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The Salvation Army Angel Tree program is in place for the holiday season. Angels are ready for adoption at Wal-Mart, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Mall. Teen Angels are ready for adoption at Nannie's Attic and Senior Angels are available for adoption at the *Big Spring Herald*.

Red Dress Tea is slated for Dec. 12

The annual Red Dress Tea presented by the Heritage Museum from noon until 2 p.m. Sunday offers family-style entertainment at the Potton House, 200 Gregg.

The event honors the tradition of a red dress tea, a turn-of-the-century event where ladies once donned their hand-made red Christmas dresses and gathered at a home for tea and dessert.

The plan this year is for families to tour the Potton House and view different Christmas decorations.

College group collecting toys

The Mexican-American Student Association at Howard College is collecting toys to give to homeless children around Howard County.

Toys should be brought to the college library, administration building, STEPS lab, student services office or the registrar's office.

Off-campus collection points are the *Big Spring Herald* and KBYG.

Gifts for children of any age will be accepted. The drive will be held through Dec. 15.

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'TIS THE SEASON



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Santa Claus, with Mrs. Claus at his side, waves to the crowds lining Gregg Street during Saturday's 19th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

Parade gets season started with a bang

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer

Downtown Big Spring was aglow with holiday lights and festive cheer Saturday during the 19th annual *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas parade.

"The credit for this year's successful parade goes to the time and efforts of *Herald* employees and the community," said *Herald* Publisher Susanne Reed. "Big Spring is a proud community and it showed Saturday through the turnout of people to celebrate the holiday season together. I look forward to sharing many more celebra-

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

While many parade participants were passing out candy to the crowd gathered along Gregg Street Saturday evening for the 19th annual *Big Spring Herald* Parade, Shriner Bob Noyes was passing out high-fives from his go-kart.

Salvation Army asks for help with food drive

"Because of the uncertainty surrounding our state and federal facilities and the recent layoffs at StarTek, I think we're going to see a lot more need this year."



Capt. Russ Keeney

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While many area residents may take the holiday onslaught of food and goodies for granted each year, one Big Spring organization is working hard to make sure those who are less fortunate don't get left out.

The Big Spring Salvation Army is currently holding its annual food drive, and with the Christmas holiday already on the horizon, this year's effort couldn't come at a more critical time.

"Our goal this year is to collect 25,000 cans," said Capt. Russ Keeney, director of the local Salvation Army. "Last year we collected 17,000 cans of food, and right now we only have about 50 cans left.

"We're running really tight this year. Fifty cans of food will make approximately three emergency food boxes, so that's dangerously low for us. If three people walked in needing emergency food, we'd be really close to wiped out."

Keeney said the drive's goal is definitely an increase over last year's effort, but believes the community will pull together to make it happen.

"This year's goal is a pretty lofty increase over last year, but I really feel like we'll make it," he said. "I think when the community hears about our goal everyone will pitch in and we'll be able to make it."

Keeney said the food collected during the drive will help make the Christmas holiday a little brighter for area residents having trouble putting food on the table, not to mention provide emergency food for the coming year.

"The food we collect during the drive goes into our Christmas emergency food boxes," said Keeney. "We'll give about 350 of those this season, and they are for people who would not normally have any food for Christmas. They came in and filled out an application and they will pick those boxes up on Dec. 21. The boxes will have a lot of canned foods in them, as well as a turkey roll.

"The cans that are left over is what we use throughout the year for people who come in and don't have any food. We usually try to give them enough to last two weeks."

Participating is simple, according to Keeney, with drop off locations located at local businesses and schools.

"We have several locations that are participating," said Keeney. "The *Herald* is one of those locations, and it is offering a deal where if you bring in five or more cans you get an advertisement valued at $21 for free.

"Wal-Mart is also participating in the drive

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Red Dress Tea set for Dec. 12 at Potton House

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

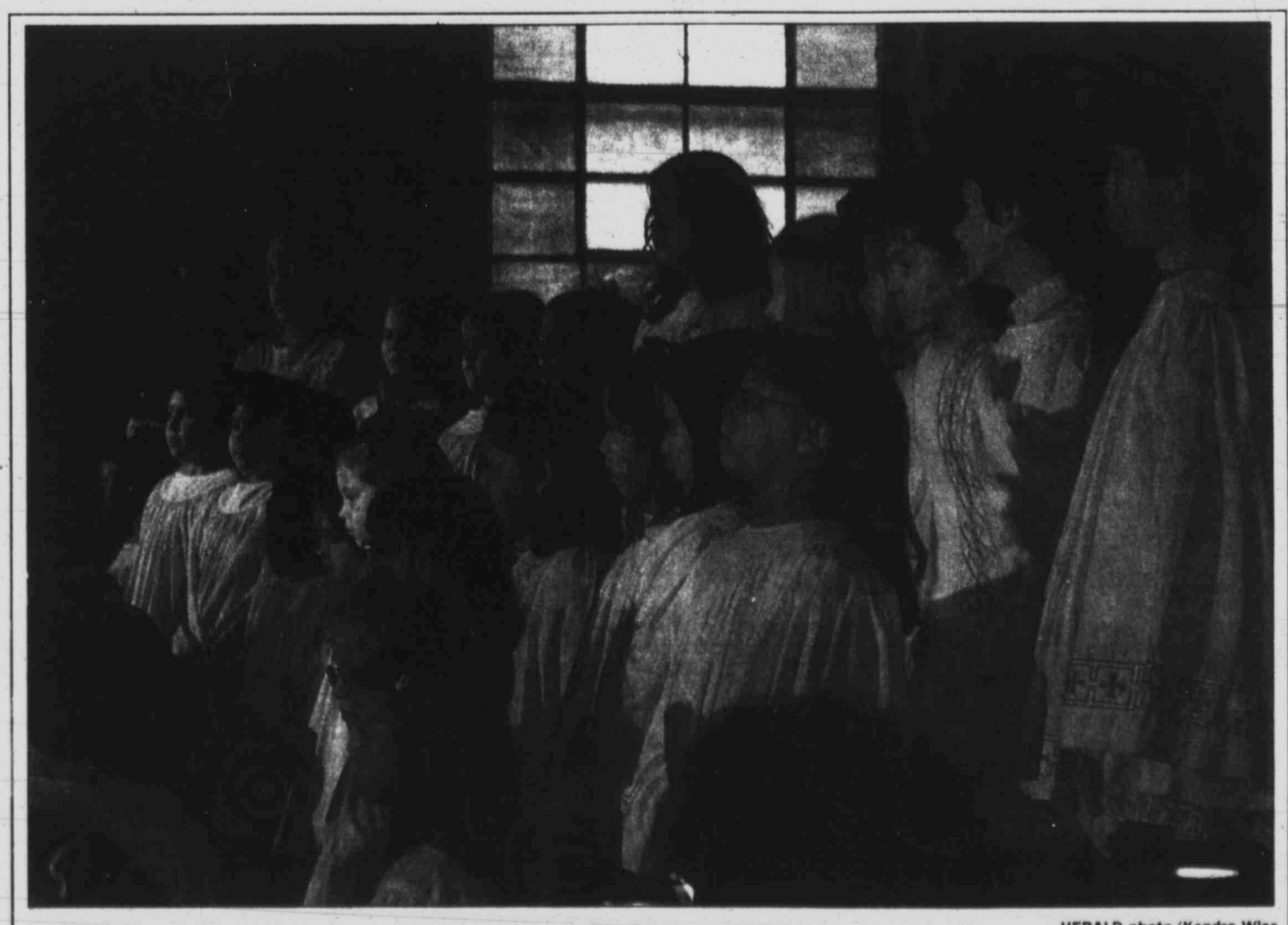
The annual Red Dress Tea presented by the Heritage Museum from noon until 2 p.m. Dec. 12 offers family-style entertainment at the Potton House, 200 Gregg.

"We're planning this as a family affair after church that Sunday, to conclude just before the symphony's tour of homes," said Tammy Schrecengost, curator for the museum.

The event honors the tradition of a red dress tea, a turn-of-the-century event where ladies once donned their hand-made red Christmas dresses and gathered at a home to sip tea and share dessert, she said.

And while this is the fourth Red Dress Tea sponsored by the Events Committee of the Heritage Museum, the theme

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HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss

The children's choir sings out during Saturday's performance of the Living Christmas Tree at the First United Methodist Church. See related photos on Pages 6A and 7A.

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Obituaries

Dolores Mendoza Porras



The Lord has called home another angel, Dolores Mendoza Porras, on Dec. 4, 2004. The early Howard County pioneer was 105 years old.

The matriarch of the Porras Family was born to Dorotea and Cecilio Mendoza March 31, 1899, in Pilares Chihuahua, Mexico. Her family moved to Van Horn when she was 9 years old and lived there until she was 21.

She and her mother moved to Big Spring by covered wagon with a group of settlers. On Nov. 4, 1922, Dolores married Jesus Porras, who had followed her to Big Spring with the intention of asking for her hand in marriage. They were both devout Catholics and members of St. Thomas Catholic Church. Dolores was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and Crusillista.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years; two daughters, Petra Porras and Maria Vela; three sons, Jose, Jesus and Pedro; a grandson, Thomas Guerrero; two great-grandsons, Jesus Porras IV and Alex Porras; two great-great-grandsons, Ismael Olivas and Jashawn Smith; and a niece, Petra Jimenez, who was raised as a daughter.

Survivors include three sons, Pascual Porras and wife, Olivia, of Big Spring, Benito Porras and wife, Pauline, and Tony Porras and wife, Irma, all of Odessa; one daughter, Dora Guerrero and husband, Benito, of Bossier City, La.; a granddaughter, whom Jesus and Dolores raised as a daughter, Anita Montanez and husband, Bob, of Odessa; three daughters-in-law, Celia Porras and Consuelo Porras both of Odessa and Alicia Porras of Big Spring; 45 grandchildren; 107 great-grandchildren; 42 great-great-granchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Dolores touched the hearts of everyone who knew her. While still active she was very close to her church community. She will always be remembered for her ability to make people laugh, to love her children unconditionally and for her great devotion to God.

Her wish was always for her family to follow God's example of loving one another and to always remember to go to church faithfully. Her request was that her family not shower her with flowers but to have masses and to pray rosaries in her memory.

She brightened lives with her loving spirit, which will always guide the Porras family and those who knew her. Dolores Porras, who like her own mother who lived to the age of 115, leaves her family a beautiful legacy which will always be cherished by her family.

The family wishes to acknowledge its love and gratitude to Pascual Porras and his family for all the daily love, care and attention they provided our beloved Dolores.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today, Dec. 6, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Benito Guerrero Jr., Pascual Porras Jr., Joe Porras Jr., Juan Porras, Benito Porras Jr., Pedro Porras Jr. and Rachael Porras.

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

Paid obituary

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Pickett

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Pickett, 81, of Big Spring died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Dec. 6, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Eugene Weldon, pastor of Christian Missions Church in Jacksboro, officiating.

She was born Nov. 23, 1923, in Mertzon and married Watson Pickett Oct. 12, 1942, in Mertzon. He preceded her in death April 28, 1993.

She was a member of the Eagles Auxillary and worked for TG&Y and the Photo Shop. Mrs. Pickett enjoyed playing bingo and being with her family. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Joe and Johnnie Pickett of Big Spring and Benny and Kathy Pickett of Jacksboro; one grandson, Gunner Pickett and wife, Laura, of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Ginger Pickett of Big Spring and JoLetta Gates and husband, Russell, of Breckenridge; and three great-grandchildren, Paige, Brittney and Bow Gates of Breckenridge.

The family suggests memorials to the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Edith Boatler



Edith Boatler, 95, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Mike Couch officiating.

The family will receive visitors from 6 p.m until to 7 p.m., today, Dec. 6, 2004, at the funeral home.

She was born Feb. 25, 1909, in Wise County and married M. H. "Slick" Boatler, March 31, 1934, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Jan. 4, 1991.

Edith was a sponsor of the Howard County 4H for many years.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Skipper Driver of Big Spring; one grandson, Dane Driver and wife, Jennifer, of Big Spring; one great-granddaughter, Jordan Driver of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Joe King, and two sisters, Della Norwood and Ella Rains. The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705 or the American Cancer Society Memorial Program, in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

Paid obituary

Petra Chavez



Petra Chavez, 76, of Midland died at 1:50 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at her residence. Vigil Service will be at 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 7, 1928, in San Antonio Del Bravo, Mexico, to Jose Porras and Narciza Flores Porras. Petra married Ricardo Chavez May 28, 1948, in Pecos.

They moved to Big Spring from Pecos in 1949. After 48 years in Big Spring, they moved to Midland in 1997. She was a homemaker.

She was one of the original members of the Cursillo Movement in Big Spring, which was started in 1963. Petra participated in more than 60 Cursillo Retreats. She was also chef, which was all volunteer, for more than 300 Cursillos.

She was an excellent chef of traditional Mexican dishes, asado, tamales, menudo and chili verde. She went on Cristo Rey Pilgrimages to El Paso for 15 years, stopping because of her health. She believed in helping others by volunteering in numerous fund raisers for the needy.

She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church, active in Guadalupanas, Ladies Society of Sacred Heart and later St. Thomas.

She is survived by her husband, Ricardo Chavez of Midland; two sons, Jose Chavez and his wife, Maria, and Jabor Chavez and his wife, Viola, all of Midland; three daughters, Maria Alicia Sanchez and her husband, Raymond, and Margarita Vasquez and her husband, Manuel, all of Midland and Elida Rodriguez and her husband, Everardo, of Big Spring; 22 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Guadalupe Garcia of Waco and Pilar Yanez of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Ismael Chavez in 1976; two sisters, Manuela Baltazar and Elena Porras; one brother, Pascual Porras; one granddaughter, Pamela A. Sanchez; and one grandson, Isaac Chavez.

