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### WEATHER

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### **Blood drive**

The Big Spring High School Student Council is sponsoring a blood drive for United Blood Services from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the high school auditorium foyer.

Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. They must also bring a list of all medications they are presently taking and be prepared to show identification.

To make an appointment, call the high school office 264-3641.

### 55-Alive

Fifty-five Alive driver safety program classes will be held from 8 a.m. until noon Dec. 11-12 at the Martin County Senior Citizen's Center.

This class is taught by a state-certified instructor and is a two day course of four hours each session. You must attend both days to receive a certificate, which will be accepted by most insurance companies for a deduction in premiums for a three-year period.

The cost is \$10 per person. To register, call 432-756-2791.

### COMING SUNDAY



Cover Story: Country star Reba McEntire discusses how her hometown upbringing and early rodeo experiences influence still today.

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### Coahoma's Fowler to ring bell for a final time at end of semester

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A\30-year Coahoma educator will soon ring the school bell one last time. Coahoma Elementary

Soon-to-be-interim Coahoma **Elementary Principal** Patricia Bennett, left, speaks with school secretary Sherrie Chevaller.

**HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody** 

has announced her retirement effective at the end of the fall semester.

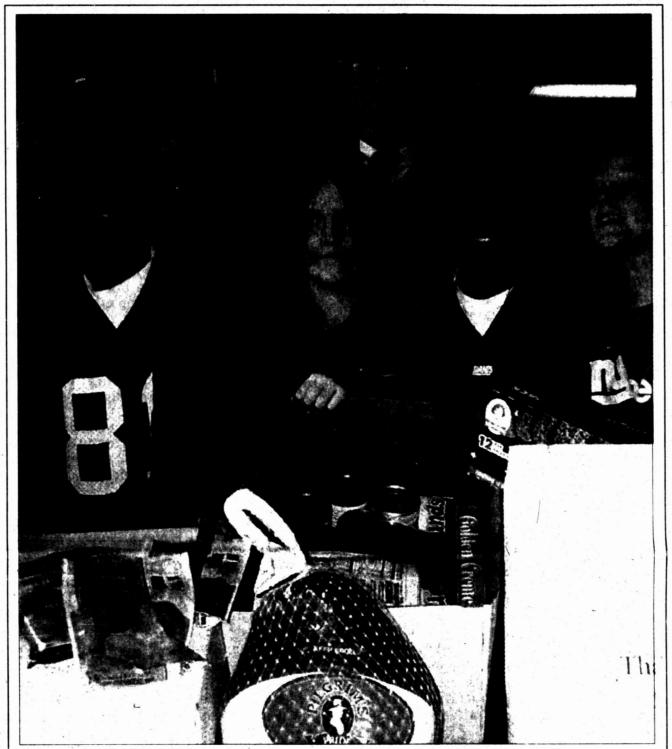
"We're very sorry to see her leave," said Coahoma ISD Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston. "She has been a great asset to our district. We wish her the best in the future."

Fowler. began her teaching career at Floydada,

Principal Cindy Fowler then moved to Plainview High School where she eventually became head of the English depart-

> After serving four years as assistant principal at Monterey High School in Lubbock, she came to Coahoma in 1995 to guide the high school. In 1998

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Salvation Army Capt. Russ Keeney, surrounded by members of the Goliad Cavaliers, poses with the philanthropic young men who collected four boxes of non-perishable food to give to needy families. Each box also contained a gift certificate for a ham or turkey. The boys donated money to purchase the certificates. Picture from front, left, are Xavian Parnell, Skylar Moore, Tevian Parnell and Jay McLeod.

### Salvation Army turns its focus toward 'Angels'

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

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If you think the staff at the Big Spring Salvation Army is resting easy today following their annual Thanksgiving dinner, you may want to reconsider.

Capt. Linda Keeney said Thanksgiving was only the beginning, as they focus on a couple of major fund-raisers.

"Once Thanksgiving is over, our biggest push is with the Angel Trees and the kettle

"There's nothing more program," she disheartening plained. "The day than for a child after Thanksgiving is the biggest

to lose hope at Christmas..."

Capt. Linda Keeney

year, so we want to make sure all of the Angels are out and available for people to choose from the trees. That will be the next thing on our list."

For those unfamiliar with the Angel Tree program, Keeney said the process began several weeks ago with applications submitted by parents needing assistance with their children's Christmas.

"The Angel Tree is a very special program for us," she said. "The parents have come in and filled out an application with us to ask for assistance with their children's Christmas. Once we have the application, we put the child's first name on the Angel card, along with their sizes and things they could possi-

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### TUMBLEWEED

### **Humorist releases** new 'Storytellers' CD

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring newspaper columnist and humorist Tumbleweed Smith brought his own brand of West Texas humor to the Heritage Museum Tuesday, as he held a release party to celebrate his new CD, "Natural Born Storytellers."

Smith, who's known to his friends and family as Bob Lewis, said the new album represents an all out attempt to bring the Texas style of storytelling to his fans.

"I usually do a cassette, CD or a book each year," said Lewis. "This year I decided to really pull out all of the stops and do all humor, all from great storytellers. They aren't professional storytellers, but they probably should be because they're just won-

derful. "They're old front porch type stories and some of these people are really people. sophisticated Some of them are doctors

'Natural Born Storytellers' is available at the Heritage Museum or at Tumbleweed Smith's Web site: www.tumbleweed.com

and lawyers, but they're not doctors and lawyers when they're on my program. They're just fun folks and they love to talk."

Lewis said the cover of the new CD holds special meaning for him, as it features a sculpture of himself talking to one of his storytellers.

"I think the cover kind of expresses what this album is all about," said Lewis. "This sculpture was done by Roland Rhodes, a sculptor out of Midland. He did it for me



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkin

Wini Patterson, right, and Myra Robinson enjoy some of local humorist and newspaper columnist Tumbleweed Smith's humor during Tuesday night's release party for his new CD entitled "Natural Born Storytellers."

a long time ago, and we were looking for a cover and we had this sculpture in the bedroom, so we

finally said there it is. "This is No. 13 for me, as far as cassettes and CDs I've done goes. It's 75

39 different storytellers on it, all for just \$10. So that's pretty cheap."

While it would seem easy to lose focus after 12 previous albums, Lewis said each one of his efforts holds a special minutes long and features place for him, chronicling

his many treks through the Lone Star state and its many tall tales.

"Each one is really special to me because each one is just so different," he said. "We've done an

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### **Obituaries**

Margaret Moore Whitefield
Margaret Moore Whitefield, 89, of Big Spring, died at 1:55 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Rick Hope, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lillian, and the Rev. Jim Bennix, pastor of the Midway Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 until 7 p.m. today, Friday, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born May 19, 1914, in Lovington, N.M. She was the daughter of Lilly White Fairweather and Fred Fairweather. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1939, coming from Lamesa. She was a homemaker and a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ. She married Elick H. "Denny" Moore in 1953. He died in 1990. She married Sterling Whitefield in 1992 and he died in 1995.

She is survived by two sons, Brady Madry of Midland and Charles "Chick" Madry and his wife Carol of Big Spring; one daughter, Patsy Compton and her husband Roy of Dermott, Ark.; one step-daughter, Macquiline Shortes of Big Spring; one step-son, Johnny Moore and his wife Lallye of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews, including Georgia Cross of

Big Spring. Mrs. Whitefield was preceded in death by one son, Gene Arland Madry; one daughter-in-law, Jewel Madry; one granddaughter, Brenda Horton; and one great granddaughter, Brandi Horton.

