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25TH ANNIVERSARY

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HOOPTOWN CLASSIC

Coverage of the Stanton Hootown Classic, featuring 31 teams from throughout West Texas.

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DRIVE THROUGH NATIVITY

The First Church of the Nazarene's 16th annual Live Drive Through Nativity begins tonight and continues each evening from 6:30-9:30 through Sunday.

The popular production includes 17 scenes, live animals and a cast of more than 130 people.

The entrance is best approached from the west on Martin Luther King Boulevard and then by turning south onto Lancaster.

Admission is free though donations are accepted at the end of the tour.

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Illness forces CISD officials to close schools until Tuesday

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Coahoma schools are closed today and will remain so through Monday because about 20 percent of the student body was absent due to illness.

Superintendent Bill Kingston said about 180 of the district's 860 students were out sick Thursday, with more being sent home throughout the day.

"We made the decision yesterday to close down for Friday and Monday," Kingston said this morning. "Our number of



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absences due to illness — both flu-like symptoms and some strep throat type symptoms — were on the increase and had been increasing all week. We were finally getting to the point where we were reaching better than 20 percent of our student body absent with a number of our students at school sick."

The time off is to give sick students and staff a chance to recover without infecting others, Kingston said.

"It was reaching a point where we felt like the number of students out and the number of staff out either sick or out to take care of their own children who were sick got to a point where we needed to regroup, so to

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United Way scores a win, surpasses goal for 2002

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

When the dust cleared after the last play in the big game, Generous U. had beaten Tightwad U. \$258,072.82 to nothing.

That's the final total raised in the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's 2002 fundraising campaign, announced during a skit at the group's victory luncheon before a crowd of about 40 Thursday.

"We're just thrilled that Big Spring was that generous, and Howard County," said United Way President Sue Bagwell. "Everybody came forward and not only met, but surpassed the goal. It wasn't any one person, it was a whole group of people

"Everybody came forward and not only met, but surpassed the goal. It wasn't any one person, it was a whole group of people working towards the same goal."

Sue Bagwell, United Way president



working towards the same goal. I just applaud Rory Worthan, campaign chairman. (United Way Director) Cynthia Scott did a

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Santa brings joy to West Side children

Kiwanis Club members enjoy annual tradition

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Santa Claus made a special visit to about 20 West Side Day Care and West Side Community Center children Thursday afternoon, thanks to a Big Spring civic club.

"It's hot in Texas," boomed Santa with a suspicious West Texas accent as he whisked into the Kiwanis Club's weekly meeting. "Rudolph is sure complaining."

All complaints of hot weather from the man in red wool clothing stopped as soon as the group of bright-eyed children, all smiles and cheers, attached themselves around old St. Nick.

"They have been excited about seeing Santa Claus all week and about getting a present," said Melinda Hernandez, director of West Side Day Care and the West Side Community Center. "They have been good all week long."

And they weren't disap-



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Two-year-old Garrett Smale, a student of the West Side Day Care Center, hugs his Christmas present from Santa Claus provided by the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring. The club gave presents to 20 West Side Day Care and West Side Community Center children during its weekly meeting on Thursday.

pointed. "See my doll," one smiling toddler said as she proudly held out the present.

Others could hardly wait before zooming their construction trucks along the church floor as the group of Kiwanis members observed with grins.

For 22 years, the Kiwanis Club has pur-

chased Christmas gifts for the children with the money the club raises through its annual fundraisers like the pancake supper and candy sales.

In years past, Hernandez who is also a Kiwanis member, and other club members pick out presents appropriate for the age group — toddlers and 3 year olds.

The event is held by the Baptist Temple Church. The Kiwanis Club meets weekly at noon in the Howard College Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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Junior high may need another \$200,000 for repairs, trustees told

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Big Spring Junior High School may need another \$200,000-plus in renovation and study costs to repair the damage caused by foundation failure, Big Spring Independent School District trustees learned Thursday.

Steve Frase of Rimkus Consulting Group presented a plan of repair work for the junior high to trustees that includes attempting to reduce the weight of the building by replacing parts of the structure with lighter material.

Work will concentrate mostly on the southeast corner, where the damage was heaviest, Frase said. Plans include leveling the girls' dressing room and replacing the south wall and part of the roof with

Because of the stability of the building for two years, Rimkus Consulting Group does not foresee any more compaction grouting. It was cautioned, however, that they do not know how the building will react if the area receives higher than normal rainfall.

lighter material.

Although not damaged by the movement, Frase also recommended replacing the east wall with lighter material. Since the wall is not a weight-

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ALMOST READY



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Festival of Lights committee members Bobby McDonald and Pat Simmons prepare for the big event, stringing lights along Whipkey Drive Thursday. This year's festival will feature nearly 500,000 individual lights and many new displays and attractions.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Laurence Haggard Snively



Laurence Haggard Snively, 90, of New Braunfels, formerly of Big Spring, died peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, in New Braunfels.

He was born on Jan. 1, 1912, to Paul and Dora Snively in Colorado City, growing up there until leaving for college.

His wife, Molly Reed; his parents; his brother, Robert Clark Snively; and his nephew, Robert Willbanks, preceded Laurence in death.

Laurence was a graduate of John Tarleton Junior College. He then attended Texas Tech in Lubbock where he received a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in music. Laurence was an accomplished coronet player. Following Texas Tech, he attended the University of Colorado where he received a doctorate in psychology and taught for a year before entering military service.

During World War II, Laurence served in the Navy and was stationed in the Pacific Theater. He was a communication security officer on the staff of Adm. Chester Nimitz, a position he retained until the end of the war. Laurence's military service was an important period of his life, providing him with many interesting stories from that time. Following the war, he left active service but remained in the Naval Reserve until retirement.

Following the war, Laurence moved to Pennsylvania where he became the Dean at Mansfield State College. It was in Pennsylvania that he met and married Molly Reed. Laurence and Molly both worked at Mansfield State College until their retirement. While dean, he was a student counselor doing extensive work in educational aptitude and psychological testing and maintained a small private practice.

Traveling was an important part of his life while he was teaching and married to Molly. During their time together they traveled extensively in the United States and Europe during all seasons and also traveled to the Middle East, Africa, Asia, the Pacific and South America.

Following the death of Molly in 1977, Laurence returned to Texas and settled in Big Spring where he began a second career. He was on the staff of the Big Spring Veterans Hospital, serving as the chief psychologist for 10 years. Laurence was an active member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ where he taught the Men's Bible Class. He was a dedicated 50-year member of the Lions Club and visited many chapters during his travels here and abroad, creating a large collection of chapter pins. He also served on the board of the Haven House, was president of Retired Teachers and was an active member of the Prospectors Club where he spent many hours working with the members looking for and cutting stones.

Laurence leaves a legacy of kindness, honesty, generosity, humor and loyalty. He will be greatly missed by his sisters, Dora Paul Willbanks and husband, Maberry, of Big Spring and Anna Don Hardison of Houston. Laurence is also survived by nieces, Rhonda Ester and husband, Michael, of New Braunfels and Ann Dashiell of Houston; nephews, Paul Snively and wife, Peggy, of Clyde and Bill Hardison and wife, Linda, of Austin; five great-nieces and one great-nephew.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Mr. Rick Cunningham, minister of the 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Colorado City Cemetery in Colorado City.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Haven House, 2204 Runnels, Big Spring 79720; the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P. O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or the charity of your choice. We will miss you Laurence.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwlch.com
Paid obituary

Marciala T. Luevanos



Marciala T. Luevanos, 89, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, in a Conway, Ark., hospital.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at the Iglesia Bautista La Fe with the Rev. Guadalupe Carranza, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on June 13, 1913, in Saltillo, Mexico, and married Rafael Luevanos Sr. on Oct. 15, 1950, in Mercedes.

She was employed by a fruit packing company in Mercedes for more than 20 years and moved to Big Spring in 1955. She was a member of Iglesia Bautista La Fe and a member of the women's organization at the church.

Survivors include her husband, Rafael Luevanos Sr. of Big Spring; three sons, Juan Solis of Big Spring, Rafael Luevanos Jr. of Arlington and Noe Luevanos of California; two daughters, Mary Weeks of Conway, Ark., and Ruth Soto of Big Spring; a brother, Felipe Tovar of Smithville; 15 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and a grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association Inc., Texas Affiliate Inc., Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock 79424.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwlch.com

Y.B. Hodnett



Funeral service for Y.B. Hodnett, 75, of Big Spring will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Hodnett died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1927, in the Vealmoor Community, the son of Archie B. and Ada Mae Motley Hodnett.

He married Marilyn Martin on Nov. 13, 1954, and she preceded him in death. He later married Sue Jones.

He was a lifelong resident of Howard County, save for two years of military service in Europe with the U.S. Army. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and had worked for the U.S. Postal Service. He had also farmed in Howard County and was a longtime member and trustee of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 3188.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Hodnett of Big Spring; three daughters, Suzanne Huitt of Big Spring, Sharon Childs of Odessa and Patricia Hall of Wylie; two sons, Dewey Dwayne Hodnett of Big Spring and Michael Hodnett of College Station; two step-daughters, Anita McNelly of Moore, Okla., and Kathy Tolle of Euleus; three sisters, Anna Mae Hyden of Big Spring, Juanita Smith of Midland and Marie Gillihan of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Leslie B. McNeese

Leslie B. McNeese, 78, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

He was born on Nov. 26, 1924, in Williamson County and married Bonnie Burk on April 6, 1946, in Round Rock.

Mr. McNeese spent 37 years as a tile contractor, retiring in 1994. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church and was a veteran of the United States Navy serving in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie McNeese of Big Spring; his son, Mitchell McNeese of Lubbock; his daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Gary Stallings of Tularosa, N.M.; his grandson and wife, Kneel and Linda Kaye Stallings of Big Spring; and his great granddaughter, Saige Stallings of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Elizabeth McNeese, and one brother, Col. Frank James McNeese.

Pallbearers will be Pete Sanderson, Chap Coker, A. A. Cooper, Wade Shanks, Raymond Stallings and Ray Davidson.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwlch.com
Paid obituary

Barbara LaNelle Robertson

Barbara LaNelle Robertson, 63, of Coahoma, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at her residence.

Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Cash Five drawing Thursday night:
22-24-32-35-37

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon:
1-0-0

...
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night:
9-0-5

EMS

Here is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department and EMS calls for Thursday:

AMBULANCE CALLS
7:37 p.m. — 1600 block of E. Highway 350, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:30 p.m. — 1100 block of the Lamesa Highway, traffic accident, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, one patient refused service.

Support groups

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month. Birthday meeting at 8 p.m.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

FRIDAY

AMBUUS, Brandin Iron Inn, noon.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, country and western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite Club, Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster, 7:30 a.m. Breakfast served.

Free eye glasses, Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third, 9 a.m. to noon.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, open for tours from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Eagles Lodge, dance, 8:30 p.m., 703 W. Third. Members and their guests are welcome.

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Thursday until 8 a.m. today:

• ASSAULT CLASS C was reported at Big Spring High School and at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell Street.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.

• DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported at Big Spring High School.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1100 block of North Lamesa Drive.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2200 block of South Gregg Street, the 600 block of West Fourth Street.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• THEFT was reported:

- In the 400 block of East 15th Street. Items worth \$275 were reported stolen from the home.

- In the 900 block of Highland. Items worth \$13 were reported stolen from the home.

- In the 100 block of Whipkey Drive. Lights belonging to the Festival of Lights worth \$93 were reported stolen.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3600 block of Tingle Street. Somebody reportedly broke the glass on the rear door causing \$50 damage before stealing firearms worth \$450, jewelry worth \$200 and \$100 cash.

Sheriff's report

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

• ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in the 2500 block of South McGregor Road. A possibly rabid animal was reported.

• POSSIBLE CRUELTY TO ANIMALS was reported in the 9800 block of Jay Road.

Do you have a favorite holiday memory? The Herald is seeking stories from our readers about their most memorable Christmases in their own words.

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Rev. Liggett to be honored on 25-year anniversary of ordination into priesthood

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Twenty five years ago, the Rev. James Liggett Jr., rector of St. Mary's Church, was ordained into the Episcopal Church priesthood, accepting a life that can be at times trying but always rewarding.

"Rewarding in the sense that I'm able to share in people's lives and do that in a way that makes clearer the presence of God in our lives," Liggett said.

The call to the priesthood was gradual for the young Borger High School graduate. Liggett wavered in his earlier 20s, torn between a life in academia, a career in law and the life in ministry.

"A sense of being called for ordination was a gradual thing for me and became clear when I was in seminary," he said.

Liggett was holding a graduate teaching fellowship in the University of Houston philosophy department when he received a trial year fellowship to the Episcopal Divinity School.

At the age of 28, Liggett was ordained into the priesthood in 1977.

After serving for many years in the Dioceses of Kansas and Western Kansas, Liggett became the rector of St. Mary's Church in early 1994.

He serves on the board of Episcopal Retirement Homes and as the Commission on Ministry chairman for the Diocese of Northwest Texas. He is responsible for the parish and Diocesan Website, is a member of the Big Spring Rotary Club and

serves on a number of Diocesan and National Church committees and programs.

His wife, Kathleen teaches third grade at Bauer Elementary School and is active in the Junior Master Gardener program, Delta Kappa Gamma and is an active University Interscholastic League swimming official.

The couple's son, Will, a junior at Big Spring High School, is an honor student, an Eagle Scout and member of the swim team.

On Sunday, St. Mary's Church will honor Liggett on the 25-year anniversary of his ordination.

The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the church sanctuary, 10th and Goliad. Deacon Tom Herlocker will preach the morning service and long-time friend of the Liggetts, the Rev. David Krause, chaplain at Texas Tech University, will Celebrate.

Herlocker became a Deacon at Grace Church Winfield, Kan., while Liggett was serving as rector of that Parish.

Following the service, a reception honoring Liggett family will be held in the Parish Hall from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"It is an honor and delight to serve as priest and to serve at St. Mary's in Big Spring," Liggett said. "I think that the opportunity to share in people's lives and the presence of God in their lives is truly a sacred honor and I'm deeply grateful for that."

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UNITED WAY

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great job. She's a great cheerleader. And all the people of Big Spring who worked on the campaign. Everybody came together."

The more money raised during the campaign, the easier it is to divide among the United Way's agencies, Bagwell said.

"It just makes it great because every dollar goes further," she said. "If we can raise \$258,000 this year, if next year we can raise even more, it will just go further."

The skit pitted the Generous U. Donors, starring football players Liz Lowery, Lisa Brooks, Pam Brewer and Sue Bagwell, and Coach Mike "Rich" Ritchey, against the Tightwad U. Misers, starring players Chuck Bagwell and Scott Nelson and Coach John "Penny Pincher" Scott.

Big Spring High School cheerleaders Timmi Blackshear, Krystal DeLeon, Carli Wise, Stormie Huff and Kristine Vassar were on hand to cheer the Donors on.

ABUNDEZ

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District, and Norma, a senior in high school; and sons John, a high school sophomore, and Emanuel, a sixth grade student.

Before becoming the assistant principal for Veterans Memorial High School, Abundez served as administrative assistant for business operations and as personnel specialist for Mission CISD.

He served as high school principal for the school districts of Fabens, Sonora and Presidio. He was a teacher, coach and assistant principal for Hart Independent School District and a teacher and coach for Pecos, Barstow and Toyah Independent School District.

After graduating from BSHS, Abundez earned

his associate's degree from Howard College, his bachelor of science from Angelo State and his master of education in school administration from Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

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bearing wall, trustee and local architect Phil Furquerson requested the company to look at the possibility of not replacing the wall.

When compaction grouting was performed two years ago, the company raised the roof to take the pressure off the walls. Rimkus hopes to make that permanent, Frase said.

The cost for repair is estimated at about \$200,000 but does not include other items such as damage to plumbing, which is estimated at a little more than \$18,000; study of deterioration of the ceiling pipes, \$1,500; and damage to the kitchen plumbing, which could be, at a worst case scenario \$26,000, to a best case scenario of \$8,000 to \$9,000, Frase said.

Frase added that because of the stability of the building for two years, the company does not foresee any more compaction grouting. He cautioned, however, that they do not know how the building will react if the area receives higher than normal rainfall.

Trustees approved a recommendation by Frase for more soil testing by Bryant Consultants before any major repair

work begins and amended the budget to reflect \$26,000 in cost as well as to reflect the \$1.5 million expected from a settlement in the lawsuit filed over the junior high school foundation problems.

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speaking," he said. "What we're hoping to do is give us a four-day break here and hopefully the sick kiddoes will have time to recover and we can let everybody go home and not be congregated in areas close together where they spread the problem."

Kingston said the district will monitor the situation Tuesday.

"We'll see how things go Tuesday," he said. "We hope that we can make the Christmas holidays. We're doing final exams the last part of next week and then we'll have an early out related to final exams on Thursday and Friday of next week."

The days may not have to be made up, the superintendent said.

"My understanding from talking with (Texas Education Agency) personnel was that we can request a waiver not to have to make those days up," he said. "That would have to be subject to approval from TEA."

Similar problems have been seen over the past few weeks in Tyler and other east Texas communities.

Kingston said he's been in touch with the Texas Department of Health

offices in Big Spring and Midland about the problem.

"They're holding a flu shot clinic today here at the school building," he said. "Even though we're closed, we'll have an opportunity for people to come here and get those shots if they so desire, to kind of head off any further problems, perhaps."

The flu shots were being given from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. today in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria.

Other area school districts including Big Spring, Stanton, Forsan, Grady, Garden City and Sands, reported a few flu cases but nowhere near the proportions Coahoma is experiencing. None report any plans for closure due to illness in the near future.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• **PARADE PARTICIPANTS!** All of those who participated in the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade and the Forsan Boomtown Parade.

• **TOMMY YATER**, former Howard College student who was hired as the new Cooperative Extension agent for agriculture in Howard County.

• **The HOWARD COLLEGE HAWKS**, who go into the holiday break 14-0 and ranked No. 10 in the NJCAA.

• **CARMEN BROOKS**, presented a lifetime achievement award by the American Hearth Association.

• **PAUL E. ABUNDEZ**, named Big Spring Junior High assistant principal.

• **TANDI STOCKTON**, Goliad Intermediate School sixth grade instructor, named Teacher of the Week.

• **RICHARD GIBSON**, Grady schools principal, on being selected Principal of the Week.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

December 31 has become for millions of us the most exciting day of the year. For 16 years we have participated in the Concert of Prayer, synchronized for noon, Greenwich Time, which for people in the Central Standard Time Zone that is 6 am.

Imagine an hour when other human beings are concentrating with you on spiritual healing for our world. There is a simultaneous opening up of our hearts and minds to "peace on Earth, goodwill toward all." Some gather in groups with prayer partners; others spend the time alone.

This awesome opportunity awaits us on the day before the New year begins. The prayer of faith heals.

NANCY PATRICK
BIG SPRING

To the Editor:
This morning on T.V.'s

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May your inspiration, Lord, absorb our anger and give us gentle voice.

Amen

How my mother managed Christmas

She worked extra hard this time each year, running a quick brush through wavy, black hair, donning her practical all-weather coat and braving the cold and the crowds at a nearby shopping center. She bought on a budget.

I never thought much about it back then, of course, but Mother always managed to find exactly what her four children asked for at Christmas, within reason. She found the pellet gun, the Invisible Horse, the hot-pink, corduroy, bell-bottom britches, the Barbie board game, the birthstone ring. And having found the specified treasures, she then found a way to buy them.

She was a homemaker when homemaking required some finesse. Nobody much had discretionary income; they had Christmas club accounts or cookie jar stashes. Nobody shopped by catalog, unless it was the Sears Roebuck.

Children didn't get gifts every day of the year the way they seem to now;

they waited till Christmas. A child's Christmas list had incredible weight, importance. Mother knew that.

Our house at Christmas was a wonderland of handmade candles, homespun decorations and the holiday literary classics. She read us "The Birds' Christmas Carol" each year until we became preteen know-it-alls and sniffed at its sentimentality. She read us "The Little Match Girl" and "Heidi." The Swiss Alps were as real to us as Alabama asphalt.

Mother was bent on adding a dimension to our rather ordinary, middle-class lives, sharing sensibilities not everyone is privileged to enjoy. She handed us our love of words and beauty the way today's kids get handed car keys when they turn 16.

