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Tonight:



TONIGHT 30°-33°
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BRIEFLY

JURY CANCELED

The jury call for Judge Ben Lockhart's county court on Jan. 3 has been canceled.

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LADY KATS IN FINALS

Garden City's Lady Bearkats will go after their fourth Sterling City Invitational Basketball Tournament championship tonight at 6:30 when they take on the host Lady Eagles from Sterling City.

The Lady Kats earned a spot in the championship game with a 47-32 win over Klondike's Lady Cougars on Saturday night.

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COMING TUESDAY



YEAR IN REVIEW

Remember waking up to snow on New Year's Day? Did you forget about the truck-load of tomatoes dumped in a church parking lot? From laughter to tears, success to tragedy, we recap 2002 in Tuesday's edition of the *Herald*.

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A warning for New Year's Eve Smith says Big Spring police set to target drunken drivers

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Area residents should make at least one New Year's resolution early, according to Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith.

"They need to remember to be responsible," he said. "If they are going to overindulge, they need to have a designated driver. Or if they're going to drink, they need to stay at home."

New Year's Eve and the start of 2003 can be a time for happy celebration, but if those celebrations include alcohol, getting behind the wheel afterward can ruin the whole experience for a lot of people.

"We arrest lots of DUIs every year who have only had a couple," Smith said. "If they do overindulge and their blood-alcohol content is over 0.08 (percent), or they're physically impaired through the alcohol, they face the consequences of starting the New Year out with added expenses of bondsmen and attorneys. That's if they're fortunate and don't have a wreck and hurt someone."

Smith said the police department will have extra officers patrolling Tuesday night to keep drunk drivers off the



SMITH



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Fog blanketed the Big Spring area this morning, cutting visibility for drivers. Drivers should keep a close eye on the weather and on other drivers New Year's Eve night, and remember not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking alcohol, said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith. The police department will have extra officers patrolling during the holiday, Smith said.

streets. "We'll have extra officers out tomorrow night through the peak hours, or what has been normally our peak hours on New Year's Eve" he said. "We're going to have extra people out and they're going to be concentrating on these types of violations."

Unfortunately for law-abiding citizens, you can be involved in an accident even if you haven't been drinking, Smith reminds.

"They just need to be aware and drive very defensively," he said. "Be

aware of where you're at and what the other cars appear to be doing. If they do see one that's driving erratic, if you have a cell phone, call in. And give them plenty of space."

One factor drivers should be aware of is the weather.

"Like this morning, the way the fog was," Smith said. "The weather's very unpredictable. With bad driving conditions, it can make driving that much worse."

Officers will also be ticketing people who aren't wearing their safe-

ty belts. "We're in that 'Click It Or Ticket' program," he said. "This is one of the holidays that we said we would have extra people out to enforce that. So they're going to be looking for seatbelt violations. And a seatbelt violation may lead into finding out that they've had a couple (of drinks). We are going to have strict enforcement on the seatbelt laws."

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Heat

Space heaters
pose threat
for the unsafe

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Crossroads area has already experienced some cold weather this year, but chances are we're in for some more before the winter's over.

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray offers some tips to prevent fires caused by heating equipment.

"We've already had some space heater fires," he said. "Some of the biggest things are, people don't maintain the equipment, they don't keep it clean. If they're using gas heaters, they don't make sure the connections are sound. Some of them are still using rubber hoses and those have been outlawed for years."



CONDRA Y

One warning sign to look for is an accumulation of dust and lint inside the heater. "Lint burns," Condray said. "The dust will cause a lot of smoke and smells. We'll make a lot of calls on smoke scares. But either way, it's not a pleasant thing to be around. If they'll keep them cleaned out, look for bug nests, insect nests that may have built up in there, just common sense things. Getting it cleaned up."

People should also make sure they leave

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RSVP to present travel showcase Sunday afternoon

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A riverbarge cruise, a visit to the Anne of Green Gables Museum and the return of the Spring Mystery Tour are just a few of the potential adventures awaiting would-be travelers for the New Year.

Bilbrey Tours and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program will present an overview of several group tours during the 2003 Travel Showcase set for 2 p.m. Sunday at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, in Comanche Trail Park.

"Lena (Bilbrey, the tour business' owner) does an hour-long program on all the tours and brings brochures and sign-up forms," said Nancy Jones of RSVP. "People take the opportunity to ask questions and visit. Many people who come have taken tours previously, and at the showcase, they get to see people they may have met on tour but have not seen in a while."



JONES

RSVP, a community service program, receives a percentage of funds from tours booked through its office and the money goes to support the organization's service projects through the year.

This year's tours include an eight-day, seven-night Riverbarge Cruise on the Ohio and Cumberland rivers for \$2,480.

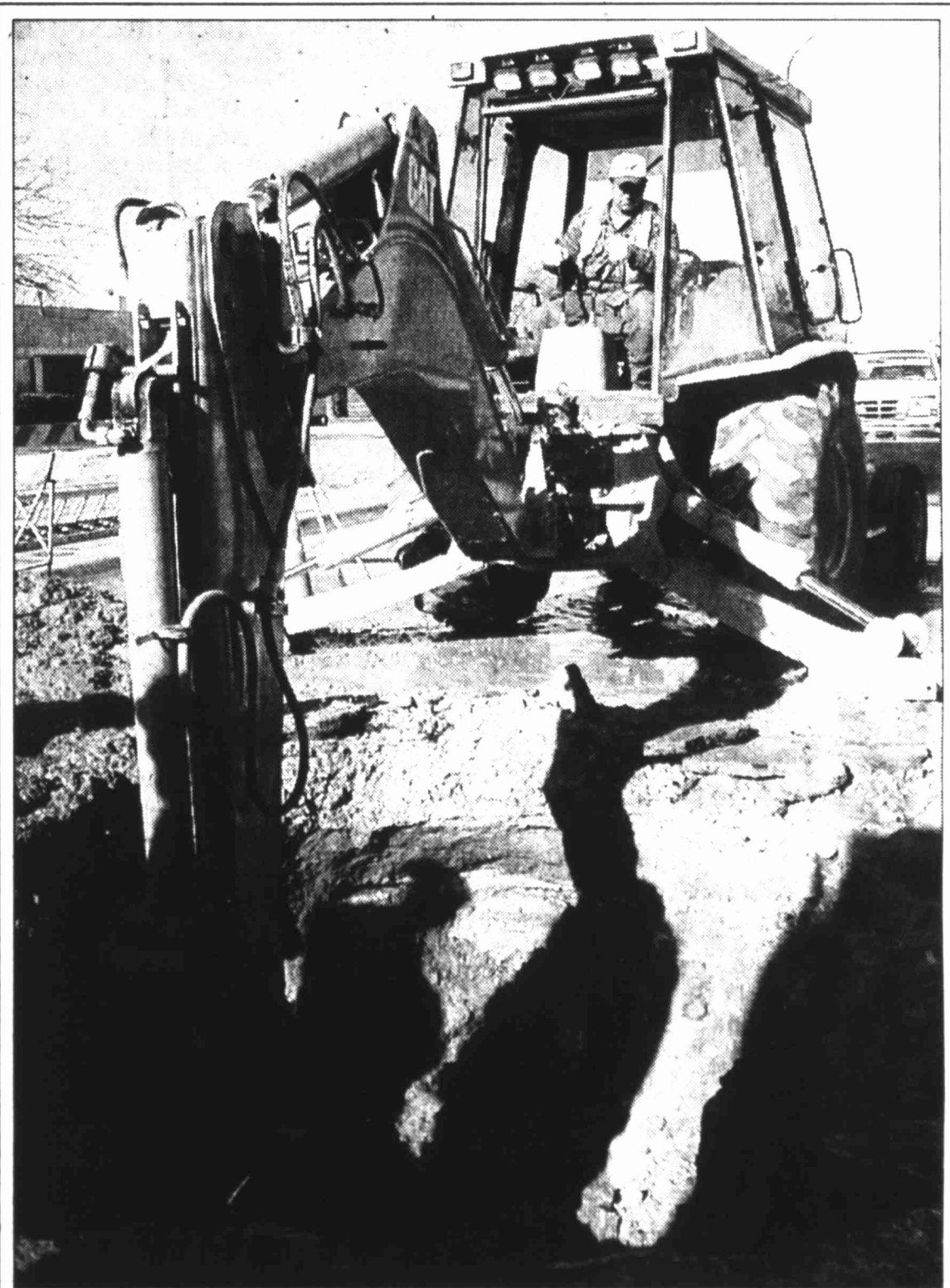
Fans of the Anne of Green Gables books or the hit PBS mini-series may enjoy the 11-day, 10-night Canadian Maritimes tour in June. That trip includes visiting Prince Edward Island, the setting of the series; the city of Halifax; and the Anne of Green Gables Museum. The trip runs \$1,965 per person (two people to a room).