Pallbearers will be Brad Madry, Mike Madry, Steve Madry, Tommy Madry, Ralph Madry and Randy Madry.

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

### **Eugene Rush**

Eugene Rush, 81, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, in a local hospital. Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Oct. 2, 1922, in Blue, Okla., and married Mary Alice McNew in October 1952.

Mr. Rush served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, serving in the South Pacific where he saw action in the Marianas, Iwo Jima and Bouganville. He was a locomotive engineer for the Texas Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement.

He was a member of the American Legion. Survivors include his wife, Mary Alice Rush of Big

Spring: one son and daughter-in-law, Gerald E. "Jerry" and Vikki Rush of Lubbock; two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Art Jones of Dallas and Ann and Glen Banks of Garland; one sister, Loreta Yates of Concord, Calif.; one brother, Tommy Rush of Midland; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brofferian The Hatreffeord

The family suggest memorials to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1248, Big Spring 79721-1248.

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

### Support groups

### **FRIDAY**

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

### **SATURDAY**

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

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

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

### TUESDAY

☐ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the **Texas Department on Aging.** 



### Police blotter

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

- LARRY CHANDLER, 61, of 401 Matt Loop Road, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for stalking.
- · JAMES PARKER, 42, of 5600 Walter Road, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while intoxicated-second offense, no insurance and failure to control speed.
- REBECCA WILLIAMS, 18, of 2421 Granada, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- ANTHONY EVANS, 23, of 2421 Granada, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for aggravated rob-
- MINDY HERNANDEZ, 24, of 902 Scurry, was
- arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal mischief. DAVID RHINEHART, age unknown, of 1303 Barnes, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault/family violence.
- PAMELA WEATHERBY, 39, of 801 Marcy, was arrested Thursday on three local traffic warrants.
- DARREN HEFFINGTON, 34, of 2600 Crestline, was arrested Thursday on four local traffic warrants and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from
- POSSĖSSION OF MARIJUANA LESS THAN TWO OUNCES was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 4100 block of Bilger.
- in the 500 block of Owens.
- in the 400 block of Armstrong.
  - in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
  - in the 1900 block of Johnson.
- THEFT was reported:
- in the 300 block of Owens. - in the 900 block of Willia.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
- in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.
- in the 2300 block of Thorpe.
- in the 1600 block of Lark.
- in the 1300 block of Barnes.
- · in the 1900 block of Johnson.
- in the 1700 block of Young.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of Lancaster.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2500 block of Wasson.

### Sheriff's report

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

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 300 block of Pine Road. Incident was reported by a third party who believed the male subject involved was intoxicated. Deputy and BSPD were dispatched, subject left the scene with a small child. Male subject was again reported for making threats against family members. Subject never showed up. Close patrol was requested for the rest of morning.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 100 block of Val Verde. Deputies responded, arrest was made.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Rural Road 33 and Wasson. DPS was on the scene when deputies arrived.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3900 block of Gail Road. Deputy was dispatched, advised everything was fine. No report.
- RECKLESS DRIVER was reported in the area of Interstate Highway 20. Deputy was dispatched; caller advised that vehicle had pulled into a rest stop.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported near the 195 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Deputies responded along with DPS, report to follow by DPS.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2900 block of Collins. Deputies responded.

### Weather

Tonight: Clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds around 5 mph..

Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday night...Clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Sunday...Clear. Highs in the lower 70s.

Monday...Clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Tuesday through Wednesday...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the upper 60s.

Thursday...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

Highs in the mid 60s.



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### **Bulletin board**

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

### Today

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

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in HC Cactus Room.

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild will not meet the last Friday of November or December.

### Saturday

Dance, 8:30 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Everyone welcome.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults; \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

### Monday

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and older are invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

The public is invited to the evening Lions Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. at La Posada.

Howard County ARC meets at 806 East Third, Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674.

Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building, 22 1/2 Main.

District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

### Tuesday

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

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard County Cactus Room.

VFW Post 2013 meets at the VFW Hall at 7 p.m., 500 Driver Rd.

Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon is at 11 a.m. in Coahoma Community Center.

### Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-9-35-37. Number matching five of five: 0. Prize per winner: \$0. Matching four of five: 137. Prize: \$371. Matching three of five: 3,783. Prize: \$10. Matching two of five: 38,407. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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



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Bennett, a first-year

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A 1974 graduate of

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Bennett received her

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"I have an outstanding

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Bennett. "Behind every

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Howard County deputies direct traffic while Big Spring firefighters clean up the area after a two-vehicle collision occured at the intersection of Wasson and Ranch Road 33 on Wednesday. According to Department of Public Safety Trooper Marc Couch, a GMC pickup truck driven by Vanessa Rodriguez was attempting to make a U-turn on Ranch Road 33 when it collided with a PT Cruiser driven by William Sullivan. One person was sent to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with non-incapacitating injuries, Couch said. Rodriguez was issued a citation.

### **ANGELS**

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bly want for Christmas, and these cards go on a Christmas tree at various locations here in town.

"If a person wants to adopt an angel, they just take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that child. It doesn't necessarily have to be what's listed on the card. Those are just suggestions based on the wants of the child. Once they purchase the items, they will attach the card to the gifts and bring them to our office, or drop them off where they got Keeney as emotion the card from."

With four Angel Trees located in Big Spring, Keeney said it's easy to be a part of the program and make the Christmas season brighter for area chil-"We'll have trees at Wal-

Mart and Gale's Sweets Shop, both of which are after Thanksgiving each year," she said. "The Big Spring Herald is the site for our senior Angel Tree, and there will also be one set up in the Big Spring Mall.

"There are a lot of reasons to adopt an angel this season. I think the biggest thing is to help the child realize there are people out there that care about them and want

them to have a wonderful ing to Keeney, but she Christmas. There's nothing more disheartening now that the Christmas than for a child to lose hope at Christmas, and when a parent is faced with not being able to buy their children Christmas, then they lose hope as well.'

While the Salvation Army Angel Trees are very special to the area children they benefit, Keeney said they hold a special place in her heart as well, bringing back Christmas memories from several years ago.

"The Angel Tree" is something I've done since I was 12 years old," said washed over her face. "I'm very passionate about the Angel Tree because I never want a child to have to go without a Christmas. I remember as a young person taking Angel Tree presents to a family that was forced to use a hibachi grill in their living room to stay warm.

"When you see that you know there's no way they could provide for their We children. Christmas gifts and food to them, and to see the tears run down the mother's face was thanks enough.'

The annual Kettle program, which got under way last week, has gotten off to a slow start accordhopes to see it pick up shopping season has officially begun.

"It started off a little slow, but we anticipated that because it's a little early," said Keeney. 'Actually Thanksgiving is a week later than it was last year, so a lot of people think it's early but it's not. It started off a little slow but we know that it will pick up."

While many people may view the pocket change that finds its way into the kettles as minuscule,

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**Saturday Night Dance** 

Keeney said the measure of the kettle program is huge when it comes to the yearly operation of the Salvation Army in Big Spring.

"Last year we raised approximately \$19,000 through the kettles alone," she said. "The money that's raised goes to support many different things. It goes for the Christmas meal that we have on Christmas Day, as well as toys for needy children. It goes for blankets and slippers and things like that for senior citizens as well as providing Christmas for the

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folks in the nursing homes. "Whatever is left over

after Christmas is also used throughout the year for other programs, such as sending needy children to camp, buying food for the shelter and paying the utilities.'

Kettles are located at the local Wal-Mart Supercenter, the post office, Rip Griffins Truck Stop, and tentatively at the Big Spring Mall.

