columbus will be the second laboratory added to the space station. NASA's Destiny lab made its debut in 2001, and Japan's huge lab Kibo — which means hope — will go up in three sections beginning on the very next shuttle mission in February.

Televangelist refuses to answer questions from Sen. Grassley in finance inquiry

(AP) — One of six Christian ministries under investigation by a Senate committee is rebuffing inquiries into its spending, challenging the panel's watchdog role over religious groups, The Associated Press has learned.

A lawyer for preacher Creflo Dollar of World Changers Church International in suburban Atlanta has asked Sen. Charles Grassley to either refer the matter to the IRS or get a subpoena, according to a letter from Dollar's attorney obtained Wednesday by the AP.

Grassley, the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, sent pointed questionnaires in early November to a half-dozen ministries, asking about salaries, perks, travel and oversight. The Iowa Republican set Thursday as the deadline for a response.

All six organizations preach a form of the "prosperity gospel," the belief that God wants his faithful followers to reap material rewards.

Besides Dollar, several other televangelists have signaled concerns about invasions of privacy and violations of religious freedom. Only Joyce Meyer Ministries of Fenton, Mo., has provided the detailed financial and board oversight information sought by Grassley.

Petraeus says declining violence gives him flexibility in deploying forces

BAGHDAD (AP) — Citing a 60 percent decline in violence in Iraq over the last six months, Gen. David Petraeus said Thursday that maintaining security is easier than establishing it and gives him more flexibility in deploying forces.

Armed with charts showing that as of Wednesday, weekly attacks and Iraqi civilian deaths have plunged to levels not seen here since early 2006, Petraeus said the reduction lets him make force adjustments to address remaining problem areas, which would include northern Iraq.

Speaking to reporters at the U.S. military's Camp Victory, he said the improved security is due to a number of factors including a "reduction in some of the signature attacks that are associated with weapons provided by Iran," as well as a key cease-fire called by radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in what had been one of the most violent areas of Baghdad.

And he said there has been a "reduction in some of the signature attacks" associated with insurgents using Iranian weapons, including deadly armor-piercing rounds.

But, he added, that it is "hard to tell if that's because there has already been a cessation of provision of those items, or if there has been direction to stop."

U.S. says new intelligence assessment of Iran will not alter missile defense plans in Europe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States says it will not alter plans to build a missile defense system in Europe despite findings by U.S. intelligence agencies that Iran does not have an active nuclear weapons program.

Since U.S. officials have said the threat from Iran was the main reason for building the defense shield, however, the Americans may have a harder time persuading European allies that it still is necessary.

Already, a Czech official responsible for explaining the need for the missile defense system to the public in his country says his job has become more difficult after Monday's release of the National Intelligence Estimate on Iran. The report, reflecting analyses of all 16 U.S. intelligence agencies, concluded that Iran suspended its attempt to build a nuclear weapon four years ago.

"Czech newspapers are full of headlines saying there is no longer a need for missile defense," said Tomas Klvana, the Czech government's coordinator for missile defense communication, who is in Washington for talks with administration officials and lawmakers. "It is hard for complex arguments to win against simple headlines."

Klvana says the potential threat from ballistic missiles aimed at Europe remains, whether Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons or not.

Military judge denies immediate access to the top terrorism suspects at Guantanamo

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — A military judge rejected a request Wednesday by lawyers for a Guantanamo detainee to talk to the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, thwarting their attempt to show the defendant was a minor al-Qaida figure.

Civilian defense attorney Harry Schneider told reporters he had hoped that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and the two other high-value detainees held at this isolated U.S. military base could establish that their client Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a former driver for Osama bin Laden, was not a hardcore terrorist.

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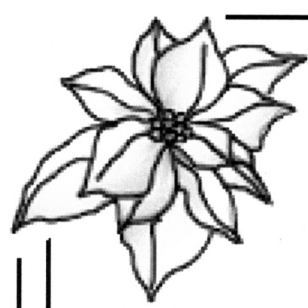
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hundreds of thousands of dollars are allocated just for the two schools playing in a particular bowl game. This is a huge deal for smaller schools, who depend on that money to help attract recruits.

This season was chaotic. Parity swept the nation, but it is partly because of the funds delivered by the bowl games, allowing these smaller schools to provide more scholarships and attract better athletes.

My argument is a long drawn out playoff system would not provide these same opportunities. The NCAA and television networks could manipulate the monetary profits and suddenly several teams would be shorted on these funds helping to provide parity to college football.