Pallbearers will be Jose Chavez, Jabor Chavez, Maria Sanchez, Elida Rodriguez, Margarita Vasquez, Jose Guadalupe Ortiz, Raymond Sanchez Jr. and Edgardo Guerrero

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

Paid obituary

Santana Ybarra

Santana Ybarra, 84, of Keene, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, in Fort Worth. Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, in Cleburne. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. B.B. Stevens will officiate.

He was born Feb. 12, 1920, in Austin to Evaristo and Josefina Salazar Ybarra. He was a farmer and a member of the Assembley of God Church.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be made at cleburnefh@funeralhmtx.com.

Arrangments are under the direction of Cleburne Funeral Home.

Ola Mae Haggard Maxwell

Ola Mae Haggard Maxwell, 94, of Stanton died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, in a Stanton nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Dec. 6, 2004, at Lamesa Memorial Park, with the Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church in Stanton, officiating.

She was born May 19, 1910, in Denton County and married Robert Haggard in 1925 in Lubbock County. He preceded her in death in 1947. She then married R.D. Maxwell in 1954 in Carlsbad, N.M. He preceded her in death 1972. She was a longtime resident of Stanton and was a member of First Baptist Church in Stanton.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, R.E. and Helen Haggard of San Angelo; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Glenn Haggard; one daughter and son-in-law, Willodean and Delbert Dickenson; four brothers; and five sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701 or Stanton Care and Rehabilitation, P.O. Box 400, Stanton 79782.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Rosebell Craven Meek

Rosebell Craven Meek, 86, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at her residence. Memorial services are10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. James Liggett officiating.

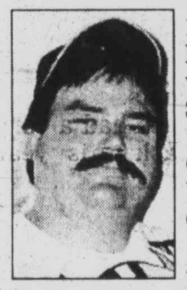
She was born June 14, 2004, in Kennedy and married Gorman Craven July 21, 1935. He preceded her in death November of 1986. She married Glenn W. Meek, U.S.N. retired, in 1990. He preceded her in death in 1991. She came to Big Spring in 1990 and worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as an operator and later as No. 5 Crossbar Switchman in Beaumont.

She is survived by two daughters, Susan King of Big Spring and Dr. Gail Fail of California; two sons, Carl Craven of Tempe, Ariz., and Dr. Jerry Craven of Canyon; a dear friend that she called her adopted daughter, Esterlin Graham of Beaumont; eight grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the David and Susan King Endowment Fund at Howard College, in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720 or other favorite charity, especially any library.

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

Richard Brito



Richard Brito, 42, of Big Spring died at 10:40 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services were at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Deacon Clemente Villa officiating. Burial was in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 18, 1962, in Odessa to Rodolfo Moro Brito and Leandra Avila Brito and married Luz "Lucy" Alvarez, Sept. 5, 1981, in Big Spring. He had been a resident of Big Spring for 30 years, was employed at Fiberflex for 17 years and the last three years at the Big Spring State Hospital. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Luz "Lucy" Brito of Big Spring; one daughter, Yvonne Michelle Brito of Big Spring; two brothers, Robert Brito of Odessa and Miguel "Mike" Brito of Big Spring; two sisters, Maria Rojas and Gloria Brito, both of Big Spring; several nieces, nephews, cousins and God children.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Leandra Brito, Dec. 16, 1984, and his father, Rodolfo Brito, Nov. 5, 2004.

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

Molly Patton

Molly Patton, 89, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, in a Sterling County Nursing Home. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Edwin J. Bednar

Edwin J. Bednar, 82, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, in his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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Local Sears franchise has record-setting sales day

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer

While many Crossroads area stores did well on Black Friday, one store had a record-breaking sales day.

"It was definitely a surprise," said Jody Swinney, owner of Big Spring's Sears franchise. "I had thought that it would be better than last week, but I had no indication that it would be as good as this."

Swinney has owned the store for six years and celebrated that anniversary on Thanksgiving Day.

"We were moving here on Thanksgiving Day six years ago. What a difference six years makes," he said.

The store met its quota for daily sales at 11:30 a.m. Friday, then broke the all-time record for sales in one day by 15 percent.

Merle Norman owner Sherry Phillips said her store also experienced positive sales the week after Thanksgiving. "We went way past last years sales numbers," said Phillips. "If things continue the same way last weekend went, this will be a very good Christmas season."

For most stores, the sales celebrations of Friday were met with disappointing slumps on Saturday.

"The situation on Saturday was strange because Friday was so phenomenal," said Swinney. "Saturday sales were slow, but also steady. It was strange because it was almost calm. We were very understaffed on Friday but then we ended up being overstaffed on Saturday."

Delma Fierro, assistant manager at Claire's Accessories boutique at Big Spring Mall said their Saturday sales were also below expectation. "Sales on Saturday were very slow compared to Friday," she said. "Although we had the slump on Saturday, the numbers for Christmas sales are still looking good."

Although the differences in sales on Friday and Saturday were in stark contrast, many stores experienced strong overall weekend sales.

"Overall we ended up 35 percent ahead for the weekend's sales," added Swinney.

He remains hopeful that good sales will continue throughout the holiday season.

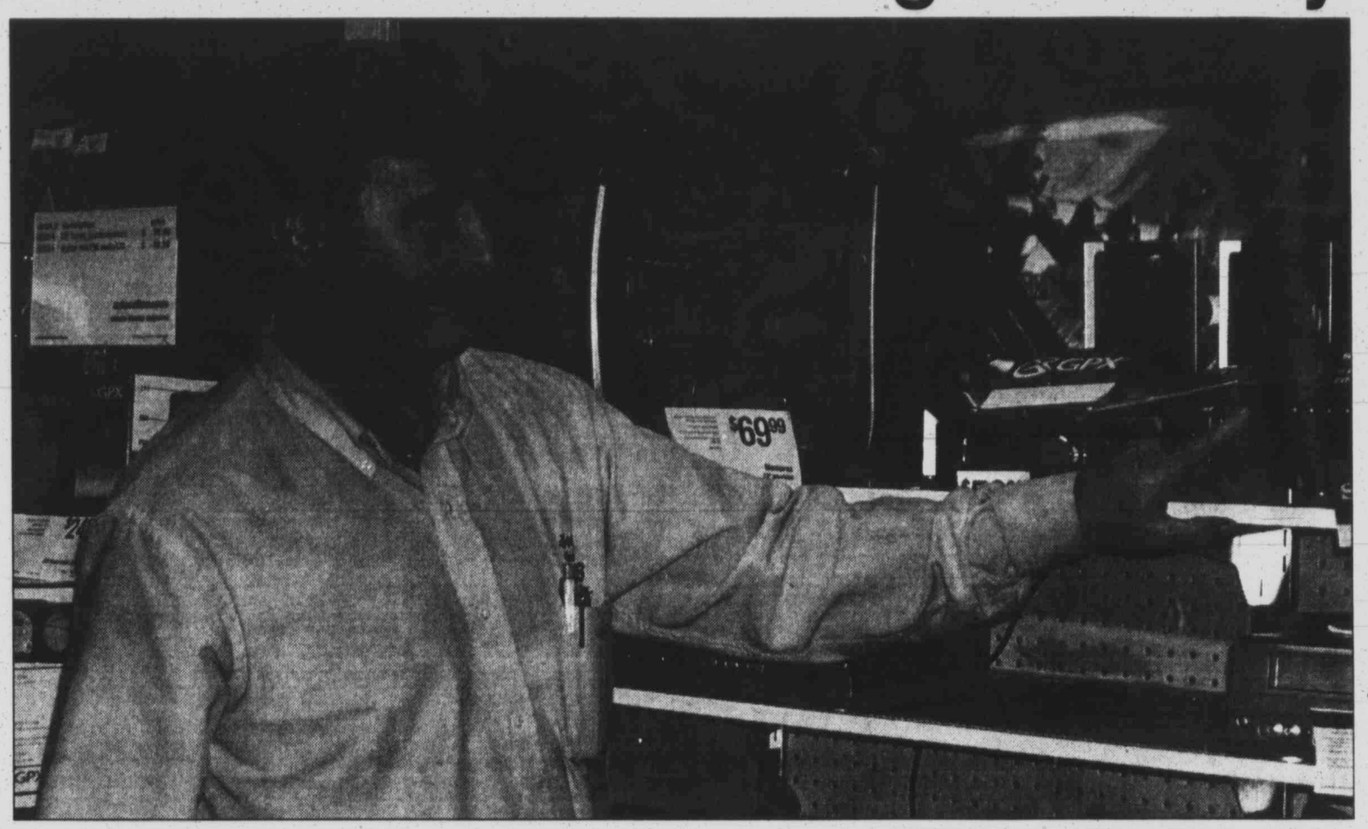
"We are anticipating having 8 to 10 percent more in sales than last year," he said.

Swinney says the store will be having many promotions and sales events throughout the shopping season leading up to Christmas.

Also looking forward to the few remaining weeks until Christmas is Greg Brooks, owner of Blum's Jewelers. "We haven't had a day like Friday in years," said Brooks. "Although our busiest time of year are the two weeks before Christmas, things are already looking good due to the positive economy and way things are currently going."

All Big Spring businesses are trying to keep local residents in town with numerous holiday specials and discounts.

They stress the importance of making sure that local residents know there has never been a better time to shop Big Spring first.



HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss

Big Spring Sears owner Jody Swinney adjusts the shelves after a record-breaking sales day on the Friday following Thanksgiving. Swinney is one of the many Big Spring business owners looking forward to a positive Christmas sales season.

PARADE

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tions as a member of this community."

Sean and Tressa Bailey, with their 2-year-old son Jordan, like many Big Spring families, make the parade the start of their holiday season. "We have to come every year," said Tressa. "Especially now that we have Jordan — he can't wait to see Santa."

The Guererro family also makes the parade a holiday priority. "We come every year to see all the holiday lights and Santa," said one family member.

"And for the candy," said 6-year-old Esmi Rogers, who along with her 4-year-old sister Esperanza, joined the Guererros.

With more than 60 entries winding their way past them, this year's parade judges had the difficult task of rating the colorful, creatively-designed floats.

"Our judges had a very difficult task this year with more than 60 entries displaying their interpretations of the 100 Years of West Texas Christmases theme," Reed said. "We appreciate everyone who participated for giving of their time and hard work for the parade.

"We also appreciate the many organizations and businesses that helped to make this parade a success," said Reed.

Judges looked for unique floats that used this year's theme.

"I'm also looking for glitter and lights," said one judge. "But more than that, I'm looking for happy, Christmas faces."

Judges rated each float for four qualities — workmanship, costuming, lighting and interpretation of the theme.

"All we have to do is rate each float on a scale of one to five on how they did in each category, so it's not that difficult for us," said another judge.

"The quality of this year's floats was outstanding," Reed added.

The *Herald* Best of Show Award, along with the $100 prize, went to the City of Big Spring. The Mayor's Trophy and $75 prize went to Western Container. The Grand Marshall's Award and $50 prize went to the Philadelphia Primative Baptist Church.

Other results from the community parade are:

• Churches/schools: First place, College Park Church of God; second place, First Baptist Mother's Day Out; and third place, Dance Gallery.

• Civic: First place, Howard County 4-H; second place, Vietnam Memorial Committee; and third place, West Texas Motorcycle.

• Commercial: First place, Cornell Corrections; second place, Atmos Energy; and third place, Wal-Mart.

• Individual: First place, the Reg Cranford family; second place, Johnny Bedell; and third place, Clifford Hart Street Rods.

The theme for next year's 20th annual *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas Parade set for Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, will be: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

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and offering a portion match on donations. We have a collection can at each entrance to the store, and if you drop a can in them, they are going to match a portion of the cans that are donated there.

"All of the schools are also participating in the drive this year," he said. "They also have a special incentive because we had a donor who wishes to remain anonymous agree to sponsor a pizza party for the class that collects the most canned food.

"Big Spring High School will be putting on a winter concert Thursday and they're dedicating that performance to the Salvation Army. They're asking for people that attend to bring at least one can of food, and they will have a table where cans can be dropped off."

As the organization drives toward its 25,000-can goal, Keeney said he believes the need is going to be greater this holiday season and throughout 2005.

"I think the need for these emergency food boxes is going to increase over the coming year," said Keeney. "Because of the uncertainty surrounding our state and federal facilities and the recent layoffs at StarTek, I think we're going to see a lot more need this year."

For more information on the annual food drive, call 267-8239.

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

TEA

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this year is for families to tour the Potton House and view different Christmas decorations.

"We have several different groups who will decorate each of the rooms differently and families are invited to tour the rooms at their leisure and to enjoy refreshments," Schrecengost said.

Different Christmas motifs will be displayed in each of the rooms.

The Potton House dining room will be decorated with poinsettias, sponsored by Johansen's Landscape and Nursery.

The parlor will feature an Old Time Christmas, decorated by Lanita Fryar and Kay Cathey.

"The parlor will even have an old time Christmas tree brought in from a field," Schrecengost said.

The Big Spring Art Association will decorate one room with Christmas paintings, she said.

There is no charge for the event, which is open to the public.

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OUR VIEWS

You all made this Christmas parade a truly special one

Once again, Big Spring, you pulled it off. Saturday's 19th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade was everything we had hoped it would be an more, and was, we believe, an excellent start to Yuletide.

Downtown Big Spring was indeed aglow with holiday lights and festive cheer, and while we here at the Herald do work hard each year in sponsoring the parade, it is the community that makes this event the magical start to the Christmas season it always is.

Not only were there plenty of participants and brightly colored and lighted entries, but the thousands of local residents — especially the radiant-faced youngsters — who line the parade's route each year is heart warming..

The more than 60 entries in this year's parade made it difficult for judges, but there was little question in our minds that the panel had it right when issuing a perfect rating and the Herald Best of Show Award and $100 prize to the float entered by the City of Big Spring. The same holds true, we think, for the $75 prize given to Western Container as the winner of the Mayor's Trophy for best lighted entry, and the $50 prize that went to the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church entry that had the best costuming..

