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- Wal-Mart

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

Giving Tree

- Wells Fargo Bank
- Western National Bank

Herald Toy Drive

- Big Spring Herald

Canned Food Drive

- Big Spring Herald

Democrat Club

The Howard County Democrat Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Howard County Courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse. Election of new officers will be held.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Optimist Club member Jesse Looney checks on this Christmas tree at the club's lot on the corner of 10th and Gregg Street. The selection of Douglas and Noble firs range in price from \$15 to \$100 depending on tree height, which is three to nine feet.

Club optimistic it will have the perfect Christmas tree

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Optimist Club has Christmas trees of all sizes and shapes on sale for the holiday season.

Some 150 firs wait patiently at the lot located at the corner of Gregg and 10th streets to be brought home, dressed for the season and shelter special gifts until Christmas Day.

Club member Jesse Looney has years under his belt in assisting customers in their quest for the right tree. It's taught him one particular lesson.

"Pretty is in the eye of

HOURS

Monday through Friday

1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

the beholder," Looney said. "I learned a long time ago not to advise someone what tree to pick."

In this case, customers won't have too much trouble finding a beautiful tree among the selection of Oregon-grown Noble and Douglas firs, Looney

said.

"Every one of these trees are just pretty," he said. "We have good quality this year."

To keep your fir looking nice, Looney advises customers to make sure the tree has enough water daily and to place it away from blowing hot air which can quickly dry it out.

"The longer you keep it from drying out, the longer the tree will last," he said.

The price of each tree varies from \$15 to \$100, depending on its size,

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APACHES!

Helicopters stop for fuel on their way to Mesa, Ariz.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

It's certainly not something you would expect to see on the runway of McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Airpark employees got quite a surprise Tuesday afternoon, as a pair of U.S. Army Apache helicopters landed in Big Spring for fuel.

According to Chief Warrant Officer Keith Yoakum, he and his fellow crew members were taking the aircraft to a military base in Mesa, Ariz., where they will under go necessary upgrades and modifications.

"These Apaches will actually be transformed into Longbows," said Yoakum. "Some of the weaponry will be changed out and upgraded in the process as well. We're headed to Mesa (Ariz.), and we're just stopping here long

enough to refuel and get back up in the air."

The Apache, which is a twin-engined army attack helicopter developed by McDonnell Douglas, entered service with the US Army in 1984 and has been exported to Egypt, Greece, Israel, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

With the exportation of the helicopters, Yoakum said the need for training on how to fly and maintain the "choppers" has been immense.

"We've been all over the world," he explained. "We train other countries and militaries on how to use the Apache, as well as the proper maintenance for them. It's kept us quiet busy."

According to the U.S. Army Web site, more than 800 Apaches are cur-

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Mike Woods, left, and Chad Dillard of Lone Star Aviation work to refuel a pair of U.S. Army Apache helicopters Tuesday at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The Apaches stopped in Big Spring for fuel on the way to Mesa, Ariz. At right, Chief Warrant Officer Keith Yoakum prepares his helicopter for takeoff. Yoakum is part of an Army training and maintenance unit taking the aircraft to a base in Mesa, where they will be converted from Apaches to Longbow helicopters.

HERALD photos/Thomas Jenkins

STAKES GO HIGHER



Lucy Campos fills out a Mega-Millions lottery ticket with the assistance of Dee Gutierrez, the assistant manager of Park's Convenience store at 311 Gregg. Today was the first time buyers were able to purchase tickets for the multi-state lottery in Texas. Mega Millions drawings are held every week on Tuesday and Fridays.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Police caution: Shoppers beware, thieves plan for the holidays, too

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The long rows of cars parked at area shopping spots this holiday season may seem like an inconvenience to you, but to holiday thieves, it's a Christmas bounty just waiting to be harvested.

Big Spring Police Information Officer Roger Sweatt said thieves will be out and about this hol-

iday season, just waiting to fill their stockings with ill-gotten gains.

"That's what they look for," he said. "You're going around and looking for Christmas presents, and they are walking around looking for things to steal. That's how they have Christmas. Whether it's your presents or your money, you can kind of look at it as if the thieves

are out there shopping. That's what they do for a living... steal."

While these holiday-wrecking hoodlums may seem impossible to stop, Sweatt said there are some things you can do to keep you and your vehicle from being a target while shopping this season.

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Luminaria to light up college campus

Public invited Thursday evening

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

An appearance by Santa Claus, refreshments and Christmas carols will help Howard College light up for the holiday season Thursday night during its annual Luminaria.

"This has been a tradition for the Howard College faculty, staff and students to decorate the campus with luminarias

and host the public to cookies and punch," said Javier Flores, administrative dean for student services.

Five hundred luminarias will light up the campus beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday by lining part of Birdwell Lane. The luminarias will also line Adams Street to the Student Union Building.

"The drive down

What: Howard College Luminaria. Music, caroling, visit by Santa Claus.

Where: Howard College Fireplace Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

When: 7 p.m. Thursday.

Birdwell — it's really breathtaking to see them," Flores said. "We dim the lights in front of the SUB a little bit so the luminarias' candles can really illuminate the area."

Also a Howard College tradition, Santa Claus will visit with children small and large to discover their Christmas wish list in the SUB's Fireplace Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

For musical entertainment, the Howard College Night Hawk Jazz Band will play Christmas carols and

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Obituaries

Wanda Corbell

Mrs. Wanda Corbell, 76, of Colorado City, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, in a local care center. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Kiker-Seale Chapel in Colorado City with the Rev. V.W. Matlock officiating. Cremation will follow the funeral service.

Mrs. Corbell was born to Perry and Mary Tohlinson Todd in Ballinger on July 29, 1927. She married Jim Corbell on July 22, 1943, in San Angelo. She was a resident of Mitchell County for the past 25 years.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Jim Corbell of Colorado City; two daughters, Diane and husband Tom Tasma of Houston and Marilyn and husband Tim McDonough of Elko, Nev.; three grandsons, Dwight Turner of Austin, Cliff Corbell of Houston and Russell Boyd of Elko, Nev.; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Jeanette Hendrick of Clovis, N.M.; one brother, Lynn Todd of Littlefield; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter, Geri Lou Dalecky.

Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City is handling funeral arrangements.

Paid obituary

Elmer J. Henson

Elmer J. Henson, 87, of Big Spring, died at 8:24 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at a local nursing home following a long illness. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Malcolm Pointon officiating. Interment will be held at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Henson was born July 16, 1916, at Grady, N.M. He was the son of Ola Christine McBride Henson and Milton Henson. He married Edith Dunn on Nov. 16, 1935, at Estancia, N.M. They farmed and ranched at Estancia and moved to Big Spring in June 1994. Mrs. Henson preceded him in death on Dec. 18, 1998.

He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and John Strand of Los Lunas, N.M.; five grandchildren, Jay Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, Kirk Henson, Karl Holsenbeck and Tarie Feaster; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-grandson.

In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by one son, Harley Leon Henson, July 29, 2003.

Pallbearers will be Kirk Henson, Jay Hamilton, Shannon Feaster, Donald Holsenbeck, Dayle McKenzie, and Brent Holsenbeck.

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

Paid obituary

Sam T. Rodriguez

Sam T. Rodriguez, former Big Spring resident, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003. Rosary is scheduled for today, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003, at 7 p.m. in the Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel in Midland. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Snyder with Father Ray Wilhelm officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

Mr. Rodriguez was born to Alfonso and Modesta Rodriguez on April 13, 1956, in San Angelo. He was raised and educated in Hereford and graduated from Lubbock Monterrey High School. He moved to Big Spring where he met and married Gloria Cardenia. They moved to Midland in 1975. He owned and operated Hacienda Mortgage until 1999.

Survivors include his wife Gloria A. Rodriguez of Midland; a daughter, Crystal Rodriguez of Midland; four sons, Jimmy Rodriguez of Dallas, Nickolas "Nick" Rodriguez of Waco, Rene Alfonso Rodriguez of Waco and Adam Rodriguez of Midland; two brothers, Ernest Rodriguez of Odessa and Freddie Rodriguez of Grand Prairie; three sisters, Patricia Ortiz of Austin, Gloria Castro of Leander and Cecilia Garcia of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one grandson and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be e-mailed to pipkin@nts-online.net

Paid obituary

Joe Sawyer

Services for Joe Sawyer, 60, of Lamesa, will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the Lamesa Church of Christ with Mark Hackett and Joe Woodrum officiating. Mr. Sawyer died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Interment will be held in the Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mr. Sawyer was born April 4, 1943, in Georgetown. He was the son of Earl Washington and Anna Estelle Fields Sawyer. He married Lena Zachary on June 26, 1970, in Lamesa. He worked for Britt Trucking for several years and also was self-employed. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Anriell Ainsworth, Freddie Goolsby and Noma Sawyer; and two brothers Jimmy Sawyer and George Sawyer.

Mr. Sawyer is survived by his wife Tena Sawyer of Lamesa; one son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Cathy Sawyer of Slaton; one daughter and son-in-law, Nocona and Todd Denman of Canton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, LaRue and Wayne Vandivere of O'Donnell, and Martha and Bailey Ellyson of Dickinson; and one expected grandchild.

Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa is handling funeral arrangements.

Paid obit

John G. "Jack" Harrison

John G. "Jack" Harrison, 83, of Big Spring died Nov. 5, 2003, in Big Spring. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Matthew Miles officiating. Committal services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Harrison was born Feb. 27, 1920, in Dallas. He graduated from Oak Cliff High School and entered Iowa University in 1938. He became a Naval aviation cadet, training at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. In 1940, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served as a dive bomber pilot and operations officer in the South Pacific. At the end of the war he carried the rank of major. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1949 and received his bachelor of divinity from Austin Presbyterian Seminary in 1952. He then pastored at Elgin and Hyde Park Presbyterian Church in Austin. He later served as campus minister and instructor of religion and philosophy at Michigan State University and the University of Syracuse in New York. He received his master of systematic theology degree at Austin Presbyterian Seminary and returned to Syracuse as director of The Center For A Human Future. Dr. Harrison later served as the pastor of St. John Presbyterian Church in Dallas. Upon retirement he and his wife Claire Fincher Harrison, whom he married in 1939, returned to her home town of College Station. While there he served as pastor of churches at Calvert and Washington on the Brazos. They moved to Big Spring in 2001 to be near their daughter. While in Big Spring Jack worked as director of the Doc Hardy Model Railroad Museum.

He was preceded in death by his father John Harrison, an English Immigrant; his mother Martha Grandstaff Harrison; his wife Claire Fincher Harrison; his son Ron Harrison, and his daughter Jill Ellsworth Nabors.

