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Tonight:



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Community service set this evening

The community is invited to participate and give thanks for recent blessings during a special service at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The service will be non-denominational. Among the churches participating are St. Mary's, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church. Each of the ministers for the individual churches will participate in the service.

Christmas concert planned Saturday

The Downtown Revitalization Association's third annual Christmas Concert is set for 7 p.m., Saturday at the Municipal Auditorium. Linda Lyndell will direct Big Spring High School's Rhapsody, bringing "Santa's Frosty Folly" to the stage. The concert will include traditional music, dancing and solos for half of the program. Following a brief intermission, a Christmas variety show will be led by Larry Thibeault and David Smith and will encourage enthusiastic audience participation. The concert is free and appropriate for all ages.

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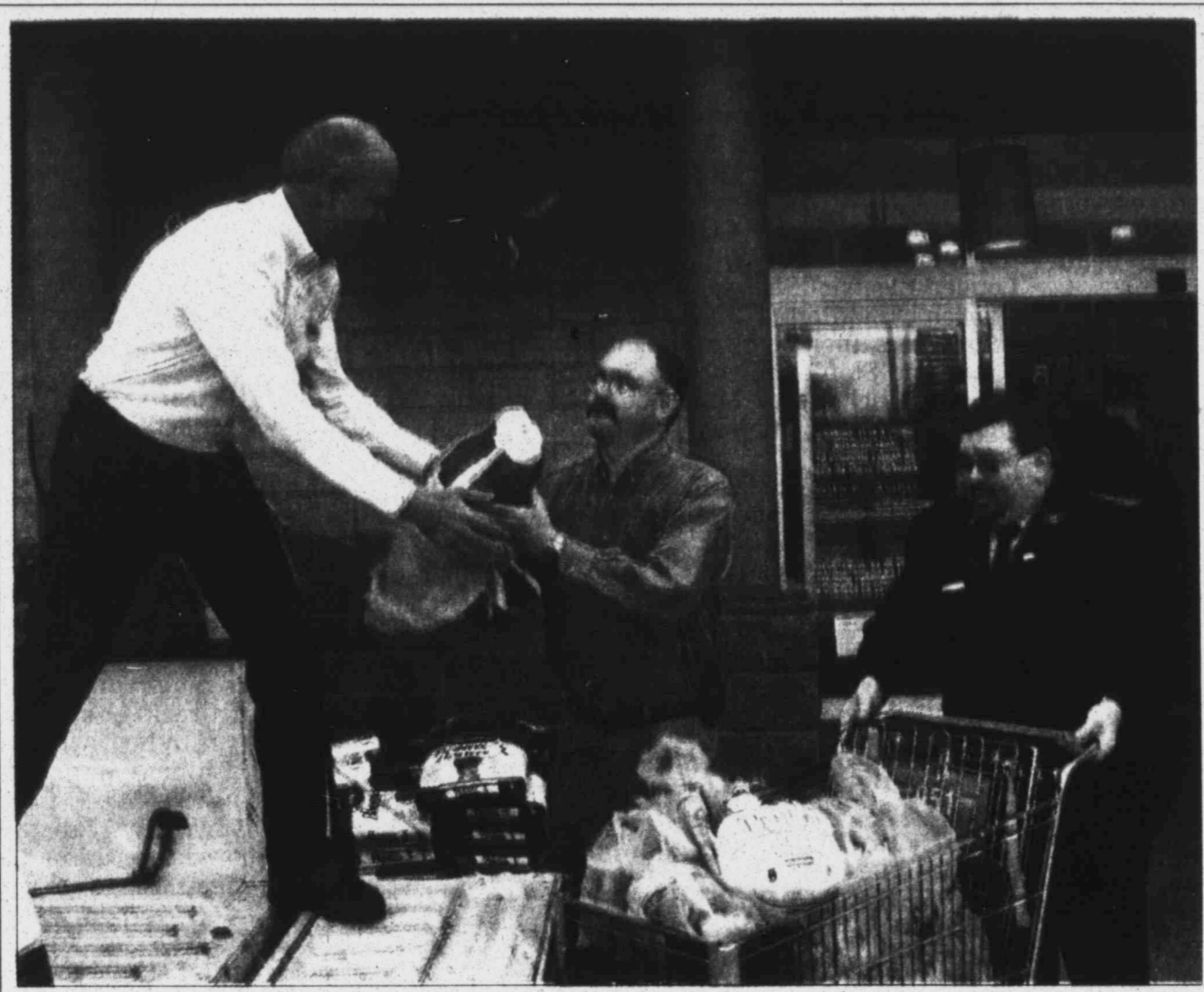
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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Scott McLaughlin, left, helps Matt Miles and Capt. Russ Keeney load groceries into the Salvation Army truck Tuesday morning as the local charity gets ready to hold its annual Thanksgiving dinner. Keeney said the local Salvation Army expects to serve more than 400 meals during Thursday's holiday.

Turkey's on the table

Salvation Army plans to feed 400 for Thanksgiving dinner

- The dinner is open to the entire community.
- Volunteers are still needed to help prepare meals and deliver them.

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Imagine wheeling up to the checkout counter at H-E-B with your normal Thanksgiving grocery items — an entire basket of frozen turkeys, pal-

lets of canned vegetables and mountains of potatoes and other holiday fixins'. While it may sound like overkill, it's what the Big Spring Salvation Army does every year in preparation for the annual community Thanksgiving meal, which provides more than 400 holiday dinners to area residents of all walks of life. "H-E-B always helps out with the groceries, as do many of the local churches," said Capt. Russ Keeney as he wheeled a load of turkeys out

to the Salvation Army truck Tuesday. "They're always big supporters and they partner with the Salvation Army to make the community Thanksgiving dinner a huge success. We couldn't do what we do without their support as well. "We're picking up the groceries today and we expect to make more than 400 meals this year. The prep work starts today with cooking and deboning the turkeys, and will

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Big Spring in running for federal flight training facility

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While the cat's not out of the bag yet, Moore Development for Big Spring, working in conjunction with a number of local agencies and organizations, offered a quick peek Tuesday, releasing more details on the aerospace prospect it has been working to bring to the Big Spring area.

The city of Big Spring, Howard College, Moore Development, the Big Spring Industrial Foundation and Howard County issued a press release Tuesday regarding talks that have been ongoing for several months and could bring a major aerospace company to the area. "The organizations have entered into an innovative collaboration with a major U.S. aerospace company to provide airport facilities and all support services for the establishment of a U.S. Air Force Introductory Flight Training Program (IFT)," the press release reads. "When the IFT program is fully activated, it will screen approximately 1,300 students each year to determine if they possess the aptitude and basic skills necessary to enter into a number of U.S. Air Force Flying Training programs."

Tommy Churchwell, president of the Moore Development board of directors, said the prospect is a very favorable thing for Big Spring.

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"We feel like this is a very positive opportunity for Big Spring and all of the groups that have been involved."

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Forsan band gets a boost from well-known country star

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

The devil didn't go down to Forsan and neither did Charlie Daniels. He sent a fiddle instead. "We're having an auction in the spring and we've been asking for donations for it," explained Jim Rhodes, director of the Forsan High School band, which is raising funds to send its 120-plus member troupe to the July 4 Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

"It's a wonderful surprise. We weren't anticipating anything like this."



Randy Johnson

"This week, we received an autographed fiddle from Charlie Daniels. I couldn't believe it." The gift from the Charlie Daniels Band ("The Devil Went Down

to Georgia," "The South's Gonna Do it Again," "Still in Saigon") was a much welcomed surprise. "We've asked sports teams — the Mavericks, Rangers, Astros, Spurs and others — to donate items and we believe the response will be good. We're just starting to gather things and this one was a surprise and the first really big thing we've received," said Rhodes. "A parent and her

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HERALD photo/Bill McClellan
Forsan High School Band Director Jim Rhodes displays signed photographs and a fiddle donated by Charlie Daniels. The instrument and other items will be auctioned in the spring as band members raise funds for a trip to march in the Washington, D.C., Independence Day Parade.

Theft case becomes aggravated robbery when knife is displayed

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Class C misdemeanor turned into a first-degree felony in the blink of an eye Sunday night, as a Big Spring man remains in custody charged with aggravated robbery

Christopher B. Wooten, 43, of

511 Hillside, was arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated robbery after reportedly trying to steal several items from the H-E-B grocery store on Gregg Street. "The suspect entered H-E-B at approximately 11:30 p.m.," explained Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big

Spring Police Department. "He was caught trying to steal several personal grooming items, such as lip balm and razors. The personnel at the store were detaining him until an officer could arrive when he pulled out a pocket knife."

Everett said at that point the crime went from a misdemeanor

to a first-degree felony, which is punishable by five to 99 years, or life in prison.

