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- Gale's Sweet Shop
- Big Spring Mall
- Wal-Mart

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- Wal-Mart
- Big Spring Mall
- Rip Griffins Truck Stop

Giving Tree
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Western National Bank

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- Big Spring *Herald*

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Free used eyeglasses will be able for adults on Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third Street. The program is provided by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club.

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City council hears positive 911 District report

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council met for the last time in 2003 Tuesday evening, hearing a special presentation on the status of the Howard County 911 Communication District budget for the coming year.

Board of Directors member James White presented the council with the district's annual report and fielded questions on the status of the organization — noting he's comfortable with it, despite last year's $46,000 budgetary shortfall.

"I, as a board member, and the board as a whole, am very comfortable with the 2003-2004 budget," said White. "We're quite sure we'll come in at or under budget this year.

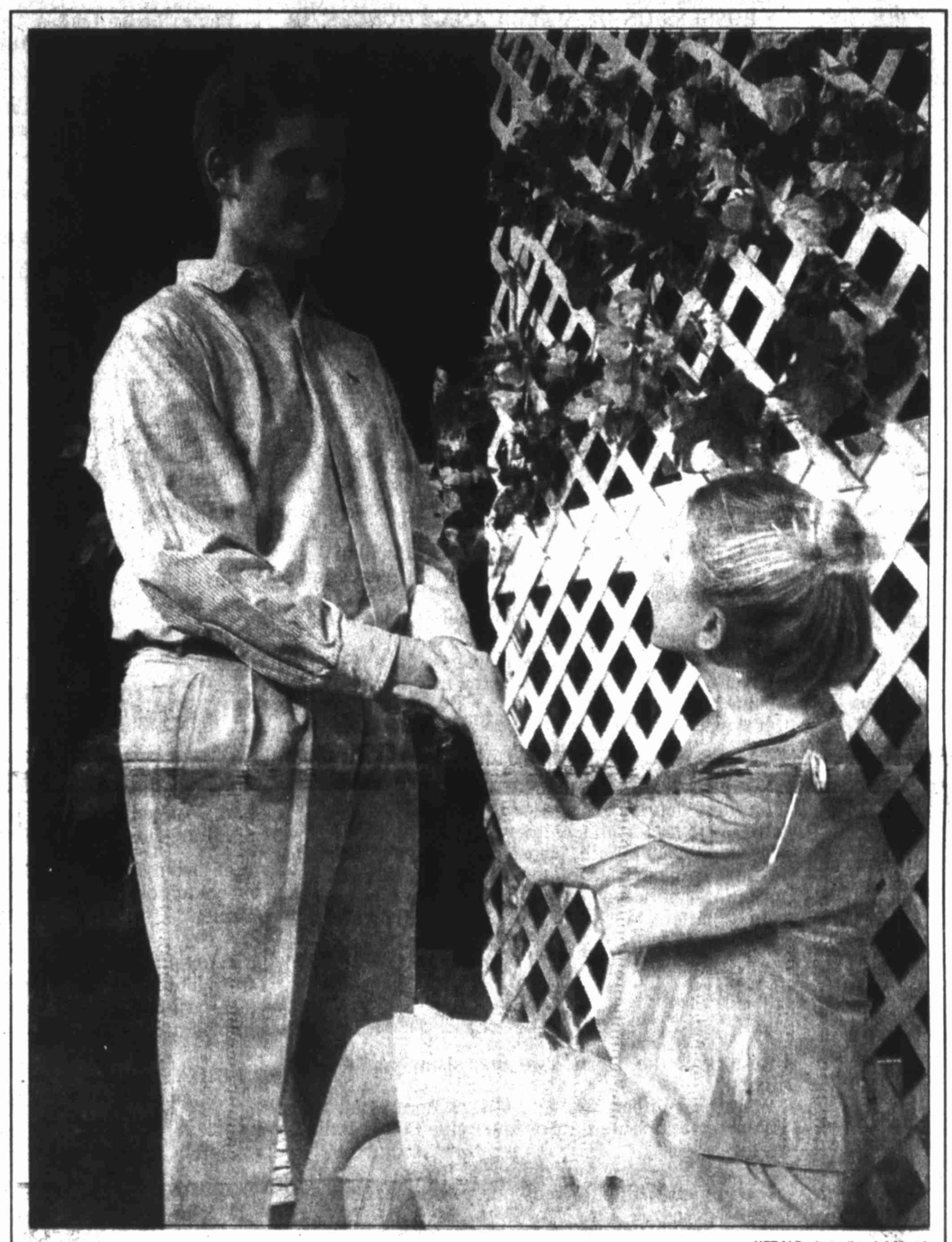
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> Mayor Russ McEwen

"There were some unforeseen expenses last year. I think part of the deficit was the way that the purchase of the building was being reported. That was a large part of it. We had a one time cost on our wireless server that wasn't expected. Also, utilities went up while interest rates went down. We just had a lot more going out and less coming in."

Mayor Russ McEwen said the presentation helps put his mind at ease on the subject a great deal.

"He (White) gave us a report of what happened last year, and if you look at the report of what happened last year it's very easy to see why we were so concerned," said McEwen. "They had a budget that was

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

"South Pacific" performers Zack Watkins and Tina Woodruff play out a romantic scene in the epic World War II musical which begins its run Thursday at the high school auditorium. Performance times are set at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is $7 for adults, $5 for students and senior citizens. Children 12 and younger will be admitted free.

'South Pacific' to come alive this week at BSHS auditorium

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Romance, tragedy and heroism come to life Thursday in the epic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" presented by the Big Spring High School theater department.

"We have a great cast assembled to bring Rodgers and Hammerstein to life," said theater teacher Tracey Lindsey, director of the play.

Set during World War II on an American Navy base located on a tropical island, the musical combines the themes of romance, heroism and even racial prejudice intertwined in the stories of two men, U.S. Navy Lt. Joe Cable and Emile de Becque, a French planter.

The play is based on the Pulitzer Prize winning book *Tales of the South Pacific* by James Michener.

Composers Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II bring all the drama and comedy of the book to life with some

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Accounting standards on BSISD agenda

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District will take care of several business items Thursday when they meet at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room at 707 11th Place.

Among the items to be discussed is the certificate from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recognizing BSISD's early implementation of new accounting changes.

In the last few years, GASB has implemented some sweeping changes to how governmental agencies report financial statements.

According to BSISD Business Manager Sandra Waggoner, the changes are meant to produce statements that can be understood more easily by the public.

The district implemented these changes a year earlier than required.

Trustees will also:

- Hear a report about the district's transportation service.
- Consider changes to the superintendent evaluation form.
- Consider budget amendments for the activity fund and for business office computers.
- Consider the 2003 tax roll.
- Consider a contract with the Big Spring Country Club for use of its golf course.
- Consider request for qualifications for legal services.
- Personnel changes.
- School report card.

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TRIAL

State withdraws one count against four defendants in 118th District Court

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The state's case alleging four Big Spring residents were manufacturing methamphetamine in a home in the 1700 block of Donley Street last April may never make its way to the jury.

In an unexpected move Tuesday afternoon, the four defense attorneys requested a dismissal following the close of the state's case, which seemed to unravel with the withdrawal of the first charge of the indictments against the defendants.

On trial in 118th District Court are 27-year-old Carol Ann Kesler, 25-year-old Patrick Terrell Kesler, 43-year-old Grant Cory Perdew and 18-year-old Rachel Francis Savala. All four are charged with possession of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and manufacture of a controlled substance, a first-degree felony.

District Attorney Wilkerson said miscommunication created a problem with state's case, including information about the presence of anhydrous ammonia at the residence, which was the basis for charge one of the indictments.

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Churches plan celebration of the Virgin Mary

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Sacred Heart and St, Thomas churches invite the community to enjoy their second combined celebration in honor of the Virgin Mary on Friday.

> **Activities**: Mexican meal, 5:30-7 p.m.; Program (7:30 p.m.).
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> **Where**: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 N. Aylford.
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> **When**: Friday evening.

Food, a children's program and dancers will highlight the evening's activities, which will all be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 N. Aylford.

The event will begin this year with a Mexican plate dinner from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., children will present a program on the story of the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus. A special part of the program will be "The Mananitas," a song traditionally sung by children to their mothers on Mother's Day.

"It's an appropriate song to sing in honor of Jesus' mother near the anniversary of his birth," explained Cindy Lopez, event organizer.

Later in the program will be Matachines — Indian dancers — from Snyder.

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Obituaries

Robert E. "Bob" Rogers



Robert E. "Bob" Rogers, 66, of Denton, and formerly of Big Spring, lost his long battle with heart disease Monday, Dec. 8, 2003.

Born in Gail Feb. 14, 1937, to John Tillman and Laverne (Clanton) Rogers, he married Deanna Elliott Feb. 15, 1956, in Colorado City. Mr. Rogers was a graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College and Midland College. After 37 years of employment as production manager, he retired Sept. 4, 1992 from the *Big Spring Herald*.

He served as a staff sergeant in the United States Army National Guard and the United States Army. He coached Little League and was a member of the Grapevine Heritage Woodcarvers Club. As an avid golfer he played in many tournaments with his longtime friend Jackie Touchstone. He was a member of the Highland Baptist Church and the Adult III Sunday School Class in Denton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law Jean Yates.

Mr. Rogers survivors include his wife, Deanna of Denton; one son, Michael Tillman Rogers of Irving; one daughter and her husband, Robbi Dianne Crow and Dewayn of Denton; one granddaughter and her husband, Shannon Dianne Kidd and Scott of Denton; three great grandchildren, Taylor, Kailey and Trenton Kidd of Denton; one brother and his wife, James T. Rogers and Shirley of Corunna, Mich.; one sister, JoAnn Hughes of Gilmer; his stepfather-in-law and his wife, Don and Janice Yates of Weatherford; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Donna and Sovoy Kay of El Paso; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Phil and Cookie Elliott of Big Spring and several uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Eddie Schafer, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church of Denton, and the Rev. Jess Colegrove of Big Spring officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Pallbearers include Jackie Touchstone, Jeff Alexander, Bob Hecker, Tom Mills, Nile Cole, Rubin Reavis, Ellis Britton and Bob Stewart. Honorary pallbearers include Sandra Green, Joe Pickle, Lewis Chandler, Donald Dooley, Jerry McCormick, Bob Hardaway and Chuck Williams.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste. A-8, Midland 79701. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obit

Gabino Rodriguez Sr.



