

FRIDAY

December 19, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



CLEAR

TONIGHT 32°-34° TOMORROW 66°-68°

GIVING



LAKEVIEW HEADSTART CHILDREN GOT INTO THE HOLIDAY MOOD THURSDAY MORNING, AS THEY HELD THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION. PICTURED IN FRONT ARE ISAAC MARTINEZ, LEFT, AND BRANDON SQUIVEL, AND IN THE BACKGROUND ARE DONALD CERVATES, LEFT, GLORIA HALLIBURT AND JOSHUA YANEZ.

**Spirit of the season:
Symphony to offer
music for everyone**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Joyous music for the holiday season will fill the Municipal Auditorium Saturday as the Big Spring Symphony presents "The Symphony is Christmas."

"I'm really excited because the first half we're performing some holiday traditional but significant literary pieces, including works by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky," said Conductor Keith Graumann. "I'm particularly excited about performing the 'Nutmacker Suite.'"

The Bauer Elementary School Fourth Grade

Choir will be featured in the symphony performance which begins at 8 p.m.



GRAUMANN

"We're very pleased to have the Bauer choir perform with us," Graumann said. "I've been to their rehearsal and they are doing wonderfully. I think everyone will be well pleased."

The children will be performing "Jesu Bambino" and "O Come Ye Little Children," in both English and German, and a number of carols by Alfred Burt.

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**United Way
allocates funds
to 13 agencies**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Members of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County board got the chance to play Santa Claus to 14 local agencies they help fund Thursday afternoon, as they closed out their campaign year by allocating \$182,168 among the charitable organizations.

Campaign Chairman Charles Myers said he's proud of the group, led almost exclusively by volunteers, that helped the United Way raise \$268,377, surpassing its goal of \$265,000.


"It's a great feeling to have exceeded the goal," said Myers. "We increased the goal over last year's, and we were still able to meet it despite tough economic times here in Big Spring."

"More than half of the agencies we fund got within 10 percent of the amount that they requested. It's always been the United Way's goal to fund the complete requests of the agencies. And this year we essentially did that for 50 percent of our agencies. We consider that a really good year, and hopefully we can continue to grow that number."

Myers said tough economic conditions both locally and nationally didn't phase area donors, as they stepped up to the plate and ultimately smacked a grand slam for the organization.

"The people in Howard County are

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Red Cross	\$16,538.37
Boys Club	\$16,944.46
Boy Scouts	\$12,245.53
Co. on Aging	\$5,219.97
DR Rehab	\$9,302.32
Humane Society	\$5,628.64
Isaiah 58	\$11,078.10
Northside CC	\$17,596.42
Victim Services	\$22,286.02
Salvation Army	\$19,090.27
Westside CC	\$6,374.66
Westside DC	\$19,069.15
Girl Scouts	\$5,002.01
YMCA	\$15,416.66



GOLIAD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CAVALIER MEMBERS JONATHAN PAGE, LEFT, MATT RITCHEY AND BRANDON OLIVETTE SQUARE OFF AGAINST CLASSICS MEMBERS PAULA MILLS, SLOAN DAVIS AND LINZEE YARBER FOR THEIR ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE. THE CAVALIERS WON THE CONTEST, 1,404 CANS TO 83.

**Classics canned by Cavaliers;
real winners are area's needy**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The Goliad Intermediate School Cavaliers earned their second straight title against the Classics as the groups' annual Salvation Army canned food drive contest reaped more than 2,200 canned goods.

"This time we had an added incentive," said Cavaliers sponsor Patsy Sanchez. "The winning organization was going to be treated to a movie, so that really boosted the enthusiasm for both organizations."

The contest, now five years

old, pits the Cavaliers, the boys civic group sponsored by the Morning Optimist Club,

"This competition really helps to teach them life skills and to take care of their community."

Gail Berringer,
Classics sponsor

against the Classics, the girls civic group sponsored by the Big Spring Womens Club.

Each contest brings out the competitive nature of both groups and this year was no

exception.

"They stole our cans and we still won," boasted Cavalier member Matt Richtey.

"If they're in our room, then they were ours," shot back Classics member Sloan Davis.

Gail Berringer, the Classics sponsor, denied knowing about any misplacement of cans brought by the Cavaliers.

"Well, if you're going to steal, at least steal enough to win. I mean we lost," Berringer quipped.

Sanchez admitted that the Cavaliers may have had some outside help.

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Each day through the holiday season, the *Herald* will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate. If your organization has an established program to help others and would like to be included in this list, call Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

Angel Tree locations:
• Big Spring Herald (seniors)
• Gale's Sweet Shop
• Big Spring Mall
• Wal-Mart

Salvation Army Kettles:
• Post Office
• Wal-Mart
• Big Spring Mall
• Rip Griffin's Truck Stop

Giving Tree
• Wells Fargo Bank
• Western National Bank
Canned Food Drive
• Big Spring Herald

**COMING
SUNDAY**



When people perform acts of kindness, it can make a huge difference in a person's life.

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Trustees OK Howard Cottage construction bid

Day care's new building could be completed during Spring Break, board told

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Howard Cottage youngsters may be able to move into a new center by mid-March now that Howard College trustees have approved construction bids on the second phase of the day care program's planned facility.

On Thursday, trustees approved a \$199,639 bid by Johnston Construction to complete the second phase of the new

building within 100 calendar days. Johnston crews are already on site since the company was awarded the project's first phase.

"It looks like since we're going to award to the same contractor, we'll be able to continue construction seamlessly all the way through to the end," said project architect Phil Furqueron.

If the project is completed by mid-March, the college plans to move from the current facility

into the new center during spring break, Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks told trustees.

The completed move will leave the current building, an old Webb Air Force barrack, ready to be demolished by Earthco crews.

Once the building is razed, the college can finally turn its sights on the fine arts building, which has been in the works for some

five years now. Construction on that facility, Furqueron said, will take about a year.

In other business, both Howard College and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf earned clean bills of health on their 2002-2003 financial statements from independent auditors Lee, Reynolds and Welch.

Accountant James Welch told

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Obituaries

Mae Currie



Mae Currie, 74, of Big Spring died Thursday morning Dec. 18, 2003, at her home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Elwin Collom officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Currie was born on Aug. 14, 1929, in Big Spring. She was the daughter of Eunice Newby Barnaby and Neel Barnaby Sr. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1948 and the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Dallas in 1951. Mrs. Currie was a registered nurse, working a number of years for Dr. Clyde Thomas at Hall-Bennett Clinic. She later worked a number of years at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. She was director of nursing at Best Home Care from 1982 until 1997. In addition to being a dedicated nurse, she was a devoted mother and grandmother.

She is survived by two sons, Bill Currie and Jerry Jon Curry, both of Big Spring; one brother, Neel G. Barnaby Jr. of Palestine; and two grandchildren, Natalie Nichols and William John Currie.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Diana Currie Nichols; and three sisters, Joy Crownover, Jo Broadrick and Cadet Griffith.