And for those very adventurous spirits, the Spring Mystery Tour takes off in April to parts unknown for a four-day, three-night journey.

Information about these and several tours ranging from in-state, one-day visits to trips overseas will be available during the showcase.

Jones recommends anyone interested in a trip to sign up quickly.

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring city employee Micky Lopez uses a backhoe to excavate a broken 20-inch water main at the intersection of Kentucky Way and Baylor Boulevard Friday. The main break, along with one in the 1500 block of East Third Street, cut water service for about 3,500 customers in east Big Spring, Sand Springs and Coahoma for most of the day.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Tammy Renae Huitt



Tammy Renae Huitt, 32, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Eugene Ballard, pastor of College Park Church of God, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on May 31, 1970, in Big Spring and married Terry Joe Huitt on June 16, 1991, in Big Spring.

Tammy was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and had worked for the West Texas Centers for MHR for several years as a training coordinator. She loved kids, animals, being outdoors, her family and the Lord.

She was a member of College Park Church of God. Survivors include her husband, Terry Joe Huitt of Big Spring; three sons, Garrett, Tony and Timothy Huitt, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Shandi Huitt of Big Spring; her mother, Loretta Mathews of Big Spring; her father, Tim Mize of Colorado City; one sister, Darlene Boyd of Eden; her grandmother, Bertha Goolsby of Big Spring, her MeMa and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials to the Leukemia Research Foundation, 820 Davis St., Suite 420, Evanston, Ill., 60201.

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

Paid obituary

Becky Boyd



Becky Boyd, 54, of Midland died on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, at her residence. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with the Rev. Dr. Gary Dyer of First Baptist Church in Midland, officiating and assisted by the Rev. Dr. H.A. Hanks.

She was born on July 11, 1948, in Lubbock.

She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1966 and attended Howard College. She lived with diabetes for 50 years and was a member of the American Diabetes Association. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one "adopted sister," Nancy Payton of Midland; two aunts; one uncle; and a host of cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack C. Boyd and Maggie Belle Fulmer, and her grandparents, Frank and Esther Boyd and Orlando and Sally Fulmer.

The family suggest memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220 E, Midland 79705.

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

H.E. Webb Jr.



Funeral service for H. E. Webb Jr., 78, of Lubbock were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, at Highland Baptist Church with the Rev. Stan Blevins officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Webb died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, in Lubbock. He was born on Jan. 29, 1924, in Stephenville. He married Marie McGee on March 3, 1945, in Clovis, N.M.

He attended school in Lubbock. He was a Sea Bee in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1946 serving in Guadalcanal, New Guinea and Admiralty Island during World War II. He received such medals as the Point System Victory Medal WWII, American Area Asiatic-Pacific 2 Stars and Good Conduct Medal.

He worked as a carpenter. He later worked for Lee Lewis Construction as a Carpenter Foreman for 20 years until retiring in 1990. He taught in the nursery department at Highland Baptist Church. He was a charter member of Highland Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Marie of Lubbock; two sons Jimmy Dan Webb of Big Spring and Steve J. Webb of Lubbock; a sister, May O. Suitt of Horseshoe Bay; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter. The family suggests memorials be made to the Nursery Department at Highland Baptist Church or to Hospice of Lubbock.

Obera Lucille Hazlewood Angel



Funeral service for Obera Lucille Hazlewood Angel, 90, of Stanton will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Angel was born on Feb. 15, 1912, in Eastland County to Leita B. and Wiley Edward Hazlewood.

The Hazlewood family relocated to Martin County in 1914 where she attended schools in Courtney and Stanton before attending Texas Tech University. She married Jesse E. Angel on Dec. 28, 1932, in Stanton. He preceded her in death on Feb. 27, 1999.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanton and was a past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 409, a 50-year member and a life member.

Survivors include one brother, Loyace Hazlewood of

midland; one son, Thomas Edward Angel of Dallas; two daughters, LaRue Pierce of Decatur and Zanna Traweek of Plains; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Melrae Kelso, and a granddaughter, Stella Pierce.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782; the Martin County Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton 79782; Home Hospice of Midland, 1802 W. Wall St., Midland 79701; or the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Mary Jo Ates

Funeral service for Mary Jo Ates of Stanton are pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Mrs. Ates died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, at a Stanton care center.

Dorothy Thomason

Dorothy Thomason, 80, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002.

Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, www.npwelch.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity from noon Saturday to 8 a.m. today:

• **SHAJARKEL SHAMAINE HAMMOCK**, 25, of 1511 Sycamore was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license and for a Travis County warrant.

• **LARRY ALLEN FONDA JR.**, 19, of 802 E. 12th St. was arrested on a local warrant.

• **JOHNNY DELACRUZ**, 22, of 609 Holbert was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and for local warrants.

• **DOYLE DEE EDMONDSON**, 32, of 1205 Ridgeroad Drive was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license/enhanced.

• **JOE EDGAR HOLLINGSHEAD**, 56, of 6310 Kyle Road was arrested on local warrants.

• **SALLY LEANNE HAIR**, 23, of 9001 Longshore Road was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct — fighting.

• **SHAWN DEANNE HARRIS**, 23, of 712 S. Johnson was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct — fighting.

• **JENNIFER COLENE MUNOZ**, 25, of 2955 Alouette was arrested on a Department of Public Safety warrant.

• **RONDA KAY HOLGUIN**, 36, of 501 Ave. S was arrested on four capias warrants.

• **JERRY ALLEN CHANCY JR.**, 32, of 508 Sunset Boulevard was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn Avenue.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Northwest Seventh Street, the 900 block of West Second Street, the 500 block of South Johnson Street and the 1600 block of Settles Street.

• **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported twice in the 500 block of South Gregg Street and in the 1100 block of South Gregg Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Northwest Third Street, the 2600 block of South Gregg Street and the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.