NCAA football has the greatest regular season in all of the sporting world. Truth is, the playoffs in the NCAA began in September when the regular season started. One loss hurts more than it would in any other sport, meaning a team must show up with it's A-game week in and week out. Going to sleep on an Appalachian State or a Stanford can mean losing a shot at a national title.

Now, I don't love the BCS. I think it is absolutely a flawed system. I simply don't think it's as bad as most make it out to be. It has provided games and matchups that would have never been had it not been created.

Anyone remember the classic Texas/USC game? What many call the greatest college football game to ever be played? That game never takes place without the BCS. Instead, Texas would've played in the Cotton Bowl against an SEC opponent, while USC would play against a Big 10 opponent in the Rose Bowl.

If both teams won those respective bowl games, then both would have been undefeated and

deciding which deserved to be the national champion would have been left up to the voters. Instead, the national championship was decided on the field.

Obviously, the BCS hasn't worked with that effect every season, which leads to a lynching mob of sports' enthusiasts screaming for change.

Is change needed? Certainly. I don't like the matchup the BCS picked this year at all.

Is a playoff possible? Not the scenarios proposed by most 'enlightened' columnists.

So what is possible? The NCAA has considered for a few years the thought of an "And 1" game. Essentially, it would be a four team playoff. I think this is the most likely scenario available to get to a more competitive college post-season.

The next change needs to come in the way these teams are selected. It's time to eliminate the computer geeks from the equation. Explain to me how Missouri is still ranked ahead of Oklahoma in three of the computer polls used by the BCS. Isn't that the same Sooners' team that defeated Missouri twice this year?

The computers use formulas to decide which team is better than who. It's pretty evident these math geeks need to stick to algebra and calculus and leave football alone.

The human polls need to stay very involved in this process. There are certainly flaws to this process, but I believe it is the best way to select. Everyone uses NCAA basketball's postseason as an example to what football needs to duplicate. There will never be close to 65 teams competing for the BCS title, but using a committee of humans, not computers, to select the four teams to compete for the championship is the best way to solve things.

Now, let's pretend we're picking four teams to play for the national championship. I like four teams this year to participate, it would be Oklahoma, LSU, Virginia



AP photo
Virginia Tech cornerback Brandon Flowers (18) runs back a blocked extra point for two points in the Hokies win over Boston College in the ACC Championship game Saturday. Sports Editor Jonathan Hull believes Va. Tech deserves a shot at the national title.

much and it also keeps the chance to play for the national title available for just the elite.

I believe a team must win its conference to earn a shot at the national championship. This unfortunately would eliminate Georgia from any contention this season.

The Bulldogs are playing great football and honestly, I believe they could beat either LSU or Ohio St. right now. Still, winning the conference is a huge achievement and should not be diminished.

I also believe only one team can participate in the four school playoff from each individual conference, meaning Oklahoma and Texas could never both qualify.

If I had to pick four teams this year to participate, it would be Oklahoma, LSU, Virginia

Tech and Ohio St. I omit Georgia and Kansas because neither won its conference. Kansas shouldn't be in a BCS game anyway. I'm shocked that Missouri is ranked ahead of the Jayhawks in the latest BCS poll and also beat them late in the season, yet Kansas still got the nod over the Tigers.

I don't like USC. The Trojans played a weak schedule in the end and lost to Stanford.

That loss seems to be forgotten by many in the sports media, but it shouldn't be. It was a humiliating loss to a very bad team.

Hawaii is a nice story, but they are not on the level of the four teams I mentioned.

Ohio St. barely makes my cut. The Buckeyes schedule was weak, filled with powder puff squads and a weak Big Ten.

However, they are the best 1-loss team in the country.

LSU won the best conference (SEC) in the nation and both of the Tigers' losses came in overtime.

Oklahoma just beat a No. 1 ranked team in Missouri and the Big 12 is probably the second strongest conference this season.

Virginia Tech is on a tear and playing the best defense in the nation. The Hokies' losses came to LSU in week 2 of the season and to a then second-ranked Boston College squad. They just avenged the BC loss last week in the ACC Championship game.

Seed these four schools with No. 1 playing No. 4 and let them decide who the best is on the gridiron.