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### **FOWLER**

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she accepted her current position at the elemen-

"She has been a great mentor," said Assistant Principal Patricia Bennett, who has been appointed interim principal following Fowler's retirement. "Mrs. Fowler has introduced some innovative ideas and we plan to carry out the vision she had for the elementary school."

One such innovative idea is Young Author's Day, a popular event embracing community involvement.

At the beginning of the year, each student receives a hardback book filled with blank pages and is responsible for conceiving and writing an original story. The student is also responsible for designing the book's cover and artwork.

During one day in May, community members are invited to the school to listen to the students read their work.

Fowler first learned of the idea from her children's school, which had a similar program, and

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Margaret Moore Whitefield, 89, died Wednesday. | Graveside servces will be 11:00 AM Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



### CINEMA 4

\*Cat In The Hat (PG)

Wed - Sun. 2:40 Wed. - Sat. 9:;30

Haunted Mansion (PG)

Daily: 4:40 & 7:00 Wed - Sun. 2:30

Wed - Sat. 9:20

Elf (PG)

Daily: 4:50 Wed. - Sun. 2:50

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### **NATURAL**

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album on World War I veterans, one on the different sounds of Texas, and even ones on individuals. They're all different, and they're all Texans."

While the evening was an important part of marketing his new album, Lewis didn't lose sight of the humor that's made him a West Texas icon.

"I think this is Grammy material," Lewis laughed. "It is worthy of everyone in Texas hearing it, because it's just so funny, I know you're going to laugh when you hear some of this stuff. You feel so relaxed and stress free, it's really a great feeling."

chased at the Heritage Museum or Web Lewis' site, www.tumbleweed.com.

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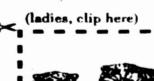
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OUR VIEWS

### We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- The VFW POST 2003's Voice of Democracy winners STACIE L. BOREL, LACY M. EGGLESTON and BEN BREYMAN, all Forsan High School students, and Patriot's Pen winners SURAJ N. PATEL and JAMES BOWEN, both Big Spring Junior High students.
- HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE. for its participation in the West Texas Range Riders Toys for Tots Poker Run.
- TUMBLEWEED SMITH, on the release of his new CD, Natural Born Storytellers.
- STARTEK, on the fourth anniversary of its Rig Springeite.
  - · The hard-working VOLUNTEERS and ADMINISTRATORS at the SALVATION **ARMY**, who served up meals to several hundred people Thursday.

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

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### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

Dear Lord, help us to fill our minds with positive, healing thoughts.

Some cautions before hunting season

s usual, I'm running behind. Actually, in this case, it is Uncle Elber who is running behind. It's understandable though, since the state took away funding to the

TWEED program this year. Elber, along with his many other endeavors, is the state-appointed TWEED representative for Howard County — well, for the entire Permian Basin, actually. It was a tough job already, but without funds for a secretary, field scouts and the



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like, well, you can imagine. Anyway, what I need to tell you first off is that TWEED — the **Tumbleweed Education and** Enlightenment Department — has set winter hunting dates for Nov. 30 through Jan. 15. If you are reckoning that that's a short season, vou're right. Tumbleweeds, like

camels, can go long periods without water, but years of drought will take its toll on any animal. There are fewer tumbleweeds to hunt, so let's respect that. The bag limit is two Big Blue Jumpers or eight of any of the

smaller species during a 48-hour period. That's still plenty for a big pot of tumblestew or several jugs of tumblewine. Of course, after the freeze, the time has passed for tumblesoup this year — unless you planned ahead.

In addition to the bag limits and dates, Elber has asked me to pass along some other key laws and some cautions. Most tumbleweed hunters know 'em by heart — the

laws rarely change, but for you first-timers, here they are. It is illegal to hunt tumbleweeds

with a firearm. It is illegal to "snare, hook or

physically grab" a tumbleweed when it has already made friends with a barbed wire fence. That's poaching.

Let me stop here and say there's no law against making barbedwire-fence sounds to attract a tumbleweed that's in the open field. Yes, it takes years of practice, but the art of making a sound like a barbed wire rubbing rhythmically on a cedar post can be learned.

Uncle Elber — you all know Elber — swears he used to call tumbleweeds by the dozens years ago. Can't do it now because he doesn't hear as well and he wants to keep what little hair he has.

Dedicated callers shave their heads because tumbleweeds can hear hair blowing in the wind and it scares them off. A shirt flapping in the wind won't bother them as much because tumbleweeds are pretty much accustomed to hearing old rags and papers being tossed about on barbed wire. But hair? No, that's a dead giveaway to tumbleweeds, who are suspicious in nature anyway.

It is important for the novice tumbleweed hunter to know that by mid-December many tumbleweeds are mating. Tumbleweeds are not normally aggressive and usually put up a fight only when cornered. Instead, they rely on their keen sense of smell to detect danger, and their speed and ability to maneuver over rough terrain to avoid danger. However, that said, it is extremely unwise — stupid even — to get between a Big Blue

Jumper buck and a doe during mating season.

And another word of caution (and it gives me a moment to brag about the great state of West Texas): The Lake J.B. Thomas area annually produces some of the largest tumbleweeds in the United States and Canada. No one is exactly sure why this occurs, but it is wise when traveling through the area during the winter to keep the windows on your vehicle rolled up. I personally

researchers at Texas A&M that it was just a pup! Being a young buck (he, not I), I decided to give it its freedom. Let me drop in a tip here. Although tumbleweeds are most active on hot, dry, windy days, they actually refuse to mate unless there is sufficient moisture in the

air. So along Dec. 15, check for

have captured a Jumper north of

the lake that was as large as a

Ford Escort, and was told by

be cautious. On the other hand, hunting near stock tanks and most lakes is usually futile. Tumbleweeds are afraid of large bodies of water. Understandable, since they can't

rain clouds. If clouds are present,

swim. I hope this helps and that you have a rewarding season. Finally, please be a good steward of the land. Leave it the way you found it. Most farmers will tolerate tumbleweed hunters as long as they obtain permission to be on their land first.

Bill McClellan is the news editor at the Herald. He can be reached by calling 263-7331or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

### When Tom Brokaw runs the show

om Brokaw enters the 14th floor conference room at 30 Rockefeller Plaza through a side door. He is wearing a zippered black sweater and carrying a cardboard cup

of soup: He has glasses on. The people in the room fall silent.

This meeting has been convened to plan this week's debate among the **NBC** News and run many times

Democratic presidential candidates in Des Moines, Iowa, which MSNBC will produce and which will be re-

throughout the week, including on Thanksgiving Day.

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An 18-point agenda for the meeting has been distributed, and it includes everything from "Candidates — movements, handling" to "Press room/Spin Alley." It is like planning a small war. Or a live TV show.

Though "Brokaw speaks" is not on the agenda, everyone expects him to do so. He is the anchor and managing editor of NBC's "Nightly News," a best-selling author and the winner of numerous awards. The first presidential election he covered was in 1968. This will be his last. He is 63 and will retire from "Nightly News" at the end of the 2004 presidential campaign.

events he participates in. He will moderate and be the sole questioner of the candidates at the debate in Des Moines. He has set an extremely high goal for himself and the 100 or so NBC employees who are actively working on the debate. "I want," Brokaw tells the group, "to try to make it memo-

This fact tends to heighten the

rable." Glances are exchanged. "Informative" would be hard enough. "Watchable" may even be a challenge. But "memorable"?

Four debates officially sanctioned by the DNC have already taken place this year, as well as dozens more unsanctioned debates and forums. A few have been interesting, and one or two even made news for a day or two. But memorable is going to be one tough hill to climb.