Gabino Rodriguez Sr., 93, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at his son's residence in El Paso. A vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. to at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Rodriguez was born Feb. 10, 1910, in Presidio County and married Savina Baca May 11, 1935, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death April 23, 2001.

He came to Howard County at the age of 19 and farmed in the Knott Community for many years. He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

His survivors include three sons, Eulalio Rodriguez of Big Spring, Ray Rodriguez and Gabino Rodriguez Jr. of El Paso; three daughters, Leonor Sotelo and Monica Chavez of Big Spring and Alejandra Barrios of Stanton; one brother, Rafael Rodriguez Jr. of Stanton; 23 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; two great-great granddaughters; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Rodriguez also was preceded in death by one daughter Anita Rodriguez.

Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Weather

Tonight...Clear. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 40s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Sunday and Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

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Police blotter

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

• **JOSE MANUEL JIMINEZ**, 28, of 301 NW 10th Street, was arrested Tuesday on local traffic warrants.

• **ROBERT DARREN MOORE**, 19, of 1111 Ridgeroad, was arrested Tuesday on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol, resisting arrest and a parole warrant.

• **BILLY JOE EDMONDSON**, 23, of Colorado City, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated and a Delaware County warrant.

• **SELESTINO HERNANDEZ III**, 18, of 1400 Princeton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 900 block of Willia.
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- in the 1800 block of FM 700.

• **RESISTING ARREST/SEARCH OR TRANSPORT** was reported in the 300 block of 22nd Street.

• **ASSAULT** was reported:
- in the 2100 block of Runnels.
- in the 700 block of 11th Place.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA-2 OUNCES OR LESS** was reported:
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- in the 1800 block of East FM 700.

Sheriff's report

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

• **RECOVERED PROPERTY** was reported in the area of East County Road 14. Deputy was dispatched, property was recovered and returned to the sheriff's office.

• **DOG BITE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. Deputies were advised of the dog bite at the emergency room. Deputies responded, information obtained. No report taken.

Take note

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

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

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

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

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

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-6-11-29. Bonus Ball: 33.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: $325,000.

Number matching four of four: 7. Prize: $1,787.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 27. Prize: $57.

Number matching three of four: 1,102. Prize: $19.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 614. Prize: $23.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,361. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 7410. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: $200,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-22-24-30-35.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $42,344.

Winning tickets sold in: Abilene.

Matching four of five: 116. Prize: $165.

Matching three of five: 3,643. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 40,378. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-2-7

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The winning Mega Ball numbers drawn Tuesday night: 4-14-15-24-48 Mega Ball = 41



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Today

Line dancing at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628 for more information.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday or Friday at 1 p.m. at Big Spring Country Club.

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the HC Cactus Room.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at HC Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at SMMC classroom for stretch and tone.

Fraternal Order of Eagles meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Thursday

Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the HC Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. at Herman's Restaurant.

The Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's.

The Genealogical Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library.

Masonic Lodge B40 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

Friday

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

AMBUS meets at noon in La Posada.

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information. Bring a lunch. The Guild will not meet the last Friday of December.

Support groups

THURSDAY

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

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

❑ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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"It has a lot to do with the materials that we received from the West Texas Narcotics Task Force and the way they were written," said Wilkerson. "There were also allegations contained in the materials that we received that anhydrous ammonia was found in the garage along with the other materials for the manufacture of methamphetamine. We suspected that this was in a certain tank, and we knew that tests had been run that had come up positive for ammonia.

"We were concentrating on the tank, but in fact the evidence came around that the tank was empty and there was no specific container containing anhydrous ammonia. That's a miscommunication of what the officers there saw, how it was written down and how it was communicated to my office," Wilkerson said.

After the state withdrew the possession of anhydrous ammonia charge, defense attorneys Don Richard, Wayne Frost, Robert Miller and Timothy Yeats asked District Judge Robert Moore III for a directed verdict.

"The attorneys for the defendants are saying that the state has put on all of its proof, and if you believe everything it has put on, there's still not enough to convict," Wilkerson explained later. "They've made several different points in that regard, some of which have given a pause for thought. We've put on all of the evidence we have and we'll have to see if we have enough to get there."

Judge Moore gave Wilkerson overnight to present case law supporting his claim that the charge of manufacturing methamphetamine is still valid.

"There's going to be some legal research involved to make a determination if the case law the defense has presented is compelling precedence to control the decision of this court," Wilkerson said Tuesday afternoon. "I'm going to burn the midnight oil and see if we can say we have a good basis for conviction because of a different reason."

Although the dismissal of the possession of anhydrous ammonia charge seemed to take a great deal of the wind from the prosecution's sails, Wilkerson said the matter is far from over.

"It's not a particularly big deal in this case to dismiss count one," he said. "We still have the manufacturing of methamphetamine to rely upon, and that's what we're going forward with... We still feel fine because we still have the basis to pursue on the manufacturing charge."

Judge Moore was expected to rule on the matter this morning. If he grants the defenses' motion for a directed verdict, the case will be dismissed. If he find's Wilkerson's argument valid, then the case is expected to continue and ultimately be decided by the jury.

MUSICAL

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of the most widely recognized music written for the stage including "Some Enchanted Evening," "Younger Than Springtime," and "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught."

Choir teacher Linda Lindell, the musical director, and an 11-piece orchestra will help bring the musical to life by providing musical accompaniment.

Performance times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the high school auditorium, 707 11th Place.

Admission is $7 for adults, $5 for students and senior citizens. Children 12 and younger will be admitted at no charge.

The cast includes Tina Woodruff, Zack Watkins, Brooke Lindsey, James Browen, Vicente Flores, Gloria Garibay, Tacha Martinez, Stephanie Franco, Tony Emerson, Bradley Bair and Josh Plaia.

Also performing are Brandon Herrera, Tapley Holguin, Josh Acuff, Robbie Wilkinson, Caleb Choate, Casey Moore, Wesley Parks, Kristin Choate, Erin Griffin, Britney Guillum, Jackie Bowen, Jessica Fauver, Bernadette Florez, Samantha Pattin, Britni Willborn, Angela Payne, Jana Giles, Kieona Ausbie and Klarissa Chase.

COUNCIL

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upside down. I asked him if he feels good about their budget and if they can keep it balanced, and he indicated he believes they can.

"I'm very pleased with the job that's being done by the board, and more specifically, the job that he's doing right now. He and Tim Yeats have gone on that board and done a great job. I think we have a board now that's keeping an eye on what's going on and they are going to present balanced budgets to us."

During the meeting McEwen also requested that the appointments to various Big Spring boards and committees that was on the agenda be postponed until the council's Jan. 12 meeting.

"I didn't feel we had enough nominations at this point and time," said McEwen. "When you get into a holiday season council people are busy doing other things, and quite frankly I think a lot of people forgot that was going to be on our agenda. "I want to make sure we have a good cross-section of citizens nominated to the boards before we start voting on it. We've got good board members now that are functioning in those roles, so I don't want to rush it and not do as good of a job as we can."

During the meeting the city council also took the following action:

• Approved final readings on:

- Two ordinances approving zone changes from planned development neighborhood services to retail.

- A resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with the caretakers at Dora Roberts Community Center.

- A resolution for waste water treatment plant clarifier renovations and permit renewals.

- Acceptance of the Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors minutes for Oct. 8, 2003.

- Approval of the investment report for the month ending Oct. 31.

• Awarded bids on several city vehicles, including five police special sedans and two sanitation trucks.

• An emergency reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article 3 of the code providing regulations for the operation of the Dora Roberts Community Center and establishing the rental fees for the use of the center. The new rates will lower use of the entire facility to $400, the ballroom to $250 and the Lake Room to $100. Other rental fees for the facility were also lowered in preparation for the Christmas season.

• Approval of a budget amendment for departments 300, 350 and 370.

CELEBRATE

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"It's an old tradition we are bringing back," said Lopez. "People will find it very interesting, we think."

Lopez said she wants everyone to know they are welcome to attend the celebration.

"We'd like everyone to attend, if they can. This is something we feel like will be very special."

The Mexican plates will be $5 each, and will consist of enchiladas, rice, beans and other dishes. To-go plates will be available for those who cannot stay for the program.

For more information, call Sacred Heart at 263-7884 or 263-0884.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Poll: Hutchison neck and neck

AUSTIN (AP) — If the Republican gubernatorial primary were held today, Gov. Rick Perry and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison would be in a neck-and-neck race, according to the latest Texas Poll.

The Scribbs Howard poll shows that Texas are evenly split over whether to re-elect Perry or replace him with Hutchison, with 45 percent of registered Republicans saying they would vote for Hutchison, compared with 41 for Perry. The rest were undecided.

Perry would have a much better chance of winning re-election against Republican Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, according to poll. Perry would garner 68 percent of the vote, compared with Strayhorn's 17 percent, the poll said.

The next election for the state's top post is in 2006, the same year that Hutchison's Senate term expires. Many speculate that Perry will face an re-election challenge from another within his party, because Republicans hold all statewide offices in Texas.

Perry easily won re-election last year, but has recently come under fire for calling back-to-back special sessions of the Texas Legislature to redraw congressional boundaries to benefit the GOP.

All sides eagerly awaiting decision

AUSTIN (AP) — As lawyers and judges met Tuesday to plan for an upcoming redistricting trial, some big questions lingered: When will the U.S. Department of Justice decide whether to approve a Republican-backed congressional map, and what happens if the agency rejects it?

The Justice Department is examining the plan, passed by the Legislature in October, to see whether it adheres to the federal Voting Rights Act, a law that protects minority voting rights. Such scrutiny is a regular process for Texas redistricting maps.

The deadline for the agency's decision is Dec. 22.

Many parties in the federal redistricting trial, in which Democrats are challenging the validity of the GOP map, had expected a ruling before the trial's scheduled start Thursday in Austin.

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Our Views

Live nativity is a presentation you'll want to see

One of the most interesting holiday traditions in West Texas is Drive Through Nativity, put on by the Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene. The presentation is held nightly Friday through Sunday, and captures the Christmas story wonderfully.

More than 130 actors take part in the 17 beautifully painted and decorated scenes. As motorists enter, they travel through the entire life of Christ with depictions of the prophecy of his birth, the journey of Mary and Joseph, his birth, the family's flight into Egypt following King Herod's proclamation of the murder of first born sons, the crucifixion, his resurrection and ascension into heaven.

As you begin the 15-to-20-minute journey, slip the compact disc or cassette tape provided by the church into your car stereo. The narration tells the story of each scene as you travel back more than 2,000 years and is available in both English and Spanish. Again this year, sign interpretation will be available on Friday night.