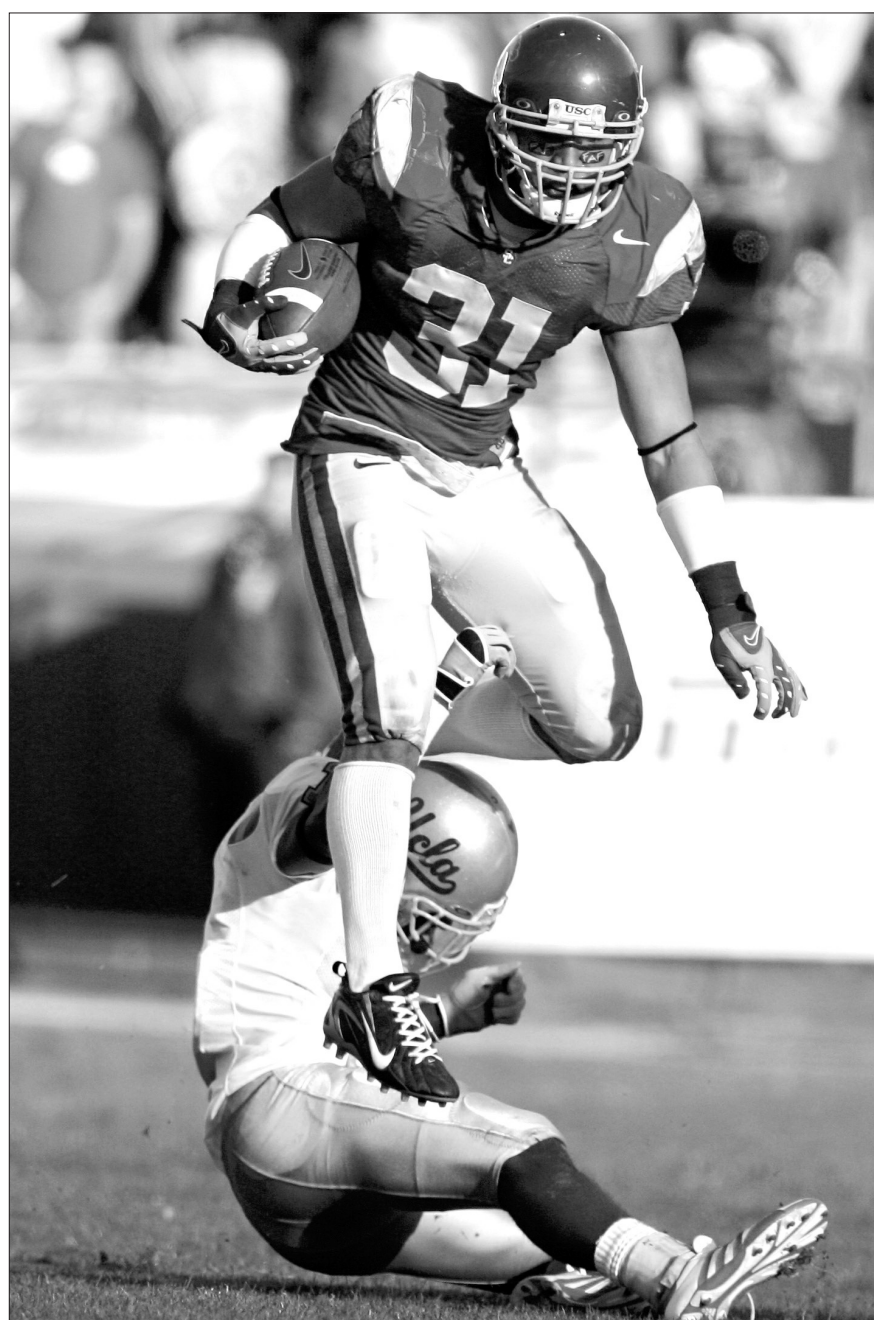
Sadly, not even this type of system will be

considered this season. Instead, get ready to watch another SEC champion beat the dog out of Ohio St., just like Florida did last year. I fully expect a lopsided score with LSU easily winning.

Personally, I'd like to see Virginia Tech get the nod over Ohio St. and it's not just because I picked the Hokies to make the national championship game at the beginning of the year. LSU pounded them in the second week of the season, but Va. Tech is a different team now with steadier play at the quarterback position.

Unfortunately, just like every other sports columnist this week, I'm forced to live this dream scenario out on my video game console instead.

Thank God Electronic Arts Sports makes a NCAA Football video game.



