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Trustees learn performance levels up at ISD

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Students aren't the only ones who like to show off good report cards. During their regular board meeting Thursday night, Big Spring Independent School District trustees learned that district performance levels are up in several key monitoring areas.

Superintendent Michael Downes was in a bit of a celebratory mood as he briefed trustees on results from the TEA's recently released Academic Excellence Indicator System report on BSISD.

AEIS monitors district performance in a variety of areas, ranging from student test results to demographic and financial data. And Downes said there were several areas of the report to celebrate:

- Test scores — BSISD students showed across-the-board improvement in the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test during the 2004-05 school year.

The Texas Education

Runnels sale put on hold, to get second look in future

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees decided to take a "slow and easy" approach to the possibility of selling the old Runnels Junior High.

Trustees temporarily declined to enter into option-to-buy agreement with Crossroads Housing Development Corporation concerning the old junior high during their monthly meeting Thursday night.

Paul Pryor, director of Crossroads Housing, said the group is considering purchasing the property to provide low and medium income

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Agency monitors test results in 25 sub-groups, according to criteria such as test subject, ethnicity and socio-economic background. BSISD students

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CHRISTMAS AT WESTSIDE



Young Isabella Marquez receives a present from Santa Claus during a Christmas party hosted by the local Kiwanis Club for children at the Westside Community Day Care Center. The party was held Thursday at Baptist Temple Church. Center director Melinda Hernandez looks on.

Man stabs girlfriend, police say

Nick Hernandez arrested, woman treated for wounds

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman was treated and released at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room Thursday after her boyfriend allegedly stabbed her several times with a screwdriver at Lakeview Head Start.

Nick Hernandez, 27, of 710 N.W. Eighth Street, was arrested Thursday shortly after 4 p.m. on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to police, Hernandez attacked his 31-year-old girlfriend, Molly Turner, while she was working at the school, which is located at 1107 N.W. Seventh Street.

"She's a nurse's aide at Head Start," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department. "She was in the nurse's office sitting in a chair when Hernandez walked in and began stabbing her in the back and shoulder with a screwdriver. At that point, three male school employees wrestled

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ST. MARY'S CONCERT



HERALD photo
Members of the Lone Star Brass Quintet, Carol Deats on horn and Michael Santorelli on trombone, perform at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Thursday's performance was the first of two free public concerts provided by St. Mary's in celebration of the Advent Season. The next concert is at 12:05 p.m. Dec. 15. The church is located at 10th and Gollad. See article, Page 3A.

Effort made to consolidate elections

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Negotiations between the newly formed Howard County Elections Administration and several local political subdivisions are under way in an attempt to consolidate upcoming elections under one agency.

If negotiations are successful, the county agency would provide the necessary equipment and services for upcoming elections held by entities such as the school districts, junior college district and the city of Big Spring, according to Saundra Bloom, director for the Howard County

Elections Administration. "We would either lease them the hardware and software for the election or we would provide the equipment as well as the services to run it," said Bloom. "We're currently in negotiations to determine which direction we'll go in with this."

Bloom said contracting

with the county could have several big advantages for the political entities, which mainly consist of the school districts and the city.

"The voting booths both groups utilize right now are not in compliance with HAVA (Help

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Jetliner slides off runway through fence at Chicago's Midway Airport, killing child

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — At first, the passengers aboard the Southwest flight arriving amid heavy snow at Midway International Airport thought it was a normal landing. Then there was a jolt.

The jetliner with more than 100 people aboard skidded across the runway Thursday evening, slammed through a fence and struck two vehicles in the street,

pinning one beneath it. A 6-year-old boy in one car was killed, and 10 other people were injured, authorities said.

"I saw snow rush over the wing, then there was a big bump," said passenger Larry Vazzano, 54, of Baltimore. "I braced myself on the seat in front of me."

The crash closed the airport. Midway reopened around 6 a.m. Friday, and authorities said at least 600 people were stranded because of canceled flights.

Flight 1248 from Baltimore touched down around 7:15 p.m. Though the airport had about 7 inches of snow, aviation officials said conditions at the time were acceptable.

Southwest CEO Gary Kelly said the plane had circled Midway for 30 to 35 minutes because of the weather and the flight traffic before it was cleared for landing on the airport's 6,500-foot runway. The air-

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NATIVITY OPENS TONIGHT

The First Church of the Nazarene's annual Drive-Through Nativity opens today at 6:30 p.m. and runs through Sunday in the church parking lot at 1400 Lancaster.

More than 150 people are involved in the living nativity, which portrays 17 scenes from the life of Jesus. The event is in its 19th year and is one of the largest in the state. The nativity is open from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each evening. There is no admission charge, though donations are accepted. Those attending are presented with a compact disc or audio tape providing narration to each scene. Tapes are available in English and Spanish.

SANTA HEADED TO MALL

The jolly old elf from the North Pole will be at the Big Spring Mall this weekend, with a return engagement slated for Dec. 16-23.

Saturday, Santa will be at the mall from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., and will return from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday.

December 16-17, Santa will be available from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m., and Dec. 18 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

December 19-23, Santa will only be available in the evenings from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

For more information about Santa's visits or other activities, contact the Big Spring Mall at 267-3853.

16 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



Obituaries

Bob Hill



Bob Hill, 78, of Stanton died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at the Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton with Larry Marshall, minister of Knott Church of Christ and Royce Clay, retired Church of Christ minister, officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born March 4, 1927, in Stanton and married Bobbie Atchison Oct. 25, 1947, in Midland.

Bob was a lifelong resident of Martin County. He was a member of the board for the Farm Service Agency for 10 years and a member of the school board at Flower Grove School. He served his country in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1945. He loved his country and was very patriotic.

Bob enjoyed his family, especially the grandchildren. He was basically a home body. His work and family were the center of his life, as he was involved in school activities where he supported his children. He was Martin County Farmer of the year in 1968 and worked with the Medina Children's Home. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Hill of Stanton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Byron and Diana Hill of Stanton and Bruce and Sandy Hill of Victoria; one daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Mike Brumley of Midland; his grandchildren, Rebecca Mathews and husband, Ryan of Gruver, Brent Hill and wife, Aimee of Stanton, Susan Brumley and Stephen Brumley, both of Lubbock, Cory Hill of Denver, Colo., Danielle Burrow and husband, Tim of New Home and Lisa Arrieta and husband, Ralph of Victoria; his great-grandchildren, Coley Ruebush, Cagan Mathews, Colt Mathews, Anthony Arrieta, Austin Arrieta and Briggs Hill; two brothers, David Hill of Big Spring and Barry Hill of Odessa; and two sisters, Betty Smith of Stanton and Barbara Brooks of Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy Carolyn Hill, June 20, 1950; his parents, Belton and Annie Laura Hill and two sisters, Edylea Barnett and Dorothy Riley.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Highway 16 North, Medina 78055.

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

Paid obituary

Jack L. Childress

Jack L. Childress, 62, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, in a Lubbock hospital after a short illness. Private graveside services are scheduled at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa.

He was born on April 11, 1943, in Denver City to John S. and Charlene Childress.

Jack was an employee of the *Big Spring Herald*. He loved to travel in his camper, looking for new fishing spots. He would sit by his campfire every night and tell his fishing tales to anybody that would listen. He will be missed by all.

He is survived by his loving companion of many years, Jackie Church of Lubbock; special friends, John Nietert of Arkansas and Gail Earls of Big Spring; many more friends; a sister; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

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

James F. Hollis

James F. Hollis, 71, of Eastland, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, in Eastland. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Alice Mae Churchwell



Alice Mae Churchwell, 71, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at her residence. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Craig Felty of Cornerstone Church officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 19, 1934, in Miami, Fla. She married Virgil C. Churchwell, Dec. 31, 1954, in Miami, Fla. They came to Big Spring in 1957. He preceded her in death in 1997. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Wanda Rudinger of Big Spring and Mary Haire of Ingleside; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one brother, Ray Altman of Pinbrook Pines, Fla.

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

Support groups

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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Police blotter

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

• **NICK HERNANDEZ**, 27, of 710 N.W. Eighth Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **ERICA OCHOA**, 26, of 1506 Chickasaw, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.

• **PHILLIP WHEAT**, 48, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **DARRELL POLLOCK**, 28, of 6107 N. Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Friday on two local warrants and three local citations.

• **FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block of 10th Street.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C - FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Morrison.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 1100 block of Northwest Seventh Street.

Sheriff's report

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

• **RONALD LOUIS JONES**, 50, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.

• **ERICA MORENO OCHOA**, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **LAHOMA RENEE GOODBLANKET**, 27, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of Northwest Seventh Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **GAS LEAK** was reported in the 2500 block of Peach.

• **AUTOMOBILE FIRE** was reported in the 200 block of Northwest Second Street.

Take note

• **AN OLD FASHIONED COOKIE EXCHANGE** is set to start at 2 p.m. Sunday at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1200 E. Fourth. Bring four dozen cookies to exchange for four dozen different cookies. For more information, call 263-2253.

• **DRIVE THRU NATIVITY** is set for 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. today through Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

• **THE ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES**, sponsored by the Big Spring Symphony Association and Guild, is canceled for the 2005 holiday season. Organizers are making preparations for the 2006 event. For more information, contact the guild at 264-7223.

• **MARCY ELEMENTARY GIFT SHOP** is open from 2:15 p.m. until 3:15 p.m. today.

• **NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR** for the Big Spring Area chamber of Commerce until Dec. 15. Contact the chamber at 263-7641 for an application.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

• **BENEFIT FOR GARY DANIELS** is set for Saturday beginning at noon at the Ice House, 1612 E. Third St. Daniels has been diagnosed with cancer and proceeds are to help with medical expenses. The benefit features barbecue plates for \$6, live music, a chance to win a 12-gauge pump shotgun, an auction and a 50/50 drawing. For more information, call Danya James at 816-6141 or Tom Cox at 393-5888.

• **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

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Bulletin board

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

TODAY

• **AMBUCS** meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Drive Thru Nativity from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

• Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third.

• Drive Thru Nativity from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

SUNDAY

• Drive Thru Nativity from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacients meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy. Not as cold. Lows in the upper 20s. Light and variable winds.

Saturday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Northwest winds around 10 mph.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday—Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Light and variable winds.

Sunday night—Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Tuesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Wednesday—Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Wednesday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8-17-19-35 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 34.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$225,000.

Winning ticket sold in: Fort Worth.

Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$200,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-9-11-18-19.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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

8-1-3

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port has shorter runways than most major airports, because it was originally built to handle smaller propeller planes. The larger ones land at O'Hare.

"There are no indications that there are any maintenance problems with that aircraft whatsoever," Kelly said. He said the plane had a service check Wednesday in Phoenix.

Five crew and 98 passengers were aboard the plane, authorities said. Most were evacuated through the plane's inflatable slides in blowing snow, while others used stairs at the rear of the plane, said Chicago Fire Department Spokesman Larry Langford.

The plane's nose was crushed, and a severely damaged engine was on the ground, he said.

Passenger Mike Abate, 35, of suburban Milwaukee, said he could see from the plane that a man was carrying an injured child and that other people were taken away in an ambulance.