"Theft under \$50 is a misdemeanor," said Everett. "When you injure someone in the course of the theft or in the course of leaving the scene, it becomes

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Rather stepping down from CBS Evening News

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Dan Rather's remaining months spent on-air as leader of CBS News may be spent trying to ensure that his 42-year career there isn't defined by the network's report on President Bush's National Guard service. Rather, 73, announced Tuesday he would step down in March as



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the anchor of the "CBS Evening News" after nearly a quarter-century in the job, and become a correspondent for both editions of "60 Minutes." He said his decision had nothing to do with the independent investigation into the September National Guard story and took pains to

separate the events by saying he and CBS management had periodically discussed his stepping down since 1999.

"I'd like to put some space between this decision and whatever the panel comes through with," Rather said in an interview.

His agent, Richard Liebner, said it would be a shame if the Guard story becomes Rather's

defining moment.

"I would hope that people appreciate and understand the longevity of his time in the chair and the breadth and scope of his career and all the major stories he's broken," Liebner said.

Rather replaced broadcast legend Walter Cronkite in 1981 and lasted even longer than his pre-

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Obituaries

Lee Priest



Lee Priest, 80, of Big Spring died at 9:16 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Robertson officiating.

She was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Falls to Obera Naler Robertson and Lee Tommy Robertson. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1955 and was a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Her favorite pastimes were her family, traveling and playing Joker. She married O.F. Priest, Nov. 11, 1972. He preceded her in death Sept. 16, 2001.

She is survived by two daughters, Kenny Kay Stephens of Big Spring and Kelli Caton and her husband, Carl of San Antonio; one son, John Bryans and his wife, Jenny of Big Spring; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; companion, Art Madewell of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Troyce Wayne Robertson and Morris Robertson.

The family suggests memorials to Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life, P.O. Box 254, Coahoma 79511.

The family will be at 2511 Carol. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

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Audrey Louder



Audrey Louder, 85, of Stanton, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen in Cemetery Stanton.

She was born Dec. 18, 1918, in Los Angeles, Calif., and married Henry Louder Aug. 4, 1935, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Feb. 21, 1994. Mrs. Louder came to the Martin County Community in 1935 and owned the Shoe Box and was co-owner and bookkeeper of Louder Electric. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Stanton.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sarah and Stanley Barnes of Stanton and Linda and Lyndon Huckaby of Muleshoe; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters. Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

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

Police blotter

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

- **RONDA KAY HOOPER**, 50, of 1801 Settles, was arrested Tuesday and held for U.S. Marshals.
- **LOREN RAYMOND WILSON**, 44, of Forsan, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **COURTNEY AUSBIE**, 20, of 903 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.
- **MARIA KAY STANDISH**, 31, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.
- **ROBERT EDMOND FREITAG JR.**, 38, of Forsan, was arrested Tuesday on a capias warrant.
- **MICHELLE LYNN CUELLAR**, 18, of 1002 N. Main Street Apt. 59, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **NANCY ANNE CUELLAR**, 17, of 1002 N. Main Street Apt. 59, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **BRANDON BROOKS**, 18, of Abilene, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **LYNDELL BURL KNOX III**, 20, of 1002 N. Main Street Apt. 57, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- **LAVERNE GAIL JOHNSON**, 29, of 1611 Cardinal, was arrested Tuesday on three local capias warrants.
- **ANDRES LEE JUAREZ**, 23, of 306 Denton, was arrested Tuesday on a local capias warrant.

Sheriff's report

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

- **ESTEBAN VALENCIA**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of bondman off of bond for driving while license suspended.
- **STACY LYNN PENDLETON**, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to register as a sex offender.
- **RANDY RAMIREZ**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- **DAVID D. ARGUELLO**, 52, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **STEVEN ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ**, 32, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **JOE P. DIAZ JR.**, 44, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for two counts of indecency with a child - sexual contact.
- **DOLLY REBECCA HOGAN**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify - giving false/fictitious information.
- **TERRY D. SPEARS**, 37, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

Luealla Bea Capps

Funeral services for Luealla Bea Capps, 83, of Seminole, will be held Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Community Chapel with Mary Oats officiating. She passed away Nov. 23, 2004, at the Seminole Memorial Care Center. Burial will be in the Gaines County Cemetery under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home of Seminole.

Mrs. Capps was born Oct. 1, 1921, south of Lamesa in Dawson County, to James B. McNew and Louise Matthies McNew. She married Henry Havis Capps Oct. 11, 1941, in Lamesa. She and her husband moved to Seminole in 1946 from Lamesa.

Mrs. Capps was a Methodist. She owned and operated Capps Laundry in Seminole in the 1950s and also owned and operated Capps Trailer Park in Seminole.

Mrs. Capps was a cook in several restaurants in Seminole and also a cook at the Seminole Memorial Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, H.H. Capps, in 1990.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like contributions made to the Seminole Memorial Health Care Center residence Christmas fund.

She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Fraley and her husband, John of Clearview, Penn., Claris Everett and Cathy Capps, both of Seminole; her grandchildren, Lisa Moya and husband, Al of Bay City, Brian Fraley and his wife, Bo of Fort Worth, Pete Everett and his wife, Jennifer of Seminole, James Everett of Kermitt and Jason Everett of Dallas; her great-grandchildren Jarret, Justin and Bradley Everett and Brandon Navarro; her sisters Mildred Dean and Thelma Hardy, both of Seminole; and her brother, James McNew of Muleshoe.

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Marjorie Nell Stubblefield Walker

Marjorie Nell Stubblefield Walker, 85, quietly passed through the gates of heaven to be with her Lord and Savior at her daughter's residence Nov. 20, 2004, after an extended illness. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 2004, at the 22nd and Austin Church of Christ in Colorado City with Gary Bodine officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 9, 1919, in Merkel to Cleba and Frankie Brown Stubblefield. She married John W. Walker March 26, 1956, in Colorado City and they made their home in Hobbs, N.M., until her husband's death Jan. 1, 1994.

She then returned to Colorado City, until illness forced her to move to Muncie, Ind., with her daughter in August 2003, where she resided until her death.

She was a member of the 22nd and Austin Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Kenneth Walker; two brothers, David Stubblefield and Fred Stubblefield; and three sisters, Lucy Mae Wilkes, Eloise Kelly and Frances Terry.

She is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Perry; a son and his wife, Dale and Mary Hall; seven grandchildren, Dewayne Perry, Gary Perry, Sherry Bassinger, Eddie Hall, Clay Hall, Salene Snider and Dawn Gutierrez; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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- TODAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

- THURSDAY**
- Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

- FRIDAY**
- Thanksgiving Day holiday. Most area businesses and city and county offices are closed. Check with a specific group or club about meeting today.

- SATURDAY**
- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.
 - Downtown Revitalization Association Musical Review 7 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.
 - Eagles-Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

- MONDAY**
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
 - Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

- TUESDAY**
- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 18-20-21-26-34.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-4-9

Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Light and variable winds.

Thanksgiving day - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 40. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows near 40.

Saturday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Monday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows near 30.

Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 50.

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continue throughout Wednesday afternoon. We'll be making the actual meals on Thanksgiving Day from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m."

Keeney said the holiday meal isn't just for low income families or the homebound, and although he certainly hopes those groups will take advantage of the annual event, the

entire community is invited. "It's open to everyone in the community," said Keeney. "Anyone — and I do mean anyone — that would like to come in and have a great Thanksgiving meal can just walk in our doors at 811 W. Fifth Street and grab a plate. Bring your family and have a great meal. If you're homebound and can't get to the Salvation Army office, all you have to do is call us at 267-8239 and we'll deliver the meal to you.

"The Big Spring Fire Department is going to be helping deliver meals. However, this year they are only going to be able to give us one engine, so of course, we're going to need some extra delivery drivers. We always need volunteers for that." Keeney said volunteers are an integral part of the Thanksgiving feast, providing everything from kitchen help to delivering meals, and helping out has never been so easy. "Just show up," said Keeney

with a laugh. "We'll be doing a great deal of prep work today, including chopping onions and peeling potatoes, sautéing the vegetables — there's a lot of work that goes into making 400 Thanksgiving meals. It's going to be a traditional Thanksgiving day meal with turkey, dressing and gravy. I'm pretty sure we'll have mashed potatoes, rolls and we're still getting deserts in right now. We still need donated deserts. "Delores (Albert) is in charge of the cooking again this year.

She's my right-hand person during this. She'll tell you what you need to do and how to do it, and if it's something you don't know how to do, she will certainly show you. She'll lead you right down the path." For more information on the meals or how you can help, call 267-8239. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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daughter got this done for us. Theresa Marlow, a teacher's aide at Elbow Elementary, and her daughter, Melissa, went on the Internet and e-mailed Charlie Daniels, asking if he would help. They received a reply back from Charlie Daniels himself, saying he would send something, but no one expected anything like this," said the band director.