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

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1700 block of South Gregg Street. A side door of the vehicle was pried open and electronic equipment worth \$210, a purse or wallet worth \$34 and \$10 cash were reported stolen from a white Chevrolet.

• **BURGLARY OF A COIN-OPERATED COLLECTION DEVICE** was reported in the 1300 block of East

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

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

TUESDAY

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

- Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

- Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

- Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road

- Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie, Eagles Lodge, 7 p.m., 203 W. Third.

Fourth Street. \$1,060 damage was reported, and \$40 cash was reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 500 block of South Gregg Street. Credit and debit cards and a compact disc were reported stolen. A silver 1998 Ford F-150 reportedly sustained \$150 damage in the incident.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- In the 3300 block of West Highway 80. \$157 cash was reported stolen.

- In the 1000 block of South Gregg Street. Items worth \$90 were reported stolen.

- Twice at Wal-Mart. Merchandise worth \$8 was reported stolen in the first incident, while a Sony camcorder worth \$597.44 and a Kodak digital camera worth \$384.46 were reported stolen.

- In the 1800 block of Settles Street. A Master lock reportedly sustained \$15 damage and items worth \$150 were reported stolen.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE and ARSON** were reported in the 500 block of South Gregg Street. A purse or wallet worth \$20 and a green 2000 Kia Sephia worth \$5,000 were reported stolen.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 3300 block of West Highway 80. A red 1994 Dodge worth \$5,000 was reported stolen.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2000 block of West Fourth Street. Items reportedly sustained \$400 damage in the incident.

Sheriff's office

• **TERRORISTIC THREAT** was reported in the 1700 block of East 15th Street.

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

• **THREATS** were reported in the 200 block of West Third Street. A woman reported that her husband threatened her with a stick.

• **POSSIBLE BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 3100 block of Sherman Road. A wallet was reported missing from the vehicle.

• **LOUD MUSIC and RECKLESS DRIVING** was reported in the 8700 block of Gillem.

• **LOOSE PIGS** were reported in on South 87 near Interstate 20.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 5500 block of South Service Road.

• **THEFT OF MEDICATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Support groups

WEDNESDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

□ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Lottery

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game. A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated \$9 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night were: 2-4-6-19-21-48.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$12 million.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday: 8-20-30-33-36

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 5-6-4

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

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State and national news at a
glance



Texas A&M co-ed shot, killed by boyfriend

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A Texas A&M University student is dead after police say her boyfriend shot her in the chest and then fatally shot himself in the parking lot of her apartment.

Jacqueline Roquemore, 18, of Sugar Land, died shortly after arriving at the College Station Medical Center, Lt. Rodney Sigler said. Roquemore was a freshman education major, according to the school's Web site.

Police say Christopher Thomas Young, 23, shot her after an argument and then shot himself in the head. Young, a resident of Missouri City, was pronounced dead at the scene.

College Station Police were called to the Spring Heights Apartments at 12:48 p.m. Sunday by a woman reporting a disturbance in the parking lot.

A neighbor said the woman calling police was Roquemore's sister and roommate. While she was on the phone with dispatchers, a pair of shots rang out in the background.

State starts new anti-smoking campaign

AUSTIN (AP) — Hoping to capitalize on the optimism of New Year's resolutions, the Texas Department of Health on Monday will unveil a new statewide anti-smoking campaign aimed at men.

The "Yes You Can" campaign — "Si Se Puede" in Spanish — features televised public-service announcements that portray a young father telling his friends that he quit smoking, said Dr. Phil Huang, head of tobacco prevention for the health department.

While the father claims to have given up smoking on his own, the viewer is privy to scenes in which his children bury his cigarettes in the yard, flush them down the drain and leave him notes about smoking.

"It talks about how there is help all around you, and how you do need your family and friends to help you quit," Huang said.

About 25 percent of adult men in Texas smoke cigarettes, the highest rate of any group in the state, Huang said.

Bush enjoys holiday break at his Texas ranch

CRAWFORD (AP) — On a cool and foggy winter day, President Bush enjoyed the seclusion of his 1,600-acre ranch on Sunday, taking a morning run, cutting cedar brush and dipping a line in his man-made lake.

"He has been clearing brush, running and fishing," said deputy White House press secretary Scott

McClellan.

The president also has kept his eye on official business, following events in Iraq and monitoring efforts to persuade North Korea to abandon its attempts to resume the production of weapons-grade nuclear material.

On Sunday Bush welcomed the peaceful presidential elections in Kenya as a step toward institutionalizing democracy in that African nation.

Bush opened the holiday season with a family gathering at Camp David, the presidential retreat in the mountains of western Maryland. He and his wife, Laura, her mother, Jenna Welch, and the family dogs, Barney and Spot, flew to Texas on Air Force One the day after Christmas.

Texas Catholic dioceses differ on review boards

MALLEN (AP) — Policies of Roman Catholic dioceses across Texas differ on whether the names of board members reviewing sexual allegations should be made public or kept secret.

Eight out of 10 dioceses contacted by The Monitor of McAllen either refused to release the names of board members or did not respond to requests for names, the newspaper reported in Monday's editions.

The Galveston Diocese and San Angelo Diocese released the names.

"The review board decision and the bishop's decision was to not hide the names," said Peter Micale, communications director for the San Angelo diocese. "The review board is not anonymous and we're very happy to mention names."

Dioceses of Brownsville, San Antonio and Corpus Christi refused to release names. The dioceses of Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth and Lubbock did not return requests for information.

Report: Agencies frequently violate laws

TYLER (AP) — Law enforcement agencies throughout East Texas frequently violate the Texas Public Information Act, often responding to requests for information with personal questions, requests for identification and lectures about privacy, a 14-county survey shows.

County governments, meanwhile, fully cooperated with residents requesting basic public documents, according to the study conducted by the journalism department at The University of Texas at Tyler, the Longview News-Journal and The Tyler Courier-Times-Telegraph.

The survey, conducted from May through September, showed county employees produced information immediately without question in 100 percent compliance of state open records laws.

Agents at sheriff's or police departments often resisted information requests, producing records 68 percent of the time, but complying only 36 percent of the time with a law limiting inquiries about requests.

In one case, a researcher was told she had to "earn" the right to see documents she requested. In some

cases, written requests for basic offense reports were referred to attorneys, delayed or even ignored.

Lawsuit claims district falsified documents

HITCHCOCK (AP) — A former high school coach and two residents claim in a lawsuit that Hitchcock Independent School District trustees and a former superintendent falsified documents and used intimidation to evade the coach's 1998 gender discrimination lawsuit.

The residents said in the lawsuit that district employees bullied them when they sought information through the Texas Open Records Act.

The lawsuit claims district officials cooked up documents and staff members were coerced by former superintendent Bill Banks to give false statements during the 1998 lawsuit.

The new claims are outlined in court papers filed almost a month ago on behalf of Rolisha Goins, a former girls varsity basketball and volleyball coach.

In 1998, Goins sued the district under Title IX. She claimed she was paid less than a male counterpart who coached the same varsity sport. She settled the lawsuit before it went to trial.

Residents fear pipeline will bring safety risks

SAN PEDRO (AP) — Concerns are growing among Cameron County residents who fear a pipeline set to carry refined hydrocarbons and liquid petroleum gas will bring health and safety risks.

The pipeline is supposed to run into Mexico from the Port of Brownsville.