We burned electric candles with Hawaiian-blue bulbs in the windows of our small suburban house. Angel hair topped the piano, where the Stephen Foster songbook and Broadman Hymnal stayed side by side on the music stand. The ceramic Santa in his bright green chair my Uncle Lester brought from Miami sat in the same spot each year. Every room in the house, including the bathroom, had some touch of red

and green.

Mother made hot spice tea and date nut balls. She made a dark fruitcake and a white one. She made Santa's Helpers and pink meringues and ambrosia to die for. For weeks before Christmas, the kitchen stayed under a cloud of confectioner's sugar.

She sometimes got bogged down in the details or blue about flawed execution, but, all in all, she made Christmas wonderful. And she made it look easy.

I thought about my mother's knack for Christmas the other day. I was in a panic, planning for the one get-together I'll produce this year. Time was the enemy.

I paced impatiently in the hardware store as a clerk took down the information for a UPS shipment. I literally ran through the grocery store with a list I scribbled while driving. Back at home, I plowed through my pasture and its bumper crop of briars to clip cedar branches for the porch.

By nightfall I was exhausted, and the immensity of Christmas didn't seem magical, but threatening, like a hurricane gathering steam just offshore.

We never gave Mother

the credit she deserved at Christmas. That much is certain. Now she is limited by osteoporosis. She doesn't trudge through winter rains to find the right sizes and colors at reasonable prices. She doesn't fill every available inch of tabletop space with holiday knickknacks like she used to. She misses the preparations, the flurry of activity, what the British so aptly call the "run up to Christmas."

Daddy takes her shopping, but she can no longer run from store to store like old times, her list in one hand and her eyes on some elusive prize. She orchestrates a scaled-down Christmas from an electric recliner. Though I protested, she even gave me the Uncle Lester Santa last year.

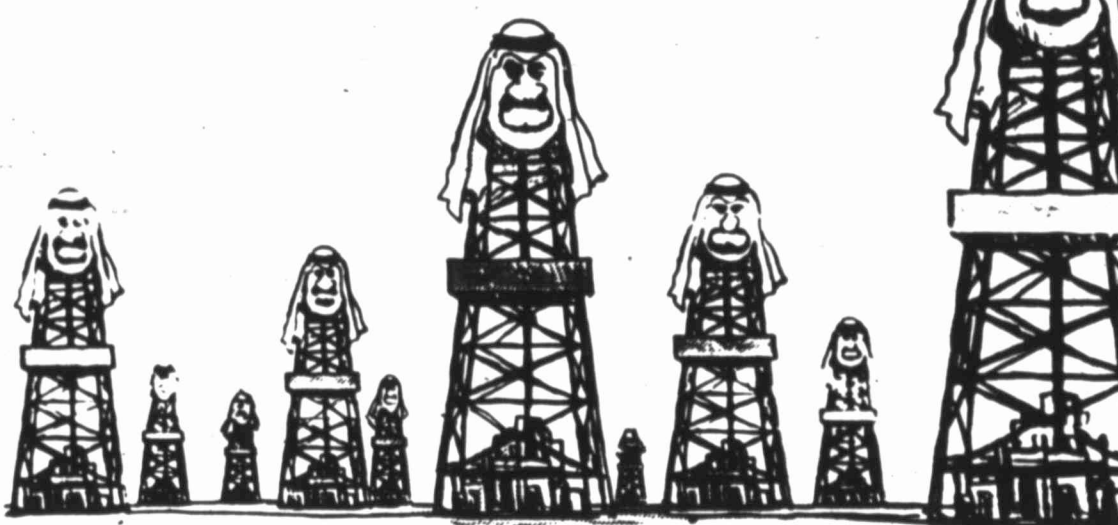
It's not the same. But still Mother has a passion for Christmas, for the season when impossibilities are accomplished with flair. Loss is a part of life, of course, but there are some things that time and even illness cannot rob us of.

She made more than candles in those Foremost milk cartons. She made memories that last when a candle's burned out, when the ones you have taught to love tradition and beauty and stories carry on.

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OUR SAUDI FRIENDS

The public should be warned about saturated fats

Attorneys are suing McDonald's because their meals, high in saturated fat, are ruining customers' health. It is the right complaint, but the wrong venue. Since the days of Prohibition, we have understood - or should have understood - that the government should be wary when it attempts to legislate personal behavior, whether the issue is the use of alcohol, smoking or saturated fat.

Excesses, such as driving under the influence of alcohol, must certainly be regulated. But how can the government regulate the consumption of saturated fat? And a lawsuit that is successful in penalizing companies for making foods high in saturated fat has the effect of law. There is a better way.

The surgeon general issued a warning that cigarette smoking could

be hazardous to your health, and it is prominently placed on all cigarette cartons and packages. Public service ads are frequently run on television warning about the evils of tobacco, and laws are multiplying across the country that ban smoking in enclosed public areas. The idea of excluding tobacco use in certain areas is proper government regulation. The prohibition of tobacco use would not be.

Saturated fats, like tobacco, cause serious health problems, most notably in the clogging of arteries, better known as heart disease. One study conducted on the American soldiers who died during the Korean War showed that many of the men had partially blocked arteries before they were even out of their teens, a scientific commentary on the notoriously poor American diet. It is a diet that has improved, but mostly because the public has engaged in extensive self-education about food products, and because healthy eating is adequately taught in schools or is promoted by gov-

ernment programs. One reason for this is that 65 used to be considered the beginning of old age. This is no longer the case, and people have become more aware that this is a result of better diets.

Most food products are labeled, indicating the number of grams of saturated fat in one serving, but the public has never been officially warned about the problem. There are no warning labels about saturated fat on food products - another proper use of government activity - and there are no public service commercials on television concerning the problem. So it does little good to label packages in the absence of a program to educate the public.

Dr. Dean Ornish, the famous heart-patient guru, has been waging a campaign to provide such education, but his is one lone voice, unsupported by the surgeon general or any other government organization. He claims - and we can attest - that his regimen of foods low in saturated fat can actually reverse heart disease.

He is aided in his crusade by companies such as Subway, which advertises its sandwiches as being low in saturated fat. It even goes so far as to post comparisons with McDonald's in its restaurants.

In the end, it is better to legislate sparingly and educate profusely. Life is a matter of choices, and every citizen should be properly educated so he or she can make informed decisions. And when people make informed choices, there is little room for attorneys to claim fault with the cigarette makers, the alcohol companies and the food companies that produce products high in saturated fat.

Prediction: The surgeon general will eventually acknowledge the health risks posed by saturated fats and commence a campaign to warn the public accordingly. Food products high in saturated fat will bear warning labels similar to those contained on cigarette packages. Television commercials will regularly expose the threat saturated fat poses to public health.

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CHURCH NEWS

First United Methodist Church

Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "Christmas: Why?" for Sunday at First United Methodist Church. The sermon is based on the scripture text from Matthew 1:18-25. This Sunday will also feature the Hanging of the Christmoms.

This third Sunday in Advent features the March to the Manger, a special offering for the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, the Methodist Mission Home in San Antonio and the local Salvation Army. Worship services are at

8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday School classes are available for all age from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday at 6 p.m., the Children's Choir will present "Something's Up Down in Bethlehem." Following the program, the Youth will sell deserts in Garrett Hall.

Also on that Sunday, following the program and desert at 7:30 p.m., the church will hold the annual Charge Conference in Garrett Hall.

Everyone is invited to go Christmas caroling on Saturday. Carolers will leave from Garrett Hall at 3 p.m.

The Youth still have a limited number of special First United Methodist Church Christmas ornaments for \$10. The ornament is black with the

church logo and name in black on the ornament.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated only at 10:30 a.m. The service will be a celebration of the 15th anniversary of Father Liggett's ordination to the priesthood.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The Adult Sunday School class will be looking at the Christmas story in the

New Testament.

Please join us in expressing our gratitude for Father Liggett's years of ministry and service to the Episcopal Church, St. Mary's and the Diocese of Northwest Texas. A reception is his honor will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish

hall Sunday. Everyone is invited.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at

www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Friends of Unity

The 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon study group will be discussing "Spiritual Gifts," using the study guide "Lessons In Truth" by Emilie Cady.

During the month of

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Courtesy photo
The LWML group from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Big Spring, composed of fifth- and sixth-grade youth, participated in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box campaign this year. Donations totaled \$1,380 for the purchase of items. All totaled, the group sent 126 boxes.

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6 a.m. as their time.