AP photo
Southern California running back Stanley Havili (31) jumps over UCLA cornerback Alterraun Verner Saturday, Dec. 1 in Los Angeles. Herald reporter Steve Reagan says USC is one of many teams deserving of a shot at the national title and a playoff system is needed to guarantee these schools chances.

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Consider, for example, Hawaii, which is the only undefeated D-I team in the nation.

Or how about Kansas, which lost only once in a very competitive Big 12 Conference this year? Or conference champion Oklahoma? Or two-loss Missouri?

Or Southern California, which overcame an inexplicable home loss to Stanford earlier this season and is probably playing better than anyone in the country right now.

I could go on, but I trust I've made my point — a system that basically draws two teams out of a hat and says, "Here's your two best teams" is flawed from the outset and never more so than this year, when so many teams can make a valid argument for belonging in the title game.

If you're guessing that I'm going to advocate a college football playoff system, congratulations. I have argued for a D-IA playoff for years, but never has the system flat-out begged for one as this year.

A friend and I argued this very point just a few days ago. He asked (with a straight face) what was so bad about the current system, where everybody, it seems, can lay a claim to being No. 1.

Now, I firmly believe he was arguing just for the sake of arguing — or the thrill of seeing me turn purple. But the honest answer to his question is that there's nothing wrong

with the current system, if you like chaos or a hopelessly muddled way of doing things.

And, while I may not be the biggest neat freak around (just take a look at my desk sometime), I do like things to make sense — and hardly anything about the BCS makes sense.

A playoff system would be so much more logical, so much more definite and so much more *sensible* than the BCS that one wonders if the Powers That Be aren't consuming controlled substances.

Almost every other NCAA team competition on the books has a national playoff and it doesn't seem to me that it has hindered the popularity of those sports.

March Madness, anyone? Heck, I'm not even a basketball fan, and I get caught up in that every year.

The reason for a non-playoff, of course, is money. The big bowls — Rose, Fiesta, Sugar, Orange — shell out millions of dollars for a chance to hog the college football spotlight. And they, and the college administrators who benefit from the bowls' largesse, will not suffer mere mortals to tamper with their Golden Goose.

Which is really ridiculous, when you consider things. You want money? Heck, a playoff system would bring in dollars that would make the current structure seem miserly in comparison.

TV networks would be so rabid to televise a true playoff they'd practically drown the NCAA and its member institutions under a mountain of cash.

So, what kind of playoff system should we have? Glad you asked.

I prefer one of two set-ups. Option 1, my favorite, would be a 16-team playoff, which would involve the champion from every D-IA conference and still have room for four or five at-large teams, to be determined using the same system the NCAA uses to determine the field for its basketball tournament.

The teams would be seeded, with the top seed taking on the 16th seed, and so forth. The top seeds would play at home, at least through the first three rounds, with the two survivors meeting on a neutral field for all the marbles.

That's it — four rounds over a month and we have a real champion.

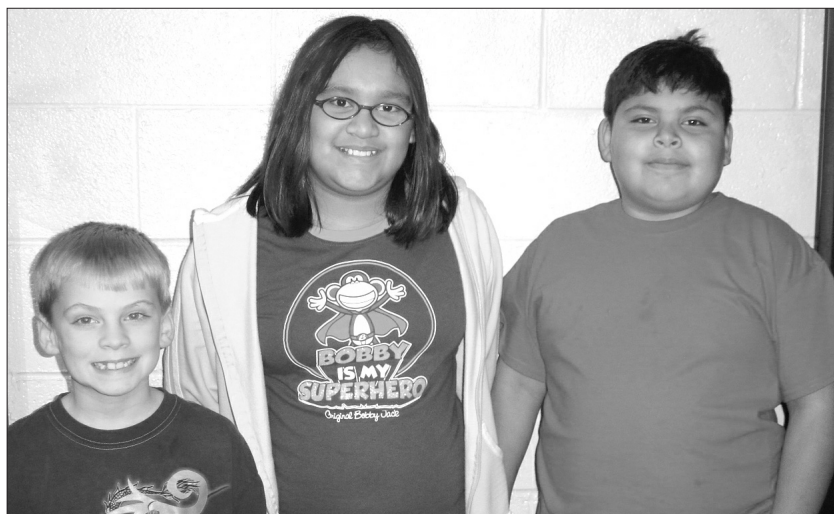
Option 2 would involve a 12-team format, with the top four seeds earning a first-round bye. This one would be slightly less satisfying, but I'd be willing to go with it because it would open the door to better things in later years.

