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Bivins to hold town hall meeting here Monday

HERALD Staff Report

State Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo), the man who will represent Howard County in the Texas Senate when the legislature convenes in January, will hold a town hall meeting here Monday.

The meeting, scheduled for 3:30 p.m., will be held in the Tumbleweed Room of the Howard College Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Area residents are invited to attend.

At the meeting, Bivins will discuss the upcoming 78th Texas Legislature and what legislation

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R-Amarillo



he plans to introduce. Tort reform, health care and enforcement of the state's mandatory auto insurance law are among issues Bivins plans to address, as are balancing the state's budget, improving the public school

funding system and working on the homeowner's insurance crisis.

He will also answer questions and hear comments and suggestions.

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ber of people turn out for the town hall meeting," Bivins said. "What my constituents have to say about these issues is very important to me."

Bivins took over as senator for Howard County when the county was moved from Robert Duncan's Senate District 28 into District 31 in the last redraw of the district lines.

Entering his fifth senate term, Bivins is currently chair of the Senate Education Committee and plans to promote legislation seeking an increase in state funding assistance to local school districts to decrease the tax share of school property tax payers.

Christmas parade kicks off yuletide

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Bradon Upshaw seemed to like the 17th Annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

The black-haired youth was all smiles and wiggles as lighted floats, bands and, of course, Santa Claus and along with the Mrs. paraded down the town Saturday night.

Although Upshaw didn't say to much, understandable so since he's 2 years old, his giggles of glee escape at times to joined with many other children and thousands of people who lined the streets of Big Spring.

And so on Saturday night, the Cross Roads area officially welcomed in the holiday season.

"I thought that this was

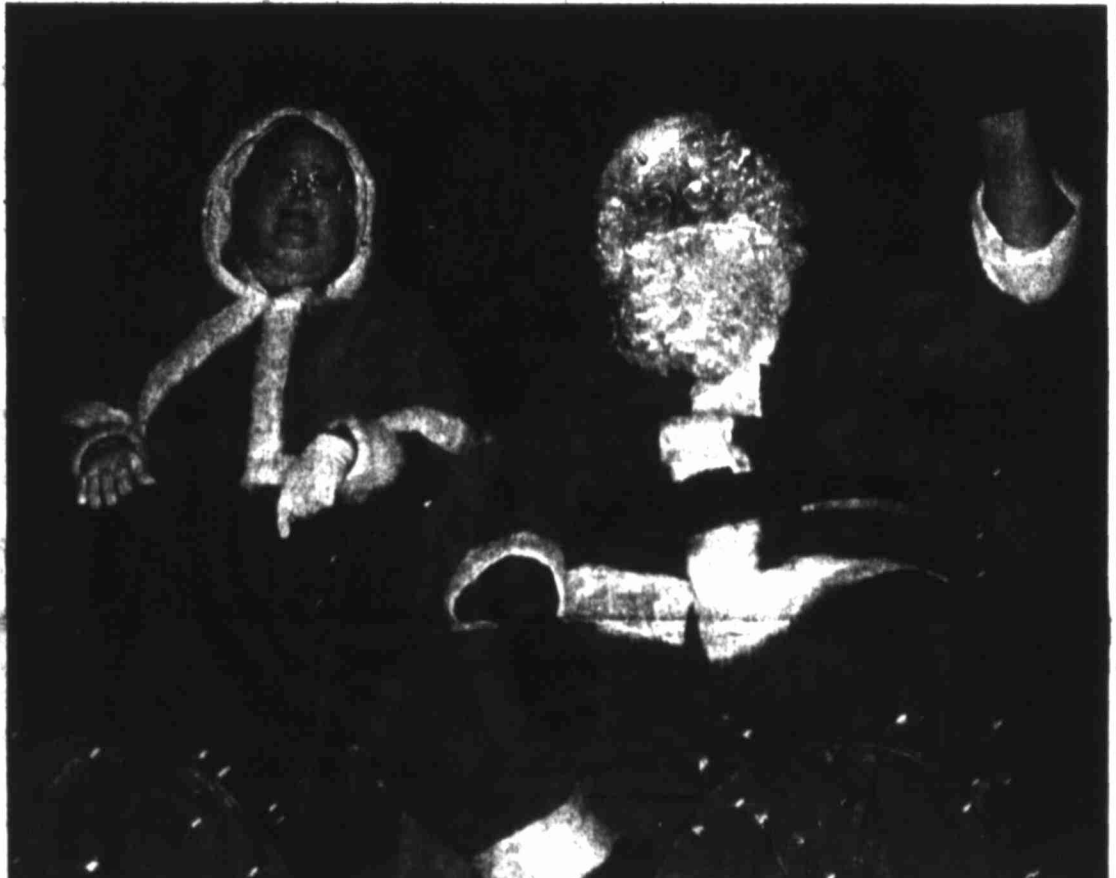
an outstanding parade for the city of Big Spring," said Big Spring Herald Publisher Hank Bond. "We're glad that this newspaper is able to continue the tradition in its 17th year and we look forward to an even larger event next year in 2003 to usher in the new season."

Making a grand entrance at the end, Mrs. Claus made a rare appearance at the side of her husband, the Big Man in Red, to the delight of children on the street.

"There's Santa Claus," one young girl exclaimed. "Oh and Mrs. Claus is there, too."

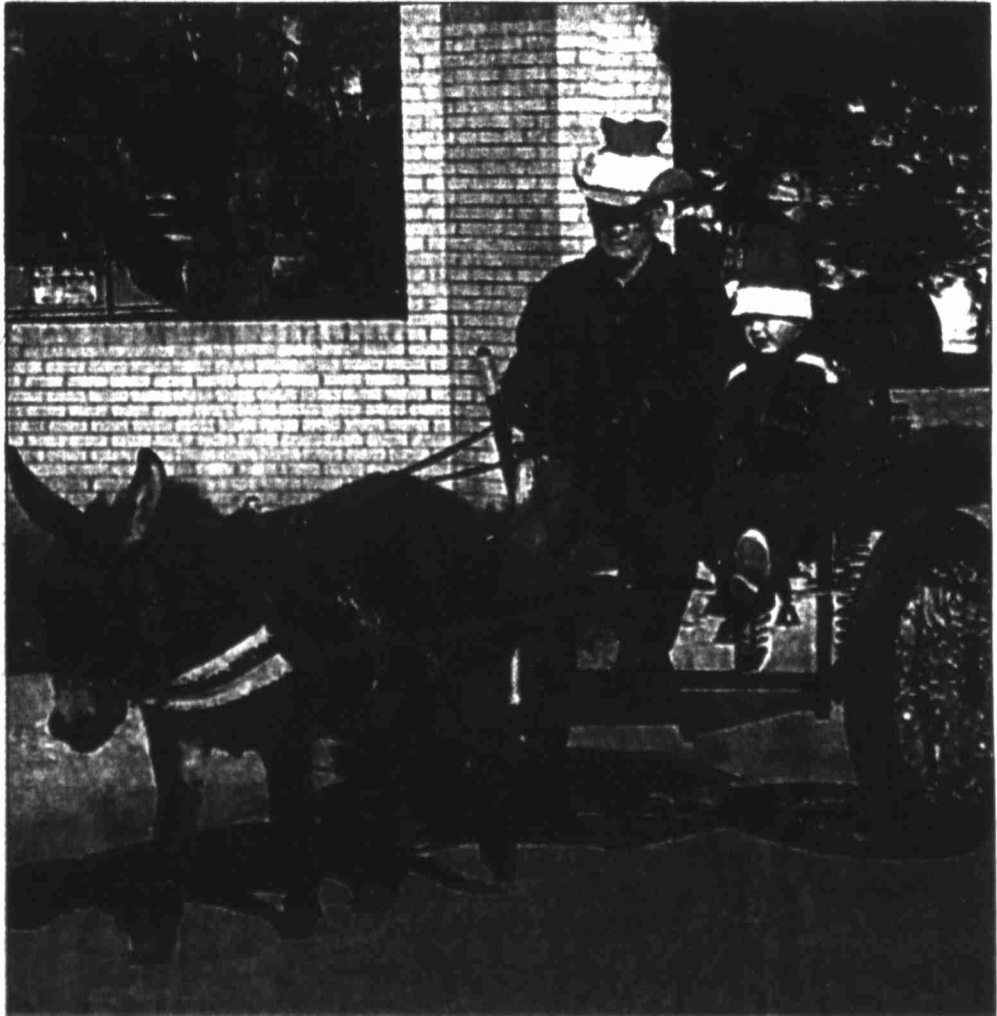
The biggest Christmas parade hosted by the Herald yet, competition for the best float cate-

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HERALD photos/Bruce Schooler and Lyndel Moody
 Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in Big Spring on Saturday, as the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade officially kicked off the holiday season. East Fourth Street Baptist Church's float drew plenty of attention, even from the youngest of onlookers.

Christmas in Boomtown



Photos by Bob Flashback
 Residents of Forsan officially ushered in the Christmas season Saturday as the Christmas in Boomtown Parade made its way through town on a sunny, but crispy cold morning.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Don Lindsey



Don Lindsey, 55, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, at his residence. Graveside funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, with the Rev. Kevin Parker and Dee Harmon, officiating.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1947, in Waynesboro, Tenn., and married Suzanne R. Meserve on Nov. 4, 1967, in Hazel Park, Mich.

He served in the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic from August of 1966 until August of 1970. He completed his enlistment as a Sergeant at Webb Air Force Base. He worked at the VA Medical Center for 20 years as a general mechanic.

He was a former resident of Attica, Mich.

He loved his family, friends, fishing, remote control air planes and Harley Davidson Motorcycles. He belonged to the Big Spring Bass Club, the Elks Club, Early Cars of Big Spring and the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne "Sue" Lindsey of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Sandra Lindsey of Marble Falls, Michael and Dee Lindsey of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Ray Darden of Big Spring; one sister Denise Skelton of Hohenwald, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Chase Lindsey, Austin Darden, Kasey Darden and Carlisle Darden; one aunt, Willa Jean Johnston of Hampshire, Tenn., and one uncle, Eddie Floyd of Hampshire, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Aubrey and Betty Lindsey and grandmother Edith Lindsey.

The family suggests memorials to the Joe Arrington Cancer Center, Chorus of Angels Foundation, 4101 22nd Place, Lubbock 79410.

The family will receive relatives and friends for visitation at the funeral home from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Don Tolle

Don Tolle, 78, of Cushing, Okla., a former longtime resident of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, at his home.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Davis Funeral Home in Cushing, Okla., with Dale Wells, Oklahoma State Representative for the 33rd District, officiating. Interment will follow at Beech Valley Memorial Park.

Mr. Tolle was born on April 4, 1924, in Springfield, Ill. He resided in Big Spring from 1961 to 1989. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II.

Survivors include his long time companion, Bernice Cook of Cushing, Okla.; a sister, Ruth Woods of Cushing, Okla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Francis Tolle of Boron, Calif.; a son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Kathy Tolle of Euless; a daughter and son-in-law, Leanna and John Cannon of Lewisville; a daughter, Deanne Haus of Cotati, Calif.; a son, Don Schooley of San Diego, Calif.; and numerous grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Harold Tolle of Beggs, Okla., and George Tolle of Seattle; and his daughter, Claudia Tolle Davis of Lancaster.

Arrangements under the direction of Davis Funeral Home in Cushing, Okla.

Paid obituary

Amelia T. Rubio

A rosary for Amelia T. Rubio, 53, of Big Spring will be held 7 tonight, Dec. 8, 2002, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father George Thirumangalam, officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Rubio died on Friday, Dec. 6, in Big Spring.

She was a nurse and a Catholic.

She is survived by her sisters, Juanita Avalos and Teresita Booth, both of Stanton, Lupe Mendoza of Canyon, Valentina Casarez of Beeville and Emilia Olguin of Midland; her brothers, Trinidad Rubio Jr. of Caldwell, Frank Rubio of Junction and Juan Rubio of San Angelo.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Jessie Frances Burson

Jessie Frances Burson was born to Marco O and Bertha Jopling Lightfoot on May 17, 1913. She died on Dec. 4, 2002, after a short illness. She went to meet our heavenly father and her loving husband, John.