"We were safe on the



KRT photo/WGN-TV
Southwest Airlines Flight 1248 from Baltimore, shown in this WGN-TV frame grab, skidded off the runway and crossed in the intersection of 55th and Central at Chicago's Midway Airport Thursday.

plane," Abate said. "The toughest part was to realize that someone was under the belly of the plane."

The four people who were in the pinned vehicle with the boy who died were hospitalized Friday at Advocate Christ Medical Center, and two of them, including a child, were in serious condition.

Three people from the other car were treated and released and a fourth was in good condition at Holy Cross Hospital, spokeswoman Michelle

Boyd said. The two plane passengers were treated and released at MacNeal Hospital, along with tow truck driver who stopped to help and aggravated an old injury.

National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration officials from Washington were on their way to Chicago to investigate.

Experts said weather would be a factor in the investigation. Greg Feith, a former NTSB investigator, said the runway had been plowed, but it wasn't clear for how long.

Lone Star Brass Quintet performs during St. Mary's Episcopal concert

Herald Staff Report

The Lone Star Brass Quintet provided mid-day entertainment Thursday to a crowd of almost 60 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

The 30-minute concert included performances of "Arrivee De La Reine De Saba" by G.F. Handel, "O Isis and Osiris" from "The Magic Flute" by Mozart, "Winter" from "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi, "The Girl With the Flaxen Hair," by Claude Debussy and "The Saint's Hallelujah" arranged by Luther Henderson.

The Lone Star Brass Quintet consists of Michael Santorelli, J.C. Dobrzelewski, both on trumpet, Carol Deats on French horn, Ted Hale on trombone and Scott Roeder on tuba.

Following the performance, the crowd was invited to a light lunch of Santa Fe corn soup provided by St. Mary's parishioners Jean and Wilson Money.

Thursday's performance

was the first of two free public concerts provided courtesy of St. Mary's in celebration of the Advent Season.

Howard County residents will showcase their musical talents at the next scheduled concert, set for 12:05 p.m. Thursday.

Participants at the next concert include members of the Bauer Magnet Elementary School fourth grade choir, under the direction of Susan Dawes. Also performing will be Joyce Bradley, soprano; Joseph Dawes, baritone and alto recorder; Linda Hill, organ and piano; Scott McLaughlin, guitar; Gloria Steelman, flute

and violin; and Villia Walter, cello and piano. St. Mary's is located at 10th and Goliad.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Hannah Brumley, 62, died Tuesday. Graveside services were at 10:00 AM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park. Robert D. Miller, 39, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 3:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Alice Churchwell, 71, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

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ELECTIONS

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America Vote Act)," said Bloom. "One of the HAVA requirements is that you have and electronic recording device for each polling place.

"The agencies will either have to purchase the necessary equipment to come into compliance,

or they will need to contract with someone that can. The equipment the county uses is already in compliance, so it just makes sense."

Bloom said negotiations will have little or no effect on the upcoming party primaries slated for March or the general election in November.

"Both of those are considered a county election,

so we'll handle them as we always have in the past," said Bloom. "The primaries fall under the auspices of the party chairmen, but they are considered county elections for the most part as well. We'll also hold early voting for the agencies, as we have in the past."

STABBED

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Hernandez to the ground and kept him subdued until the police arrived.

"The students had already left for the day, but there was a child — the child of one of the school's employees — in the room when Turner

was stabbed. The child's parent immediately pulled the child from the room when it happened, however."

Everett said the motive for the attack is unknown, but is believed to have stemmed from a domestic dispute between Hernandez and Turner.

Turner did not suffer any life-threatening injuries in the attack.

Two killed in house fire in winter storm

LUBBOCK (AP) — Two people died in a fire sparked by an improperly installed wood-burning stove during the subfreezing temperatures of Texas' first winter blast, which also knocked out power, closed schools, caused hundreds of wrecks and stranded travelers.

The blaze swept through the Lubbock house Wednesday night, killing Brittany Lilly, 21, and Devin Lilly, her 3-year-old son, Lubbock Fire Department Capt. Marlin Hamilton said Thursday. They were among seven people try-

ing to keep their home warm with the stove sitting in the middle of the living room, authorities said.

Fire or sparks from the stove — one designed to be installed flush to a wall — ignited a couch and spread, and some of the victims' relatives were able to get out through a bedroom window, Hamilton said. Dense smoke kept neighbors from being able to help.

Brittany Lilly helped her other son, 6, escape through a window in their bedroom, Hamilton said.

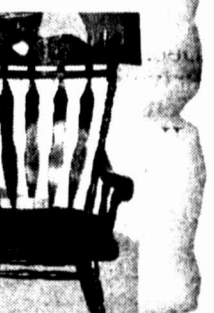
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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Everyone who participated in the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade and those who came out to watch. Thanks, everyone, for making this a really fun experience. A special thanks, too, to our grand marshal, Max Webb.

- Wow! Another great job by members and guests of the First United Methodist Church on this year's Living Christmas Tree. It's always a wonderful treat.

- Speaking of treats, thanks to the residents and others who participated in the Canterbury Christmas Bazaar. This event seems to get better each year.

- Harold Davis, who shared his memories of Iwo Jima and World War II as the Hangar 25 Air Museum's Veteran of the Month.

- Senior Leadership Big Spring graduates Evelyn Anderson, Donald Austin, Ellen Austin, Martha Beene, Clara Cline, Lou Key, Steven Muse, Patsy Self, Dorothy Sheppard, Pat Smith, Paul Smith and Kenneth Townsend. AND, Leadership Big Spring graduates Adrian Calvio, Kandi Campbell, Dr. Tom Dawson, Jerry Ekberg, Paul Folger, James Grissett, Richard Grove, Jana Long, Michael Navarra, Judy Sikes, Kokila Vasanawala, Kathryn Wiseman, Richard Wright, John Ybarra and Mike Yeater.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You hold the key to the entrance to Your heavens, Lord, may we trust in you and your word.

Amen

Democrats finally on the ropes?

President Bush's speech on our progress in Iraq provides a long-overdue shot in the arm to the president's credibility, our mission in Iraq and his patriotic defenders, who have been tirelessly refuting his detractors, their misinformation, demagoguery and lies with precious little help from the White House.

Up until a few weeks ago, the White House had remained largely silent in the face of the relentless assaults against it, more resembling a punching bag than a confident director of a just war against global Islamofascist terrorists.

The administration, it could be argued, has had a blind spot, even a learning disability, concerning the opposition party's ill will and ruthlessness. When accused of lying about WMD, for example, President Bush barely registered indignation. When Scooter Libby was indicted for misleading the FBI and grand jury, but specifically not for violating either underlying criminal statute for the alleged "outing" of the non-covert Valerie Plame, he ordered ethics training for White House staff rather than proclaiming vindication.

By contrast, the Democrats twisted Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald's failure to indict on the underlying crimes as proof that Libby, Cheney and Rove had intentionally "outed" Plame to exact revenge on her husband, Joe Wilson, for attempting to undermine the president's case on Iraqi WMD. It is simply hard to overestimate the opposition's capacity for political chicanery.

The president apparently believed that as long as he was doing the right thing, Democrat leaders would come around, at least on the war for the survival of

Western civilization. But his reliance on their presumed good faith was woefully misplaced, and it has cost him.

Better late than never, President Bush finally realized he had to strike back. Almost daily for the last few weeks, high-ranking administration officials, such as Vice President Cheney and Defense Secretary Rumsfeld have joined him in setting the record straight. They've forcefully countered the fraudulent allegations that he lied about WMD and that the administration systematically tortures terrorist detainees.

But the president's Naval Academy speech raised his counterattack to a new level. Without belaboring the tired WMD and torture claims, he delivered, essentially, a state of the union address on the War on Terror, Iraq Theater. He refuted the misinformation and clarified the state of our military operations and the much-debated readiness of the Iraqi forces.

He reiterated our objectives and strategy to achieve them, which, by the way, have been consistent since we began this phase of the war: the transition to Iraqi constitutional self-rule. While we've had to adjust our tactics daily in this unconventional, asymmetrical war, we have stayed true to our overall strategy.

Washington Democrats appear visibly nervous about the strength and substance of the president's case, and probably wish they hadn't pushed him so far that he had to come out and answer their bogus charges one by one.

At the end of the day, the Democrats are exposed as having no substantive alternative ideas to supplement their brutal assaults against this wartime president. They've even gone so far as to admit, on occasion, that they don't have a plan, much less a superior one, because, in the damning words of Democrat Party leader Howard Dean, it is not their

responsibility to have a plan. You just can't make this stuff up.

The Democrats have done a masterful job, with unflagging assistance from the mainstream media, of undermining the people's trust in the president by calling him a liar every day for the last 10 months and more. But the best-kept secret is that in the meantime, they've done nothing to bolster their own image for trustworthiness or as capable wartime leaders.

That they have no solutions for Iraq and the War on Terror was brought into sharp relief when House Republicans called their bluff and forced them to put up or shut up on a withdrawal-timetable resolution. Only three hapless Democrats had the courage to stand by their party's reckless rhetoric.

The best thing about the president's speech is that it moves the debate forward into the realm of reality. It forces the Democrats to quit squawking about moot issues, such as whether President Bush lied about WMD. They can choose to revisit those fraudulent claims and lose another election over them if they want, but for now, they better realize we're in this war and they must get on board, offer reasonable alternatives, or get out of the way.

Between now and 2006 it will be interesting to see how they scramble and sputter, searching in vain for a coherent war policy. Pay particular attention to the ever-tortured positions John Kerry will adopt and the delightfully painful contortions and fence-straddling Hillary will inevitably engage in between now and 2008.

And all this time you thought Republicans were the ones imploding.

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Religion and policy are a bad mix

The Lord Impersonator is back again. This fella reappears every couple of years and causes no end of trouble. The jokester goes around persuading feeble-minded persons he is the Lord Almighty and that they are to do or say some perfectly idiotic thing under his instructions.

One of the worst cases we've had in Texas was the time the Lord Impersonator convinced 20 people in Floydada to get naked, get into a GTO and drive to Vinton, La., where they ran into a tree. Seein' 20 nekkid people, including five children, come out of a GTO startled the Vinton cops. The nekkid citizens all said God told them to do it.

Quite a few people have been mishearing the Lord lately. The Rev. Pat Robertson thinks the Lord told the people of Dover, Pa., they shouldn't ask for His help anymore because they elected a school board Robertson doesn't like. And Rep. Richard Baker of Louisiana said right after Hurricane Katrina that "we finally cleaned up public housing in New Orleans. We couldn't do it, but God did it."

I kind of doubt Katrina was designed by the Lord as a form of urban renewal. I think it's a big mistake for us to go around putting our own puny interpretations on stuff that happens and then claiming the Lord meant thus-and-such by it. It is my humble opinion that some folks should do a lot more listening to God and a lot less talking for Him.