He is survived by his granddaughters Pamela Langley and Leslie Cossliart of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The family suggests memorials be made to The First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, Tres Rios Presbytry Small Church Fund, or any other favorite charity.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

• **DIEGO GARDEA**, 31, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a Howard County warrant for driving while intoxicated.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 900 block of Willia.

• **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** was reported in the 3700 block of Connally.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg Street.

• **SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD** was reported on Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003. Two separate incidents were reported to the Big Spring Police Department. The first was reported to have happened at a home on the SW part of Big Spring. The complainant reported that a male subject known to her had sexually assaulted her daughter, who was under 17 years of age. The subject is an adult male, no injuries were sustained in the assault, which took place in late October. This case is under investigation by Detective Horton.

• **AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT** was reported to have happened in the early morning hours of Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003. The incident occurred at a house on the east side of Big Spring. The complainant reported that her daughter, who is under 17 years of age, advised that she was forced to perform an act for the sexual gratification of another/others. The suspect/suspects in this case is/are an adult male. This case is under investigation by Detective Horton.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-16-20-24. Bonus Ball: 6.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Prize: \$200,000.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$250,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 03-04-15-32-37.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-0-8

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Bulletin board

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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 to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are welcome.

AMBUS meets at noon in La Posada.

Tuesday

Intermediate Line Dance classes meets at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Corrections

In the *Big Spring Herald's* Tuesday edition, a caption identifying a woman selecting an angel from the Salvation Army's Senior Angel Tree incorrectly identify Wynelle Walker Bailey as Wynelle Bailey Walker.

An article appearing in the *Big Spring Herald's* Tuesday edition on candidates who have declared their intent to run for District 31 Texas Senate seat incorrectly stated that the first day to file an intent to run with the Texas Secretary of State is Friday. Filing begins today.

Weather

Tonight...Clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Southeast winds around 5 mph. Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 60.

Saturday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs in the mid 50s.

Sunday...Mostly clear. Lows around 30. Highs in the lower 60s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the mid 50s.

Sheriff's report

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

• **KELLEIGH JAY SMITH**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance and speeding.

• **CAMERON ROBERT SEAGO**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, criminal trespass with a deadly weapon and hindering apprehension/prosecution.

• **JAVIER V. DEJESUS**, 33, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated-second offense.

• **LAWRENCE PATRICK O'CONNER**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less.

• **SHANNON DARRELL BEDFORD**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less.

• **JESUS GERARDO VILLALOBOS**, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for assault on a peace officer.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of E. 23rd Street. Actor left the residence, deputies were dispatched to the scene. Complainant was taken to the emergency room, victim services were contacted. Report to follow.

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News briefs

Man arrested for murder

DALLAS (AP) — A man who was stopped while driving a car owned by one of two slain factory workers is now suspected in the deaths.

Tyrone Crear was arrested Tuesday and charged with capital murder. The beaten bodies of Steve Luburich and Willis Graham were discovered by a manager reporting to work Monday morning at the Paper Tubes & Sales plant.

A passenger in the car with Crear, 22, was questioned and released by police.

Investigators said that burglary may have been the motive in the slayings and that more than one person may have been involved. Power tools were reported missing from the Love Field-area factory.

Graham, 45, of Dallas and Luburich, 50, of Chicago were found at 5:30 a.m. Monday when a manager returned to work after the holiday weekend.

Education gap cited

HOUSTON (AP) — Black and Hispanic lawmakers from around the country on Tuesday said they will work together for wide-ranging changes to close the educational gap between minority and white children.

The National Black Caucus of State Legislators and the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators said they would begin focusing next month on schools in Texas, Ohio, Illinois, Maryland, Arizona, New York and New Mexico.

"Education is the escalator to upward mobility," Georgia Rep. Calvin Smyre, a member of the black caucus' executive committee, said at the group's national conference. "Whether you know it or not, public education is under attack in America. ... We have got to straighten up our backs when it comes to educating our children. It's nothing to shuffle our feet about."

The groups say studies they conducted indicate separate and unequal conditions remain in urban school districts throughout the country despite the historic Brown vs. Board of Education decision, which promised equal education.

Fake drugs investigation

DALLAS (AP) — A week after a federal jury acquitted the only police officer charged in the department's fake drugs scandal, Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill on Tuesday appointed a special counsel to conduct an independent investigation.

The decision was applauded by Latino leaders, who had called for an independent inquiry after a two-year investigation by the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice failed to produce any police convictions.

Dozens of innocent Mexican immigrants were jailed in 2001 after police informants planted on them pool chalk disguised as cocaine.

Hill named as special counsel Daniel Hagood, a former Dallas County assistant district attorney now in private practice whom he called "one of the most exemplary trial lawyers in the state."

Five children die in fire

ALVIN (AP) — With his apartment in flames, Salim Charina escaped, threw his arms up and screamed in his native Pakistani language as smoke wafted from his still burning body.

"He was burnt up and he was telling me: 'Go get my kids! Go get my kids! Go get my kids!'" neighbor Michael Donald recalled. "The staircase was burning up real bad and there was no way you could get in to get the kids."

Charina's five young children died in Tuesday's blaze: Zain, 4; Zohaib, 3; Shafna, 2; and 2-month-old twins Amann, a boy, and Cyra, a girl.

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rently in service in the United States, and more than 1,000 have been exported. The Apache was first used in combat in 1989 in the U.S. military action in Panama. It was used in Operation Desert Storm, has supported low intensity and peacekeeping operations worldwide including Turkey, Bosnia and Kosovo and has been

deployed by the U.S. Army in Afghanistan as part of Operation Anaconda and in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"This Apache will be fitted with the Longbow wave fire control radar and the Longbow Hellfire missile," said Yoakum. "There are quiet a few Apaches the military is converting into Longbows right now."

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LUMINARIA

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members of the Howard College Diplomats and cheerleaders will sing holiday songs a cappella. "We're spotlighting our Howard College groups this year," Flores said.

More than 250 people on average come to the college for the festive event, which has been held for about 20 years.

"This is Howard College's gift to the com-

munity," Flores noted.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Billie Gammons, 80, died Sunday. Funeral services will be 3:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Elmer J. Henson, 87, died Monday. Funeral services will be 11:30 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Lloyd Love, 85, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rev. John G. "Jack" Harrison, 83, died November 5, 2003. Committal services will be 1:00 PM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM Friday at First Presbyterian Church.

THIEVES

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"Don't put your packages and presents in the back seat of your car without covering them up," he said. "The best way to discourage criminals is to keep them out of sight and out of mind by putting them in the trunk. If you have to put them in the seat though, be sure to cover them up or obscure them in some way."

"If you put them in the trunk, it makes it a real pain for the thieves to get to them, and they don't necessarily want to be out there working on your lock in a situation where they can be seen. From time to time we try to patrol the parking lots of the mall and some of the stores looking for that sort of thing."

Most importantly, Sweatt said, be aware of what is going on around you.

"Be aware of what's going on around you," he stressed. "If you'll sit up at the front doors of Wal-Mart or the mall, you'll see people walking up and down the parking lots just looking in cars. After a minute or two you can tell they're not looking for their car or headed for their car. What they're doing is scoping out the inside of your vehicle to see if you have any packages or purses or any-

thing laying loose like that."

"We also suggest that people keep their doors locked whenever they go inside a store, and make sure you take your keys with you. If someone gets into your car to steal a radio or wallet and they find the keys, you're probably going to lose your car. We generally recover the cars that get stolen around here, but a lot of time they're not in any kind of condition to be driven."

Sweatt said it may seem downright unholiday-like to be so suspicious this Christmas, but it's much safer to err on the side of suspicion than to be caught unaware.

"A lot of people will walk outside and in between cars and really not be aware of what's going on around them," said Sweatt. "You need to pay attention to whether or not people are there or they seem to be watching you. I would rather have someone be suspicious of me if I'm standing out in the parking lot than to not even notice me."

"Also for the ladies with purses, we suggest that they don't just hold them by the strap and just leave them hanging. That makes them really easy to take. If they have straps on them we suggest you

keep them over your shoulder so you can keep one arm over them and keep them secure. Also be sure that you don't leave money that's in your purse visible."

While personal safety devices such as pepper spray and stun guns may seem like a plausible protection plan for some holiday shoppers, Sweatt said there are some very serious implications to consider.

"I have mixed feelings on that because from what I've seen, people with those types of personal protection items end up getting them used on them," he explained. "One of the things you have to remember is if you have something like that with you, you have to be prepared to use it, and use it in a timely manner."

"If you get pepper spray to threaten people with, then you shouldn't carry it. It's a lot like people that ask if they should buy a gun; and I tell them if they're not prepared to use it, don't have one because chances are it will be used against you."

While the idea of using these types of items may not bother some people at all, Sweatt said the consequences for a mistake should.

"You also have to be really careful about the

pepper spray and make sure that what you believe is about to happen is true before you use it," he said. "I don't necessarily disagree with people having it, but they need to be really careful how they use it and be sure it's justified. If you mess around and spray someone who's not doing anything wrong, that's assault and you'll end up in jail."

If these sound like good ideas for more than just the Christmas shopping season, Sweatt said you're

right on target.

"These are things that will help keep you from being targeted during the holidays, but they work to your advantage all year," said Sweatt. "Anytime during the year you can look at our activities and see auto burglaries, and probably 75 percent of them are unlocked cars. You'll also see where purses and wallets are stolen, and that's usually because they're on the front seat or the console, in plain sight."

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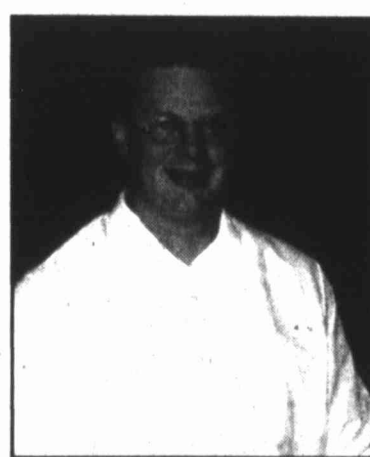
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OUR VIEWS

Saturday promises to be fantastic

If it's holiday tradition you're after, Saturday is shaping up as your day, Howard Countians! It's a great time for laughter and song, pageantry and celebration and parades... oh boy, is it ever time for parades.

Let's get started. First off, there's the newest tradition on the block, but one that is already established. It's the Boomtown Parade, of course, put on by the folks in Forsan. Several dozen entries are planned for the parade, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. There will be booths, too, featuring food, crafts, T-shirts and more.