Brokaw intends to go for it, however. And the first way he intends to achieve it is to knock the candidates off balance. "Because the (candidates) will come to this with their eyes semi-glazed over because they've been to so many of these, we have to get off to a very fast start," Brokaw says. He does not, he explains, want

the debate to be about the "fine print" of the campaigns. He does not want it to be about "the health care niche of Gephardt or the John Kerry Vietnam veteran niche." but rather about the candidates' "character and their values, and their vision and their feelings about each other.'

His big goal, Brokaw says, is that at the end of two hours the audience will have a much better sense of the "whole person" and "what drives them as human beings as much as presidential candidates."

One might be tempted to say, "Easier said than done," but Brokaw realizes that. "I am still working through my own mind about the questions," Brokaw says, "and how to orchestrate this on stage." One of his strategies is going to be to interrupt the candidates to ask "a counter-intuitive question" in the middle of any long, scripted answer. "If they get into a big anti-Bush economy screed, I may interrupt that with another kind of a question,' Brokaw says. "We will try to get at them and make them think on their feet. I want the viewers to see how these guys react."

In other words, the candidates will probably hate this debate.

Some months ago, the candidates asked the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to step in and impose some order on the debate process for two reasons: First, they were getting too many invitations and wanted the DNC to sanction six debates only. This would give the candidates an excuse to turn down other offers. (As it turned out, it gave them an excuse, but not the guts. The candidates found it impossible to refuse the unsanctioned invitations of such groups as the NAACP.)

Second, before the sanctioning process was set up, ABC held a debate in Columbia, S.C., moderated by George Stephanopoulos. It received good reviews from journalists, but was loathed by the candidates. ABC made the candidates sit at desks on the stage, while Stephanopoulos strode around in front of them asking questions.

"They hated George standing over them," a Democratic strategist familiar with the debate negotiations said. "They hated sitting at those desks. They hated that the debate seemed to be focused more on George than on them. They were concerned that everything had been done to promote Stephanopoulos and to make it his show."

So the DNC stepped in and began

discussions with the networks for carrying sanctioned debates. But before the networks could get a debate, they had to outline the formats they wanted to use, and the DNC, on behalf of the candidates, could negotiate. "The first thing. they wanted was no more little damn desks?" one consultant said.

The complaints did not stop with the furniture, however. After a CNN debate, many of the candidates were angry with the performance of moderator Judy Woodruff. Though Woodruff is held in very high regard and has never been considered a showboat by her fellow journalists, many of the candidates didn't see it that way. They hated the "two-shots" that showed Woodruff walking over to the candidates to ask her questions, and they hated what they saw as her "high profile" during the debate.

"She was in nearly every shot!" one candidate complained. One senior Democrat put it this way: "In general, the candidates do not want a moderator of greater stature than the candidates." Which means they are really

going to hate the NBC debate. Though some of the moderators

and questioners at prior debates have been people of considerable reputation and even fame, Brokaw is the first superstar to moderate a debate this year, the first network anchor, the first moderator more recognizable than the candidates themselves.

This gives him an advantage: Viewers see Brokaw as both likable and an authority figure, and will not take it well if a candidate tries to be dismissive of him or slide away from his questions. And though Brokaw recognizes

the debate is about the candidates and not about him, he does intend to facilitate things by getting in the candidates' faces.

Later, in his comfortable, but modest-sized office, filled with family pictures, awards and memorabilia, Brokaw says he realizes there is little that candidates hate more than surprises.

"But, you know," Brokaw says, "that's part of the risk that they have to take. I mean, part of our job is to act as the advocate of the audience and the voters, and try to draw them out so that voters don't get just an infomercial. Why give up two hours of your time as a viewer if you think you are going to get one canned campaign speech after another? It's hard to convince campaigns of this, but it's in their interest, frankly."

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### Church news

**First United Methodist Church** 

Dr. Dave Ring's sermon "Abraham: titled Father of the Faithful" for Sunday, Nov. 30, at First United Methodist Church. The scripture text comes from Romans 4:1-12.

On this first Sunday in Advent, the congregation will participate in the Hanging of the Greens. The Advent Theme for 2003 is "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

During Sunday school this Sunday, members will participate in "Take it to the Streets" to be held in youth hall at 9:30 a.m. for instructions. Worship services are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Each Sunday during Advent, there is a baby shower for baby Jesus. Bring receiving blankets, diapers, sleepers, or other non-perishable or breakable baby items.

Gifts will be donated to the Pre-Natal unit of MHMR. Performances of the Living Christmas Tree are Saturday, Dec. 6, and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m..

Tickets for the program are free. The choir will practice each night Monday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Dec. 5 from 6:30 to

Tuesday, Dec. 2, is the last meeting of Kid's club for 2003.

Kid's Club will resume in Jan. 13, 2004. Youth will babysit in the Partee Building Dec. 20 from noon to 4 p.m. for parents needing to shop.

Children should bring a sack lunch, pillow and blanket. Call Courtney Johnson for more information.

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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School will not meet this Sunday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The next Inquirers' Class is meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The class is for those interested in learning more about the ways and teachings of the Episcopal church and for Episcopalians who want a refresher course.

The Planning Group will meet on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the church

office.

Evening Prayer is said Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel. For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit Web site www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church

All has been made ready for the Advent Season. The Hanging of the Greens was completed on Sunday. On the first Sunday of Advent, the Rev. Matt Miles, will deliver the sermon from Luke 21: 25-36. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday school is held at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten begins at 10:35.

Church members are encouraged to support the poinsettia sale of the church youth group.

They are selling poinsettias to raise money for the Triennium next summer. Flowers may be given in

honor or memory of special someone members. Participation will be appreciated.

Plans are being made for a Youth Advent Workshop to be held on Dec. 7. Everyone is wel-

come at Presbyterian Church located on Runnels between 7th and 8th.

Philadelphia Primitive

**Baptist Church** Family oriented congregation of the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 East 24th St., meets for worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Elder David Machiavello, pastor, will speak for each of these services. All are invited to share in worship.

Bible study is held each

Wednesday at 7 p.m. Members are signing up for appointments with the photography team from Mills Church Directories Department.

They are scheduled for photos Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 3-9:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

This is the first pictorial directory to be published through Olan Mills. Each participating church family will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a church directory. Visitors are welcome to participate and will receive a free photo.

Members or visitors desiring the free 8x10 photo who have not registered should do so as soon as possible by calling 263-

First 6217. Completed photos tions, and Christmas stowill be delivered on or before Dec. 21.

Anyone having Biblical questions or needing more information concerning worship services may call the pastor, Elder David Machiavello at 267-

**East Side Baptist** 

East Side Baptist's "Children's annual Christmas FunFestival" will be held Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is a program for children ages five through 12.

There will be puppet shows about Jesus' birth, Christmas crafts to buy for gifts or tree decora-

ries using strange happenings found in the Bible. There is no charge, but it is limited seating.

Call for reservations at 267-1915 or 267-1845. Seating is limited.

> **Howard County Catholic Parishes**

The congregation will begin the celebration of the Advent season, the time of anticipation leading up to the birth of Jesus. This four week period begins with 'Hanging of the Greens' service, the activity to complete the hanging of

Christmas decorations in

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I regularly spend a Friday morning "Chapel Time' with the pre-schoolers of my church's Children's Out Day (CDO)ministry.