Pallbearers include Fred Green, Neil McMorries, Sam Barron, Jose Lopez, John Currie, Bruce Cox, and Ronnie Broadrick. Honorary pallbearers will be Sam Payne, Dr. B. Broadrick, Terry Peterson, Bruce Hatfield, Tom Kimmel, Harry Griffith, Howard Engle and Luke Huitt.

The family suggests memorials to the Diana Currie Nichols Scholarship Fund at Howard College, attention Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

The family would like to give special thanks to Home Hospice, Gwenn Faulkner, Marion Slavens and other caring friends during Mae's illness.

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

Paid obituary

Elena F. Mier

Elena F. Mier, 53, of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

John Waymon McGregor

John Waymon McGregor, 92, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, in a Colorado City hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Willie Jo Killough

Willie Jo Killough, 68, of Brownwood, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, in Brownwood. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support groups

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Take note

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

Police blotter

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

- **JEFFERY FORSHEE**, 45, of 1519 Kentucky, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense.
- **TYREE WILLIAMS**, 18, of 700 Pine, was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 39, of 1021 College, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 2100 block of Thorpe.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 2400 block of Rannels.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 3600 block of Hamilton.

Sheriff's report

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

- **FIRE** was reported in the 3200 block of E. Highway 350. Deputies dispatched to possible structure fire. Advised fire was under control, no further assistance necessary.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds around 10 mph.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 40. South winds 10 to 15 mph and gusty.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 70. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 30.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-16-19-30-33.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Prize per winner: \$0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-5

Bulletin board

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

Friday

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance is held from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

AMBUCS meet at noon at La Posada.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in Howard College Cactus Room.

Saturday

Dance begins at 8:30 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hanger 25 Air Museum is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m.

For information on meeting times for Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305.

Big Spring Shrine Club gathers at 6:30 p.m. at First anfor a meal, meeting follows.

Monday

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center for sit and be fit chair aerobics. People age 50 and over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

Public is invited to the Evening Lions Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. at La Posada.

Weather Whys

Topic: Haze

Q: What exactly is haze?

A: Haze is usually defined as fine particles of dust or smoke that are dispersed through portions of the atmosphere, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University.

"These particles are so small that they cannot be felt or seen individually with the naked eye," he explains. "These particles tend to decrease visibility in the area and because of the way they refract light, can give a tint to the sky that can range from brown, green, grey or other colors. Under stagnant air conditions, the air can be trapped in valleys or canyons and produce a layer a haze that can stretch for miles."

Q: Where can haze occur?

A: Just about anywhere, and in recent years, some of the worst cases have occurred in Latin American and in Southeast Asia, Odins says.

"Forest fires and brush fires in some areas of the world produce hazy conditions that can be seen from space. The thick smoke can wander over huge portions of the Earth, including parts of the United States. Because haze is basically bad air, it can be very hazardous to human health, especially to people who have difficulty breathing. Long-term exposure can produce lung and eye diseases and that's why a concerted effort has been made to make sure that logging companies and others are aware of the risks associated with haze."

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Past and current topics can be viewed via the Web at <http://rev.tamu.edu/weatherwhys/>.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
United Way Campaign Chairman Charles Myers announced Thursday the organization exceeded its \$265,000 goal, raising \$268,377 for the year. The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County helps fund 14 local charitable organizations each year.

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just generous, and that's all there is to it," he said. "The people in Big Spring have always stepped up to support these agencies. They understand that their money stays here and it's the community as a whole that benefits from it."

"The United Way has done a good job of educating the public, and the public has done a great job of responding with their donations," he added.

So what is the secret of this success?

"A lot of it has been thanks to creative sources of fund-raising," Myers said. "Year after year, our director, Cynthia Scott, and the rest of my campaign cabinet have come up with great ideas for new ways to raise money, and that's a large part of it. To some extent a lot of

the traditional sources are maxed out, so we have to find new ways to raise money each year."

Scott, executive director of the local United Way, said fresh ideas and plenty of help is what pushed them over their goal.

"We had a lot of people that brought in new ideas that I credit for making the extra money," said Scott. "It's the volunteers that are out there doing all of the work. I was afraid with the VA Medical Center situation and other things that have happened in the community that we had set our goal too high. The community really opened up and came through for us this year."

"This is a very good time of year for this to happen like this. It's right around Christmas, and it's nice to know that next year these agencies will get more money than they have in prior years."

Myers agrees, saying volunteers are the heart

and soul of the United Way's operations.

"I can't even begin to estimate how many volunteer man-hours are involved in getting all of these fund-raising efforts under way, getting all of the personal solicitations, the parties and kickoff," said Myers. "The hours that are spent raising this money are in the thousands, and we only have one paid employee, so it's all done through volunteers."

"It's totally driven by volunteers and the community. It's 100 percent a community organization."

Funds raised by the United Way support area agencies that provide services to the community ranging from daycare to food for the needy.

The total amount allocated to charitable groups was \$182,168.13.

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trustees that the college managed to add a small amount of money to its fund balance at the end of the year, despite dealing with an unexpected 7 percent cut in state funding at mid-year.

Trustees also approved: • A three-year contract renewal with the Vietnam Memorial Committee for use of the memorial site. • Switching a faculty

position at the Federal Correctional Institution from part-time to full-time.

• Changing the college's administrative hours to 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.

"For those people who need our services and can't make it between

those hours, we're glad to make special arrangements if they call us," said Vice President Terry Hansen.

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Jackson charged charged with child molestation

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson was formally charged with child molestation Thursday, setting the stage for what could become one of the most sensational celebrity trials this Internet-wired, 24-hour-cable world has ever seen.

The charging documents specified seven counts alleging lewd or

lascivious acts upon a child under 14 and two counts of administering an intoxicating agent.

The charges come nearly a month after authorities raided Jackson's estate and arrested him days later on suspicion of child molestation. He has been free on \$3 million bail.

Jackson has said the charges are "predicated

on a big lie." His attorney, Mark Geragos, has said Jackson's accusers are after the singer's money.

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon agreed to delay Jackson's arraignment a week to Jan. 16 and return Jackson's passport to allow him to travel to Britain from Dec. 20 to Jan. 6.

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Another featured performer for the evening is Big Spring soprano Joyce Bradley, who will sing "O Holy Night" solo.

The festive musical evening will also include performances of "Fantasia on Greensleeves" also known as "What Child is This."

"We're also have 'Carol of the Bells' with lots of different bell instruments and, of course, 'Sleigh Ride,'" Graumann said. "We'll finish off with members of the Big Spring Symphony Chorus leading the audience in a

melody of Christmas carols."

Individual tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

Season and individual tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring Symphony office, 808 Scurry; Blum's Jewelers, located inside the Big Spring Mall; Dunlaps, 111 East Marcy; Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third; and Faye's Flowers, 1013 Gregg St.

Tickets also can be purchased at the symphony's Web site, www.bigspringsymphony.com, where a schedule of the remainder of the season is also available.

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"The senior Optimists snuck in some cases at the very last minute," Sanchez said.

But Davis was the one who summed up the spirit of the competition.

"We didn't win; the needy people won," she said.

Berringer noted that in addition to teaching the sixth-graders civic responsibility, the competition also provides other important lessons.