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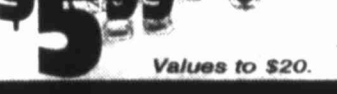
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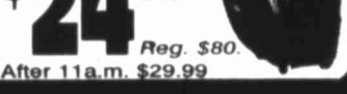
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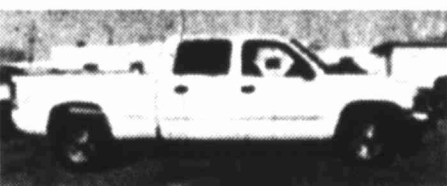
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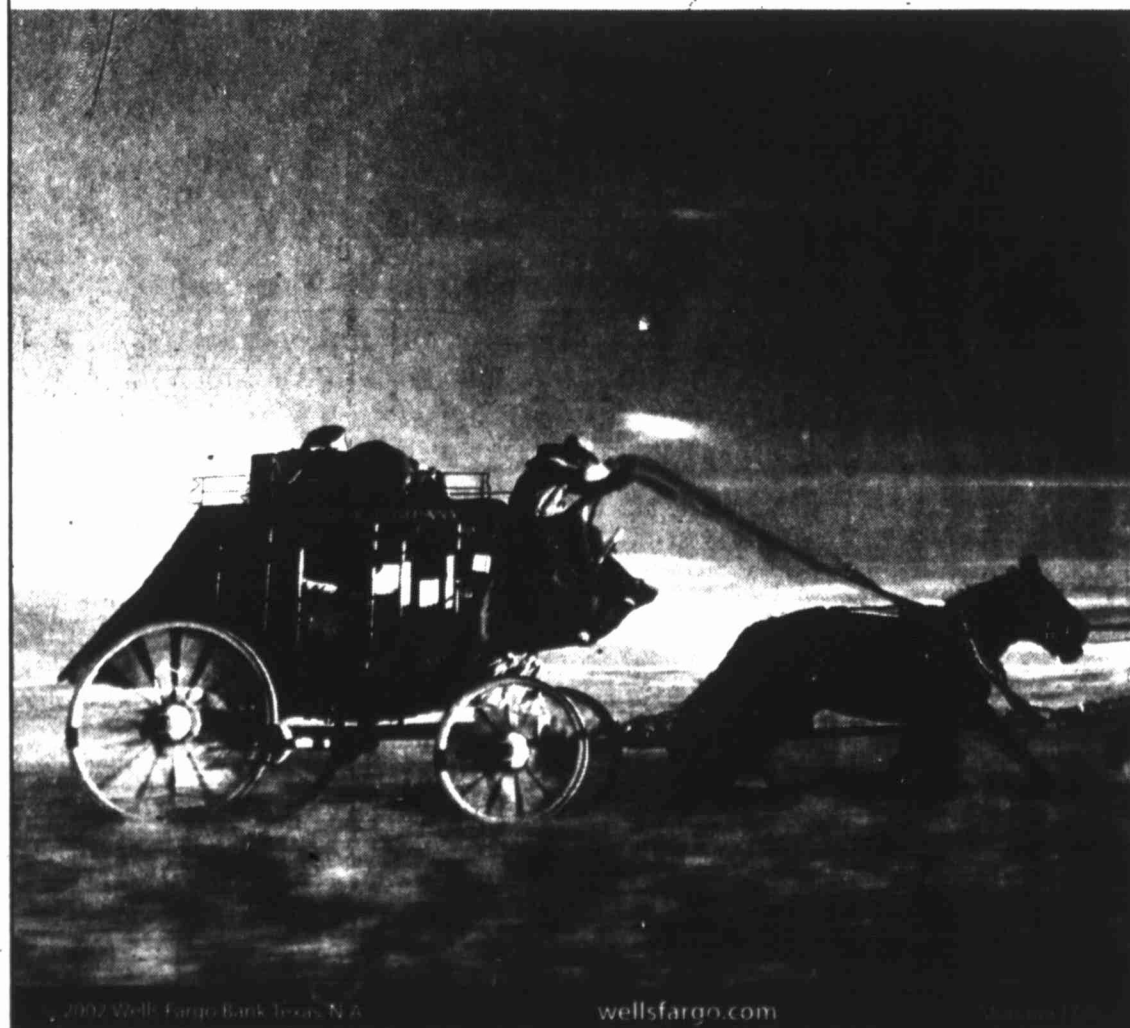
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NEWSCapt. Elisha Mack
Chapter DAR

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of DAR met Nov. 9 at the Big Spring Country Club with 15 members and two guests, Larry and Rebecca Smith, present. Hostesses were Charlene Ragan and Dottie Britton.

Speaker Cheryl Shultz, Big Spring's own "Flag Lady," presented a flag retirement ceremony. Members assisted in the steps to properly dispose of a worn flag. The very educational and moving program made the members realize how little the

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N. Main, has Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday service at 11 a.m. Please come worship with us as we present our Christmas Program. The youth and youth leaders will be in charge, but all of us will participate.

For any who would like to participate, especially the children, please come to our rehearsal at 2 p.m. Saturday. Hope to see you then.

Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

Baptist Temple

Baptist Temple Church would like to extend an invitation to the community at attend the presentation of the worship musical for Christmas, "Christmas, Sing Noel."

This musical celebration of our Lord's coming will be presented by the adult choir during the morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Dean Thomas will be the narrator for this cantata and featured soloists will be Dondi Doss and Linda Phillippe. Our choir is directed by Dwayne Clawson.

Following the cantata, we invite you to stay for our Christmas dinner served in the fellowship hall. Please come early and attend Bible study with us at 9:30 a.m. We have a class for every age and a nursery for the little ones. For more information, please call 267-8287.

Baptist Temple is located at 400 East 11th Place, the corner of 11th and Goliad. Baptist Temple

average American knows about flag etiquette.

VAVS Deputy Representative Sue Ann Damron reported that the chapter had been given 100 raffle tickets to sell in support of the Veterans' Recreational Fund and that the chapter would once again be serving refreshments at the Veteran's Day program at the VA Medical Center. Regent Sherri Key collected donations from the members to purchase slipper socks for every patient at the VA, which will be part of the Christmas ditty bags the chapter will distribute at the annual VA Christmas party.

Lora Mae Pollard brought the books purchased a memorials: NC

Church is in the heart of Big Spring with Big Spring on our hearts.

First Presbyterian
Church

The annual Red Dress Tea was held by the Presbyterian Women on Dec. 9. At that time, Patti Horton and Nancy Little were presented an honorary Life Member of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in gratitude for their faithful service to the church.

The title for the sermon Sunday is "Advent-Preparing Now." David Marx, interim minister, will be the speaker. Worship service is held at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and "Take Ten" is at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor.

Other opportunities for the week include the Symphony Guild Open House on Sunday afternoon at 3. Mike Mitchell, church organist, and the choir will have a part in the program. The Children's Christmas pageant is set for Dec. 18. Also on the same day at noon, a sack lunch Bible Study will be conducted by Jack Harrison, retired Presbyterian minister. This week's session is entitled, "The Birth Stories: Did Jesus come as Messiah or Savior?"

Please join us for any or all of these activities. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth Streets.

Taxpayers, 1701-1786 in memory of Frank Jacobs; The Mecklenburg Signers and Their Neighbors in memory of Jack Alexander; and, Places Near the Mountains in memory of Betty Addy.

Regent Sherri Key announced that our chapter will receive a Stephen F. Austin tree, which is "descended" from three live oaks at the home where Stephen F. Austin died in 1836. It is hoped that one of these trees will eventually be planted in a public place in every county in Texas.

Anne Witherspoon was elected the chapter's Outstanding Junior for 2002.

Members signed Christmas cards, which will be sent to the men and women serving aboard the aircraft carrier

USS John C. Stennis as part of the DAR's "Project Patriot."

The next meeting will be a Christmas party at 2 pm on Dec. 14.

Coahoma
Lions Club

The Coahoma Lions Club will be hosting "Christmas in the Park" on Monday at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Community Center.

Everyone is invited to come hear the Coahoma Choir students sing Christmas carols.

There will be hot chocolate and cookies and Santa Claus will pay a visit.

This annual event is meant to promote the spirit of love and community during this season of giving. The Coahoma Lions Club wishes every-

one a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year.

1955 Hyperion Club

The 1955 Hyperion Club met on Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the home of Kay Zant. Ruby Mize and Diane Murphy served as co-hostesses.

The members participated in a gift exchange and also donated to the "Angel" fund.

TOPSTX-21

Sixteen people weighed in on Monday when TOPS NO. 21 met in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 West Third.

Mike Myers opened the meeting with prayer followed by both the TOPS and KOPS pledges. The group then joined in singing the enthusiasm and fellowship songs.

Genay Bertran called

the roll and 12 TOPS, three KOPS weighed in and answered with their loss or gain. Hughetta Roberts was the TOPS best loser and Lynne Criswell was the best loser of the KOPS. Each one received the weekly award and certificate.

Ni Yin was welcomed as a new member of the club.

Genay Bertran gave a reading entitled, "Just Another Day" and Carol Smith read a chuckle "Out of the Mouths of Babies."

Gladys Russell read the minutes.

Carol Smith gave the program entitled, "Diabetes-Day by Day-A Guide to Eating Out."