Rhodes said the package had been received by the school a couple of days before someone checked and realized it was an instrument. He was immediately notified. "I said 'well, we don't use violins, so send it back.' Then I said, 'no, I'll come look at it later.' Sure enough it was a fiddle. Then I opened it and wow!" The package includes a couple of autographed photographs of Charlie Daniels. "It's a wonderful surprise," said Randy

Johnson, Forsan Independent School District superintendent. Forsan school officials made it public in October that the band had been chosen to represent Texas in the famed and highly televised parade in Washington, D.C. Almost 75 percent of the student body will be involved in the trip. While in Washington, the Forsan contingent plans to tour the Smithsonian, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Lincoln Memorial, Capitol

Washington Monument and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Such a large endeavor — air transportation, meals and housing for 160 people — is going to be a huge expense. It has been estimated that the cost will be \$145,000. Monetary donations to help fund the trip are being accepted at the First Bank of West Texas. Anyone who has items they would like to donate for the auction is asked to call Johnson, Rhodes or Jeremy Higgenbotham at 457-2223.

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opportunity and all of the groups that have been involved," said Churchwell. "Right now we're not sure how many different cities we're bidding against for this project, and because the U.S. government is involved, we really can't release much information right now." Churchwell did confirm that the program would generate more than 100 instructor and support services jobs and the program is based on a 10-year contract that was first initiated in May of 2004. Churchwell also confirmed the area being looked at for the project is the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. "We just have to ask for the public's continued patience with the process," said Churchwell. "We don't

want to do or say anything right now that could keep us from getting the program." A final decision on the program's location is expected to be released during the first quarter of 2005, he added.

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decessor's 19 years. Rather, Tom Brokaw of NBC and Peter Jennings of ABC competed at the top ranks of network news for more than two decades as the world — and world of news — changed around them. Brokaw leaves NBC's "Nightly News" this week.

His career included bumps such as walking off a broadcast, an eyebrow-raising mugging and attracting ridicule by briefly signing off his newscast with the word "courage." But a "60 Minutes Wednesday" story about Bush's Guard service turned out to be based on allegedly forged documents and forced Rather to fight for his professional life.

John Roberts and Scott Pelley are frequently mentioned as in-house candidates to succeed him, but CBS News — a distant third in evening news ratings behind NBC and ABC — also will look elsewhere.

"I hope it'll be somebody from the inside," Rather said. "But whoever it is will have my complete, unadulterated support and encouragement. Probably the best way I can help is to stay out of

the way." Rather, whose Texas roots were evident in his folksy aphorisms, joined CBS News in 1962 and covered President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas a year later. He became a White House reporter in the Nixon administration and his combative style was captured in a memorable moment when Nixon, at a press conference, invited to

"No, sir, Mr. President," Rather shot back. "Are you?"

Together with Jennings and Brokaw, Rather's continuous coverage in the wake of Sept. 11 drew praise for helping a nation come to grips with an unimaginable tragedy. He scored several scoops, including anchoring the CBS report that offered the first pictures from the Abu Ghraib prison scandal earlier this year.

But his career also was dogged by incidents that attested to a tightly wound persona. In 1987, he walked off the evening news set in anger after CBS delayed the broadcast for a tennis match, leaving the network with dead air for six minutes. Four months later, then-Vice President George H.W. Bush, angered by a line of questioning from

Rather, asked if he'd like to have his career judged by the walk-off.

Rather also said he was once accosted on a New York street by a strange man who beat him, asking, "Kenneth, what is the frequency." It became an odd cultural touchstone; the rock band R.E.M. wrote a song about it.

"He's apt to be haunted by the bizarre things that happened to him, the mugging and everything," said Bob Lee, president of WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Virginia, and head of CBS's affiliate board. "But he has always been a vigorous competitor and a guy who cared an awful lot about the evening news broadcast. I wish he were going out on top."

Brokaw said that he was "pleased for Dan that he's come to a conclusion about his own life, as I have in my case."

"Dan and I have known each other competitively and personally for a long, long time," Brokaw said. "Occasionally on the competitive side, it would be tiny bumps in the road, but when you think of all that we've been through, we have a pretty strong relationship. So I wish him well."

Rather dominated in the ratings after taking over from Cronkite, inheriting

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robbery, which is also a more serious charge. However, when you use a weapon in the commission of the theft, it becomes aggravated robbery."

Everett said Wooten was arrested several blocks from the store, possibly headed to his home on Hillside.

Police also investigated a report of dog fighting Sunday afternoon at 3304 W. Highway 80.

Everett said when officers arrived, which was approximately 2:10 p.m., the dogs' owners advised police the dogs were fighting over food. An offense report was taken and no arrests were made.

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Lee Priest, 80, died Monday. Memorial Service will be at 3:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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**FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004**

Data Control Codes	General Funds	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$3,548,089	\$105,314	\$3,653,403
5800 State Program Revenues	865,188	73,948	939,136
5900 Federal Program Revenues	5,582	255,083	260,665
5020 Total Revenues	4,418,859	434,345	4,853,204
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	2,618,774	194,297	2,813,071
0012 Instructional Resources & Medial Services	130,907	20,375	151,282
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	9,852	-	9,852
0023 School Leadership	233,443	1,013	234,456
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	80,953	706	81,659
0033 Health Services	3,138	-	3,138
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	113,247	465	113,712
0035 Food Services	-	275,763	275,763
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	226,521	689	227,210
0041 General Administration	304,628	1,044	305,672
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	605,873	7,684	613,557
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	3,096	-	3,096
0053 Data Processing Services	83,867	1,154	85,021
0061 Community Services	10,323	-	10,323
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	97,137	-	97,137
0072 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	9,617	-	9,617
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	150,065	-	150,065
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member District of SSA	62,875	-	62,875
0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg.	4,932	-	4,932
6030 Total Expenditures	4,749,248	503,190	5,252,438
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(330,389)	(68,845)	(399,234)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	2,295	-	2,295
7915 Transfers In	-	69,489	69,489
7949 Other Resources	331,297	-	331,297
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(69,489)	-	(69,489)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	264,103	69,489	333,592
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(66,286)	644	(65,642)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,989,067	1,237	2,990,304
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	6,351	-	6,351
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$2,929,132	\$1,881	\$2,931,013

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OUR VIEWS

Please be sure that you shop Big Spring first

With the holiday season accelerating upon us, virtually all of us are thinking about what would make good gifts. That is, unless you are one of those organized souls who do their shopping ahead of time, taking advantage of sales throughout the year or making purchases the minute you spot the right gift.

Of course, some of us wait until the very last moment and are still waiting for that boost of adrenaline we need to begin the task at hand.

At some point, however, we all have reached the same end.

Then it's simply a matter of where we'll do our shopping.

We suggest shopping at home.

We know there are always those who are convinced the bigger is better and will be heading to shopping malls in larger cities. And there are those who've opted for the supposed convenience of sitting at home and making selections over the Internet.

It seems to us, however, that passing up on what Big Spring has to offer makes little or no sense.

First of all, many of those sales prices routed by stores in larger cities are no real bargain when one adds the cost of making a trip out of town.

And any purchase made elsewhere does nothing to benefit our local economy.

So, if you're still in the midst of your holiday shopping or preparing to get started, take a minute and look around our community first.

Make sure you help your friends and neighbors stay in business.

Big Spring has plenty of interesting and diverse shops with a variety of gift items — everything from the hottest item to hit the stores to antiques is right here at home.

As a result, for the most part we are only limited by our imagination and, hopefully, on what we can afford.

So, shop Big Spring. We're convinced you'll be impressed with what you find.

In the process, you'll not only be helping local merchants. You'll be helping yourself. In other words, you'll be helping us all.

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In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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Jerry Traylor runs marathons on crutches

I met a remarkable man this past week. His name is Jerry Traylor and he lives in Arizona. He is a professional speaker who spends a lot of time in Texas talking to school kids, prisoners, athletes and community leaders.

I heard him on two different occasions and both speeches were completely different. After his remarks to some federal prisoners, nearly every inmate in the audience stood in line to shake his hand. At a luncheon speech, he got a standing ovation.

"I got into the speaking business by accident in the late seventies," says Jerry. "It seems I was doing some things that astounded people and they wanted me to tell them about it. So I did. I never intended to be a speaker."

Jerry was born with cerebral palsy. As a child he had a severe speech impediment.

"My mother kept telling me to speak clearly. I worked at it."

Growing up, he had to do chores right along with the other kids.