In that category, I put a whole passel of politicians — including that God-fearing professional patriot Rep. "Duke" Cunningham of San Diego. Cunningham resigned

his office after pleading guilty to having accepted \$2.4 million in bribes from defense contractors. "Duke's" big cause in Congress was to get a constitutional amendment to ban flag-burning. Which do you think is more unpatriotic: burning a flag to indicate desperate dissent against American policy or getting elected to Congress and selling out for a Rolls Royce and some antique commodes?

Rep. Tom DeLay, who is under indictment in Texas, is another fine parser of the Lord's intent. According to Mother Jones magazine, DeLay appeared at a prayer breakfast just after the tsunami that killed 240,000 people. "DeLay read a passage from Matthew about a nonbeliever: '... a fool who built his house on sand: the rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house, and it collapsed and was completely ruined.' Then, without comment, he righteously sat down."

Some Christians seem to me inclined to lose track of love, compassion and mercy. I don't think I have any special brief to go around judging them, but when the stink of hypocrisy becomes so foul in the nostrils it makes you start to puke it becomes necessary to point out there is one more good reason to observe the separation of church and state: If God keeps hanging out with politicians, it's gonna hurt his reputation.

I've always hoped that people like Tom DeLay and Duke Cunningham (and Reps. Bob Ney, Richard Pombo, Dana Rohrabacher, John Doolittle and William J. Jefferson (a D) and Sens. Bill Frist and Conrad Burns) were really stonewall cynics at heart, secretly sneering at the rubes who buy into their holier-than-thou posturing. But I'm afraid they're not.

I'm afraid one actually has to allow for the denial and self-delu-

sion that make it possible for people to be both self-righteous and sleazy at the same time. We are all capable of fooling ourselves in a grand variety of ways.

Another reason why religion and policy make such a bad mix is that religion brings the dread element of certitude into what needs to be a constant process of questioning. In the New Yorker, Seymour Hersh quotes a former Defense Department official who served in Bush's first term: "The president is more determined than ever to stay the course. He doesn't feel any pain. Bush is a believer in the adage, 'People may suffer and die, but the Church advances.'"

Look, certitude is the enemy of clear thinking. "Never be absolutely sure" is a useful motto, and sailing through our current policies in Iraq without a shadow of a doubt is both foolish and dangerous. I would be far more reassured if I thought the president were second-guessing every move we make than I am to find out he hasn't a shadow of a doubt. For one thing, it shuts him off from considering alternatives, and boy do we need some alternatives.

So here we sit, watching a great, stinking skein of corruption being fished to the surface of Washington, while the town is simultaneously filled with a great babble about God, prayer and morality. Corruption trails head off in all directions — lobbyists, wives, jobs, perverting intelligence, outing agents for petty revenge — all this and a Prayer Breakfast every day.

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House passes tax cut to preserve lower capital gains, dividend rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Thursday to preserve tax cuts for investors through the rest of the decade, safeguarding the centerpiece of the Republican tax agenda in a \$56 billion package of tax breaks.

The bill, passed 234-197 along mostly party lines, would keep the 15 percent top tax rate for capital gains and dividends in place in 2009 and 2010, two years after their scheduled disappearance at the end of 2008.

The bill included an extension of a sales tax deduction for residents of Texas and other states without an income tax. Last year, Congress reinstated the sales tax deduction for 2004 and 2005, but the measure must be renewed to be available for future years.

Republicans said tax cuts championed by

President Bush have revived up a sluggish economy, and Treasury Secretary John Snow praised the bill's passage, saying, "It would encourage investment and innovation — the lifeblood of the American economy."

Democrats disagreed and said the tax cuts for investment income, and much of the GOP's economic agenda, exacerbated budget deficits and ignored average workers.

"The poor suffer. The rich benefit. The middle class is paying the bill," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Rep. Henry Cuellar of Laredo was the sole Texas Democrat to join with the state's 21 House Republicans in voting for the bill. The remaining 10 Texas Democrats voted against it.

The vote marked the

fourth tax bill passed by the House in a week as lawmakers worked feverishly to clear out some unfinished tax work. Lawmakers haven't given up hope of completing some of those tax cuts this month, but it's unclear how much can be done before Congress disbands for the holidays.

The House vote for capital gains and dividend tax cuts sets up tricky negotiations with the Senate, where lawmakers could not muster enough support to insert the extension in their version of the bill.

The Senate's GOP leaders vowed to make sure the investment tax breaks make it into the final legislation.

The 15 percent tax rate for investment income is currently scheduled to disappear at the end of 2008.

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showed improvement in 23 of those areas over the previous year, Downes said.

The number of local students receiving TAKS "commended" status also increased over the previous year, he added.

Downes singled out students at Goliad Intermediate School for particular praise, noting that students there showed double-digit improvement in several testing areas.

"That was, by far, the most outstanding improvement we had on any campus," he said.

Dropout and completion rates — While the

attendance rate at BSISD campuses remained unchanged from the previous year, dropout figures decreased.

The dropout rate for students in grades 7-12 fell from 1.6 percent in 2002-03 to .5 percent the following year, the most recent figures available.

Consequently, the number of students completing high school increased. Downes said 95.8 percent of the Class of 2004 either graduated, earned their General Equivalency Degree or continued in school, compared to 94.2 percent the previous year.

Downes noted the district's success in shrinking the dropout rate was "too successful." Since the improvement was outside the normal range, school officials are hav-

ing to re-verify the figures to TEA.

Advanced courses and college preparatory — More Big Spring High School students are taking advanced courses than ever before, Downes noted.

Fifty percent of BSISD students took the ACT or SAT college placement exams in 2004, compared to 38 percent the previous year.

In addition, 29.2 students scored at or above passing standards on those tests, compared to 27 percent of students state-wide.

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housing to veterans.

The agreement under consideration Thursday would have given the corporation the first option to purchase the property and would have authorized Board President Irene Bustamante to sign a final contract of sale with the corporation independent of full board approval.

Trustees decided to hold off on approval because draft contracts for the proposed sale were incomplete as of Thursday night.

Superintendent Michael Downes said the likely sale price of the property

would be \$37,000, the fair market price established by the most recent appraisal. That number is so low because of the large amount of asbestos that would have to be abated in the World War I-era building.

Because of the impending holidays, the matter likely will not be considered again until February, Downes said.

In other business, trustees:

Learned that the most recent figures indicate 3,788 students are enrolled in BSISD classes, 134 more than projected for this time of year.

Renewed contracts with Spring City Auction to provide auctioneering services and Melody Southwest Consortium to

provide student drug testing services for the district.

Approved an agreement with Bank of America that will allow parents to pay for their children's school meals online. The program should be ready by early next year, Downes said.

Approved a local policy that will institute a district-wide wellness program for BSISD students beginning with the 2006-07 school year.

Approved the 2005 tax roll.

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A Pastor's Message

In Israel, the grotto where some believe Jesus was born now is covered by one of the largest and most ancient of basilicas.

The Bible says simply that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. But what evidence was there that this was the spot? What convinced the eyewitnesses that this child was the Christ child?

The biblical record says that there was a special star and music coming down out of the sky. Some of the shepherds also reported they had heard an angel speaking.

In short, the biblical record claims that celestial phenomena pointed to this city and to this baby. So it was the heavens that were telling who the Christ child was and where He lay.

There is a point to this description.

Signs and wonders always accompany God's revelation of special things.

But signs and wonders are seen only by the watchful and faithful ones.

Faith is our means of receiving holy things. Faith makes our eyes see and our ears hear what others in the world do not see or hear.

The shepherds and the Magi saw, heard and responded. The Bible

indicates that no one else did.

Snow in the Judean mountains is not a rare occurrence. I have encountered it every time I've been there in the winter.

One of the most memorable winters was in 1983. When I arrived in Jerusalem in late February I was greeted by snow and an article in the Jerusalem Post reporting that was snow No. 11 for that winter.

During the two weeks I was there, three more snowfalls occurred. And when I returned in mid-May, my friends told me that four more had fallen.

Four years later, this time in early March, I want to Bethlehem to visit a friend. As always, whenever I am in Bethlehem, I visited the Basilica of the Holy Nativity. It was a very cold and windy day. Upon leaving the church, snow was falling in big soft flakes.

While walking the two blocks from manger square to Fouad's house, a great crash of thunder reverberated across the Judean hills.

Immediately I thought of "celestial phenomena" like the shepherds and wise men knew before me.

The ancients believed that snow was water

hardened like cast metal by a cool wind, and the wind was considered the very breath of God. They also believed that thunder was God's voice.

So it seemed to me that God was saying again from the heavens that his Son had been born here. Twenty centuries after the fact God was still speaking forth from the heavens about his Son to those willing to listen.

I try to help those who journey with me on my personalized study tours of the Holy Land to be aware of the fact that they do more than "walk where Jesus walked."

They, too, have the opportunity to hear, see and feel what God is revealing as have countless thousands before them.

Both God's power and revelation continue and they who watch and listen will be visited by God's spirit.

As this Advent/Christmas Season continues, be watchful. Take time to listen.

Let God speak to you once again of how much He loves you. He does!

For He has given you the gift of his presence, through His Son, born a babe in Bethlehem.

Ernie Williams is the interim minister of First Christian Church.

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Church News

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "What if Santa Doesn't Come?" and the scripture is from Romans 1:16-23. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday is also the traditional Hanging of the Greens. The Sunday school children are making special items for decorating their tree in the sanctuary. The church's Christmas tree will be lighted, and every worshiper present at both worship services will be given a piece of greenery to decorate the chancel rail.

Saturday is caroling to the elderly and shut-ins. Meet at the church at 3 p.m. to go caroling at the local nursing homes. Carolers will return to Garrett Hall for hot chocolate or cider by 5 p.m.

Make plans now for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. There will be only one worship service Christmas Day, at 9:45 a.m. There will be no Sunday school Christmas Day.

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

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. for all age groups and the morning worship service begins at 11 a.m. Acteens, Challengers, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends and Mission Babies are offered for children and youth of all ages Sunday nights at 5. Choir practice begins Sunday night at 5. The evening worship service is at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, there is a prayer and Bible study service for the adults and a youth discipleship class at 7 p.m.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. Call Amy at 267-2291 for more information.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Sunday's evening services will be at Canterbury North and South at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. From 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday, church members will go caroling at the

nursing homes and shut-ins.

Sunday morning worship services are at 10:55 a.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Baptist Temple Church

Sunday, the adult choir will present the Christmas cantata, "Sing of the Wonder." Morning Bible study starts at 9:30 a.m. and worship service follows at 10:45 a.m. A Cantata will be presented at that time. Evening service begins at 6 p.m.

Ladies Ministry meets Monday for a Christmas party. Bring a dish. A Spanish worship service, Iglesia Bautista Roca Eterna, is a new group of believers. The Spanish pastor is the Rev. Luis A. Pena Sr.

For more information, call 267-8287 or check out the Web site at www.baptisttemplechurch.org. The church is located at 11th St. and Goliad.