We were also proud to see entries from the College Park Church of God, First Baptist Mother's Day Out, Dance Gallery, Howard County 4-H, Vietnam Memorial Committee, West Texas Motorcycle, Cornell Corrections, Atmos Energy, Wal-Mart, the Reg Cranford family, Johnny Bedell and Clifford Hart Street Rods receive accolades from the judges.

But we want to take this opportunity to thank all those who took part in the procession and ask you to all take a bow.

Thanks to all your efforts, Big Spring's Christmas Parade for 2004 was certainly one of the best ever.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we stop before we do something wrong and ask ourselves what You would want us to do, Lord.

Amen

Once again, free Clarence Aaron



DEBRA SAUNDERS

The small joys of life when you live freely: walking into your kitchen for that first cup of coffee, driving down a curvy back road with no other cars in sight, choosing what you'll fix yourself for dinner. We take for granted these small freedoms — yet they are freedoms we should value and recognize. A just society does not yank these rights from a young man for the rest of his life for a petty crime.

The United States of America did just that when a federal court in Alabama sentenced Clarence Aaron to life without parole for a first-time non-violent drug conviction. He was 22 years old when he hooked up two dealers for two drug deals; they paid him $1,500. He has been in prison for 11 years, and he will die behind bars unless President Bush commutes his sentence.

This is the fourth Christmas season I've written about Clarence Aaron. I've never met him. We spoke on the phone once. Aaron then told me that he simply cannot believe he will spend the rest of his life in prison.

I can't believe my America would consider that justice.

What happened? Aaron was a college student who was experiencing family and financial problems. I mention that he was a student not to put a halo on his head but to point out that Aaron was not a professional drug dealer. Yet somehow, all but one of the six dealers involved in his saga were released from prison years ago, even though they had criminal records or were known as big players in the drug trade. They knew enough to cut a deal, and they knew people they could hand over. Aaron didn't.

The local U.S. attorney charged Aaron with dealing in crack because one dealer converted the cocaine he got to crack. The court also convicted Aaron for drugs that never traded hands, as one of the dealers robbed the other. Hence, while 9 kilograms of cocaine were traded, Aaron is serving time for 24 kilograms of crack.

Aaron also made the mistake of pleading not guilty and perjuring himself in court, which enhanced his sentence.

Oh, and did I mention that Aaron is black?

Aaron now admits his guilt. He has a clean prison record. In 2000, the Atlanta warden petitioned to move Aaron to a less secure facility. Aaron has no prior record and no history of violence. Yet he is serving the same sentence that FBI-agent-turned-spy Robert Hanssen is serving.

Attorney Mary Price of Families Against Mandatory Minimums noted, "He got a longer sentence than he would have got had he hijacked an airplane, had he detonated a bomb in a public place, had he committed second-degree murder or had he raped a 10-year-old child."

A recent ruling by a federal court — now before the U.S. Supreme Court — would make Aaron's sentence far less likely to occur if the same case were before a court today. If the Supremes uphold the Blakely decision, jurors would have to rule on the amount of drugs and kind of drugs for which a defendant is convicted. As Price pointed out, if the court had sentenced Aaron for cocaine instead of crack, his sentence would be under 16 years — even if you include the 15 kilograms from the second deal that didn't happen.

A Department of Justice spokesman had no comment on the case, as it is pending. Over the years and off the record, others in law enforcement have told me they think this is an insane sentence, a fluke if you will.

And it says something that the administration has not denied Aaron's petition — after denying some 3,446 commutation requests and approving two, according to Margaret C. Love, who served as pardon attorney for the first President Bush.

Since I started writing on Aaron, the system has shown mercy — for other people. The judge who sentenced Aaron to life without parole sentenced a white lawyer turned drug dealer to four months in a work release facility. When the George Washington University Medical Center learned that Vice President Dick Cheney's (now former) physician was illegally prescribing himself drugs, the doctor was allowed to enter a program that allowed him to continue prescribing drugs.

If the concept of equal justice means anything, President Bush will grant Clarence Aaron what any white professional who screws up would get — a second chance.

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Look at what we're doing



MOLLY IVINS

It is both peculiar and chilling to find oneself discussing the problem of American torture. I have considered support of basic human rights and dignity so much a part of our national identity that this feels as strange as though I'd suddenly become Chinese or found Fidel Castro in the refrigerator.

One's first response to the report by the International Red Cross about torture at our prison at Guantanamo is denial. "I don't want to think about it; I don't want to hear about it; we're the good guys, they're the bad guys; shut up. And besides, they attacked us first."

But our country has opposed torture since its founding. One of our founding principles is that cruel and unusual punishment is both illegal and wrong. Every year, our State Department issues a report grading other countries on their support for or violations of human rights.

The first requirement here is that we look at what we are doing — and not blink, not use euphemisms. Despite the Red Cross' polite language, this is not "tantamount to torture." It's torture. It is not "detainee abuse." It's torture. If they were doing it to you, you would know it was torture. It must be hidden away, because it's happening in Cuba or elsewhere abroad.

Yes, it's true, we did sort of know this already. It was clear when the Abu Ghraib scandal broke in Iraq that the infection had come from Guantanamo. The infamous memos by Alberto Gonzales, our next attorney general, and by John Ashcroft's "Justice" Department pretty well laid it out.

In a way, Abu Ghraib, as bizarrely sadistic as it was, is easier to understand than this cold, relentless and apparently endless procedure at Gitmo. At least Abu Ghraib took place in the context of war. At Guantanamo, there is no threat to anyone — Americans are not being killed or hurt there.

The Red Cross report says, "The construction of such a system, whose stated purpose is the production of intelligence, cannot be considered other than an intentional system of cruel, unusual and degrading treatment, and a form of torture."

Our country, the one you and I are responsible for, has imprisoned these "illegal combatants" for three years now. What the hell else do we expect to get out of them? We don't even release their names or say what they're charged with — whether they're Taliban, Al Qaeda or just some farmers who happened to get in the way (in Afghanistan, farmers and soldiers are apt to be the same).

If this hasn't been established in three years, when will it be? How long are they to be subjected to "humiliating acts,' solitary confinement, temperature extremes, use of forced positions"?

In the name of Jesus Christ Almighty, why are people representing *our* government, paid by us, writing filth on the Korans of helpless prisoners? Is this American? Is it Christian? What are our moral values? Where are the clergymen on this? Speak out, speak up.

The creepiest aspect of the Red Cross report is the involvement of doctors and psychiatrists in something called "Biscuit" teams. Get used to that acronym: It stands for Behavioral Science Consultation Team and will end up in the same category of national shame as Wounded Knee. According to The New York Times, Biscuit teams are "composed of psychologists and psychological workers who advise the interrogators." Shades of Dr. Mengele.

An earlier Red Cross report questioned whether "psychological torture" was taking place. I guess that's what you call sleep deprivation and prolonged exposure to extremely loud noises while shackled to a chair. The beatings reported would not be psychological torture. I pass over the apparently abandoned practice of sexual taunting. The Red Cross also reports a far greater incidence of mental illness caused by stress.

If you have neither the imagination nor the empathy to envision yourself in such circumstances, please consider why the senior commanders in the military are so horrified by this. It's very simple. Because, if we do this, if we break international law and the conventions of warfare, then the same thing can be done to American soldiers who are captured abroad. Any country can use exactly the same lame rationale about "enemy combatants" to torture American troops in any kind of conflict. Then we would protest to the Red Cross, of course.

I suppose one could argue that we're fighting people who chop off the heads of their prisoners, so there. Since when have we taken up Abu al-Zarqawi as a role model? In the famous hypothetical example, you might consider torture justified if you had a terrorist who knew where a bomb was planted that was about to go off. But three years later? Some people have got to be held accountable for this, and that would include Congress.

My question is: What are *you* going to do about this? It's your country, your money, your government. You own it, you run it, you are the board of directors. They are doing this in your name. The people we elect to public office do what you want them to. Perhaps you should get in touch with them.

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New knees at a faster pace

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Dr. Robert Ference uses a new procedure during a knee surgery on Conrad Mallett in Oak Park, Mich.

DETROIT — Like so many Americans, Conrad Mallett Sr. delayed having knee surgery.

Mallett, 76, a former college president and advisor to Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, is an avid skier, who hits the slopes from "sun up to sun down."

Surgeons told him that if he underwent a knee replacement operation, he wouldn't be able to ski again. Too risky, once that delicate knee gets repaired, he was told.

He skied in pain throughout 2003, delaying his decision long enough to become eligible for a new knee replacement procedure that offers quicker recovery and a chance to return to skiing.

Orthopedic surgeons are noncommittal about the minimally invasive knee replacement surgery, awaiting more results. But as word has spread to patients, the procedure's appeal has grown in the two years since the federal Food and Drug Administration approved several new devices used in the surgery.

Nation wide, about 300,000 Americans each year undergo traditional total knee replacement surgery. It's performed to rebuild the knee after injury or a type of arthritis, osteoarthritis — Mallet's diagnosis. Osteoarthritis causes the knees to bow in or out, and makes walking and exercise painful.

Mallett had his first knee replacement operation in June, and the second one Nov. 3 at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit, where his son, Conrad Mallett Jr., a former Michigan Supreme Court Justice, is president.

The elder Mallett had almost no post operative pain and was walking with a cane two weeks after surgery.

New Tools, Techniques

His surgeon, Dr. Robert Ference, director of minimally invasive joint replacement surgery at Sinai-Grace, says 96 percent of his patients are back to normal activities at six weeks, and half are back in just two weeks.

That compares to the three to six months other patients typically require after conventional knee replacement surgery. The timing of the return to activities depends on a person's level of fitness, age and general health.

Minimally invasive total knee replacement surgery gets patients back to normal activities more quickly because of two critical differences, says Ference. Surgeons do not cut into the quadriceps m uscle above the knee, as is done in traditional surgery. And, during surgery, doctors lift, but don't flip over, the kneecap, as is done in traditional surgery to help the surgical team gain access to the knee.

New tools and computer-guided programs as well as lining up the knee to the center of the ankle help surgeons perform the procedure without flipping over the kneecap.

Also, t he incision is smaller, typically 3 to 4 inches, rather than 8 to 12 inches, Ference says. "What's important is not hurting the quadriceps."

Ference has performed 500 of the procedures in the past two years and is considered a leader in the field. He trains many physicians in the technique, both for Stryker Orthopaedics, a manufacturer of a device used in the surgery, as well as at surgery meetings. Earlier this month, Ference taught the technique to doctors at an American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery meeting in Rosemont, Ill. Ference says he expects that in five years, the minimally invasive approach will be the procedure of choice.

For now, orthopedic surgery groups are cautious.

Waiting For Data

"The potential benefits, risks and costs of this have yet to be established," says Dr. Brian Hallstrom in a summary of minimally invasive knee replacement on the Web site of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery (www.orthoinfo.aaos.org).

"Unfortunately, we won't know if these new techniques affect the long-term function and durability of the knee replacement for 10 to 15 years," Hallstrom writes. "Long-term durability is much more important than whether you were in the hospital for two days or four days after surgery."

Minimally invasive knee replacement was developed in 1991 by Dr. Peter Bonutti of Effingham, Ill. Last March, in the AAOS journal, he reported high success rates in studies of more than 200 patients two to four years after surgery.

The operation remains technically challenging. Only one of the first 12 surgeons Ference trained still is doing it, he says, and the one who does it, limits the operation to patients of about 150 pounds, as some other doctors do, Ference says. Excess weight can complicate the operation because surgeons have to remove too much fat around the knee to insert the cobalt chrome knee implants into place.

Ference is confident enough with his results and team that he "takes all comers." His patients range from 150 to 400 pounds, averaging 262 pounds, he says.

Patients with a prior knee surgery who need a second operation, known as a revision, might be eligible for the minimally invasive technique if they don't have too much scar tissue that's developed at the incision site. Many of Ference's patients have had the traditional operation on one knee and seek him out for the new procedure on the other.

"The people who've had it done the traditional way can't believe the difference," says Lisa Hypna , one of Ference's two physician assistants.

Rehabilitation after traditional surgery is so arduous that patients refuse to get their other knee operated on, she says. With the new procedure, "most patients book the other knee two weeks after surgery."

Both minimally invasive and traditional knee replacement surgery cost about $35,000. Insurance covers the traditional procedure but may not cover the new one.

The biggest problem following traditional surgery is infection, which occurs in two of every 100 patients, national studies show.

By comparison, Ference says, none of his 500 patients has developed an infection. He also uses regional anesthesia in the minimally invasive operation, compared to general anesthesia for traditional surgery. He says his patients aren't as groggy afterward, speeding their recovery. Ference's team tries to lower the risk of infection by mixing antibiotics into the cement paste he uses to hold the joint in place.

The team takes infection control in the operating room so seriously that they wear space- age-like operating garb, called bubble suits, with large, masked helmets.

Ference advises patients shopping for a surgeon to ask if they cut through the quadriceps muscle.

Some surgeons who call their operations minimally invasive use a smaller incision but cut through the muscle, he says.

Patients from as far as Connecticut, where Mallett lives, and Colorado are coming to Detroit for the surgery. Ference also has contracted with the Canadian health officials to bring patients to Detroit from Canada. Families who live more than 100 miles away from Sinai-Grace are housed for free in a top Southfield hotel with a shuttle to get them back and forth to the hospital.

Patients typically are discharged in two days, compared to three or four with traditional surgery.

Mallett is pleased with his results.

Four days after surgery, he was able to lift his leg straight up.

Two weeks later, he was walking with a cane.

Ference says Mallett could flex his knee completely the day after surgery. He has "no question" that Mallett will be skiing soon.

Mallett is certain, too.