Jerry had fourteen operations by the time he was fourteen years old. As a six year old he was in the hospital eleven months and missed a full year of school. He was a C student in high school, and never felt he had to try because people would cater to him. He entered college and became a social butterfly and dropped out. He eventually went back and got his business degree in 2000 at the age of 46.

When Jerry was 24 he ran his first three mile race in 36 minutes and forty one seconds. A few months later he decided to do a marathon. That took seven hours and seventeen minutes. He started jogging in marathons as a hobby and kept improving until he could do 26 miles in just over 5 hours. He walked up an old mining trail, sometimes blocked by boulders, that goes straight up Pikes Peak. His ascent from 6,000 feet to 14,000 feet took six hours and thirty-six minutes. He did it twice more, improving his time each trip.

Jerry says the most important thing in making a speech is to know your audience and to show genuine concern for your audience.

"It's like giving a pat on the back to the people sitting in front of you."

He tells his audiences to learn to do incredible things even in your imperfection. I asked him to tell about some of the outstanding things he has accomplished. He replied, "I once ate a dozen burritos at one sitting."

Jerry is a funny man. "I have several parks named after me," he says. "But they spell my name wrong. They spell it trailer."

He has run in 35 marathons, danced in 16 dance marathons and jogged across America. All on crutches. Already established in his speaking career, he spent seven and a half months walking across the country. From the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco to the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City. Thirty five hundred miles. From the Pacific to the Atlantic. He covered 18 miles a day, making a mile in nine and a half minutes.

"Most walking paces are about fifteen to twenty minutes a mile. So I generally think I ran across America." He made 250 speeches along the way.

I asked him if he considered his walk across America his most spectacular accomplishment. He said, "What I do everyday is more spectacular because I'm changing lives."



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My, my, gonna be a long four years.

House Republicans have rewritten the ethics rules so Tom DeLay won't have to resign if indicted after all. Let's hear it for moral values. DeLay is one of the leading forces in making "Republican ethics" into an oxymoron.

The rule was passed in 1993, when Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, was being investigated for ethics violations. And who helped lead the floor fight to force him to resign his powerful position? Why, Tom DeLay, of course. (Actually, it's sort of a funny story. The D's already had a caucus rule that you had to resign from any leadership position if indicted. The R's changed their rules to match the D's, except they deliberately did not make their rule retroactive, so the highly indicted Rep. Joseph McDade, senior Republican on the House Appropriations Committee, could, unlike Rostenkowski, retain his seat.)

DeLay has already been admonished by the House ethics committee three times on separate violations of ethics rules. Please note, that is the Republican-dominated ethics committee. The hilarious rationale offered by the R's for the new rule to exempt DeLay is that no one can accuse them of taking the moral low road here because, "That line of reasoning accepts that exercise of the prosecutor in Texas is legitimate."

Uh, that would Ronnie Earle of Austin, who is a known Democrat. One the other hand, Earle is quite noted for having indicted more Democratic officeholders than Republicans, so it's a little hard to argue that this is a partisan political probe. Or it would be, if facts made any difference these days to talk-show screamers.

Showing his usual keen sense of ethics, DeLay has already started a legal defense fund and raised \$310,000 since last summer. According to the Austin American-Statesman, half the money has come from Republican House members, who are all dependent on the Republican Steering Committee for their committee assignments and chairmanships.

DeLay has three votes on the 28-member committee and, of course, more clout than anyone else in the House. (See Lou DuBose and Jan Reid's new book, "The Hammer," for more charming details on DeLay's House dictatorship). The other half of the contributions for DeLay's legal defense has come from political action committees, corporations and individuals.

Hey, no worries about corrupting influence there because DeLay already does favors for big contributors to his plain old political action committees, even without additional contributions to his defense fund. Moral values. DeLay is going to give born-again Christians a bad name.

In furtherance of moral values, Congress now has to raise the debt limit by another \$800 billion. We actually reached the debt ceiling in early October, but obviously the R's didn't want that vote coming up before the election. Then

after they finish spending a staggering amount of money, the R's will return to make Bush's tax cuts permanent.

Now I realize that the Bushies consider it a point of pride to pay not one iota of attention to what the rest of the world thinks about us. But I would like to point out that the rest of the world is holding our paper. And foreign investors have demonstrated elsewhere that they are quite capable of taking alarm over unsound fiscal practices and pulling out completely, leaving bankrupt countries behind.

Speaking of what the rest of the world thinks of us, the matter was nicely summed up by Britain's Daily Mirror with its classic tabloid headline, "How Can 59,054,087 People Be So DUMB?" The Guardian just put a tiny, white-on-black headline: "Oh God."

I realize the "liberal elites" are not allowed to even quote the word "dumb" lest we be accused of "cultural condescension" toward our salt-of-the-earth red-state compatriots. Since I'm a populist happily living in the midst of a quite red state (some of my best friends are named Bubba), I never pay any attention to such horse-poop. But I do resent it when the people running the country think we're so dumb they can rip us off and then tell us to pray.

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Library News

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The library is slowly updating its reference collection. We have been reviewing and de-selecting dated materials and as funds become available, we are purchasing replacements. In some cases, as with



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World Almanac and Facts on File, those volumes have been moved to dead storage.

Now for some new reference items — Rosemary Ellen Guiley has compiled "The Encyclopedia of Angels" (REF 202.150 GUI R) which describes a multitude of angels and the evolution of how people have perceived angels throughout history. Entries cover topics such as the importance of angels in world religions, encounters with angels and the depiction of angels in art and popular culture.

Rosemary Ellen Guiley is also the author of "The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft" (REF 133.430 GUI R); "The Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Spirits" (REF 133.103 GUI R); "The Encyclopedia of Vampires, Werewolves and Other Monsters" (REF 133.423 GUI R) and "The Encyclopedia of Saints" (REF 282.092 GUI R). These may be found in our reference collection and are not available for checkout.

The Genealogy Society of the Big Spring has purchased several new books to be added to the genealogical collections.

Titles are "Early Kentucky Tax Records" (G 929.376 KY KEN H) published by the Kentucky History Society; "Founders and Patriots of America Index" (G369.12 NAT S) "They Went Thataway" (G 929.109 VA HAM C) and "Signers of the Mayflower Compact" (G 974.402 HAX A).

The library has started purchasing what is referred to as Christian fiction.

These are novels that, while they will have modern problems, those problems are handled with principles from the Bible. I have made a list of the new ones and it can be found in the new book binder.

Author's names are Lori Copeland, Sally John, Michael Phillips, Brandilyn Collins, Neesa Hart and many more. There is a sticker that we place on each book, like our mysteries or westerns, that indicates Christian fiction. Lots of new titles have come in, so do check the new book binder.

Texas A&M University Press has a series that highlights the contributions that various ethnic groups brought to Texas. They are from the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio and for students in the fourth and seventh grades who usually have projects in Texas history, they are invaluable. New books that we have

received are: "The European Texans" (976.400 KOW A) by Allan O. Kownslar; "The African Texans" (976.400 BAR A) by Alwyn Barr; "The Indian Texans" (976.400 SMA J); "The Mexican Texans" (976.400 MCK P); and "The Asian Texans" (976.400 BRA M) by Marilyn Dell Brady.

Another excellent book on Indians in Texas is David La Vere's "The Texas Indians" (976.400 LAV D). He offers a complete chronological and cultural history of Texas Indians from 12,000 years ago to the present day.

He presents a unique view of their cultural history both before and after European arrivals. La Vere examines the interactions both peaceful and violent, between the Indians with Europeans, Mexicans, Texans and Americans.

Has your VCR gone on the blink and you want to repair it? "Home VCR Repair Illustrated" (621.388 WIL R) by Richard and Vicki Wilkins may be of help to you. It has new photos and extended coverage of how to program the VCR.

Gary Dunaier has written "Stamps: The Beginning Collector" (769.56 DUN G).

He opens with a short history of stamps, beginning with the first stamp

ever issued in 1840 and on to the current self-adhesive stamps of today. Next he outlines the information you need to know to start your search for collectible stamps, including how to specialize and how to invest in stamps. This is a great introduction to a fascinating hobby.

"Teach Yourself Visually: The Fast and Easy Way to Learn Knitting and Crocheting" (746.43 WIL P) published by Wiley Publishing is an excellent learning resource to both the beginner and experienced knitter and crocheter.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. The internet/video room closes one-half hour before the library closes and Saturdays it is closed from noon-1 p.m. The library is located at 500 S. Main St.; the phone number is 264-2260; the Web site is

www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; the online catalog should be working; our e-mail address is howard-countylibrary@hotmail.com.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.

10 ways to maintain your brain New brochure offers tips to prevent Alzheimer's disease

Special to the Herald

To help baby boomers and all Americans live a brain-healthy lifestyle and potentially reduce their risk for Alzheimer's disease, the Alzheimer's Association is offering a new how-to brochure and quick guide titled "10 Ways to Maintain Your Brain."