From there, you might want to attend the dress rehearsal of The Living Christmas Tree at the First United Methodist Church here in Big Spring. No tickets are necessary for this standing-room-only event, which will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. This year's theme is "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," and the program will include more than 30 actors and 100 singers.

Later in the afternoon, at 4, the Heritage Museum will be holding a "Star Studded Christmas," honoring actresses Jean Porter, Betty Buckley and Helon Blount. The wine and cheese reception will run until 5:30 p.m. — just in time for the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade. In fact, guests attending the reception are invited to participate in "The Parade Watch," another annual feature at the museum.

The Community Christmas Parade, with more than 50 entries this year, will begin at the south end of Gregg Street and head north, turning east at Sixth Street (by the museum) to Main, and then on to the courthouse square. Another Howard County tradition, the lighted parade is in its 18th year. Thousands of people line Gregg Street each year to marvel at the decorated floats and welcome the Christmas holidays.

Following the parade will be the annual open house at the Hangar 25 Air Museum. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. The public is encouraged to attend.

That evening, at 8, will be the first "official" performance of the Living Christmas Tree — the second performance is at 8 p.m. Sunday — and while it is free, you'll need to obtain tickets in advance at First United Methodist Church to be able to attend.

Finally, on a more somber note, Coahoma will hold "Dedication to a Hometown Hero," a ceremony in honor of Marine Lance Cpl. Chad Metcalf Bales, who was killed in Iraq earlier this year. A small memorial stone will be presented and a representative from U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer's office will present Ginger and John Wayne Metcalf with a flag. The ceremony is set for 10 a.m. at Coahoma High School. The public is invited.

We encourage you to participate in as many weekend activities as possible. They'll warm your heart.

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The vest man of Huntsville

Poncho Roberts and his wife Sugar live in Huntsville and have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. That prompted Poncho to say a few words.

"After 50 years with Sugar I need a sympathy card. I looked up sugar in the dictionary and it means evaporated sap. If that don't bless your heart nothing else will. And I hate to even tell you this, but the other morning we were lying there in bed and I said 'Hon, would you mind getting up and fixing me a good old hot breakfast?' She just rolled over and said 'if you want a hot breakfast, get up and set your raisin bran on fire.'"

His real name is Frank, but in 1951 when he was working for the telephone company in Harlingen he developed a deep love for Mexican food.

"I had it for breakfast, lunch and supper. In Spanish, Frank is



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Pancho. My fellow workers started calling me Pancho but they changed the A to an O because I developed a big belly or paunch."

Poncho later worked at NASA, setting up circuits around the world for all the space programs. "I got to start with the original seven astronauts up to the first space shuttle. I was there sixteen and a half years."

Now retired, Poncho Roberts is a greeter at the Sam Houston monument in Huntsville. His colorful demeanor and comments entertain visitors from all over the world. He finds plenty to do around Huntsville, where he was born.

"I am the town clown, the community character the professional volunteer. I was born to retire."

He has been collecting autographs from celebrities for more than 25 years. "I have an autograph collection with over fifty-five thousand autographs in it."

"I'm very proud of it. I have Gerald R. Ford, Alan Shepard, the first man in outer space, Vice president Dan Quayle, Dallas Cowboy Hall of Famers Mel Renfro and Bob Lilly, Frank Sinatra Senior and Junior and people from

all walks of life."

He has a collection of vests. He wears a different one every day.

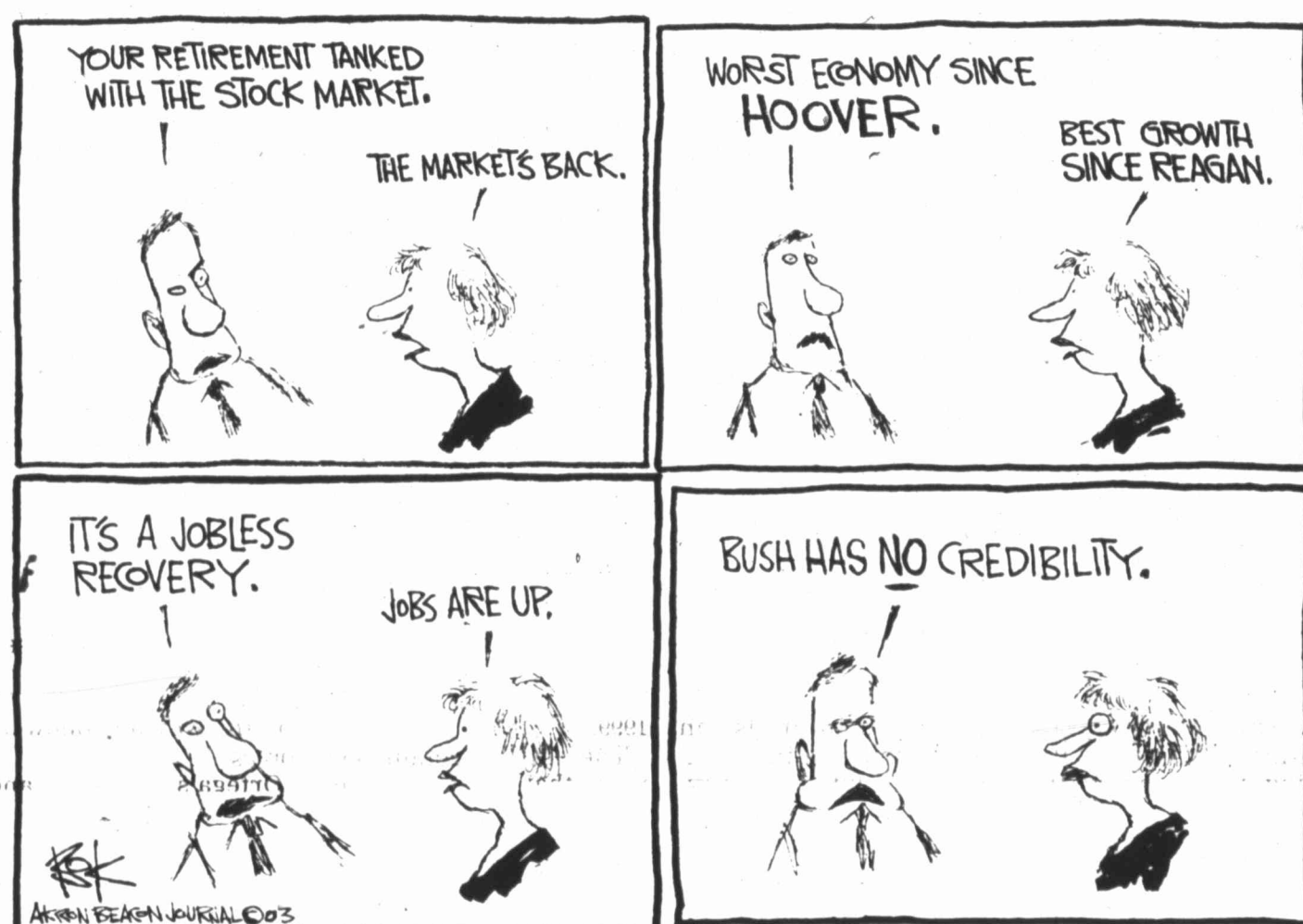
He started wearing vests while his son was playing football in middle school. "His school colors were blue and gold. I told my Mama I'd like to have a vest to wear on Wednesday afternoons when he plays football. She made me one and I wore it to work every Wednesday morning. After about the fifth Wednesday the guys I work with told me they were tired of looking at that cotton pickin' blue vest and suggested I get another color."

He says an idea began to hatch in his mind. "I got my mother and took her to the material store and we picked out six wild colors and since that day in 1965 I've worn a vest every day."

"I had the desire of having a hundred vests to give me a real variety."

His mother made 75 vests. His sister-in-law made 35. Some were given to him.

He now has one hundred and fourteen vests. He keeps them in a special closet and wears a different one every day.



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The benefits of decriminalization

"I don't think a kid 17 years old, who has a joint, should have a criminal record," departing Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien told The New York Times last week. I'm no Chretien fan, but on this, I must agree.

Who would have thought that when my generation came of age, U.S. marijuana laws would be basically what they were when we were young? Or that significant taxpayer dollars would be spent to prosecute and incarcerate users?

On his way out of Canada's highest office, Chretien proposed a Cannabis Reform Bill — dubbed "soft pot" legislation — to change the penalty for possession of up to 15 grams of marijuana from jail time to fines of \$150 for adults and \$100 for minors. Reports conflict as to whether Canadian lawmakers will approve this piece of "legacy" legislation.



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But it's clear the Bush administration strongly opposes any softening of drug policy across the border, lest it increase drug use in the U.S.A. Too bad: Americans might benefit by seeing what happens in a Canada that has, in essence, decriminalized personal possession of marijuana.

Maybe the results won't all be rosy. Consider the seedy side of Amsterdam, where coffee shops legally sell cannabis. Ditto Oakland's "Oaksterdam" — a district so dubbed for its medical marijuana clubs — to which recreational users and robbers have flocked. A gay and lesbian youth center was so concerned about marijuana smoke wafting around the noses of vulnerable youths that it closed its Oaksterdam office. The executive director told the San Francisco Chronicle, "When drugs are in the area, everything else comes with it."

Ethan Nadelmann, founder of the Drug Policy Alliance, doesn't buy the seedy argument. Cities invite blight, he said; it's not the drugs.

Nadelmann noted that many marijuana advocates oppose Chretien's measure because it does-

n't legalize marijuana, or tax or regulate the drug. Still, he said: "I think that decriminalization is an improvement over the current policy of the drug war and arresting hundreds of thousands of people," even if decriminalization introduces gray areas into the law.

The benefits of decriminalization, however, should not be underestimated. In 2001, police arrested more than 700,000 people for marijuana violations, according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report — 88 percent for simple possession. Once they are prosecuted, users have to live with the stigma of an arrest record, which could bar them from entering certain professions and even qualifying for student loans.

As the federal and state coffers hit the red, there are budgetary issues, too. There's the small cost of jailing first-time offenders as they are arrested. Worse, there is the large cost of sending parolees back to prison, not because they committed serious crimes for which they should be thrown behind bars but because they flunked drug tests. A recent Little Hoover Commission report found that California wastes

close to \$1 billion annually supervising and returning parolees to prison for minor parole violations.

The best reason for decriminalization is Chretien's hypothetical 17-year-old.

I understand why parents fear that readily available marijuana might hinder their child's development, and so they support the current system. But it is clear that marijuana, while illegal, is readily available.