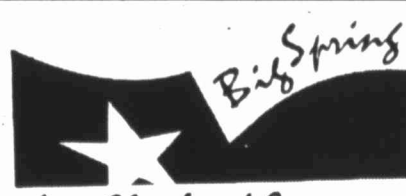
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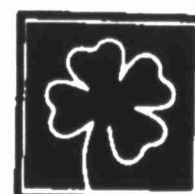
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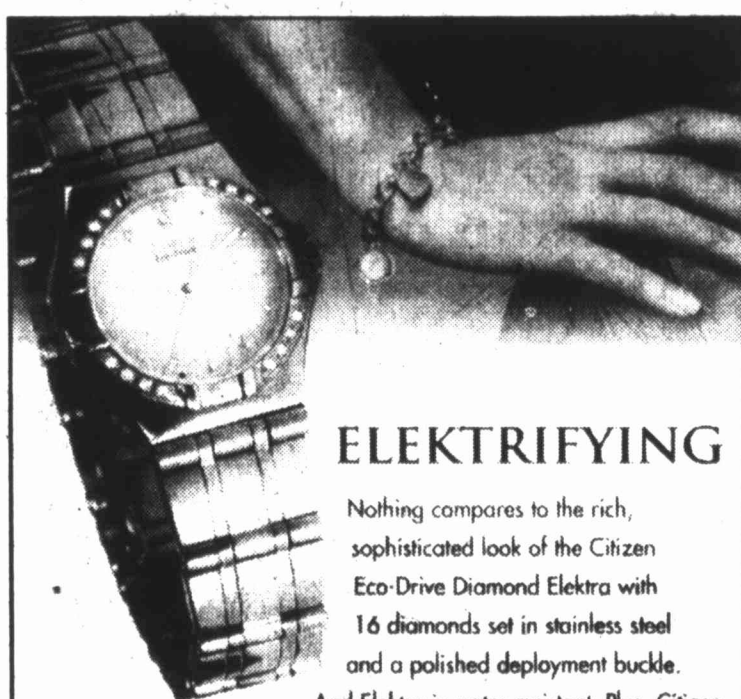
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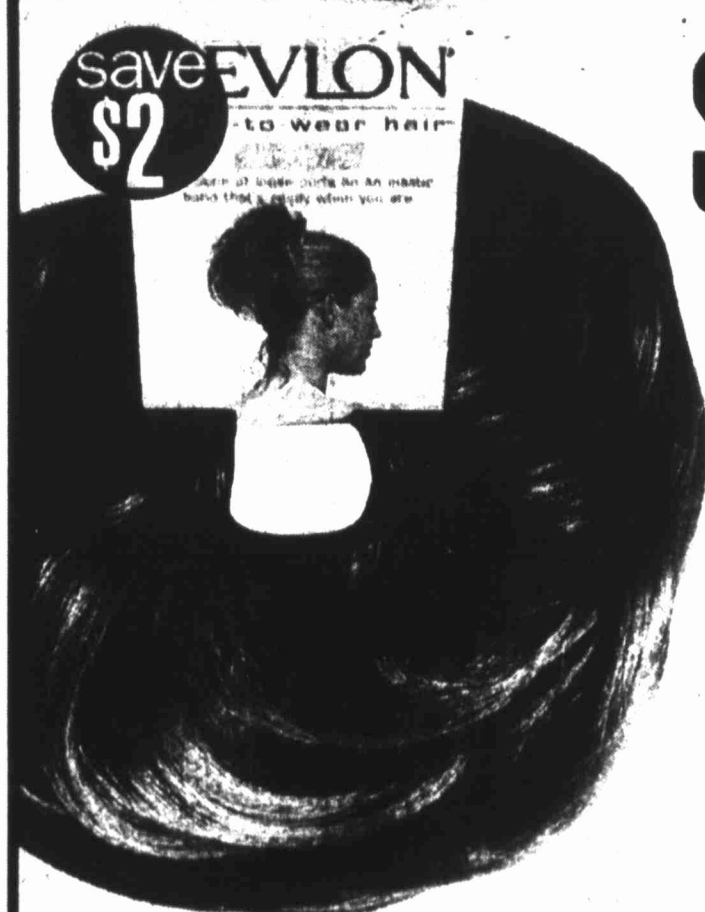
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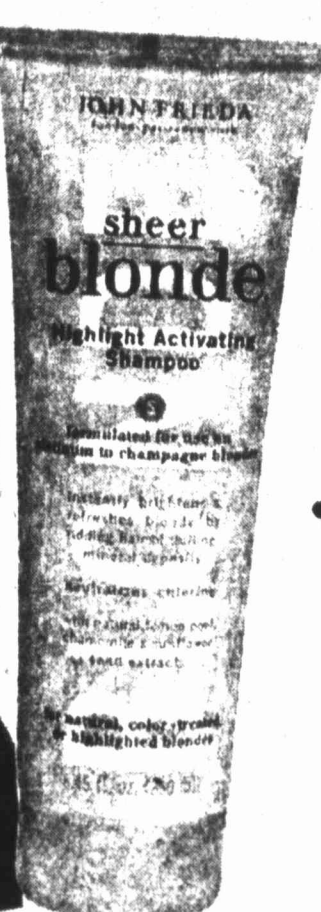
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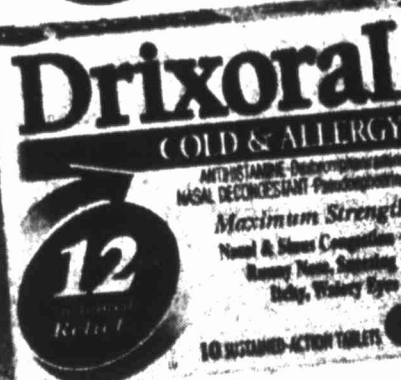
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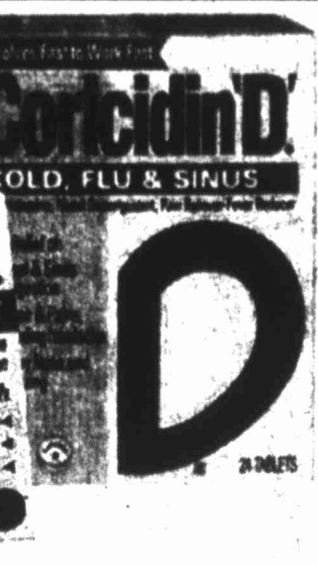
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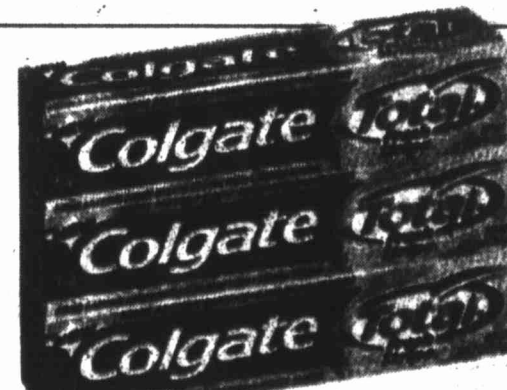
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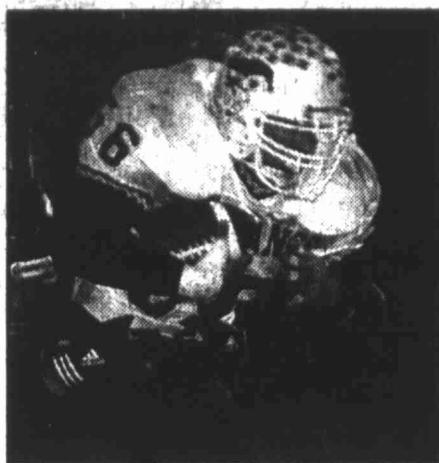
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Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Heath Webb was named the District 5 Defensive MVP for 2002.

Sands dominated all-district selections

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

STANTON — The Sands Mustangs dominated almost every team they faced this season en route to earning the schools' third-ever berth in the state semifinals.

They continued to grab the limelight this week when they landed five starters, quarterback Jeremy Renteria and line-backer Heath Webb, on both sides of the ball on the District

5 Six-Man All-District squad.

Renteria topped the district's first-team offense, earning the MVP honors for his efforts. This season, Renteria keyed a potent Mustang offense that averaged nearly 400 yards a game by throwing for more than 1,700 yards and 33 touchdowns.

With Renteria under center, Sands posted a 12-2 mark this season and advanced to within one game of the six-man state finals.

Webbs, who was also a first-team selection at running back, led the District 5 defensive picks. He was the district's Defensive MVP after racking up more than 100 tackles this year.

Joining Renteria on the first-team offense was running back Nate Looney and Borden Co. standout T.J. Sharp. Looney gained nearly 1,800 yards this year and scored 21 rushing touchdowns. Sharp led the

Coyotes to their first playoff appearance since 2000.

Sharp was also the first-team kicker.

Sands senior Catlin Barraza anchors the first-team line at center. Junior Brandon Woods, the district's top receiver this past fall, made the squad as an end.

Joining Woods on the line were Borden Co.'s Kyle Pinkerton and Grady's T.

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BS girls win; boys stumble in hoop play

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Leina Braxton and the Big Spring Lady Steers continued to blaze their way through West Texas Thursday night with a solid performance in the first round of the Sandhills Invitational Basketball Tournament in Monahans.

Big Spring, fresh off a 53-41 win over Midland Greenwood, advanced to the second round of the winner's bracket with a 70-27 win over San Elizario.

With the win, the Lady Steers move into a showdown with Seminole in the tournament semifinals.

The Big Spring Steers weren't as fortunate. The BSHS squad suffered a pair of tough losses in the first day of the Merkel Invitational Tournament.

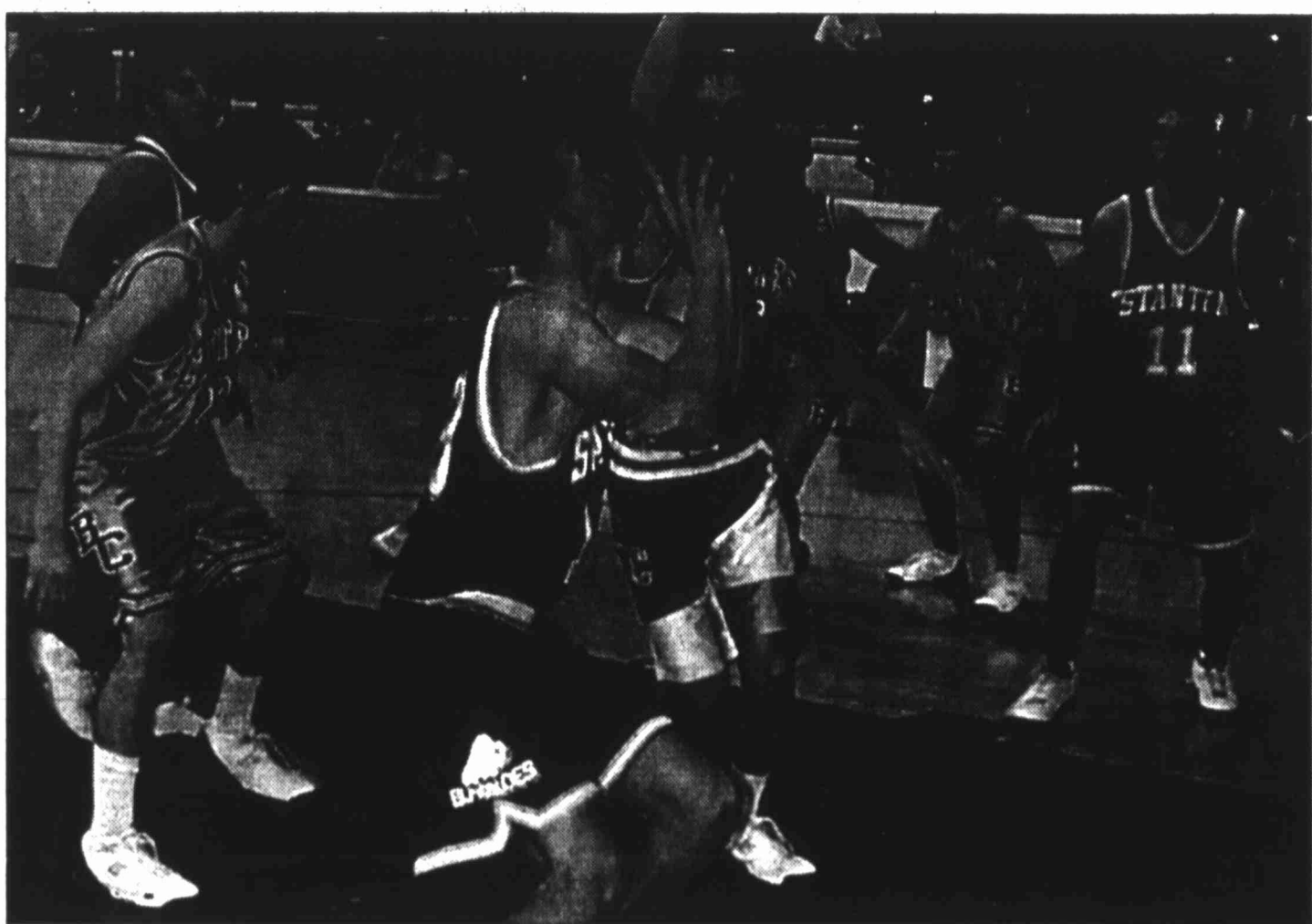
Big Spring opened the day with a loss to Canyon High School. From there, they suffered a setback to Merkel.