Sylvia Suarez, a retired teacher, said the community was not notified about the pipeline's construction and that she and other residents whose drinking water comes from underground water wells fear health risks.

"People need to be aware of what they are going to be exposed to," Suarez told The Brownsville Herald. "We are concerned about our water, our underground water. Had we known that this was going to happen, we would have gone to the Commissioners Court to oppose this."

Houston-area residents survive Belize crash

HOUSTON (AP) — Eight Houston-area residents survived a plane crash in the Caribbean Sea by clinging for 90 minutes to fuselage during a driving rainstorm.

Everyone aboard the 14-seat Cessna Caravan survived the impact Friday with only minor injuries. The Tropic Air flight from Belize City to San Pedro went down 2.5 miles south of Ambergris Caye, a resort island in the Caribbean Sea popular with American vacationers.

Lance Dreyer, 62, and wife, Sharon, 56, of Houston were aboard the plane with two of their children, Chase, 25, and Chelsea, 22. The family said couples from Sugar Land and The Woodlands were also on the flight, though both their names were not available.

Local birdwatchers plan Christmas Bird Count for Saturday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Ready to count some birds?

It's that time again ... time for Howard County's annual Christmas Bird Count.

The county's birdwatchers will join with others across the nation to participate in the 103rd annual Christmas Bird Count, an activity of the Audubon Society.

Locally, the event is set for Saturday.

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SIMMONS

said local organizer Pat Simmons. "That's the reason we don't get a real good count here in Howard County. I know we have the birds out there, we just don't have the birdwatchers. It's an exciting time to go out

and look at the birds." Simmons said the count usually takes most of the day.

"We leave about 7:30 a.m., my group does," she said. "The area we check out will be the park and the country club and the

cemetery (Trinity Memorial Park). I'll try to give somebody else the western part of the town, Scenic Mountain and out there on the airbase. There's some great birding out there. The north side, we don't get that

covered too much. We do go ahead and cover One-Mile Lake. It's an all-day thing. We generally close shop at 3 p.m. Some of them go to 5 p.m."

The bird count is augmented by birders from Midland, she added.

"They always call and say, 'Pat, when are you going to do your bird count?'" she said. "They are true birders."

Simmons said there are many species of birds that make their homes in Howard County or migrate through the area, including the well-known Sandhill Crane, the Western Bluebird, the Red-Breasted Nuthatch

and the Ring-Billed Gull.

"We have our winter birds. There's the Pied-Bill Grieve and of course all those waterfowl. The American Wiggins and we have the Lesser Scaup. We have the scrub jays and the blue jays. You probably hear them a lot," she said. "Of course, our robins are here."

The event costs \$5 per person to participate. The fee goes to help with tabulation of the count. For more information, call Simmons at 263-4607.

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HEATERS

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plenty of empty space around their heaters.

"They (heaters) get too close to bedding, to draperies. Clothing gets piled on them," he said. "They're just not designed for that. Gas heaters are open flame, and some of these electric heaters get just incredibly hot."

Most manufacturers recommend a three-foot clear radius around a heater.

"That's the other thing too," Condray said. "If they'll just read the safety instructions or guidelines that come with the unit, that will usually do them good."

People lucky enough to have a fireplace or wood burning stove should make sure they have them checked out before firing them up the first time each year.

"They need to have it checked out each season by a chimney sweep,"

Condray said. "Make sure they're clean, make sure bird nests and stuff haven't been built up in them. If they'll maintain a good spark suppressor on the top, that will not only enhance the draw of the chimney, it will keep debris and stuff from getting down in there. They also need to have the sweep check and make sure they don't have a build-up of creosote."

Condray said people should only burn fire-

wood in their fireplaces. "A lot of people burn scrap lumber and such as that, and it's just not made for it," he said. "Especially stuff that's pressure-treated. That's toxic, if you start burning some of this stuff. It's copper sulfate, what they use to weatherproof it with. That's a bad thing to be around."

Never use a cooking stove as a heater,

Condray said. "Stoves aren't designed for that," he said. "We've had numerous fires with that very thing. Stoves and ovens are designed to cook, bottom line. An oven is designed to be used with the door shut. That way all the hot air goes out the oven's chimney. People get real careless. They forget and leave stuff around the stove. It's just not a safe

thing at all. Cook stoves are designed for cooking, heating stoves are designed for heating. You don't heat with a cook-stove, and you don't cook with a heating stove."

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Barbara Darrow Harmon, 65, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Randy Whitaker, 49, died Sunday. Services are pending.

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OUR VIEWS

Get involved in Christmas Bird Count

It is again time for Howard County's annual Christmas Bird Count. That means the county's birdwatchers will join with others across the nation to participate in the 103rd annual Christmas Bird Count, an activity of the Audubon Society.

Locally, the event is set for Saturday.

Anybody that's interested in birds or knows their birds is encouraged to participate, according to local organizer Pat Simmons, who said the count usually takes most of the day.

The birdwatchers will be counting at Comanche Trail Park, the country club, Trinity Memorial Park, Scenic Mountain and at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, as well as the area around One-Mile Lake.

Simmons said there are many species of birds that make their homes in Howard County or migrate through the area.

The event costs \$5 per person to participate. The fee goes to help with tabulation of the count.

So, if you have some spare time Saturday or just want something to do outdoors, join Simmons and other local naturalists as they continue a long-standing tradition.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Let us give you the credit, Lord, for all the good and positive things in our lives.

Amen

How to remember others' names

Someone once said that "our memory is what holds the past and present together and gives continuity and dignity to human life. It is the companion, the tutor, the poet, the library with which we travel." To be sure, the capacity to remember in vivid detail and recall facts, data, events and circumstances of the past is one of the greatest gifts that God has given us.

There is one area of our memory, however, that causes real problems for many people, and this is the perceived mental condition that they are unable to remember names. In regard to this, over the years, if there's one comment I've heard more than any other it's, "I'm terrible with names" or something to this effect. If this is an area of concern for you

and you would like to do something about it, I will do my very best to help you.

While this may or may not apply to you, we see many individuals in our society who are motivated to remember names because of business or economic reasons. On a personal level, how successful would a salesperson, a teacher, a minister, a banker or a public speaker be, if they could never remember your name? It wouldn't take long before you would begin to feel like they really didn't care about you as a human being, which is exactly the point.

We must care about other people and respect them as one of God's special creations, if we are to be able to remember and recall their name, even if we hadn't seen them in months and ran into them 1,000 miles from home. In other words, their name is important because they are important as a person. In reality, the only people we are going to help very much are those we really care about.

Apart from this "caring" factor, the biggest obstacle to remembering names is that about 95% of our waking hours are spent thinking about ourselves, our goals and our own personal problems. When we are introduced to another person and they give us their name, we hear what they say but our mind is thinking about something else and we simply never "get it." When trying to recall it later, we say, "I've forgotten their name", which is really not the case. It's impossible to "forget" something that we never "got" in the first place. In other words, we must get it before we can forget it.

Here is the key. The next time you are introduced to someone, try to slow your mind down and really focus on their name and get it lodged firmly in your mind. If you didn't get it the first time, don't be embarrassed to look this person straight in the eye and ask them to repeat it as often as necessary, until you really get it. While this may seem like a failure on your part, the

other person will view it as a sincere compliment because you care enough to want to know their name.