According to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, more than 50 percent of high-school seniors reported having tried an illicit drug. I don't think many readers would argue that America would be a better country if all of those students were arrested and prosecuted.

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Titles are "Unspoken" (Bathsheba); "Unshaken" (Ruth); and "Unafraid" (Mary). Other titles are "Unveiled" (Tamar) and "Unashamed" (Rahab); the Library has these two on order. Each volume is small, only about 200 pages and a study guide is included.

It has been 40 years since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Opinions are still divided on the question, did Oswald work alone?

Norman Mailer was awarded the Pulitzer

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Prize and the National Book Award for "Armies of the Night" and a second Pulitzer (1980) for his book on Gary Gilmore, "The Executioner's Song".

In the early 1990's, he directed his attention to Lee Harvey Oswald. With meticulous research, he attempts to answer the question, "Who was Oswald?" not "Who killed Kennedy?"

In "Oswald's Tale: An American Mystery" (364.1524 MAI N), Mailer reconstructs Oswald's life from his childhood, his Marine career, his years in Russia, marriage to

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Marina and ultimately to his actions in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1962.

A non-fiction masterpiece, "Oswald's Tale" will give new insight to Oswald and his life.

Interested in Texas history?

Check out "Battlefields of Texas" (355 GRO B) by Bill Groneman. He has written vivid descriptions of the fields of battle, profiles on individuals and an analysis of each battle. There are maps of the battlefields and some rare photographs, too.

While he doesn't mention my ancestor,

Nicholas Gillentine specifically, he does write about the Battle of Dove Creek where Nicholas was wounded (he subsequently died of injuries sustained there).

I must confess that Science Fiction does not "float my boat."

However, the Library has, IMHO, in my humble opinion, a more than adequate collection of Science Fiction.

Anne McCaffrey, Margaret Weiss, Tracy Hickman, Terry Brooks, Frederik Pohl, L. Ron Hubbard, Terry C. Johnston and Robert Jordan are very prolific authors and have several series out.

If, as Sci-Fi readers, there is a suggestion on new books or authors, let us know what you would like to have added to the collection.

My mother usually allowed us kids to read whatever we wanted to.

During the summer, every Saturday, we went to town to the grocery store and the library. However, Mother would not let us check out books by Harold Robbins.

Never could figure why, until as an adult I read most of his works. Harold Robbins died in 1997.

His death hasn't kept him from publishing, as many of the works-in-progress he left behind have been completed by author or unknown authors.

As a comparison, check out some of his earlier works, such as "The Carpetbaggers, etc., and compare them with volumes that have been published since his death, "Sin City", "The Predators", "Never Enough", "Never Leave Me" and "The Secret." I think you can tell the difference between a book by Harold Robbins and one that has been published by his estate.

Are you a fan of Tom Clancy? Books bristling with details on weaponry, stealth planes, silent submarines?

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Now something big and wicked is coming out of the Barents Sea. Only USS Portland, her aggressive captain, his conflict-

ed Exec, and the first woman to serve aboard an American sub stand in its way. This is an exciting book to read.

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Members of Martinez's unit recently completed operations in Iraq. Martinez's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operation in virtually any environment.

Martinez is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and joined the Marine Corps in May 2001.

Pfc. Mark A. Ortega Marine Corps Pfc. Mark A. Ortega, son of Mary S. Lujan of Big Spring, is on deployment while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Ortega is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School and joined the Marine Corps in November 2002.

Cpl. Joe G. Henderson Marine Corps Cpl. Joe G. Henderson, son of Holly R. Moore of Big Spring, is assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based in Camp Pendleton, Calif. Henderson is a 1999

graduate of Robert Lee High School and joined the Marine Corps in July 1999.

The MEU conducted more than 300 patrols in Southern Iraq including 50 by the MEU's boat company. Units of the three Marines also trained local police in the setup of security checkpoints, confiscated weapons and destroyed more than 2,000 rounds of ordnance, much of which was found near villages and playgrounds.

MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, Martinez's unit sup-

plies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Ortega's and Henderson's units are expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element.

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Hospital patients get Christmas gifts; activities

Community Relations Department to relocate to the old assistant superintendent's quarters on Nov. 20 went smoothly, with assistance from our Plant Management team and property officer.



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We spent eight back-breaking hours moving our belongings, which includes many of the items we'll be using for our annual seasonal parties.

We were exhausted and excited and thought life couldn't get much better until we opened the doors the next morning and were greeted by a flood.

We didn't let a little water dampen our spirits, though. Hospital employees and volunteers have assisted us in getting the Community Relations department back up to speed.

We aren't there yet, but hopefully things will be back to normal in the next few days, and we will continue our endeavors in making Christmas wishes come true for our patients. Watch for an invitation to our open house in the near future. The new Community Relations office is located on the street behind our old building on Rose Lane.

Several churches, civic clubs and other community groups have generously offered to provide parties for patient units on Dec. 16.

ALON USA employees rallied to assist with last minute gift-wrapping and delivery of gifts, as well

as packaging fruit and addressing Christmas cards for the patients.

The Salvation Army delivered Christmas gift bags filled with grooming items to distribute to the patients.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (Lonnie and Rita Self) will be making their rounds Dec. 16 visiting and handing out goodies, along with the Big Spring Evening Lions and a host of volunteers headed up by long-time volunteer Murlene Williams.

What is best known, as the Ackerly Band will entertain out patients, along with Melody McDaniel. You are welcome to join in the fun at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Therapies Building.

Thank you, Suzanne Markwell and Dorothy Sheppard, for producing a successful Craft Sale to benefit the Christmas Fund. The sale of homemade casseroles, along with a cookie sale at Rip Griffin's, and Judy Jarmes chairing the quilt drawing, the volunteers made close to \$1,000. This would not have been possible without the donations from employees and volunteers. We appreciate the support.

This year's quilt giveaway winner will be drawn at the January Volunteer Board meeting. The gorgeous puff quilt was made and donated by the Ackerly Baptist women.

We appreciate the Saints Alive Choir from First Baptist Church who presented their annual Christmas Program for our patients.

The Chalet Resale Shop volunteers will gather at Gales Sweet Shoppe for a Christmas Luncheon and meeting Dec. 10. Hats off to this energetic group

who work six days a week to generate more than \$12,000 from donated items sold at the resale shop.

These funds are used for special activities and projects for the patients. Don't forget that The Chalet, 1107 E. 11th Place, accepts all types of donations.

Volunteer Services Council (VSC) Board members will not meet in Dec. The next VSC Board meeting will be held Jan. 8 at the Community Relations Office.

It promises to be a busy one as we evaluate Christmas activities and evaluate progress on the volunteers upcoming

Valentine Fund-raiser and the Denim and Diamonds Gala.

Volunteers have several ongoing projects such as the Pillow Pals, Operation Cookie, Everybody Needs a Friend, Bingo, Operation Magazine, We Care Bags, and My Own Room Decoration that keeps them busy as they strive to make the patients stay at Big Spring State Hospital more pleasant.

I'm excited to add two of our retirees, who were outstanding employees, Lucy Griffith and Dawn Pearson, to our volunteer rolls.

It's not too early to make your New Year's

resolution to experience the rewards of being a volunteer. Call me at 268-7535 to find out more about the many volunteer opportunities at Big Spring State Hospital.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all as you spend some time remembering good times

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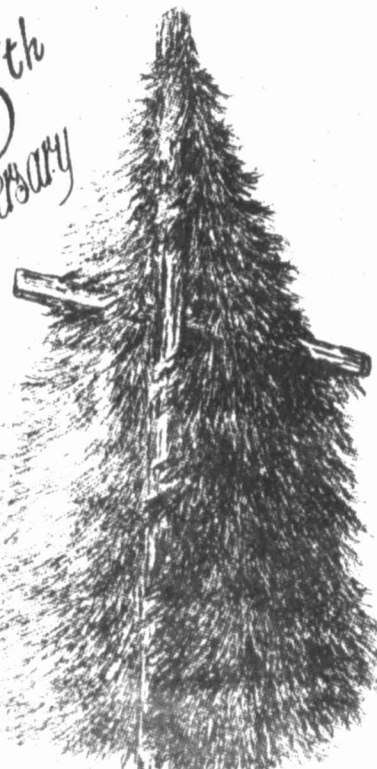
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Emma McCullough of Marfa. She is employed by New Hope Christian School.

Chris Roberts and Kathy of Lamesa. He is employed by B.S.I.S.D and she is employed by Curves.

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Peter Barnes and Jean Lokken of Las Cruces, N.M. He is retired and she is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Edward Hotz, Becky and son Colin of Bridgeport. He is a diesel mechanic and she is employed by Warren Chiropractic.

Gene Cravens, Karen and son Stephen of Corsicana. He is the pastor of First Christian Church.

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

Call 263-7331, ext. 236. Callers must connect with Ms. Allen and not a voice mail. Winners may pick up their tickets at The Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry. "The Symphony is Christmas" will be held Saturday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.



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IN BRIEF

Area tournaments ready to tip off soon

Basketball season will get under way in earnest this week when three of the state's top small-school basketball tournaments begin.

In Garden City, 16 teams will compete in the Bearkat Classic beginning Thursday.

Forsan will be among the teams competing in the Borden County Tournament, which also begins Thursday.

In Coahoma, the annual high school basketball tournament begins Thursday.

BSYBA 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 to begin

Registration for the Coahoma Youth Basketball League will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. from Dec. 10-12 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 Dec. 12 beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call Loy Hahn at 394-4232.

BS baseball boosters to meet Dec. 8

The Big Spring High School Baseball Boosters will be holding a meeting on Monday, Dec. 8, to begin preparations for the upcoming season. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the ATC.