"There are a number of things you can do to help keep your brain healthier as you age," said Debbie Erdwurm, regional director for the Alzheimer's Association Star Chapter.

"Increasing evidence shows that healthy lifestyles habits such as being heart smart, eating a brain-healthy diet, staying physically and mentally active and staying socially involved contribute to healthier aging and may also reduce your risk for Alzheimer's."

This fall, the Alzheimer's Association is offering a new Maintain Your Brain brochure with tips, how-to information and inspiration for getting brain healthy, as well as the "10 Ways to Maintain Your Brain."

In addition, the association is launching Maintain Your Brain

workshops in select markets across the country to help baby boomers and all Americans make brain-healthy lifestyle choices.

For a copy of the brochure and 10 Ways, or to learn more about local workshops, call 432-570-9191 or 1-800-272-3900, or visit the association's Web site at www.alztxas.org or www.alz.org.

Physical exercise keeps the blood flowing and encourages new brain cells. It doesn't have to be strenuous exercise. Do what you can — walking 30 minutes a day — keeps both body and mind active.

6. Jog your mind. Keeping your brain active and engaged increases its vitality and builds reserves of brain cells and connections. Read, write, play games, do crossword puzzles.

7. Connect with others. Leisure activities that combine physical, mental and social elements are most likely to prevent dementia. Be social, converse, volunteer, join.

8. Heads up! Protect your brain.

Take precautions against injuries. Use your car seat belts, unclutter your house to avoid falls and wear a helmet when cycling.

9. Use your head. Avoid unhealthy habits. Don't smoke, drink excessive alcohol or use street drugs.

10. Think ahead. You can do something today to protect your tomorrow.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The sun squares Uranus, and Venus trines the revolutionary planet. A jolt could cause a degree of personal discomfort but may nonetheless be terrific for a relationship. The connection between raised levels of anxiety and passionate excitement cannot be denied. It's being unsure about what's going to happen next that makes love such a rush!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When the sun is shining down nicely on a relationship, it seems to you to be a good moment to provoke a storm. That's why loving you is such an adventure! Be aware of what you're doing and your motivation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've got nothing to lose by being outspoken, but being shy could damage your chance at succeeding in business. Anything to keep others from pigeonholing your talent will be lucky. An association with a Virgo is key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many new demands come into your world, and the old ones aren't going anywhere. The result is a glut of sorts. If you keep your optimism, people and events organize themselves without your having to figure it all out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just as the moon glows in the reflection of the sun, you glow in the reflection of someone who is a star in your life. Giving to someone else helps you know, and find a deeper love for, yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As your career lopes along at a sluggish pace, a friend's career may be taking off like a rocket. You would benefit from marketing yourself differently, which could be complex or as simple as buying a spiffy jacket.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Stay out of the family drama. Don't even give an opinion! You're tight-lipped because you know those with loose lips lose friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). An opinion you hold that once seemed relevant — or necessary even — now

appears to be dead wrong. No amount of convincing will make it right. Just drop it. Tonight, a love story will be whispered to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Receive as readily as you give! You could make a love connection by flirting outrageously. That pricey item you'd like to splurge on will come down in price if you just wait it out another few weeks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An irritation between loved ones need only last a few minutes, but it could go on all day if you let it. A happy resolution is at hand the moment you outline the problem and make a new agreement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Winning is not as important as having fun. At work, a lot of talk flies around, and you are easily persuaded by what you hear. Consider the source. Someone is trying to get your attention with a subtle and lovely gesture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Relationships take a trip down memory lane. A question once posed by fictional relationship columnist Carrie Bradshaw comes to mind: Can you get to the future if your past is present? You'll find out tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Self-determination is the key word. Think for yourself, and gain recognition as an independent problem solver. That doesn't mean you shouldn't stay in the loop, though! Take time to absorb the latest input from friends.

SURVIVING FAMILY GET TOGETHERS: Making family memories positive boils down to issues of R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Honoring what each family member brings to the table is key to not just getting along but really enjoying one another's company. ARIES has plenty of enthusiasm and will keep the proceedings rolling smoothly. TAURUS elevates the level of

culinary expertise, adding classy touches to the meal. GEMINI keeps the conversation lively and interesting. CANCER makes sure that home feels and looks like home, with all the comforts that make it so. LEO provides entertainment, perhaps not in the formal sense but entertainment all the same. VIRGO puts health and safety first, watching out for everyone — someone's got to! LIBRA makes it easy for all the difficult personalities to mix together. SCORPIO brings the spice — the actual spice and the figurative spice that keeps family talking about this day for years to come. SAGITTARIUS allows for new influences that make everyone think and really communicate. CAPRICORN makes sure traditions are followed and ensures that their meaning is preserved. AQUARIUS helps everyone feel a sense of community and connectedness. PISCES honors the spiritual values of the group.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Songbird Amy Grant is credited as being the pioneer of the modern Christian music genre as well as the first to cross the genre's lines and conquer the pop charts, too! Sagittarius is the sign of the explorer! Natives of this sign do not often consciously decide to blaze a trail for others, rather their natural inclinations lead them to new territories that appear so appealing that others can't help but follow.

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YMCA extends youth registration
The YMCA announced that basketball for the upcoming season will be through Friday. The organization meeting for the group would like to be held Tuesday, Nov. 23, Saturday. Everyone interested in coaching must attend one of these meetings.
The team formed Saturday.
The games are scheduled to begin Jan. 8. For more information, call the 267-8234.

B.S. football set for Dec.
The Big Spring ball banquet set for Monday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Cafeteria.
The meal is \$10. For more information, call the Training Center 3662.

Sign ups for Coahoma...
The sign-up for Coahoma Dribblers League will be Nov. 30-Dec. 1 in the Coahoma Jr. High Gym. The season will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., while the league and girls begin on Dec. 1 and end at 8 p.m. The grade through grade. The fee is \$25.

Iowa edges Maui Invitational
LAHAINA (AP) — Picked to hit a 25-foot shot with 44 seconds left, Iowa gave Iowa a good win over the Hawkeyes in the semi-final Maui Invitational. Iowa (3-0) either No. 1 or 2 in the game on Wednesday. Jeff Horn with 27 points who had 18 seven assists and ankle on the game of the game. Lahaina on crutches. Brad Butler the Longhorn with 18 points.

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IN BRIEF

Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

YMCA extends youth registration

The YMCA has announced that youth basketball registration for the upcoming season will extend through Friday, Dec. 3.

The organizational meeting for adults who would like to be age group coordinators is still scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 4. Everyone interested in coaching must attend one of these two scheduled meetings.

The teams will be formed Saturday, Dec. 4.

The games are scheduled to begin Saturday, Jan. 8.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

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The Big Spring football banquet has been set for Monday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria.

The meal will cost \$10. For more information, call the Athletic Training Center at 264-3662.

Sign ups now set for Coahoma 'dribblers'

The sign-ups for the Coahoma Little Dribblers Basketball League will take place Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Coahoma Junior High Gym. The Nov. 30 session will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., while the other days begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

The league is for boys and girls ages fourth-grade through sixth-grade. The cost is only \$25.

Iowa edges Texas at Maui Invitational

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Pierre Pierce hit a 25-foot jumper with 44 seconds left to give Iowa the lead for good, and the Hawkeyes beat Texas in the semifinals of the Maui Invitational.

Iowa (3-0) will face either No. 11 North Carolina or Tennessee in the championship game on Wednesday.

Jeff Horner led Iowa with 27 points. Pierce, who had 18 points and seven assists, hurt his ankle on the final play of the game and left the Lahaina Civic Center on crutches.

Brad Buckman led the Longhorns (2-1) with 18 points.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Garden City's K'Lann Niehues goes up for two points against Forsan Tuesday evening in Garden City. The Lady Bearkats remained undefeated with a 43-28 win over the Lady Buffaloes.

Garden City defeats Buffaloes, Lady 'Kats push record to 6-0'

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — Despite trailing at halftime to Forsan at home Tuesday, the Garden City Bearkats (1-1) came away with their first victory — a 44-36 win — of the year, while the Lady Kats used a balanced offensive attack and rolled to a 43-28 win over the Lady Buffaloes, pushing their record to 6-0.

Forsan played with the Lady 'Kats early and trailed by just one point after the opening quarter. However, Garden City used a quick second quarter run to extend the lead as it took a 20-11 edge into halftime.

Garden City then began the second half with 10 straight points, which included an Erin Hirt 3-

pointer and six straight points from Lauren Plagens. Forsan's Kayla Spence ended the long drought, but Garden City had a commanding 15-point lead heading into the final frame.