Please understand that some people can remember a name best by hearing it, while others can remember best by writing a name down on paper. In many cases, it may not be possible to write it down, but by repeating it several times in your mind and using it in your conversation, you will be able to remember it and you can always write it down later. There are many techniques that space does not permit me to give you, but one that has really helped me is association. Get the new name lodged firmly in your mind and then associate it with some famous person or someone you know real well. As in most things, the key to success is practice, practice and more practice.

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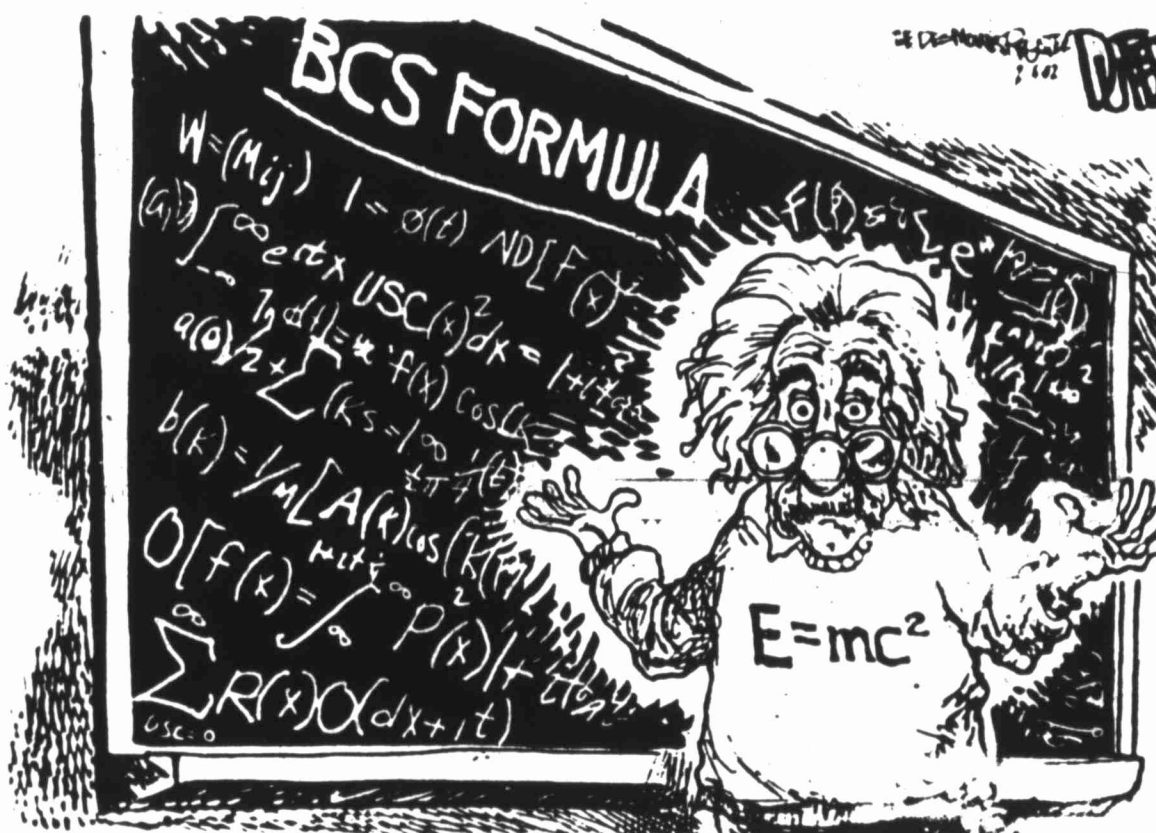
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Christmas and war: A bad combination

Cheap irony and Christmas don't go well together. Christmas and war is another bad combination. But there it is.

The only president we've got went down to the Capitol Area Food Bank in Washington D.C., the other day for a photo op with people who can't afford to eat.

"I hope people around this country realize that agencies such as this food bank need money. They need our contributions. Contributions are down. They shouldn't be down in a time of need," said GeeDubya Bush.

Right away, we notice real progress. When Bush was running for the presidency in 2000, the feds released their annual report on hunger in America, and Texas was once again in its perennial spot at the top of the list, No. 1 in Hunger.

Bush thought it was some dastardly scheme by the Clinton administration to make Texas

and hence Bush, look bad. He denied there were any hungry people in Texas and said, "You'd think the governor would have heard if there are pockets of hunger in Texas." Yeah, you would.

But look on the bright side: so he didn't know there's hunger in Texas after six years in office; after only two years in Washington, he's discovered the problem.

Sort of. Here's what he has done about it:

— Number of seniors who will be cut off meal programs because of Bush budget: 36,000.

— Number of families who will be cut off of heating assistance because of the Bush budget: 532,000.

— Number of homeless kids who will be cut off of education programs because of Bush budget: 8,000.

— Number of kids who will be cut off of after-school programs because of the Bush budget: 50,000.

— Number of kids who will be cut off of child care because of Bush budget: 33,000.

— Number of workers who will be cut off of unemployment insurance on Dec. 28 because of Bush budget: 1 million.

Actually, members of

Congress have promised to rush back to the Capitol after the holidays to fix the unemployment insurance cut-off, so with any luck those folks will have only a bad couple of weeks. However, those who have already exhausted their benefits or who will see their eligibility expire in coming months are S.O.L. unless the Democrats' plan to reauthorize and expand the benefits is endorsed by Bush. Happy New Year to the 2.5 million out-of-work people who depend on this lifeline.

Question: Which news got more attention from the media — Bush's photo-op at the food bank or the facts in his budget?

It's commendable of the Prez to urge us to contribute to food banks, but since his No. 1 domestic priority is to enrich the rich while leaving the poor to charity, we are stuck with a quandary he noted himself — need is up, and contributions are down. And as the charities themselves have been screaming for years, they cannot possibly replace government programs.

On the theory that the world will be saved not by irony but by empathy, I'd like to quote the end

of an article in The New York Times Sunday Magazine about adopting Ethiopian AIDS orphans. This beautifully written account about saving a handful of the millions of African AIDS orphans was written by Melissa Fay Greene, the adoptive mother of one of the orphans. She reports of her new daughter, "One day not long ago, she collapsed in my arms to cry about her late mother. I held her as she writhed, wailing. Why she had to die?" A few moments later, she said, amid tears: I know why she died. Because she was very sick, and we didn't have the medicine.

"I know," I said. It's true. I'm so sorry. I wish I had known you then. I wish I could have sent her the medicine."

"But we didn't have a phone," she cried, and I couldn't call you."

Pretend that they have phones — the AIDS orphans and the homeless kids and the hungry families — pretend that they can call you and tell you how desperate their needs are. And if you can only save one orphan or help one homeless kid or feed one hungry family once, well, that's something, isn't it? And it's Christmas.

IN BRIEF

Sterling City tourney ends this evening

The 34th Annual Sterling City Invitational Basketball Tournament will close this evening with several matchups, including the Garden City Lady Kats' bid for the girls' championship.

The Lady Kats will face Sterling City at 8:30 p.m. tonight.

In the girls' third-place game, the Klondike Lady Cougars will face Miles, starting at 3:30 p.m. The Forsan girls play Robert Lee in a 9:30 a.m. title.

In the boys' bracket, the Sterling City Eagles will face Ozona at 8 p.m. in the title game. Forsan will play Water Valley for the consolation honors starting at 2 p.m.