Quarterback Club to sell banquet tickets

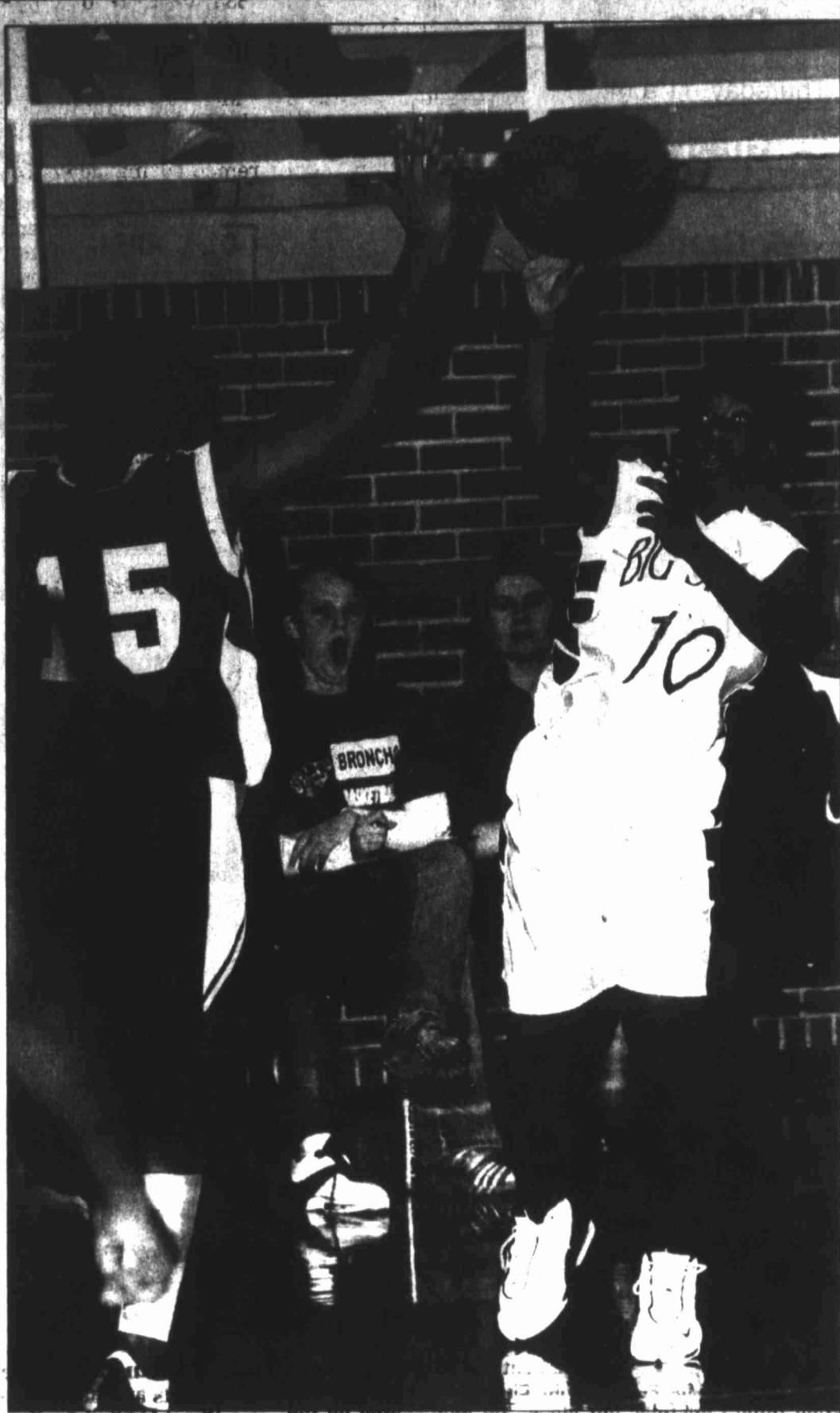
The Big Spring Quarterback Club is selling tickets to the BSHS football banquet, which is slated for 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 15, at the BSHS Cafeteria.

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).



Big Spring's Imari Brown attempts to pass over the outstretched arms of an Odessa defender during recent BSHS basketball action. The Big Spring boys' and girls' teams suffered losses to Lamesa Tuesday.

Lamesa claims pair of wins from Big Spring

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LAMESA — The Lamesa Golden Tors, who can bet, were clock-watchers Tuesday night. And for good reason.

Lamesa, after building a 10-point lead after three quarters of play, watched on in horror as Wesley Smith and the Big Spring Steers exploded offensively in the final eight minutes, rallying to within two points, at 49-47, before time ran out.

Despite the loss, Big Spring posted its fifth impressive outing of the year. The Steers, now 1-4, upended Lamesa, in Big Spring, last week.

Lamesa held the upper hand early in the first quarter. The Tors outscored Big Spring by a 16-11 clip in the initial eight minutes.

Big Spring managed to quiet Lamesa's offense in the second. The Steers allowed Lamesa just nine points in the frame and went into the half trailing 25-20.

The Tors, 2-3 overall, managed to regain the momentum in the third, however. Lamesa posted a 14-9 spree in the frame and took a 39-29 cushion into the fourth quarter.

Smith, Jordan Cobb and Josh Pedigo made sure the Tors didn't begin celebrating too early. The Big Spring trio helped power a dominating 18-10 run over the final 7:45 of play to pull the Steers to within 49-47.

Pedigo led all Big Spring scorers with 14 points. Smith also reached double figures with 13.

The Big Spring Lady Steers, despite garnering a season-high 18 points from Leina Braxton, suffered a 49-40 loss to Lamesa.

With the loss to the Lady Tors, Big Spring slipped to 1-3 overall.

Big Spring struggled offensively in the first half. After managing to stay within two, at 6-4, in the first quarter, the BSHS offense ground to a slow crawl in the second. Lamesa posted a 12-6 run in the frame and took a 18-10 lead into the half.

The Lady Steers, who are slated to compete in the San Angelo tournament beginning tomorrow, came alive in the third. Big Spring, behind Braxton, reeled off a 22-14 spree and knotted the score at 32-32 at the end of the third.

Lamesa answered back with a 17-8 spurt in the final eight minutes.

Coahoma opens season with 66-45 rout of Stamford

Herald staff report

Kelby Kemper pumped in 20 points and pulled down 12 rebounds Tuesday night and helped lead the Coahoma Bulldogs to a 66-45 romp over the Stamford Bulldogs in their 2003 basketball opener.

In all, three other Coahoma players joined Tindol in double figures offensively, including senior Sam Tindol, Isaac Brewer and Tyler Fowler. Stamford managed to hang close in the first

half, sinking several shots late in the second quarter to pull to within 31-24 at the half.

Brewer, who also posted a double-double, and Kemper made sure they didn't hang around in the second half. The CHS duo led the Bulldogs on a dominating 24-12 run in the third period and staked Coahoma to a 55-36 cushion.

Brewer finished the game with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Tindol netted 12, while Fowler contributed 11.



Coahoma junior Lance Roberts was one of a handful of Bulldogs named to the 3-2A All-District squad. For details see Sunday's edition of the Herald.

Parcells sends message by releasing Ross

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells has talked about getting rid of players he can't rely on since becoming coach of the Dallas Cowboys. He showed how much he means it by releasing kick returner-cornerback Derek Ross on Tuesday, days before a pivotal game against Philadelphia.

Ross was considered a rising star last season when he became a starter as a rookie. Then Parcells took over in January and the two clashed since training camp.

Parcells criticized Ross for relying on raw ability instead of technique when covering receivers and carrying the ball loosely on kickoff returns. Then Parcells wasn't pleased with how Ross handled a knee injury that kept him out of the first six games.

Since fumbling twice, losing one, in a loss to Miami on Thursday, Ross missed a team run the next morning and hospital visits on Monday.

Parcells wasn't available for comment Tuesday.

"It's cut-and-dry with him," tight end Dan Campbell said. "You do the right things, you'll be fine. If not, you'll be out of here. That goes for anyone in this place."

Ross' nameplate was removed and his locker cleaned out, with clothes and sneakers filling a trash can, when reporters were allowed into the locker room Tuesday. Also gone was the newspaper clipping Ross kept that included Parcells calling him "a street player," comparing Ross' play-

ing style to a dog chasing cars.

"He's sending a message," defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said. "Regardless of who you are, if you're making mistakes or you're not doing what you're supposed to be doing, you're not going to be a part of this team. It's as simple as that."

Players learned of the move from Parcells during their usual morning meeting. He also announced the promotion of running back Erik Bickerstaff from the practice squad to the 53-man roster and the addition of running back ReShard Lee to the practice squad. Lee was released in training camp with an injury settlement.

While the release of Ross was a surprise, Parcells had indicated Monday that changes were coming.

The Cowboys (8-4) have lost three of six and haven't scored in the last two road games. Next up is Philadelphia, which has won seven straight.

With four games left, Dallas is still in great shape to make the playoffs for the first time in four years. The Cowboys are a game behind the Eagles in the NFC East and can move ahead with a victory Sunday because they also won the season's first meeting. Dallas also has a two-game edge over Green Bay and New Orleans in the race for a wild-card spot.

"This is crunch time for us," Glover said. "(Parcells) is not going to let one or two guys mess that opportunity up, whoever those guys may be."

Last-second FT lifts Hornets by Lady Buffs

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The Forsan Lady Buffaloes shot a scorching 71 percent in the first half en route to building a five-point lead over the Highland Lady Hornets heading into the locker room Tuesday night. From there, they could only watch as the lead evaporated down the stretch.

Highland outscored the Lady Buffs by five points in the second half and then came away with the game-winning shot in overtime to claim a 35-33 win.

The Lady Buffs seemed to have things well in hand when Audra Bailey hit from 10 feet with 6:31 left in the second period to stake Forsan to a 9-

point advantage, at 13-4. Highland had other ideas, however. The Lady Hornets proceeded to reel off an 12-4 run over the next four-and-a-half minutes to close to within one, at 17-16.

The second half turned out to be a complete reversal for Forsan. The Lady Buffs simply couldn't buy a basket in the half of the third quarter, shooting just 2-of-16 from the field in the final 16 minutes. The Lady Buffs' scoring woes enabled Highland to chip away at the Forsan advantage, finally pulling even at 29-29 with just two seconds remaining in regulation.

The overtime period became a war of attrition. Each team was able to

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TCU could face Boise State in Ft. Worth Bowl

FORT WORTH (AP) — Boise State accepted a conditional bid to play TCU in the Fort Worth Bowl on Dec. 23.

If the Big 12 gets two teams in the Bowl Championship Series, as expected, the league won't have enough bowl-eligible teams to send a team to Fort Worth. That would create an at-large spot for Boise State (11-1), the WAC champion which plays its regular season finale Saturday at Hawaii.

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BSJHS cagers dump Stangs

Clarissa Carrisalez scored 11 points and Meredith Morgan pulled down seven rebounds Monday night and helped power the Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers' eighth grade B team to a dominating 27-13 win over the Denver City Mustangs.

The Lady Steers' win was one of two the Big Spring cagers earned against DC.

Carrisalez and Morgan were far from the only sources of power the Lady Steers drew from. Nita Cotton finished as the team's second-leading scorer with seven points. Amber Simer contributed two.

Morgan, who has registered two double-double efforts this season, chalked up four points.

The seventh grade A team also emerged victorious, downing Denver City by a 39-18 margin.

Ariel Johnson had the hot hand for BSJHS, netting nine points. Teammates Dominique Green and M'Lynn Swinney both chipped in six.