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

Mt. Bethel recently called the Rev. William Vaughn Jr. as pastor. His installation service is at 3:30 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. John Campbell of New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Midland will be guest speaker.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 11 a.m. Bible study is at 5 p.m. each Sunday. The Sanctuary Choir meets for rehearsal Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry meets at 5 p.m. Sunday and 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Calvary Baptist Church

Schedule of services for Calvary Baptist Church are: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school followed by 11 a.m. worship service. Sunday evening worship is at 6 p.m.; and Bible study is Wednesday at 5 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. Fourth St.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from John 1:6-8 and 19:28 at worship service Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 and Take 10 is at 10:35.

Several activities are held Wednesday, including a youth group meeting at 5 p.m., Advent Bible study at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice at 6 p.m.

The children's Christmas pageant is at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel. Following the program, there will be a chili supper in the fellowship hall. Max Green will prepare his famous chili and members are encouraged to bring cornbread, tortillas or chips.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

The annual Christmas program led by the youth is this Sunday. They will present a program called "Letters from God."

Weekly Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and worship is at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Upcoming activities include Hanging of the Greens in the sanctuary as part of the morning worship service Dec. 18. Christmas Day worship service is during the traditional 11 a.m. hour, but no Sunday school class will meet Dec. 25.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Jim Liggett's topic for this Sunday is "I am not He."

St. Mary's Vestry meets at 6 p.m. Monday in the library. St. Mary's second Advent Concert is at 12:05 p.m. Thursday. This concert will feature many talented musicians, including the fourth grade choir from Bauer Magnet Elementary School. A light lunch will be served after the service and the event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 267-8201 or visit the Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 Goliad St.

East Side Baptist Church

There is still time to reserve a place at the East Side Baptist Church's ninth annual Children's Christmas Fun Festival. The event is open to children ages 6 to 12 years old. The fun begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and continues until 2 p.m. Activities include puppet shows, Christmas crafts, prizes and lots of fun.

Parents are welcome to



Courtesy photo
East Side Baptist Church presents its ninth annual Children's Christmas Fun Festival, open to children ages 6 to 12 years old, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. Call the church at 267-1915 or 267-1845 to reserve a space.

stay and observe.

To reserve a place, call 267-1915 or 267-1845. If no one answers, leave a message with the number of children who will attend.

East Side Baptist has family services at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday.

Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., morning service is at 11 a.m., and evening service is at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for small children. The Wednesday evening prayer service is at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene

The 19th annual Drive-Thru Nativity is today through Sunday from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the church, 1400 S. Lancaster. This event tells of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are 17 scenes.

The Rev. Byron Brown leads special observances of the Advent season beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, progressing up to Christmas Day.

Sunday evening service

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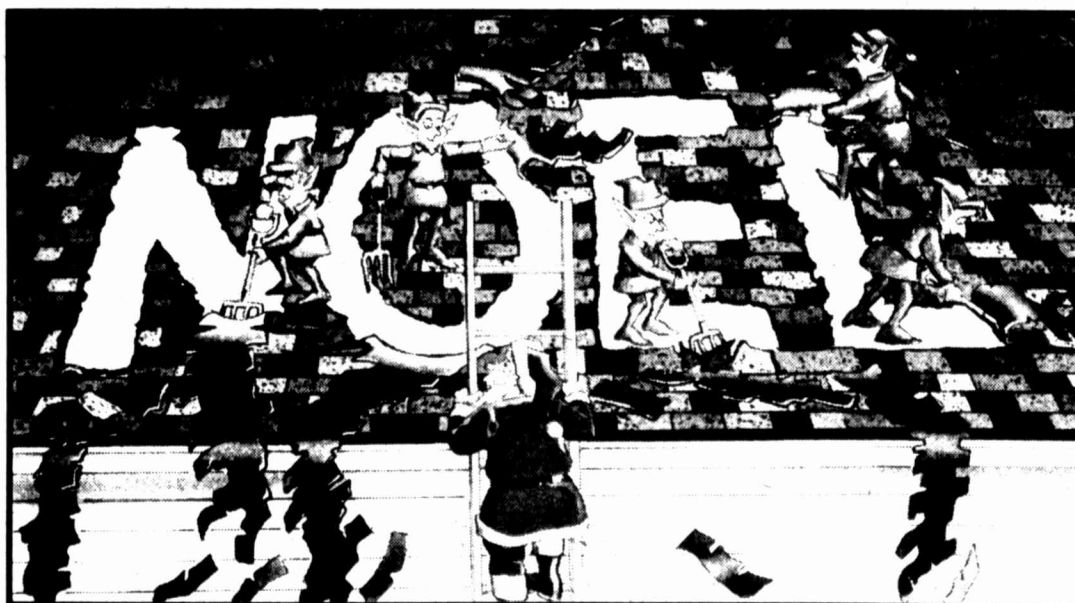
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Survival Kits for *life!* sets holiday deadlines Finals Week

Craig Felty, right, pastor of Cornerstone Church, delivered 432 Survival Kits for Finals to the men's and women's dormitories at Howard College Thursday. Anna Sheedy, left, assistant to the executive dean of students, takes some of the bags from Felty in this photo. The goodie bags were filled by church members with all types of snacks, water, fruit and hot cocoa mix for the students to have on-hand during finals week, which begins Monday. Howard College dismisses for the semester Dec. 15 and the business offices are closed from Dec. 21 through Jan. 3, 2006, for the Christmas holiday.

December 19 is the deadline for all submission for the Dec. 24-25 weekend edition of the *Big Spring Herald*, as well as Church News and Club News that publishes Dec. 23.

For the New Year holiday, all articles to be published in the weekend edition of the *Herald* Dec. 31-Jan. 1 are due in the newspaper office by Dec. 26.

Church and Club news submissions are also due Dec. 26 for the Dec. 30 edition. Only for the two weeks prior to the Christmas and New Year's holidays,

the deadline for all submissions for the *life!* section is changed from noon Wednesday to 5 p.m. Monday to allow for an early press run.

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For more information about any of these ministries, call 267-7015.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to Sunday children's activities. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool.

The church is located at 12th and Owens streets. Call Pastor Craig Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

Life Church

There are two contemporary worship services Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's ministry is provided during both services, such as Noah's Ark for children age 0-3, Zoe Land for children age 4-9 and God's Squad for preteens age 10-12. Church meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. Small groups, including college, young adults and senior high meet throughout the week.

For more information, call at 432-263-7714. Life Church is located at 600 E. FM 700.

YoungLife

YoungLife is a non-profit Christian organization for high school students that meets at 7:59 p.m. each Monday night of the school year.

WyldLife, a junior high school outreach, meets at 7:13 p.m. every other Tuesday.

Both clubs meet at the

YoungLife building, 13th and Owens streets. Volunteer adult leaders are needed.

For more information, call director Shelly Warren at 213-4819.

St. Paul

Lutheran Church

Church services are at 9 a.m. Sunday with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. Prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6:45. St. Paul Lutheran is located at 810 Scurry. For information about Bible study groups, call the church at 267-7163.

In addition to Sunday's schedule and Wednesday's Advent services at 7 p.m., upcoming services include Christmas caroling at 6 p.m. Dec. 20, Christmas Eve choir service Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. and Christmas Day worship at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday school Christmas Day.

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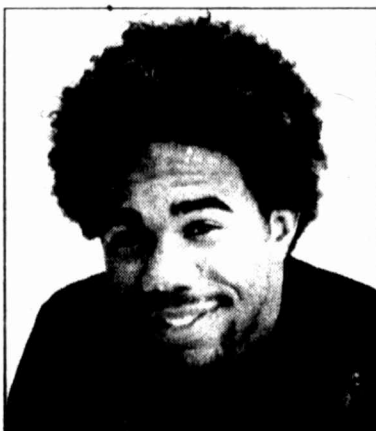
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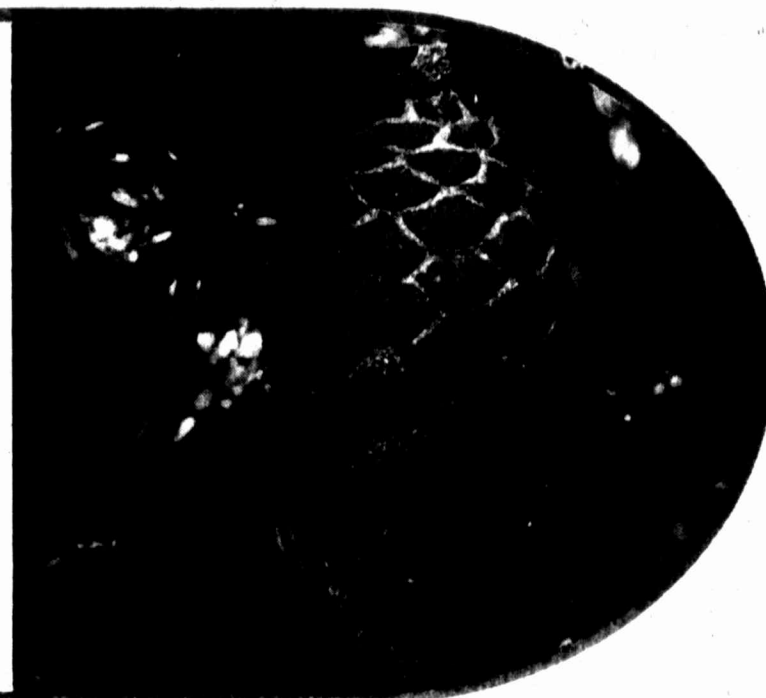
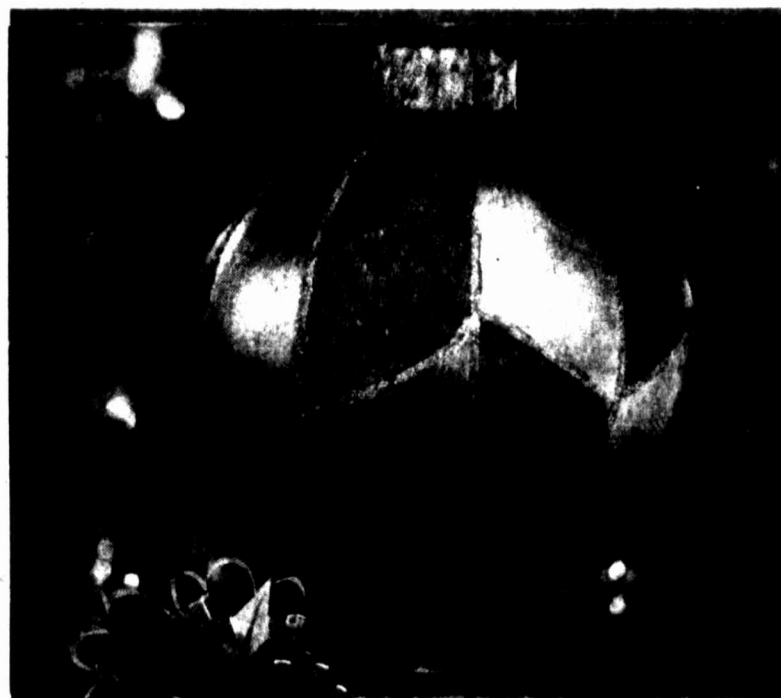
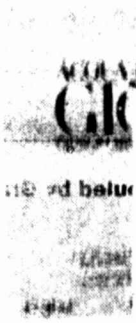
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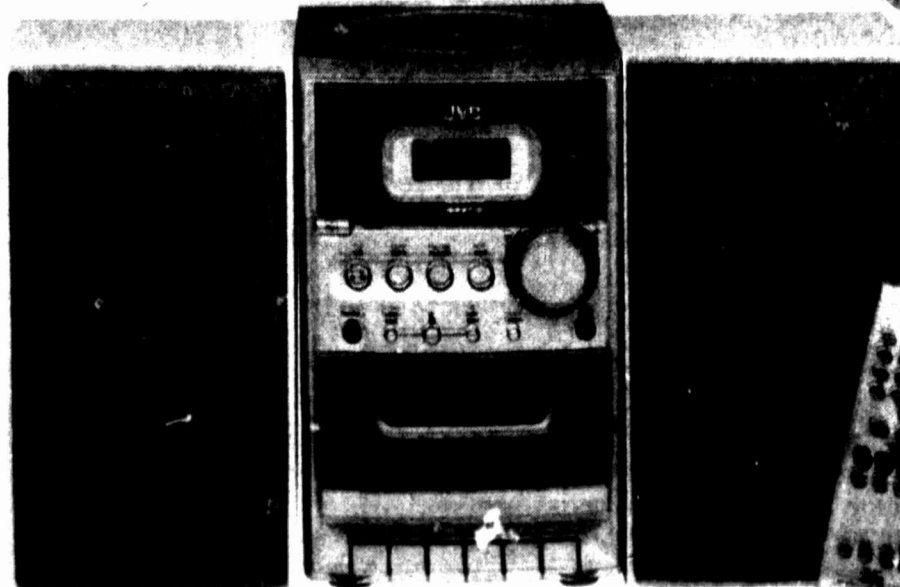
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IN BRIEF