And the nice thing about this system is that it wouldn't crater the bowl system. All those games could still be played with just as much enthusiasm as before.

I'm under no delusion that such a system will be adopted anytime soon, but we just have to find a better way to crown a champion than the current BCS pig sty.

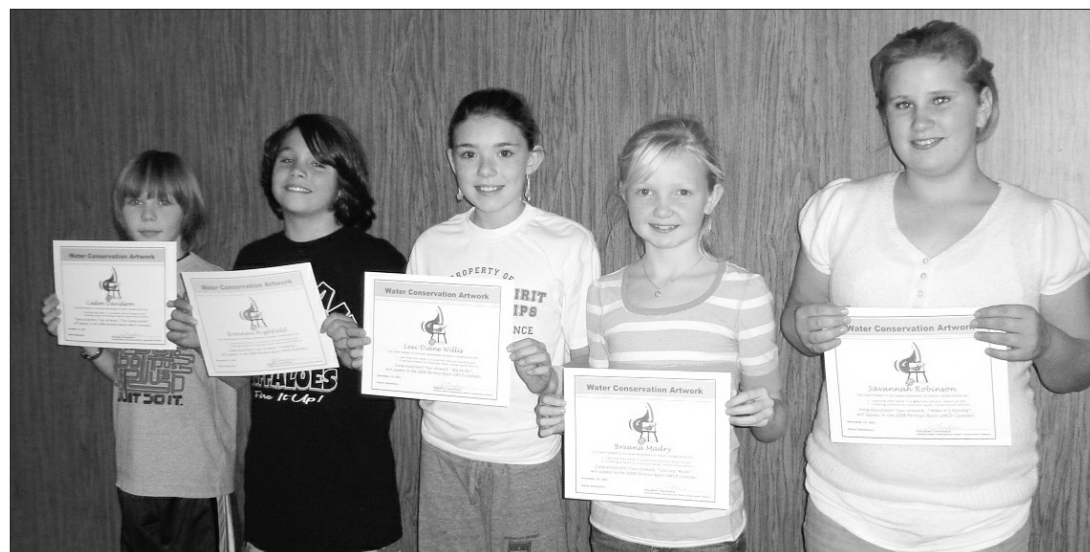
Who knows? Maybe, in a few years, a college team can say that it's No. 1, and have more than just a pretty trophy to back up its argument.

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The Permian Basin
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to Stanton stu-
dents Jacob
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Courtesy photo
Elizabeth Martinez and
Colten Hughes, both fifth
graders at Sands
Elementary School, are
shown here with their
Permian Basin
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Grady Elementary
School fifth
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Rains, Lupita
Jimenez and
Jessica
Willingham were
recognized for
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Courtesy photo
Students from Elbow Elementary pose with certificates they received as winners in the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District's art contest. From left to right are Caden Davidson, Brennan Highfield, Lexi Willis, Breana Madry and Savannah Robinson. Highfield was the grand prize winner and his entry, "Camping," will be featured on the cover of the PBUWCD 2008 Calendar.

Water conservation art contest winners named

Special to the Herald

STANTON — Thirteen area fourth and fifth graders received awards from Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District for their artwork entered in the district's annual water conservation art contest.

Students from Elbow, Grady, Sands and Stanton elementary schools took part in the contest.

During student assemblies at each campus, Permian Basin UWCD Education Coordinator Judy London thanked all the fourth and fifth graders for their contest entries and expressed appreciation to principals and teachers for their assistance in the contest.

The grand prize winner in the contest was Elbow fourth grader Brennan Highfield, who received a \$50 award. His entry, "Camping," will be featured on the cover of the Permian Basin UWCD 2008 Calendar.

Other winners received \$25 cash

awards and will have their art published on monthly pages of the calendar.

In addition to Highfield, students receiving awards at Elbow Elementary were Caden Davidson, Breana Madry, Savannah Robinson and Lexi Diane Willis. Grady students Lupita Jimenez, Nichele Rains and Jessica Willingham were also contest winners.

At Sands Elementary, award recipients were Colten Hughes and Elizabeth Martinez. Taking home prizes at Stanton Elementary were Brandon Cazares, Jacob Barnhill and Natalie Rangel.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the calendar or other programs available through the water education cooperative at Permian Basin UWCD, can contact London at (806) 215-1650 or e-mail her at londonj@windstream.net. Presentations can be scheduled for classrooms, home-school groups, civic, youth or other organizations.

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