The entrance to the drive through history is on Lancaster from Martin Luther King Boulevard. There will be markers for people to follow.

There is no admission fee, but donations are accepted at the end of the tour.

The Drive Through Nativity has received national attention. As many as 8,000 cars have driving through the spectacle in one year.

Plans to see this wonderful display on one of the three nights — Friday through Sunday — that it will be offered. Times are 6:30 through 9:30 p.m.

We know you will come away inspired by this very special tradition.

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A Small Prayer

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, send us a heaping tablespoon of your love and not the teaspoon we deserve.

Amen

Frank Minton's auctioneering secret

Frank Minton of Crockett has managed a bowling alley, been a teacher, school administrator and an auctioneer. He acts as master of ceremonies for Crockett's annual World Champion Fiddlers Contest. He sells advertising for radio station KIVY in Crockett.



Tumbleweed Smith

He was born in Snyder, grew up there and played college football in San Angelo. Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches brought him to East Texas. After graduation he coached in the area and married a girl in Groveton.

For awhile he managed Bobby Layne's Bowlarama in Big Spring. It was open 24 hours a day then.

"Employees from Cosden refinery would come in at midnight after finishing their shift and bowl a few games."

Frank managed bowling alleys in Nacogdoches and Snyder. He developed skills as a bowler and made his living bowling for a while.

"On April 20, 1961 I got hot and really put on a show. I was on a team that was bowling against a team my Daddy had. And at lunch that day my Mom said that since both my Dad and I were going to be bowling, she would come down and watch. I told her if she would come down and watch I might bowl a perfect game."

The first 14 balls he rolled that night were strikes. It was the first perfect game bowled in Snyder, Texas.

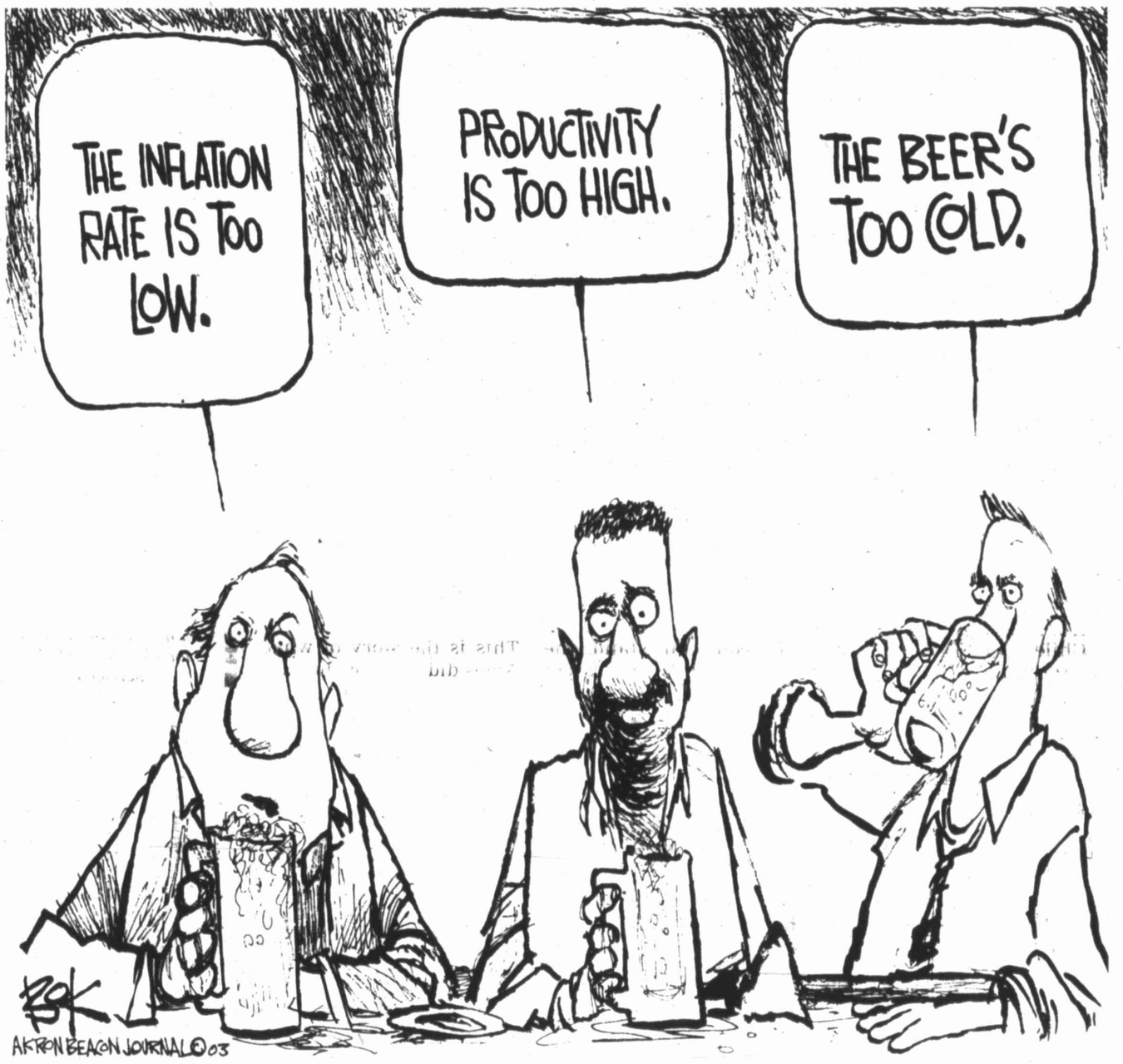
"I was so hot that night out of 36 frames in three games of bowling I rolled 25 strikes. It was really exciting, especially since my Mom and Dad and my sister got to see it."

He was invited to enter some professional tournaments, but thought the trips would be too expensive.

Frank had an uncle who was an auctioneer. He was fascinated by the field and thought he might like to give it a try. His uncle told him it was pretty easy, that if he could count and had a favorite aunt and uncle he could do it.

"He said his favorite aunt and uncle was Uncle Sid and Aunt Maude. And he said all you gotta do is 'Sid a bid eighty Maude a bid eighty who'd a bid ninety'." "I told him I couldn't do that because Sid and Maude are not my favorite aunt and uncle. Uncle Bill and Aunt Betty Bodder are my favorites. My uncle asked me to tell him about them and I said Bill Bodder makes butter. And Aunt Betty Bodder's a baker. And sometimes Aunt Betty Bodder gets some of Bill Bodder's butter to put in her batter and the batter will be bitter. So she has to get Bill Bodder's better butter, put the better butter in her bitter batter to make her bitter batter better. So from there on I decided to be an auctioneer. Bill a bid eighty, Betty a bid eighty, who'd a bid ninety."

Frank auctions at fund raisers for Boy Scouts and civic and charitable organizations. "I retired from school and am just having the best time."



Are San Franciso voters serious?

"One of the things that I've really realized was that the work I was doing as a public defender is in many ways extended in my work as a legislator," San Francisco Board of Supervisors President and mayoral wannabe Matt Gonzalez explained during the televised debate with rival Supervisor Gavin Newsom. "As a public defender, I was sort of representing one person at a time, people with mental health issues, poverty issues, housing problems. Now, as a legislator, I try to impact that so there are less people that end up at the Hall of Justice."



Debra Saunders

Of course a public defender should be an advocate for indigent defendants. But in a position that is supposed to represent the city's overall best interests, Gonzalez instead is the boss defender of lowlifes. Oh joy.

And he has used his position to thwart the will of San Francisco voters — working taxpayers who, by 60 percent, supported Newsom's "Care not Cash" homeless initiative in November 2002. The measure was supposed to cut general assistance cash grants to homeless recipients who receive shelter, food and other services. It passed because city voters came to realize that giving as much as $410 a month to substance abusers is neither compassionate nor effective. The city would do better to steer homeless welfare recipients into shelters and, better yet, rehab or other programs.

But thanks to Gonzalez-think, "Care not Cash" didn't happen. A judge ruled that only the board could write homeless policy. Newsom tried to get the board to approve an identical measure, but Gonzalez was key in defeating it.

As Gonzalez said in the debate, he doesn't believe in cutting benefits for street people who would only get a "cot in the room." But if cots in shelters aren't good enough for the homeless, why fund them at all?

Gonzalez railed against "root causes" that turn people into panhandlers. His remedy: a higher minimum wage, which means he has no prescription for people who don't want real help and don't want to work — other than to keep giving them cash so they can foul themselves and the Special City.

Homeless advocate Randy Shaw wrote in the San Francisco Sentinel, "If the 2003 mayor's race focused on homelessness, as it did in 1991, Gavin Newsom would win."

So the question is: Are S.F. voters serious enough to elect Newsom, the only city politician to take on the city's homeless establishment?

I talked with a few undecided voters before the debate, and some clearly were sidetracked. "Care not Cash" passed a year ago, one man said, but it didn't improve city streets (because the supervisors stonewalled it). Some voters were turned off when Mayor Willie Brown — a Newsom backer — said that Gonzalez has "some kind of defect in his head that makes him believe African Americans aren't qualified." (But that rant reflects reflect poorly on Brown, not Newsom.) Former Supervisor Angela Alioto's endorsement of Newsom — with her statement that Newsom discussed making her something like a "vice mayor" — hurt Newsom.

OK, so what is more embarrassing: Da Mayor's big mouth or the gantlet of crude panhandlers lining Market Street? What is more damaging to the city's reputation: Newsom cozying up to Alioto or citizens holding their noses to avoid the stench as they walk downtown?

Others say Newsom's too slick, too tailored, too scripted — his persona violates the city's bohemian conceits.

I wonder. Is the Special City's reverence for nonconformity so strong that voters are willing to say that if someone defecates on their doorstep that's OK because the homeless should have choices while taxpayers have none?

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Often movies originate from books



LIBRARY NOTES
HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Have you seen "The Legend of Bagger Vance" as a movie. I think Will Smith is one of the stars.

Did you know that the idea for it came from an actual book?

The library has it ready for you to checkout in the fiction section.

Written by Steven Pressfield, the storyline takes place in 1931. The place is the golf links at Krewe Island off Savannah's windswept Atlantic shore.

The event is a mesmerizing 36-hole match in which Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen, legends of golf in their own time, are joined by an unsung opponent, the troubled war hero Randolph Junah.

The key to the outcome lies not with these titans of the game but with Bagger Vance, a caddie who carries the secret of the authentic swing.

Two more authors who write adventure fiction are Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child.