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DR. DAVE RING Recently, I did a "Thanksgiving Themed" occasion with them. I took a color cartoon pic-

and began by showing them the picture. One bright little boy readily identified it. "That's a turkey!" he

ture of a turkey with me

exclaimed. "Why did I bring a picture of a turkey to show you today?" I asked. The 20 or so three and fouryear olds present thought very carefully.

Finally, a little girl ventured a guess, "Because Thanksgiving is next week?" she asked in return.

"Yes, and I'll bet some of you are going to eat turkey at Thanksgiving this year," was my response.

That got the whole group involved. Every one of them, it seemed, was planning to have a big Thanksgiving turkey

dinner.

After they settled down again, at their ages their attention is very short, I asked, "Who do you plan thank Thanksgiving?"

After a short pause and a few suggestion from me to start things off, I got a bunch of answers such as moms and dad and teachers and friends and dogs and cats and birds and goldfish.

But though I tried hard not good enough. to get them to include God in their many Thanksgivings, the concept was too big, too foreign, too abstract. At age three and four, that's understandable.

So I simply ended by reminding them that Jesus loved them, and prayed that God would

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It's quite understandable that three and four years olds don't include God in their thinking, and their thanking.

They're not mature enough to see beyond the concrete, the tangible. But we who are no longer children can understand that there's a Source

Randy Cotton

**Pastor** 

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Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Service.....7:00p.m.

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### 'Shields of Strength' provide hope, comfort for soldiers

By BOBBY ROSS JR.

Associated Press Writer

A "Shield of Strength" hung on the chain around Capt. Russell B. Rippetoe's neck when the Army Ranger and two other soldiers were killed in a car bomb explosion at an Iraqi checkpoint.

The 1-by-2-inch shield, which Rippetoe wore along with his military dog tags and a Christian cross, displayed a U.S. flag on one side and a quote from Joshua 1:9 on the other: "I will be strong and courageous. I will not be terrified, or discouraged, for the Lord my God is with me wherever I go."

Produced by a Beaumont group, the shields may just seem like trinkets to some. But for more than 100,000 U.S. military personnel and their families, they offer comfort and hope in the most trying of times.

"All the men who served with my son wear the shield around their necks, as do many of the elite 75th Rangers," said retired Lt. Col. Joe Rippetoe, a Gaithersburg, Md., resident who was disabled in two tours of duty in Vietnam.

His 27-year-old son, from Arvada, Colo., died in early April and was the first soldier from the Iraq war laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. On Memorial Day, the grieving father visited at the White House with President Bush, who had heard about the Christian dog tag.

The first question Bush was whether asked Rippetoe had his son's Joshua 1:9 tag.

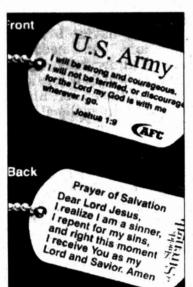
"As luck would have it, I had Russell's original tag and one that Chaplain (Brad) Baumann had given me at the unit memorial service," Rippetoe said.

nal tag, the plastic around its edges scorched in the bombing, and gave the president the other one. Bush mentioned it later that day in a memorial speech at Arlington National Cemetery.

The commander in chief receiving a Shield of Strength represented a milestone of sorts for Kenny Vaughan, who first had dog tags engraved with Scriptures in 1997.

Vaughan, a Beaumont native, wasn't part of the military. He was actually a water-skiing champion, who had just won his first national championship for long jumping after overcoming fears that had hampered his performance for years.

His girlfriend Tammie, now his wife, had painted Scriptures on the handle of his tow rope, including this one from Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



'Dog tag' style religious trinket that helps give hope and strength will be especially welcome Christmas gifts for for American troops.

"I wanted a daily reminder of God's word, but I figured I would look silly carrying my water ski rope handles," Vaughan said. "So I bought a few military dog tags and engraved the Scriptures."

Relatives and friends liked the idea — so much so that Vaughan kept giving his tags away and going back to get more engraved.

By the time he paid for each letter he had engraved, it cost him about \$20 a tag. He decided it would be more cost-effective to make his own.

So, he started an organization called Athletes for Christ and began producing Shields of Strength for athletes, police officers, firefighters and other professions. Within three years, the shields had spread to Christian bookstores in all 50 states. The tags sell for about \$5 each retail.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. Jacqueline R. Clay, in an e-mail from Baghdad, said she "cannot even begin to count how many soldiers are wearing them.

"It also has a spiritual camaraderie impact," Clay wrote, "for example, when meet another Christian or military member and they have the shield on their ID tags ... it bonds you, even though you may not know them."

Ironically. Vaughan never marketed the product to the military. He worried that people serving

their country might be upset by what he was doing. After all, he was a civilian and had not earned the right to wear a dog tag.

His concern vanished after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks when he received an e-mail from Fort Huachuca, Ariz. A soldier had come across a Shield of Strength at a Christian bookstore and shown it to Lt. Col. David Dodd, who wanted some for troops leaving for the war in Afghanistan.

The e-mail was sent on a Monday.

"By Wednesday, he had Fed-Exed 500 of them," recalled Dodd, now stationed at the Pentagon serving after Afghanistan and Iraq.

Dodd said his wife, Sharon, keeps a Shield of Strength on her key chain. His daughters, Caitlin, 15, and Grace, 9, wear them around their necks.

"When you're over there and the only thing you have with you is your equipment," Dodd said, "it's an environment where people really start thinking about what's important.

"Most people start seeking some kind of spiritual fitness. So these were comforting words," he said.

Comforting words not just for those fighting, but for those left behind.

Vaughan mailed 1,000 Shields of Strength — at no charge — to Joe Rippetoe after his son died. To go alog with them, Rippetoe had separate dog tags made with this inscription: OPT RIPPETOE RUSSELL B

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As a "thank you" for letters, cards, poems and money received after his son's death, Rippetoe gives well-wishers a shield and a

"The Shield of Strength is to remind them that when you need help, you look to the man upstairs," he said. "The other one is to remind you to love those around you today. Don't wait until tomorrow."

For more information visit Shields of Strength: Web site www.shieldsofstrength.com.

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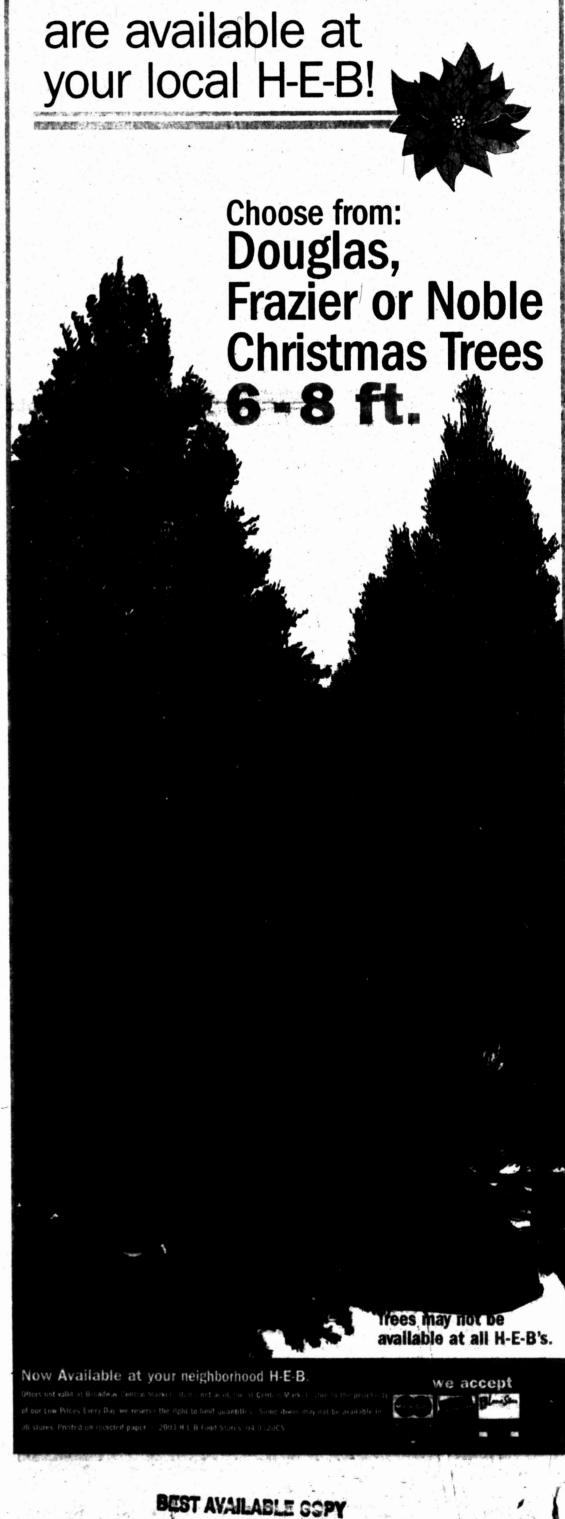
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### IN BRIEF