Local chapter needs basketball officials

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

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

Big Spring girls open 4-4A play on Friday

The Big Spring Lady Steers will open District 4-4A play on Friday when they host the San Angelo Lake View Maidens in the BSHS gym.

The JV Lady Steers are slated to tip off the action beginning at 6 p.m. The BSHS varsity squad, 14-6 overall, will start at 7:30 p.m.

Area teams begin district slates Friday

District play will explode onto the scene Friday as no less than five area teams begin their quests for district championships.

The Sands Mustangs open loop action against Borden Co. The two are slated to begin play at 4 p.m.

Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton begin the 3-2A slate on the road. Forsan travels to Crane for a 5 p.m. start, while Stanton draws a 6:30 start in Colorado City. Coahoma visits Seagraves for a 5 p.m. tip-off.

Howard College will return to play Jan. 5

The Howard College Hawks will return to action Jan. 5 with a road game against the Hill College Rebels.

The Hawks, 12-0, are ranked No. 10 in the latest NJCAA national poll.

The Hawks, led by freshman Je'Kel Foster, are slated to tip-off the contest at 4 p.m. in Hillsboro.

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Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Sterling City freshman guard Erica Rodriguez drives past a Miles defender during the fourth quarter of the Lady Eagles' 64-48 semifinal victory. The win sends SC into the finals tonight against the No. 8-ranked Garden City Lady Kats.

Sterling Finish

Lady Kats, Lady Eagles to battle for Sterling City crown tonight

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

STERLING CITY — Jessica Hoch and Amanda Henson each scored in double figures Saturday and helped carry the Garden City Lady Kats past the Klondike Lady Cougars, 47-32, in the semifinal round of the annual Sterling City Invitational Basketball Tournament.

With the win, the Lady Kats earned the right to try for their fourth Sterling City title tonight. Garden City, which won the event in 1992, 1997 and 1998, is slated to face the hosting Sterling City Lady Eagles in the championship tilt beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Lady Kats, who entered the tournament ranked eighth in the Class A polls, didn't waste any time in taking the game to Klondike. The Lady Kats rode the hot hand of Hoch to a quick lead that they never relinquished.

Hoch finished the contest as the top scorer, netting 18 points — nine of which came on three crucial 3-point bombs.

Henson was the Lady Kats' second-leading scorer, pushing in 10. Megan Niehues and Brecklyn Hughes added six and five points, respectively.

Sterling City earned a berth in the finals with a 64-48 rout of the Miles Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Eagles, whose only tournament crown came 11 years ago, advanced to the semifinals via a 60-29 win over Forsan on Friday.

With the loss to Garden City, the Lady Cougars fell into a third-place showdown against Miles. Klondike had advanced to the semifinals by

virtue of a 52-48 win over two-time defending tournament champion Robert Lee.

Forsan, despite a strong performance from Cynthia Becerra, suffered a tough 52-47 loss to the Water Valley Lady Wildcats in the consolation semifinals. Becerra finished the game with a team-high 10 points.

With the loss to Water Valley, the Lady Buffs moved into a third-round showdown with Robert Lee. The two teams were slated to play at 9:30 a.m.

On the boys' side, the Forsan Buffalo rebounded from a stunning first-round loss to Ozona with a bang. On Saturday, they picked up 20 points from Matt Ellis and hammered out a 55-42 win over Miles in the consolation semifinals.

The win propelled Forsan, the defending tournament champion, into a showdown with Water Valley for the consolation honors this afternoon, beginning at 2 p.m.

In the championship bracket, the Sterling City Eagles slipped past Garden City in the semifinals Saturday night by a 77-58 margin and earned the right to face Ozona in the finals.

Against Garden City, Willie Resendez powered the Eagles' attack. He poured in a game-high 30 points.

Brian Hillger led all Garden City scorers with 18.

Sterling City and Ozona are scheduled to square off for the championship tonight, beginning at 8 p.m.

A win by Sterling City would give the Eagles eight tournament titles in the event's 34-year history. The Sands Lady Mustangs have won the most girls' titles, amassing six.

Lady Steers finish 2nd in Abilene

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

If Big Spring head coach Gary Miller had entered the annual Lady Eagle Tournament looking to put a few good games under his team's belt heading into Tuesday's District 4-4A opener, he got his wish.

Big Spring showed little signs of rust this past weekend as they rolled to second-place in the Abilene tournament. The Lady Steers, 14-6 heading into the showdown with the San Angelo Lake View Maidens, went 2-1 in the 2-day event — their only loss being a tough 63-50 setback to the Class 5A Abilene High in the championship game.

The Lady Eagles, who have now won the tournament three straight years, needed every point they could muster against a swarming Big Spring defense.

The Lady Steer defense dominated the early minutes of the contest. Big Spring held Abilene without a shot from the field for more than 10 minutes to open the affair.

Sparked by their defensive pressure, Leina Braxton and the BSHS girls built an early advantage. They outscored Abilene by an 11-3 margin in the first eight minutes of the contest.

Abilene's only points in the first quarter came on three free throws.

Big Spring continued to press the advantage in the second. The Lady Steers reeled off an 8-2 run in the initial minutes of the quarter and took a 19-5 lead.

Abilene, now 9-10, began clicking offensive

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Snyder 52, Anson 49	

ly midway through the second. Lady Eagles senior Veronica Maida breathed life into the AHS attack by knocking down the team's first two shots from the field — a pair of 3-point shots that cut Big Spring's lead to 19-11.

More importantly for the Lady Eagles, Maida's shots ignited an 18-7 run that enabled Abilene to move to within 26-23 at the half.

The Lady Eagles added to their momentum in the third. They pounded out a 16-8 run to open the second half and took a 39-34 lead into the fourth.

AHS sealed their win quickly from there. They scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter and never looked back.

Braxton led all Big Spring scorers with 18 points. Krystle Long added 11, while Lindsay Phillips contributed five.

Phillips and Long helped put the Lady Steers in the championship round by pouring in 11 points apiece in Big Spring's 60-49 win over Cooper in the semifinals.

Braxton and Wrightsall both finished with nine points, while Shannon Higgins added eight.

Steers garner 4th-place honors at Follis tourney

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers capped a strong showing at the O.W. Follis Invitational Saturday with a solid performance in a 40-38 loss to Lamesa in the third-place game.

Big Spring, which hosts Abilene Wylie Tuesday, had three players score in double figures, rallied from a 6-point halftime deficit to make a run at the Tornadoes in the final 16 minutes. The Steers, who have lost to Lamesa four times this season, outscored the Tors by a 22-18 clip in the third and fourth quarters.

Russell, an all-tournament selection, and Smith both finished the game with 11 points. Cobb accounted for 10.

Big Spring, which collected its second win of the year earlier in the tournament by downing Brownfield, opened the championship round on a sour note. They suffered an 89-30 setback to Merkel, the eventual tournament champion.

The Badgers scored 23 points in each of the first two periods and took a 46-10 lead into the half.

Merkel defeated Andrews, 58-37, in the finals.

Coahoma, Kats will square off

The Coahoma Bulldogs and Garden City Bearcats will square off in non-district basketball action Tuesday in the CHS gym.

Coahoma, 8-6 overall, is coming off a loss to Colorado City on the third-place game of the Reagan Co. Tournament. The Bearcats are playing in the third-place game of the Sterling City Tournament today.