"The Ice Machine" (F PRE D) is the story of an astonishing discovery. On the southern coast of Chile, a gigantic meteor has been discovered. Billionaire mega-maniac Palmer Lloyd decides that he must have the meteor for his museum.

So what does he do? He hires an inscrutable engineer and a "has-been" meteorite hunter to find the meteorite and steal it from the government of Chile.

Have I whetted your interest? Preston and Child write for fans of Clive Cussler, Benchley and a dash of Michael Crichton. Another book by the pair which the library has is "Thunderhead".

Here is a situation that could have been snatched from today's headlines.

The Chinese Navy, in partnership with Iran, has laid a minefield across the Strait of Hormuz, and, in so doing, hold the world's oil supply hostage.

The United States strikes back by attacking China's power bases with devastating accuracy.

The USS Shark commanded by Donald Reid is struggling with personal demons. His executive officer is on his way up the career ladder to full command. When Reid is found dead, the unthinkable happens: the first mutiny in the history of the US Navy. "The Shark Mutiny" by Patrick Robinson is the story of that episode.

Are you into scrap booking? If so, "Scrapbook Storytelling" (745.593 SLA J) will give you hundreds of ideas to enhance a family scrapbook.

Puzzled by how to start? Joanna Campbell Slan begins with the "why" factor. When confronted by masses of unlabeled family photos, she is determined to get them under control.

Her book is split up into several chapters, each with a specific subject on the "how to" aspect of scrap booking.

She also points out that this is a great tool for teens, children, teachers, and even librarians!

The library does have other books on scrap booking. Look in the 745.593 area.

If you can stand the night air, can find a spot out in the country where few, if any, lights shine, why not explore the world of astronomy?

"Nightwatch: A Practical Guide to Viewing the Universe" (520 DIC T) by Terence Dickinson is a standard reference guide for stargazers.

The third edition is faithful to Firefly Books philosophy of ultra simple, and no jargon.

"Nightwatch" offers a substantial amount of information for both the novice and the intermediate level astronomer.

Another interesting book is "Distant Wanderers: The Search for Planets Beyond the Solar System" (523 DOR B) by Bruce Dorminey.

Armed with new tools, stargazing scientists have made enormous strides in planet searching in the past few years. A relatively short book of 226 pages, it is still packed with lots of information.

No organization is free of disgruntled employees, and none can be as dangerous as one who works in security sensitive positions on the national level.

Davis Wise is America's leading writer on intelligence and espionage.

He has written a best-seller book about the CIA. He is the former chief of the Washington Bureau of The New York Herald Tribune.

The CIA is the subject of "Nightmover: How Aldrich Ames Sold the CIA to the KBG for $4.6 Million" (327.1247 WIS D).

Ames caused 10 CIA agents working in Russia to be executed.

He betrayed countless others, condemning them to harsh prison sentences in the Soviet Gulag.

And for what? Money. This is the story of what Ames did and how he was unmasked.

He will have a long time to remember as he was sentenced to life without parole on April 28, 1994.

The library also has "Spy: The Inside Story of How the FBI's Robert Hanssen Betrayed America" (327.1247 WIS D).

Hanssen also will have a long time to reflect as he, too, was sentenced to life without parole on July 6, 2001. Both of these books would be entertaining reading while cold, winter winds blow.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday. The internet/video room closes on-half hour before closing.

The library's Website is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us. The online catalog is on line; our email address is hmcright@hotmail.com.

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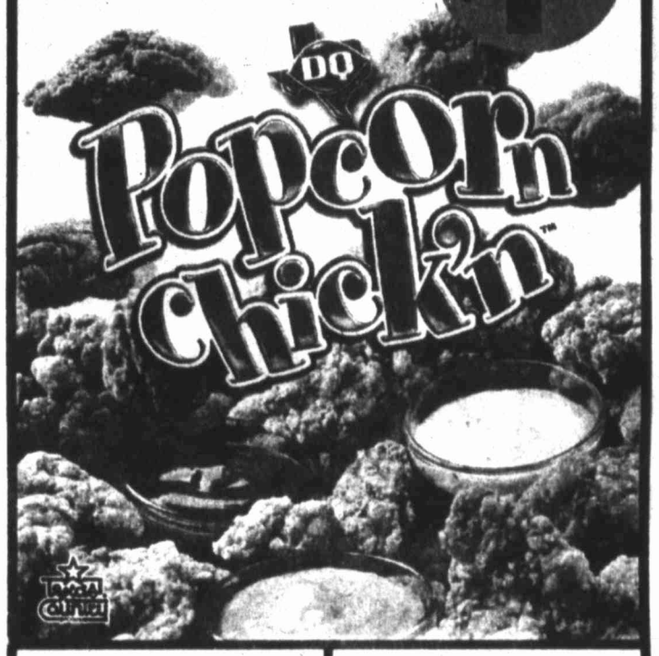


Pfc. Crystal Laslea Clark

Area resident is serving the nation

Pfc. Crystal Laslea Clark, 18, daughter of Jo Permenter, graduated from Marine Corps basic training Sept. 5 at Parris Island, S.C. A 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School, Miss Clark continued military school with MCT and MOS training at Jacksonville, N.C. She is stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

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Free tickets will be given to the first 12 callers to Marsha Allen of the Life desk at The Big Spring Herald answering this trivia question:

In what country was the premier of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet" first performed?

Call 263-7331, ext. 236. Callers must connect in person and not by voice mail. Winners may pick up tickets at The Big Spring Herald.

"The Symphony is Christmas" will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

As of today, five tickets remain to be given away.

Noon concerts to be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin will present two concerts Thursday and Dec. 18 in celebration of of the Season of Advent.

"Carols from Around the World" will be held at 12:05 p.m. at the church.

"Carols for Brass Quintet" will be held at 12:05 p.m. Dec. 18 and features Midland-Odessa Symphony's Lone Star Brass Quintet.

Each concert is approximately 30 minutes long. A light lunch will be provided by St. Mary's. There is no admission charge.

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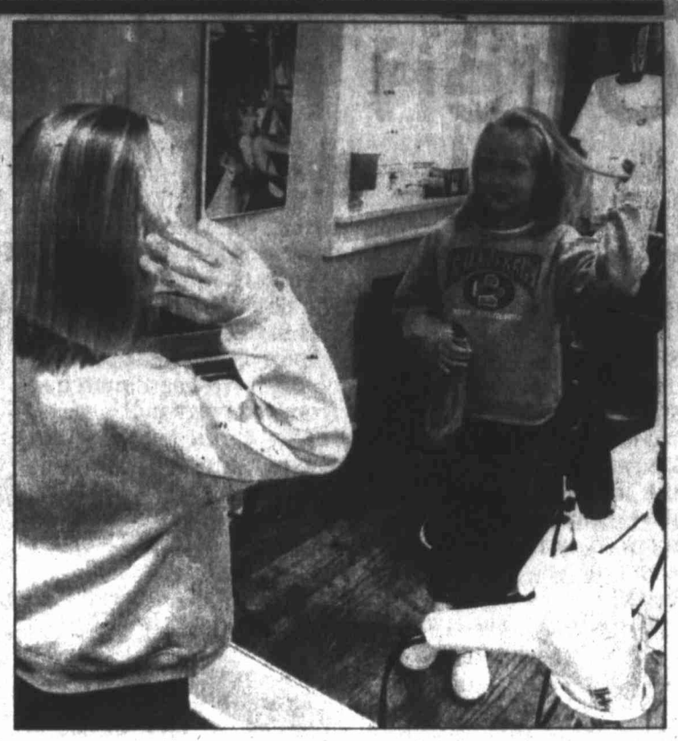


HERALD photos/Marsha Allen

Katelyn Bales readies for her unselfish hair donation to children whose illnesses have caused them to lose their hair. Her gift will go into the making of wigs for children worldwide through the Locks of Love organization.



Time to whack away, Uptown Salon owner, Helen Hernandez tells Bales. Miss Bales' lopped-off tresses were 10- inches long, the required minimum length for hair donation to Locks of Love.



With the hair cut finished, Bales checks out her new shorter coiffure. She holds the 10-inch lock of hair she will put in a plastic bag for shipping to Locks of Love.



Bales mother, Cherie Bales, center, agrees with Hernandez about place to begin cutting.

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Most of the children helped by the organization have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses provided help to resote the children's self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and continue to enjoy a normal life among peers and friends.

The organization is not a manufacturer of any type of hair replacement product or hair care product.

Strictly as a charity, the custom prostheses provided for recipients are purchased.

In no way is Locks of Love associated with or affiliated with any company in the hair replacement business.

For more information check out the Web site www.locksforlove.com. Financial donations are gladly accepted, and Visa or MasterCard are accepted.

For more information on the organization or to make a donation, call 561-963-1677; fax, 561-963-9914.

Anyone in the Howard County area wishing to becomed involved in the organization's effort can do so with the help of Cherie Bales and Helen Hernandez, owner and operator of Uptown Salon in Big Spring. Donated hair can be dropped off, or cut and left at the Salon to be stored in a plastic bag for shipping. For more information call Mrs. Bales, 263-2269, or Mrs. Hernandez, 267-1544.
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IN BRIEF

BSYBL registration now under way at 'Y'

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League is now under way and will run through Dec. 13 at the YMCA. Youths between the ages of 5 and 14 are eligible to participate.

Players will be divided into age groups based on the eligibility date of Aug. 1, 2004. The registration fee is $20 per player. Financial assistance is available for those unable to afford the fee.

Boys and girls must participate in a skills evaluation and player draft on Dec. 20. Games will begin Jan. 17

Adults interested in volunteering as a coach or referee should apply at the YMCA.

Coahoma hoops sign-ups begin today

Registration for the Coahoma Youth Basketball League will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. from Wednesday through Friday in the Coahoma Junior High School gym. The league is open to fourth, fifth and sixth graders from Coahoma Elementary School.

The fee is $25 per player. Try-outs and a draft will be held Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call Loy Hahn at 394-4232.

Quarterback Club to sell banquet tickets

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is selling tickets to the BSHS football banquet, which is slated for 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 15, at the BSJHS Cafetorium.

Only 350 tickets will be sold for the event. Ticket prices are $10 each and can be purchased at the Sparenburg Building at 309 S. Main in Big Spring.

Basketball officials needed for season

Basketball officials are needed for the upcoming season.

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

Former Lady Steer to be enshrined in Hall

Former Big Spring High School standout Rose Magers-Powell will be inducted into the Huntsville Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame.

Magers-Powell, the aunt of current BSHS standout Karissa Magers, is slated to be inducted on April 19.