"There's already a 25-inch base of snow" in some states, Mallett said a few days before Thanksgiving.

"Absolutely, I am thinking about skiing."

Toys can include the gift of activity

(KRT) — As you make your holiday gift list and consider choices for young people, it's easy to be tempted to pick toys that may be hot and new but, unfortunately, keep kids on the couch.

We have an opportunity to choose a toy that carries the right message for kids: Stay active.

These are toys that encourage children to move. All kids — no matter what their size — can benefit from active play. We need to make it easy for them to want to be active.

For example, think pedal power instead of motorization next time you're in an aisle of scooters, kids cars and bicycles.

Also, think simple. Some of the best toys for activity are uncomplicated and inexpensive.

Here are some suggestions:

— Balls. Whether they're sports-related or the large inflated types used for exercise, balls enhance agility, hand-eye coordination and cardiovascular conditioning. Some soccer and basketball games come with electronic goals that talk or flash lights when you score.

— Portable play tents and tunnels. These simple toys made of flexible wires and nylon are available in a range of designs, including action-figure or animation-theme versions. The lightweight tents and tunnels encourage kids to crawl, go in and out, and play hide and seek. These help with motor skills.

— Bouncers. Kids can burn calories jumping and bouncing away on miniature versions of large inflatable bouncing castles and houses.

— Flying discs. Kids and dogs love Frisbees with good reason. They're a lot of fun outdoors.

— Hang-on toys. Older kids can put the Fun Ride Super Z cable between two trees in the back yard, hang onto the handles and zip across. Attach the Twizzler II to a strong and stable tree branch and watch little tykes grab the handles and twist, twirl and swing.

— Jumping and skipping toys. There's always the traditional jump rope, but the newer take is the Jump Dancer, which swings a rope close to the ground around a central base.

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Hearing scheduled for Abu Ghraib's reputed ringleader

FORT HOOD (AP) — A reputed ringleader behind abuses that allegedly occurred last year at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq is expected to use comments by President Bush and top military leaders to try to get charges against him dismissed.

Spc. Charles Graner, 36, of Uniontown, Pa., will make his bid for freedom at a Monday morning hearing at this Army post in central Texas.

Guy Womack, his Houston-based lawyer, told The Associated Press that public positions taken by Bush and others have made it impossible for Graner to get a fair trial by a military jury.

"I'm asking the court to dismiss on the grounds of unlawful command influences," Womack, a retired Marine lawyer, said last week. "The president and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have made statements saying my client is guilty and there should be punishment."

Graner is among seven members of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company accused of assaulting and humiliating male detainees at the Baghdad prison in late 2003.

Southwest Airlines working to erase limits on flights

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines is promising a "grass-roots campaign" to repeal a federal amendment that restricts flights from its home airport in Dallas to only other cities in Texas and nearby states.

Chief executive Gary Kelly said the airline intends to use the political clout it has acquired over the last 25 years to overturn the Wright Amendment.

The 1979 federal law, designed to protect sprawling Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, prohibits all but the smallest passenger planes from flying between Love Field and anywhere beyond Texas and seven nearby states.

As a result, Southwest cannot offer direct service to many big U.S. cities, including Los Angeles and Chicago.

But to overturn the law, Southwest and its allies will need to convince Congress that the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport no longer needs protection. The amendment's defenders say it's still necessary.

Election challenge of Gallegos rebutted by senator's report

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker says an election challenge against Sen. Mario Gallegos by his former opponent and ex-mistress should be dismissed.

Susan Delgado had contended that the Houston Democrat lived in the 11th District, although he represents the 6th District.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, who was appointed as a special master in the case by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, said he based his recommendation on qualifications for a state senator described in the Texas Constitution, not on residency requirements outlined in the election code.

"I have determined that the contestant's petition does not state the grounds necessary to maintain the contest and recommend to the Senate Committee on State Affairs that it refuse to hear testimony or other evidence presented in person by the parties," Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said in a report filed with the committee Friday.

Delgado, a former stripper, claimed she had a 17-year affair with Gallegos. Earlier this year, she also sued Gallegos for $1.5 million, claiming he caused her emotional and physical pain.

Guns, ammunition taken from college police officer

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin Community College police officer is jailed after airport security workers confiscated a half-dozen guns and hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

Maisule Aji Kurugu was arrested last month after a scan of his checked baggage as he was flying from Austin to Memphis, Tenn., federal court documents show.

Kurugu, 42, of Austin, remained in federal custody Sunday at a private detention center in Taylor in lieu of bail.

According to an affidavit, Transportation Security Administration screeners failed to detect the weapons before the flight left Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, although they had found a handgun in another of the man's bags. Also in the bags were 612 rounds of ammunition.

TSA screeners found a .38-caliber handgun in one of three bags that Kurugu tried to check before the Nov. 17 flight, the affidavit stated.

Cub Scouts share joy of Hanukkah with Jewish soldiers

If not for Cub Scouts in Houston, Army Spc. Joseph Lowit would find it next-to-impossible to celebrate Hanukkah.

"But thanks to them I can, and I am very grateful," wrote Lowit, a 26-year-old infantryman from Miami who is the only Jewish soldier on his base in Iraq.

As part of a service project, Pack 1190 from Congregation Emanu El prepared care packages with Hanukkah candles, menorahs and dreidels—giving Lowit and 150 other soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait a way to mark the holiday.

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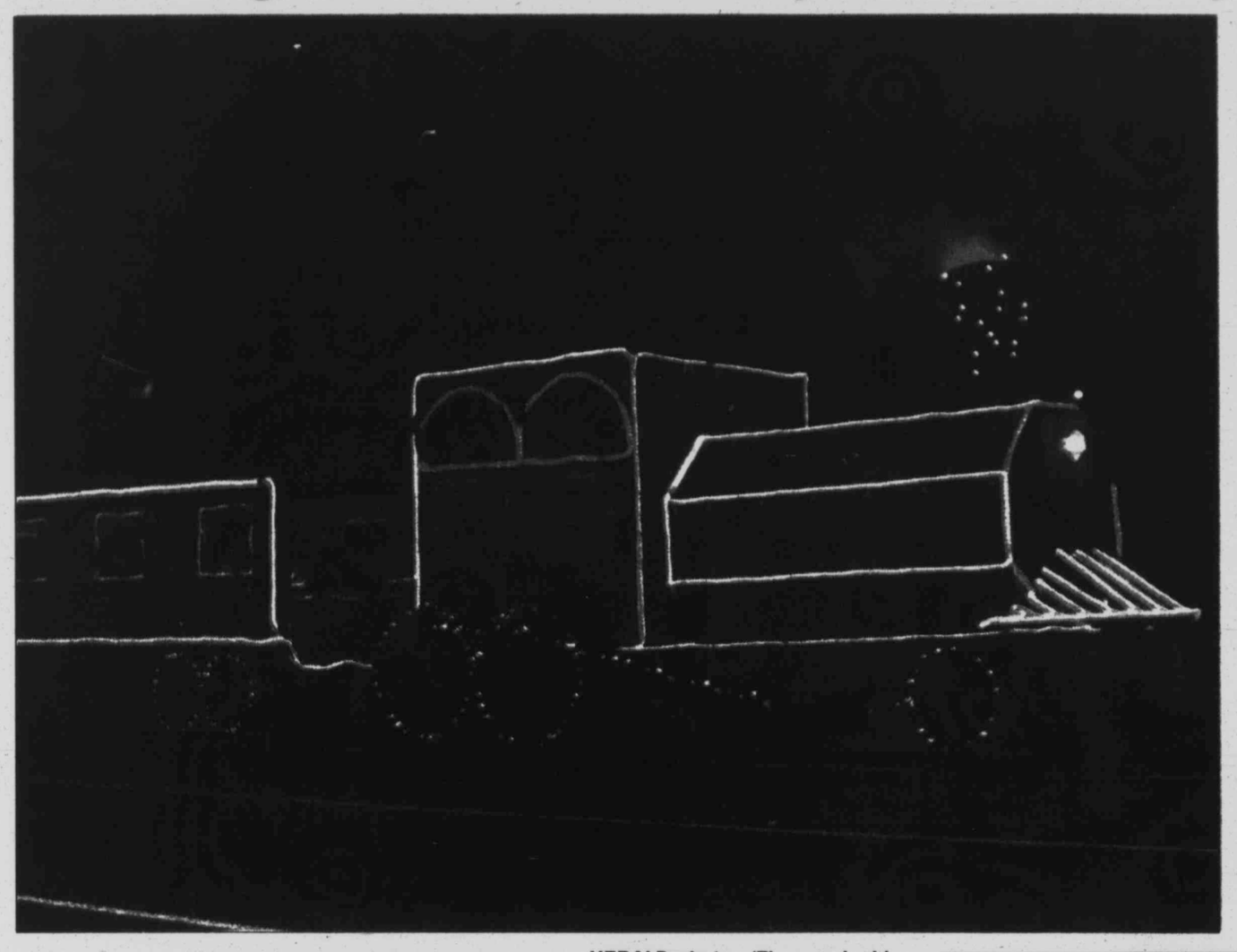
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More sights from Saturday's Community Christmas Parade