The Garden City Lady Kats, led by Jessica Hoch, will face the CHS girls, beginning at 1 p.m. The boys' game will follow at 2:30 p.m.

Borden Co. girls finish fourth at Post tourney

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Petersburg scored 14 points in both the third and fourth quarters Saturday and rolled to a 53-45 come-from-behind win over the Borden Co. Lady Coyotes in the third-place game of the 2002 Bold Gold Classic in Post.

With the loss, the Lady Coyotes finished fourth overall in the team standings. Post edged Snyder, 38-37, to win the girls' championship.

Kylia Culp led all Borden Co. scorers with

12 points.

In other girls' action, the Sands Lady Mustangs finished eighth overall following a 52-40 loss to the Crane Lady Birds.

The Sands boys got double-digit performances from Jeremy Renteria, Nate Looney and Brandon Woods and rolled to seventh in the boys' division. They beat the Post JV, 60-22, Saturday.

The Borden County Coyotes, despite 14 points from T.J. Sharp, fell to Petersburg in the consolation finals.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear and the Steers will host Abilene Wylie tomorrow in the Steer Gym. The non-district game will start at 2 p.m. with the JV.



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Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for
Monday, Dec. 30, 2002:

Keep focusing on your goals this year, because you could be way too easily distracted. You thrive in groups and frequently have difficulty being alone. At times you become too introspective. Learn to not cause yourself problems. You draw others to you because of your unusual charm and appeal. You make friends easily, attracting many admirers. Network and expand your horizons. If you are single, you will meet many people. Later in the year, in the fall, you will meet someone quite special and caring. Could this person be Mr. or Ms. "It"? Share your feelings with your loved one, if you are attached. You might not always agree about money. Don't let this issue impact

your bond. SAGITTARIUS sometimes reads you too well.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult. ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Deal with last-minute financial information, especially if it can impact your taxes. You might be surprised at how right-on a suggestion is. Start considering your New Year's resolutions and/or plans. Tonight: Use your imagination.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Work with associates and friends. Though you might not be in the mood for work, you'll discover just how much you can get done with some focus. Save late afternoon for a special partner or loved one. Close moments signal the end of the year.

Tonight: Swap New Year's resolutions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Take a hint from Taurus, though you might also have to squeeze in an errand or two. Realize your limits, within reason, and decide what you absolutely must do. Acknowledge when you have said or done enough. Tonight: Join some friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** You might have a difficult time settling down in the next few days. You know that certain details need to be handled, but you could have a lot of difficulty covering that ground. You want to, and will, play. Late afternoon, get an errand or two done. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Keep reaching out for others, knowing that some might feel a bit out of sorts with the new year beginning. The unexpected occurs with others who you might not anticipate such strong reactions from. Be generous with your feelings. Tonight: Play away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Be more generous in the way you handle someone whose nerves are on edge. Quick news comes forward that could cause an enjoyable change in plans. You might want to just mosey home and not do much. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Reach out for a loved one at a distance. Take an opportunity to visit with friends in your immediate circle. You could be overwhelmed by a money issue. Slow down and take your time with a child or loved one. Tonight: Avoid brusqueness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** The unexpected occurs when dealing with others, especially your family. Just when you decide you're on cruise control, you get a bit of a jolt or surprise. Work with others'

unpredictability. In fact, you like that touch of excitement. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** You gain momentum as the day gets older, and you could have a difficult time slowing down. The good news is, you achieve your goals in an unpredictable manner. Others might not always understand the fashion in which you discard an activity or make a decision. Taking the time to explain might make all the difference. Tonight: What would make you happy?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Respond in a meeting, though you might feel jolted by what you do and do not hear. Knowing when to say "enough" could make a considerable difference in your security — both emotionally and financially. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Clear out your work, as many demands come in unexpectedly. You will want extra time with friends and loved ones later on. Friends surround the spirited Aquarian. A business meeting could even turn into a social happening. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Find the right experts, especially with a difficult decision pending. You might want to change your plans or do something a bit different. Don't be surprised by others' initial reactions. Openly discuss options. Tonight: A must appearance.

BORN TODAY
Professional golfer Tiger Woods (1975), British author Rudyard Kipling (1865), baseball player Sandy Koufax (1935)
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While on honey-moon
in-laws rearrange house

Dear Annie: While on our honeymoon, my new husband, "Fred," insisted that we give his parents a key to our house so they could take care of our dog. I pleaded with Fred not to do this because I knew his parents would not respect our privacy. Fred insisted, however, and I backed down.

Our honeymoon was a disaster. Every day we called his parents to check in, and they were never in their own home. They were always at our house, no matter what time of day. When we returned, we discovered they had gone through our drawers and closets, and rearranged my clothing. They also threw away several personal items, including things from my deceased mother and other belongings that could never be replaced. I felt as if I'd been robbed.

To prevent an exchange of nasty words, I wrote a letter to my in-laws, saying although they undoubtedly thought they were doing us a favor, they violated our privacy and I hoped nothing like that would happen again. My mother-in-law fired back an insulting letter saying that she did nothing wrong. When she asked Fred about my letter, he lied and said he had no idea I had written it.

Now his entire family hates me, and I do not feel welcome around them. Two of my former sisters-in-law divorced their husbands because of my mother-in-law's intrusiveness, but she won't accept the blame for any of their marital difficulties. Her sons say, "Let her do whatever she pleases." Are they right? — Greenville, Ohio

Dear Ohio: No. They are simply taking the easy road and avoiding a fight. The truth is, your mother-in-law's meddling will not break up your marriage, but your husband's lack of emotional support will. Insist that he put you first and show some backbone. And change your locks.

Dear Annie: This January, I will graduate summa cum laude, in the



Annie's Mailbox

top five of my undergraduate class. Also, I am a member of three national and international honor societies. Six months ago, I began mailing resumes, eagerly awaiting the calls for interviews. So far, I have received nothing. In fact, three of my resumes have been mailed back to me. I could understand this lack of response if I were an inexperienced 21-year-old student. However, I am in my 30s and have spent most of the last 12 years raising my children.

I have had several family members review my resume, and they have assured me it sounds great. What is going on? — Jobless Scholar in Maine

Dear Scholar: There could be any number of things "going on." The economy is slumping, and few companies are hiring; your area of study may not be what businesses are looking for; you may be overqualified or underqualified for available positions; companies may prefer to hire a younger person.

Many college graduates are having difficulty finding jobs. Do some research, and tailor your resume to the needs of individual companies. Contact an employment agency. Look for employment in related fields. Meanwhile, take any kind of job to keep you in the work force. Sweeping floors is better than sitting on your behind.