The teams played even in the final quarter as the Lady 'Kats scored their sixth consecutive victory of the young season.

Megan Niehues, the Bearkats' leading scorer, was held to just 13 points as she did most of her damage from the foul line where she was nine-for-12. Niehues had scored 60 points in Garden City's three previous games,

including back-to-back 21 point games.

Plagens finished with 13 points and Hirt pitched in with 11.

Haylea Belew led the Lady Buffaloes with 10 points, while Cynthia Becerra and Casi Graves each scored eight.

Garden City held a nine-point advantage from the free throw line.

The Garden City and Forsan boys were tied at 10 after the first quarter, but Forsan took a three-point lead at halftime.

In the second quarter, Forsan junior Tyé Baker hit back-to-back baskets to put the Buffaloes up 17-11. But, that lead was trimmed to one point after Evan Jansa hit two straight baskets.

Baker's jumper as the

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Big shots by Watkins helps send Lady Steers to dramatic OT win

Big Spring boys fail to find win column despite improvement

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — Both Big Spring basketball teams were in action Tuesday as the Steers took on Snyder in the junior high gym, while the Lady Steers hosted Greenwood in the Steer Gym.

Senior Alex Watkins hit two big shots late in the game to send the Big Spring girls to a dramatic 53-51 overtime victory. She drained a 3-pointer with 20 seconds left which tied the score and

sent the game to overtime. In overtime, she scored on an out of bounds play with 1.4 seconds left, got fouled and made the free throw to give the Lady Steers the two-point win.

"We executed the out of bounds play well and Alex did a nice job with the rest," said Big Spring head coach Tim VanHecke. "We played hard on defense and pressed extremely well. It was just a really good team effort."

Big Spring got at least one point from eight of its nine players and won despite shooting 16-for-31 from the foul line.

Junior Raegan Ritchey, Big Spring's leading scorer, battled foul trouble all game and fouled out early in the fourth quarter.

"Alex was just a champ

and really took charge after Raegan fouled out," said VanHecke.

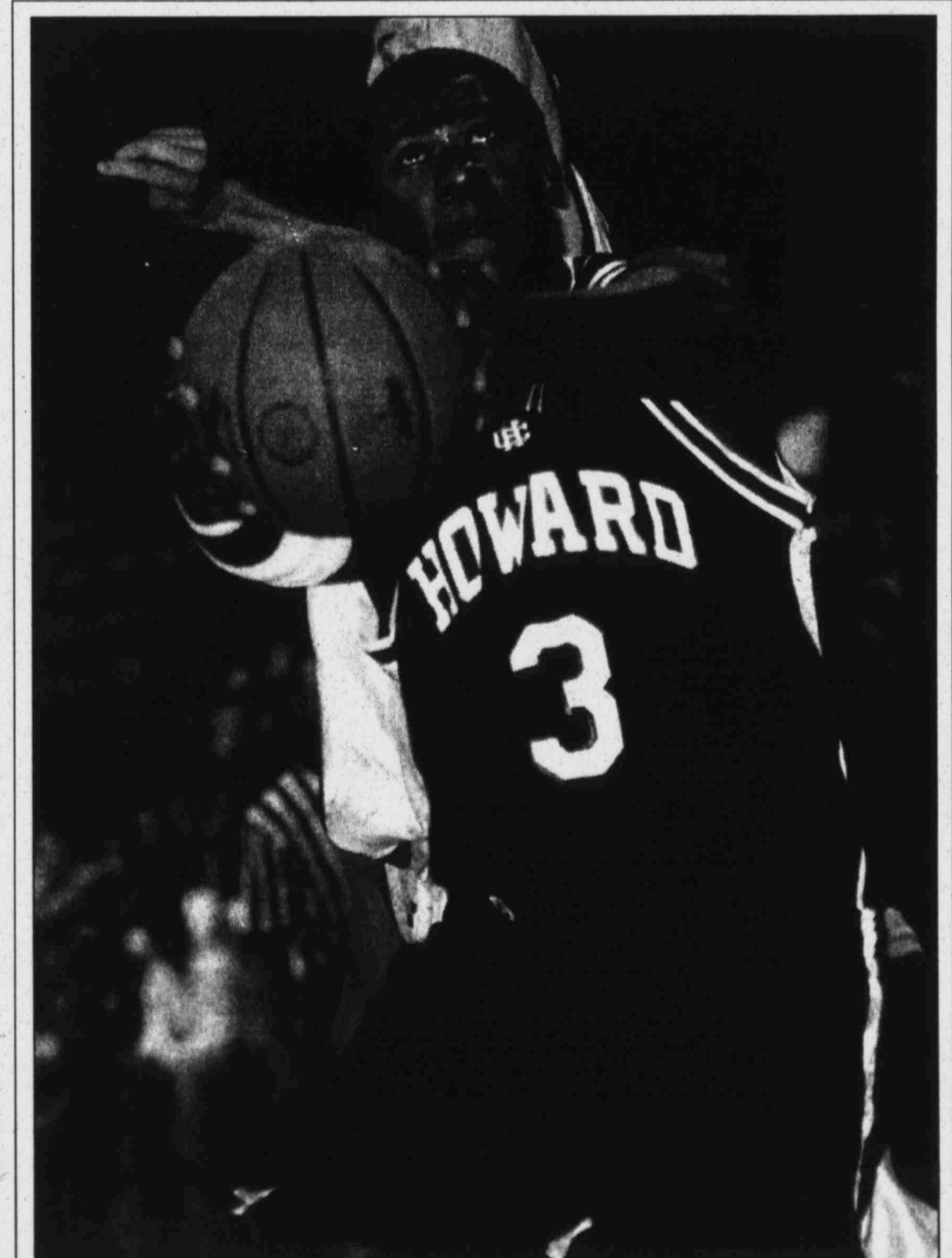
Watkins finished with a team-high 18 points and three assists and pulled down six rebounds, while going nine-for-15 from the foul line.

"Greenwood is a good team," said VanHecke. "They are well coached and very disciplined."

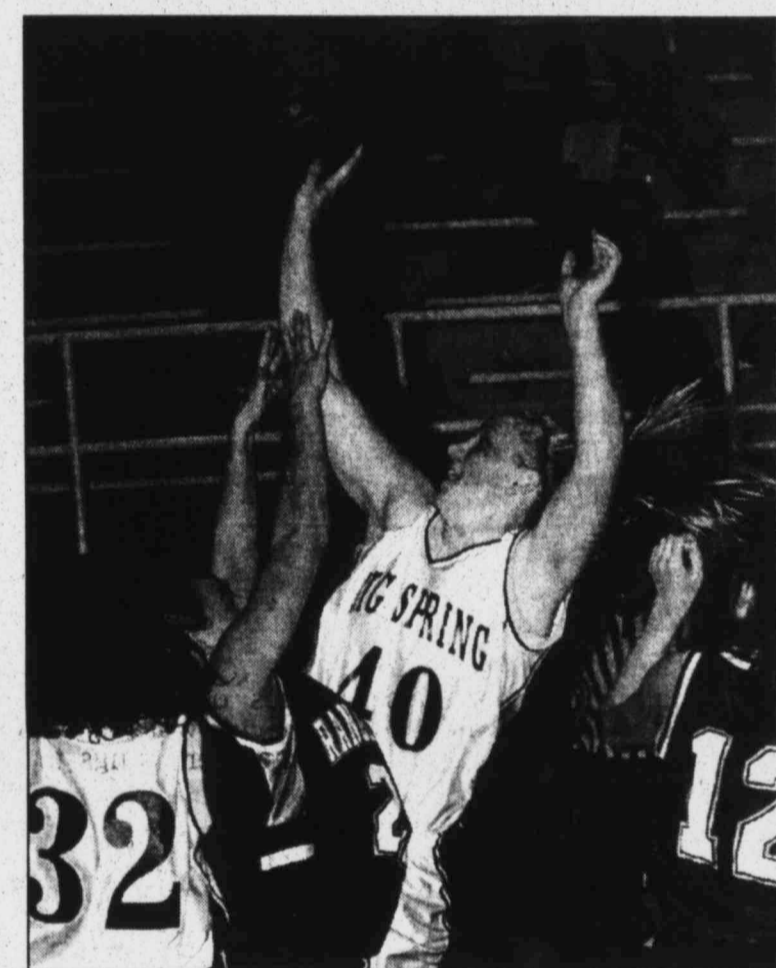
Big Spring led 27-19 at halftime, but Greenwood matched the Lady Steers in the second half, setting up the overtime session. Greenwood outscored Big Spring 15-8 in the final frame.