She was a faithful servant of the Lord and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved the Lord and raised her children to love and serve him. She was a faithful member of Belmore Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for more than 40 years.

She taught school from World War II until she retired in 1978. Jessie graduated from Miles High School and later Daniel Baker College.

She is survived by two daughters, three sons, fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her children include Jane Ann and Ronny Neighbors of San Angelo, John and Charlotte Burson of Holliday, Cloyd and Renee Burson of San Angelo, Mike Burson of San Angelo, and Francene and Buck Hendrix of Pflugerville.

Her grandchildren include Wayne and Shelly Neighbors, Clint and Julie Neighbors, Brian Burson, Christie White, Jennifer Fuqua, Ashley Burson, Cody BethAnn Burson, Rebecca Burson, Melissa Burson, Michelle Burson, Marshall Burson, Byron John

Hendrix, Wesley Hendrix, Jessica Hendrix and Faren Hendrix. Her great-grandchildren include Corey, Payton, Paige White and Nicholas Neighbors. She is also survived by two sisters, Allie Mae Bearfield of Miles and Myrtice Hudson of Rowena and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Grandma "B" was preceded in death by her husband, John Monroe Burson, her parents, sisters Avis Murphy, Kaleta Cozby and Robbie Lee Barrett and brother Oral Lightfoot who was missing in action in World War II.

Celebration of her life was held on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at 1 p.m. at Belmore Baptist Church. Interment followed at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Wayne Neighbors, Clint Neighbors, Byron Hendrix, Wesley Hendrix, Gene Burson, Dene Burson, Jerry Neighbors and Frank Myers. Honorary pallbearers include Marshall Burson, Brian Burson, Wallace Clary and Pete Leggett.

The family would like to express heartfelt appreciation to special friends Ava Ramsey, Mary Roach, Mildred Middleton and Lottie Myers with additional thanks to VistaCare Hospice and to Anita Rivera for their loving care during mother's final days.

Memorial contributions can be made to the building fund at Belmore Baptist Church or VistaCare Hospice.

Paid obituary

Robert B. Murphy

Funeral service for Robert B. Murphy, 89, of Big Spring is pending at Livingston. Local arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Murphy died on Saturday, Dec. 7, at a local hospital.

Betty Leatherwood

Funeral service for Betty Leatherwood, 66, is pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Leatherwood died on Saturday, Dec. 7, at her home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday:

- SYLVINA ENRIQUEZ FLORES, 31, of 1603 Hilltop was arrested for two local warrants.
- EDWARD GARCIA JR., 23, of 642 Manor Lane was arrested for two local warrants.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 38, of 1033 Gail Highway was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the Barcelona Apartments.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon Street and at the police station.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place.

• DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 1000 block of Lloyd Avenue.

• INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium Avenue.

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

• PABLO DEHOYOS, 19, of Davenplace Apartments was taken to the county jail after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• STOLEN TRAILER was reported on Highway 87.

• THEFT was reported in South First Street. The property was recovered.

• INJURY TO A CHILD was reported in the 4600 block of Wasson Road. The alleged injury occurred at a Stanton residence, according to the activity log.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on North Anderson Road.

• LOOSE SHEEP were reported on Highway 350 and FM-700.

• BURGLARY was reported in the block of 5100 Dawson.

• FORGED CHECK was reported in the 100 block of East Broadway in Coahoma.

• LOOSE HORSE was reported on East Midway Road.

Support groups

SUNDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1 noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

MONDAY

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ New Voice Club is a support group for laryngectomees and their families. No dues. For more information, call 267-2800.

□ Encourager's Support Group, all widows and widowers are invited, meets 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. More information call, 398-5522

□ Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates and times of upcoming groups.

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

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.

MONDAY

Senior Circle, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Seniors 50 years and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Big Spring Commandary No. 31, Masonic Temple, 22 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner followed by meeting.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of Bearceant, Masonic Temple 221 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner followed by meeting.

Big Spring Band Boosters, BSHS Band Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden County, Howard County Library community room, 7 p.m. For more information call Lane Clawson, 270-2615.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance Classes, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, 9 a.m., 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, Howard County Cactus Room, 7 a.m.

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, SMMC classroom, 9:30 a.m.

Downtown Lion's Club, Howard County Cactus Room, noon.

West Texas Opportunities Inc. community meeting, noon to 1 p.m., 208 Owens St. "Stay Together" presents Christmas- No Money Needed. For more information, call 267-9536.

Line Dancing, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial park, 1 p.m., 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, Big Spring Country Club, 1 p.m.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxilary, Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, Herman's Resturant, 7 a.m.

Coffee Club, Gale's, 7 a.m.

Kiwanis Club, Howard College Cactus Room, noon, 267-6479.

Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

Duplicate Bridge Club, Big Spring Country Club, 1 p.m.

American Legion Auxilary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80, 263-2404.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 2101 Lancaster, 7:30 p.m.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Neighbors and Newcomers, 268-9335.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS, 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.

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

Send mailed submissions to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720 or by e-mail them to newsdesk@crcom.net or to jmoseley@crcom.net



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Big Spring High School band members of the woodwind section who earned first chair at the Region 6 Class 4A All-Region Band pose for a picture. Pictured are Samantha Newton, left, Cynthia Padron, Ryan Beall, Breck Simmons and Chrissie Walters.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Big Spring High School band members of the brass and percussion sections who earned first chair at the Region 6 Class 4A All-Region Band pose for a picture. Pictured are Adam Heinis, left, Heath Garrett, Jessica Ray, John Ontiveros and John Giles.

BSHS band members dominate regional

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School band members dominated the Region 6, Class 4A All-Region Band contest Monday and advanced 32 students to the next level.

"We're glad to see most of our kids making (all-region band)," said high school band director Rocky Harris. "It shows we are teaching them something."

An impressive 52 Steer band members earned a slot in the band competing with students from Kermit and Andrews.

"They play three technical pieces of music in front of five judges," Harris said, explaining what the musicians experience during the contest. "They also have to do it with everyone in the room with them. They have to step in front of their peers and play. The judges are behind a panel to remain anonymous."

Dominating the top positions, Synda Calobreves, Cynthia Padron, Chrissie Walters, Breck Simmons, Samantha Newton, Ryan

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HARRIS

Beall, Brandon Green, John Ontiveros, Jessica Ray, Adam Heinis, Heath Garrett, John Giles and J.W. Beauchamp all earned first-chair honors for their respective instrument.

Students who qualified for the next level of competition will turn their attention to area contest. Those students who advance past area contest qualify for All-State band held in February during the Texas Music Educators Association Convention.

The following are students who were selected for All-Region 6, Class 4A band and their chair placement. An "A" designates a student who qualified for Class 4A Area contest:

Piccolo — Synda Calobreves, first (A).

Flute — Synda Calobreves, first (A); Paige Ganey, second (A); Alex Garipey, third (A); Meredith Fillingim, fourth (A); Laura Fitzgibbons, sixth.

B flat clarinet — Cynthia Padron, first (A); Sharissa McMeans, second (A); Julie Cadenhead, third (A); Ashley Hamm, fourth (A); Rochelle McMeans, sixth (A); Amber Bustemante, eighth; and Laura Fierro, ninth.

Bass clarinet — Chrissie Walters, first (A); Jessica Bravo, second (A).

Oboe — Breck Simmons, first (A); Kami Huddleston, first alternate.

Bassoon — Samantha Newton, first (A); Whitney Weir, second, (A).

Alto saxophone — Ryan Bell, first (A); Spencer Roberts, second (A); Jared Sanchez, third; Oscar Natividad, first alternate.

Tenor saxophone — Brandon Green, first (A). Cornet/trumpet — John Ontiveros, first (A); Gracie Acosta, second (A); Braden Burchett, third (A); David Welch, fourth (A); Anthony J. Riddle, fifth (A); Mark Lozano, sixth; Landon Jenkins, ninth; Vance Stephens, eleventh; Joel Flores, first alternate.

French horn — Jessica Ray, first (A); Kristin Richard, third (A); Tanya Adusumilli, fourth (A); Katie Policky, fifth; Shelleyn Fox, sixth; Gwan Ausbie, eighth.

Tenor trombone — Adam Heinis, first (A); Ginger Fugate, third (A); Neisha Heinis, fourth; Mitchell Lowery, fifth; Paul Landin, seventh; Josh Islas, first alternate.

Baritone — Mike Bond, second (A); Johnathan Rush, fourth.

Tuba — Heath Garrett, first (A); John Volker, second (A); Vincente Flores, third; Jeff Stanely, fourth.

Percussion — John Giles, first (A); Kip White, third; Nick Rushin, fourth; Brandon Herrera, sixth.

String bass, J.W. Beauchamp, first.

BSHS band students Erin Partee, Kandis Harmon and Jason Vela also participated.

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PARADE

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gories was fierce making the judges' job a tough task.

"The judges are much appreciated," said Edwin Vela, Big Spring Herald advertising manager. "Their job was extremely tough this year since there were so many creative floats. We want to congratulate and thank all our winners and everyone who took the time to be a part of the 2002 Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade."

The results for the parade are as follows:

- Lighted Category — First, Agriculture Service-C&M Garage; second, State National Bank; third, city of Big Spring.

- Church/School — First, East Fourth Street Baptist Church; second, Common Ground Catholic Youth Group; third, Church of God and Prophecy and Seventh and Eighth Grade Cheerleaders.

- Civic — First, Howard County Humane Society; second, Big Spring Shrine Club; third, Clifford Hart.

- Commercial — First, Cornell Companies; second, Western Container; third, Texas Department

of Transportation.

The Cross Roads area was home to several festive holiday events Saturday. In the morning, the city of Forsan hosted its annual Christmas in Boomtown parade along the streets of the once booming oil town.

Tractors, floats and the Forsan High School band showed hometown pride throughout the streets and even Santa joined in the fun making the first of his appearances.

Following another successful Herald parade, the First United Methodist Church presented its

annual Living Christmas Tree. The large event draws hundreds to the church to enjoy an enormous choir and cast performing traditional Christmas carols and sketches.

The Living Christmas Tree will continue tonight at 8. Admission is free but tickets are required to see the performance. Tickets can be picked up at the church office, 400 Scurry St.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

We wish to thank all of our friends and neighbors for their many kind expressions of sympathy and condolences during our recent bereavement.

Special thanks to the Staff of Myers & Smith and the VA Medical Center.

The Family of Willie Hernandez

We wish to express our deepest heartfelt gratitude to everyone that flooded our family with love and support during our time of loss and grief! We especially appreciate the quality and incredible professionalism of Tommy Welch & his entire staff at Nalley-Pickle and Noia Jones in particular! We can not thank our wonderful friends enough for all that they did for us, and our time of Helen's passing was greatly enhanced by the Godly pastoral care of our wonderful minister -Rev. Roger Huff and the kindness and compassion of our dear friend Rev. Lynn Robertson. We sincerely thank you all!

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Christmas:
It's great
to be here

As we headed home Saturday from a wonderful day of starting the holiday season, our hearts were warm, despite the frost in the air. My, what a time we had. If you took it all in, you were out fairly early, picking through some wonderful items and fresh-baked goods at the Canterbury Bazaar. From there, you had the opportunity to make your way to Forsan for "Christmas in Boomtown," that community's spirited parade and festival. After that, you might have attended the dress rehearsal of the Living Christmas Tree at First United Methodist Church.

Some 10,000 or more of you bundled up in the crisp night air for the annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade. Weren't there some wonderful entries? The smiles on the faces of spectators is always the best reward for those organizations, churches, businesses and others who work so hard to make this happen each year.

From the parade, perhaps you made it to the evening presentation of the Living Christmas Tree at the First United Methodist Church or to the third performance of the musical "Wizard of Oz" at Big Spring High School. Or perhaps you went to Hangar 25 Air Museum and enjoyed some hot chocolate, cookies and the warm atmosphere.