### Area tournaments ready to tip off soon

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

In Garden City, 16 teams will compete in the Bearkat Classic beginning Dec. 4.

Forsan will be among the teams competing in the Borden County Tournament, which also begins Dec. 4.

### **BSYBA** registration set for Dec. 1-13

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Başketball League will run from Dec. 1-13 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 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.

### Lady Steers to face Lamesa on Dec. 2

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers basketball team will square off against the Lamesa High School Lady Tors on Dec. 2 in Lamesa.

Big Spring is slated to tip off at 8 p.m. The Big Spring JV will begin play at 6:30 p.m.

### Quarterback Club to meet on Dec. 1

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold a meeting Dec. 1 at the BSHS Athletic Training Complex to begin preparations for the football banquet and to hold officer elections. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

### New classes now forming at YMCA

Registration for classes in gymnastics, swimming, martial arts and women's weights is now being held at the Big Spring Family

Gymnastics classes include Kidnastics for preschoolers, ages 5 and younger, and regular gymnastics and tumbling classes for boys and girls 6 and older.

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8**2**34.

### Basketball officials needed for season

Basketball officials are needed for the upcoming season.

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are 8-4 and in second place in their respective divisions.

Yet, while the Miami Dolphins are gaining confidence, coach Bill Parcells isn't so sure about his Cowboys any more — especially after Dallas' 40-21 loss on Thursday.

"I just don't think our going to get ourselves in."

don't know whether we can do it or not."

The Cowboys have lost three of six games since a five-game winning streak. impressive win over Carolina, Parcells said his team should be embarrassed.

Miami has won three

got a lot on the line, and I and a schedule that could set them up for another: at New England a week from Sunday, then home against Philadelphia.

"We have to keep it Just four days after an going. It doesn't get any easier," linebacker Zach Thomas said.

Not many games will be easier than Thursday.

Jay Fiedler threw three team quite has the matu- straight and is 5-1 on the touchdown passes to rity yet to understand the road, the kind of momen- Chris Chambers and ran kind of situation we're tum the Dolphins need for another score in his considering their history first start after being out

left knee. He was 16-of-20 for 239 yards, and Miami scored its most points since 49 in the 2002 season opener.

Fiedler's 1-yard plunge on the game's opening drive was set up when Chambers drew a 30-yard pass interference penalty against Mario Edwards on the first play of the gamė.

"The confidence is very high right now," said Fiedler, who replaced

Williams powers Dolphins past Cowboys, 40-21 IRVING (AP) — Both Parcells said. "We've still of disastrous Decembers a month with a sprained Brian Griese in the second half Sunday against Washington in a comeback win. "We have to play with some passion and confidence next week against New England as we have been the past few

> Miami is 1 1/2 games behind the Patriots in the AFC East and 1 1/2 games ahead of Denver and Cincinnati for the conference's final wild-card spot.

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### **Texans** 'tired' of losing games

HOUSTON (AP) - A second-year expansion team playing with a backup quarterback and an injury-ravaged defense should have been pleased by such a moral victory.

The Houston Texans came up short in a 23-20 overtime loss to the NFL's hottest team. Sure, they blew a bunch of chances, but so did the New England Patriots. And the Texans managed to stay close despite getting outgained 472-169.

Another step forward for the franchise, right?

Yes, but coach Dom Capers wasn't exactly giddy this week about coming close once again.

"We weren't able to get it done. So there's only one thing to do, you've got to pick yourself up and fight back," Capers said. "The encouraging thing is, we had the number of opportunities we did to beat a good football team. The discouraging thing is we didn't make the plays at crunch time.'

The players also were having trouble with that whole moral victory thing.

"I felt that we definitely should have won the game. I'm just tired of being on this side of it," said tight end Billy Miller.

"It's not all bad because we did make some plays, but we lost," said safety Eric Brown, who intercepted a pass at his goal line then fumbled to set up a Pats' field goal. "We pretty much went out there and gave it our best effort, but we came up short. We did not get the job done. This is one is going to hurt for a while."

That lingering pain is another sign that the Texans are making big strides.

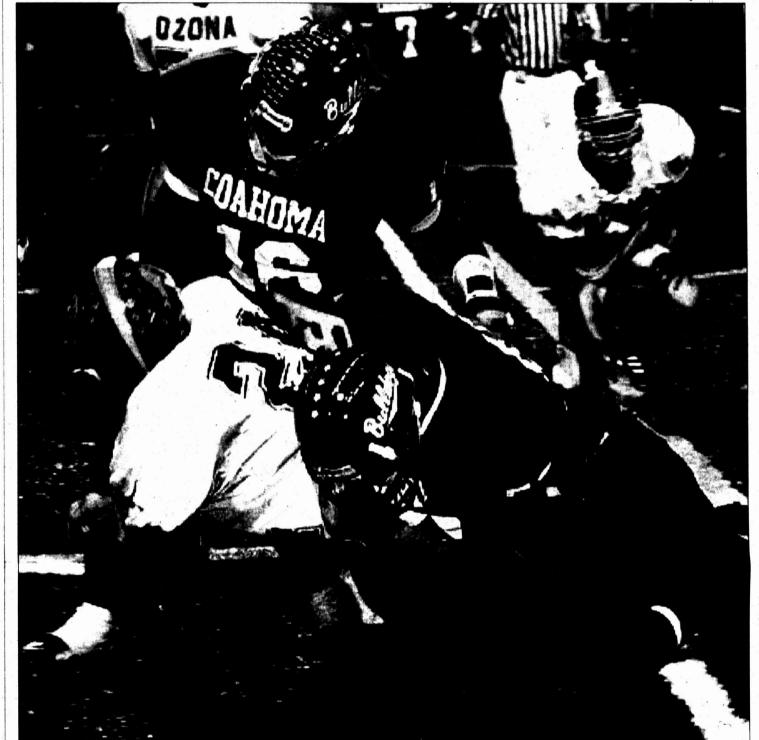
Of course, almost beating a team that came in with a six-game winning streak and left with a sparkling 9-2 record was important. But the fact that they expect to challenge every team speaks volumes of progress.

### Freshman girls to play Monday

The Big Spring Lady Steers freshman basketball team will return to the hardwood Monday night when they host the Denver City Mustangs.