Bronte slips past Garden City, 50-43

The Garden City Bearkats dropped a 50-43 decision to Bronte Tuesday.

Chais Goodwin led all GCHS scorers with 13 points. Blake Chudej added 12.

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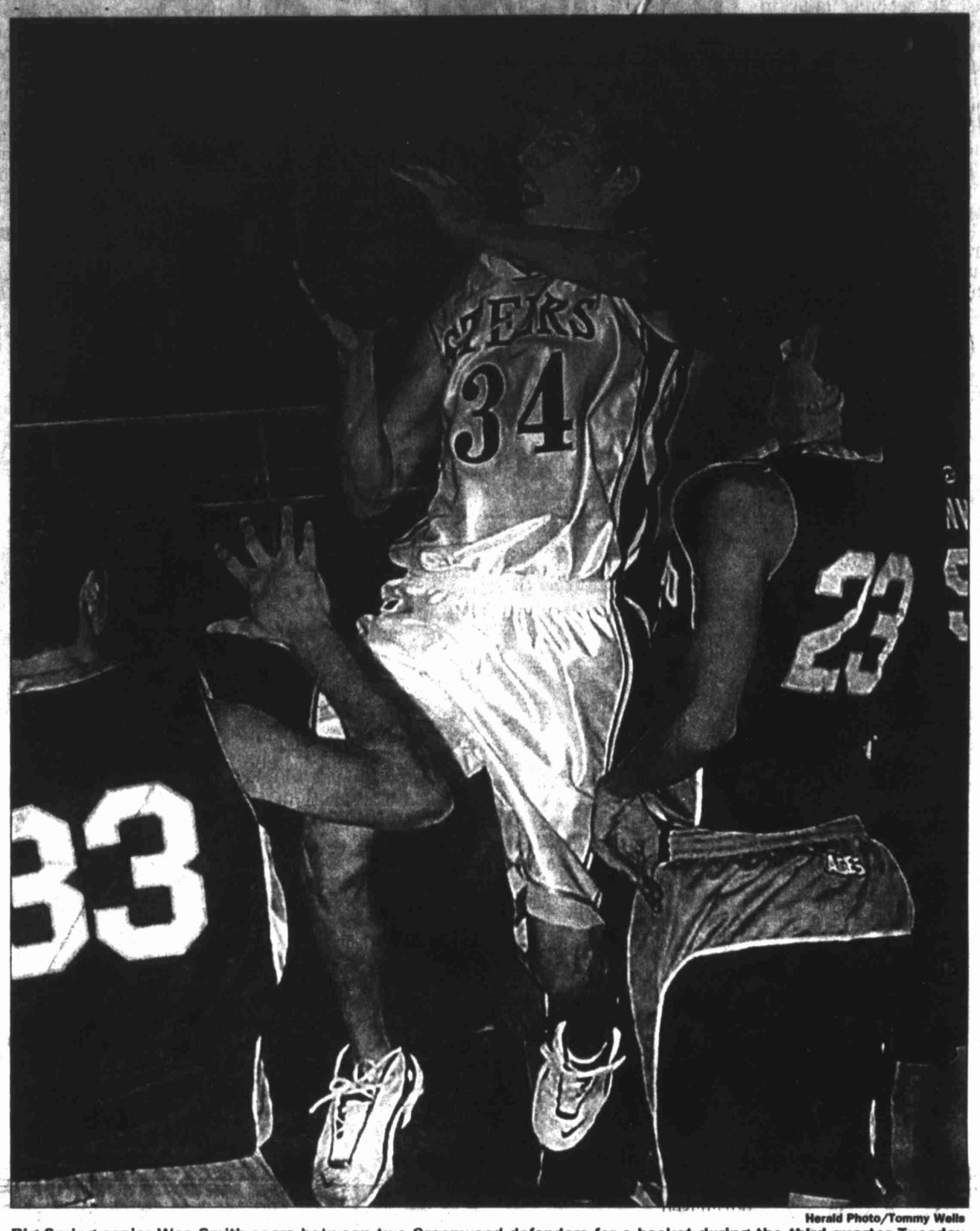
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Spurs vs. Houston, 7 p.m.	1490



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Big Spring senior Wes Smith soars between two Greenwood defenders for a basket during the third quarter Tuesday night at the Steer Gym. Fourth-ranked Greenwood scored a 64-35 win in the contest.

Fourth-ranked Greenwood slips past Big Spring, 64-35

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Midland Greenwood Rangers, despite the return of Jordan Cobb and a solid effort from Kyle Flenniken and Wesley Smith, managed to keep their season record unblemished Tuesday night by claiming a 64-35 win over the Big Spring Steers in front of a small crowd at the Steer Gym.

Big Spring, anchored by Cobb's return from an injury that had him sidelines since the last week of November, played well down the stretch, scoring 14 points in the final eight minutes against the fourth-ranked Rangers.

After Greenwood had opened the game with a 6-0 run, Cobb made his presence felt. He nailed a three-pointer from the wing and cut the Rangers' lead in half with 6:48 left to play in the first period.

The Rangers, who improved to 7-0 for the year, hit stride from there, however. Greenwood reeled off a 13-3 run over the final minutes of the stanza and took a 19-6 lead into the second quarter.

Michael Ornales-Doporto helped spark the Steers in the second quarter. The senior guard pushed in two shots from the field in the frame.

Greenwood, which won the Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament this past weekend, held a 36-15 lead at the intermission.

Smith, who earned all-tournament honors Saturday at the Brownfield tournament, kept Big Spring moving in the third. The BSHS senior highlighted the Steers' third-quarter heroics midway through the period by driving between two defenders for a basket.

Lady Steers suffer 79-51 loss to 5A Amarillo High

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring Lady Steers turned in yet another solid effort Tuesday night in a tough 79-51 loss to the state-ranked Amarillo High School Lady Sandies in Lubbock.

The Lady Steers, behind senior Leina Braxton, reeled off a solid second-half points against Amarillo, which had entered the season ranked No. 5 in the Class 5A polls.

"We did a little better than what the score might indicate," said Big Spring head coach Gary Miller. "We played a real tough defensive team, which is exactly what we wanted to do. They put a lot of pressure on us."

"This type of game will help us make sure we can handle the pressure at district time," he added. "We scheduled these games so we can get ready for district and make solid showing there."

Amarillo got off to a quick start against the Lady Steers, scoring a 41-16 run through the first 16 minutes of the contest.

Braxton and the Lady Steers rallied back in the

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The Rangers, who were led offensively by Kris Hatley's game-high 14 points, posted a 16-6 run in the third and took a 52-21 lead into the fourth.

Flenniken powered the Steers' resurgence in the fourth. He buried a shot from the field and convert-

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Late surge lifts Greenwood by Steers JV in OT

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Midland Greenwood Rangers hit on nine of 12 attempts from the free throw line in overtime Tuesday night and escaped with a tough 60-55 win over the Big Spring Steers junior varsity.

Big Spring, behind early shots from Brandon Boling, Wes Parks and Kyle Piercefield, set the tone for the game early. The Steers knocked down five shots from the floor in the first quarter and raced to a 13-12 cushion.

The Rangers, who had two players reach double figures, rallied back in the second. Greenwood reeled off a 17-14 run and took a 29-27 lead into the half.

Justin Green refused to let the Steers slump in the third. The BSHS guard nailed a clutch three-pointer midway through the period and then added an 8-foot jumper with 1:05 left in the frame to knot the score at 39-39.

Greenwood managed to regain the upper hand in the fourth. The Rangers streaked to a 51-48 lead with 17 seconds left before Green came to the Steers' rescue. After Greenwood's Stewart Addison sank the front end of a one-and-one situation to give the Rangers a 3-point lead, Green took the ball in the right corner and drained a game-tying shot with two seconds left.

Parks gave the Steers a quick lead in the overtime frame by turning an inbounds pass into a 53-52 lead with 2:15 left.

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Area's best to play in Stanton

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

STANTON — Things will be hopping this weekend in Stanton as the 13th Annual Hooptown Classic gets under way featuring some of the top area basketball talent.

This year's edition boasts 27 of the best teams throughout West Texas, including the traditionally-strong Borden County Lady Coyotes on the girls' side and the state-ranked Greenwood Rangers in the boys' bracket.

Greenwood enters the record ranked No. 3 in Class 3A and sporting a perfect 7-0 record. The Rangers are fresh off a dominating performance at this past weekend's Coahoma Invitational.

In that tournament, Greenwood smashed two tournament marks en route to downing Cisco for the title. The Rangers, in four games, scored 358 points while amassing 94 points in the final game to set the single-game team scoring mark.

The Hooptown action begins with the Borden County girls taking on the Sterling City Lady Eagles at 10 a.m. Thursday. The Colorado City Wolves will face the Regan County Owls in the boys' opener, which is also slated for a 10 a.m. start.

The Coahoma Bulldogs open the tournament against the Wall Eagles at 2:30 p.m., while the Bulldogettes open against the Wink Lady Cats at 4 p.m.

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes begin defense of last year's title when they face the Pecos Lady Eagles at 5:30 p.m. The SAHS boys will tip off against Rankin at 7 p.m.

Kemper, Fowler lead 'Dogs by Post

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Kelby Kemper and Tyler Fowler each pumped in 16 points and Lance Roberts added 11 more Tuesday night en route to leading the Coahoma Bulldogs to a 57-51 win over the Post Antelopes.

With the win, Coahoma improved to 4-2 heading into this weekend's Stanton Hooptown Classic.

The Bulldogs, who are scheduled to face Wall in Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in Stanton, posted a 36-31 run in the second half to cinch the win.

Despite double-digit efforts from Mendy Morgan and Sterling Gee, the Bulldogettes didn't fair as well against Post. The Lady Antelopes used a 20-2 run in the first eight minutes to roll to a 66-38 win.

The loss sends Coahoma into Thursday's opening round of the Hooptown Classic sporting a 6-4 record. The Bulldogettes will play Wink at 4 p.m.

Morgan finished the game with a team-high 12 points. Gee added 10.

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Bridges, Lady Buffs streak past Lady Cats

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

STANTON — The Stanton Lady Buffaloes were on a mission Tuesday. They desperately wanted to prove they were a better team than the one that showed up Saturday in their heartbreaking loss to I-20 rival Coahoma.

Mission accomplished.

The Lady Buffs, on the strength of a 13-7 second quarter run, opened an 11 point margin at the half and rolled to an easy 68-39 win over the Wink Lady Cats.

"We are so much better than we showed in Coahoma," said coach Tim Van Hecke. "We just wanted to regain our focus."

