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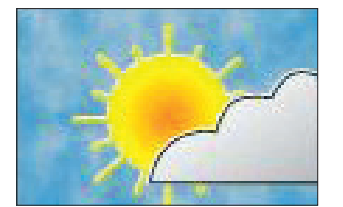
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 Police and emergency medical service personnel responded to the scene of a vehicle-pedestrian accident at the intersection of 12th and Runnels streets late Wednesday afternoon. Injury reports were not available at press time.

Angel tree gifts fall far short

Salvation Army hoping for last-minute push by community

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Salvation Army say donations to the local charity's annual Angel Tree program are trickling in at an alarmingly slow rate with just days before the holiday effort meets its deadline.



Flores

Bessie Flores, newly appointed social worker for the Salvation Army — taking over for longtime social worker Paula Lafler, who has been sidelined with health problems — said the lack of Christmas gifts donated for the annual effort has her very concerned.

"The last day for people to get their angels and gifts in to us is Monday, and we've only received a handful of them back so far," Flores said. "Needless to say, we're very concerned. A lot of the families that benefit from the Angel Tree program can't afford gifts for their children, and the last thing we want for any youth is to wake up Christmas morning with nothing under the tree."

According to Flores, participating in the program, which provides for area children and seniors, is quick and

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Child-free shopping? College students can make it happen

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Parents of small children who want to get some Christmas shopping done without having to tote their tykes around may have a way out of their dilemma Saturday — Howard College will babysit your little one.

And you'll be supporting a good cause, to boot.

The college's Student Government

Association will offer the event, called "A Night Without Your Little Smiles," from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Cost is \$25 per child, said Marcia McNew, SGA advisor at HC.

Proceeds from the event will go toward Operation Smile, a charitable organization that provides corrective facial surgery to needy children and young adults across the globe.

SGA members and other college students will be available to watch over children ages 3 through 12 during Saturday's event.

Arts and crafts, movies and other recreational activities are planned, McNew said.

McNew said the event is ideal for parents who want to have some free time to get some crucial holiday

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Local group looking for (more than a few) laughs

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Local comedy troupe Goondock Saints will be holding auditions Saturday at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater in preparation for an Austin performance slated for late January.

According to troupe spokesman Clay Vickers, the local comedy group is slated to perform at The Hideout Theater in Austin on Jan. 28, but the company of comedians is in need of other funny men and women to help round out the show.

"The most important thing we need right now is people," Vickers said. "As of right now, the group

What: Auditions for comedy troupe to perform Jan. 28 in Austin.

Where: Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

When: 1 p.m. Saturday.

isn't huge, and one of our members, James Clark, lives in East Texas pursuing a career in film. So we are holding auditions. Anyone who has ever had a dream of doing comedy or has been told they are funny and should do comedy needs to be there if they can. I am looking for one person to perform a 5 to 7 minute stand

up routine, and two or three people for improv and skits.

"The auditions are going to be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the amphitheater inside Comanche Trail Park. Those interested should show up with no more 5 minutes of a routine ready to perform."

The Jan. 28 show will mark the group's second Austin show, according to Vickers, a 2003 graduate of Forsan High School affectionately known to his friends as "Gooney."

"In the summer of 2010 I performed my very first comedy show alongside of one of my best friends,

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Yankees finally make offer to Lee

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — How hungry are the New York Yankees to sign Cliff Lee?

Brian Cashman couldn't have been more vivid in his description after finally making an offer Wednesday to the prized free-agent pitcher, a deal worth between \$137 million and \$140 million for six seasons. Every other possible big move by New York must wait until the 32-year-old left-hander decides.

"Hannibal Lecter in a straitjacket right now, waiting on this Cliff Lee

thing," the Yankees general manager said. "It's kind of restricting my movements a little bit."

While Cashman didn't go into details, a person familiar with the offer said it was a six-year deal valued at more than Johan Santana's contract with the New York Mets, which is for \$137.5 million, and as much as \$140 million. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the proposal was not made public.

Lee's agent, Darek Braunecker, left the winter meetings and headed to

Arkansas to meet with his client after receiving the offer from the Yankees. New York manager Joe Girardi even called Lee "the prize of this winter."

Cashman wouldn't discuss his dinner meeting with Carl Crawford on Tuesday night — other than to say he had steak — and wouldn't say whether the Yankees could sign both Lee and the All-Star outfielder. That possibility became moot Wednesday night when Crawford reached a preliminary agreement on a \$142 million, seven-year contract with the Boston

Red Sox.

Admitting he was tired, Cashman playfully discussed his job as GM of baseball's highest-revenue franchise and thanked his bosses for granting permission to make the offer to Lee.

"I know my title is general manager, but I consider myself the director of spending of the New York Yankees. I don't make it. I spend it," Cashman said. "We've made an offer that's not easy to be making and I appreciate the fact that the Steinbrenners are allowing us to make an offer to this degree."