Ritchey pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds. Junior Carmen Lewis scored seven points and grabbed six rebounds, while senior Cycelye

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard freshman Rashed Mintz makes a move inside against a member of the Lubbock Christian JV in a previous game. The Hawk men picked up a win Tuesday night as they knocked off the UTPB junior varsity team, 69-47. The win pushes Howard's overall record to 6-1.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Big Spring senior Alex Watkins goes up strong inside Tuesday against Greenwood at the Steer Gym. Watkins hit two big shots for Big Spring and finished with a team-high 18 points.

Bulldogettes run into Wall, lose to Hawks

Second quarter hurts boys, lose to Wall by 10

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

WALL — Coahoma's varsity basketball programs ran into a wall Tuesday night as both team fell to the Wall Hawks. The boys team lost 49-39, while the girls team was defeated 80-18.

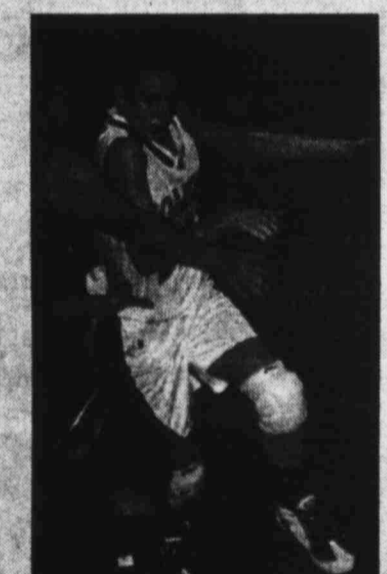
The difference in the boys game was the second quarter. The game was tied after one, but Wall outscored the Bulldogs 17-6 in the second frame to take a 26-15 halftime lead. Coahoma outscored the Hawks in the second half, but the damage had already been done.

Clint Walker and Tyler Fowler reached double figures for Coahoma (1-1). Walker finished with a team-high 14 points, while Fowler added 13. Joe Holguin and Isaac Brewer each finished with six points.

Wall (1-0) was led by Logan Neal's 27 points.

The Bulldogettes trailed from the start and struggled to find the basket all night.

Wall had five players in double figures, while Coahoma saw only two players score points.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma's Mendy Morgan takes the ball hard to the lane against Garden City's Megan Niehues in a recent game. The Coahoma boys and girls teams lost to Wall Tuesday.

The Lady Hawks led 23-2 after the first quarter and outscored the Bulldogettes 19-4 in the second. Wall (6-0) finished the game with a 22-2 fourth quarter run.

Mendy Morgan led Coahoma with 12 points, while senior Sarah Collom added six points. Both players hit one 3-pointer.

Both Coahoma teams will play at Reagan County Tuesday. The girls game will start at 6:30 p.m. and the boys tip-off is tentatively set for 8 p.m.

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clock was winding down in the second quarter put Forsan up 19-16.

Garden City went on a run to open the third period despite not having the services of leading scorer **Chais Goodwin**. Goodwin, who sat out most of the first half with foul troubles, picked up his fourth foul one minute into the third quarter.

However, a 10-2 Garden City run put the Bearkats up 31-23. The run was started after Shaun Maxie connected on five straight points.

Sophomore Alex Halfmann connected on six points during the stretch, including back-to-back baskets.

The run forced Forsan head coach Terry McDonald to call a timeout. The timeout led to seven straight Forsan points as the Buffaloes cut the deficit to one at



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the end of the third quarter. Adam Bailey started and finished the seven-point run and Clay Kuykendall pitched in with a 3-pointer as Forsan closed to 31-30.

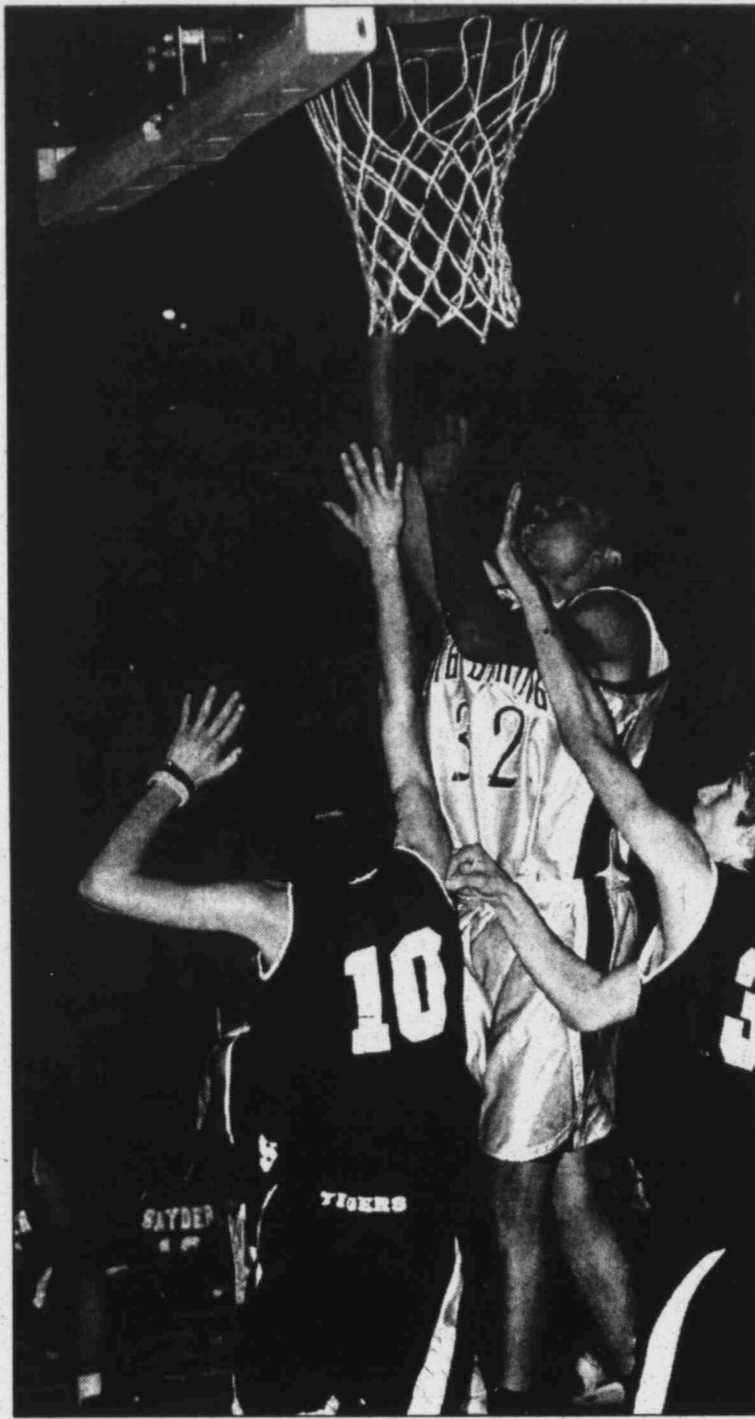
Forsan recaptured the lead on its first possession of the final period, but Goodwin checked back into the game, established position inside and scored two points to put the Bearkats back on top. Then, five straight points from Maxie and a Halfmann 3-pointer put Garden City back in control as its lead climbed to seven.

Bailey and Baker kept the Buffaloes close, but Garden City stalled during the final 2:40 and Forsan couldn't cut into the gap.

Halfmann led the Bearkats with 13 points, while Maxie connected for 10 points, including two 3-pointers.

Goodwin and Cory Multer, who led the team in rebounds, pitched in with seven points apiece.

Baker and Bailey led Forsan with 13 and eight points, respectively, while Kuykendall scored seven points off a free throw and two 3-pointers.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Big Spring senior Bobby Newton puts up a shot in the lane against Snyder Tuesday at the Big Spring Junior High Gym. The score was unavailable at press time.

Lady Kats come from behind to edge Owls

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Megan Niehues scored 12 of her 18 points in the second half Monday as she helped the Lady Bearkats come back from a two-point halftime deficit against the Big Lake Reagan County Owls. Garden City (6-0) trailed

26-24 at halftime, but outscored the Owls 23-16 in the second half and recorded the 47-42 win.

Erin Hirt added 14 points for the Bearkats. She hit two 3-pointers and went five-for-seven from the foul line. Lauren Plagens scored eight points with six coming in the first half.

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Tuitt pitched in with seven points. Junior Codye Burt added six rebounds and three assists.

This game was originally scheduled for Friday, but was moved up due to the holiday weekend.

The Lady Steers do not play again until Tuesday when they host Lamesa at

6:30 p.m. at the junior high.

The boys game against Snyder was played in the junior high Tuesday night, but scores were unavailable at press time.

The Steers will meet Lamesa next Tuesday as they play in the Steer Gym at 7:30 p.m.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband of six months has a beautiful, sweet daughter who was recently married. "Sally" and I get along wonderfully, but I have some concerns.