After a pair of free throw by Wink pulled them to within one at 9-8 in the first quarter, senior Kristi Bridges sparked a 6-2 run over the next minute to push the margin to five after one quarter of play.

After a Shelby Harp jumper extended the gap to seven just two minutes into the second Tina Harris made her presence felt.

Harris, a 5-foot-7 junior, hit two shots from the free throw line and then converted a Lady Cat turnover into a bucket just 13 seconds later to give Stanton a 21-10 lead.

Wink's Randi Shackelford quieted the partisan crowd moments later burying a pair of treys down the stretch to cut the SHS lead to six .

That's when the Lady Buffaloes seniors had seen enough.

First, Bridges stepped drained a three then Harp hit a layup that sparked a run that sent the Lady Buffs in to half holding a 28-17 lead.

Wink put up one last rally, streaking to an 8-0 run late in the third to pull to within 11 points.

Amy Jo Bryand drove the stake through Wink's heart from there. She hit back-to-back jumpers that ignited a 13-4 run over the last four minutes.

Bridges lead the way for Stanton, hitting for a game-high 20, while Harp added 16. Bryand also hit the double figure mark with 11.

Shackelford paced Wink with 14.

The Stanton boys found the going a little rougher, dropping a 47-36 decision to Wink.

Michael Washington sparked the Buffs, going for 18 points while Joe Castillo and Daryl Williams tallied five apiece.

Garden City girls cruise to 56-11 win over Bronte Lady Longhorns

Jessica Hoch scored 15 points and Megan Niehues and Amanda Henson both added 13 more Tuesday and led the Garden City Lady Kats to a 56-11 win over the Bronte Lady Longhorns.

The Lady Cats, 7-2 overall, sealed the win with an 18-3 run in the second period.

Leslie Jansa finished with eight points.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Trent May and the No. 3-ranked Grady Wildcats ran their season record to 8-0 Tuesday by claiming a 78-54 win over Wellman-Union.

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second. Big Spring torched the Sandies' defense for 35 second-half points.

Braxton, who along with junior Alex Watkins were named to the Concho River Classic all-tournament team this past weekend in San Angelo, finished the game with 15 points.

Braxton and Watkins led Big Spring to second-place in San Angelo. The BSHS girls advanced to the title game before falling to Hereford.

The Lady Steers are scheduled to return to play this Friday with a double-dip at the Monahans Sandhills Invitational. Big Spring will face Denver City beginning at 10 a.m. and then return to action at 7 p.m. against either Jal, N.M. or El Paso Riverside.

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ed four of seven attempts from the charity stripe to lead Big Spring's 14-point outburst.

Flenniken finished the contest as Big Spring's top scorer with eight. Ornales and Nathan Peters netted six apiece, while Cobb, Smith and senior Erin Partee contributed four.

Big Spring is scheduled to return to action Thursday evening in the West Texas Shootout tournament in Odessa. The Steers will face Odessa High School at 8 p.m. in the first round.

JV

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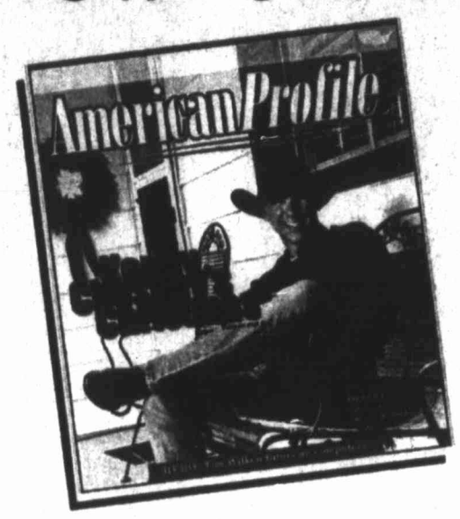
Greenwood used the free-throw line to perfection from there. The Rangers sank three straight shots from the charity stripe over the ensuing minute to regain the advantage, at 55-53.

Piercefield brought Big Spring even from there. He dropped in a hook shot from the right side with 1:09 to force the second tie of the frame.

Greenwood managed to seal the win from there, hitting five of six attempts from the charity stripe over the final 69 seconds.

Green finished the game as the Steers' top scorer, netting 21. Pierce field also hit double digits with 10, while Shay Long and Boling added seven and six, respectively.

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



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TIPS ON BACK PAIN

Back pain can be minimized. Here are some tips to help you stay healthy.

1. If your back hurts so much that you can't stretch, see a doctor.

2. The best strategy for stretching is to do it several times a day, not just once. Orthopedic surgeon Joe Tobin recommends stretching five times each day.

3. Warm up properly before you hit balls; failure to do so is an invitation to injury. Tobin says a thorough warm-up requires 45 minutes and a quick but less desirable warm-up takes 10 minutes.

4. According to chiropractic physician Ted Forcum on the PGA Tour, many Tour players spend 15 or 20 minutes on a treadmill or stationary bicycle, followed by a complete stretching routine before they play.

5. Lifting weights is not suitable for all golfers. "For a lot of people, pumping heavy iron is not the right thing to do," says back specialist Tom Boers. "You cannot strengthen bones and joints. The frame has to be able to handle something like lifting."

6. Many tour pros focus on trunk stabilization exercises, which help prevent the spine from being placed in compromising positions during the golf swing.

7. Drink more water. "The discs in your back are like hydraulic shock absorbers," Forcum says. "Dry tissue is more likely to tear than soft, pliable tissue."

8. When traveling on an airplane, get up and walk around frequently. Sitting, particularly when there is vibration, is not healthy for the back.

9. Ice is your friend; use it on sore muscles to shorten recovery time.

10. Do not aimlessly or endlessly hit practice balls. Count the balls you hit. If baseball pitchers are limited to a certain number of pitches, perhaps golfers should be limited to a certain number of full shots.

11. Rocco Mediate was singing the praises of heat wraps even before ThermaCare signed him as a spokesman. "This is like cheating," Mediate says. "It keeps everything loose."

12. Consider orthotics for your golf shoes, particularly if you naturally pronate your feet (roll them toward the inside). "Pronation can cause up to 10 degrees of uncontrolled pelvic rotation, and that can have a huge impact on the lower back," Forcum says.

— James Achenbach

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(Through Dec. 7)

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2. Vijay Singh	10.11
3. Ernie Els	8.62
4. Davis Love III	7.92
5. Jim Furyk	7.16
6. Mike Weir	6.67
7. Retief Goosen	6.13
8. Padraig Harrington	5.53
9. David Toms	5.34
10. Kenny Perry	5.27
11. Darren Clarke	4.46
12. Nick Price	4.32
13. Phil Mickelson	4.19
14. Chad Campbell	3.95
15. Stuart Appleby	3.92
16. Robert Allenby	3.80
17. Fredrik Jacobson	3.71
18. Justin Leonard	3.53
19. Choi Kyoung-Ju	3.47
20. Charles Howell III	3.43
21. Thomas Bjorn	3.38
22. Brad Faxon	3.36
23. Scott Verplank	3.24
24. Adam Scott	3.21
25. Paul Casey	3.15

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"It was fun to be right in the hunt at the end."

— Jack Nicklaus, on his and son Jackie's second-place finish at the 2003 Father-Son Challenge. They lost on a playoff hole to Hale and Steve Irwin.

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Playing with pain

Back problems plague not just amateurs, but pro golfers as well

Touring professionals are not bulletproof. They cannot escape back pain any more than ordinary golfers can.

Fred Couples, Davis Love III and others duel constantly with the bad-back demons. In this sense, they are much like average golfers who encounter back pain and can't seem to get rid of it.

Rocco Mediate, weighing "250-something pounds," ran squarely into a back problem in 1993. He underwent surgery in 1994 to repair a disc that had "basically exploded."

Eventually Mediate would emerge a better player, but not before he became a fitness junkie, spending as many as four hours a day in the gym. His weight dropped to 190 pounds.

"It took me five years to get back to normal," said Mediate, who has won three times on the PGA Tour since his surgery (1999, 2000 and 2002).

"I'm stronger now, I'm in much better shape and my golf swing is better. But I have to remember that my back is fragile. I have flare-ups. So I don't practice as much, and I'm not afraid to go weeks without hitting a ball."



JAMES ACHENBACH
Golfweek

At The Tradition, a Champions Tour major championship, Fuzzy Zoeller and Hale Irwin were talking about the ramifications of a bad back.

"I'm an authority. I've had three back surgeries," said Zoeller, a former Masters and U.S. Open champion. "It never goes away. This year, there have been six days when I couldn't walk."

Irwin, victimized by his back, was carried off the course at the U.S. Open in June. "A major seizure," he called it. At The Tradition, he winced after hitting several long iron shots.

"My back is just not holding up," said Irwin, a three-time U.S. Open winner. "The more I play, the worse it gets. I'm not sure what I'm going to do."

Tom Boers has treated many bad backs on the PGA Tour.

"When you're hurt, you're hurt," Boers said. "There's no miracle cure out there. Many of these guys will have to deal with it for their entire careers.

"In fact, with today's modern technology being better and better, and with better fitness equipment, and with better athletes, we still see more back problems rather than less back problems."

Why?

Possible explanations: lack of conditioning, lack of strength, poor genetics, poor swing technique, hitting too many practice balls or playing too much golf. Experts worry about youngsters putting too much strain on their backs.

Kelly Blackburn, a professional fitness trainer, has worked with dozens of touring pros. She also has written a book, "Golf Over 40 For Dummies."

In her book, Blackburn has compiled an informative 16-page chapter on back pain. The best part of the book, though, may be an additional 10-page chapter on stretches that can be done using a golf cart.

Complete information on Blackburn can be found on her Web site, www.kellyblackburn.com.

Ted Forcum is a chiropractic physician in Beaverton, Ore. He has coordinated chiropractic medical care for the U.S. Track and Field Championships and the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, and also has worked in the HealthSouth fitness trailers on the PGA Tour and Champions Tour for the past three years.

According to Forcum, golf, bowling and baseball are the "notorious three" in terms of lower back pain. Forcum says it is important for golfers, particularly amateurs, to know there is a difference between back injury and back aggravation.

"Joe Average Golfer is less likely to be hurt from golf and more likely to be aggravated from golf," he said.

Amplifying the same point, Boers said, "People who can do the exercises to get better, they don't have a problem."

Joe Average Golfer or Paul Perfect Pro — no one is immune to back pain.



Many golfers, in both the amateur and professional ranks, are complaining of problems with their lower backs.