"Life is so full of competition," Berringer said. "They can learn to be competitive in a fun, fair way through something like this. This competition really helps to teach them life skills and to take care of their community. That's what both of these groups are, civic organizations."

In another community-driven project, the Cavaliers and Classics collected 100 donations for the Big Spring Herald Toy Drive which have been given to the Salvation Army Angel Tree program.

"I want to commend these young men and women on their outstanding service to their com-

munity," said Herald General Manager Susanne Reed. "The members of the Cavaliers and Classics are true leaders, teaching us all about the spirit of civic duty."

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Albert "El Colorado" Hinojosa 44, died Tuesday. Funeral mass was at 3:00 PM Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Mae Currie, 74, died Thursday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Church news

First Presbyterian Church

The text for the Fourth Sunday in Advent is Luke: 1:39-45 (46-53). Worship services are held at 11 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with "Take Ten" at 10:35 a.m. The Rev. Matthew Miles is minister. The Advent-Candle will be lighted by the Encouragers group of the church on Sunday. The Joy Gift Offering is to be given as well.

Another opportunity for next week is the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. It will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The final Advent Candle will be lighted by members of the Session of the church.

Please join us for any of these activities. Everyone is always welcome at first Presbyterian church located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth.

First United Methodist Church

The fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 21, Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "Paul, Voice of the Faithful." The scripture text comes from Acts 17:22-31.

The Chancel Choir will sing "We Are the Reason." Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., and worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service will be Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. Dr. Ring will share a Christmas story titled "The Christmas That Changed a Town's Name."

Special music features Margaret Christopher singing "Sweet Little Jesus Boy".

Youth will babysit in the Partee Building on Saturday, Dec. 20, from noon to 4 p.m. for parents who need to go shopping.

Newcomers

Newcomers to Big Spring include

Marc Marchesseault of Williamsburg, Va. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force.

Charles Wilburn and wife Jennie of Kermit. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force.

Shawna Diaz and sons Nathan and Brandon of Ft. Collins, Colo. She is employed by Wal-Mart Super Center.

Jennifer Emerson of Colorado City. She is employed by Dollar General.

Steven Fizer, wife Desiree and children Diamond and Diamonique of Chicago, Ill.

Marsha Allen of Little Rock, Ark. She is employed by The Big Spring Herald.

Wood Mize of Memphis, Tenn. He is retired.

Christi Nelson, son Zackery and daughter Hope of Plano. She is a student at Howard College.

Cynthia Ybarra and son Chris of Plano. She is employed by Jiffy Lube.

Casey Christenson, wife Kimberly and daughters Hailey and Lindzy of Idaho Falls, Idaho. He is employed by Union & Pacific Railroad.

Children should bring a sack lunch and a pillow and blanket for resting. Call Courtney Johnson for more information.

Sunday, Dec. 21, is the last week for the baby shower for baby Jesus. Bring receiving blankets, diapers, sleepers, or other non-perishable or breakable baby items. The gifts will be donated to the Prenatal unit of MHMR.

Dr. Ring invites members to join a mission trip to Honduras, March 12-20. Construction on the sanctuary building of a Methodist church continues. Cost for the mission is \$1050 plus a \$200 donation toward the construction materials. Contact Dr. Ring for more information.

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.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

Hillcrest is celebrating the Christmas season with the message to all that the joy is in Jesus! We will celebrate this Sunday at 11 a.m. with great worship music and a study form the story of Jesus' birth in Matthew 2:11, "Wise Men Give Gifts."

After the worship time, the pastor will greet wor-

ship service guests in the worship center lobby.

Bible study groups meet before the service at 9:30 a.m. There is a group for all, and children and nursery for the youngest ones.

That evening enjoy singing Christian carols around a piano during worship at 6:30 p.m. Come and request favorite carols. Celebrate on Christmas Eve with a candlelight Lord's Supper celebration at 6 p.m.

These are great times to attend church with your whole family. Sunday's coming. For information on these and other activities, call at 267-1639.

Hillcrest's worship center and Bible teaching facilities are located at 2000 West FM 700.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

The pastor, Elder David Machiavello, will speak from I John on "Joy in the Life of the Christian" Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 East 24th St. Everyone is invited to come.

All will find a warm welcome here. Bible study will resume on Jan. 7, 2004, at 7 p.m. and will be held each Wednesday night in fellowship hall.

Christmas caroling is planned for Monday with the carolers returning to the fellowship hall at the church for refreshments.

The annual New Year's Eve singing will be held Dec. 31 from 7 p.m. to 12:01 a.m., Jan. 1. There will be breaks for snacks and visiting. Visitors are always welcome.

Anyone having biblical questions or needing more information about services call the pastor, Elder David Machiavello at 267-6543 or 267-7558.

First Baptist Church

The Christ of Christmas is indeed the reason for the season.

Come and with us at First Baptist Church Sunday beginning with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:50 a.m. The pastor, the Rev. Dennis Teeters' sermon is "Zecharia's Christmas Carol."

The 6 p.m. worship service is followed by fellowship in the north foyer of the church. Refreshments will be served and Christmas carols performed from the Adult Handbell Choir, a brass ensemble and several other groups.

Attend the Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6 p.m. Immediately after the service, families will distribute cookies city-wide to people who are having to work.

Merry Christmas from the congregation of First Baptist Church.

Baptist Temple Church = Baptist Temple Church

would like to invite the community to join us this Sunday morning at 10:45 as our adult choir presents a Christmas cantata, "Holy Child," a celebration of the majesty, the mystery and the miracle of Christmas. Bible study is at 9:30 a.m. and we have classes for all ages. We also invite your to come back at 6 p.m. that evening for our Candlelight Lord's Supper service. Nursery will be available for the little ones.

Baptist Temple is "in the heart of Big Spring with Big Spring on our hearts" at 400 East 11th Place. For more information, call the church office at 267-8287.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated only at 10:30 a.m. due to the special children's program. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The children's advent program will be presented at the 10:30 a.m. service.

St. Mary's Christmas Eve service and reception is Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Evening prayer is said Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. in St. Mary's chapel.

For more information about St. Mary's

Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

First Assembly of God

"Christmas Prophecies Of The King" will be Pastor R.T. Havener's special Christmas message Sunday at 10:40 a.m. In the evening service at 6 p.m. Pastor Havener will speak on the subject, "The Birth Of Jesus." There will be special music in both services.

There will be an informal candlelight communion service Christmas Eve from 7 to 8 p.m. In this service special Christmas music will be playing softly in the sanctuary as families come for a brief pause in this very busy time of the year and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. The public is invited to each of these services.

Living Hope Church

Look at the basic response from the goats and sheep story from the Bible during the worship service message at Living Hope Church.

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Sunday teaching is at 10 a.m., preaching uncompromising is at 11 a.m.

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Christmas tree trimmings of international memories

Her daughters, Martha and Annette are avid travelers. They accumulate many Christmas ornaments nation and worldwide and bring them to their mother, Lennis Couch of Big Spring.

Mrs. Couch proudly displays these treasured ornaments on the Christmas tree she has nestled neatly into a corner of her living room. She has lived in since 1953. She and her late husband, John, moved there from downtown Big Spring after the death of Mrs. Couch's father, Enoch Phipps in 1951.