Leading the charge

Adams' strong start driving force for Steers this season

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Big Spring guard Luke Adams wasn't fully aware how big his performance against Odessa Permian was on Nov. 19. Forty-two points was far from where he thought he finished.

"I really didn't," the senior said. "That's the crazy thing about it. I didn't even know how many. I probably thought I had 20, maybe 25."

"I guess when you're playing to win, you don't really care about points. You just care what's on that scoreboard."

Maybe it's that mindset that has opponents taking notice of Adams.

At 5-4, the Steers are still trying to shape an identity and there's a lot more room to grow. Adams has been the constant so far this season.

The senior has led the Steers in scoring in all but two games this season, most notably the 42-point game in the Permian loss. He scored 24 against San Angelo Central, 14 against Midland Christian, 32 against El Paso Del Valle, 22 in the second game against Greenwood, 24 against Midland Classical and 25 against Abilene Cooper. Adams has scored in the double-digits in every game this season.

Although he believes there is still some things he could improve on, Adams said he believes he is having his best season yet and he's even more comfortable on the floor compared to last season — a year where he averaged just under 18 points a game on a Steers team that won district.

So what's been the key to the strong start for Adams?

Adams credits his teammates for helping him get into position to do what he does best, but even more than that, his experience in the Amateur Athletic Union circuits last season and free-throw shooting this season have done wonders.

Adams played for AAU's New Mexico Force last summer alongside players destined to land at big-time college basketball programs such as Kansas.

Adams said being exposed to that helped him improve tremendously, but working with Howard College players helped him even more.

Along with his father Mark Adams, head coach of the Howard College men's basketball team, the senior practiced with the Hawks as much as possible, soaking up any information he could.

"I get tips from those guys," he said. "I play against them every day, shoot with them, learn what they do. Playing pick up with those guys, they're probably more athletic than the guys I was playing with during the summer."

It can't be understated how much free-throw shooting has fueled Adams' season so far. It's one reason Thompson said Adams is so good.

Adams had 19 free-throws in that 42-point performance against Permian and 16 against El Paso Del Valle in the Gym Bice Classic in Andrews.

Thompson said Adams has ways of getting to the line and is aware of how to take advantage of that ability.

"Anybody who gets a lot of points gets a lot of attention," he said. "What people don't realize

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Luke Adams (31) has led the Big Spring Steers in scoring in every game this season except two and has been one of the go-to players in each game.

Ogletree gets chance to play with Dez Bryant done

IRVING (AP) — Kevin Ogletree no longer will be the Dallas Cowboys' forgotten receiver. At least for the rest of this season.

Before Dez Bryant was drafted last spring, Ogletree had been viewed as an up-and-coming receiver in Dallas. But Ogletree had basically been an afterthought with Bryant's dazzling rookie performance this season.

With Bryant done because of a broken right ankle, Ogletree will get his chance to get back in the mix for the Cowboys (4-8) as a receiver and on special teams for the final four games, starting Sunday against the Eagles.

"There's definitely an opportunity for something to happen," Ogletree said Wednesday. "I don't know if it's for me to showcase my ability. If I get

that chance, I'll do the best that I can do. Just being in the game and trying to help my team excites me. I'll be all excited for that time, and it's coming soon."

The Cowboys on Wednesday put Bryant on injured reserve, officially ending his season two days after he had surgery. Dallas signed linebacker Kenwin Cummings to its active roster from the New York Jets practice squad.

Ogletree has played in only five games this season, and had been inactive for seven in a row before being on the active roster for Sunday's overtime victory at Indianapolis.

There has been only one pass thrown his way this year, an incompleteness in the season opener. He has returned two kickoffs, one for 15 yards and the other for 13 yards.

After Bryant got hurt in the Indianapolis game, owner Jerry Jones talked about what a setback it was. Jones then talked about the good news being the depth at receiver and Ogletree getting more playing time.

"It is an opportunity for Kevin Ogletree to get back into the mix a little bit," interim coach Jason Garrett said. "Kevin's played better on special teams and did a nice job (Sunday) in the ball game, and he'll have an opportunity to continue to grow as an offensive receiver."

Ogletree, the only rookie free agent to make the Cowboys roster last year, bypassed his senior sea-

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Sports in brief

Garden City football

The Garden City Bearkats face Throckmorton in the UIL Six-Man Division I state championship game at 7 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. Tickets for the games held at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene will be available for purchase at the stadium the day of the games.

Big Spring boys basketball

The Big Spring varsity boys basketball team is scheduled to play in a basketball tournament in Fredricksburg Dec. 28-30.

The dates of this tournament have been changed to Dec. 27 and 28.

Club volleyball

Club volleyball tryouts take place at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Big Spring High School PE gym. There is a mandatory meeting at 2:30 p.m. beforehand and those interested should bring a copy of their birth certificate and insurance. The fee is \$30. Contact Lynn Osborne at losborne44@yahoo.comfordetails.