The Lady Steers' eighth grade A suffered a 31-23 setback despite a solid effort from. Maddy Hopkins and Danielle Jeter. Hopkins led all BSJHS scorers with 12 points and eight boards. Jeter tallied seven points and a team-high 11 rebounds.

Lydia Felfchroeb and Amanda Caskey also scored in the game, netting two apiece. Despite eight points from Mirella Torres, the seventh grade B team fell to Denver City by a 19-14 clip.

Melissa Chase finished with four points.

Mavericks slide past Wizards

DALLAS (AP) — Antawn Jamison scored 21 points and Michael Finley had 16 points and 12 rebounds in the Dallas Mavericks' 97-72 victory over the Washington Wizards on Tuesday.

Steve Nash added 14 points and Eduardo Najera had 11 points and 11 rebounds to help Dallas improve to 10-0 at home.

Larry Hughes had 12 points and Brenden Haywood grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds for Wizards, who've lost five of six.

The Mavericks were without leading scorer Dirk Nowitzki, sidelined by a sprained right ankle. Nowitzki is doubtful for Dallas' game Thursday night against the Los Angeles Lakers.

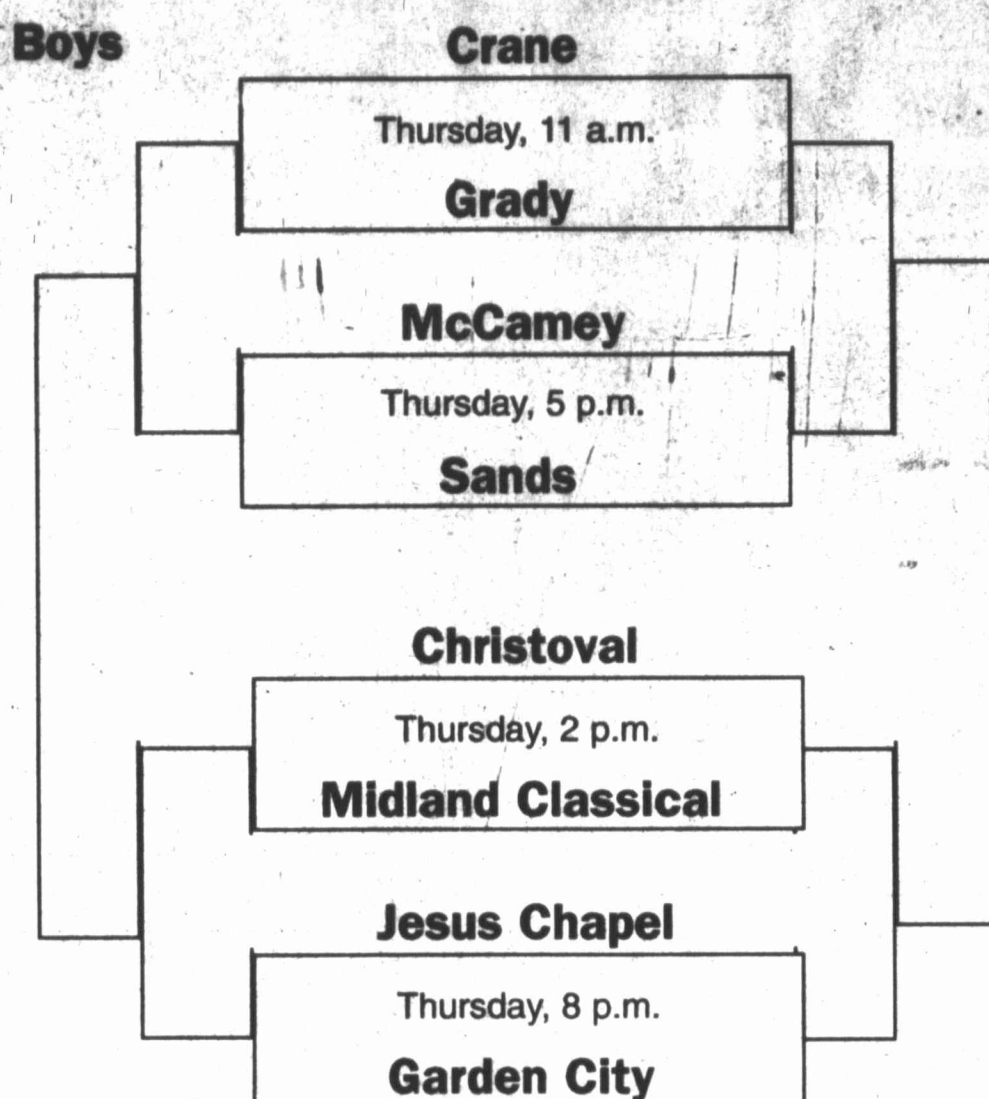
Dallas also played without forward Danny Fortson, serving the third and final game of a suspension.

Wizards forward Etan Thomas missed the game due to the flu.

The Mavericks expanded an 11-point halftime lead to 67-51 with 3:07 left in the third quarter when Najera capped a 13-5 spurt by converting a layup off a behind-the-back pass from Nash.

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FJHS 7th graders upend Stanton

BRANDON HALLFORD
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FORSAN — The Forsan Junior High School seventh grade Buffaloes reeled off a 10-0 run in the third and then withstood a furious fourth-quarter comeback by the Stanton Buffaloes to take a wild 28-24 victory Monday night.

Holding a slim 14-13 lead early in the third, FJHS exploded offensively, extending their advantage to 24-13 with two minutes left in the frame. Stanton wasn't impressed, however. The SJHS Buffs rattled off an 11-2 run of their own to end the third and began the fourth period trailing by

just a 26-24 margin.

Nathan Atkerson led the way for Forsan scoring 10 points, while Jace Sandridge and Jeremy Freitag combined to score another 14 — going for eight and six, respectively.

John Eric Saenz paced SJHS, pouring in 12 points. Ramsey Fleckenstein added five.

In eighth grade B action, Forsan made it two-for-two by scratching out a 12-8 victory. Jeremy Rainey was the main contributor to the FJHS effort, marking the score sheet for eight points.

Julio Gomez scored six for Stanton in the loss.

SJHS used a 10-2 fourth

quarter run to turn the tables in the eighth grade A game and claim Stanton's first victory of the night, at 25-14.

Justin Hinojosa paced Stanton with 12 points while David Erives and David Fulton added six and seven apiece, respectively.

Cameron Parker and Toby Anderson led the way for Forsan scoring five apiece.

Stanton gained a split on the evening in the freshman game by cruising to a commanding 25-7 victory over the Forsan Buffaloes.

Stoops chosen as Big 12's top coach

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans won't know whether David Carr has a chance to play next weekend against the Atlanta Falcons until his workout today, coach Dom Capers said.

Carr, who missed Sunday's 23-20 overtime loss to New England with a sprained right shoulder, was listed as the No. 3 quarterback Sunday against the Patriots. He jogged onto the field wearing a baseball cap

and probably would not have seen the field.

"David Carr is making progress," Capers said. "We're going to probably list him as questionable right now. We're going to have to wait and see how he does through the course of the week in practice."

Carr, the No. 1 pick in last year's NFL draft, has missed the equivalent of 3 1/2 games this season. He took every snap as a rookie.

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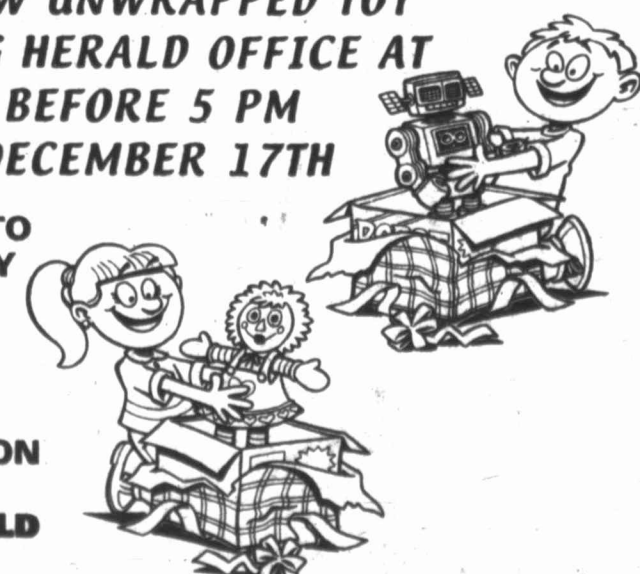
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4. Rosie Jones	70.29
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6. Juli Inkster	70.55
7. Cristie Kerr	70.69
8. Patricia Meunier-Lepoutre	70.75

Rounds under par	
1. Annika Sorenstam	767
2. Se Ri Pak	688
3. Grace Park	674
4. Cristie Kerr	630
5. Rachel Teske	604
6. Karrie Webb	598
7. Suzann Pettersen	585
8. Hee-Won Han	567

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1. Annika Sorenstam	755
2. Donna Andrews	739
3. Se Ri Pak	724
4. Helen Alfredsson	715
5. Lorena Ochoa	712
6. Cristie Kerr	711
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4. Johanna Head	500
4. Annika Sorenstam	500
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8. Stefania Croce	486

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1. Grace Park	403
2. Se Ri Pak	379
3. Candie Kung	357
4. Hee-Won Han	351
5. Rachel Teske	348
6. Meg Mallon	332
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8. Catriona Matthew	318

Driving accuracy	
1. Becky Morgan	834
2. Mi-Hyun Kim	822
2. Rosie Jones	822
4. Jan Stephenson	816
5. Amy Frykholm	813
6. Donna Andrews	806
7. Yu Ping Lin	791
8. Hiromi Kobayashi	789

Putting average	
1. Rosie Jones	28.20
2. Ara Koh	28.70
3. Laura Davies	28.75
4. Hilary Lunke	28.88
5. Grace Park	28.91
6. Jane Crafter	28.92
7. Soo-Yun Kang	28.98
8. Juli Inkster	29.17
8. Beth Bauer	29.17

Top 8 finishes	
1. Annika Sorenstam	882
2. Se Ri Pak	769
3. Grace Park	731
4. Karrie Webb	522
5. Beth Daniel	500
6. Rosie Jones	474
7. Juli Inkster	429
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18-hole singles playoff (Monday)	98	15%
18-hole foursomes playoff (Monday)	49	8%



Gary Player, captain of the International team and Jack Nicklaus, captain of the U.S. team, agree to share the Presidents Cup.

I hate ties, to the point where I made sure to pursue a job in which I'd never have to wear one. Twelve U.S. players, a captain and vice-captain, caddies, wives, girlfriends, children and assorted relatives made the trip to the end of the world for the Presidents Cup at Fancourt, which settled, well, to be honest, absolutely nothing.