The couple knew that her mother, Fleta Phipps, would have difficulty running a farm of approximately 160 acres. The farm required taking care of a fairly good size herd of cattle and a large flock of chickens.

Mrs. Couch, 84, said she and her sister helped with the farming when they were children. She said that once her sister didn't want to help with the milking and began to cry. Her father had given strict instructions that they were to do the milking. Mrs. Couch volunteered to milk her sister's share. In so doing she spewed the milk all over her sister from a cow's udder. "That way Daddy knew she hadn't done her part," she said.

She has spent most of her life in the small community known to many old timers as Luther. Mesquite trees are plentiful on her property. "I'm



HERALD photo/Marsha Allen
Mrs. Lennis Couch of Big Spring shows off two tree decorations she made to complement the many Christmas ornaments her daughters have brought her from their many trips in the U.S. and worldwide, which include Russia, Switzerland and New Zealand.

allergic to those things, yet I've live around them all my life."

Martha, who is professor and director of 4-H with the Texas 4-H organization, and Annette continue to replenish their mother's Christmas

tree ornament collection each time they take another trip.

She said she shows off her ornaments to friends from church, and she gladly shared a story about her tree treasures with Herald readers.

Former Big Spring resident to make star appearance at Carnegie Hall in Dec. concert

Special to Life

Beverly Ann Bell Newsom moved to Big Spring with her parents Charles and Joan Bell at age two.

She displayed evidence of vocal talent at an early age and was encouraged to sing in school and church choral groups.

Mrs. Newsom studied voice as a private student when a teenager. Her teachers were Susan Dawes, Joyce Bradley and she was a protégé of Jack Bowers.

Her mother enhanced her musical education by giving her piano lessons.

As she progressed in vocal training, she was selected at age 16 to attend the "Fred Waring Workshop" which was held in Stroudsburg, Pa.

Newsom was a member of the Meistersingers choral group at Big Spring High School and was selected to the all-state choir. During high school she performed throughout the community and played lead roles in several musicals.

Beverly received a scholarship and studied vocal music under Ira Schantz and Ronald Shirey at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. She graduated in 1981 with a degree in music education with a vocal minor. Since that time, she has appeared in leading soprano roles for



Courtesy photos

Beverly Ann Bell Newsom

regional productions in Galveston, Houston, the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and Lubbock.

Productions included "The Sound of Music," "Oklahoma," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "The Merry Widow" and "The Student Prince."

Solo appearances include "Handel's Messiah," "Brahm's German Requiem," "Mozart's Coronation Mass," "Vivaldi's Gloria," and "Haydn's Creation."

Newsom has been a featured soloist on tours to England, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, New Zealand, Japan and Thailand. The piece she will perform, "Mozart's Laudate Dominum" from the Solemn Vespers recently was heard

throughout Norway in a lengthy concert tour with the 100-voice choir of the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Her performance with the TCU-Fort Worth Symphonic Choral group, together with the New York Pops, will be conducted by Skitch Henderson. Henderson has been the conductor for the New York Pops for the past 20 years.

Beverly Bell married Dr. Gary D. Newsom, the son of Don and Marilyn Newsom of Big Spring, in March 1981. The couple has two daughters, Brittany, 17 and Brooke, 8. Her husband practices medicine in Lubbock and Big Spring. Mrs. Newsom is a featured performer in regional television commercials and does modeling in both print and runway settings. She is a member of the Junior League of Lubbock, The Lubbock Symphony Guild and is an avid competitive tennis player as well as a devoted wife and mother.

She will appear at Carnegie Hall at 8 p.m. Dec. 18 and Dec. 19.

Contact Life Editor with your story idea, life@bigspringherald.com

Feelings won't alter the plain truth

Someone once observed, "If you tell a man that there are 581,678,934,341 stars in the universe, he'll believe you."

"But if a sign says *fresh paint*, he has to make a personal investigation."

This just goes to show that people often question the plain truth that is right in front of them. That is especially true when the plain truth does not fit a person's personal view of things.

When the first couple was set in the Garden of Eden, God gave them a truth they could live by.

"From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17).

The serpent came and told them that they could ignore that truth.

Why? Because if they denied it, they could become like God. They saw that the forbidden tree was "good for food," "a delight to the eyes," and "desirable to make wise" (Genesis 3:6).

They rejected the truth given to them by God because they didn't feel that it was right for them any longer.



PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK
RUSS MULLINS

It no longer fit their personal view of things. Truth was expendable for the sake of their own convenience.

Things have not changed since the beginning. How many times have the words been uttered when the plain truth is right before people's lives, "Yeah, but I feel..." Individual

feeling is becoming the new truth for more and more people.

What is truth? Truth is that absolute and universal reality (scientific, religious and moral reality) that no denial or rejection can diminish.

Rejecting it has consequences. Embracing it has reward. Jesus said, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32).

It is an absolute and universal truth that a free-fall from a tall building will kill.

You could reject that truth by saying, "But I just feel that I should be able to jump off a building anytime I choose and get up and walk away."

However, denying that truth by choosing your feeling would still be fatal.

It may seem like a ridiculous analogy. Yet

many people reject the moral truths that are just as absolute and universal as gravity. And then they are surprised when there are consequences.

The heart is an unreliable guide. "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

Still the heart is often the moral standard of choice because sometimes we just don't like where the truth will lead

us. How we feel about the plain truth does not change its truth. How we feel about it in no way means that it is not absolute and universal.

We can deny it; we can ignore it; we can even work to wipe it out; but it is still absolute and universal. And what we do with it will affect the content and outcome of our lives.

Russ Mullins is minister of Coahoma Church of Christ.



As a young girl she was an active vocalist in choir.

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Malvo convicted; jury to decide sentence

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — The jury that convicted teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo of capital murder for his role in last year's killing spree must also decide whether he should die for his crimes.

Malvo was convicted Thursday of two counts of capital murder for the Oct. 14, 2002, killing of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, one of 10 people killed by Malvo and partner John Allen Muhammad during a three-week span in the nation's capital region.

The jury, which deliberated for nearly two full days before rendering its verdict, will now hear testimony and arguments beginning Friday from the prosecution and defense to decide whether Malvo's life should be spared.

Malvo's lawyers had presented an insanity defense, claiming that Muhammad had brainwashed the 18-year-old so thoroughly that the teen came to believe his father figure was chosen by Allah to begin a new Utopian society in Canada.

Many of the witnesses who testified during the guilt phase of the trial about Malvo's behavior as a child and teenager will also be called during the sentencing phase. It is expected that many will talk about Malvo's difficult upbringing, in which his mother beat him and moved him from home to home, all while he searched for a father figure.

Though the insanity defense failed, the jury has already been introduced to many of the arguments the defense will make during sentencing, said Joseph Bowman, a defense attorney who has handled capital cases in Virginia.

Appellate rulings: Bush terror suspects belong in U.S. courts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two federal courts ruled that the U.S. military cannot deny prisoners access to lawyers or the American courts by detaining them indefinitely,

dealing twin setbacks to the Bush administration's strategy in the war on terror.