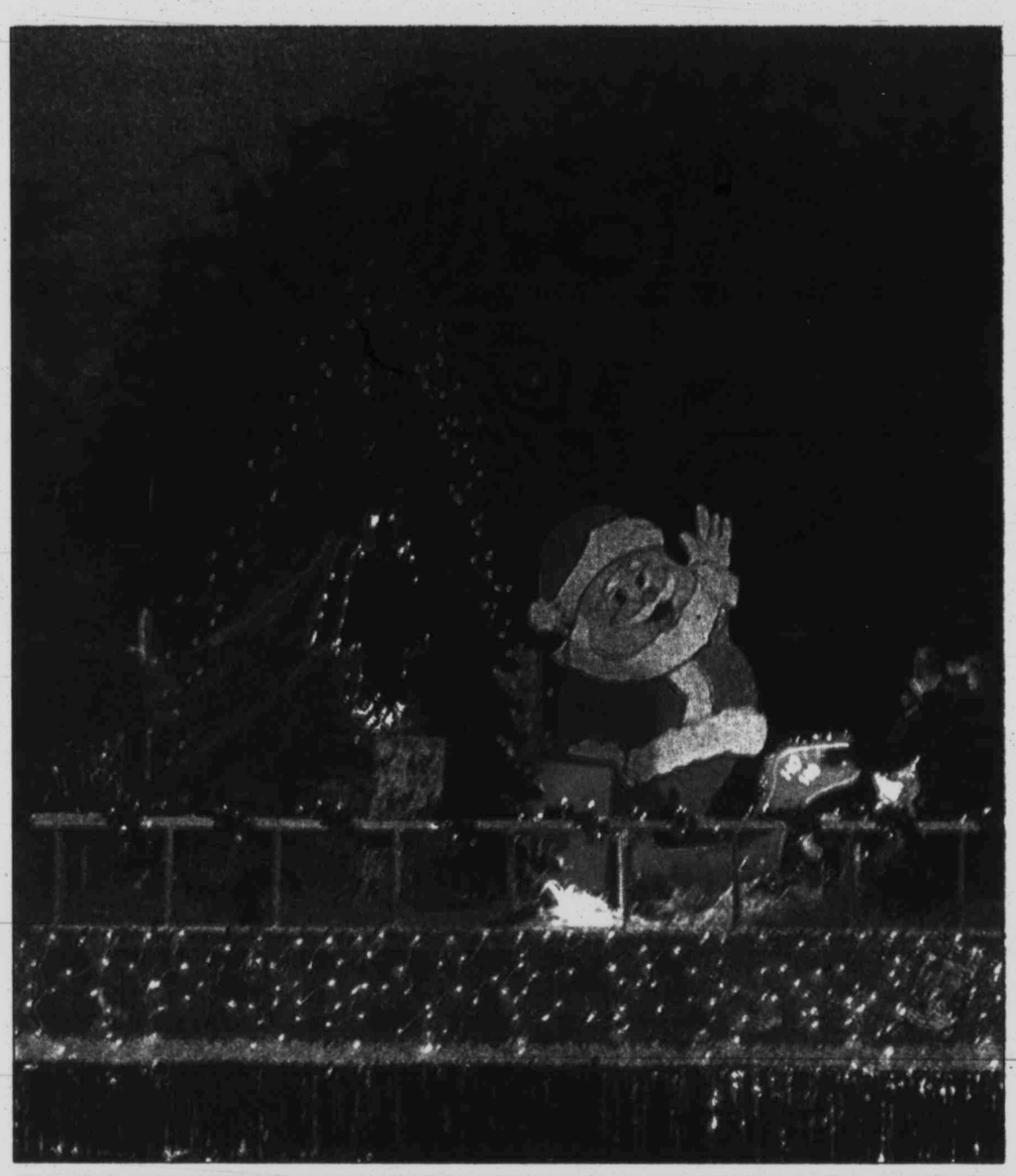




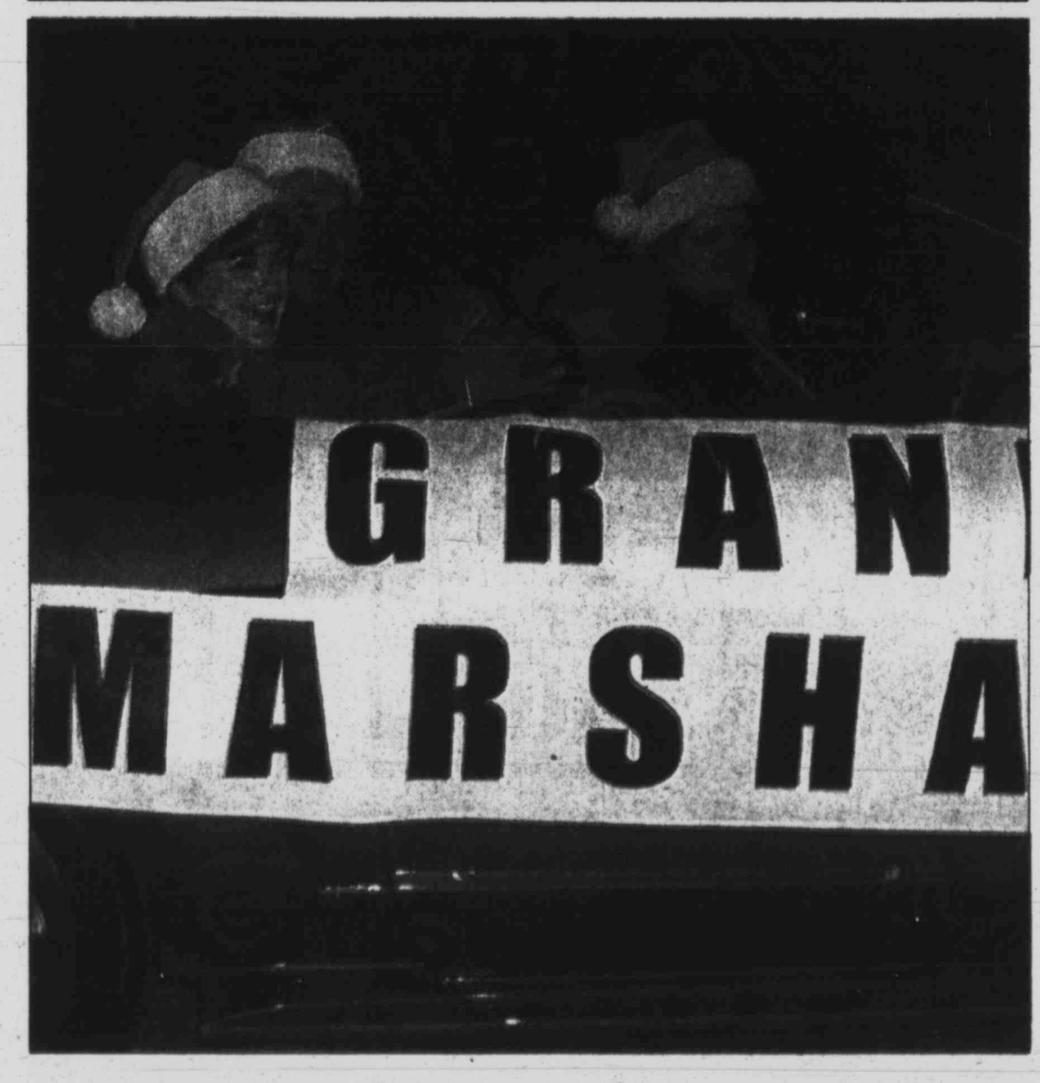
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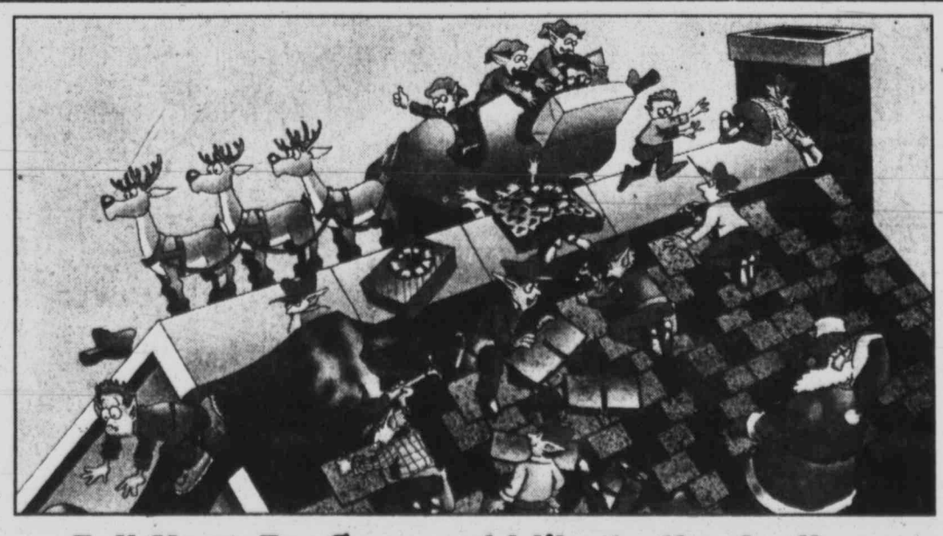
The lights and sounds were a thrill Saturday night as the 19th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade got the Yuletide officially started in Big Spring. Clockwise from top left: The city of Big Spring's train float won the $100 prize as the Herald's Best of Show Award winner; local motorcyclists prepare their bikes for the procession; The Mier and Aguilar families watch as the floats go by; Esmi Rogers, 6; Jr. Guererro, 3; Juan Diego Guererro, 11 months, watch the parade; Grand Marshals Linda Conway and Bobby McDonald are driven at the head of the parade by Herald Publisher Susanne Reed; while Santa and cactus on another float adequately conveyed the parade's theme "100 Years of West Texas Christmases.











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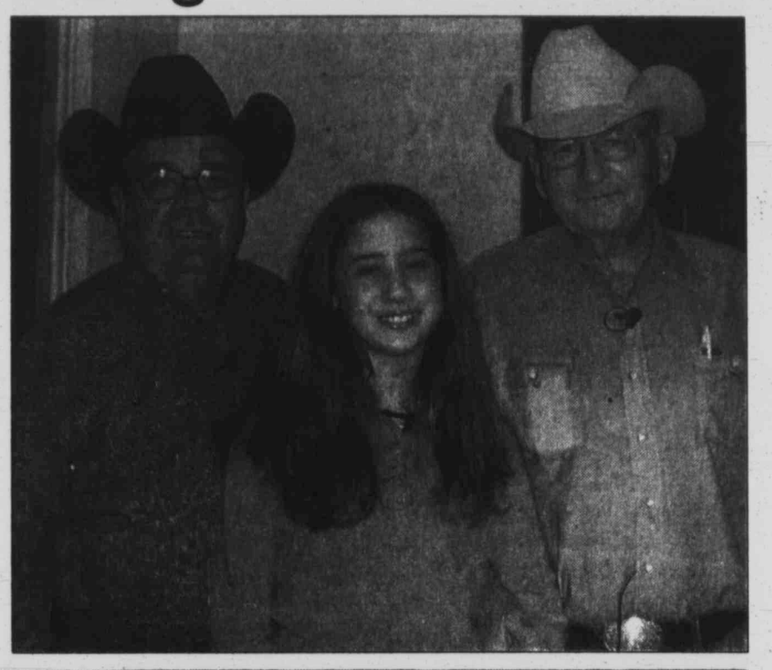
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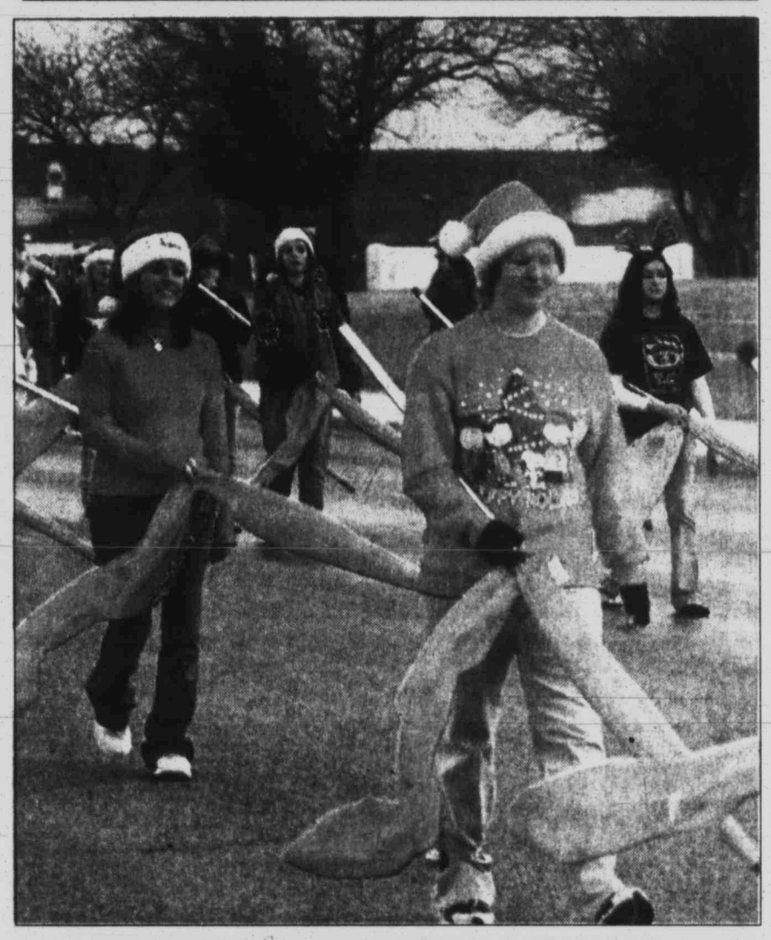
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More from Saturday's parade and the Living Christmas Tree



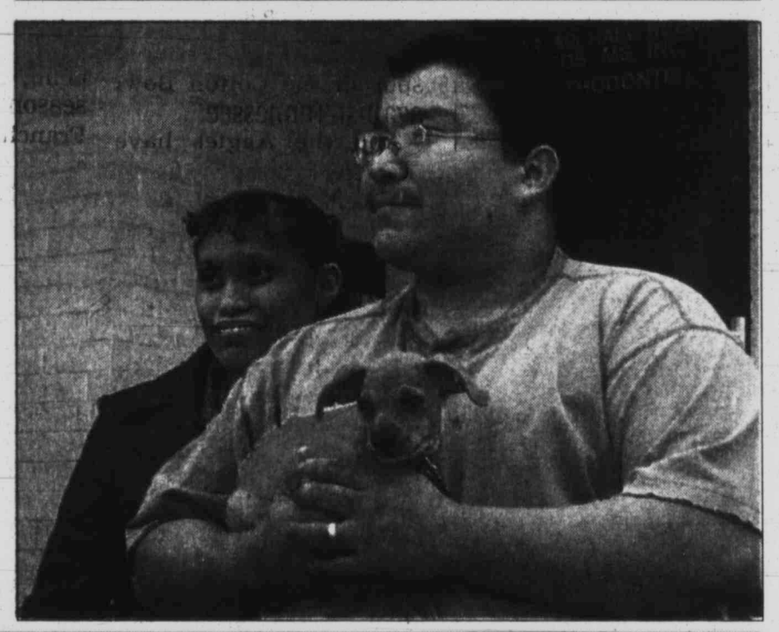






Clockwise from upper left: Larry Thibeault and Cara Adams sing "Look at Them" during the Living Christmas Tree presentation; Living Christmas Tree cast Dean Forest, Carroll Choate and Claudia Jones pose; members of the Sanchez family brought their dog to enjoy the parade; the First Baptist Church Bell Choir performed during the procession; the Suez Shrine's fire truck was included in the group's wheeled entries; and Terri Marsh and her children, Justin and Emily, wave to the crowds gathered on Gregg Street for the parade.

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Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

Spurs get off to best start in team history

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Tim Duncan's 20 points led San Antonio to a 104-83 victory, improving the Spurs' record to 15-3 for the best start in franchise history.

The Spurs also got 13 points apiece from Tony Parker, Beno Udrih and Devin Brown and 12 from Manu Ginobili in winning their NBA-best seventh straight game.

The Spurs, coming off a last-second win over Detroit at home the night before and playing their fourth game in five nights, looked tired and slow — but still more energetic and quicker than the Bucks, who lost for the ninth time in 10 games despite the return of Joe Smith from a three-game absence.

Dallas get by Utah, Nowitzki scores 30

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki followed up his 53-point outburst with 30 points and seven rebounds.

Nowitzki wasn't quite as sharp as he was two nights earlier in setting a franchise scoring record against Houston, but his 10-for-19 field goal shooting and 8-for-8 performance from the free throw line were good enough to send the Mavericks to their fourth victory in five games.

Jason Terry scored a season-high 19 points and added nine assists, and Jerry Stackhouse added 18 points for Dallas. Josh Howard contributed 17 points and 10 rebounds.

B.S. football banquet set for Dec. 13

The Big Spring football banquet has been set for Monday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafetorium.

The meal will cost $10. For more information, call the Athletic Training Center at 264-3662.

Snyder wins on missed extra point

Snyder High School held off a late charge by District 4-3A rival Sweetwater Friday to grab a 21-20 win in the Class 3A Division II state quarterfinal playoff game at Memorial Stadium.

Sweetwater scored a touchdown with less than one minute to play in the game, but its extra point try hit the left upright and missed.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

Today

Event, Time	Station
Cowboys @Seahawks, 7 p.m.	95.7
Spurs @Chicago, 7 p.m.	1490

Steers close out Andrews tournament with win

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — Twenty points in the first and final quarters at the Andrews Tournament propelled the Steers basketball team to a win in the seventh place game against Fort Stockton Saturday.

Big Spring defeated Fort Stockton, 57-51, and improved its record to 3-6 on the season.

"It was a good game coming off the loss Friday," said Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear. "We started off really well and I think the press worked well, too."

The Steers took a 10-point lead at halftime after Fort Stockton outscored the Steers 9-8 in the second quarter.

The third quarter hurt Big Spring as Fort Stockton scored 19 points and held Big Spring to just nine.

"The third quarter snuck up on us and that put us in a dog fight until the end," said Kinnear. "Our ability to hit free throws in the fourth quarter allowed us to get the lead and the win.

"We got some good looks at the basket in the fourth quarter and our defense stepped up and forced Fort Stockton to throw the ball away a few times."

Freshman Jordan Kinnear scored a career-high 21 points, dished out three assists, blocked two shots and pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds, while junior Kyle Piercefield scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds.