Hawk men continue to climb rankings

The Howard College men's basketball team has moved up to No. 2 in the nation this week after defeating Weatherford College last week.

Howard is 11-0 on the season and has taken first place in both tournaments its played in. The Hawks host a two-day classic at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum starting tonight against Trinidad State at 8 p.m. and then won't play again until Jan. 2 when they travel to Florida for a tournament.

Chipola College remained No. 1 this week.

Big Spring sets volleyball clinic

A volleyball clinic for girls aged third through eighth grade has been set up for Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The clinic will take place at the B.S. Junior High and it will be instructed by J.E. Thomas, who is the Midland College assistant coach.

The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for third through fifth graders and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sixth through eighth graders.

For more information, contact Della Partee at 267-4038.

Lady Steer Booster meeting announced

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet Monday in the Athletic Training Center (ATC) at 6 p.m. All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, cheerleading and trainers are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Carol Policky at 267-3800.

Bush, Young win top offensive awards

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Reggie Bush won the Doak Walker Award, becoming the first Southern California player to be honored as the nation's top running back, and Texas quarterback Vince Young won the Maxwell Award as the nation's top player.

Young also won the Davey O'Brien Award as the nation's top quarterback, beating out Southern California's Matt Leinart and Notre Dame's Brady Quinn. Mike Hass of Oregon State won the Fred Biletnikoff Award as the nation's best receiver.

Penn State linebacker Paul Posluszny won the Chuck Bednarik Trophy, given to the best defensive player in the country.

White Sox acquire Mackowiak in trade

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Chicago White Sox acquired utilityman Rob Mackowiak from the Pirates for left-handed reliever Damaso Marte.

Coahoma battles back, takes down Grady in Stanton

• Gee's big plays late key final stretch for Bulldogettes in win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

STANTON — Coahoma senior Sterling Gee scored seven points Thursday against Grady, but was easily the difference maker in the contest.

Gee made three big plays inside of one minute to play as the Bulldogettes edged the Lady Cats, 36-35, in the consolation round of the Hooptown Classic in Stanton.

After cutting the Grady lead to two points with a free throw, Gee came up with a big steal inside the lane and gave her team a chance to grab the lead with time ticking away. The Bulldogettes missed their first chance, but Gee hustled after a loose ball and forced a jump ball scenario. Possession was given back to Coahoma and seconds later Gee connected on a 3-pointer to put her team up by one and give the Bulldogettes the win.

Grady had two shots inside of six seconds to win the game. Kenzie Madison's shot inside the lane fell off the rim, but a jump ball gave the Lady Cats another chance, with five seconds to go. Grady then missed another shot in the lane and Coahoma

escaped.

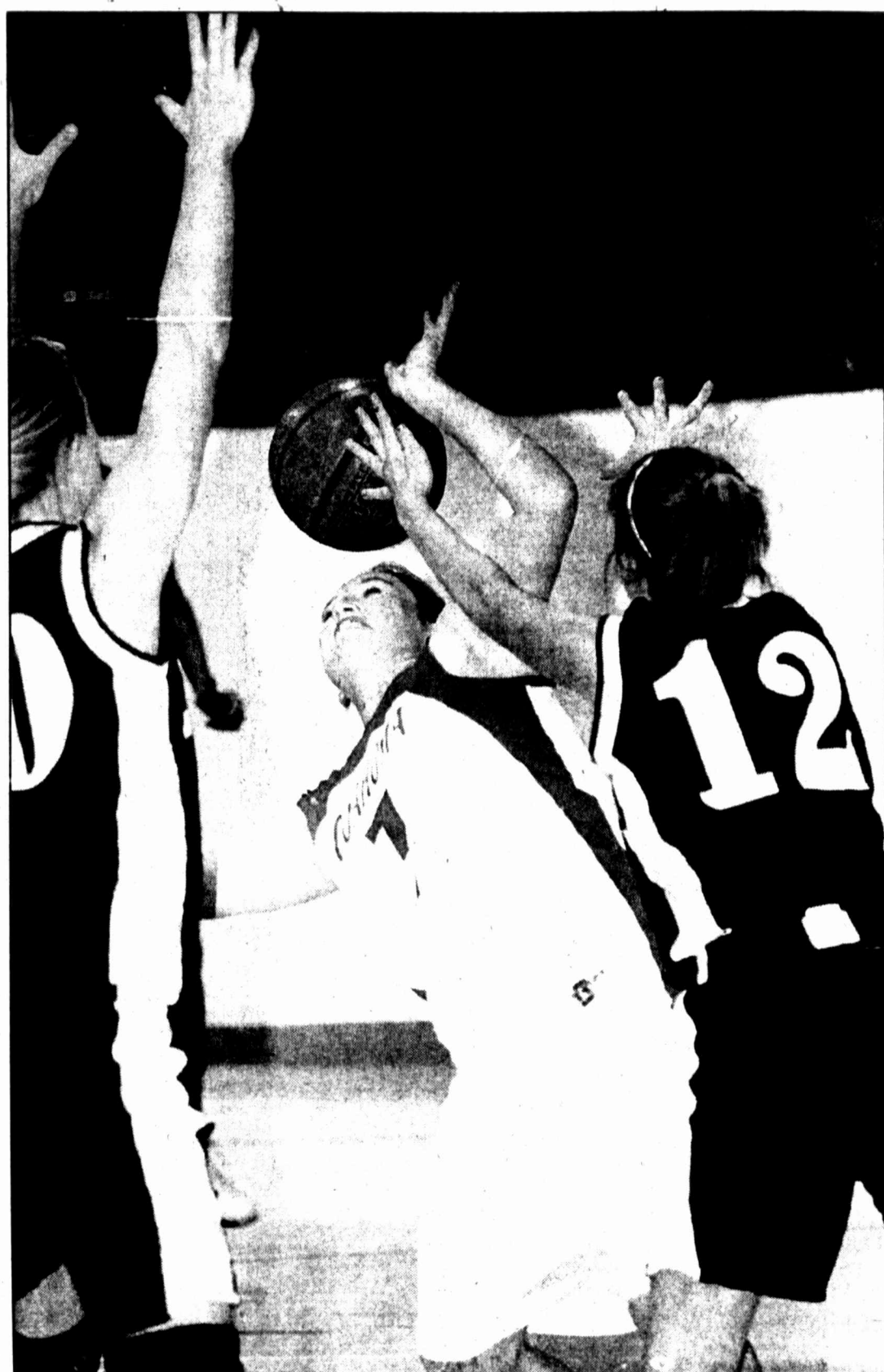
All seven of Gee's points came in the fourth quarter and every one of them was needed in the victory.

Grady led 9-6 after one quarter. Madison started the game with a basket inside and hit two free throws later. Sandi Cox and Taylor Woolfork ended the period with back-to-back baskets push the lead to three after a basket inside by Coahoma's Kali Roberts put the Bulldogettes up 6-5.

Coahoma got to within one point early in the second quarter as Drew Wells connected on a layup, but an 8-2 run by Grady after that pushed the Lady Cats' lead to seven. Coahoma freshman Laci Sterling got a 3-point play and a basket inside to end the half, but the Bulldogettes still trailed 21-17.

Madison started off the third quarter with a basket inside for Grady, but Coahoma grabbed its second lead of the game moments later after scoring seven straight points. Sophomore Christie Rich started the run with a basket inside. Then, freshman Shelby Paige hit a 3-pointer and Roberts hit two shots from the foul line to put Coahoma up 24-23 and then a basket by Roberts

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma senior Kali Roberts, center, gets fouled by Grady sophomore Kandance Schuelke, right, during action at the 15th Annual Stanton Hooptown Classic Thursday. Coahoma edged Grady, 36-35.

Grady boys run into trouble at Hooptown Classic

• Wildcats lose first two games in Stanton

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

STANTON — The Grady boys started slow Thursday against Sterling City and never recovered, losing 58-41 in the consolation round of the Stanton Hooptown Classic.

The Wildcats started off the game down 11-0 before getting on the board with 4:56 to play in the first quarter after a layup by junior Taylor Fields. Grady won the second part of the first period as it trailed by just five after one.

Sophomore Justin Tubb and junior Clay Mitchell tied the game for Grady early in the second quarter. Tubb scored on a put-back and Mitchell nailed a 3-pointer. The game was tied again at 16-16, but Sterling City finished the period with a 14-4 run and led by 10 at the break. The Eagles hit back-to-back 3-pointers after Grady tied it for a second time and added another



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long ball later in the quarter.

The Wildcats made efforts in the second half to get back into the game, but the Eagles wouldn't allow Grady to get closer than seven as Mitchell started off the third quarter with a 3-pointer.