One of Thursday's rulings favored the 660 "enemy combatants" held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The other involved American citizen Jose Padilla, who was seized in Chicago in an alleged plot to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb" and declared as an enemy combatant.

In Padilla's case, the New York-based 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the former gang member released from military custody within 30 days and if the government chooses, tried in civilian courts. The White House said the government would appeal and seek a stay of the decision.

In the other case, a three-judge panel of the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base should have access to lawyers and the American court system.

State defends congressional map

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorneys for the state defended a congressional district map in a federal courtroom Thursday, attempting to disprove plaintiffs' claims that the new lines were drawn with racially discriminatory intent, violating the Voting Rights Act.

Attorney Andy Taylor questioned a map drawer about the intent with which each of the 32 districts was created by the

Texas Legislature. "I'm not aware of splits made to break up minority blocks," said Bill Davis, a former Republican state legislator and lobbyist who testified as the state began its case in the federal redistricting trial. Democrats and some


minority groups are challenging the map, saying it dilutes minority voting power. Taylor has contended from the start that the map was drawn merely to put more Republicans in Congress as a reflection of statewide voting trends.

DNA retesting about one third complete




HOUSTON (AP) — DNA retesting of cases first analyzed by the Houston Police Department's embattled crime lab is about one-third complete, but a year after the prob-

lems with the DNA section first surfaced some say answers remain elusive.




So far, the retesting has cost the city \$1.3 million. Another \$3 million in contracts remain with two private labs to complete analysis in 250 more cases.



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IN BRIEF

Steers to square off with Greenwood

The Big Spring Steers will return to action today when they face the No. 6-ranked Greenwood Rangers in basketball action at 8 p.m. in Greenwood. The BSHS varsity, 3-10, will begin play at 8 p.m. in the Steer Gym. The Steers freshman squad will start at 6 p.m.

NCAA clears Baylor's Thomas to play

WACO (AP) — The NCAA has cleared junior transfer Harvey Thomas to play basketball after an investigation of allegations that he had been provided an extra benefit by former members of the basketball staff.

"I am really thankful that this is behind me and I want to thank all of those involved in the final decision," Thomas said.

Thomas has missed Baylor's first eight games, but is expected to play Friday against BYU-Hawaii.

Baylor said it had first declared Thomas ineligible after the university's compliance investigation committee determined he had been given an extra benefit in violation of NCAA regulations. Baylor officials declined to comment on the nature of the alleged benefit.

Four Dallas Cowboys named to Pro Bowl

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Bill Parcells called the Dallas Cowboys together after a walkthrough Thursday for a special announcement — Pro Bowl selections.

He read off the five alternates. Then he named three full-fledged picks: Roy Williams, a first-timer; La'Roi Glover, going for the fourth straight year, his second in Dallas; and Larry Allen, surprisingly back for an eighth time after his streak of seven straight ended last year.

The more names Flozell Adams heard that weren't his, the more disappointed he became. It was a familiar feeling for the sixth-year lineman.

Then Parcells gave Adams with the news he's always wanted. The fourth and final honoree was the 6-foot-7, 357-pound blocker so big he's nicknamed "Hotel Flozell."

Basketball officials needed for season

Basketball officials are needed to call games during the 2003-2004 basketball season.

Persons interested in officiating local games should contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 (home) or 517-0300 (cell).

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Spurs vs. Clippers, 7 p.m.	1490

Red Sox: Proposed trade for A-Rod is 'dead'

NEW YORK (AP) — The Alex Rodriguez trade is "dead," or so the Boston Red Sox say. The Texas Rangers and the shortstop still have hope.

Just hours after commissioner Bud Selig ended talks to restructure A-Rod's \$252 million contract Thursday, the Red Sox said Manny Ramirez would not be sent to Texas for the AL MVP.

"The proposed trade between the Boston Red Sox and the Texas Rangers is dead," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said.

The Rangers, though,

believed they could rekindle the swap of the two highest-paid players in baseball.

"There is a likelihood the deal is dead," Texas general manager John Hart said. "But at the same time, we haven't issued a statement that it's completely dead."

Rodriguez offered to reduce salaries in his contract by \$12 million in exchange for increased marketing and logo use rights, agent Scott Boras said.

The proposal from the Red Sox that the players' association rejected a day

earlier would have cost Rodriguez \$28 million, according to the team's evaluation, and \$30 million, according to the union's analysis, Boras said.

"We're going to be in communication with the Rangers as to their discussions with the Red Sox," Boras said. "Every indication we had was that the parties would continue to talk."

Rangers owner Tom Hicks will probably speak to the Red Sox to try to work out an agreement after all, Hart said. Selig had set a 5 p.m.

deadline for an agreement. It passed without a deal, and the commissioner ended the talks between Rodriguez and Boston.

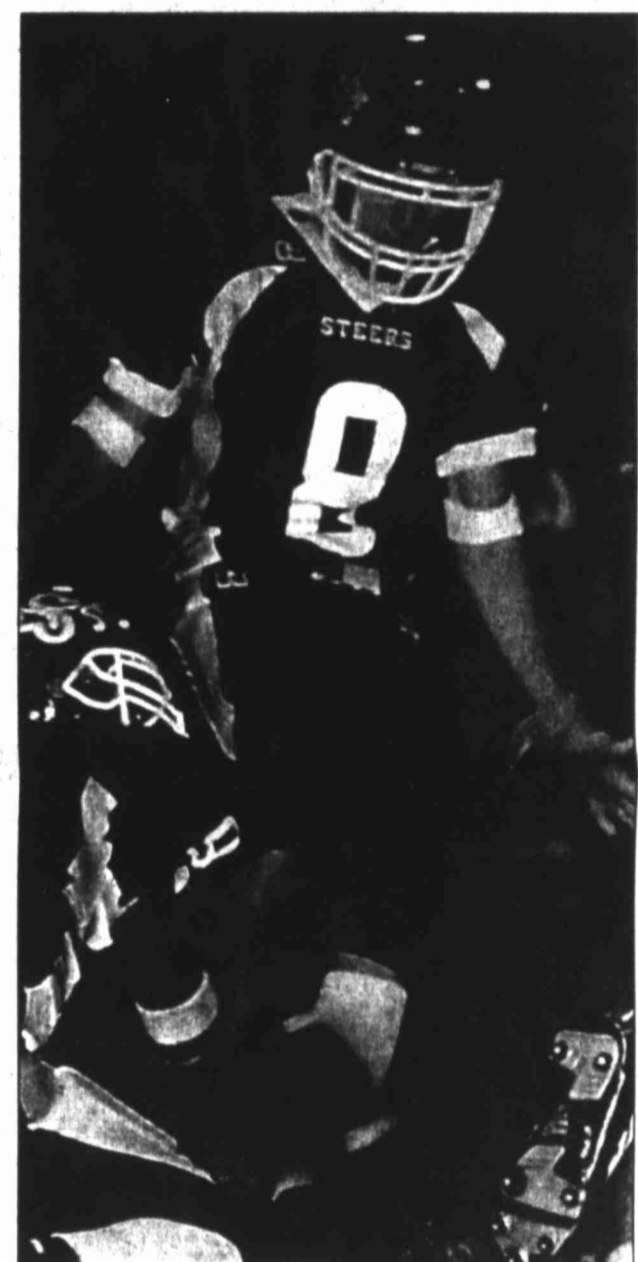
"The players' association's intransigence and the arbitrary nature of its action are responsible for the deal's demise today," Lucchino said.