The festivities aren't over, of course. Today, a matinee of "Oz" is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. and the final performance of the Living Christmas Tree is set for 8 p.m.

Upcoming are the First Church of the Nazarene's Drive-thru Nativity on Dec. 13-15, the Pottou House Red Dress Party on Dec. 14, the Big Spring Symphony Guild Holiday Tour of Homes on Dec. 15, the Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights on Dec. 15-31 and the Funtastic Christmas concert in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium on Dec. 21.

We are sure there will be others, as well. It's a wonderful time to be a resident of Howard County. Happy holidays, everyone!

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

May we keep in touch with you, Lord, through our prayers.

Amen



Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Just a little more than a week ago, I again accomplished something I was never sure would happen.

I have to tell you the truth when I say I was really excited to be able to watch the Big Spring football team, cheerleaders, and band have their shot at Texas Stadium.

It was excitement at the top of the heap for me.

I can remember back in 1980 when the Dallas Cowboys drafted a speedy, defensive back from Kentucky State named Rod Hill and I became an instant fan of what has been called many times America's team.

Of course no matter where we have lived it has been easy to follow the Cowboys and while I am not a real fan anymore because of the ownership I can't help but check the scores every week to see how they had done.

But really, that's not the basis of this story. When Dwight Butler led this year's Big Spring Steers football team to the playoffs and ran an impressive streak it gave me the chance to take that magical trip to Texas Stadium.

I was allowed to sit about 12 rows from the field with an unobstructed view and watch the football game. I seriously doubt I will ever have a chance to sit that close to the field at a professional game in Dallas and besides it

looks like Texas Stadium won't be around much longer anyway.

In addition to this thrill for me and my traveling party of Marilyn, Carol, Matt and grandson Evan (the Big E) our youngest child, Michael or Mickey as he prefers, is a member of the Big Spring High School band and got even closer to the field than dad did. He plays trumpet part of the time and was allowed to be part of the group performing the National Anthem before the game. He also performed in the halftime presentation by the band.

Looking to the right as I studied that storied stadium from top to bottom I saw players honored with names and numbers on display above the field... the signage even contained the years they played. For the very most part I remembered watching those grid-iron greats ply their trade while leading the Cowboys to many wins and a few Superbowl championships.

For those who aren't from Texas this was a big deal. Texas Stadium, tracing the Kennedy assassination, and visiting downtown Dallas have been a thrill. Michael and I have even been to the Ballpark at Arlington for a Rangers' game.

Next we want to visit the Alamo and the east Coast, although I

have been to the Gulf before and have found I prefer the Atlantic coast.

The past week or two have been very busy. I have enjoyed the company of members of the Howard County Humane Society. I visited with several members of the Chamber of Commerce's Senior Leadership, and met for the first time with my newest board assignment with the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services board.

On Thursday, after dog sitting Toto from the Wizard of Oz for a couple days last week, daughter Beth and I went to opening night at the high school. I love the theater. In fact I consider it an essential part of the culture in life I most enjoy. I have been blessed with many opportunities and to have children interested in participating in the areas of interest I most enjoy is wonderful.

This has been an exciting season. As I sit here on Friday afternoon I am looking forward to the parade on Saturday. I am sure we will visit again.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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Governments classify everything

If it's true that knowledge is power - and it is - then secrecy, which denies people knowledge, is bad.

Of course, there is justification for reasonable secrecy in time of war. You would not, for example, want to publicize the schedule of troopship sailings or the date of a planned invasion, etc. Nor would you want to publicize some information gained by monitoring if the person or people being monitored didn't know they were under surveillance.

That being said, the government has an inclination to make classified all sorts of information that is harmless. Except for a presidential pardon by Bill Clinton, the son of a prominent historian would have gone to prison for giving a satellite photo of a Soviet ship to Jane's, an outfit that is the world's best compiler of military information.

Now, the Soviet Union knew it had an aircraft carrier, obviously. It also knew we had satellites capable of photographing anything on land or sea. It knew we were photographing its military facilities. So what harm was done? No harm at all. The photo-

graph should never have been classified in the first place. Doing so only denied the people knowledge that they were entitled to have.

And here's the rub: Governments have a tendency to classify everything. An old colleague of mine who served in Army counterintelligence said they used to clip articles out of Japanese newspapers, stamp them "classified" and send them into headquarters. You think that's an exaggeration?

Another friend of mine recently spent two years trying to get his dossier from the FBI through the Freedom of Information Act. The FBI insisted it contained classified information and could not be released. Finally, a federal judge ordered it released. And do you know what it contained? Nothing but newspaper articles about my friend.

There are far fewer conspiracies than there are examples of stupidity, incompetence and a keen desire to cover up both. There is still stuff classified that dates back to World War I. After all, you wouldn't want a dead Kaiser Wilhelm to know what we knew about the imperial German army.

When I was last on active duty, I had a Secret clearance. But one day I had to type a report that, once I typed it, was classified Top Secret. The commanding officer decided to make a change, and when I

reached for the report to make the change, he said: Can't have that. It's Top Secret."

"But sir," I said. "I just typed the report. I know everything in it (which, by the way, was useless information)."

"It doesn't matter," he said. "You don't have a Top Secret clearance. Somebody who does will have to make the change."

That's a true story. Never, never underestimate the stupidity to be found in government ranks, both civilian and military. The more you learn about how government really works, the more religious you become, because it's obvious that without God's help, we would never have won a war.

I've read estimates that two-thirds of American history remains classified. I don't know if that's true. I haven't any means of measuring it. I'm sure there are tons of harmless information still classified. I'm also sure that a lot of what we think we know isn't true. Governments, in addition to their tendency to classify and keep secret both the truth and miscellaneous trivia, also have a tendency to lie.

Most government bureaucrats and politicians know darn well that knowledge is power, and they intend to make sure it is they, not the people, who have the power. Sort of the opposite of what our forefathers intended.

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New Hope Christian School now up and running

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Debbie Childress, the head of the New Hope Christian School, can take a deep breath from her hectic schedule.

Well, maybe just a little one.

Two short weeks after moving from California with her husband, Ken, the new associate pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, Debbie was caught up in a whirlwind of events landing her in the new position.

"I was expecting to run the Nazarene's pre-school when it began but that wasn't for a year," Childress said.

God doesn't run on the same timetable it seems.

When board members of St. Mary's Episcopal School announced the school would close after 40 years of providing private education, the Nazarene church board agreed to pick up the mantle and carry the school under the name of New Hope Christian School for at least the next seven months.

The church happened to have a member with an associate degree in early childhood development and seven years experience running a pre-school in California. Childress found herself in a new job.

"I was getting ready one morning to look for a new job," she recalled. "I had not had to do that in seven years, so I wasn't looking forward to it."

"I was still in my pajamas when Roger (Huff, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene) called. He asked me if I could be there in 20 minutes and I haven't stopped since."

In order to make the school financially viable, the board had to make some tough choices — cutting several programs, including lunch and transportation and eliminating the grade level classes.

"We function as a pre-school right now," she said.

Once the possibility of the new school became a reality, a whole new set of tasks needed to be accomplished.

"We received our

license from the state of Texas in 72 hours," she said.

Then came volunteer services.

"Everybody had to get a tuberculosis test (required by the state)," Childress said. "We called around and the nurse said she would do it for free and came to us. The same thing happened with the notary public."

"It's been that way ever since," she said. "God doesn't take you out the middle of the lake and let you drown...We're just trying to keep our eyes on the Lord and trust in him."

Now in its third week of existence, the school has about 32 students enrolled.

"We're almost ready to start our 2-year-olds class," Childress said.

New Hope offers a structured curriculum program and is open from 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., preschool runs from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with extended care after 11:30 a.m.

The school's schedule follows the Big Spring Independent School District school year.

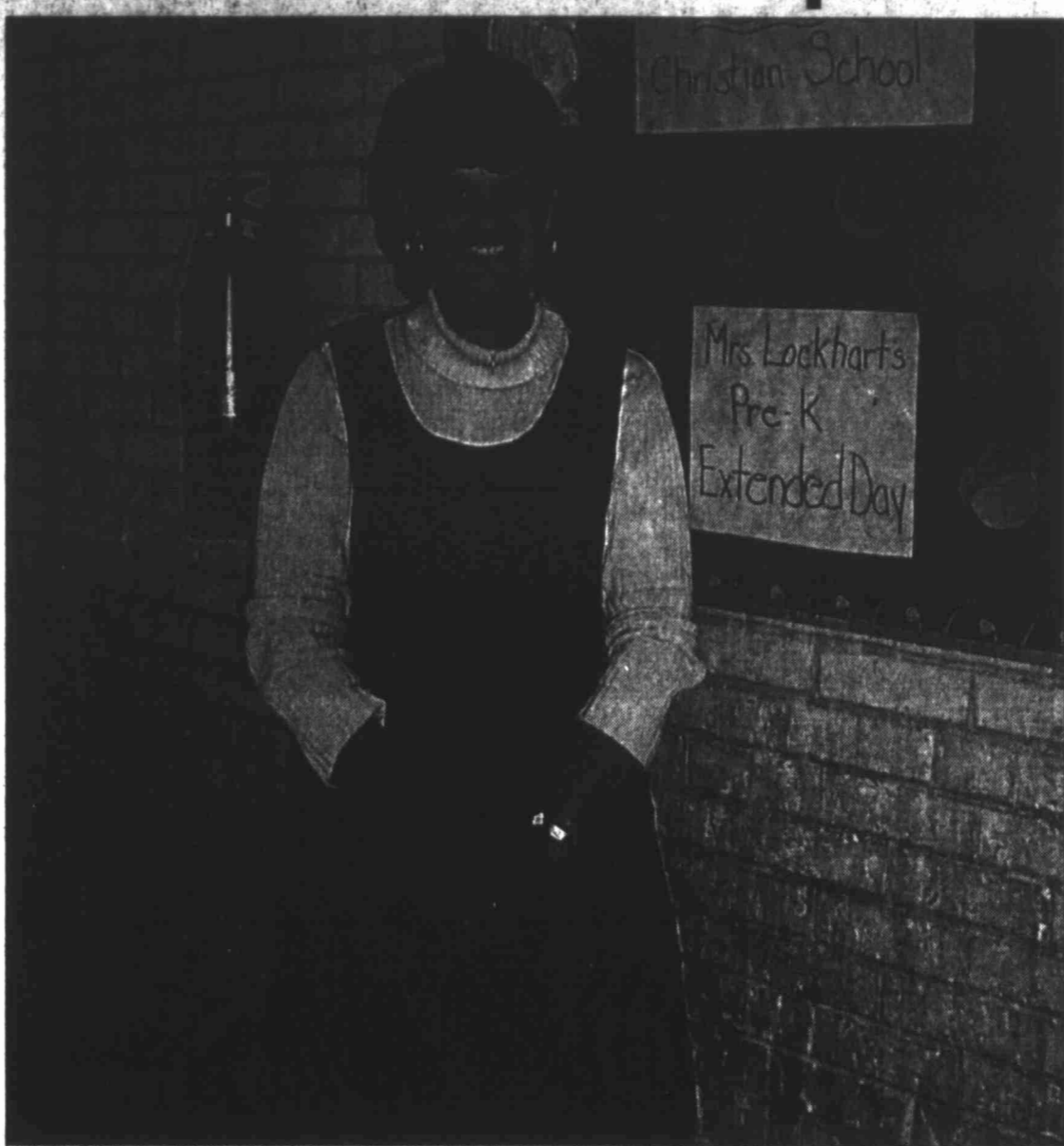
St. Mary's staff members Theda Brooks, Sherry Newton, Karla Bowles, Sharon Rich, Carolyn Bluhm, Dana Witt, Sandee Lockhart and Paula Hunt returned to teach at the new school. Dawn Platt returned to serve in the office.

"St. Mary's legacy is still here but the New Hope vision is helping lead it in a new direction," Childress said.