The loss to Merkel was the Steers' third defeat at the hands of the Badgers this season.

Big Spring as scheduled to face either Sweetwater or Hereford in the third round of the tournament

Local chapter needs new officials
The local officiating chapter is looking for individuals interested in serving as referees for area basketball games this season.

For more information contact Adam Rodriguez after 4 p.m. at 263-8731 or contact Mandy Rodriguez during regular business hours at 264-4135.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Stanton's Jacob Haislip prepares to shoot over Borden County's Shane Tarleton during the fourth quarter Thursday afternoon. Borden Co. claimed a 37-28 win over the Buffaloes in the first round of the Hooptown Classic.

Borden Co. survives Buffs' late run in Hooptown opener

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

STANTON — It was anything but a work of art, but Borden Co. coach Danny James doesn't mind. His team wasn't trying to win a beauty pageant.

Borden Co. Coyotes took advantage of 11 turnovers in the first 24 minutes and eked out a tough 37-28 win over the Stanton Buffaloes in the first round of the annual Hooptown Classic Thursday afternoon.

The Buffaloes were their own worst enemy throughout the first three quarters. Stanton shot less than 40 percent from the floor in the first three quarters, hitting just six shots.

That cold-shooting spree aided the Coyotes, who also got off to a slow start offensively. Borden Co., crippled by seven first-quarter turnovers, scored just eight points in the initial frame.

Luis Chapa gave Stanton the upper hand early. He staked the Buffaloes to a quick 2-0 lead by pushing back an offensive rebound just 15 seconds into the contest.

Nearly four minutes later, Tullie Louder sank a 6-footer in the paint to give Stanton a 4-1 cushion.

Unfortunately for the large home crowd in the



Flu forces Coahoma teams to withdraw

The Coahoma Bulldogs found a foe it couldn't hold its own against Thursday — influenza.

The Coahoma boys and girls were forced to withdraw from the Hooptown Classic Thursday due to a flu epidemic that forced approximately 180 students to miss class.

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Buffalo Gym, that turned out to be all the offense Stanton could muster in the opening eight minutes. The Coyotes got hot in the final 70 seconds of the frame. Talin Pepper sparked a 7-0 run in the final 1:06 of the first by knocking down a 3-pointer from

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Lady Buffs, BC keep Hooptown hopes alive

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

STANTON — The Stanton Lady Buffaloes went into the Hooptown Classic on a mission. They wanted desperately to prove their 11-1 record is no fluke ... and to further cement their legacy as the most dominant squad ever to participate in the event.

Consider both missions accomplished.

Stanton, behind the play of 5-foot-11 senior Heather Washington, took their first step toward a fifth Hooptown championship Thursday by dismantling the Robert Lee Lady Steers, 50-29, in the first round.

The Lady Buffs put Robert Lee on its heels early with a stifling defensive push. Stanton held the Lady Steers to just four points in the first eight minutes.

Offensively, Washington, Kristi Bridges and Ashley Gutierrez helped the Lady Buffaloes reel off 14 points in the first quarter.

Stanton, which had won Hooptown crowns in 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1999, stretched its cushion to 24-8 with a 10-4 run in the second period.

The Lady Buffaloes sealed the affair with a commanding 16-8 spree in the third.

Robert Lee, which had won the last two Hooptown crowns, was led offensively by Krystal Soliz. She pushed in eight points.

Washington led all SHS scorers with 14 points.

Stanton wasn't the only area team moving into the second round of the winner's bracket Thursday.

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FRIDAY NIGHT FORECASTERS

This Week's Games

	Roger Cline	Brandon Halford	Hank Bond	John Moseley	Sam Stephens	Tom Ruiz	Tom Wells
Midland (12-2) vs. Converse Judson (13-1)	Midland	Midland	Judson	Judson	Judson	Judson	Midland
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Katy (12-3) vs. Smithson Valley (13-1)	Smithson Valley	Smithson Valley	Smithson Valley	Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy
New Braunfels vs. Texarkana Texas (13-1)	New Braunfels	Texarkana	Texarkana	Texarkana	Texarkana	Texarkana	Texarkana
Denton Ryan (13-1) vs. Ennis (13-1)	Denton	Denton	Denton	Denton	Denton	Denton	Denton
Brenham (13-1) vs. Gregory-Portland (13-1)	Brenham	Gregory-Portland	Gregory-Portland	Gregory-Portland	Gregory-Portland	Gregory-Portland	Gregory-Portland
Everman (13-1) vs. Burnet (14-0)	Burnet	Burnet	Burnet	Everman	Everman	Everman	Burnet
Greenwood (14-0) vs. Daingerfield (12-2)	Greenwood	Greenwood	Greenwood	Daingerfield	Greenwood	Daingerfield	Greenwood
Belville (13-1) vs. Bandera (11-3)	Belville	Belville	Belville	Belville	Belville	Belville	Belville
Bangs (14-1) vs. Corrigan-Campden (13-1)	Bangs	Bangs	Bangs	Bangs	Bangs	Bangs	Bangs
Cisco (14-0) vs. Winters (12-2)	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco
Rosebud-Lott (13-1) vs. Rogers (13-1)	Rosebud-Lott	Rosebud-Lott	Rogers	Rogers	Petrolia	Rogers	Rogers
Anton (12-2) vs. Petrolia (13-2)	Anton	Petrolia	Anton	Celeste	Celeste	Celeste	Celeste
West Sabine (12-1) vs. Celeste (12-2)	West Sabine	West Sabine	West Sabine	Sanderson	Calvert	Sanderson	Sanderson
Calvert (14-0) vs. Sanderson (14-0)	Sanderson	Sanderson	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta
Seattle at Atlanta	Oakland	Oakland	Miami	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Miami
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Baltimore at Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore
San Diego at Buffalo	Buffalo	San Diego	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo
Carolina at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Minnesota at New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans
Washington at Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Jacksonville at Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Jacksonville	Cincinnati	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Cincinnati
Indianapolis at Cleveland	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Cleveland	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis
Kansas City at Denver	Denver	Denver	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Denver
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Quarterback Club to meet

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet Monday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. in the ATC meeting room.

The meeting is being held to plan the events and activities for the annual football banquet, which is slated for Jan. 23.

All parents are invited to attend and help plan the banquet, which will be held to honor the BSHS football players, trainers, cheerleaders and coaches. For more information contact Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Flu postpones Coahoma draft

The Coahoma Youth Basketball sign-up and draft have been canceled due to a flu epidemic.

The draft will be rescheduled for a later date. For more info, call Monica White at 394-4712.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Stanton head coach Kenny Van Curren discusses his team's play during a break in the action at the Hooptown Classic. Stanton suffered a tough loss in its first-round game Thursday.

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The Rangers, who advanced to face Kermit Borden Co. to an 8-4 lead at the start of the second period.

Andy Lozano and T.J. Sharp added to the Coyotes' spree with a layup and a pair of free throws, respectively.

Stanton's offensive woes continued in the second. The Buffaloes, who hit just 2-of-16 shots in the period, managed just six points in the frame and went into the half trailing by a 14-10 clip.

The SHS defense more than its part in the second quarter to keep the Buffs close. The Buffaloes allowed the Coyotes to just one basket in the frame — a shot by Ben Griffin early in the frame that lifted BC to a 10-6 lead.

Four of the Coyotes' six second-quarter points came from the free throw line. Overall they sank 4-of-10 attempts from the charity stripe in the first half — and seven of 14 in the first 16 minutes.

Lozano and Griffin helped Borden Co. shake off its shooting woes in the closing seconds of the third. After scorubng jst twice from the floor in the first 7:18 of the second half, Lozano and Griffin nailed back-to-back 3-pointers in the fonal 42 seconds to key a 12-4 run. Griffin's quarter-ending trey gave Borden Co. a seemingly safe 24-14 lead at the start of the final frame.

The BC lead melted faster than Chocolate in July. Stanton managed to put together its best offensive surge in the game midway through the fourth to pull to within 32-28 with less than three minutes to play.

Stanton, powered by 3-pointers from Joe Castillo, Chris Ramos and Darryl Williams, outscored Borden Co. by a 14-11 margin in the frame.

Pepper finished as the game's top scorer, netting nine points. Sharp finished with right.

Williams led all Stanton scorers with eight points. Castillo and Louder contributed seven and six, respectively.

With the win over Stanton, Borden Co. kept its hopes of winning its first Hooptown title alive. The Coyotes, 8-2 overall, will face Eldorado at 8 p.m. tonight. Stanton fell into a second-round matchup with Sterling City.

In other boys' games:

Greenwood 49, Irion Co. 43

Defending Hooptown champion Midland Greenwood rode a 12-4 run to start the second half to a 49-43 come-from-behind win over the Irion Co. Hornets.

Irion Co., led by the play of senior Josh Jones, had taken a 27-24 lead into the half by outscoring Greenwood by a slim 13-10 clip in the second quarter.

Jones led all ICHS scorers with 21 points.

The Rangers, who advanced to face Kermit Borden Co. to an 8-4 lead at the start of the second period.

Midland Christian 68, Reagan Co. 32

The Midland Christian Mustangs reeled off a 20-6 run in the first quarter and never looked back in route to taking a lop-sided 68-32 win over the Reagan Co. Owls.

Midland Christian outscored Reagan Co. in every quarter.

The Mustangs were led offensively by Zac Schwarz' 19 points. Enrique Guadarrama paced the Owls with 15.

Kermit 56, Colorado City 40

The Kermit Yellowjackets outscored Colorado City by a 44-24 clip in the first three quarters and rolled to an easy 56-40 victory.

With the win, the Yellowjackets advanced into a second-round matchup with defending Hooptown champion Greenwood.

Grape Creek 64, Seagraves 61 OT

Grape Creek held off a furious rally by Seagraves to claim a wild 64-61 win in overtime Thursday afternoon.