Sophomore Ryan Tannehill, who connected on five of six free throws, scored nine points, grabbed six rebounds, dished out four assists and had two steals.

Big Spring also outrebounded Fort Stockton 33-19.

The Steers travel to Midland Tuesday for a game against Greenwood.

Strong second quarter sends Wildcats past Ira

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

WILSON — A 15-2 second quarter advantage helped send the Grady boys basketball team to a 13-point win over Ira Saturday at the FM211 Tournament in Wilson. The Wildcats won the consolation game, 55-42.

Grady jumped out to a 12-7 lead after the first quarter and then took a 27-9 lead at halftime before Ira (3-3) outscored the Wildcats 33-28 in the second half.

The Wildcats' main concern was Ira's leading scorer Wes Kellner, who finished with 20 points. However, Kellner did not score in the first half.

Doug Rutledge led Grady (6-2) with 17 points, while freshman Justin Tubb added 14. Andrew Villa had nine points and Clay Mitchell scored nine points on three 3-pointers.

Grady's next game will take play Tuesday at Midland Classical beginning at 8 p.m. Midland Classical is coming off a tournament championship at the Garden City Bearkat Booster Klub Klassic.

Turnaround really pays off, as A&M earns trip to Dallas

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Texas A&M's great turnaround season continued Sunday as the Aggies earned a spot in the Cotton Bowl against Tennessee.

And the Aggies have their top rival, Texas, to thank for it.

The Longhorns would've been headed to Dallas on New Year's Day had they been left out of the Bowl Championship Series. But Texas nudged ahead of California in the final BCS standings, earning an at-large bid to the Rose Bowl and opening the Big 12 slot in this game for No. 22 Texas A&M.

"The way we look at it, the Big 12 Conference offered the opportunity for Texas to get into a BCS game," Aggies coach Dennis Franchione said. "It certainly created an opportunity for us to come to Dallas."

The Aggies already were thrilled to know they'd be playing in any bowl for the first time since 2001. They earned it by going 7-4, with three of the losses to teams now ranked in the top six. Their success is even more remarkable considering they were 4-8 last season, their first under Franchione.

The No. 15 Volunteers (9-3) knew they were headed to the Cotton Bowl for the second time in five years after losing 38-28 to Auburn in the SEC championship game Saturday night.

Although the schools have played only once — in the 1957 Gator Bowl, won 3-0 by Tennessee — Franchione coached against the Volunteers in 2001 and '02 when he was at Alabama.

This is Tennessee's sixth Cotton Bowl trip, trailing only the Sugar Bowl for the postseason game they've played the most.

The Aggies will be in their 11th Cotton Bowl, trailing only Texas for the most appearances. They last played this game in 1998.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF RESULTS AND PAIRINGS

By The Associated Press

Class 5A
Tyler Lee 28, Euless Trinity 7
Region III/IV
Semifinals
Spring Westfield 28, Converse Judson 14
Championship
Tyler Lee (11-3) vs. Spring Westfield (13-1), Noon Saturday, Alamodome
DIVISION II
Region I
Quarterfinals
Southlake Carroll 28, Denton Ryan, 7
Region II
Quarterfinals
Lufkin 24, Cedar Park 7
Region I/II
Semifinals
Southlake Carroll (14-0) vs. Lufkin (14-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco
Region III
Quarterfinals
Houston Clear Lake 35, Katy 34 (OT)
Region IV
Quarterfinals
Smithson Valley 42, SA Taft 24
Region III/IV
Semifinals
Clear Lake (13-1) vs. Smithson Valley (12-2), 4 p.m. Saturday at Alamodome.

Class 4A
Ennis (12-2) vs. Marshall, TBA Saturday
DIVISION II
Region I/II
Semifinals
Aledo (11-3) vs. Dallas Lincoln (12-1), TBA Saturday, Texas Stadium
Region III/IV
Semifinals
Kilgore vs. Pflugerville Connally, TBA.

Class 3A
Abilene Wylie 28, Royse City 0
Region III/IV
Semifinals
Cuero 27, Palestine 17
Championship
Abilene Wylie vs. Cuero, TBA.
DIVISION II
Region I
Quarterfinals
Snyder 21, Sweetwater 20
Region II
Quarterfinals
Gilmer 60, Tatum 35
Region I/II
Semifinals
Snyder vs. Gilmer, TBA
Region III
Quarterfinals
Jasper 32, Marlin 14
Region IV
Quarterfinals
Liberty Hill 42, Hallettsville 21
Region III/IV
Semifinals
Jasper vs. Liberty Hill, TBA.

Class 2A
Boyd 32, Henrietta 22
Region III/IV
Semifinals
Newton 49, Brookshire Royal 12
Championship
Boyd (14-0) vs. Newton (11-2), TBA.
DIVISION II
Region I
Quarterfinals
Canadian 26, Holliday 25
Region II
Quarterfinals
Crawford 49, Celina 26
Region I/II
Semifinals
Candadian vs. Crawford, 3 p.m. Saturday at Sweetwater's Mustang Bowl.
Region III
Quarterfinals
Troup 34, Omaha Paul Pewitt 27
Region IV
Quarterfinals
Lexington 13, Rogers 7
Region III/IV
Semifinals
Troup vs. Lexington, TBA.

Class 1A
Stratford 28, Sunray 27
Quarterfinals
Windthorst 27, Haskell 6
Region I/II
Semifinals
Stratford vs. Windthorst, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lubbock's Lowrey Field.
Region III
Quarterfinals
Big Sandy 10, Harleton 0
Region IV
Quarterfinals
Shiner 21, Brackett 7
Region III/IV
Semifinals
Big Sandy vs. Shiner, TBA.

Six-Man
Championship
Valley (14-0) vs. Richland Springs (14-0), 6 p.m. Saturday at Shotwell Stadium, Abilene.

Lady 'Kats claim title; Bearkats fall in final

• Hirt leads 'Kat girls past Crane; boys fall to Midland Classical

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — Both Garden City basketball teams played for the championship in their host Bearkat Booster Klub Klassic Tournament Saturday night, but only one team came out on top.


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The Lady Bearkats remained undefeated with a convincing win over Crane, while the boy's team struggled to score points in a defensive battle and lost to Midland Classical (6-2).

The girls jumped out fast early and never looked back. They took a 32-11 lead into the locker room at halftime and coasted in the second half. Crane outscored Garden City, 25-21, in the second half, but the lead in the first half gave the Lady Kats enough cushion to claim a 53-36 victory.

Erin Hirt led the Lady Kats with 17 points, while Lauren Plagens and Megan Niehues each added 11 points.

The Bearkats started slow in a defensive struggle as Midland Classical jumped out to an 11-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Garden City won the next three quarters by one point, but the first quarter hole proved crucial in the end for the Bearkats as they lost 33-27.

Chais Goodwin and Alex Halfmann were both represented on the all-tournament team for Garden City. Goodwin led the Bearkats Saturday with 11 points, while Halfmann added nine.

Midland Classical's Wally Dunn, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, led the Knights with 13 points.

Garden City will take on Crane Tuesday in a doubleheader at home. The girls will start at 6:30 p.m., while the boys game begins at 8 p.m.

Bearkat Booster Klub Klassic
Saturday's other results

Boys
McCamey 43, Rankin 40
EP Jesus Chapel 41, Christoval 39
Crane 62, Wink 50

Girls
EP Jesus Chapel 51, Agua Dulce 45
Christoval 51, EP Jesus Chapel 29
McCamey 75, Wink 68
Midland Classical 49, Crane 41

2004-05 Bowl Schedule

BCS Games

Bowl	Date	Time	Location	Matchup	TV
Orange	Jan. 4	8 p.m.	Miami, Fla.	USC vs. Oklahoma	ABC
Sugar	Jan. 3	8 p.m.	New Orleans, La.	Auburn vs. Virginia Tech	ABC
Rose	Jan. 1	4:30 p.m.	Pasadena, Calif.	Michigan vs. **Texas**	ABC
Fiesta	Jan. 1	8:30 p.m.	Tempe, Ariz.	Utah vs. Pittsburgh	ABC

Non-BCS Games

Bowl	Date	Time	Location	Matchup	TV
Capital One	Jan. 1	1 p.m.	Orlando, Fla.	LSU vs. Iowa	ABC
Gator	Jan. 1	12:30 p.m.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Florida State vs. West Virginia	NBC
Cotton	Jan. 1	11 a.m.	**Dallas**	**Texas A&M** vs. Tennessee	FOX
Outback	Jan. 1	11 a.m.	Tampa, Fla.	Wisconsin vs. Georgia	ESPN
Peach	Dec. 31	7:30 p.m.	Atlanta, Ga.	Miami (FL) vs. Florida	ESPN
Liberty	Dec. 31	3:30 p.m.	Memphis, Tenn.	Louisville vs. Boise State	ESPN
Sun	Dec. 31	2 p.m.	**El Paso**	Purdue vs. Arizona State	CBS
Music City	Dec. 31	Noon	Nashville, Tenn.	Alabama vs. Minnesota	ESPN
Silicon Valley	Dec. 30	11 p.m.	San Jose, Calif.	Northern Illinois vs. Troy	ESPN
Holiday	Dec. 30	8 p.m.	San Diego, Calif.	California vs. **Texas Tech**	ESPN
Emerald	Dec. 30	4:30 p.m.	San Francisco, Calif.	New Mexico vs. Navy	ESPN
Continental Tire	Dec. 30	1 p.m.	Charlotte, N.C.	N. Carolina vs. Boston College	ESPN
Alamo	Dec. 29	8 p.m.	**San Antonio**	Oklahoma State vs. Ohio State	ESPN
Houston	Dec. 29	4:30 p.m.	**Houston**	Colorado vs. **UTEP**	ESPN
Independence	Dec. 28	6:30 p.m.	Shreveport, La.	Iowa State vs. Miami (OH)	ESPN
Insight	Dec. 28	9:45 p.m.	Phoenix, Ariz.	Oregon State vs. Notre Dame	ESPN
Motor City	Dec. 27	5:30 p.m.	Detroit, Mich.	Toledo vs. Connecticut	ESPN
MPC Computers	Dec. 27	2 p.m.	Boise, Idaho	Fresno State vs Virginia	ESPN
Hawaii	Dec. 24	7 p.m.	Honolulu, Hawaii	UAB vs. Hawaii	ESPN
Las Vegas	Dec. 23	9:45 p.m.	Las Vegas, Nev.	Wyoming vs. UCLA	ESPN
Fort Worth	Dec. 23	6:30 p.m.	**Fort Worth**	Cincinnati vs. Marshall	ESPN
GMAC	Dec. 22	8 p.m.	Mobile, Ala.	Memphis vs. Bowling Green	ESPN
Champs Sports	Dec. 21	7:30 p.m.	Orlando, Fla.	Georgia Tech vs. Syracuse	ESPN
New Orleans	Dec. 14	8 p.m.	New Orleans, La.	**North Texas** vs. Southern Miss	ESPN

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New York continues playoff run as Jets defeat Houston

• Pennington gets win in first start since being injured

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The Houston Texans, thanks to mistakes, bizarre plays and penalties, fell apart in the second half of their game Sunday, losing 29-7 to the New York Jets.

"We are better than this," said Texans quarterback David Carr, who took a shot to the head early in the game and missed one play before returning. "We shouldn't get beat like that. We should not lose a football game like that."

At halftime, Houston led 7-6 on a 2-yard touchdown run by Domanick Davis.

But the Texans (5-7) could have had more. Carr threw incomplete in the end zone on fourth down early on, and Davis also had a 60-yard touchdown run called back because of a holding penalty.

Things really went south for the Texans on their first drive of the second half.

Facing fourth-and-7 from their 6, the Texans snapped the ball into the leg of the referee standing in the end zone, and the Jets (9-3) thought they had a safety.

But the play was whistled dead before the snap because the officials were not ready.

Try again.

This time, Houston was called for holding, moving the ball back to the 3. On the third punt attempt, Chad Stanley got it off for 47 yards, but Santana Moss returned the ball 46 to the Texans 4.

Jets running back Curtis Martin plunged in from there, making it 13-7.

The Texans were still in it, but their following drive ended in disaster. After a big 37-yard pass from Carr to Andre Johnson to the Jets 37, the Texans moved backward thanks to intentional grounding and a personal foul on left guard Chester Pitts.

They never mustered much after that.

Texans coach Dom Capers said the game was a tale of two halves.

"The first half was a good, hard fought battle. The second half kind of got away from us," he said.

Texans center Steve McKinney said while penalties in key situations hurt the team, "for the most part we just didn't get it done."

"You come out and try your best to put your team in position to win. We played as hard as we could but it just wasn't good enough," said Texans rookie cornerback Dunta Robinson.

Carr finished 12-of-25 for 157 yards with two interceptions and said his neck was sore, while Johnson had 125 yards on seven catches for his first 1,000-yard season. The Jets held Davis to 52 yards on 17 carries.

After scoring only six points in the first half, the Jets came back and scored 23 unanswered points in the second half.

"They corrected everything that they did wrong and they came out and they executed in the second half," Robinson said of the Jets' performance. "They didn't get down by being down. They just came out and played a totally different second half than they did the first."

Chad Pennington directed three second-half touchdown drives to helped lift the Jets to victory.

Pennington had help. Martin ran for his seventh 100-yard game of the season and the defense shut out the Texans in the second half — the sixth time this season the Jets blanked an opponent over the final two quarters.