The Nazarene church board will oversee the school through the year and plans to evaluate the institution in February. If the school seems financially viable, the private education institution will be spun from the church and a community Christian school board will be established to oversee the operation.

For more information, visit the school at 118 Cedar or call 263-0203.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net



Debbie Childress, the head of New Hope Christian School, stands before a bulletin board created by the students. The school took over operation of the St. Mary's Episcopal School facilities, which closed at the beginning of November after more than 40 years serving private education to the community.

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The dress rehearsal for the First United Methodist Church's 24th annual Living Christmas Tree brought a large crowd of listeners Saturday afternoon. The event includes traditional Christmas music sung by more than 70 people, children's choir, solos, dance performances and more. A second performance will be held at 8 tonight at the church, 400 Scurry. Admission is free but tickets are required to see the performance. Tickets can be picked up at the church office.

Commissioners to meet

HERALD Staff Report

A new Cooperative Extension agent for Howard County? That's one item on the agenda for the Howard County Commissioners' Court meeting set for 10 a.m. Monday.

The commissioners meet on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

According to the agenda, Brenda Rue of the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Fort Stockton will be at the meeting to discuss the position with the commissioners.

Howard County's previous agent, David Kight,

was resigned from the position after being arrested by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of insurance fraud in July.

In other business, the commissioners will:

- Consider whether to use Howard County Law Library funds to purchase a public-access workstation connected to legal databases.

- Appoint a member to the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District.

- Consider a resolution for the Transportation Equity Act.

- Consider contract renewals and grants.

Garden City Elementary students second in UIL academic contest

Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY — Garden City Elementary School earned 464.2 points at the District 8A West Zone University Interscholastic League Academic meet in Garden City, competing against teams from Wink, Iraan and McCamey schools.

Garden City finished a close second to Wink's 493 points. Iraan earned 373 points and McCamey had 212 points.

Principal Brad Jones said he commended the performance of the students and dedication of the coaches.

The following Garden City Elementary students placed in their events:

Creative writing: Craig Wheeler, third; Sarah Hoelscher, fourth; Izamar Ocon, sixth.

Storytelling: Brody Halfmann, first; Peyton Schaefer, fourth; and Katy Multer, fourth.

Ready writing: Cassie Hirt, second; Laura Halfmann, second; Kaci Coats tied for fifth; Adriana Ramirez, sixth.

Music memory: Samantha Kellermeier, second; Katelyn Hoelscher, second; Brett Chudej, second; Lauren Wheeler, third; Marcus Dalton, third; Marcus Cook, third.

Number sense: Michael Clarke, first; Hayden Halfmann, first; Brooke

Halfmann, second; Brian Hirt, second; Brittany Schniers, fourth; Landon Wesley, fourth; Paige Niehues, fifth.

Spelling: Lauren Wheeler, second; Levi Schaefer, fourth; Kate Halfmann, fourth; Michael Clarke, fifth; Paige Niehues, fifth; Jordan Jost tied for sixth.

Art: Dylan Lowery, third; Joshua Colunga, third; Laura Halfmann, third; Amanda Trevino, third; Leticia Ramirez, third.

Oral reading: Paige Niehues, third; Heather Havlak, fifth; Melissa Hirt, fifth.

Maps, graphs and charts: Michael Clarke, second; Adriana Ramirez, second; Jake Schwartz, third; Paige Niehues, fourth; Brooke Halfmann, fifth.

Dictionary skills: Jake Schwartz, tied for first; Michael Clarke, tied for first; Britton Avery, third; Adriana Ramirez, fourth; Andrea Olivarez, fifth.

Listening skills: Jacob Schmitz, second; Adriana Ramirez, fourth; Kate Halfmann, tied for sixth; Noemi Gonzales tied for sixth.

Impromptu Speaking: Kaci Coats, third; Britton Avery, fifth.

Mathematics: Brooke Halfmann, first; Michael Clarke, second; Levi Schaefer, fourth.

Calculator, Cole Schwartz, first; and Jake Schwartz, fifth.

The following students were also members of the Garden City Elementary team: Agatha Koethler, Kaithlyn Braswell, Alyssa Wesley, Sarah Avery, Jacob Dalton, Reggie Halfmann, Shelby Schwartz, Jessica Jones, Daniel DeLuna, Shanna Halfmann, Ian Schaefer, Adrian Guerrero, Lauren Schwartz, Kelsey Jones, Amber Halfmann, Samantha Pitts, Vikki Garza, Sydney Halfmann and Macy Schwartz.

The Garden City Elementary UIL Coaches

are Theresa Eoff, Phyllis Byrne, Tanya Multer, Lynette Jansa, Robin Gray, Carla Hirt, Karen Rasco, Ken Chandler, Jean Ann Kujawski, Dana Cook, Kristi Long, Kim Halfmann, Vicki Kight and Micki Wesley.

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Bible Class board still \$10,000 short of fund-raising goal

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer
The Howard County Bible Class Inc. is still \$10,000 short of raising the \$25,000 needed to support next year's Bible class program at two area high schools.

The board has raised a little more than \$15,000 of the money needed to pay for teacher salaries, materials and Bibles, said Hays Stripling, a member of the board.

The program supports three classes at Big Spring High School taught by Dr. Bill Welsh that boast an enrollment of more than 100 students. The Rev. Jeff Janca teaches two classes at Forsan High School with a total enrollment of about 20 students.

Two other area high schools have shown interest in the program, Stripling said, but the board doesn't have enough money to support additional classes.

To donate to the program, checks should be made to Howard County Bible Class Inc. and mailed to P.O. Box 494, Big Spring 79721. The board of directors meets the first Monday of the month at 7 a.m. at Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg. All meetings are open to the public.

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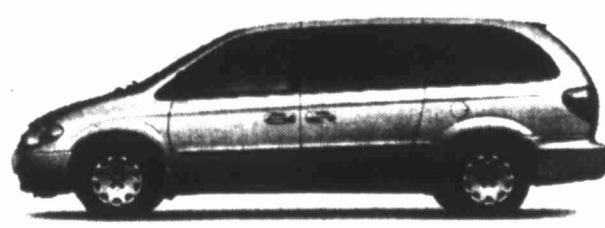
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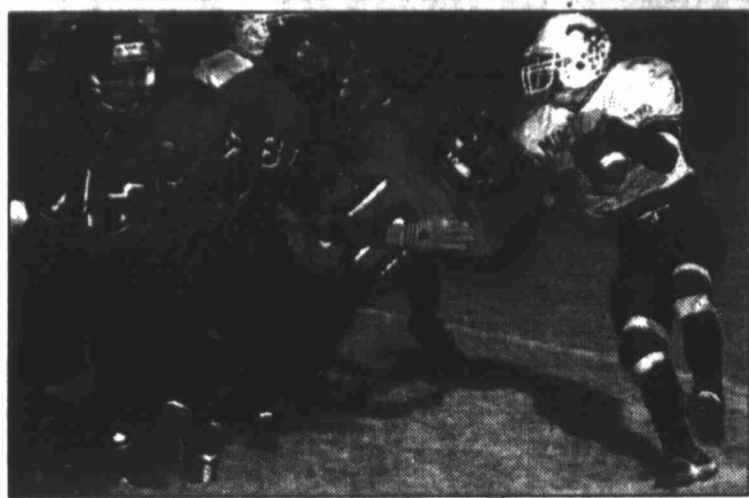
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Sands running back Brandon Woods is bottled up by a trio of Sanderson defenders during a play in the Mustangs 58-12 loss to the Eagles in the state semifinals Friday night.

Sanderson ends Mustangs' run

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor
BIG LAKE — The Sands Mustangs saw the future of six-man football Friday night. Unfortunately, it was in the form of Sanderson.

Sanderson, anchored by a 166-yard rushing performance from senior tailback Stevie Fuentes, used their speed to perfection in front of a large crowd at Jim Bird Stadium. The

Eagles rolled up more than 310 yards on the ground and raced to a 58-16 victory over Sands in the state semifinals.

With the win, the Eagles improved to 14-0 on the year, Sands finished its season at 12-2 — both losses coming to Sanderson. The win sends the Eagles into the state finals for the first time in the school's history against Calvert.

Sanderson's success

against the Mustangs even surprised themselves.

"I'm kind of surprised we could beat them like that," said Fuentes, a backup running back. "Anytime you can beat a good team that it's always a surprise."

What was surprising, at least for the huge crowd on hand, was the speed the Eagles used to dominate the game. Offensively, Sanderson

broke five runs of more than 30 yards in the game and were forced to throw the ball just seven times.

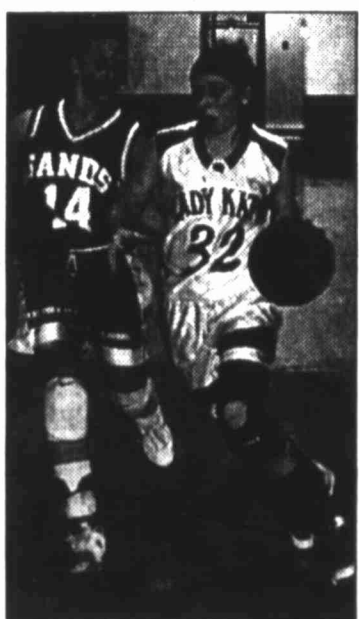
The Mustang defense, keyed by strong efforts from linebackers Heath Webb and Brandon Woods, held the Eagles in check early, forcing them to punt their first possession away.

Unfortunately for Sands, the SHS offense wasn't able to capitalize

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Hoch, Jansa power Kats past MCA

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor
GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Lady Kats would have made AT&T proud Friday afternoon. The Lady Kats dialed up seven 3-pointers and pounded out a wild 41-33 victory over the Midland Classical Academy Lady Knights in the second round of the Garden City Booster Club Klassic.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Lady Kats' Jessica Hoch (32) sank four 3-pointers Friday afternoon.

With the win, Garden City upped its season record to an impressive 8-1 mark and, more importantly, advanced to the championship round of the event.

Midland Classical actually carried the hot hand early. The Lady Knights, behind senior post Ann Gilbert, survived a game-opening 3-pointer from Jessica Hoch and rolled to an 8-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Hoch, who sank a game-high 4 3-pointers in the matchup, and Amanda Henson wiped the smiles off Midland Classical's faces in the second. The combined for nine points and led an 11-4 run that sent Garden City into the half clinging to a shaky 18-12 lead.

Megan Niehues tallied the Lady Kats' only other basket in the second.

Garden City all but turned the Knights' lights out in the third. Hoch sank two 3-pointers and Brecklyn Hughes added another to spearhead a wild 16-point outburst that carried the GCHS girls into the fourth with a 34-24 lead.

Leslie Jansa, one of two GCHS starters to hit double figures, shouldered the offensive load for the Lady Kats in the fourth. She sank the team's only shot from the field — a 3-pointer from the wing — in the frame. Hoch added four free throws.

Hoch finished the game with 18 points.

Rachel Tuck led all MCA scorers with 12.

Sands 52, Crane 38

The Sands Lady Mustangs came up with a big defensive stand in the third quarter Friday afternoon and rode it to a 52-38 win over the Crane Lady Birds. In route to earning a spot in the consolation finals, Sands broke open a tight game by holding Crane to just one shot from the field in the first eight minutes of the second half.

The Lady Mustangs, who dropped their opener to Garden City Thursday night, dominated the game early. Audra Kennemer and Deisi Porras each pumped in three shots from the floor in the first quarter and carried Sands to an 18-11 lead at the start of the second quarter.

Crane managed to rally back just before the half. Amanda Baker buried a shot from the field with 2:06 left to cap a 15-8 run and tie the score at 26-26.

The Mustangs regrouped over the next two minutes, however. Kennemer and Hollie Gibbs led a 4-0 run in the final 120 seconds to give the SHS girls a slim 30-26 lead at

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Patience's Reward

Forsan star lands college scholarship with New Mexico JC

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor
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Sports Editor
Forsan's Becky Zubiate is proof that good things come to those who wait, persevere and never give up on a dream.