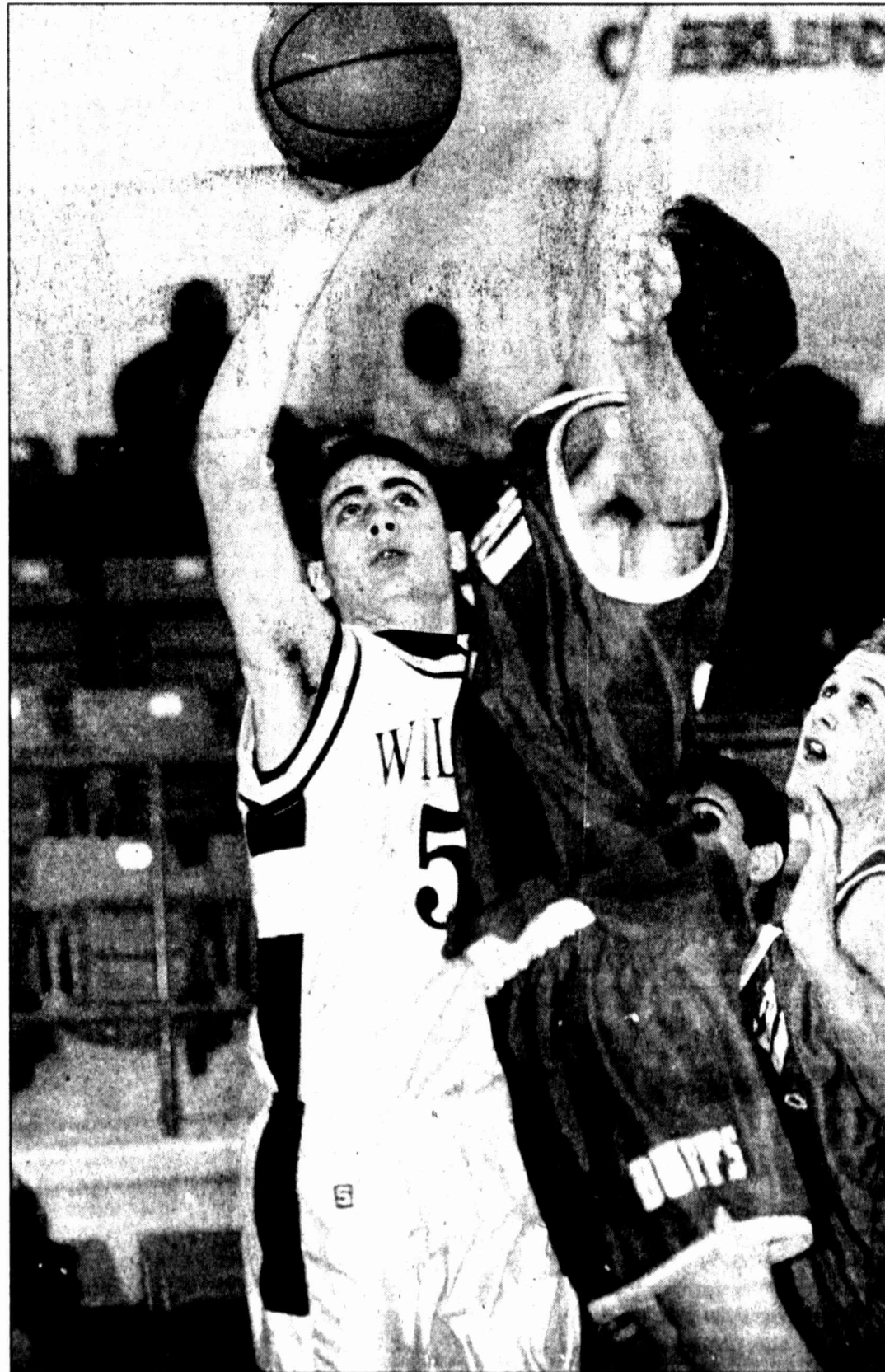
Fields added two put-backs late in the quarter for Grady, but Sterling City outscored the Wildcats 19-13 in the third and took a 16-point lead into the final frame.

Neither team scored many points in the final quarter, but the Eagles won the period again, outscoring the Wildcats 9-8.

Fields led Grady with 17 points, while Tubb added 12.

The game was delayed at the start because of a late arrival by an official. Sterling City wore Stanton jerseys in the

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Grady junior Justin Pribyla attempts a short jump shot in the lane against Sterling City Thursday during action at the Stanton Hooptown Classic. Sterling City defeated the Wildcats, 58-41.

15th Annual Stanton Hooptown Classic

Girls Results from Thursday

Midland Christian 63, Grady 46
Iraan 38, Coahoma 23
Sterling City 66, Alpine 35
Rankin 38, Colorado City 29
Greenwood 52, Wink 40
Kermit 50, Brownfield 39
Stanton 52, Presidio 30
Coahoma 36, Grady 35

Friday's Games

Stanton vs. Greenwood/Kermit, 6 p.m.
Coahoma vs. Alpine/C-City, 4:30 p.m.

Boys Results from Thursday

Kermit 70, Sterling City 65
Reagan County 58, Grady 46
Wink 67, C-City 65 (3OT)
Greenwood 47, Tahoka 42
Presidio 41, Coahoma 34
Wall 58, Iraan 39
Stanton 49, Rankin 33
Sterling City 58, Grady 41

Friday's Games

Coahoma vs. Iraan, noon
Stanton vs. Presidio/Wall, 7:30 p.m.
Rankin vs. Coahoma/Iraan, 4:30 p.m.

Coahoma's offense hurts Bulldogs in loss to Blue Devils

• Bulldogs continue to improve in loss, face Iraan today in Stanton at 4:30 p.m.

By TROY HYDE

STANTON — Another slow offensive night for the Coahoma Bulldogs equaled another loss as head coach Kim Nichols and the Bulldogs lost in the first round of the 15th Annual Hooptown Classic in Stanton to Presidio, 41-34.

"We're just struggling to get into an offense and we need to do a better job taking care of the ball," said Nichols.

The Bulldogs got behind early in the game. Presidio led 3-2 before going on an 11-3 run to end the first period. However, the Bulldogs continued to battle in the second quarter.

Senior Patrick Croft began the second frame with a layup and junior Blake Kerby followed that up with a 3-point play to make it 14-10 in favor of Presidio. After a putback from the Blue Devils, a jumper from Kamrun Green and another

layup by Croft cut the Coahoma deficit to just two midway through the quarter.

Presidio rolled off six straight points after that before Curt Lang hit a 3-pointer just before the halftime buzzer to make the score 22-17 at the break.

"We played better defense and got on the boards better in the second quarter," said Nichols. "The guys are playing hard, but we are our own worst enemy sometimes."

There was not much scoring in the third quarter as Presidio won the frame, 8-6, and took a 30-23 lead into

the final quarter. Croft, senior Terrell Bibb and junior Stephen Ewing each scored a basket in the quarter.

Lang started off the final period with a layup to get to within five points, but Presidio eventually pushed the margin back to 10 with under three minutes to play.

A 3-point play by junior Jason Gonzales cut it to seven with 2:11 left. With a chance to get it back to seven, Croft missed two



HERALD photo: Troy Hyde
Coahoma senior Terrell Bibb, left, chases after a loose ball against Presidio's Emmanuel Brito during the Blue Devils' win against the Bulldogs Thursday at the Stanton Hooptown Classic.

free throws with 1:34 to go, but Bibb got a layup and two free throws after that to get the deficit back down to five. That is all the closer the Bulldogs would get as they fell by seven. Coahoma (1-7) had two chances to cut the lead to less than five, but missed shots on both possessions.

"We are getting better, but the next step for us is to just learn the habits of each other," said Nichols. "We have to know what each player is thinking out there."

Coahoma played Iraan today at noon, but the final score was unavailable at press time. Coahoma fell to Wall, 38-19.

Stanton starts off tourney with wins

• Sparks' 18 points leads Buffs to victory over Rankin in opener

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
STANTON — The Stanton boys and girls basketball teams each started off their host tournaments with victories last night. The Lady Buffaloes took down Presidio, 52-30, while the Stanton boys took it to Rankin, winning 49-33 at the 15th Annual Hooptown Classic.

Stanton girls 52
Presidio girls 30

Senior Bonnie Kendall hit two 3-pointers and scored a team-high 12 points to lead Stanton to an easy win Thursday as the Lady Buffaloes improved to 8-4 on the year.

Stanton jumped out to a 14-4 lead after the first quarter and then took a

12-point lead in the locker room at halftime. The Lady Buffaloes then outscored

FULTON Presidio 26-16 in the second half and won easily. Stanton will play either Greenwood or Kermit tonight at 6 p.m.

Stanton boys 49
Rankin boys 33

Stanton, which was led by Jaron Sparks' 18 points, blew open a close game in the second half, outscoring Rankin 27-12. The Buffaloes led by just one at halftime.

Stanton improved to 5-5 on the season with the win and will play either Presidio or Wall tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Sophomore Garrett Fulton added 10 points for the Buffaloes.

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game after accidentally forgetting its away uniforms at home.

The Wildcats will play either Presidio or Wall in their final game of the tournament Saturday at 9 a.m.

Grady's first round game resulted in a 58-46 loss to Reagan County. Reagan County used a 15-6 second quarter advantage to take control of the game and took down the Wildcats and advanced to the second round to take on Kermit.

Tubb led the Wildcats in that game with 14 points.

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pushed the lead to three.

Two technical fouls were called in the quarter as each team was whistled for swinging the elbows. Sterling missed both shots for Coahoma, while Madison hit both technical shots for Grady. Madison's shots cut the lead to one and Grady eventually led after three quarters as Woolfork ended the period with two shots from the line.

Each team traded baskets in the final quarter and that was the trend right down to the final seconds. Sterling started the period with a basket inside to give her team the lead by one. Cox put Grady up with a jumper and then a free throw by Sterling tied the game at 29-29. A 3-pointer by Gee and a 3-point play by Cox knotted the game again at 32-32.

Madison put her team up three after a basket and a free throw later in the period and then Gee went to work down the stretch and led her team to the victory.

Madison led Grady, which plays either Greenwood or Kermit at 9 a.m. Saturday, with 15 points, while Sterling scored 12 points for Coahoma.

Coahoma plays either Colorado City or Alpine today at 4:30 p.m. and a win will put the Bulldogs in the consolation championship Saturday at noon.

Coahoma started the tournament with a first-round loss to Iraan, while Grady fell to Midland Christian. Rich led Coahoma against Iraan with 10 points. Cox led Grady against Midland Christian with 12 points.



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Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

What do women want?

Ask any golf pro trying to keep his business in the black and he'll tell you — women are tough to buy for. Even though women account for 25 percent of all golfers, some in the industry are discouraged about their impact on the bottom line.

James Koppenhaver of Pellucid Corp., a golf research firm, says, "Women's play rate (rounds per capita) is one-third that of males. For every male that you bring into this franchise, it takes three females to equal his weight to the golf industry in frequency of rounds."

Koppenhaver goes on to point out that "if you're a business person, this is the proposition: You're not going to go chase a segment that is declining faster than the overall market, has less involvement and is likely not to be a long-term, recurring customer."

Insider take: And the less you chase them, the less you'll sell to them, so what kind of a businessman are you? Whatever happened to the general sales and marketing advice, "Find out what customers want and then sell it to them?"

The perfect sport

Dr. Oscar Franco, a researcher at Erasmus Medical Center in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, says exercise such as a half-hour walk each day can add three years to your life.

Another researcher, Ralph Paffenbarger, M.D., goes a bit farther: For every hour you exercise (up to a point), you live two extra hours of life.

So golf must be a perfect sport — the more you play, the more you walk (assuming you ditch the cart); the more you walk, the more you exercise; the more you exercise, the longer you live; the longer you live, the more golf you can play.