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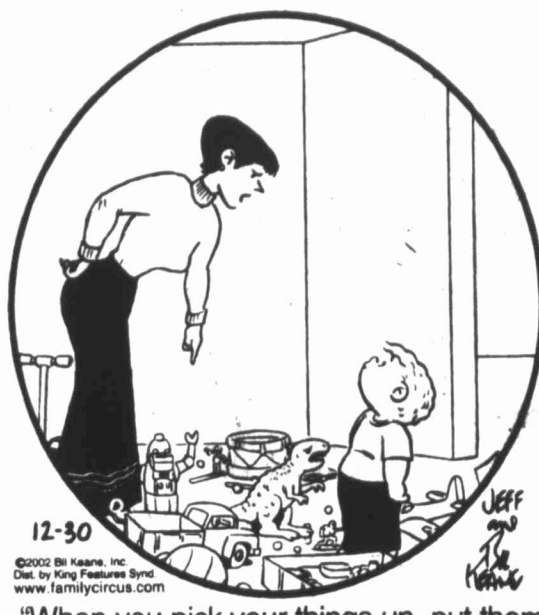
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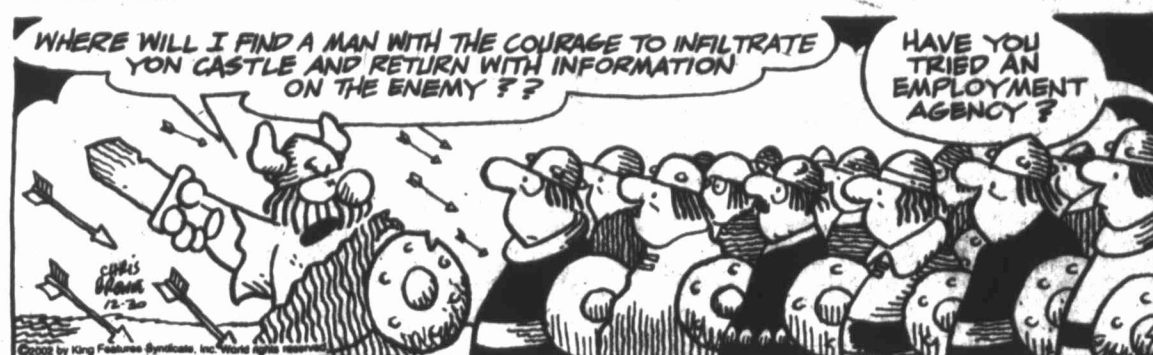
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — The Queen of Soul will be on hand as Michigan's first woman governor is sworn in next week.

Aretha Franklin is scheduled to sing the national anthem during the inaugural festivities Jan. 1, Gov. elect Jennifer Granholm said Thursday.

"Aretha is a true Michigan treasure," Granholm said in a news release. "My entire family is honored that she has agreed to lend her voice to this ceremony's song."

Franklin will perform during the inaugural program at the Lansing Center. The program follows a swearing-in ceremony at the Capitol.

Granholm said she often played Franklin's music on

her campaign bus.

"There's nothing like a little Aretha to liven up a long bus trip," she said.

Granholm also announced that her swearing-in will be simulcast on video screens at the Lansing Center for those who wish to view the inauguration indoors.

NEW YORK (AP) — Pierce Brosnan, whose fourth outing as James Bond is now in theaters, knows he won't be playing Agent 007 forever.

"It'll be interesting to see how I really kind of deal with it, you know, letting go, before somebody says, 'Get off the stage,'" Brosnan told reporters recently.

"You become a bit possessive of the role. Especially when you've had the success like you do with 'Die Another Day,' and each one has gotten better and better," the 49-year-old actor said.

Bond took over the secret agent role with 1995's

"GoldenEye." George Lazenby, Timothy Dalton, Roger Moore and Sean Connery also have starred in the films.

Who would Brosnan like to see as the next James Bond?

"I find myself saying Colin Salmon, who plays Robinson in the Bond movies. I think he's a great actor," he said.

Salmon has played Robinson in three Bond films, including "Die Another Day." He also appeared in this year's "Resident Evil."

Answer to previous puzzle

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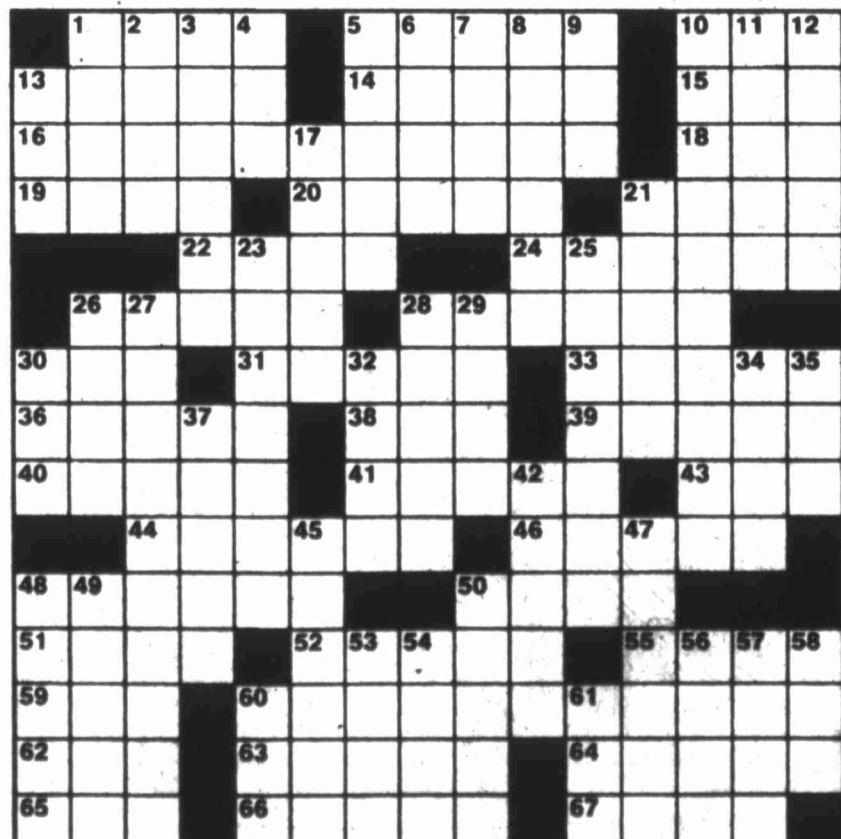
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5 Passion
10 Antique car
13 Conscious
14 Actress Demi
15 Epoch
16 Give an opinion
18 Wrestling surface
19 British gun
20 Beginning
21 Fence opening
22 Tag-sale tag
24 Fairy king
26 Talks like Daffy Duck
28 Get smaller
30 Showed the way
31 Creepy
33 Angora suppliers
36 Gay (WWII plane)
38 Under the weather
39 Something forbidden
40 Eastman's camera
41 Latin dance
43 Actor Ayres
44 Gets away from
46 Healing plants
48 Get away from
50 Places of refuge
51 Good buddies
52 A Bell for
55 Vegan's no-no
59 Nest-egg initials
60 Pun
62 Elevator compartment

DOWN

- 63 Scramble pieces
64 "___ of Old Smokey"
65 Female pronoun
66 Licorice plant
67 Poetic tributes
9 Spanish king
10 Out of the ordinary
11 Poet's Muse
12 Like Cheerios
13 Sounds of delight
17 Din
21 Italian port
23 Give an opinion
25 Bombast
26 Letterman rival
27 Southern belle's expression
28 Manner of fiction
29 Steering position
30 Albanian coin
32 Shine partner

- 34 On one's ___ (alert)
35 Sty dweller
37 Song syllables
42 British noble
45 Admit to the poker game
47 Donny or Marie
48 Grand-scale stories
49 The Duchess of York
50 Win by ___
53 Surrealist Salvador
54 Yes votes
56 Art Deco name
57 Tumults
58 Cooking abbr.
60 School grp.
61 Seek to win, romantically



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