Grape Creek dominated the game in the early minutes. They outscored the Eagles by a staggering 20-9 clip in the first quarter.

Seagreyes, behind Russell Davis, rallied back, however. They posted a 52-41 run in the final three periods to knot the score at 61-61 at the end of regulation.

Davis led all Seagraves scorers with 11 points.

Alex Ramos led Grape Creek with 17.

Eldorado 83, Sterling City 61

Eldorado scored 49 points in the second half and flew to an 83-61 win over the Sterling City Eagles.

Sterling City trailed by just one, at 34-33, at the half.

Irion Co. 53, Colorado City 49

The Irion Co. Hornets rebounded from the opening round loss in grand fashion Thursday evening by downing the Colorado City Wolves, 53-49, in the second round of consolation action.

The Hornets outscored Colorado City by an 11-7 clip in the first quarter and then matched the Wolves shot-for-shot down the stretch to nail down the victory.

Joanathan Spear led all CCHS players in scoring with 18.

Blake Fiveash led Irion Co. with 12.

Robert Lee 49, Wink 38

Senior Cooper Riley scored a game-high 16 points and helped lift the Robert Lee Steers past the Wink Wildcats in the first round by a 49-38 margin.

The Steers put the game away early. They outscored Wink by a 30-14 clip in the first two quarters and never looked back.

Zach Hanna and Hil Shackleford each scored eight go the Wildcats.

Rankin 42, Iraan 32

Wade Russom and Tyler McSpadden each pushed in 15 points and powered the Rankin Red Devils to a 42-32 win over the Iraan Braves.

Rankin, which had taken a slim 15-13 lead into the half, closed out the game with a decisive 27-19 run in the second half.

Jacob Graham and Cade Sigmon led the Braves' scoring efforts with seven apiece.

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Loop junior Chris Garza was the district's first-team spreadback. Klondike's Joe Edd Morris and Loop senior Daniel Espinoza were first-team Utility Back selections.

Defensively, Sands Joe Gonzales, Woods and Looney were all first-team selections.

Borden Co. had had five picks defensively, including linemen Raul Rodriguez, Sharp, cornerbacks Talin Pepper, kick returner Derek Rodriguez and punter Brionne Jackson, who was also a second-team pick at quarterback.

Grady, which finished third in the final district standings, had two players earn first-team all-dis-

trict defensive accolades, including Kendall Cook and corner Eric Tunnell. Sands junior Julian Mojica was a second-team all-district kicker. Gonzales was a second-team pick as an offensive end.

Grady sophomore Andrew Villa was a second-team selection at running back, linebacker and punter.

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Borden Co. and Sterling City won their openers.

Sterling City earned its way into the second round by virtue of a 53-31 win over Rankin.

The Lady Eagles, who led by just six at the half, blew the game open in the second half. They outscored the Lady Red Devils by a 30-14 clip in the final 16 minutes.

Rankin, which had 11 points from Kaycie Teague, trailed by a 23-17 margin at the half.

Janell Thomas led all SCHS scorers with 14 points.

With the win, Sterling City advances to meet Alpine at 4:30 p.m. today.

Borden Co. claimed a rough 62-55 win over the Greenwood Rangerettes Thursday afternoon.

The Lady Coyotes were led by Bobbie Kempf and sisters Menda and Ashley James.

Amy Hopper led Greenwood with 16 points.

In other girls' games:

Reagan Co. 48, Kermit 36

Reagan Co. Kassi Meacham scored 18 points and helped carry the Lady Owls to a 48-36 win over the Kermit Lady Yellowjackets in first-round action at the Hooptown Classic.

Reagan Co. did most of its damage in the first half. The Lady Owls forced the Kermit defense for 28 points in the first two quarters.

Kermit was led offensively by Amber Broadway, who notched 18.

Wink 56, Eldorado 38

The Wink Lady Wildcats took their first step toward another top finish Thursday by downing Eldorado, 56-38.

The Lady Wildcats, who finished third overall last year at the tournament, nailed down its win with a strong offensive run in the first half. Wink poured in 37 points in the initial 16 minutes and never looked back.

Ella Fernandez led all WHS scorers with 15 points.

Eldorado's Christina Redish was the game's top offensive point-getter, netting 19.

Kermit 76, Pecos 41

The Kermit Lady Yellowjackets moved into the consolation semifinals Thursday night with a rousing 76-41 win over the Pecos Lady Eagles.

Amber Broadway highlighted Kermit's win by throwing in a game-high 33 points. Her final total was just four points of the Hooptown single-game record set last year by Midland Christian's Hayley White-side.

Stephanie Herrera led Pecos with 16.

Greenwood 86, Presidio 27

The Midland Greenwood Rangerettes bounced back from their first-round loss to the Borden Co. Lady Coyotes with a bang Thursday. The Rangerettes routed Presidio in the second round of consolation action, winning 86-27.

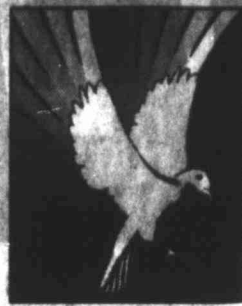
Greenwood reeled off an 18-6 run in the first quarter.

Greenwood's lead grew to 30 at the half. The Rangerettes posted a 28-5 run in the second quarter and took a 41-11 lead into the half.

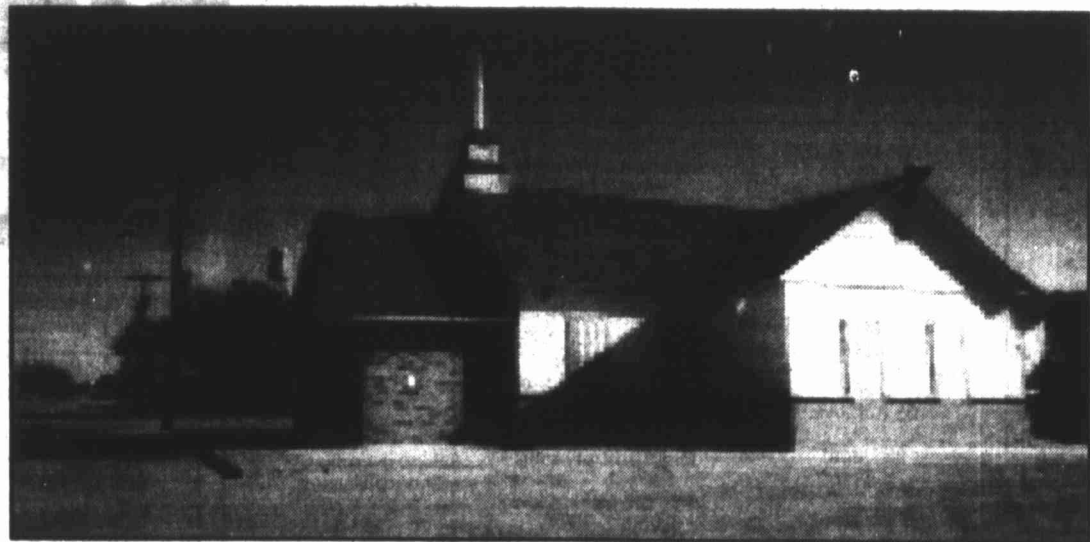
Marlene Spain led Greenwood with 17 points.

Ivet Medrano and Christa Carrasco led Presidio with eight points.

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Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for
Friday, Dec. 13, 2002:

Step back and use your creativity. You will be unusually lucky as long as you follow your natural energy. Your knee-jerk reactions take you down the right path. Viva la impulsiveness! Just be yourself, and you'll watch everything land as you would like it to, especially prior to September 2003. If you are single, you will meet one person after another. In fact, someone quite special or different could enter your life. If you are attached, express your authentic self. Your sweetie finds you especially appealing this year. ARIES makes a great playmate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Everything is coming up roses as you swing into the next few days. Your convivial mood flows into the workplace as well as anywhere your smile goes. Spread mistletoe and happiness around. You can never be too generous with positive vibes. Tonight: Let the party begin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Take your time with decision-making, or postpone any resolution for the next few days. Togetherness builds because of your willingness to let go of a problem. Good news drops on you. Give others the benefit of the doubt, including you. Tonight: Lay back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Where your friends are is where you want to be. Listen to others and check in with your pals. Talk up a storm; keep conversations moving. Let the good times roll. Accept an invitation. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Others look to you for ideas. Take charge with work and clear out as much as possible. The more you do, the better your weekend will be. Touch base with a co-worker or an associate who might have a lot to share. Tonight: Lead the gang out the door.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Your mind roams from one topic to another, but rarely will your thoughts be related to work. Skip out the door early, if you can. Catch up with a loved one early on. Get seats to a Christmas or New Year's concert. Tonight: Find mistletoe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** A partner taps on your

door, full of holiday cheer. Please join him or her as soon as you can. Whether shopping or going to a holiday party, you'll have a good time. Listen to someone's suggestion. It will make life easier. Tonight: Start thinking tree, apple cider and other such seasonal happenings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Others knock on your door. If you can remember a dream from last night, it might be quite significant. Take an extended lunch break or skip lunch and leave early. You'll want plenty of time for holiday errands and gatherings. Tonight: Carefully choose your words in response to a partner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Finances play a significant role in your work decisions. You might not choose to discuss what you're thinking. A boss or a higher-up favors you. You'll see results soon enough. Consider your options more carefully. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You reverse course more easily than many. You could rethink plans or a project because of news. Because of your ability to adjust, assume you'll be in charge here. Touch base with someone at a distance. Tonight: Find your favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Deal with the basics. Ask an associate or partner for more feedback. Together you become quite a team, capable of networking, finding the right holiday gift or anything else that comes your way. Loosen up with others. Tonight: Head on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Your efforts come back in multiples. Keep reaching out. A contrary friend lets you know where he or she is coming from. You might not care, as you're in one of your positive, gregarious periods. Others gather around you. Tonight: Hang with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** A boss does a reversal, which works with your plans. Still, clear out your work. Make a list of what you want to do after you leave work. Stress getting what you need done. You cannot avoid a must appearance. Budget yourself tightly. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

Reader withholds inheritance from brother

Dear Annie: My father suffered a stroke last spring. Dad collected handguns and had several of them in the house. My mother and I thought it would be best to remove the guns to prevent Dad from accidentally hurting himself, so I asked a friend, who has a gun safe, to keep them for us temporarily.