Orthopaedic surgeon Joseph Tobin of Hilton Head Island, S.C., offered a free prescription for everyone: "All golfers need to rest properly, they should strictly limit the number of long shots and drives that they hit, and they should rotate their practice schedules with alternate days for the long game and the short game."

More research into golfers' back pains needed

In 1996, when orthopaedic surgeon Joseph Tobin of Hilton Head Island, S.C., was 33 years old, he reached the 36-hole match play final of his club championship. "And my back was killing me," he recalled. "I won the match, primarily because the temperature was 104 and that enabled me to keep going."

The back pain never really went away. Leg pain, weakness and tingling began several years later, followed by back surgery for a herniated disc.

To this day, Tobin doesn't know exactly what caused his back problem. He is conducting a study at tournaments involving professional and elite amateur golfers, as well as recreational players, to understand who is at risk for developing back problems. The purpose of this research is twofold — to help with both prevention and treatment of lower back pain.

"Right now, we simply don't know enough about it," Tobin said. "For example, it appears that genetics (heredity) can play an important role in back pain."

At the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, physical therapist Pete Draovitch also is calling for comprehensive studies.

"I think the governing bodies in golf have to look at a way they can start funding more and more research," Draovitch said. "If the money is available for research, the answers will be found.

"Why are we seeing so many back injuries? Why are we seeing an increase in hip injuries among golfers? Why does a golfer get golfer's elbow? We don't know the answers. We really need to find out what's happening to the body during the golf swing. We need to test kids, seniors, professionals, recreational golfers so we can start drawing conclusions."

Dr. Joseph Tobin

To minimize back injury, the best advice is to work intensively on stretching and strengthening the "core muscles" of the lower body that support the low back or lumbar spine muscles.

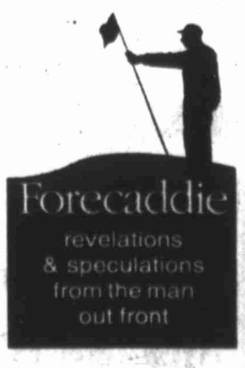
"What we do know," Tobin said, "is that the modern golf swing is creating all these twisting forces. It's a tremendous biomechanical stress on the spine. Even weightlifters do not generate the compressive forces across the spine that golfers do."

— James Achenbach

ON THE OCEAN'S HORIZON

Officials at Kiawah Island Resort want more by the shore.

Even before **Rory Sabbatini** and teammate **Trevor Immelman** won the World Cup last month, the second time the Ocean Course has played host to the team event, word was out that the tony seaside resort — site of one of the most dramatic, and contentious, Ryder Cups in 1991 — had its eye on a bigger prize.



A PGA Championship is atop Kiawah's "wish list," followed closely by the senior PGA Championship. It's probably not a coincidence that both tournaments are PGA of America events and the resort's new director of golf, **Roger Warren**, is scheduled to become the new president of the PGA later this year. The next open date for the PGA Championship is 2012 while a Senior PGA could be staged at Kiawah as early as 2006.

Little question the Ocean has the muscle to hold a major. For the World Cup Nov. 13-16 the scoring average hovered well above par (72.743) and officials point out the Pete Dye design can be stretched to a staggering 7,800 yards.

"I wouldn't want anybody to see what I would shoot," Sabbatini said of playing a major championship set up at the Ocean Course. "The viewers at home would be sitting there for a long time watching because the rounds would take 7½, 8 hours. It would be a pretty small field."

LOOKING AHEAD



Price

Nick Price, who has played in all five Presidents Cups, is sure to be a captain of the International team one day, but in 2005, when the matches return to Robert Trent Jones Club in Virginia, he said he'd like to participate as a player.

"If I continue to play the way I have, the next two years I'm looking at making this team," he said. "**Jay Haas** is 49, and I'll be 48. I'd love to make another Presidents Cup. I think when I hang my clubs up, to be honest, this is one event I'm going to miss probably more than anything else. It's nice being part of a team. I haven't been part of a team since I was an amateur.

"I love the fact there's no animosity in this tournament, at least not any I've seen. It's played in great spirit, and it's all about who hits the best shots. There's a lot of fairness to it. This Presidents Cup, I hope it never changes. We've got a great recipe for success here."

Mentioned among the candidates to be captains in 2005: **Greg Norman** for the International side, and **Fred Couples, Tom Lehman** and **Mark O'Meara** for the United States.

TAP-INS AND LIP-OUTS



Baddeley

■ Fellow Australians have pinned a new nickname on **Aaron Baddeley**, who wears those tight J Lindeberg clothes. They call him "Dresses." As in Dresses Baddeley. That could be the best handle since **Ty "Keep" Tryon**.

■ Count Price as perhaps the biggest supporter of 2003 U.S. Open venue Olympia Fields. "If the Open doesn't go back there, it'd be a crime. The course and setup were great." The Man Out Front hears the only problem the USGA had with this year's Open was with Chicago-area politics. So many pols had their hand out that the USGA had to pay out about $1 million more than usual.

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Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have luck for making that big sale. There may be the problem of thinking you're in love with someone you should not be in love with. Stop yourself, and later, you'll wonder what you saw in the person in the first place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Trying too hard lessens your chance of success. That means you can relax! Singles: You're drawn to a fascinating someone who seems so in tune with you that you might even wonder if he or she has been spying on you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Clarify your career objectives. This simple act will move you up the ladder more quickly than any other task. Once you know without a doubt what you need from a job, getting it is a speedy, painless process.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Ask Person X to operate in a slightly different way in order to make your job easier. After these concessions are made, if you still don't like your job, it's time to figure out why you're in the business at all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A million small things will be taken care of when you stop ignoring the one big thing — finding lucrative work you love. Tonight, you can boost your energy level by getting outdoors and looking at the sky.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make personal growth a priority, and all the rest falls into place, including a balanced budget. Unconscious beliefs about money come to light — now that you know how you've been sabotaging your own efforts, you can change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This will be a productive day if you take precautions. Vary your work schedule to keep alert, as concentration is a problem otherwise. Be on time. Leave a half hour earlier to avoid the inevitable traffic and last-minute delays.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You might be feeling pretty overwhelmed about now. Given infinite time, merely hoping that problems will go away might work. Given one lifetime, the odds are against you, so get busy. Add more experiences to your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're the leader. Figure out what drives the other people on your team, and then, address those drives. Once you get everyone moving in one direction, it won't feel like so much of a fight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You triumph over adversity — so make sure you've got some adversity in your life to triumph over. A life of ease is not for you and is also a sign that you're not living up to your full potential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Strategizing is fun, and you could use this craziness as a way to jockey yourself into a more powerful position. Regarding your love life, take a positive outlook. This works magically to bring more of the good stuff to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to do anything alone. Come closer to factions whose ideals harmonize with your own. At work, trying to avoid conflict will cost you more than it does to simply take a stand.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Marisa Tomei is a fiery Sagittarius who could become the next icon of fabulous in an HBO series on the order of "Sex and the City." She's got a mega-career year coming up in 2005 and could win all kinds of awards including the Golden Globe for an unforgettable character written just for her. Sagittarius people have a love of the outrageous, which Tomei will turn into a bankable quality.

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Annie's Mailbox



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: I have been in a relationship with a wonderful man for two years. "Rusty" is my best friend, and we recently have been talking about getting married. He has a great job and owns his own house. He also races cars, which is a very expensive and time-consuming hobby, but I enjoy his enthusiasm.

A couple of months ago, Rusty saw an expensive enclosed trailer that would be perfect to hold his race car. I offered to put up the money so he wouldn't have to get a loan from the bank. Our understanding was that Rusty would pay me back as soon as he received the title from the owner.

Well, he received the title last month. I mentioned it recently, and he said he would "put some numbers together." I haven't heard any more about it, and it seems to have slipped his mind.

How do I mention this loan again without sounding as if I am demanding my money? I don't want this to affect our relationship, but I would like to know my best friend isn't taking advantage of me. — Texas Tina

Dear Tina: This is why financial transactions always should be in writing. It's possible Rusty doesn't have the money to repay you and he's embarrassed about it. However, that's no excuse to ignore the loan. Say, "Rusty, I hate to nag, but did you put those numbers together yet? It's starting to put a crimp in my savings."

You also might suggest he give you a small amount every week until the loan is paid off. To salvage his pride, consider setting up a separate bank account where he can deposit the money directly instead of handing it to you.

Dear Annie: After being out of work for two years, my husband found a good job. "Carl" works long hours and is pulled in a dozen different directions. When he gets home, he is totally depressed and exhausted.

I don't know how to make his situation less stressful. People have a tendency to take advantage of Carl's easygoing nature. He tries to please everyone, but he is stretched beyond his capabilities. When he gets home, I make sure he has a quiet, comfortable evening, and I try to be positive and loving. But I am worried about him.

He is such a loving, gentle soul. What else can I do? — Frustrated Wife in Idaho

Dear Idaho: You are doing your part. The rest is up to Carl. Some people have a hard time saying no. Carl needs to understand that his co-workers will have greater respect for him if he sets reasonable limits on his time. Show him this letter and tell him you wrote it. Let's hope it makes a difference.

Dear Annie: I am almost 60, so I guess I am not in the mainstream when it comes to television watchers. However, the number of TV commercials being bombarded at me during a program really turns me off. And the increased volume for these ads is like fingernails on a chalkboard.

These commercials are so annoying that the only way I can tolerate watching is to pre-record the show, then fast-forward through the multiple ads. I know the producers won't change their tactics, but maybe if the public boycotts the advertisers, the big boys would get the message. What do you say? — Frazzled in Indiana

Dear Frazzled: We say, save the boycotts for truly objectionable stuff. The ads pay for the TV shows, and the networks cannot afford to drop them — although we agree that the sudden increase in volume can knock you right out of your seat and, in some instances, encourage you to mute the sound — which defeats the purpose. The good news is, some commercials are better than the TV programs.

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❑ Garage Sale, Thur.-Sat. 9-4, 8601 N. Srv Rd. Sand Springs. Look for signs. Too much to list

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

CrownQuest Operating, LLC, P.O. Box 11150, Midland, Texas 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

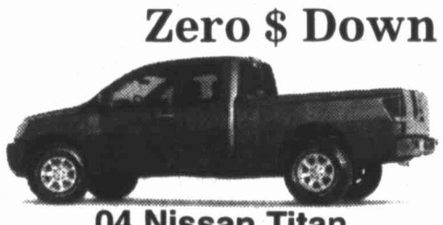
The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Clearfork formation in the Guitar "B" lease well numbers 713 and 1113, Guitar-Witherspoon Unit well number 13, Guitar "C" well number 613 and Guitar lease well number 514. The five proposed injection wells are located 5 miles northwest of Big Spring, Texas in the Would Have (Clearfork) Field, Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5,600' to 5,750'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or request for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (telephone 512/463-6792).