What did it mean? To South Africa, to the people who saw four days of golf they never will forget, and to the fledgling Presidents Cup — the little cup that could — it meant absolutely everything. Twenty-four players in all, competing in 34 matches, and when darkness settled below the Outeniqua Mountains Nov. 23, the event did not have a winner.

And yet, zoom out, and it had many. If we can have the Perfect Club and the Perfect Storm, then certainly it's possible to have the Perfect Tie. By the letter of the law, the decision to call the matches a draw at 17-all never should have happened. And yet anybody who stood among two tired teams on that second green at the Links, where only evening could stop an electric heavy-weight bout between Tiger Woods and Ernie Els, knew the decision was the right one, the only one: The Perfect Tie.

Even Woods, his hands still shaking from the playoff, termed it "the perfect decision. No one should come away a loser in this event."

Oh, I know what you're saying. Golf has gone soft. A tie? You say the Presidents Cup is too warm and too fuzzy to

Presidents Cup leaves positive mark on South Africa

rightfully sit alongside its older brother, the surly Ryder Cup, as a can't-miss, marquee event.

But it's not always about separating winners and losers at all costs. Sure, Els, who lives 10 minutes down the street on Herold's Bay, and Woods, who was staying in the country to go on safari, could have met first thing Monday in front of a couple hundred spectators to decide things once and for all.

But this event rose above final score. Common sense prevailed here in a game that isn't always wash in it. U.S. captain Jack Nicklaus came up with a solution that the teams share the Cup for two years (normally, in the case of a tie, the United States, as defending champions, would have retained it), and fellow legend Gary Player, the International captain, accepted the offer. Nicklaus knows the consequences of his act. His gentlemanly gesture to give Tony Jacklin and Great Britain a 4-foot putt at the last for a halve at Royal Birkdale in the 1969 Ryder Cup garnered mixed reviews, too.

"I think some people will be upset with that decision," Nicklaus said. "I think some people will be unhappy, as they were in 1969. But both Gary and I feel in our hearts, and I think both teams feel, that was the right thing to do. We stand by it."

Bigger picture, this event transcended birdies and bogeys. It was about 24 of the world's best players and two legendary captains getting together in a celebration of golf, exhibiting competitive spirit on the golf course and plenty of camaraderie off it.

But the week was far bigger than the players. Golf served as a vehicle to make a social statement in a country that is still taking baby steps as a young democracy. Nelson Mandela, an icon for world peace, knows the power of sport, which he said "can reach farther than politicians do."

For 14-year-old Mushiwo Nethunzwini, a young black man learning golf under the umbrella of the South African Golf Development Board, the Presidents Cup offered a chance to look his faraway dreams squarely in the eye. Woods signed his cap, and he and 21 other youths who were guests of the matches were able to get close to the players on the range during one of the practice days.

In a country ruled for so long so heavily-handedly by whites (who make up only 10 percent of the population), it was significant to Nethunzwini that he walk with a marquee four-ball match Saturday that not only featured two stars of color, Woods and Vijay Singh, but had a black man from South Africa, Theo Manyama, as its walking referee.

When Woods hit a towering 2-iron off a stone cartpath from 256 yards at No. 16 on Saturday — a brilliant shot — Nethunzwini was just a few yards away to watch it, study it.

"I want to do that one day," he said quietly. "Golf can take me other places." Perfect.

Nicklaus, South African President Thabo Mbeki and Player celebrate at the closing ceremony.

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Forecaddie

revelations & speculations from the man out front

DUVAL BACKS OUT WITH BAD BACK

David Duval's first-round withdrawal Nov. 20 from the Dunlop Phoenix Open in Japan didn't surprise the Forecaddie.

The Man Out Front was on hand five days earlier when Duval hit the inaugural tee ball for the opening of his "signature" course at Mission Hills Golf Club in Shenzhen, China. True to his recent form, Duval yanked it dead left and into the rough.

In fairness to the 2001 British Open champ, Duval did not have the benefit of any warm-up; he first had to stand through a half-hour of speeches, and he took the swing with a huge corsage pinned to his golf shirt.

Afterward, Duval revealed to the Forecaddie that he'd been virtually immobilized by back problems since the last week of October.

"Who knows what's going to happen at the Phoenix next week," he said.

What happened was Duval WD'd after seven holes, at which time he was 8 over.

Duval said he won't compete again until he's healthy, whether that takes six weeks, six months or six years.



David Duval, plagued with back problems, withdraws from the Dunlop Phoenix Open.

TAP-INS & LIP-OUTS

● The Man Out Front stuck his head in on Annika Sorenstam's LPGA Hall of Fame luncheon Nov. 24 at the Ritz-Carlton Grand Lakes in Orlando, Fla. The festivities included various presentations to Sorenstam and a short video highlighting her numerous career achievements. A personal highlight for the Forecaddie came when LPGA commissioner Ty Votaw presented Sorenstam with her LPGA Hall of Fame gold ring. Without hesitation, the master of ceremonies, CBS funnyman David Feherty, walked to the microphone and quipped, "Who would have thought Ty Votaw would present a Swede with a ring and it would end up being Annika Sorenstam?" Votaw, who is dating LPGA player Sophie Gustafson, went along with the gag and gave a brief smirk, but that was all he could muster.

● Where will the Presidents Cup, which returns to Robert Trent Jones Club in Virginia in two years, end up in 2007, the next time it ventures outside the United States? Though nothing is official, the Forecaddie hears it is bound for Royal Montreal in Canada. As for 2009, it could end up at a site other than RTJ, which will have had four of the first six Prez Cups.

— Golfweek

Peace, AIDS, Mandela and golf



Former South African President Nelson Mandela

Completed the 2003 Full Nelson. It was a life-altering experience.

The first half came in May, at Byron Nelson's tournament near Dallas, where the company of the kind golf legend can inspire. The second half happened Nov. 16, just a few hours after arrival in Cape Town, at golf's other "Nelson" tournament. That would be the Nelson Mandela Invitational.

Lee Westwood and Simon Hobday won the pro-celebrity tournament. But it was an 85-year-old Mandela, the man everyone calls Madiba, who captured hearts and minds.

The former president of South Africa helicoptered in for the awards ceremony on the putting green, and you could feel the peace. If this freedom fighter is not the world's most significant living person, then I ask you: Who is?

Speaking to the assembly of players and spectators, Mandela was a magnet. People hung on his every word. Adults cried. Children looked wide-eyed from a balcony. He posed with the players and Presidents Cup captains Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, and then with their wives. He hugged a little girl who, in an African dialect with

clicking sounds, had recited a poem about him.

It was a lovefest on closely cropped grass.

When Mandela talks of AIDS, people tend to listen. He urged all to help combat South Africa's menacing problem, the deadly disease that he said afflicts 6 million people in his country.

It became clear that, while incarcerated for 27 years until 1990, Mandela studied the famous and infamous leaders throughout history. He mentioned several who destroyed millions of lives, including Alexander the Great and Adolf Hitler, and said, "But look, where are they now?"

The evil of apartheid is dead; a young and nonracial democracy is alive here; South Africa is building a middle class, and the world's symbol of freedom smiles onward and spreads warmth. Mandela's aura was so strong that no one seemed to notice Nicklaus was standing nearby.

"What makes his coming into power (in 1994-98) after 27 years in jail more impressive was to come put, have no revenge, no hatred and love everybody," Player said of the black man who somehow united a racially torn country long dominated by whites, who are a vast minority.

That love was apparent again Nov. 20 when the fifth,

and most important, Presidents Cup commenced at the Links at Fancourt. Mandela, an admitted sports fanatic, attended the opening ceremony as an honorary tournament president along with former U.S. president George Bush and current South African president Thabo Mbeki.

Proceeds from the Presidents Cup, by far the most important golf tournament ever in South Africa, will go to charities of the players' choice.

The day before the matches began, Fancourt Hotel & Country Club owner Hasso Plattner pledged to donate approximately \$7 million for an AIDS/HIV education and prevention program.

"We just read in the newspaper over the weekend that 1,000 people die every day in South Africa (of AIDS)," Plattner said. "This disease has become so dangerous for this country. ... Families are blown apart and nobody takes care of them. This is a huge problem."

Charitable contributions help. But so did the mere presence here of the world's No. 1 and No. 2 golfers, Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh, men of color.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

application/permit which will satisfy our concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below. If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will prepare the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant material and material public concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application. The TCEC Office of the Chief Clerk will send a written request to the TCEC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEC, P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas, 79720. For more information about this permit application or the permit process, please call the Office of Public Assistance. Toll free at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEC can be found at www.tcec.state.tx.us

Further information may also be obtained from Alon USA, L.P., P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or by calling Mr. Weiman Chen, Senior Environmental Specialist at (432) 263-9214. Issuance Date: November 7, 2003.

AVISO DE RECIBO DE SOLICITUD E INTENTO DE OBTENER UNA RENOVACION DE PERMISO DE CALIDAD DE AIRE PERMISO NUM. 36845.

SOLICITUD. Alon USA, L.P., P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas, 79720, se ha registrado con la Comision de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEC) en la Oficina Regional de Texas (TCEC Regional Office) para solicitar un Permiso Flexible de Calidad de Aire (FPCA) que autoriza la construccion de una (1) Grude Utilization Plant (GUP) en Big Spring, Texas, 79720, en la Intersect Highway 20 and Refinery Road, Big Spring, Texas, 79720. Este GUP, conocido como "GUP de Big Spring", emitira las siguientes contaminantes atmosféricas: compuesto organico volátil (COV) (oxidos de nitrógeno), monóxido de carbono, SO2 (oxidos de azufre), metano, y amoníaco.

Esta solicitud fue sometida al TCEC el 26 de Oct. 2003. La solicitud esta disponible para revisarse y copiarse en la Oficina Central del TCEC, en la Oficina Regional de TCEC en Midland, y en la Oficina Regional de TCEC en Houston, Texas. El director ejecutivo del TCEC ha determinado que la solicitud se halla administrativamente completa y conducirá un análisis de los comentarios.

COMENTARIOS. PUBLICOS. Los interesados en presentar comentarios publicos, solicitar una junta publica, o solicitar una audiencia en controversia sobre esta solicitud a la Oficina del Chief Clerk en la direccion a continuacion. El TCEC considera todos los comentarios publicos en la solicitud. El plazo limite para los comentarios es de 30 dias desde la fecha de la publicacion de este aviso. Despues del plazo limite para los comentarios publicos, el director ejecutivo preparara una respuesta a todos los comentarios publicos relevantes y materiales ad de otro modo significativos.