After Rodriguez and Boston reached an agreement Wednesday, the union refused it, saying it reduced the value of the contract, the highest in professional sports history. "It's unfortunate that

the players' association felt it necessary to take a legal position which prevented the player and at least two teams from effectuating an agreement that they felt was beneficial," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

While management's top labor lawyer had hinted that Selig might approve the rejected deal, Rodriguez made clear Thursday morning he would go to the Boston Red Sox only with an agreement that met with the approval of the players' union.

Steers land 3 on all-state team



Big Spring's Michael Shockley (far left), Jared Phillips and Jordan Cobb (right) were each named to the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 4A honorable mention all-state football team Thursday. The three all played key roles in Big Spring's success this fall.

Shockley, Phillips and Cobb garner all-state honors

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Going into his senior season, Michael Shockley's biggest goal for football was simple: Try and contribute what he could until it was time to put on the baseball catching gear.

The senior wide receiver/defensive back made plenty of contributions this past season and, for his efforts, caught something he may have only dreamed about — all-state football honors.

Shockley, on Thursday, joined teammates Jared Phillips and Jordan Cobb as the Crossroads latest all-state selections. The three Steers were part of the Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 4A honorable mention squad.

Shockley, a former junior high school quarterback, was one of 13 players from throughout the state selected to the honorable mention squad as a defensive back. Phillips, one of the top tacklers in District 4-4A this sea-

Crossroads' all-state football numbers climb to seven for 2003

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

With the exception of Coahoma, the 2003 high school football season in the Crossroads area fell into the rebuilding category as the area's eight teams combined to post a 36-48 record.

Rebuilding programs certainly hasn't diminished the respect the region received when it comes to all-state balloting time. Despite winning just 42 percent of their games, seven Crossroads players have been selected to the 2003 all-state squads by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

Highlighting the list selections are Coahoma wide receiver

Kelby Jemper and Forsan defensive back Josh Hemstefler. The two were second-team picks in the Class 2A ranks. Coahoma quarterback Sam Tindol and lineman Sam Sevey were honorable mention selections.

Big Spring placed three, including kicker Jordan Cobb, linebacker Jared Phillips and defensive back Michael Shockley on the 4A squad.

The Crossroads' numbers could climb even higher later this month when the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association releases its all-state squad. Sands' Brandon Woods — a two-time six-man All-American pick — is a strong candidate at linebacker.

son, joined 14 other on the linebacker roster.

Shockley turned in a remark-

able 2003 campaign. In addition to serving as one of the Steers' top offensive weapons, he starred

as a defensive back. He finished the year as the Steers' third-leading tackler with 83 tackles and led the team with four interceptions, two fumble recoveries and a team-high nine defended passes.

Phillips, who averaged almost 12 tackles a game this past season while manning the BSHS middle linebacker role, was a dominant force at linebacker despite playing through several nagging injuries.

He finished the year with 118 tackles, one quarterback sack and an interception, which he returned 40 yards.

Offensively, Phillips became a force down the stretch. Following a midseason switch from the spread offense to an I-formation, he rushed for more than 150 yards as Big Spring's fullback.

Cobb, a former Brazilian soccer player, was solid as a placekicker, converting 13 extra point attempts and three field goals

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Armstrong says he'll race in two more tours

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong says he'll compete in two more tours before retiring.

Armstrong expects to race in the 2004 and 2005 tours but has not made plans for what to do after he retires. A win next

year would give Armstrong a record sixth straight.

"I know that I'm here today and I'm alive today and I've been blessed to have this life and this sport, and I want to win the 2004 Tour de France," Armstrong said.

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HERALD photo/
Bruce Schooler
C.J. Lowery and the Big Spring Steers will face No. 6 ranked Midland Greenwood tonight at 8 p.m. in Midland. The Steers are coming off a 61-59 victory over the Snyder Tigers on Tuesday.



Buffs to face GC tonight

The Forsan Buffaloes will renew their rivalry with the Garden City Bearkats this evening when the two square off in a non-district showdown, beginning at 6 p.m. in Garden City.

The Forsan Lady Buffs will face the GCHS Lady Kats in the opener. The boys will follow.

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FRIDAY NIGHT FORECASTERS

This Week's Games

Table with columns for teams and game details. Includes matchups like Southlake Carroll vs. Katy, Denton Ryan vs. LaMarque, etc.

ALL-STATE

Continued from Page 1B this season. During his three-year career as a kicker at Big Spring, he missed just four field goal attempts.

The senior had more than 100 tackles and 18 sacks in the regular season and helped lead Palo Duro to the regional round of the Class 4A playoffs.

He finished the regular season with 3,647 passing yards and 54 touchdowns with only seven interceptions. He threw for 573 yards in a 55-17 win over Waxahachie, the third-highest total in a game in Texas history.

Bobino had 121 tackles, two fumble recoveries and forced six fumbles. Ward had 71 tackles and four fumble recoveries, three of them returned for touchdowns.

Also making the squad were T.J. Nickelberry, who is known around Amarillo's Palo Duro high school as a big teddy bear. Opposing offenses don't see the 270-pound defensive lineman that way at all.

Harrell's honors come after a record-breaking season. Just three games into the season Harrell broke the record for career passing yards when he reached 12,511 yards in a 38-28 loss to Dallas Highland Park in the regional semifinals.

His favorite target, Jarvis Woodson, earned a spot on the first-team after catching 74 passes for 1,166 yards and 25 touchdowns. La Marque, which faces Denton Ryan in the Class 4A Division II championship Saturday, had three players on the first-team: offensive lineman Robert Conley, linebacker Rashad Bobino and defensive back Clarence Ward.

Joey Ellis of Brownwood, Texas City's Adam Hansley, Michael Schumard of Harker Heights and Denison's Vincent Rhodes were the other first-team offensive linemen.

The Class 4A APSE All-Star All-School football team, released Thursday, is based on the Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular-season performance. Players are listed in alphabetical order at each position.

APSE ALL-STAR TEAMS. The Class 4A APSE All-School football team, released Thursday, is based on the Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular-season performance.

Neches-Groves: Jeff Hunt, San Angelo Lake View; Anthony James, La Marque; Todd Kidd, New Braunfels-Canyon-Jacobs-Lambda-Mullin.

The other receiver was Crosby's Phillip Beck. The first-team running backs were Kiel Anderson of Canyon Randall, Palestine's Adrian Peterson and Corey Robertson of Denison.

Dallas to ask for long-term agreement on Texas-OU game

DALLAS (AP) — The University of Texas and the University of Oklahoma are considering an offer to keep the rivals' annual grudge match at Fair Park in Dallas.

Thursday met with athletic directors from Texas and Oklahoma to offer financial incentives and ask for a long-term agreement to keep their annual grudge match in Dallas.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones showed up to talk about how a potential new home for his football team could also house the Red River Shootout.