The ability to wait patiently for the good is a trait that has served the former Forsan High School cross country standout well during her career. En route to putting together a splendid high school career, she did plenty of waiting, sitting out the better part of two seasons with painful injuries before finally blossoming into one of the state's top runners — and perhaps the greatest female cross country star in the history of the Lady Buffaloes' program.

Even being one of the top prep recruits didn't come without a test of her patience. After graduating in May of 2002, she found the scholarship market for cross country runners limited at best. Thus, Zubiate did the improbable — she took herself off the market. And for six long months she trained day-in and day-out, running mile after mile in order to be ready when the opportunity presented itself.

Her wait paid dividends Monday when New Mexico Junior College head coach Robert Jackson came calling, offering a Christmas present like no other — a scholarship.

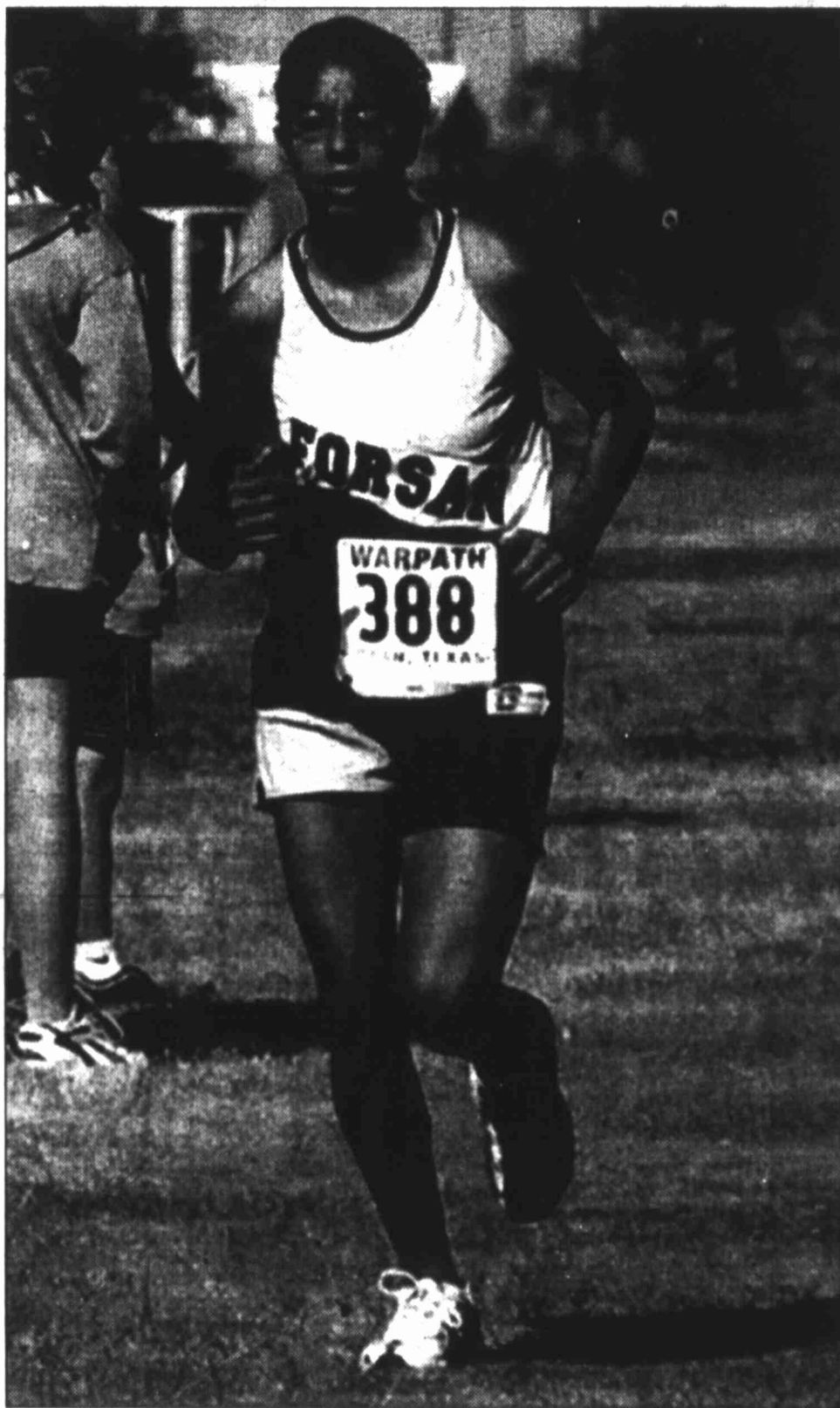
"I'm excited about this opportunity," said Zubiate, who signed a deal with the Lady Thunderbirds after a brief workout at the Hobbs, NM, university. "This is what I've been waiting for. I was kind of surprised when he called and asked if I would be interested. I told my mother 'This is the one.'"

"I've wanted to do this for the longest time," she added.

It's something her parents, Dianna and Simon Zubiate, have waited for, too.

"I'm so excited for her," said her mother. "It's hard to explain. I know I'll miss her when she's at college, but this is something she's wanted to do for a while. I'm like a mother who has a new baby ... I just can't wait to see her run."

Her family won't have to wait long to see the record-setting runner compete. Jackson, after watching Zubiate practice with the NMJC varsity, said the former Lady Buffalo would join the Thunderbirds at the Red Raider



Courtesy photo
Former Forsan cross country standout Becky Zubiate overcame two broken pelvic growth plates to establish several FHS school records. Earlier this week, she inked a scholarship to run for New Mexico Junior College.

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For Zubiate, the scholarship ended a quest that began in 1999 as a freshman when former Forsan tennis coach Wendy Justiss encouraged her to try out for the FHS cross country team. Fresh out of Big Spring Junior High School, Zubiate agreed to try.

It didn't take long for her to show Justiss' confidence in her abilities was genuine. Just one month after the start of her freshman season, she broke the school's previous best during a meet in Big Lake.

She finished the year by earning

the school's Newcomer of the Year accolades.

The success spurred Zubiate on. She trained throughout ensuing summer in an effort to get ready for her sophomore year.

"I ran all summer and trained hard," she said. "I was ready when the cross country season began."

At her first meet as a sophomore, she placed third in a Class 5A meet in Odessa. Two weeks later, ironically enough in Big Lake, Zubiate again rewrote Forsan history, shaving 15 seconds off her old mark with a run of 13 minutes,

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Midland fends off CHS girls, advances to Coahoma finals

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor
COAHOMA — The Midland Lady Dawgs junior varsity cruised into Saturday's finals in convincing style, winning two games on Friday to earn a spot in the championship round. The Lady Dawgs downed the Coahoma Bulldogettes, 48-33, in the semifinals of the 17th annual Coahoma Invitational tournament.

Midland, led by 14 points from C.C.

Copeland, widened its lead in every period against Coahoma.

The Bulldogettes were paced by Ashley Lang and Michelle Walker, who scored eight points apiece, while Lauren Yeater, Megan Young, and Sarah Collom scored four apiece. Sterling Gee and Liz Conley registered two points and Mindy Morgan scored one in the contest.

Earlier in the day, Midland mowed down Fort Stockton, 67-45.

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Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Coahoma's Cassie Thompson drives toward the basket for a layup against the Midland High School junior varsity Friday during second round action of the Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament. The Bulldogettes suffered a loss to Midland and fell into the consolation finals against the Eastland Lady Mavericks.

State-ranked Wildcats moves into GC finals

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor
GARDEN CITY — Eric Tunnell buried two 3-pointers in the first half and helped lead the state-ranked Grady Wildcats to a 66-27 rout of the McCamey Badgers Friday afternoon in the second round of the Bearkat Booster Klassic.

The win gave Grady the top spot in Pool I play and propelled the Wildcats into the tournament finals Saturday night.

Grady left little doubt as

to the outcome from the start. The Wildcats torched the Badger defense for three first-quarter 3-pointers and never looked back. Tunnell, Nick Winford and Brent Madison all knocked down treys in the first eight minutes and spearheaded a 17-4 spree.

Tunnell led the Grady offense in the first half, scoring 10 points of his team-high 15 points. T. Springer added six more.

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Sands blew the game open in the third with a smothering defensive push. The Lady Mustangs outscored Crane by a 9-2 margin in the frame and took a 39-28 lead into the final period.

Kenemer led all Sands layers in the game, scoring 12 points. Porras and Gibbs chipped in nine apiece while Krista Blagrave netted eight.

McCamey 42, Iraan 32
Bridgette Ouellette scored 11 points in the fourth quarter Friday afternoon and led the McCamey Lady Badgers to a 45-32 win over the Iraan Bravettes in the second round.

The Lady Badgers, behind the hot hand of senior Erica Carrillo,

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on the opportunity. After losing a yard on three plays, the Mustangs were forced to turn the ball over to the Eagles on a punt.

The Eagles' second drive didn't begin any better. Woods sacked Sanderson quarterback Ty Means on the first play for a 5-yard loss, setting up a 2nd-and-20 from the Sanderson 34.

Fuentes gave the Eagles' the momentum from there. On the next play, he took a handoff from Means around the left end for 46 yards and a touchdown. Eric Bilano added the PAT, giving the Eagles an 8-0 lead with 4:46 remaining.

Sands, which quietly rolled up more than 300 yards in the game, tried to come back minutes later. The Mustangs, sparked by a 20-yard reception from Nate Looney, threatened to tie the game by marching to the Sanderson 17 yard line on its next series.

On first down, Woods barreled his way to the 11 with a 6-yard run.

The Eagle defense stiffened from there. After forcing a pair of bad passes on second and third down, the Eagles caught a break. Renteria's fourth-down pass sailed over the outstretched arms of Woods in the end zone.

Sanderson wasted no time in taking advantage of the Mustangs' miscue. On first down, Bilano broke off a 37-yard run to the Sands 31. Three plays later Means hooked up with senior end Dayton Scott on a short 4-yard screen pass for a 14-0 lead.

The news got worse for the Mustangs midway through the second quarter. Following another three-and-out series offensively, Means set up the Eagles' third score by returning a Renteria punt

took control in the third. Carrillo scored six of her 11 points in the period and helped the McCamey pound out a 14-7 edge and take a 30-22 lead into the final eight minutes.

Ouellette scored 11 of her game-high 16 points in the fourth.

Christoval 45, Grady 42
The Christoval Lady Cougars scored a 25-16 first-half lead and then held off a furious comeback attempt by the Grady Lady Wildcats Friday to claim a 45-42 second-round victory.

Christoval, which advanced to the consolation finals with the win, got off to a hot start against Grady. The Lady Cougars pushed in seven shots from the field in the first eight minutes and took a 17-9 advantage.

31 yards to the Sands 37. Two plays later sophomore running back Haze Roberts snapped off a 29 yards run to the Mustang 8 before being run out of bounds by Looney.

Fuentes took care of the rest. He pushed his way into the end zone on the next play from scrimmage and gave the Eagles a 20-0 cushion.

Sanderson added to the Mustangs' misery again later in the frame. Following Sands' fourth punt of the first half, running back Andy Martinez got away on a 66-yard run to expand the Eagles' lead to 28-0 with two minutes left in the first half.

Sands did manage to get its offense untracked from there. The Mustangs, after a short kickoff, went 37 yards in five plays for the first score — a 1-yard plunge from Webb, who led the team in rushing with 56 yards on 11 attempts, and receiving.

Renteria, who finished the year as the state's second-leading six-man passer, set up Webb's run by hooking up with end Joe Louis Gonzales on a 19-yard pass to the Sanderson 1.

Renteria finished the game by completing 11-of-25 attempts for 130 yards and an interception.

Sanderson, which had beaten Sands by a 50-40 margin earlier this year, inflated its lead to 34-8 midway through the third period on a 17-yard scamper by Martinez.

The Mustangs looked to have found their groove from there. Sands, courtesy of a 21-yard pass reception by Webb on a 3rd-and-11 play, went 42 yards on six plays on their second possession of the second half to pull to within 34-16.