El proposito de una junta publica es para proveer la oportunidad de someter comentarios, o hacer preguntas sobre la solicitud. Una junta publica sobre la solicitud se llevara a cabo si el director ejecutivo determina que existe un grado significativo de interes publico en la solicitud o si se solicita un hearing local. Una junta publica no es considerada una audiencia en controversia.

Si solo se reciben comentarios sobre esta solicitud, la respuesta a los comentarios, el director ejecutivo preparara una respuesta a la solicitud, se enviara por correo a los interesados que se hallan sometido comentarios o solicitudes que se les incluyeron en la lista de correo para esta solicitud.

Si la peticion para una audiencia en controversia es sometida a tiempo, el director ejecutivo completara el analisis tecnico, emitira una Decision Preliminar sobre la solicitud, y se enviara por correo a todos los interesados que se hallan sometido comentarios o solicitudes que se les incluyeron en la lista de correo para esta solicitud. El aviso tendra la fecha final para

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The sun and dreamy Neptune exchange knowing looks across the crowded cosmos, and you might do the same with one you didn't realize you were so connected to. When you're tracking, you're really tracking! Be optimistic that like minds can help you. With Mercury in Capricorn, following through on what you say matters most.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Luck involving ventures that help those who are disadvantaged in some way. If working, you're all business, dispatching responsibilities efficiently. Set creative goals, as practicalities alone drain you of vital energy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). All things are possible — you really feel that way today, and with this attitude, you make it true! It's a great time to pursue innovative ideas and stray from old patterns. You can change your life by shuffling your values around.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have total domain over your thoughts. It takes a great deal of self-control to tame the wild chaos inside your mind, but start simply. Instead of dwelling on what's wrong, concentrate on your beautiful end result.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In this upwardly mobile kind of day, hobnobbing with VIPs is featured. You'll eagerly ask all the right questions and come away with the Big Success Secret — which turns out to be no big secret at all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The mentality you need to succeed in a long-term venture happens to be the same thing you need for short-term success. Keep asking empowering questions, like "What is

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THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO FILL MY BOTTOM LINE? VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Distractions are delightful but not worth it if you beat yourself up for not being productive. A release of pent-up emotion (yours or a partner's) is featured. This is healthy if properly directed. Singles find out where they stand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Dead-end relationships fall to the wayside, as do jobs that don't have much room to grow. Career success won't come in a roundabout way. It happens deliberately because you make the effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your priorities will dictate what you end up doing and getting in life. Take a moment to set them up this morning. Help is in the form of a knowledgeable friend. A loved one could also give you a fabulous tip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You blow off some steam, and it's wonderful! It's like the seas part and allow you to disco-dance your way through the deluge that only yesterday you were drowning in. Relationships thrive with distance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The results are in, and guess what. Common sense is not so common. Thankfully, you've got enough to supply a few confused souls (to put it nicely) with the way to get through this day doing as little damage as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A step forward in relationships is indicated. Welcome the chance to share and clarify your thoughts about the union instead of dreading the serious conversation. Just because it's serious doesn't mean it's heavy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Be ready to go! At the mention of a good idea. Spontaneity is one of your sexiest qualities. Chemistry is hot with a Capricorn. You'll be immortalized in pictures tonight, so think before you dress.

ANNIE'S MAILBOX:

Dear Annie: I would like to respond to the letter from "Nibbled in Sturgis, Mich.," whose 17-month-old daughter likes to bite. My son, too, was a horrible biter. I read all the "experts" who claim that kids bite out of anger, frustration, jealousy, fear, and so on. But those scenarios didn't fit our boy. He bit for any reason at all. He once walked past a child, bit the kid in the forehead and just kept on going. No amount of scolding or timeouts helped. We left numerous play dates in tears.

We were told to bite him back, to have his dad lay down the law, to separate him from the group, and a host of other punishing remedies. Nothing worked. He even bit the cat. Finally, I called our pediatrician, who said, "Bribe him!"

At our next play date, I told him he could have ice cream if he didn't bite anyone. It worked. Within two weeks, he had stopped biting altogether. Bribery was simply another way of rewarding and reinforcing good behavior. Five years later, he is a fine little boy, and we get compliments about his conduct. — Mom of a Formerly Notorious Biter in Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear Virginia Beach: Many readers wrote in with their own remedies for biting. While we aren't recommending them, some of you may find them useful:

From Biloxi, Miss.: Here's how our little shark was cured. His teacher kept a small spray bottle of water mixed with vinegar. When a child would bite, the teacher would react as if there had been a small injury — to the biter! Calmly and sweetly, she would explain that biting can get dirt in their mouths. She would then ask the biter to stick out his tongue and she would squirt the vinegar mixture on it. The children were not scolded or humiliated, and it took only a few times for them to realize they didn't like getting their tongues "cleaned."

Chandler, Ariz.: When a child bites, immediately take the child's arm, press it firmly against his top teeth and say, "No. Teeth hurt. They are only for eating." Follow this with a timeout or similar loss of privileges, and discuss what he can do instead that would be more appropriate.

Kansas: I had that problem

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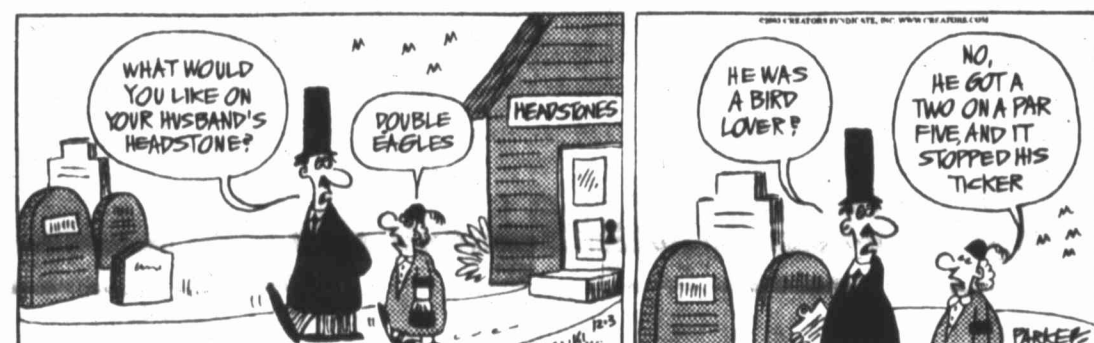
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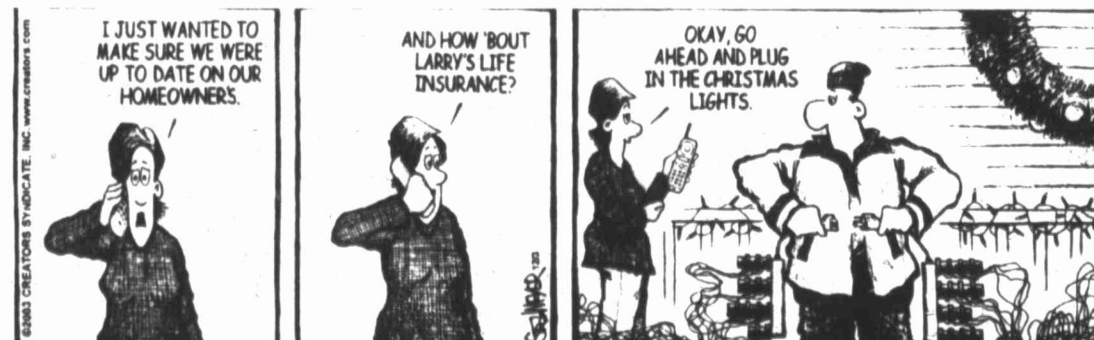
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This Date
In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 2003. There are 28 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 3, 1967, surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the new heart.

On this date:

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States.

In 1925, "Concerto in F," by George Gershwin, had its world premiere at New York's Carnegie Hall, with Gershwin himself at the piano.

In 1947, the Tennessee

Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway.

In 1953, the musical "Kismet" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, the musical "Camelot" opened on Broadway.

In 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.

In 1984, more than 4,000 people died after a cloud of gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.

In 1991, radicals in Lebanon released American hostage Alann Steen, who'd been held captive nearly five years.

In 1992, the Greek tanker Aegean Sea spilled 21.5 million gallons of crude oil when it ran aground at La Coruna, Spain.

Ten years ago: Britain's Princess Diana, saying she was fed up with the media's intrusions into her life, announced she would be

limiting her public appearances.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Ferlin

Husky is 78. Singer Andy

Williams is 76. Movie director

Jean-Luc Godard is 73.

Singer Jaye P. Morgan is

72. Actress Mary Alice is

62. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne

is 55. Actress Heather

Menzies is 54. Country

musician Paul Gregg

(Restless Heart) is 49.

Actress Daryl Hannah is

43. Actor Julianne Moore is

43. Actor Brendan Fraser is

35. Singer Montell Jordan is

35. Actor Royale Watkins is

34. Actor Bruno Campos is

30. Actress Holly Marie

Combs is 30.

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1 Folded

5 Danson and

9 Shopping

14 Icicle hangout

15 Essayist's

16 Hopping mad

17 At any time

18 Rigging

19 Spin doctor's

20 Treat

23 Colleague

24 Woodwind

28 Sells steeply

32 Card-

34 Zodiac sign

35 See-through

36 Martha's

38 Geometry

39 Here, to

40 Drei minus

41 Tight

44 Lombardi of

45 Yale athlete

46 Far East land

47 Stood up to

48 Bring to mind

50 Miler

51 Warm, as

58 Some shells

61 Don't stay put

62 Sari wearer

63 Choice word

64 Wind catcher

65 Calligraphy

66 Looks

67 Snow toy

68 Photo finish

DOWN

1 Blubber

2 Sitarist name

3 "plaisir!"

4 Brew, as

5 Conductor's

6 Give a lift to

7 Gossip, so

8 Appease

9 Not inflexible

10 West Indies

11 Gardner of

12 Turn sharply

13 Citrus cooler

21 Ballpark

22 Common

25 Big Ten

26 Spirit-raising

27 Flipped, as a

28 Typewriter bar

29 Screen legend

30 Lacking

31 Clear a

32 Revs

33 Actress

36 Marlon, in

37 Vinland

42 Eager to hear

43 Windless

44 Successful

47 Star-crossed

49 Purplish

50 Grapefruit

52 Ticks off

53 Elbow grease

54 Rainbow

55 Bevel

56 "Diana" singer

57 Inventory

58 Fizzy drink

59 Had a bite

60 Rider Haggard

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