Big Spring is scheduled to begin play at 6:45 p.m. in San Angelo.

The Big Spring junior varsity and varsity squads will play in Lamesa on Tuesday.



Clint Walker (making tackle) and Adrian Abrego (16) will lead the Coahoma Bulldogs against the Panhandle Panthers Friday night in the Class 2A, Division II regional playoffs. The two teams will play tonight at Lowery Field in Lubbock.

### Coahoma set to face off with Panhandle for regional crown

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

What do you get when you are 10-2 and have already dispatched two very talented teams in the first two rounds of the playoffs?

Well if you're head coach Robert Wood and the Coahoma Bulldogs, you get the task of facing yet another West Texas powerhouse

— the Panhandle Panthers. and the Bulldogs are more tan route to claiming a thrilling 21-20 happy to be in the situation they

Coahoma is scheduled to square off against unbeaten Panhandle tonight beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Lowery Field in Lubbock in the own 13 yard line. Division II, Region I-2A playoff. The winner will advance to play either Sonora or Holliday in the Class 2A state quarterfinals next attack by dissecting opposing

In Panhandle, the Bulldogs will be facing one of the state's hottest teams. The Panthers, 12-0, haven't truly been tested this season. They enter the showdown averag-Last week, they simply dominated a highly-regarded Cisco team en route to claiming a 41-20 win.

Panhandle heads into the contest as an early favorite. It's a role from when he drops back to pass. that has suited the Bulldogs well this year.

What can you say that hasn't already been said of the Coahoma Bulldogs? Underdogs all season long, they simply do the most important thing — win.

Class 2A **Regional Playoff** Coahoma Bulldogs

(10-2)VS. Panhandle Panthers (12-0)6:30 p.m. Friday at Lubbock's

Last week, Coahoma collected a Don't be misled, however. Wood solid effort from its defense en win over the Ozona Lions. The Bulldogs won the game with less than two minutes left in regulation when defensive back Sam Tindol intercepted a pass at his

Panhandle won't have it easy, either.

Tindol had directed a potent defenses with pin-point passing precision. Tindol has accounted for more than 3,400 yards this fall — the second highest mark among quarterbacks in the United States. What makes Tindol and the CHS ing more than 40 points a game. offense so explosive is the corps of receivers on hand. Kelby Kemper, along with the juniors Lance Robert and Adrian Abrego, give Tindol plenty of options to choose

> Kemper is one of the deadliest receivers in the state, amassing more than 1,700 yards on 82 receptions. Roberts and Abrego have accounted for more than 90 catches and an additional 1,200 yards.

Overall this season, the Bulldogs

have rolled up more than 4,000 yards in total offense. Tindol has thrown passes to, 10 different

receivers. Clay Grant powers the Bulldog ground game, teaming with Tindol to account for more than a 1,000 yards and 17 rushing touchdowns.

A big reason for the Bulldogs' offensive success stems from the play up front of Sam Sevey, Adam Brown, Jessie Metcalf, Terrel Bibb, Morgan Barron, Dusty Martin, and Rocky Salazar. The CHS line has dominated almost every opponent it has faced this season.

The big question facing Coahoma this week is "Can the Bulldogs defense stop a Panhandle offense that scores quickly and in bunches?"

Last week, Panhandle amassed 473 yards in total offense in their win over Cisco. Panthers' quarterback Brock Sherwood led the show, hitting five different receivers with at least two passes. He completed 13-of-26 attempts against a stout Lobo defense for 294 yards.

For the year, Sherwood has thrown 38 touchdown passes and four interceptions.

Caleb Coffman received most of Sherman's attention last week. He ended the night with four receptions, including two touchdowns on what the Panthers refer to as "the Hideout" play.

"Its not really a designed play,"

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### **Denver Broncos suspend** Gardener two more games

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DENVER (AP) - The Denver radio station last Denver Broncos suspended Daryl Gardener for two more games after he lashed out publicly at head coach Mike Shanahan.

Kansas City at San Diego

Tampa Bay at Jacksonville

Gardener was originally suspended for unspecified conduct detrimental to the team. He responded by telling a week that he didn't believe Shanahan wanted him on the team and called the coach "that little man up there."

Those comments violated a clause in every NFL contract requiring players to give their best efforts and loyalty to their team.

### Pettitte's agents meet with Astros for second time sources as saying the have next year and future years."

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HOUSTON (AP) met again with Houston a three-year contract. Astros officials earlier this week and say the lefthander who is coming off a four-year contract with the New York Yankees may have a decision on his future plans by the middle of next month.

Houston television station KRIV quoted unidenmajor league

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Agents for Andy Pettitte Astros had offered Pettitte

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But Astros owner Drayton McLane said it was premature to talk about an offer.

"This was more an exploratory discussion," McLane told KRIV. "For Andy Pettitte to come to Houston, he wants to understand more about the team we are going to

years going down the road. This was more of an overall general discussion not only about him being a Houston Astro but how our team is going to develop the next several

Re-signing Pettitte is the No. 1 priority of New York Yankees, who have said they expect to negotiate with him later in the offseason. Pettitte lives in the Houston area.

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Continued from Page 1B said Coffman. "It's an automatic call. I turn my back toward the other guys and, if the defense doesn't pick it up, someone will holler at Brock and let him know."

Sy Slover and Robert Hightower also contributed to the Panthers aerial attack, snaring five passes for 112 yards.

The responsibility of covering the talented Panther receivers falls squarely on the shoulders of a solid Coahoma secondary that is led by Kemper and Tindol.

Korley Bennett, Clint Walke r Derick Martinez, a n d Caden Hall also



spend time tracking down opposing receivers. The Panhandle backfield is just as dangerous

as the PHS receiving corps. Neil Packard, Eric Vance and Sherwood have taken turns plowing through opposing defenses this fall. Last week the trio accounted for 155 yards on 33 carries.

The task of containing the Panthers at the line of scrimmage falls to a solid defensive front that is anchored by Sevey and Brown. Defensive ends Grant, Adam Padron, and Trevor Bibb man the corners while Abrego, Roberts, Adam Thompson, and D.J Allen provide support from the linebacker position.

Thompson teamed with Sevey last week to provide the push up the middle that allowed the Buildogs to block a crucial extra point attempt.

### **COWBOYS**

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Dallas dropped out of a first-place tie with the Eagles in the NFC East, and out of a four-way tie for the best record in the conference. They play at Philadelphia next.

"Sometimes you just come out flat and get beat. We don't have any excuses," Cowboys quarterback Quincy Carter said. "We understand (Parcells) is embarrassed. We're all embarrassed."

Carter's 27-yard TD pass to Richie Anderson with 2:44 left in the first half got Dallas to 17-14. But the Dolphins answered before halftime, with Chambers stretching for a 6-yard TD.

Then, on the third snap of the second half. Carter fumbled when defensive end Adewale Ogunleye tapped the ball loose. Jason Taylor returned it 34 yards for a 30-14 lead.

'We're definitely happy with the win, but we're not satisfied," Taylor said. "We have to stay poised."

Fiedler threw only three passes after that. The Dolphins protected the lead by handing off to Ricky Williams, who finished with 104 yards to go over 1,000 yards for the fourth straight season, the last two in Miami.

Tampa Bay's Michael Pittman had been the only runner to go over 100 yards against the NFL's top-ranked defense. Williams, the former University of Texas standout playing his first NFL game in the state, had his third straight 100yard game. He now has 15 since joining Miami to tie Larry Csonka for the most in team history. He and Csonka are the only Dolphins with more than one 1,000-yard season.