Fair of Texas and the city set up the talks to deal with the contract for the football game, which adds as much as \$20 million to the local economy each year.

USC, Florida to meet for title

DALLAS (AP) — Keao Burdine had 13 kills and 10 digs as defending champion Southern Cal defeated Minnesota 30-27, 30-28 and 30-20 Thursday to advance to the finals of the NCAA women's volleyball championships.

Southern Cal (34-0) will face Florida, which defeated Hawaii 30-28, 30-28 and 30-28. USC rallied to score eight of the game's final 13 points and won 30-28.

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table with columns for NFL Standings, NHL Standings, and College Bowls. Includes team names, records, and scores.

COLLEGE BOWLS

Table listing college bowl games, including Tangerine Bowl, Las Vegas Bowl, and others, with dates and locations.

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NBA Standings table with columns for Eastern Conference, Central Division, and Western Conference. Includes team names, records, and percentages.

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Garnett, Wolves thump Mavs

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Garnett had 35 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds for his first triple-double of the season, helping the Minnesota Timberwolves hold off Dallas 114-109 on Thursday night for their fourth straight victory.

Sam Cassell added 26 points, and Gary Trent had a season-high 18 points and 12 rebounds for Minnesota, which won its second straight at home after losing five of its first nine at Target Center.

The Wolves, who wasted a 13-point lead in a 92-88 loss at Dallas on Nov. 29, improved to 4-4 against Western Conference teams.

Steve Nash had nine of his 27 points in the fourth quarter, and Antawn Jamison had 14 of his 22 in the final period for the Mavericks, who dropped to 3-9 on the road after losing at Boston 105-103 Wednesday night.

Nash and Jamison accounted for all but four of Dallas' fourth-quarter points.

Down by nine in the first quarter, the Wolves used a 14-0 run to take a 26-21 lead that they didn't relinquish until Nash hit a 3-pointer that put the Mavericks back in front, 99-98 with 5:07 left.

Garnett — who had his 13th career triple-double — made back-to-back baskets, though, and Minnesota pulled away. Cassell buried a 3-pointer with 3:03 left to make it 105-100. Trent and Trenton Hassell both grabbed key rebounds down the stretch.

Games between these two teams are always marked by plenty of contact and feisty play, and this night was no exception. The Wolves, and their fans, howled about several calls and non-calls, and the Mavericks contributed their share of complaints.

UH to rework Briles' contract

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston coach Art Briles and the university have a verbal agreement to rework a new contract, but athletic director Dave Maggard said no details have been worked out.

"Art has had an outstanding year for us," Maggard said. "We want to establish stability and continuity with our football program, and a new contract is a step in that direction."

Briles has Houston in its first bowl since 1996, the Hawaii Bowl on Christmas Day, on the heels of a 7-5 season.

Briles said he is excited about the new contract and hopes to remain with the Cougars "for many years."

Briles, 48, signed a five-year deal to coach the Cougars a year ago.

TOUR

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Armstrong, a testicular cancer survivor who overcame the disease, spoke Wednesday at the National Press Club to unveil a new drive to increase funding for cancer research.

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The Scorpio moon loves a Friday night, bringing lots of sexy intrigue to the party. Basic needs are what Scorpio is so adept at making us understand. Oftentimes, what we didn't realize all month long suddenly becomes painfully obvious under the Scorpio moon. Use better judgment tonight, which will be a challenge.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your rocket is already fueled with a payload of ambition, but you'll look around and see even bigger possibilities than the ones you thought attainable. There's a chance to save a friend from a self-created maelstrom.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Go where there's beauty. You need to be around it, even if it means blowing off some of your work. If you find yourself complaining about others, it's one in the mirror who must finally be faced.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). History tends to remember those who have one big idea, and you'll be bold enough to venture into the land of imagination, asking what yours might be. At work, it's a case of everyone ignoring the "elephant in the room."

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Demonstrate independent thinking. You could get paid for it, and at the very least, you'll have the satisfaction of seeing a few raised eyebrows and knowing you've challenged the bourgeoisie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your instincts for making money aren't nearly as

Tomorrow's Horoscope

honed as your instincts for creating a life of romance. When engaged in a first-class seduction, you mustn't forget about your No. 1 flirting tool — silence! Leave everything to the imagination.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you try, it's easy to work up some high-octane enthusiasm, especially if you know you have an audience of people counting on your leadership. Those who feel lost have a breakthrough — a real sense of purpose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Information is power, and you can get it by using one of your close contacts. A Gemini or Cancer introduces ideas worth exploring. Follow-through is everything. Make the call or e-mail, deliver the goods, and then, report back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Personalities you're working with can be prickly — keep it low key. Personal note: Telling someone that he or she is in danger of losing you is so movie-of-the-week. Instead, go out and have fun with your friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You give more and expect more, too. For this reason, it's better to be slow to commit yourself to new projects. It may seem like a good thing, but it's likely to take three times as long as you think.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Face the inevitable — destiny is bigger than you! You've still got free will and can interpret events in your own way — so choose a way that empowers you. It's wise to take all complaints or compliments seriously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some of you will be getting over a crush — and good riddance! Devote energy to creating a high-

er kind of love in your life.

If you are part of a two-some, you may be learning to tolerate the habits of someone at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You take this thing called responsibility to a whole new level. It's supposed to mean you are accountable, not necessarily that you are doing it all by yourself, which is not only difficult but annoying to others.

WEEKEND LOVE REPORT: This weekend marks the last hours of the sun's stay in audacious Sagittarius. For those of you who haven't yet worked up the nerve to take a bold romantic step, it's time to speak up. Hanukkah begins Saturday under the Scorpio moon, and with Venus entering Aquarius, it's likely singles could meet someone new during friendly gatherings that follow traditional rituals. The winter solstice is on Sunday, a positively magical time of year for love.

ARIES: You present quite a temptation — be careful where you direct it. TAURUS: Pop the question

you're dying to know the answer to. GEMINI: Your coy ways work with half the population, and the rest needs you to be direct.

CANCER: Sweethearts make you feel taken care of. LEO: Loved ones need to be taught how to love you. VIRGO: You believe love when you see proof. LIBRA: Chemistry is hot between you and other air signs (Gemini and Aquarius). SCORPIO: Keep the date you set. SAGITTARIUS: Forget about your friend's date. AQUARIUS: You'll laugh the evening away tonight. CAPRICORN: Slow down. Keep wedding bells in the distant future. PISCES: Yes, the other person does notice your flirting!

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: When two signs are astrologically hot like Aquarius and Scorpio are this weekend, it's hard for them to keep their hands off each other. Sensational chemistry and witty banter are featured for these two. Scorpio likes that Aquarius remains illusive. But Aquarius, don't be fooled. Scorpio has secrets, too!

Annie's Mailbox:

Dear Annie: I am a married 27-year-old woman with three sons under the age of 8. I have been married to "Adam" for six years. Two years ago, Adam converted to a religion that I am not comfortable with. I am not very religious, nor am I raising my kids to be.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Even though we share a home and family, Adam now lives a life totally separate from me. I have no desire to convert or participate in his method of religious devotion. I love him, but our religious differences are pulling us apart.