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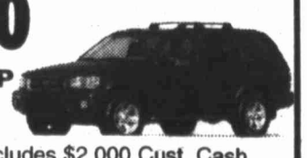
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"When will I be old enough to wish I was younger?"

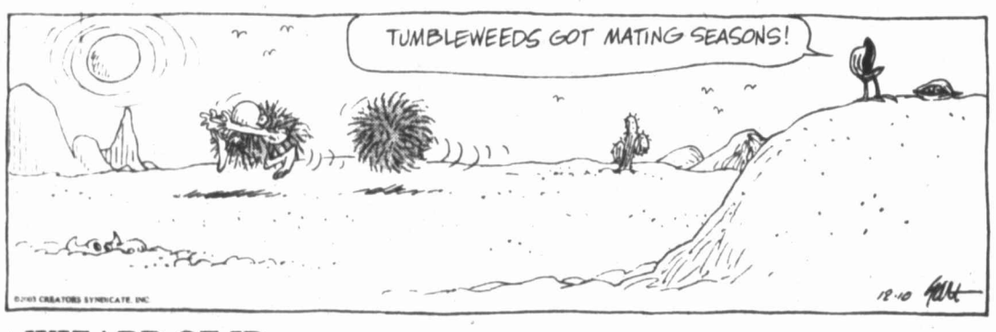
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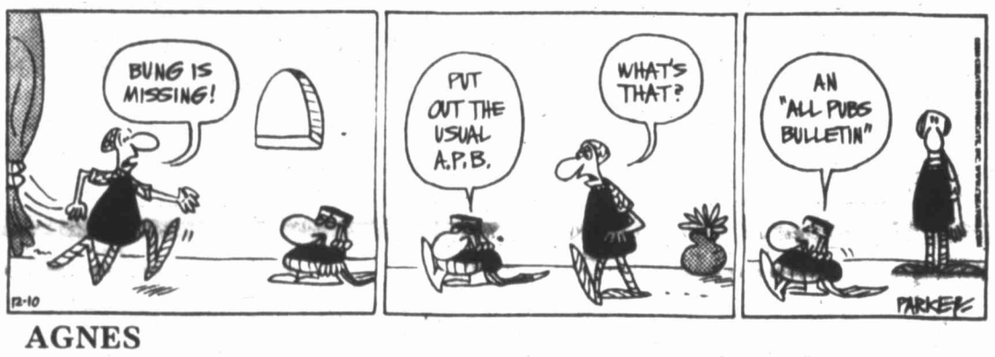
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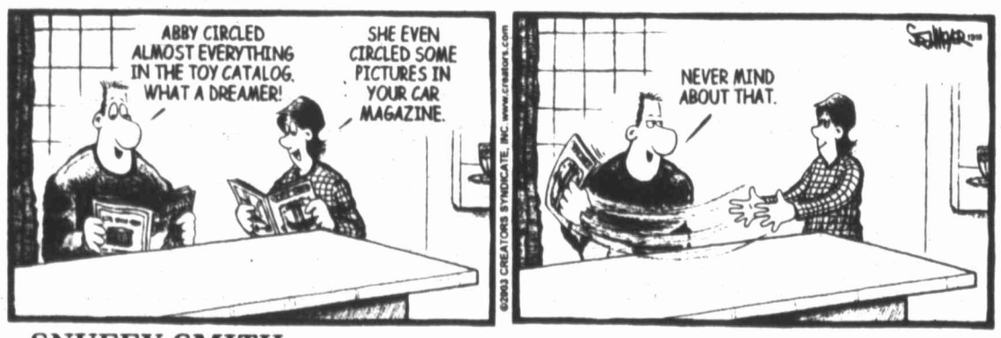


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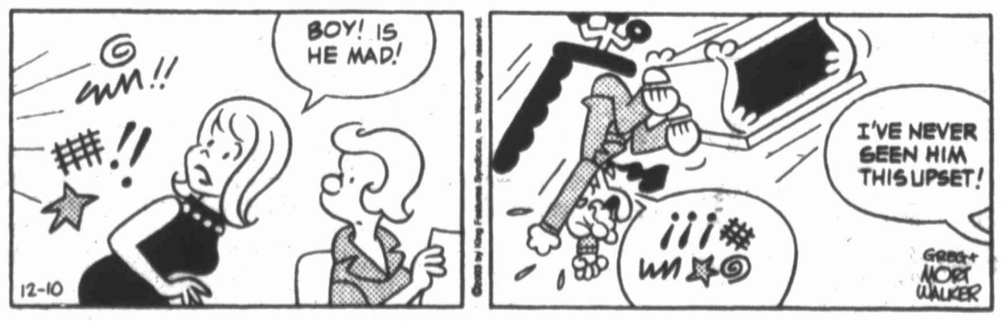
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 2003. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

On this date:

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state.

In 1869, women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.

In 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War.

In 1931, Jane Addams became a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the first American woman so honored.

In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was presented the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.

In 1958, the first domestic passenger jet flight took place in the U.S. as a National Airlines Boeing 707 flew 111 passengers from New York to Miami in about two and a-half hours.

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize during ceremonies in Oslo, Norway.

In 1967, singer Otis Redding died in the crash of his private plane in Wisconsin.

In 1978, movie director Edward D. Wood Jr. ("Plan 9 From Outer Space") died in North Hollywood, Calif. at age 54.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Harold Gould is 80. Former Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter is 73. Actor Mako is 70. Actor Tommy Kirk is 62. Actress Fionnula Flanagan is 62. Pop singer Chad Stuart (Chad and Jeremy) is 60. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 57. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tavares is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jessica Cleaves (Friends of Distinction) is 55. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 52. Actress Susan Dey is 51. Jazz musician Paul Hardcastle is 46. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh is 43. Actress Nia Peeples is 42. Actor Michael Clarke Duncan is 40. Rock singer-musician J Mascis is 38.

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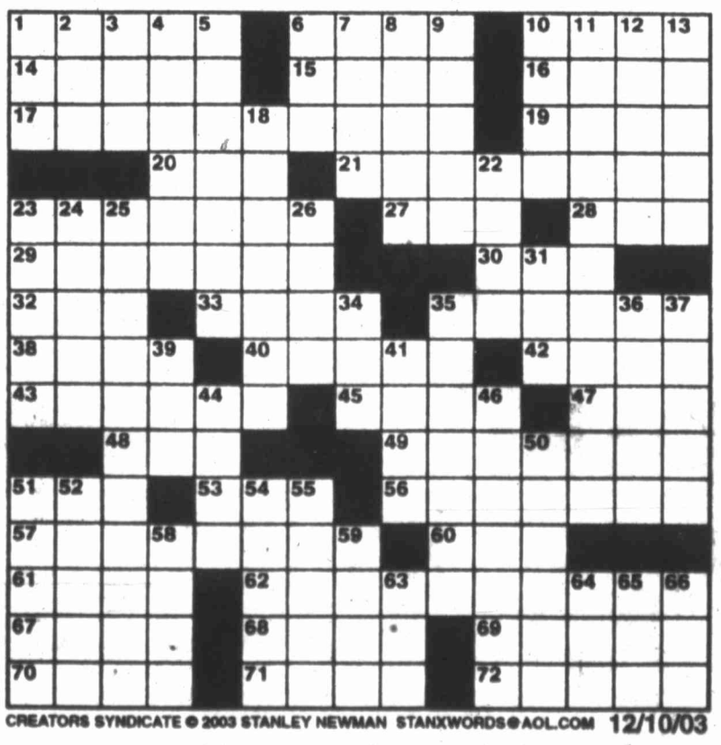
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General construction experience preferred. High School diploma or GED required. Apply at: Scenic Mountain Medical Center
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Looking for experienced individual. Work involves make readys, plumbing, and dry wall. Prefer HVAC certification and general maintenance experience. Excellent employee benefits. Please send resume to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431/1700, Big Spring, TX 79721.

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Comanche Trail Nursing Center Needs
* Nurses
* Nurses Aides
* Dietary Staff
* Laundry Tech
* Housekeepers
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1. Mitchell County Hospital Nursing Staff Needed: LVN 7 pm to 7 am; CRNA 7 pm to 7 am: and RN 7 pm to 7 am.
2. Wallace Medical Prison Unit in Colorado City is taking applications for an LVN for the 3 pm to 11 pm shift.
3. Mitchell County Hospital Dietary Dept. is taking applications for Dishwashers.
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Medical Assistant Position
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Big Spring, Texas 79720
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2605 Cindy Ln. 3 Bdrm 2 bath. CH/A. $550/mo. + deposit. Call 432-264-8813 leave message

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as is $5000.
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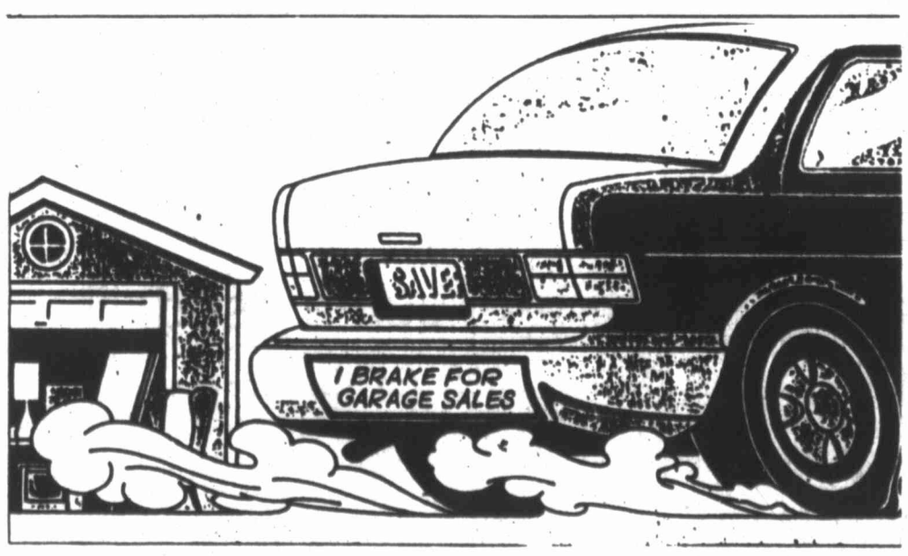
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