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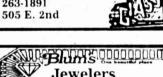
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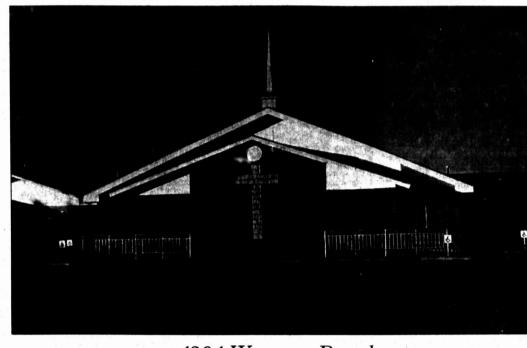


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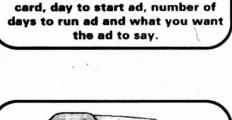
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before. This is most immediately represented in the media but also in our personal lives. The worldly call on the wind wants to be explored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Patterns of behavior that once helped you deal with stress don't quite have the same effect anymore. Physical activity helps you cope. When you do it with a group, it's even more healing — yoga class, anyone?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Self-discovery is your primary aim. Figure out what you can learn about yourself from each event at work and at home. Your old perceptions change as the day goes on. A close friend proposes a deal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). New work doesn't feel natural. There's nothing wrong with suggesting that someone else may be better suited for the job. Love luck comes early in the day. Making eyes at the person you're interested in is a kick

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Crushes on celebrities or other beautiful yet unattainable people prevent you from really seizing the great love opportunities right in front of you. A normal human brimming with star quality has a thing for

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You just can't seem to keep all of your big feelings in, and your reactions to change are larger than life. Friends understand your exuberance, but acquaintances might find your emotions odd. You

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Dear Annie: Believe it or

not, I am a 36-year-old male

virgin. Women don't seem

to have any interest in me.

I've had very few dates in

my life, and not one led to a

serious relationship. I'm a

find love luck with Sagittarius.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Traditions deserve a revival. However, abandon old notions of where and when wealth can come to you. Treasures are discovered in unlikely places with the help of improbable people. Be astute enough as

to not overlook them. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If your energy level is low, spark your own fire by warming up your core temperature. A hot shower or a long run brings the color back to your cheeks. For romantic luck, dress to kill tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a hot commodity right now. Last-minute invites come your way. The spirit of adventure is very much alive in you, and you'll say "yes" to what you normally wouldn't. Stay away from hot spots crowds cause stress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Let your light shine. You are building on the work of your forefathers, and others will build on your work, as your triumphs give associates the motivation to start other projects.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll probably be judged by superficial things. No matter how deeply you are entrenched in your task, be sure you cover your bases by being orderly, stylish and on time. By the evening, you feel like cocooning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Spiritual practices help you help yourself. Your looming questions are much easier to deal with because of divine guidance. If you're part of a couple, eyes may wander — make sure your body doesn't.

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decent guy. I don't smoke or drink, and I try to treat people with respect. I definitely don't look like Brad Pitt, but I don't think I'm Quasimodo. either. Although once, when I went to pick up a woman for a blind date, as soon as she saw me at the door, she said she was expecting someone

I want to have someone in my life to share and do things with. It's depressing to go to the movies alone. I want to be able to say, "I love you," and hear it back. Please don't say try a church group, as I'm not religious in any way. And since I don't drink, bars and nightclubs are out of the question. Annie, is there hope for me? Lonely in New York

Dear N.Y.: If women are closing doors in your face, your physical appearance may present a problem, and that means women aren't giving you the opportunity to show what a great guy you are. We'll assume you've asked your friends and relatives to critique your appearance and you have made any necessary improvements to your hair, hygiene and wardrobe. So, recommend Internet. Reliable online services will give you a chance to find a woman who will fall in love with your personality, and your looks will be less impor-

tant. Please try it. Dear Annie: This is in response to "End of My Rope," who said her cleanfreak husband is driving her nuts. I have the opposite problem.

I love my wife, but to be frank, she is a slob. She leaves her dirty dishes. laundry and trash all over the house. She never makes the bed, nor does she dust



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

or vacuum. Our children are just like her. When I' ask for help with the housekeeping, the kids scatter, and my wife says I am "obsessive." We have dirty windows, stained walls and sticky floors. A neighbor recently had to move my wife's underwear to find a place to sit on the sofa.

After years of fighting this losing battle, I have given up. I do whatever dishes and laundry I generate, and I maintain separate closet and dresser space. I make the bed every other day and take out my own trash. I pick up everyone else's items and deposit them into a pile in the center of our spare room. When my wife and kids run out of dishes or clothes, they pick through the pile until they find what they

Soon, we will no longer be able to get into the spare room. At that point, I will have a big yard sale, followed by a bigger bonfire. No Longer Sweating It

Dear No Longer Sweating It: We admire your attitude (and fortitude). It can't be easy living with slobs, although in all fairness, women have been cleaning up after their families for generations. You are right. however, not to make your home a constant battleground. If you can afford any outside help, please get

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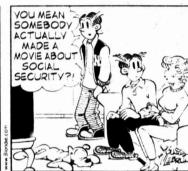
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### This Date In History

### By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2003. There are 33 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin met in Tehran during World War II.

On this date: In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the

now bears his name. In 1919. American-born Lady Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.

South American strait that

In 1925, the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.

In 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston.

In 1958, the African nation of Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.

In 1963, President Johnson announced that Cape Canaveral would be renamed Cape Kennedy in honor of his assassinated predecessor (however, the name was changed back to Cape Canaveral in 1973).

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner Four on a course to Mars.

In 1975, President Ford nominated Federal Judge John Paul Stevens to the U.S. Supreme Court seat vacated by William O. Douglas.

In 1990. Thatcher resigned as prime minister of Britain during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major.

In 2001, Enron Corp., once the world's largest energy trader, collapsed after

would be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion takeover deal.

Birthdays: Today's Recording executive Berry Gordy Jr. is 74. Actress Hope Lange is 72. Former Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., is 67. Singer-songwriter Bruce Channel is 63. Singer Randy Newman is 60. Movie director Joe Dante is 57. CBS News correspondent Susan Spencer is 57. "Late Show" orchestra leader Paul Shaffer is 54. Actor Ed Harris is 53. Actress S. Epatha Merkerson is 51. Country singer Kristine Arnold (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 47.

## Answer to previous puzzle

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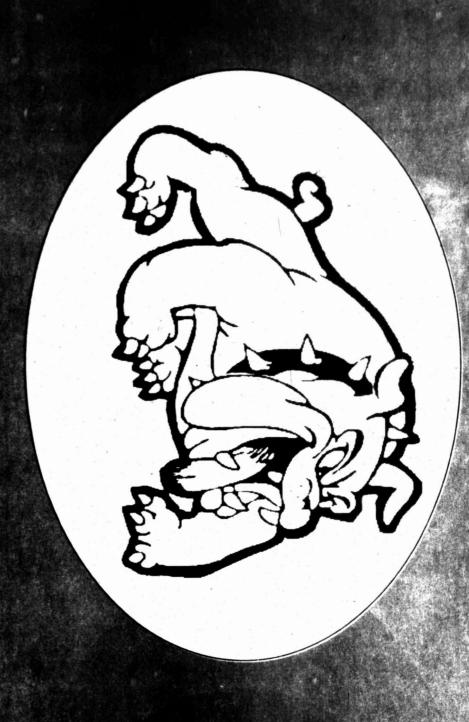
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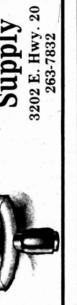
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