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• "I will not worry or obsess about making mistakes while I play. I will be cautious in making my plan, but aggressive in executing it."

• "When I practice, I focus on my swing; when I play, I care only about my score."

• "Preparation is king. Without preparation, my goals are just wishes. I want my goals to be expectations — so strong that they draw me to them like a magnet."

GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

Closer is better

Tiger has increased his driving distance by 14 yards over the last year by switching to a driver that is 112 inches longer. He's also increased his greens-in-regulation by 3 percent, primarily because he's hitting it closer to the green off the tee and using less club into the green — an effective formula for hitting it closer with your approach shots.

Eye-catching lionesses

TV ratings for the LPGA are up 30 percent overall and 40 percent on the weekends in 2005. In addition to these increases, registered hits on LPGA.com are up 150 percent.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



There are many ways to hold a putter, but if you're just starting out, stay with a few basics. To begin, position the handle of the putter in your palms rather than your fingers. Once both hands are on the club, your palms face each other so they work as a unit. This means that the palm of your trail hand faces in the direction of the target, which encourages the putter head to move back and forth along the target line. Also make sure that both thumbs are on top. This prevents your hands from twisting during your stroke and allows the handle and the putter head to move together both back and through your entire stroke.

PUTT WITH A PENDULUM

If you want to be a good putter, you need to produce the right combination of distance and direction. In order to do this, there are two things you must accomplish: (1) Your putter must strike the ball in the center of the club face with the putter head level with the ground, and (2) your putter face needs to look directly down the intended line of roll at impact.

The grip depicted in the photos will help you do this, and you can use this grip for both putting and chipping since it also encourages the firm-wristed motion necessary for both types of shots.

The stroke I recommend (assuming that the greens you putt on are in decent shape) is a back-and-forth pendulum action where the arc of the putter head is of equal length in both directions. If your greens are shaggy with a potted surface, then a pop stroke is best, where you tap the ball with your trail hand. But for most greens in this modern age of agronomy, the pendulum stroke is just the ticket.

ABOUT THE WRITER



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Remember that pendulums swing from a central pivot point, and in putting, your pivot point is located just under your throat. This point must not slide back and forth. Your pivot point should remain the center around which your shoulders and arms swing the putter back and forth in a rocking motion.

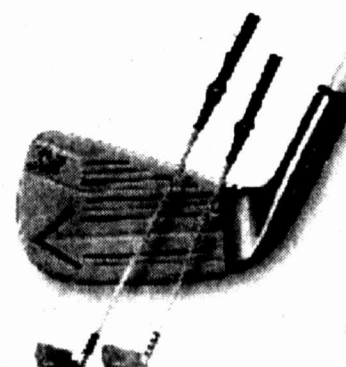
Here's a tip that will make your stroke more consistent: Starting at address and continuing from start to finish, keep the space between your elbows the same. When you maintain the distance between your elbows (neither narrowing nor widening the gap between them), your putter head will always strike the ball at the exact bottom of its arc.

Imagine a soda can wedged in between the forearms of the player in the photos. Because she is moving the putter with her shoulders, her arms stay the same distance apart throughout her stroke, a sure sign that she has stroked the putt rather than jabbed at it.

DON'T MISS IT

Clubs for kids

If you want a great gift for your junior golfer, don't miss the Club Pro Junior Club. It teaches the perfect grip, alignment, club position and follow-through. There is a "positioning arrow" that guides the proper club position throughout the entire swing, plus the "Birdie" on the toe of the club, which encourages a complete follow-through. It's available in five sizes and in left- or right-handed models. For a perfect fit via the Internet, there's a sizing chart starting with a 24-inch junior club (suitable for most 5-year-olds) all the way to a beginning adult size, 38 inches. The site: www.golfaroundtheworld.com/cpjir.htm.



TEEING OFF

Keep it short and simple

Swing keys should be simple, one-element thoughts that allow you to focus on making a good swing without excessively cluttering your mind. It's important to keep your thoughts simple because unless you work at it, it's all too easy to over-think on the golf course. Below are some examples of situation-oriented swing keys you can use under pressure.

On the tee

One word: Tempo. "I'm going to swing this club back and through at the same pace. I'm not going to quit on it, and I'm not going to rush it through impact."

With a long iron or fairway wood

Two words: Light and long. "I'm going to grip this club as lightly as possible, and I'm going to make a long, low takeaway."

An iron from the rough

Two words: Back and open. "I'm going to play this ball slightly back in my stance and open the club face slightly at address. When I hit it, it's going to slide a little right."

A shot from a fairway bunker

One word: Quiet. "I'm going to dig my feet in, choke up on the grip 1 inch, and make my backswing using only my arms. My lower body will be quiet."

From a greenside bunker

One word: Finish. "I'm going to pick my spot where I want the club to enter the sand, then I'm going to make sure I finish my swing with a complete follow-through."

On a chip or pitch

Two words: Steady head. "I'm going to pick my target, figure out during my practice swing how hard I have to swing to carry the ball there, then I'm going to lock my head down and keep it steady for a count of two after impact."

On a long putt

Two words: Feel it. "I'm going to determine how long my stroke should feel by pretending I'm tossing the ball to the hole. Then I'm just going to feel it happen."

On a short putt

Three words: Head to hole. "I'm going to make sure I push the putter head through toward my target, which is the point at the top of the break. If there is no break and the target is the hole, then I'm going to push the putter head through the ball and toward the hole."

SCHEDULE

All Times EST

PGA TOUR

Challenge Season

Target World Challenge

• Site: Thousand Oaks, Calif.

• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday

• Course: Sherwood Country Club (7,053 yards, par 72).

• Purse: \$5.5 million. Winner's share: \$1.3 million.

• Television: USA (Thursday-Friday 3-6 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday-Sunday 3-6 p.m.).

• Field: Thomas Bjorn, Michael Campbell, Tim Clark, Darren Clarke, Fred Couples, Chris DiMarco, Luke Donald, Fred Funk, Jim Furyk, Pádraig Harrington, David Howell, Davis Love III, Colin Montgomerie, Kenny Perry, David Toms and Tiger Woods.

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR / SUNSHINE TOUR

Dunhill Championship

• Site: Malelane, South Africa.

• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday

• Course: Leopard Creek Golf Club (7,249 yards, par 72).

• Purse: \$1.17 million. Winner's share: \$195,000.

• Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday 9 a.m.-noon).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I've played well enough to win; I just haven't won."

— Chris DiMarco, who broke the PGA record for most money won in a season without winning a tournament. He banked \$3,562,548, good enough to finish seventh on the money list.

ASK THE PRO

Q: I have a lot of trouble with putts that break left to right. My stroke is good, and right-to-left or straight putts aren't a problem, but the left sliders are killing me. — A.P. from the Web

A: The first step to solving this problem is to identify your dominant eye. It's usually the right eye for right-handers, but not always, so be sure to check. Then position that eye directly over the ball at address to get a better view of the line.

If that doesn't help, try something a bit more radi-

cal: Switch sides depending on the break. This way, you'll always have the putt breaking to your best advantage like tour player Notah Begay does.

You'll need a two-faced putter like a bull's eye-style blade or the new Renegade reversible mallet putter.

Begay is the only golfer to putt from both sides at the "big show," and he is also the only full-blooded Native American to play on the PGA Tour. He's a Navajo, coming by way of New Mexico.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: **Grace Grandstaff** if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

3.5 acres out of Section 44, Block 32, T1N, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$33,451.72**, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs, against **Grace Grandstaff**, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **21 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2005**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. GRACE GRANDSTAFF**, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of s: 1 suit is **5038** that the names of a. taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the **16th day of January, 2006** before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit. #4812 December 9 & 16, 2005

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Mars, who has been backtracking through the solar system since the first of October, decides to fly straight. With his forward journey, he restores a clear direction for ambitions, passionate pursuits and driving desire. Those who have felt unfocused in the past months may finally catch on to something or someone compelling enough to chase.

HOLIDAY
MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Though you fool everyone around you with your winning smile, inside you're still stewing over something that happened many moons ago. Sitting in a sauna or steam room aids your body in the release of old anger.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The stars rev up your competitive edge. Masqueraders abound, but everyone knows

you're the real thing. There is no substitute for the real thing. Shine on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you think is happening may be the opposite of what is really the case. If you're willing to consider that you may be wrong, your mind is open enough to accept and know the real truth when you see it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will be lulled by poetry and song — a lovely chant, though you likely have no idea what it means. Less thinking and more feeling is what's needed anyway.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The organized, direct and efficient manner in which you deal with others might be misconstrued as controlling. Deliver your instructions in the softest, gentlest manner possible, and you'll enjoy much better results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You zip along at the speedy pace you're accustomed to while others (who get paid just as much as you) dillydally. This injustice is set right soon enough. Keep your integrity high.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In over your head? That's what those swimming lessons were for. Don't panic. Breathe, relax, float. Let yourself be gently rocked by the very thing that scares you. Eventually, you'll come to your next move.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Solid communication is a gift. You know how to honor others with your attention and respect, and for this, you are let into a circle of equally gracious people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Starting out right is the best thing you can do to harmonize with the world. An early morning walk will clean your blood and set a pleasant tone that you'll carry through your day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To be dependent on others for something is a disguised blessing. You let down your guard and are well taken care of. A new connection to humanity is built in your heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your power is based on your ability to accurately sum up a situation. You'll feel you're playing an intensely psy-

chological game of poker. At least you know when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Surprises abound. Bells, buzzers and false alarms may startle you silly, but everyone knows how calm and deliberate you can be when it's really necessary.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: The advantages of long-distance love may finally outweigh the disadvantages. **ARIES**: It's easy to get too comfortable, but sweethearts respond to your best manners. **TAURUS**: You meet potential loves while enjoying the company of an outgoing friend. **GEMINI**: When loved ones feel free to express themselves around you, they keep coming back. **CANCER**: Channels of communication may be muddled by your expectations of

what you'll hear. Keep an open mind. **LEO**: Your romantic suggestions are well received. **VIRGO**: Loved ones will feel and be more attractive when they follow your healthy example. **LIBRA**: Even the oldest story in the book sounds new when someone you're interested in is telling it. **SCORPIO**: You are willing to travel far to share your heart. **SAGITTARIUS**: When you're not looking for love, it seeks you out. **CAPRICORN**: You prefer a partner who is a snappy dresser. You may have to shop for this person in order to get your desired effect. **AQUARIUS**: The only one who fully understands your romantic situation is you — take your own advice. **PISCES**: You'll experience echoes of past love in a new relationship.

COUPLE OF THE

WEEKEND: The feelings between Sagittarius and Libra sizzle this weekend. If meeting for the first time, they get on like a house on fire. Libra will follow Sagittarius to the ends of the earth and many places in between that Libra would never have considered exploring alone. Libra appreciates Sagittarius values and helps Sagittarius find purpose in his or her roaming.