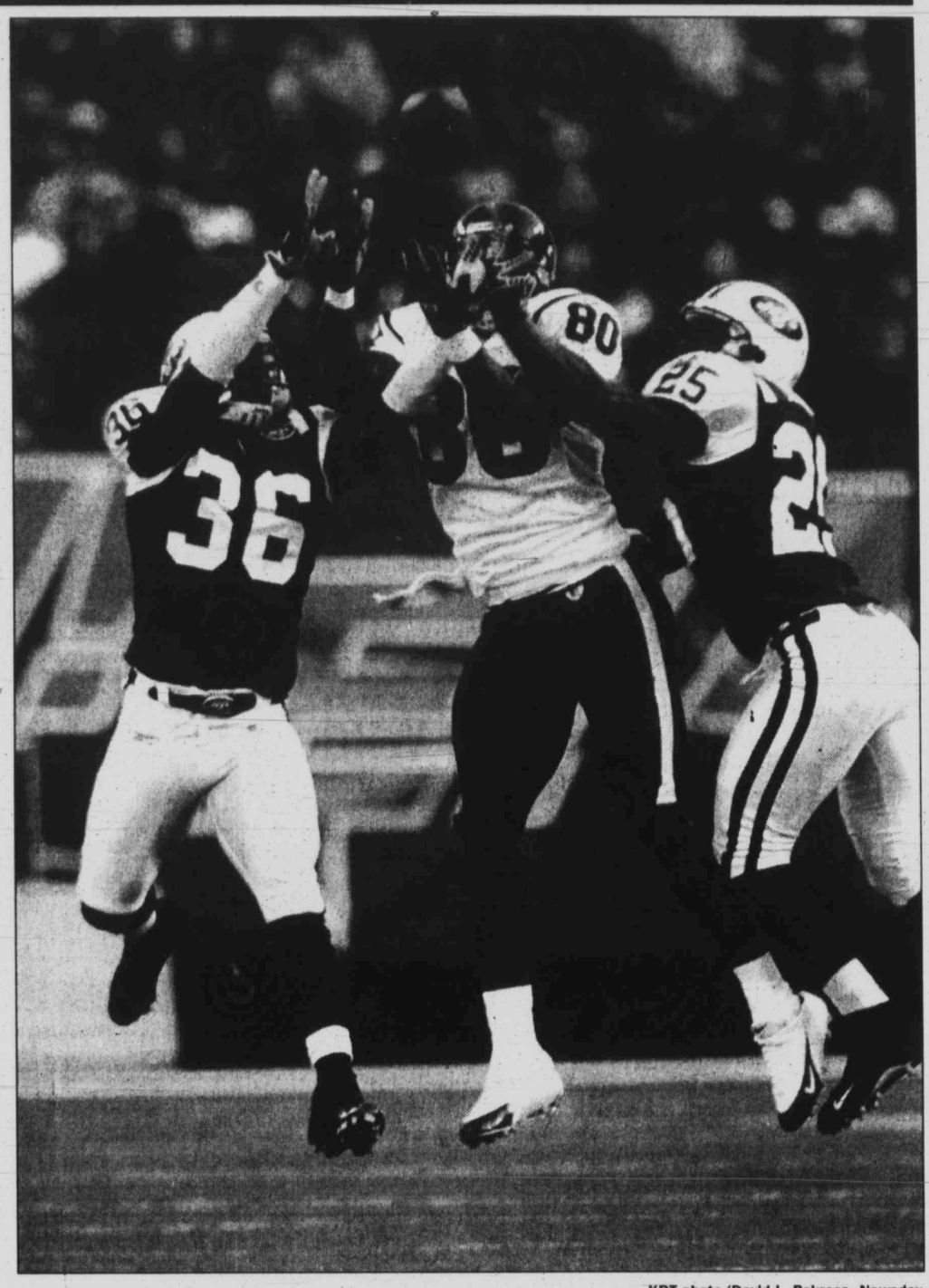
But perhaps Pennington made the biggest difference. After missing the last three games with a strained right rotator cuff, the offense finally showed signs of life with him.

"It's obvious how good it is to have Chad back: 29 points," said Jets linebacker Jonathan Vilma.

The Jets had 360 yards, the most since a 41-14 win over Miami Nov. 1. The 29 points also were the most since that victory, helping the Jets stay in the thick of the AFC playoff race.

Martin had 134 yards on 23 carries, going over the 1,300-yard mark on the season.

He needs 26 yards to become the fifth back to reach 13,000 in a career. In all, the Jets had 36 carries for 210 yards on the ground.



KRT photo/David L. Pokress, Newsday

The Texans' Andre Johnson makes the catch despite double coverage by the Jets' David Barrett, left, and Reggie Tongue in the fourth quarter of their game Sunday, at Giants Stadium.

Pennington completed his first nine passes and finished 20-of-27 for 155 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

Doug Brien also kicked three field goals (41, 26, 25).

As for the Jets, they can go into next week's big game at Pittsburgh with confidence and momentum thanks to Pennington.

"He's the energy on offense," coach Herman Edwards said. "When you have a guy like that, that's not at the top of his game right now, he can still do some things. He played well and good enough for us to win."

Wish granted as UT 'Horns smell 'roses,' clinch trip to Pasadena

• Brown's lobbying helps convince Rose Bowl committee as Bears get snubbed

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Mack Brown begged and pleaded for his team to get into the Bowl Championship Series.

Looks like it worked.

Texas is headed to the Rose Bowl to play Michigan after squeaking past California in Sunday's final BCS standings to grab an at-large berth in the four big-money bowl games.

Although Cal was ranked ahead of Texas in both polls Sunday, the Longhorns were close enough that when combined with the computer rankings, it was enough to leapfrog the Golden Bears.

It will be the first BCS and Rose Bowl appearance for Texas (10-1). Michigan (9-2), which already knew it was in by virtue of its shared Big Ten title with Iowa, will be in Pasadena, Calif., for the second straight year.

Texas, which plays in the Big 12, needed some late help to earn a trip West.

After his team ended its regular season with a win over Texas A&M on Nov. 26, Brown publicly pleaded with voters in The Associated Press media poll and USA Today/ESPN coaches poll to give the Longhorns the boost they needed to get into the BCS.

The Longhorns trailed California by a mere .0013 in last week's BCS standings.

The Golden Bears' 26-16 in over Southern Mississippi Saturday night failed to impress enough voters to keep them ahead of the Longhorns.

"As happy as we are today, I really feel sorry for Cal," Brown told ABC. "Cal is a great football team. The system doesn't work and we understand that .... We'll keep working at this system where teams like Cal will be playing in the BCS. But I'm so happy for the kids at Texas because they deserve to be there."

The snub was sure to be a bitter blow to Cal coach Jeff Tedford and his players, who were on the verge of the school's first Rose Bowl berth since 1959.

"We're obviously very, very disappointed," Tedford said. "If you have to go in and try to blow people out, I don't think that serves the integrity of the game. It's not about one game, it's about a season."

For Texas, the Rose Bowl is a BCS bid that's been a long time coming.

Texas missed out in 2001 when the third-ranked Longhorns lost to Colorado in the Big 12 title game.

Last year, Kansas State's upset of Oklahoma in the conference championship again bumped the Longhorns down to the Holiday Bowl.

And while the Longhorns' good fortune will be sure to cause some arguing about an already controversial system, a Texas-Michigan matchup on New Year's Day is one college football purists will appreciate.

Michigan (842) and Texas (786) rank No. 1 and No. 4 respectively, among the winningest programs in college football history and boast of deep and proud traditions.

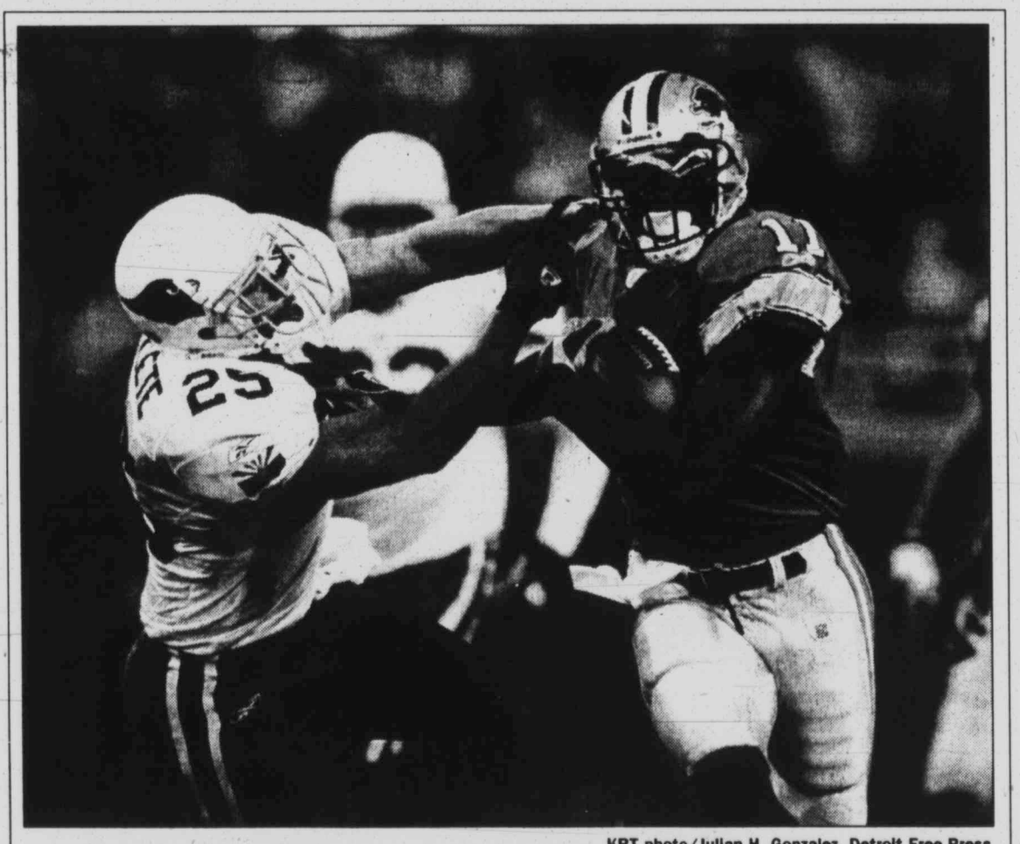
Michigan shared the Big Ten title because it ended the regular season on Nov. 20 with a 37-21 upset loss at rival Ohio State.

The Wolverines are led by the freshmen backfield duo of quarterback Chad Henne and tailback Mike Hart.

Hart's 124.7 yards rushing per game ranks ninth in the nation and Henne was the first freshman quarterback to start a season-opener at Michigan since 1975.

Texas, which lost 12-0 to Oklahoma back Oct. 9, has reeled off six straight wins behind the running of Heisman Trophy contender Cedric Benson, the No. 6 career rusher in Division I-A history with 5,470 yards.

Texas is No. 6 in the AP poll. Michigan is No. 13.



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Detroit's Roy Williams pushes off a tackle attempt by Arizona's Ifeanyi Ohalete in the second quarter of their game Sunday at Ford Field in Detroit.

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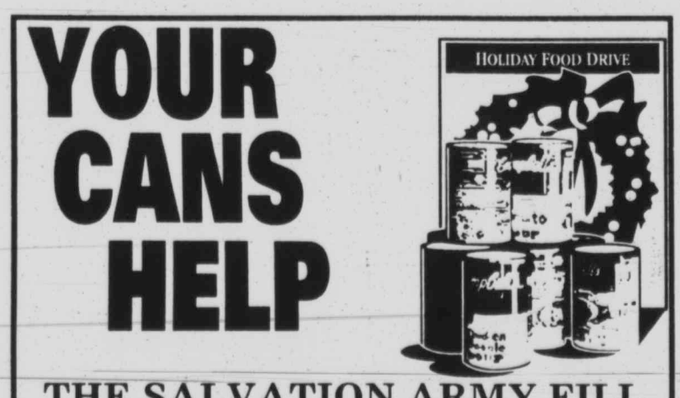
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL R. READ

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of SAMUEL R. READ were issued on 12-1-2004 in Cause No. 13210 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: JERRY DON READ and RICHARD LYNN READ.

The residence of such JERRY DON READ and RICHARD LYNN READ is Big Spring, Texas, the post office address is: 1900 E. 19th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 1st of December, 2004.

JERRY DON READ AND
RICHARD LYNN READ
#4402 December 6, 2004

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/
MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING
FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/ Div: Odessa
Contract 6122-98-001 for MOWING ROW IN STANTON in MARTIN County, etc will be opened on January 10, 2005 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of $92,304.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/ or Dist/ Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 14950

State Office

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Dist/Div Office (s)

Odessa District Engineer
3901 E. U.S. Hwy 80
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Phone: 432-332-0501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#4396 December 5 & 6, 2004.

CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/ time for the purchase of the below listed items/ equipment:

A. Date/ Time. Monday, December 20, 2004 at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

1. Radio Equipment for the City Of Big Spring Police Department

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Conference Room, Upstairs, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). Handicapped individuals attending the opening that are unable to traverse the stairs must notify the purchasing office at 432-264-2388 a minimum of 48 working hours prior to bid opening.

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
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CITY OF BIG SPRING
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PRE-BID MEETING

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, until 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 21, 2004 for the reconstruction of three new greens (#10, #11, and #16); new tees on 11 and 16; as well as other modifications of #10 to convert to a par four and #11 to a par three.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council for award at a later date.