Do you have any suggestions as to what I should do? I don't know if this is how I want our family to live the rest of our lives. — Memphis Melancholy

Dear Memphiss: Adam's conversion must have been quite stressful for you. While many married couples are of different faiths, in order for such marriages to be successful, the couple must balance each other's religious observances. You and Adam have not yet done this, and it's understandable that there would be a major rift.

Is Adam willing or able to compromise? Does it matter to him that the children are not being raised in his religion? Will it matter later? Is he pressuring you to join his religion? Can you treat his level of devotion in a manner that will not interfere with the rest of your relationship?

These are some of the questions you must ask yourself and discuss with Adam before you can decide how to proceed. It also might help to discuss the religious issues with a clergyman who can act as a mediator. Good luck.

Dear Annie: For my friend "Janice's" birthday, I gave her a gift basket of bath items and a piece of jewelry. I thought the present was perfect for her. I never received a thank-you, so I gently asked Janice if she liked her gift. Her response was that she didn't care for the bath items I chose. She said nothing about the jewelry.

I was heartbroken. I quickly returned the bath items and exchanged them for ones she had specified. I still never received a thank-you note. I am quite hurt by this, but it's not the end of the story.

I just received a note from Janice, listing all the gift items that are acceptable for her and her children for Christmas. I am appalled by her poor manners. I would never tell

people they have to buy me gifts for the holidays, let alone tell them what I expect to receive. Is this proper behavior? — Frustrated Shopper in the USA

Dear Shopper: No, this is rude, but you already know that. All gifts should be acknowledged graciously, and giving out shopping lists smacks of greed. Janice no doubt thinks she is doing you a favor by letting you know exactly what she wants, but it certainly puts a damper on your holiday cheer. Feel free to ignore her shopping list. You also might want to re-evaluate how much this friendship means to you.

Dear Annie: My co-workers and I have a question about family lineage. What is my relationship to my mother's "Aunt Betsy"?

My co-workers say I am Aunt Betsy's great niece. According to my understanding, however, I remain simply a niece until I am old enough to have a child of my own. Then I become a great niece.

A lunch is riding on your answer. — Just a Niece in Warsaw, Ind.

Dear Great Niece: Hope you have enough money to treat. Your mother is Aunt Betsy's niece. You are her great niece, no matter how old you are. When you have a child, that child becomes a great-grand niece. However, "great aunt" is sometimes a mouthful, so it's OK to call her "Aunt Betsy" if you prefer.

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FRIDAY

Table with 23 columns (station call letters) and 12 rows (time slots from 6 AM to 12 AM). Each cell contains the station name and the program being broadcast.

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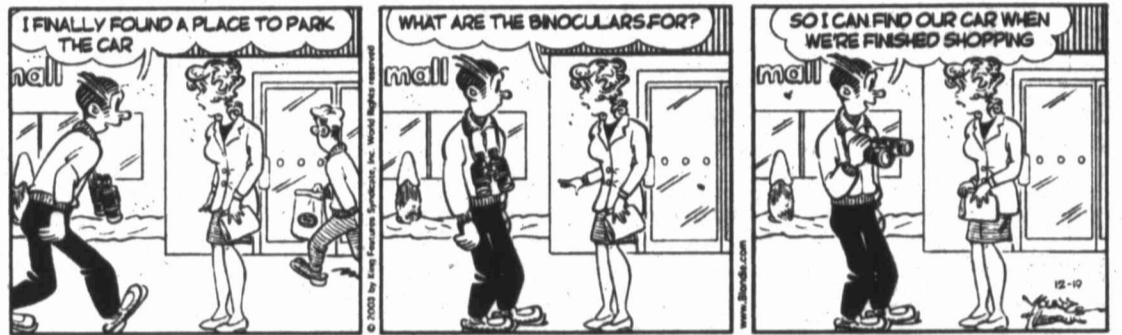


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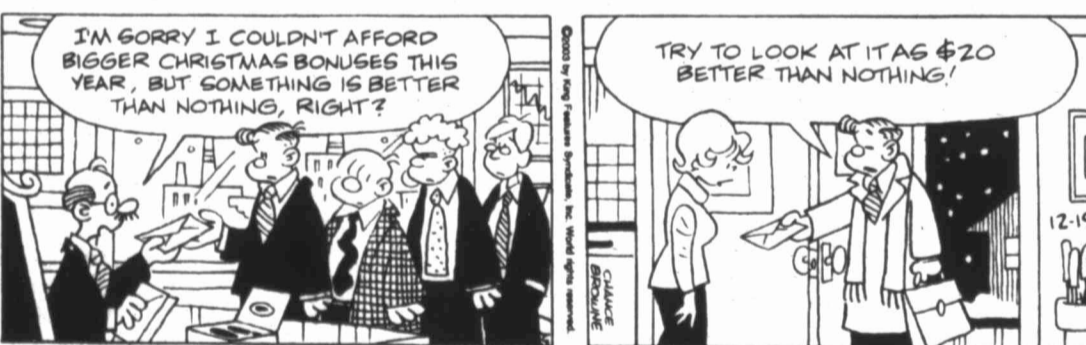
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 2003. There are 12 days left in the year. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 19, 1843, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England. On this date: Franklin began publishing "Poor Richard's Almanac." In 1776, Thomas Paine published his first "American Crisis" essay. In 1777, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pa., to camp for the winter. In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in

Jacobs Creek, Pa. In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corporation began transmitting overseas with its Empire Service to Australia. In 1957, Meredith Willson's musical play "The Music Man" opened on Broadway. In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings. In 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States. In 1978, jury selection began in Salem, Ore., in the case of John J. Rideout, accused of raping his wife, Greta. (Rideout was acquitted; the couple divorced after the trial.) In 1986, the Soviet Union announced it had freed dissident Andrei Sakharov from internal exile, and pardoned his wife, Yelena Bonner. Ten years ago: Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and senior PLO officials ended two days of

closed-door talks in Oslo, Norway, in which they sought to break a deadlock over Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories. Today's Birthdays: Singer-songwriter Charlie Ryan is 88. Country singer Little Jimmy Dickens is 83. Actor James Booth is 73. Actress Cicely Tyson is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer-musician Maurice White (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 62. Actor Tim Reid is 59. Paleontologist Richard E. Leakey is 59. Rock singer Alvin Lee (Ten Years After) is 59. Actress Elaine Joyce is 58. Musician John McEuen is 58. Singer Janie Fricke is 56.

Answer to previous puzzle: MISTY BURP ACTS AREAS ASHE DEEP TACKLESHP ENTO ANTE GEE PASTOR YEARS EXTENT SIGNED TRIER USUAL STIES FAM MEAT CASED SORE PER DONOR SPLIT DREAD VALDEZ SCHUSS IRENE PROSIT NEE NASA IOUS ENDPRODUCT EASE ROIL LORAN STET STAY DRANO

Newsday Crossword

STREET SIGNS by Richard Silvestri Edited by Stanley Newman

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- 65 Find repugnant 66 Morticia, to Fester 67 Belt 68 Arrow competitor 69 Played in Vegas 70 Trunk covering 71 Siberian river

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