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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Anthony Dawson and Stacey Dawson

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 12, Chaney Subdivision of Block 39, College Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,435.89, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Anthony Dawson and Stacey Dawson, as Defendants, by petition filed on the 21 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANTHONY DAWSON AND STACEY DAWSON, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4724 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 16th day of January, 2006 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Julian Acosta

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lots Six and Seven, Block Two, Lincoln Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,929.67, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Julian Acosta, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 21 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JULIAN ACOSTA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4711 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Mrs. M.L. Phillips

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$16,617.21, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Julian Acosta, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 21 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JULIAN ACOSTA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4711 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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#4814 December 9 & 16, 2005

Annie's Mailbox®

KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I am worried about my 18-year-old daughter's dating habits. I know for a fact that "Mimi" is trading sexual favors for expensive gifts, dinners and weekends in deluxe resorts. She has been on long weekends to Hawaii, and I know that there were no separate rooms for her and her date. Most of the guys are older and drive expensive-looking cars.

Not only that, Mimi borrowed \$1,000 for a down payment on her car from one "date," and I don't think she repaid one penny. Instead, whenever a payment is due, she goes out with the man, and I guess that keeps him satisfied. Mimi is good-looking with a killer figure, but to me, her behavior is like prostitution.

I blame myself for being too passive. I am divorced and raised Mimi on my own. We have a good relationship, and I am afraid that if I confront her, she will move out and leave me alone. I cannot bear that thought. Her father has no interest in his daughter, and I cannot ask him for help.

Mimi always has been mature and looks older than she is. I tactfully leave magazines around that discuss the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases, and I know she reads them. I don't believe counseling is an option, because Mimi doesn't think there is anything wrong with her behavior. What can I do? — A Worried Mom in Riverside, Calif.

Dear Mom: Don't kid yourself. Mom. Prostitution is exactly what your daughter is doing. She sells herself repeatedly for car loans and dinners because that's the value she has put on herself and her body.

Stop being so passive. It gives Mimi the impression that you don't care what she does. It's not your job to be tactful. It's your job to be a parent, even if that means making Mimi angry. And shame on her father for indirectly encouraging her to look for approval and attention from other men. Mimi is 18, and you cannot force her to give up this lifestyle. However, you can ask her to accompany you to a counselor so you each can discuss how you feel about this behavior and what, if anything, you can do about it.

Dear Annie: "Justin" and I have been married for over 10 years, and he still flirts with other women when we are at local bars or restaurants. I have put up with this long enough and have asked him to stop. He

says that he's just "having fun." One time, the object of his flirting invited him up to her hotel room. Justin told me about it, but I still don't think it's proper.

I do not feel threatened by the flirting, but I do feel it is disrespectful to our marriage. Justin says I am simply insecure and that I have nothing to worry about, which is probably true, but if the roles were reversed, I know he wouldn't like it one bit. So tell me, Annie, is it proper for a married person to flirt openly with the opposite sex, especially if his spouse objects? — Troubled in Ohio

Dear Ohio: It sounds like Justin is the one who is insecure, because he constantly needs reassurance that he's still got it. He's also confusing honesty with integrity. If he is getting invitations to hotel rooms, it's not harmless flirting, it's much more suggestive. And if you have asked him to stop, he should do so out of consideration for you. Period.

Dear Annie: Where did all the hair sets go? Some of us still set our hair on rollers and sit under a dryer. I need a wave set to give my hair body — not a mousse, gel, spritz or hair sculptor product. I know some people recommend beer, but what kind? Please help me out. — Limp Tresses in Tennessee

Dear Limp: We know that some drugstores and places specializing in beauty supplies still sell the type of hair-setting products you are looking for, and you can probably get them online as well, but if any of our readers want to tackle the beer question, we'll let you know.

Dear Annie: My office is a horrible place to work. My bosses are impossible and have no compassion for any of their employees.

I have been told to stop having an asthma attack and get back on the phones. We have to ask permission to use the restroom and write down the time we leave and return. I have a doctor's note saying that I need to

use the restroom frequently and was told too bad, get adult diapers. Yesterday, my manager hung up on me because I didn't respond to an e-mail she had sent after I left the office for the day.

Don't bother telling me to lodge a complaint with our human resources department. We have a human resources staff, but they are a joke. They either "lose" your paperwork or do nothing.

I have high blood pressure and irritable bowel syndrome, and my job stress causes my stomach acid to back up in my throat. I talk on the phone all day, and I can't take time off to let my vocal cords recuperate. Please help. — Stressed-Out Employee

Dear Employee: Since you have a documented medical condition, it's possible you have recourse through the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (eoc.gov). You also can look into the growing number of books that deal with managing workplace stress and offer techniques to help you cope. Beyond that, we strongly recommend looking for another job. The place you are at now sounds like a nightmare.

Dear Annie: "Lori in St. Augustine, Fla.," offers good safety advice for hikers and campers. I have a recommendation to add to her suggestion of carrying a whistle. It also is a smart idea to wear a fanny pack with survival essentials such as a pocket knife, lighter, flashlight, reflecting mirror, compass, small Mylar blanket and maybe a protein bar or two.

I have never been lost in the woods, but I am a scuba diver and have been lost at sea. My mirror came in handy once when I was forgotten by a Caribbean dive boat and left to float in open water. A passing boat saw my mirror flashes and took me back to port.

The most important recommendation is this: If lost in the wilderness, stay put. Don't risk becoming hopelessly lost. Let help find you. — Mark in Connecticut

Dear Mark: Thanks for your additional safety tips — all of which are excellent.

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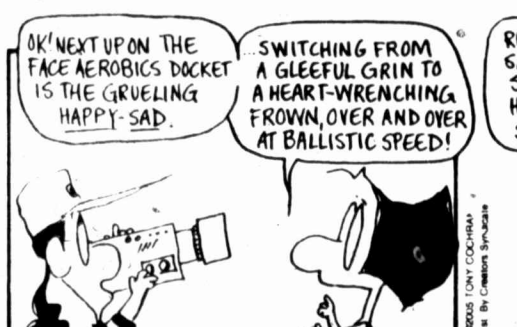
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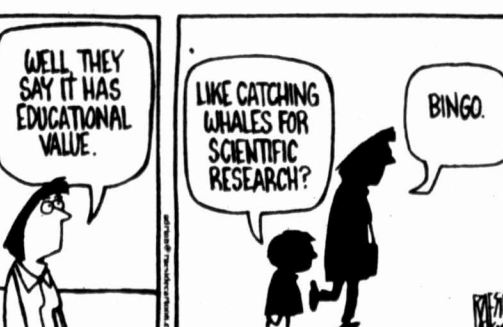
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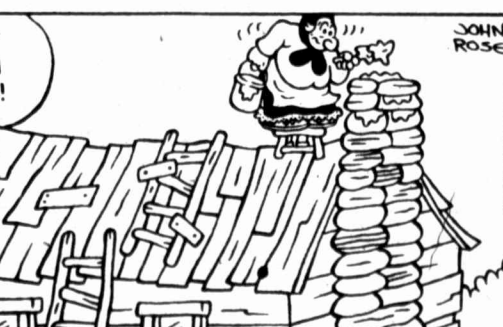
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 9, 1854, Alfred Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

On this date: In 1907, Christmas seals went on sale for the first time, at the Wilmington, Del., post office; proceeds went to fight tuberculosis.

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1942, the Aram Khachatryan ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Saber Dance," was first performed by the Kirov Ballet.

In 1958, the anti-Communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1965, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as president of

the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1975, President Ford signed a \$2.3 billion seasonal loan-authorization that officials of New York City and State said would prevent a city default.

In 1984, the five-day-old hijacking of a Kuwaiti jetliner that claimed the lives of two Americans ended as Iranian security men seized control of the plane, which was parked at Tehran airport.

In 1990, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential runoff by a landslide.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kirk Douglas is 89. Actress Dina Merrill is 80. Actor Dick Van Patten is 77. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 75. Actress Dame Judi Dench is 71. Actor Beau Bridges is 64. Jazz singer-musician Dan Hicks is 64. Football Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus is 63. Actor Michael Nouri is 60. Former Sen. Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., is 58. Actor Michael Dorn is 53. Actor John Malkovich is 52. Country singer Sylvia is 49. Singer/game show host Donny Osmond is 48. Rock musician Nick Seymour

(Crowded House) is 47. Actor Joël Lando is 44. Actress Felicity Huffman ("Desperate Housewives") is 43. Rock singer-musician Thomas Flowers (Oleander) is 38. Rock musician Brian Bell (Weezer) is 37. Rock singer-musician Jakob Dylan (Wallflowers) is 36. Actress Allison Smith is 36. Country singer David Kersh is 35. Rock musician Tre Cool (Green Day) is 33. Rapper Canibus is 31. Rock musician Eric Zamora (Save Ferris) is 29. Actor Jesse Metcalfe ("Desperate Housewives") is 27.

Thought for Today: "All sins are attempts to fill voids." Simone Weil, French philosopher (1909-1943).

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Answer to previous puzzle

GREW	PECS	JAMBS
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- ACROSS
- 1 Cinephile purchases
 - 5 Ken and Lena
 - 10 Putdown
 - 14 Dutch violinist André
 - 15 Overplay, with "up"
 - 16 Iris locale
 - 17 Memo abbr.
 - 18 John Hancock Tower designer
 - 19 Place for tennis or bowling
 - 20 Film workers
 - 23 Postal-creed word
 - 24 Put away
 - 25 Persian Gulf nation
 - 29 Commerce Department agency
 - 32 Pawn
 - 35 UFO pilots
 - 36 Compares
 - 37 Clean air org.
 - 38 Blow away
 - 39 Pacifier
 - 40 Hosp. figures
 - 41 Interstellar cloud
 - 43 Erstwhile sporty car
 - 44 "... even speak"
 - 45 Plays written to be read, not performed
 - 48 Aromatic compound
 - 49 Japanese capital
 - 50 Output
 - 54 Artisan with a chisel
 - 57 Hand cover

- 60 Barbecue spot
- 61 Piedmont province
- 62 Vegetable spread
- 63 Improve by editing
- 64 Poetic foot
- 65 Equal
- 66 Longship developers
- 67 Coloring

- DOWN
- 1 Starts of dominoes games
 - 2 All-important
 - 3 Raison
 - 4 Liner level
 - 5 Golden Triangle river
 - 6 Call on the carpet
 - 7 Spur
 - 8 Reunion attendees
 - 9 Recipe directive
 - 10 Mainstay
 - 11 Gregory's "On the Beach" costar
 - 12 VCR button
 - 13 Prohibition
 - 21 95, for one
 - 22 Furnish with gear
 - 26 Is inundated
 - 27 Dad's rival
 - 28 Ballet
 - 30 Unaccustomed to
 - 31 Joyce character
 - 32 From now on
 - 33 Imported autos

- 34 Northwest Passage seeker
- 38 Wide-awake
- 39 Substitutes
- 42 Employs as
- 43 Casino employee
- 44 "To repeat..."
- 46 Go-getter
- 47 Parliamentary positive
- 51 Op-Ed piece
- 52 "Don't trouble yourself..."
- 53 Bits
- 55 Unrestricted contest
- 56 Took a taxi
- 57 Unkempt hair
- 58 Diminutive suffix
- 59 Sum charged

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