Gonzales capped the Mustangs' drive with a 16-yard TD reception,

Grady, led by a pair of timely shots from Miranda Spradling, hit stride in the third. They pulled to within 32-26 with a 10-7 run in the opening period of the second half.

Lyndsey Pinkerton heated up in the fourth for Grady. The GHS standout led a 16-point outburst with 10 fourth-quarter

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Coahoma had advanced to the semifinals by virtue of a 48-24 win over Presidio.

The Bulldogettes were led Morgan's 14 points. Lang chalked up 11 while Yeater and Young scored seven apiece. Michelle Walker, Cassie Thompson, Valerie Cortez and Gee also scored.

The Lady Dawgs faced

points — six of which came via two 3-pointers that helped the Lady Wildcats pull to within three at the final buzzer.

Pinkerton finished the game as one of two GHS players to reach double figures, netting 15. Whitney Opegard scored 12.

the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs in the finals. Sweetwater advanced to the finals via a 53-38 wins over Sterling City and Eastland.

Eastland manhandled Van Horn earlier in the day, claiming a 71-14.

Sterling City played in the finals of the consolation bracket. Van Horn played for seventh place in the final standings. Van Horn played for seventh.

Mulkey leads Bulldogs to Coahoma Invitational finals

The Coahoma Bulldogs advanced to the finals of the Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament with a 56-43 win over the Alpine Bucks in the second round Friday evening.

Cory Mulkey paced the Bulldogs' offensive show with 23 points — 17 of which came before half-time. Sam Tindol also burned the Bucks' defense four double digits, pouring in 12.

Alpine had reached the semis by virtue of a 53-38 victory over Van Horn earlier in the day.

With the win, Coahoma advanced to meet the Monahans Lobos in the finals. Monahans escaped with

For results of the championship round see Monday's Big Spring Herald.

a wild 52-48 victory over Midland Greenwood in the other semifinal bout.

In the consolation bracket, Stamford advanced to the finals with a 50-38 victory over Stanton, despite strong outings from Joe Castillo and Tullie Louder. Castillo lead the Buffaloes, pouring in 16 points while Louder contributed eight points and three blocked shots.

Stanton played in the seventh-place game Saturday afternoon.

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Unfortunately for the Lady Buffs, Zubiata also broke something else. In route to rewriting the record, she broke the pelvic growth plate in her right side. It was an injury that forced her to miss the remainder of the year.

After healing, she began getting her body back into top shape by participating in the FHS track program. She finished among the top three in every meet she entered as a sophomore in the 2-mile and 1-mile runs.

Tragedy struck again, however. Two weeks before the District 3-2A track meet, Zubiata was hit with another setback. She broke the pelvic growth plate in her left side, forcing her to miss the remainder of the season.

"I had to rehabilitate myself again," she said. "I wasn't discouraged though. I just trained hard all summer to make sure I would be ready for the next year."

The hard work paid off. Three weeks into the season, Zubiata once again took the course in Big Lake and shattered her school record, taking nine seconds off the old standard. The following week, she cut eight more seconds off the mark by running a time of 13:16 in Iraan.

Individually, Zubiata finished fifth in the district race and helped the Lady Buffaloes qualify as a team to the Region 1-2A Cross Country Meet.

Later that year, she put the finishing touches on her prep track career by breaking the Forsan record in the 2-mile run, clocking a mark of 13 minutes, 30 seconds. Under the direction of FHS track coach Johnny Schaffer, she went on to break the record two more times as a senior and earned a berth in the regional track meet in both the 1- and 2-mile races.

At the regional meet, she again bested the school's 2-mile record, running a time of 13:07.

Following graduation, Zubiata began the waiting game again. She sorted through several non-scholarship offers from small colleges, including NMJC, before deciding to step back and wait for the one thing she felt she deserved — a college scholarship.

To help pass the time, she turned to running again. This time, as a sister/coach helping train her younger brother, Kevin. Six months later, the call many felt would never come came.

"I was kind of surprised," said Dianna Zubiata. "He told her he had a scholarship for her and wanted to know if she was still interested."

The answer was a resounding yes. Zubiata and her mother traveled to Hobbs the following Monday to tour the NMJC campus. Less than two hours later, the girl voted "Most Likely to Never Leave Forsan" by her classmates inked a college deal.

Garden City Booster Club Klassic
Second Round Results (from Friday)

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Grady 66, McCamey 27
Christoval 86, Garden City 39

For results of the championship see Monday's Big Spring Herald.

HOOPS

Grady, which entered the tournament ranked No. 14 in the state Class 1A polls, iced the win with an offensive clinic in the third quarter. The Wildcats picked up points from five different players in the frame and rolled to a 20-5 advantage.

Grady, now 8-1, held a comfortable 48-23 lead heading into the final stanza.

Overall, Grady had four players, including Tunnell, reach double-digits in scoring. Springer finished with 14, while Jason Pribyla and

Madison chipped in 13 and 11, respectively.

Cannon McWilliams paced the Badgers with nine.

Christoval 86, Garden City 39. David Duke scored 26 of his game-high 28 points in the first half and led the Christoval Cougars to an 86-39 win over the Garden City Bearkats Friday evening.

With the win, Christoval earned the right to face Grady in the finals of the event Saturday night. Garden City fell into a third-place bout

with McCamey. Duke was unstoppable in the initial 16 minutes. He sank 10 shots from the field and five more from the free throw line en route to leading Christoval to a commanding 50-22 halftime cushion.


All 11 Christoval players managed to work their names into the scorebooks, including Javier Riojas and Joey Torres, who finished with 14 and 10, respectively.

Blake Chudej led all Garden City scorers in the contest, pouring in 13 points. Chais Goodwin added 10.

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WEDDING



Womack-Parks

Tracy Womack and Jim Parks, both of The Woodlands, exchanged wedding vows on July 21, 2002, at Bishop's Lodge in Santa Fe, N.M., with the Rev. John Lancaster, step-father of the bride, officiating.

She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John Lancaster of Richardson.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Parks of Big Spring and the grandson of Oberia Parks of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Todd Collins of Garland.

A reception and dinner was held at The Bishops Lodge.

The bride is a graduate of University of Texas at Dallas. She is presently employed by ATOFINA Petrochemicals.

The groom is graduate of Texas A&M University. He is presently employed by ATOFINA Petrochemicals.

Following a wedding trip to the Napa Valley in California, they have made their home in The Woodlands.

ANNIVERSARY



Roy and Jane Baker

Roy Baker and Jane Hansel were married Oct. 3, 1952, in Big Spring and honeymooned in New Orleans. The couple were introduced by Ray's youngest brother, Loren, and were married 10 months later. According to Ray, he and Jane were sitting in a car one afternoon on Scenic Drive in Big Spring, when a big dog jumped up to the open window and scared him into saying "Will you marry me?"

They lived in Lee's Community the first five years of their marriage and have been in Hennessey, Okla., since.

The Bakers have two daughters, Becky and husband David Lippert of Edmond, Okla., and their children Derrick and Duncan, and Bonye and husband Jim Newcomb of Fort Gibson, Okla., and their three children, Tyler, Tobin and Taylor.

Ray served in the Navy for two years and worked for Rodman Oil Co. in Big Spring.

He has worked as a contract pumper for 38 years in Hennessey.

Jane helped build B-25 Mitchell bombers during World War II. Later she was employed by Cities Service Oil Co. and Phillips Petroleum Co. and has been a homemaker since moving to Hennessey in 1962.

NEWCOMERS

Sean Lenon of Abilene. He is self employed.

Walter Davis of Gardendale. He is self employed.

Tim Hansen and wife Kellie of Eureka, California. He does office and computer work. She is employed by Wal-Mart.

Lonnie Gray, wife Samantha and children Lonnie Jr. and Davontay of Waco. He is employed by Price Construction.

Steve Campbell and wife Rhonda of Oreana, Illinois. He is employed by Texas Rehabilitation Commission.

David Sandoval, wife Brigitte, sons Anthony and David Jr. and daughter Illiana of Mesa, Ariz. He is employed by Alpha Construction.

Chris Perkins of Elysian Fields. He is employed by Robinson Drilling.

See NEWCOMERS, page 3B

STORKS



Bradie Elizabeth McCurry, girl, was born Oct. 1, 2002, at 5:50 p.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Proud parents are Carolyn McCurry Brown and Mike Leuschner along with big sister Brookie.

The maternal grandparents are Fred and Vergie McCurry, Gary and Pam Saunders and Tommy Gibbons. Paternal grandparents are Joyce and Tom Davis and P.J. Leuschner.

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Kirn-Houge

Bill and Terry Sage are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Katie Kirn, to Travis Houge, the son of Toby and Barb Houge of Dolliver, Iowa.

Katie is a 1999 graduate of Forsan High School and in May of 2002 she graduated with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene from Howard College. She is currently employed as a dental hygienist for Dr. Bill Phelps of Spencer, Iowa, and Dr. Mike Louscher of Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Mr. Houge is a 2000 graduate of Estherville Lincoln Central High School, in Estherville. Shortly after high school he worked with Don Prudhomme Racing and traveled on the race team of Ron Capps. He is now employed by Royster-Clark of Maple Hill and will begin classes for professional firefighting/EMT in the spring of 2003.

The couple now resides in Dolliver, Iowa. They were married in Estherville, Iowa, on Nov. 30 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The ceremony began with a reception, dinner and dance immediately following.

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TUESDAY — Pork chops, sweet potatoes, broccoli, gelatin salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

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THURSDAY — Stew, salad, cornbread, milk, cobbler

FRIDAY — Brisket, potato salad, beans, fruit salad, milk/cornbread

SANDS CISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Poptarts

TUESDAY — Breakfast pockets

WEDNESDAY — Muffins

THURSDAY — Biscuits and sausage

FRIDAY — Cereal

LUNCH

MONDAY — Hot dogs with chili, fries, pork and beans, applesauce

TUESDAY — Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit.

WEDNESDAY — Nacho grande, salad, cornbread, pinto beans, fruit.

THURSDAY — Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and jello.

FRIDAY — Pizza, salad, corn, cookies

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY — Chicken rings (meatball sandwich), madhed potatoes, golden corn and carrots, fruit juice, roll.

TUESDAY — Beef taco (chicken salad), salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, spices apples

WEDNESDAY — Deli sandwich (sausage pizza), seasoned new

potatoes, ranch style beans, peach cup

THURSDAY — Spaghetti with meat sauce (grilled ham and cheese), breaded okra, jello with mixed fruit, roll

FRIDAY — Hamburger (meatloaf), salad, French fries, pork and beans, chocolate pie.

COAHOMA ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Waffles, ham, juice, milk

TUESDAY — Poptarts, ham, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — French toast, ham, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Sweetened rice, ham, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Donuts, ham, toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Hamburgers, spicy fries, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY — Sliced ham (corn dogs), potatoes, salad, baked beans, bread, milk

WEDNESDAY — Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk

THURSDAY — Chalupas (burritos), ranch beans, oranges, milk.

FRIDAY — Pizza, salad, apples, milk.

STANTON ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Breakfast pizza, cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk.

TUESDAY — French toast sticks, bacon, syrup, cereal

WEDNESDAY — Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk

THURSDAY — Homemade biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Corn dog (baked fish), macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, apple wedges, blueberry muffins, catsup, tartar sauce, milk.

TUESDAY — Ravioli (chicken nuggets), green beans, salad, salad dressing, fruit cocktail, French bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Tacos, flour tortilla, taco shell, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple chunks, cheese, salsa, milk

THURSDAY — Frito pie (baked potato), pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple chunks, cornbread, milk.

FRIDAY — Tuna salad sandwich (toasted cheese sandwich), tator tots, tomato soup, apple wedges, milk.