Copies of plans will be available for a cost of $75.00 which is refundable if returned in good condition within 15 days after bids have been opened.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, December 13th at Comanche Trail Golf Course, 800 Comanche Park Road, Big Spring, Texas.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon and Big Daddy Jupiter are in Libra, the sign of justice. Strong emotions culminate around matters of fairness. Those who have held fast to a so-called "right" position will now consider that there are many versions of right and that versions which clash with their own, though inconvenient and annoying, may not be so wrong after all.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Let's face it. Though you start out with noble intentions, by noon, you're ready to blow off your work in favor of scanning the area for new, exciting experiences. Don't fight it. A mini-adventure actually enriches your work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make an unforgettable entrance. It's about time everyone's head turned in your direction — your sensual presence is to be admired. If you're struggling with this flattery, take a serious look at what is hurting your self-esteem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You pride yourself on being someone with a finger on the pulse of what's hip, what's now, what's on, but today, that pulse is faint and hard to feel. Honoring a tradition or participating in a ritual gets the energy flowing again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's difficult enough to wake up, but enduring another drool-inducing meeting is the last thing you need! If you can't get out of a situation that has "deadly boring" written all over it, at least do something mischievous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not sure what's really going on, but it looks like a lot of work to get involved. If you must participate, you're tempted to sulk onto the scene like a frightened kitty walking into unfamiliar territory. Instead, go in loud and proud.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're dealing with someone who has a social disability. When he or she clumsily steps over the line, you've got a choice: Avoid this person in the future, or point out the gaffe first and then avoid this person in the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be made aware of a person to whom you never gave a second thought — up until now. It could even be one of those where-have-you-been-all-my-life situations. Oh, right under your nose is all!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's easy to get nervous over the tasks that lie ahead. Make listening and empathizing your main mission, and some of those butterflies will leave your stomach. There's a reason you are the one in this situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your interaction with loved ones has you second-guessing your approach. Is what you're planning even remotely possible? Of course it is! Listen through the negative stuff for information you can actually use.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To say you're overextended is a hilarious understatement. You're uber-extended! But that's just the kind of challenge you respond to best! Chumming around with friends will be the most enjoyable way to get motivated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Crocodiles were once thought to weep large tears before eating their victims, thus the term "crocodile tears." You'll see a few of the insincere droplets fall today, and it's a signal to look more deeply into a situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be making a plea for support. Remember that what everyone cares about the most is what's in it for them, not what's in it for you. Knowing this and catering to this side of human nature will help you create a win-win.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm Libra who has been studying Chinese philosophy. Can my sun sign enrich my studies?"

Perhaps your sun sign drives your studies forward! If Libra energy were a philosophy, it would be Taoism, the Chinese belief that all of creation consists of a delicate balance between female "yin" energy and male "yang" energy. The female forces are receptive, growth-oriented and life-affirming. We use them whenever we draw in energy from the outside world and use it for creative purposes, giving form and substance to abstract ideas. Whenever we quietly study a situation, meditate or withdraw into ourselves, we are exercising our yin self. You can think of yin as the baby inside the womb, growing and gathering strength, waiting for the right moment to venture out into the world. Left unchecked, however, unrestrained growth can become monstrous and counterproductive. Think of lawns that need mowing or hair that needs cutting. This is when the male force is needed to achieve the proper balance. The act of mowing, cutting or giving birth is an example of using your yang. Whenever you stop thinking and take action, you are exercising your male energy. In order to stay balanced, you need both.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Visionary comedian Steven Wright says, "I almost had a psychic girlfriend, but she left me before we met." A comic for the post-modern world, Wright lets loose mind-bending one-liners done with a style that's been often emulated but never duplicated. His Sagittarius sun and Mercury keep him on a never-ending quest for the comic holy grail — the perfect joke!

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I am in love with the perfect guy. We have been dating for three months and are so convinced we're perfect for each other that we've announced plans to marry soon.

Why am I writing? Well, "Monty" has been married twice before, and both marriages ended as a result of his cheating. He swears he is a changed man, and I believe him. He looks me in the eyes and tells me I am the woman he has been searching for and needing all his life, and I know it's true.

I am 30 and have never been married. I can hardly wait to have children with Monty and raise them together. He is excited, too. He is in his mid-40s and has two children who are young teens. He is active in his children's lives, and he and his ex are parenting their kids quite amicably. However, I do sense odd feelings from his associates, but no one has said anything to me. (I did once overhear someone say, "There goes the Bill Clinton of Oregon," when we passed by.)

I love Monty deeply, yet now that I write this, I have even more doubts in the back of my head. Hurry and give me your advice. — Pondering in Portland

Dear Portland: Monty sounds like a risky proposition, and the fact that you are watching your biological clock may make you feel pressured to marry. You've been dating for only three months. Frankly, that's not enough time to get to know anyone well enough to marry. Slow down. Knowing Monty's background, we recommend dating him exclusively for one year before making any permanent decisions.

Dear Annie: My parents are quite wealthy. Over the past seven years (I'm 25) I've worked and saved, because my parents and I feel this is a skill I need to learn. I have given up many things I wanted in order not to run to Mom and Dad every time I was in a bind. My boyfriend, however, thinks it's OK to use my money every time we eat out because I have rich parents to fall back on and he doesn't.

This really bothers me because I was raised to rely on no one — to work hard for what I want. I should mention that this year, I moved back to my hometown, where I haven't been able to find a job. My boyfriend works two jobs, while I am using my savings to pay for our dates. What do you think of this? — Bling Bling Bovine

Dear Cash Cow: We think your boyfriend is a freeloader, and if you don't straighten him out immediately, he is likely to continue. If he can't afford to help pay for your dates while you are unemployed, cook at home and rent a video. Once you are back on your feet, however, all expenses should be split between the two of you.

Unless your parents come along on your dates, their income should not be a factor.

Dear Annie: I recently had a birthday party for my 3-year-old son. The mother of one of the invited children called the day before to say her son was "really sick" and would not be able to attend the party. However, the next day, the sick child showed up with a runny nose and fever. His mom explained that she "didn't want him to miss out." We tried to make the best of it as the boy touched the food and mingled with the other kids, wiping his nose with his hands. We're praying that no one else gets sick as a result of this contact.

Please tell parents to keep sick kids at home. It's hard enough keeping the little ones well this winter without this added strain on their immune systems. Thanks for spreading the word. — California Mom

Dear Calif. Mom: You should have stopped that boy and his idiot mother at the door and announced loudly, "Jimmy came by to say hello, but he has to go home now. He's very sick." Then thank her for coming and usher her OUT. What nerve.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Lester," was killed in an auto accident last month. Yesterday, I finally received the last items from his car. When I went through them, I found a paperback book that was disgusting, pornographic trash. The loss of my husband has been overwhelming, but finding this book was a new low.

I knew Lester was addicted to pornography. It affected our intimate life together because he was more interested in pornography than in me. Three years ago, a former high school classmate sent Lester topless pictures of herself, and he started e-mailing her. My trust evaporated, and our 14-year marriage was on the rocks. A marriage counselor helped us work through our problems, and Lester agreed there would be no more porn.

I thought our marriage was OK again, but after finding that X-rated garbage in his car, I have doubts that anything Lester ever said or did was true. Lester always told me he loved me. He told our friends he adored me. Now I think he may have been lying. Since he's not here to defend himself, how am I supposed to get through the pain of losing him so suddenly in the accident, and then losing him again through this betrayal? — Heartbroken

Dear Heartbroken: This must have been quite a shock for you, and it no doubt turned your world upside-down. Please don't look backward and rehash everything Lester said and did in an effort to spot the lies. Lester's behavior was, to a certain extent, beyond his control. It doesn't mean he wasn't trying or that he loved you any less. You need to have faith in that and forgive him. If you still cannot manage to do that, ask your doctor to refer you to a grief counselor.

Dear Annie: I wonder if you could answer a trivial question for me: On which side do you place the open end of the pillowcase when making up the bed? Does it go toward the outside or the inside? Thanks. — Florida Flounder

Dear Florida: The open end goes toward the outer edge of the bed, where it can be seen. Many edges are embroidered and meant to be noticed. You're welcome.

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	:30	(CC)	(CC)	Noticiero Univ.	Raymond	Late Show	Laura	The Tonight	Brother, Where	Healing	(CC)	Live	"	MXC	Trace (CC)	Grown Folks	Boy World	"	"	:45 **Movie:**
11	:PM	News (CC)	News	Estamos	Becker (CC)	(CC)	"	Show (CC)	Art Thou?	Booker	**Sign Off**	Mysterious	:15 **Movie:**	Wildest Police	NYPD Blue	Midnight Love	Proud Family	Rodeo:	SportsCenter	Colors
	:30	Nightline	Nightline	Unidos	Becker (CC)	The Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo-	Late Night	(CC)	Scrivner	"	Cleopatra	Sea of Love	Videos	(CC)	"	That's-Raven	Wrangler	(CC)	"
12	:AM	Ent. Tonight	Extra (CC)	Mujeres	Spin City	Show (CC)	Maria Celeste	(CC)	Crocodile	Update/Israel	"	American	"	Blind Date	NYPD Blue	Comicview	Kim Possible	National Finals	Outside-Lines	"
	:30	Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel	Enganadas	Dharma-Greg	The Insider	Corte-Familia	Frasier (CC)	Dundee in Los	N. McBride	"	Chopper	"	Shipmates	(CC)	"	Lizzie McGuire	-- Fourth	SportsCenter	:45 **Movie:**

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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 6, the 341st day of 2004. There are 25 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 6, 1889, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans.

On this date:

In 1790, Congress moved from New York to Philadelphia.

In 1884, Army engineers completed construction of the Washington Monument.

In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as President Calvin Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.

In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit blew up on the launch pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1969, a concert by the Rolling Stones at the Altamont Speedway in Livermore, Calif., was marred by the deaths of four people, including one who was stabbed by a Hell's Angel.

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

In 1982, 11 soldiers and six civilians were killed when an Irish National Liberation Army bomb exploded in a pub in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland.

In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.

In 1989, Egon Krenz resigned as leader of East Germany.

Ten years ago: Former Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell pleaded guilty to defrauding his former law partners and clients of nearly $400,000. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen announced his resignation. Orange County, Calif., filed for bankruptcy protection due to investment losses of about $2 billion.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Dave Brubeck is 84. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 63. Actor James Naughton is 59. R&B singer Frankie Beverly (Maze) is 58. Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 56. Actress JoBeth Williams is 56. Actor Tom Hulce is 51. Actor Kin Shriner is 51.

Answer to previous puzzle

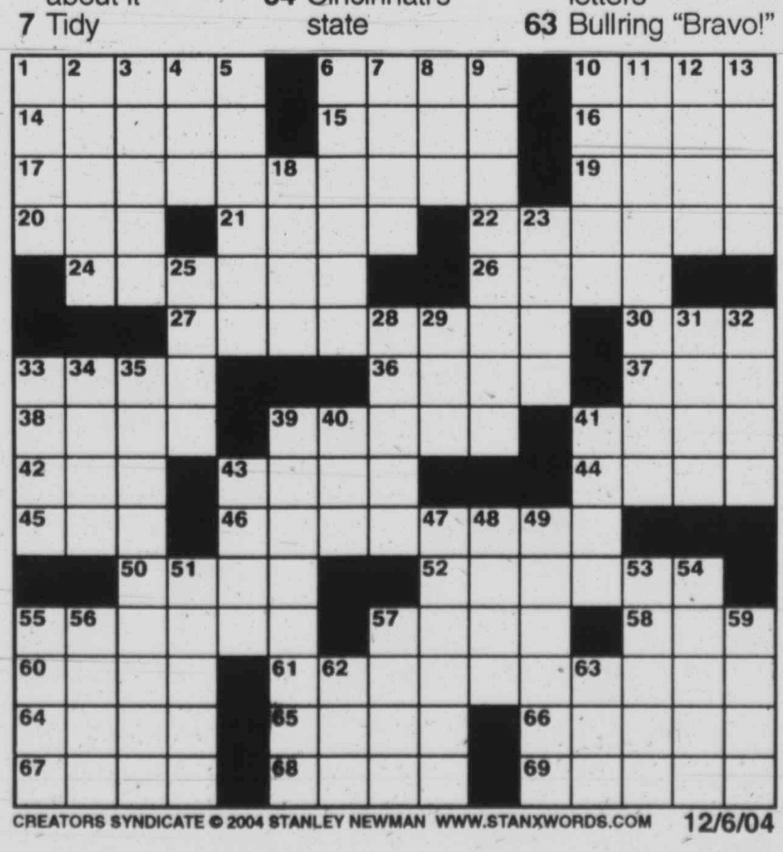
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 South Florida city
6 Data, briefly
10 Unwanted e-mail
14 More peculiar
15 *Star Wars* princess
16 Walk back and forth
17 American songbird
19 Humorist Bombeck
20 Maple product
21 Bird's home
22 It says "ADMIT ONE"
24 Disco light
26 Hoarse sound
27 Without a loss
30 Parcel of land
33 Playpen playthings
36 Suit accessories
37 Citrus drink
38 Former ruler of Iran
39 Lock of hair
41 High cards
42 Beachball filler
43 Mongolian desert
44 Most outstanding
45 Fishing pole
46 Ballgame's backup time
50 Twirl
52 Soul singer Franklin
55 Go to, as a concert
57 Narrow cut
58 Poisonous snake
60 Wild animal's home
61 Building for athletic events
64 Wharf
65 Jaffe or Barrett
66 Comic DeGeneres
67 Poses a question
68 Ways of escape
69 Takes a nap

DOWN
1 Pops' partners
2 Thoughts
3 Adjust to something new
4 Sweatshirt size: Abbr.
5 Kind of patch
6 "Let me think about it"
7 Tidy
8 Type of evergreen
9 Acorn bearers
10 Eyeglasses, slangily
11 High-rent Monopoly property
12 High point
13 Beef or pork
18 Jack of *Dragnet*
23 Fleming and McKellen
25 Hurry up
28 Dined at home
29 "__ the season . . ."
31 Poems of praise
32 Exam
33 Former Russian ruler
34 Cincinnati's state
35 Measuring tool
39 Like a pendulum's swing
40 Baseball stat
41 Assist a bad guy
43 Sort of smile
47 Texas city
48 Like a desert
49 Leash
51 Fringe benefits
53 Drags
54 Strong point
55 Alan of *M*A*S*H*
56 New Mexico art center
57 Mailed
59 Writing instruments
62 Debtor's letters
63 Bullring "Bravo!"



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