My father passed away two months ago and willed the guns to my 35-year-old brother, "Ted." I asked my friend to provide Ted with the information he needs to register the guns in his name, and told my brother that when he completed the necessary paperwork, I would get the guns for him. Ted refuses to do this and insists that I turn the guns over to him immediately. He says I have no right to keep what was willed to him. I want him to follow the law and register these pieces.

I cannot, in good conscience, give the guns to Ted, knowing he will not bother to do the right thing. I am quite angry with him and have told my mother that I will be civil to Ted when I see him but will make no effort to keep in touch. This is causing great



Annie's Mailbox

stress to my sister and mother. I don't want to hurt anyone, but I believe Ted should follow the law. Am I correct? — No More Snipers in Maryland

Dear Maryland: Your heart is in the right place, but according to our legal expert, the guns are the responsibility of the executor of Dad's estate, who then is legally responsible for giving them to the inheritor. If you are not the executor, you are obligated to deliver the guns to whomever is. Meanwhile, contact an attorney to find out if there is any way to get your brother to register those firearms in his name.

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DEC. 13

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6	PM News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Cyberchase Zboomaloo	er's House We Go (CC)	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Gata Salvaje	Proud Family Lizzie	Real TV (CC) Real TV (CC)	Book of Sh-	Movie News	Inside the NFL (CC)	Update With John Hage	Real Story (CC)	FBI Files (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Medical
7	PM Funniest Home Videos	Firefly (CC)	Movie: The Preacher's	Movie: The Preacher's	Red-Nosed Reindeer	Best Buddies: Family First	Providence (CC)	Movie: Christmas	Las Vias del Amor	Movie: 'Twas the Night	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Witch 2 (CC)	Movie: Spy Kids (CC)	Movie: Pavement	Joseph Good Faye Hardin	Biography (CC)	Jules Most Dangerous	Movie: The Wizard of Oz	Hackers-Out
8	PM Charlie Brown Christmas	John Doe (CC)	Trans-Siberian	Wife	Robbie-Reinder	Charlie Brown Christmas	Dateline (CC)	Rush (CC)	El Privilegio de Amar	Movie: The Pelican Brief	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Masters of Horror (CC)	Movie News	Chris Rock (CC)	Light of the South	Movie: Tootsie (CC)	M Tussaud's	Movie: Hackers	Comp.
9	PM 20/20 (CC)	'70s Show Dharma-Greg	Orchestra Celebrating	700 Club (CC)	News (CC) Late	News (CC) Late	News (CC) Tonight	Movie: A	P. Impacto Noticias Unir	So Weird (CC) Jett Jackson	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Dracula 2000 (CC)	Jeremiah Red Shoe	Artes (CC) Movie: Stiletto	Hour of Healing	Making-Artist	Jules Most Dangerous	Movie: Hackers	Comp.
10	PM News Nightline	Raymond Suddenly	Mollie Sugden: An	Caroline Rhea Show (CC)	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Movie: A	Derbez en Cuando	Boy World Sister, Sister	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Dracula 2000 (CC)	Jeremiah Red Shoe	Artes (CC) Movie: Stiletto	Hour of Healing	Making-Artist	Jules Most Dangerous	Movie: Hackers	Comp.
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12	AM Paid Program The Rob	Beyond Beyond	Sinatra: The Classic Duets	Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Movie: A	Derbez en Cuando	Boy World Sister, Sister	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Dracula 2000 (CC)	Jeremiah Red Shoe	Artes (CC) Movie: Stiletto	Hour of Healing	Making-Artist	Jules Most Dangerous	Movie: Hackers	Comp.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"If you can't get it all under our tree, you can leave some of my stuff at the Wilsons."

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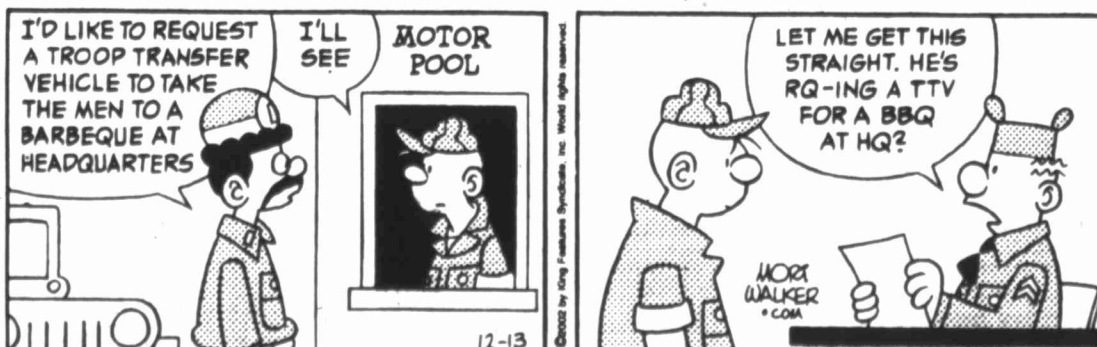
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Doesn't your mommy make you get out of those winter clothes when you're inside?"

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BLONDIE



People In The News

By The Associated Press

Her "Solaris" co-star has a reputation for joking around the set, but Natascha McElhone says she likes to keep to herself.

"I'm pretty much a loner in life anyway so I tend to just sort of find my own little head space and go into it," McElhone told reporters recently. "But I love it to see other people kind of having a good time and interacting, not worrying."

George Clooney plays a psychologist aboard a space station coping with a manifestation of his dead wife, played by McElhone, a doppelganger produced by an alien intelligence.

McElhone says seeing "Solaris" is not a mindless experience.

"It asks questions and it's

provocative and challenging and some of it incomprehensible at first and I love that," she said. "I don't like being given things on a plate and told what I must feel and what I must think."

McElhone's previous films include "Surviving Picasso" and "The Truman Show."

ROME (AP) — Claudia Cardinale — who's had her share of screen kisses — hesitated for a moment as Italy's president gave her one of the nation's top honors.

The actress seemed unsure whether it would be a breach of protocol to kiss President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi on Monday after he pinned the "Great Officer of the Republic" award on her elegant, dark gray jacket.

Ciampi's wife, Franca, quickly came up with a solution.

"Sure, give her a kiss. She

deserves it," Ciampi told her husband, who then kissed the actress on her hand.

Cardinale then kissed Ciampi lightly on each cheek.

The honor bestowed on Cardinale at the Quirinal Palace was one of the yearly achievement awards given in memory of Italian director Vittorio De Sica.

Cardinale, 63, won an honorary Golden Bear award at this year's Berlin Film Festival. Her films include Federico Fellini's "8 1/2."

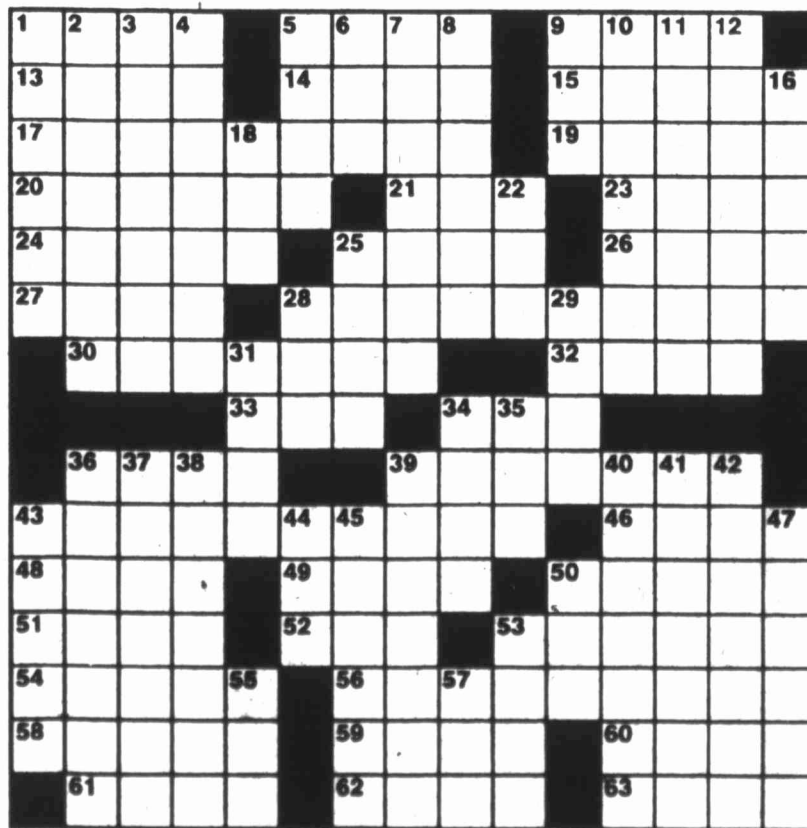
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Newsday Crossword

MENAGERIE by A.J. Santora
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Unvarnished
5 Van Heusen collaborator
9 Scrooge sounds
13 La Scala solo
14 On the calm side
15 Gay
17 Triangular sail
19 Perimeter
20 Case deciders
21 72, often
23 Plays pot-shy
24 Dogwood
25 Development test phase
26 Go bonkers
27 What one might place ...
28 ... on these
30 Sinatra circle
32 Slangy turndowns
33 Glove leather
34 Pedal extremity
36 Graf
39 Tool
43 Get cold feet
46 Unwritten
48 Floor coverings
49 Small amphibian
50 Prefix for wave
51 Take a crack
52 Cal. page
53 McDonald's clown
54 Animal bedding
56 Ruthless
- DOWN**
- 1 Illegal entry
2 Early bird
3 Abbott and Costello film
4 Least taxing
5 Crow calls
6 Will Smith role
7 Nag
8 Rule out
9 Bonnet bug
10 Neighbor of France
11 Nonsense
12 Vest's lack
16 Mule's kin
18 Auction
22 Cheer word
25 Support
28 NC city
29 Get goat
31 Quick glance
34 With no slack
35 Polo Grounds great
36 NASA vehicle
37 Steel mill product
38 Seventh heaven
39 Ranch hand
40 Like some remarks
41 Peaceful place
42 Would-be dictator
43 Boorish
44 Printer's spaces
45 Valuable
47 Is held fast
50 Ostrich kin
53 Freshen up
55 One of the five W's
57 Precious stone



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