FORSAN ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Texas toast, peanut butter, jelly, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk

WEDNESDAY — Breakfast burrito, juice, milk

THURSDAY — Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal, toast, juice, milk

LUNCH

MONDAY — Pizza, corn, fruit, milk

TUESDAY — Beef fajitas, Spanishrice, salad, fruit, milk

WEDNESDAY — Chili dog, chips, coleslaw, banana pudding, milk

THURSDAY — Turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY — Beef tips, rice, California veggies, rolls, fruit, milk.

Becoming a newspaper man

I remember years ago, as a kid, I wanted to earn some money all my own. My parents were hesitant at first but I had promised to do a good job and I would need minimal assistance from them. Once I was making money they would not have to give me my weekly allowance.

My parents thought it over and discussed how it would be good for me to earn my own way and how to handle my money and make it last as long as I needed it. They consented and I applied to the *Big Spring Herald* for a position as a "paper-boy."

Back in those days we could either walk the route or ride a bike. All newspapers were put into bags that were designed for that purpose, which we had to buy. I learned real quick that money seemed to go by faster than it was earned. Not only did I have to buy the newspapers but the bag as well. If you had a bike you could configure the bag to hang on the handle bars. If you did it right you could ride the bike and if not, you ended up just pushing the bike.

I ended up with a route that was the second largest in Big Spring for a paperboy. There were some routes that

required vehicles and they were allowed to throw the paper but for us paperboys we had to walk up to each door and put it into the screen door handle. We are not allowed to throw the papers on the porch.

Back in those days the newspapers had the number of papers printed. We longed for the days that had the least amount of newsprint and groaned on those days, usually a Wednesday, or Thursday, which had all the advertisement inserted into the main part of the paper. That really made it super heavy. Especially when you were carrying close to 200 newspapers.

On those days when the papers were the heaviest it was a real burden. The newspaper bags had two sides into which the papers were inserted. The center had a hole into which you put your head, much like wearing a poncho. The weight of the papers would pull on your neck muscles. After delivering a whole bunch from the front bag you would swing it around so that the bag in the back would now be in the front. You repeated this cycle until it was very light.

My route started on the corner of eighth and Gregg on both sides and goes to about 10th and Gregg, then over to 10th and Scurry all the way to 24th and Scurry, then back over to Gregg until I got to about 17th Street, then I would go to Lancaster Street and deliver both sides as needed until I got to 4th St. and then I had to go

home....back to 23rd Street. Needless to say, I did a lot of walking every day.

The worst part of delivering newspapers for me was having to collect money from folks that always wanted you to come back. The best part was being out on my own and doing a good job. It was rare that I had a complaint but when I got one I stopped at the complainants home and apologized and did a better job. Being a kid I probably forgot to put the paper where I should have or failed to wrap it in plastic so it would not get wet.

I remember one winter when we had a very bad snow storm. That Sunday morning was so cold and I really did not want to get out in it. This was one of those rare occasions that my parents helped me deliver. They followed me along my route in a toasty vehicle while I delivered papers and sought refuge from time to time, thawing out.

It was slippery out there as well and I slid more than walked but eventually the route was completed. I was very thankful for my parents' support and encouragement during those days. It was not until I was an adult did I realize how much they did for me by letting me go out and work. I am sure there are other carriers that have fond memories of their routes.

I now enjoy writing these columns and hope you enjoy reading them as I share our memories of days gone by.



BURR LEA SETTLES

NEWCOMERS

Continued from Page 2B

Jesse Perkins of Lubbock. He is employed by Robinson Drilling.

Kelly Edwards and daughter Breanna of Hobbs, N.M. She is not employed at this time.

Mark Lyle, wife Cindy, sons Blake and Caleb and daughter Megan of Austin. He is employed by Big Spring State Hospital. She is employed by Stanton Care Center

Monica Yabarra and child Zebastian of Odessa. She is employed by StarTek.

Velma Trimble of Ozona. She is employed by First Assembly of God.

Joe Hara, wife Frances and granddaughter Valerie of Oakdale, La. He is employed by FCI Big Spring

Becky LaRue and sons, David and Rese of San Angelo. She is employed by Concho Business Solutions.

Georgia Mackey of

Austin. She is not employed at this time. ... Joe Candelaria, wife Raina and sons Caleb and Wyatt of Artesia, N.M. He is employed by Basic Well Service.

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Leadership

Applications for next program due Friday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The deadline to turn in applications for the next Leadership Big Spring class is Friday, Dec. 13.

"Anybody who received an application, we encourage them to turn it in," said **Debbie Valverde**, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "If they don't have a passport picture to turn in with the application, a regular picture is fine."



VALVERDE

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the class focuses on reviewing leadership skills. Class members tour various businesses and governmental entities in the area.

"Not only do they tour different entities we have here in Big Spring but Liz Lowery of the VA Medical Center is one of the teachers who instructs leadership skills," Valverde said. "Our past students have given us great feedback about the course. They say it has been very rewarding."

The class meets the second Thursday of the month beginning Jan. 9 through Dec. 11, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., but does not meet in June



Above, Tincy Perry receives her Senior Leadership Big Spring program diploma from Cheryl Sparks, chamber president. Below, D.C. Lee, left, and J.D. Hyden tour the Big Spring Herald as part of the senior program. Deadline to register for the next Leadership Big Spring program is Friday. This particular program signup is for adults, and not seniors or youth.

For information on Leadership Big Spring and Senior Leadership Big Spring, call the chamber at 263-7641. For information on the Junior Leadership program, call Katie Walker, County Extension Agent, at 264-2236.

or July:

See **LEADERS**, Page 5B



Water conservation key element in having functional rangeland

Water conservation is the key element in maintaining a healthy, functional rangeland. In this area, as we all know, water tends to be a severely limiting factor in achieving this goal. In Howard County, as in the rest of West Texas, it has been dry and the rangelands have suffered.

Overgrazing of the rangeland over the years has led to compaction of the soil and the sealing off of the soil surface, which in turn decreases the water infiltration and increases runoff and erosion. This desertification process gradually decreases the potential for forage production

and opens the door for invaders such as mesquite and prickly pear.

Once the invaders are established, water availability for forage production decreases even more. This has been a serious problem for most producers in this area and sometimes grazing management isn't enough to reverse this process.

Dr. Darrell Ueckert and Dr. Allen McGinty of the Texas A&M experiment station in San Angelo have developed some treatments that can aid in the transformation back to a functional rangeland. Without the aid of frequent rainfall, recovery of the rangeland is a slow process but can be expedited with the application of certain water conservation techniques.

Ripping rangeland pro-

See **NRCS**, Page 5B

IN THE NEWS

Winners in the second and third rounds of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Home for the Holidays program have been announced. They are: Melinda Megan, Gale's Sweet Shoppe, \$50 in Chamber Bucks; and Sharon Cregar, Vision

Makers; Valinda Holguin, C-Bar-G Western Wear; Ramon Torres, Parks Convenience Store; Kim Pollard, Halfmann's Creations; Amanda Osborne, Red Mesa Grill; Betty Arnett, Warren

See **NEWS**, Page 5B

Howard County Pecan Show was a huge success

The Howard County Pecan Show was held this past week with 37 entries being exhibited.

The Howard County Extension Office would like to thank everyone who participated. The results are as follows:

Commercial Division
Grand Champion - Bennie McChristian
Reserve Grand Champion - Nathan Hughes

Apache
1st - Bennie McChristian

Cheyenne
1st - Bennie McChristian
2nd - Nathan Hughes

Choctaw
1st - Bennie McChristian
2nd - Wayne Johnson

3rd - Juan Palacios

Desirable
1st - Bennie McChristian
2nd - Juan Palacios

Mohawk
1st - Lorene Nix

Pawnee
1st - Davie Stevens
2nd - Bennie McChristian

Sioux
1st - Bennie McChristian

Stuart
1st - Juan Palacios
Tejas
1st - Wayne Johnson



MICHAEL BROOKS

2nd - Bennie McChristian

Western
1st - Lorene Nix
2nd - Bennie McChristian
3rd - James Crenshaw

Wichita
1st - Nathan Hughes
2nd - Lorene Nix
3rd - Wayne Johnson

Classic Division
Grand Champion - Lorene Nix
Reserve Grand Champion - Bennie McChristian

Burkett
1st - Lorene Nix
2nd - Bennie McChristian
3rd - Deanie Hughes

Comanche
1st - Bennie McChristian
Mahan
1st - Wayne Johnson

2nd - Deanie Hughes

Shoshoni
1st - Davie Stevens

Burkett/Western -
Riverside
1st - Bennie McChristian
2nd - Bennie McChristian

Variety Seedling Division
Grand Champion - Bennie McChristian
Reserve Grand Champion - Lorene Nix

Variety Seedling
1st - Bennie McChristian
2nd - Lorene Nix
3rd - Lorene Nix

Michael L. Brooks is the County Extension Agent for 4H and youth in Howard County.

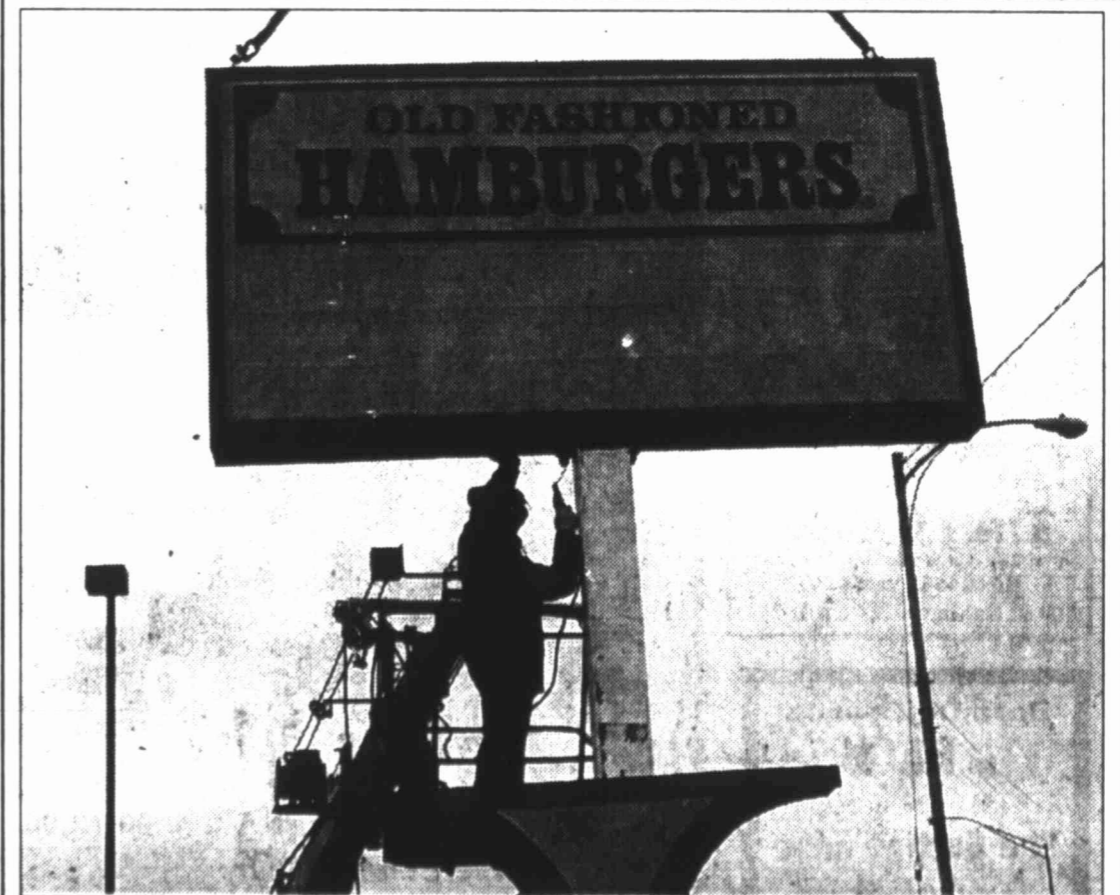


County employee Jane Overman and area pecan grower Juan P. Palacios look over the winners of the 2002-2003 Howard County Pecan Show at the Howard County Courthouse earlier this week. The pecans will be on display through Monday.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring has a new Mexican food restaurant! Members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring Ambassadors welcome owners and employees of Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant, 802 Interstate 20 West, as a chamber member with a ribbon-cutting. Las Palmas owners and employees pictured include Israel Garcia, David Perez, Lori Mendoza, Cynthia Rodriguez, Rey Chavarria and Jason Perez.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Rocky Tatsch of Lone Star Signs of Midland welds the Wendy's sign to the post. Work continues on the new Big Spring business, which will be located in the former Taco Bell restaurant on Gregg Street.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Hot Checks/Warrants Issued: The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please call 264-2225. Adams, Ray Anthony, 1213 E. FM 700, Big Spring...

Doughy, Michael Shasha, 3505 E. Interstate 20, Big Spring. Dutch, Jessica L., 2731 N. Adams, Odessa. Eades, Ricky Clay, 1916 Mattie Woods, Colorado City...

Hill, Jennifer, 1001 Stewart Pk., 105 Box 53, Big Spring. Hinojosa, Freddie, 2510 Ent, Big Spring. Hoback, Judy, P.O. Box 12537, Big Spring...

Perez, Bernardo F. Jr., 3304 W. Highway 80, Big Spring. Perez, Yris, P.O. Box 53314, Lubbock. Perry, James Odell, 2501 Ent Drive, Big Spring...

No. 625, Plano. Wasson, Kimberly A., 4545 E. Poppy. Gardendale. Wilhite, Jerry W. Jr., P.O. Box 367, Fort Bliss...

Sec. 29, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey. Date filed: Nov. 13, 2002. Grantor: A.K. Guthrie, independent executor of the estate of Doris Pile Guthrie, deceased...

NRCS

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LEADERS

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Ornelas, Christopher, 1603 Harding, Big Spring. Orzoco, Maria E. Estrada, P.O. Box 1572, Stanton. Ortega, Arthur, 7480 Dakin St., No. 3H-306, Denver...

Abilene. Valenzuela, Mary T. L., 3008 E. Rio Grande, Victoria. Vargas, Lynda Chacon, 113 Brink Ave., Center Point...

Warranty Deed: Grantor: Longino M. Flores. Grantee: Dora Hilgig. Property: Lot 10, Blk. 8, Lakeview Addition. Date filed Nov. 12, 2002.

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien. Grantor: American State Bank. Grantee: Beauchamp Properties & Management. Property: S/20 feet of Lot 15, R.D. Matthews Subdivision, Blk. 19, Amended College Heights Addition. Date filed: Nov. 13, 2002.

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- Keep balloons away from children under 8 years old.
- Avoid buying toys with projectiles, such as some action figures.
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- Check items for durability. Many toys, if broken can shatter into small parts.
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Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002:

Whatever you do seems to work out or bring even better results than you anticipated. You're unusually lucky this year. Success could give you a whole different perspective, changing you as a person. You're able to see the big picture and take appropriate risks. Many will stumble into opportunities for travel and more education. Others might become armchair travelers. In some way, you will explore new horizons. Career opportunities peak after the summer. If you are single, you will grow to a new level of understanding through a special relationship that could enter your life anytime now. You might decide that this person is "The One." If you're attached, your relationship will flourish because of your unusual openness. AQUARIUS loves to tease you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult. ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Rather than worrying about a wild dream, check out what's happening today. Others appreciate hearing from you. Make plans that involve travel in the near future. Meanwhile, enjoy a child or loved one who clearly adores you. Tonight: Don't think about tomorrow. Enjoy the here and now.

This Week: Use Monday and Thursday for launching any project or conversation of importance. Hang out and be discreet the other days.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** A parent clearly has expectations of you. You will push yourself to make this person happy. A partner or dear friend chips in. Discuss holiday plans. Make a long-distance call to make sure everyone agrees with upcoming plans. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow. Lay out your clothes.

This Week: You're in a power position through Wednesday. Slow down and see what comes forward from Thursday on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Let your imagination soar, and you'll find a lot to smile about. Others turn the corner — at least that's how you see it. A new attitude draws attention. Your sense of energy and direction could make for an extremely lively time. Tonight: Try something totally new.

This Week: Harness a vision, making it applicable this week. You will be pleased, and so will others. Meetings star on Thursday.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** A partner walks you through a problem. Understand more of what those around you expect, with an eye to possibilities. Certainly, if you ask a question, you will get an earful. Listen as someone spews forth news. You'll get a good idea from this person. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's request.

This Week: Others speak up and share ideas. Your ability to come to terms with different types of thinking might be tested. Still, ultimately, you're in charge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Continue with this high people-phase, as you have so little choice anyway. A flirtation seems to build with the ongoing holiday season. Get tickets to a Christmas concert or play. Share good feelings with those around you. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?

This Week: Others hold the cards. Just find your favorite chair and watch what goes down. By the end of the week, you'll gain a much better understanding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Dig into a project. The more you can get done, the better you'll feel later. Besides, a family member would like to tempt you to join him or her. Allow more spontaneity into your life. Express what you often keep to yourself. Tonight: Relax in a favorite way.

This Week: Others have suggestions. Explore alternatives if you don't like what you hear. They respond.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Pretend you are a kid again and do something you loved to do during the holiday season.

day season. You delight a child. Let friends join in as well. Wherever you are, you find much conversation and laughter. Share cookies or another favorite treat with friends. Tonight: Let a loved one know how much you care.

This Week: Your creativity on Monday sets the week off on a whirlwind. What you start, you'll have to finish. Expect to work hard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Understand that whether you want to be or not, you're the chief in your domain. You might make adjustments both financially as well as with plans for the next few weeks. Others happily listen to your ideas and decisions. No one will play devil's advocate. Tonight: Put your feet up.

This Week: When someone else runs out of ideas, you'll come up with new ones. Solutions pop up out of the blue. Count on being busy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Feel free to reverse gears and head in another direction. An invitation might be too much to

say "no" to, and why should you? Put on your good shoes and head on out the door. A surprise surrounds a trip or adventure. Tonight: Say "yes."

This Week: Mull over what's happening. On Thursday, you'll be ready to take a risk or head in a new direction. You'll know what's best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You could change your tune when you add up the costs of a present or a trip. A partner or loved one decides to chip in, making what you want a possibility. Loosen up and go with the moment, especially if it involves a friend or loved one. Tonight: Treat for dinner.

This Week: Keep conversations moving. Don't get locked or stuck on one idea. Brainstorm with others. A decision might come early next week, if not sooner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You can make whatever you want happen. You'll find that others will want to join in, whether you're going to cut down your tree or have some

other December adventure. What you might feel about a key relationship or situation could change by the end of the day. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

This Week: Your smile wins the day on Monday. Deal with financial options. Allow others to pitch in. Sort through answers on Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Know when to go into your own world. You might address cards while listening to a favorite piece of music or going off on errands by yourself. A parent could change his or her mind about his or her expectations. Tonight: Get some extra sleep, while you still can.

This Week: On Tuesday, the Moon slides into your sign, adding to your magnetism. Go for what you want — OK?

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Girl worried about Parents meeting Beau

Dear Annie: I am a very bright and talented 20-year-old college sophomore. Since high school, I have been dating a wonderful, smart, charming and responsible man. I am deeply in love with "Tony," and we would like to spend the rest of our lives together. Tony treats me like a queen, and I could not be happier — except for my parents and grandparents. They have never met Tony. He is biracial, and their jaws would drop at the sight of him.

I live with my grandparents while attending school full time. I am unable to support myself and am concerned that my family may disown me if they find out about Tony. They are close-minded people and will never understand how I feel. I am lost, worried and frustrated. What should I do? — Lonely in California

Dear Lonely: If you truly love Tony and think you have a future together, you owe it to him to stop hiding your relationship. Start looking into scholarships, grants, student loans and part-time employment to cover your tuition in case your parents cut you off.



Annie's Mailbox

You are still rather young to be making a lifetime commitment, and if you have dated no one besides Tony since high school, you both might be rushing things. College is probably your last opportunity to meet so many available, single members of the opposite sex. Make sure both of you are finished looking around.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 10 years. Two years ago, I had an affair with another man and felt so guilty, I confessed to my husband. After a rough time, we managed to work things out. My husband says he trusts me, but he constantly questions where I've been

and with whom. He is planning a week-long trip with his guy friends, but when I inquired about having a girls' weekend, he said it was "out of the question." He obviously doesn't trust me.

I'm tired of feeling like a prisoner in my marriage because of a mistake I made two years ago. I work full time and am the mother of two great kids. I am trying to be a good wife, but I'd like some time to myself with my friends. Is that asking too much? — Confused in Kansas

Dear Confused: You may think two years is a long time, but to someone whose marriage was betrayed, it is a drop in the bucket. Your husband has not entirely forgiven you. Your infidelity will be in the back of his mind for a long time.

If you did not seek marriage counseling two years ago, please do so now. If you already have a counselor, make an appointment to go with your husband. You both could benefit from discussing the problem and working on solutions together.

Dear Annie: Thank you for printing the letter from "M.B. in Camp Hill, Pa.," who said the way to get through to a computer geek

is to send e-mail. My husband works nights, and I work days, so I don't see a lot of him. After reading that letter in your column, we began to send each other instant messages with "to-do" lists and family updates. I know he gets my messages, and it feels great to come home and open my mail. The love notes are the best. — Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Dear Plattsburgh: You certainly made the most of the situation. How sweet!

Reminder to Our Readers: Please light a candle this evening at 7 p.m. for The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting in remembrance of all the children who have died.

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STUMPER by Bob Peoples Edited by Stanley Newman

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15x15 crossword grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting points for clues.

Woman worried that fiance will 'party' before the wedding

Dear Prudence: I have a problem I cannot discuss with anyone and hope you can help. I am getting married in two months, and I am scared to death that my future hubby will have a bachelor party in which the guys go to certain "clubs" or have the entertainment brought in.

I am normally not insecure, however... my first husband ended up having sex with the entertainment at his bachelor party. I am driving myself crazy just thinking that it could happen again. I told my honey prior to our engagement that if we ever get married and he has a party, he'll be at the altar all by himself.

Am I crazy? Am I irrational? I will follow whatever advice you give. Thanks for the help. — Uncertain

Dear Un: There is nothing that can spook a girl like a mate who has sex with the entertainment. In this case, however, with your intended husband-the-second well aware of your history with certain "clubs," it is Prudie's hunch that either a) there will be no bachelor party, or b) it will be at Chuck E. Cheese's. Try to communicate to him that

you have the utmost faith in his judgment and his fidelity. And when the big day comes, mazel-ton, which, of course, means tons of luck. — Prudie, matrimonially

Dear Prudence: I am recently single (within two years) after an 11-year marriage. I fell in love with a wonderful woman during the divorce; we have been seriously dating for over a year now. So, what is the problem? We are separated by the geographical distance between us, as well as our very busy, hectic schedules. I have not felt fulfilled in the relationship for quite a while and have seriously considered seeing other women who live closer to me and who have more compatible schedules.

I don't know how to tell this woman that I want to end the relationship. I don't want to hurt her or her daughter (who is 5 years old and very attached to me as a father figure). I know it's not honest to stay if I don't truly feel anything, but I haven't been able to be upfront and firm. Do you have any insight about my situation? I would be eternally grateful. — Afraid of Confrontation

Dear Af: Prudie hopes the signature on your letter is not the emotion that wins out in your deciding what to do. The saying "sooner rather than later" certainly applies here. You are kind not to want to hurt the

woman or disappoint her child, but you cannot sacrifice your feelings (and theirs, later on) just so you won't make a mess.

To figure out before there's a marriage that this is not the woman for you — and then act on it — is kinder, in the long run, than going through with something knowing your heart isn't in it. Prudie hopes you will gently tell this woman that, out of regard for her, you must end the relationship because you want her to have a mate who is totally committed to her... and, alas, this is not you. — Prudie, compassionately

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