My husband gave her a large down payment on a new house, refurbished her pool, installed new appliances and paid for an expensive wedding to a man she has been living with for years. Sally's new husband does not like his job, they dine out five nights a week, shop often, go to the movies every Saturday night, have cable and high-speed Internet, and we even cleaned her home for her before she moved in.

I worry that they cannot afford their home, and we will end up making the house payments and all repairs as they become necessary. Sally is kind and respectful to me, and I have no problem with her. I'm just wondering if the pattern is set for my husband and me to live barely above poverty level, doing without necessities, so we are able to make her house payments, pay her car insurance, etc.

Do I ask my husband outright how long we're expected to bankroll the kids or just wait and see how deep the requests reach into our pockets? When is it our turn?

We married at the courthouse and have yet to take a honeymoon so as to not use funds set aside for



KATHY MITCHELL
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Sally's new life. — Need Help in Florida

Dear Florida: We cannot caution you strongly enough about the hazards of getting between Daddy and his little girl, so this needs to be handled delicately. Tell your husband, gently, that if he keeps paying for things that Sally cannot actually afford on her own, he is crippling her and she will never learn how to be financially responsible. If your husband refuses to put your marriage first, you will have to decide how much of this "generosity" you are willing to live with.

Dear Annie: My 14-year-old daughter, "Cyndi," has a very light complexion and is embarrassed about looking like a ghost. For her birthday, my sister purchased Cyndi a few sessions at a tanning salon, even though Sis knows I disapprove of such places because of the

dangers of skin cancer.

A parental signature form is required for those under 16, and I don't want to sign it. I prefer that Cyndi try the sunless tanning salons or tanning creams. She and her aunt think I am overreacting. My sister says a few rays from a tanning bed are not the same as lying out in the sun. Are they right? Should I let my daughter take those risks to increase her self-confidence? — Casper's Mom

Dear Casper's Mom: You are smart to be concerned. Studies have found that indoor tanning booths can be just as harmful to the skin as outdoor sun exposure, including an increased risk of melanoma and premature aging of the skin. If Cyndi wants to be darker-hued, she can investigate spray-tanning booths, which do not involve UV rays, or cosmetics that can give her skin a tint. For more information, contact the American Academy of Dermatology at 1-888-462-DERM (1-888-462-3376) (www.aad.org). And educate your sister, too.

Dear Annie: My husband died unexpectedly, and I decided to get my will together. My mother-in-law suggested that in case of my death, I leave the care of my two young children to my husband's sister, "Sara."

Sara has been married to "Bud" for two years. I recently discovered that

Bud is a two-time convicted felon (he robbed a store at gunpoint) and he has been off probation only a short time. I don't know if any of the family members, including Sara, know this. Should I tell them or mind my own business? I'm certainly not leaving my children in his care. — Concerned

Dear Concerned: You should mention Bud's record to Sara, but no one else. She is entitled to know, and how she chooses to deal with it is her business.

Dear Annie: I'm 40 years old and the single father of a teenage daughter. I've recently become engaged to my high school sweetheart, "Mona." I very much look forward to building a life with my new family, but there's a problem: Mona has a roommate, and she wants the roommate to live with us after we're married.

Mona is 39, and her roommate, "Jane," is 25. Mona never has been married or had children, and over the last few years she's come to regard Jane as a surrogate daughter. Jane is emotionally needy and has a hard time making decisions for herself, so she leans heavily on Mona to do her thinking for her. Although Jane's a sweet and friendly girl and I like her, I'm concerned that the four of us sharing a house is going to be a source of conflict.

We've discussed the sit-

uation, and Mona is very defensive and emotional about not giving up Jane just yet. She wants Jane to live with us for a year or so until she finishes graduate school, but I have a sinking feeling that once Jane is here, she's going to be with us for the long haul.

Am I being unreasonable to ask Mona not to bring Jane into our home?

— Conflicted in Kentucky
Dear Kentucky: How long has Mona lived with Jane that the relationship is so interdependent? And, we hate to ask, but are you certain about Mona's sexual orientation? This seems mighty strange to us.

If Jane is emotionally dependent, Mona should help her become self-sufficient instead of enabling her to remain immature and clingy. She can still keep in close touch, but a loving "parent" does not encourage an adult child to move in with Mom and Dad. Please hash this out with Mona before making any commitments.

Dear Annie: My children are 11 and 12 years old. Every year around the holidays, I try to teach them about giving to those less fortunate. In previous years we have served Thanksgiving dinner at homeless shelters, and taken clothing and food to a day care center in the inner city.

Well, (sigh), last year, we donated our children's old coats through a local collection program. I pulled the kids from school and took them along, but all they did was complain about missing school, and carry on about how much they didn't want to come. How do I help my children "get it"? — Trying to Help in Michigan

Dear Michigan: Your kids are "getting it" more than you think (although they also can "get it" on weekends and not miss school). Don't let their whining convince you to leave them at home. In

fact, involve them more in the process of selecting the items to give away, and envisioning the children who will use them. Even when they complain, they are absorbing the lessons of generosity and kindness, and when they are older, they undoubtedly will emulate the example you are setting. Keep plugging, Mom, and bless you.

Dear Annie: My two sons, ages 7 and 11, often ask my retired father-in-law to take them fishing at the local lake. Each time they get the same answer — no.

Recently, my two nieces, ages 5 and 11, visited my in-laws. I was astonished to discover that my in-laws had bought them brand-new fishing poles, taken them fishing and photographed the entire event. Unfortunately, the pictures were shared with my children. Needless to say, the kids were quite upset.

This isn't the first such incident. My boys are beginning to feel left out and unloved. They want to move away "so their grandparents will spend special time with them, too." Should I say something to my in-laws? — Saddened Mom

Dear Saddened: Absolutely — and the sooner the better. Your in-laws may not realize how unfair their treatment is, but you should give them the opportunity to correct it. We hope they will.

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Dear Prudence

Pru: I have a moral dilemma, and I know you'll give it to me straight. I've been with my boyfriend, "Fred," for a year and lived with him for about six months. We get along beautifully and agree that we are each other's best friend.



MARGO HOWARD

A few months ago, I accepted a ride home from a male co-worker after a night of heavy drinking, and (much to my regret) I gave in to his advances and let him kiss me. I didn't forgive myself for it but decided that living with my guilt was better than telling Fred, especially because it truly was a kiss and nothing more.

Last week, I was out with friends/co-workers, and all of us had entirely too much to drink. A friend's roommate starting showing obvious interest in me early on in the night, and he was unrelenting and homed in for a kiss. Had I been anywhere near sobriety, I never would have let him, but I did and feel worse than horrible about it.

My dilemma is that I can't forget about it. I'm overwhelmed with guilt, and have had extreme difficulty eating and sleeping. I know it would break Fred's heart to know of these two

instances when I was unfaithful. I just need to know, in your wise opinion, if this is the kind of dishonesty that warrants a confession or if it's small enough to keep to myself. Lots of gratitude, — Guilt-Stricken

Dear Guilt: Forget about confessing to Fred. It may help you feel less guilty, but it won't do a thing for him. Also, though perhaps technically "unfaithful" to the relationship, a couple of kisses are not the ultimate misstep that many girls write to Prudie about.

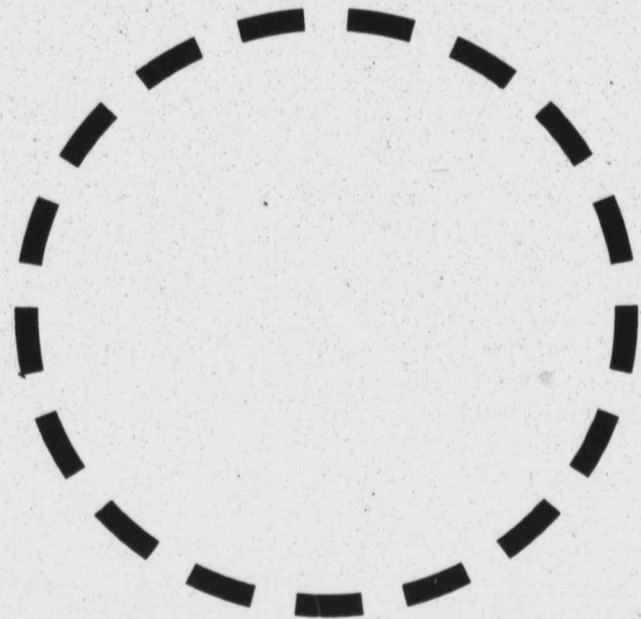
Which brings us to the booze. Because you seem to act against your better judgment when you're tanked up, it might be useful for your future if you forget about branding yourself with a scarlet A and instead check out plain old AA. Good luck. — Prudie, abstemiously

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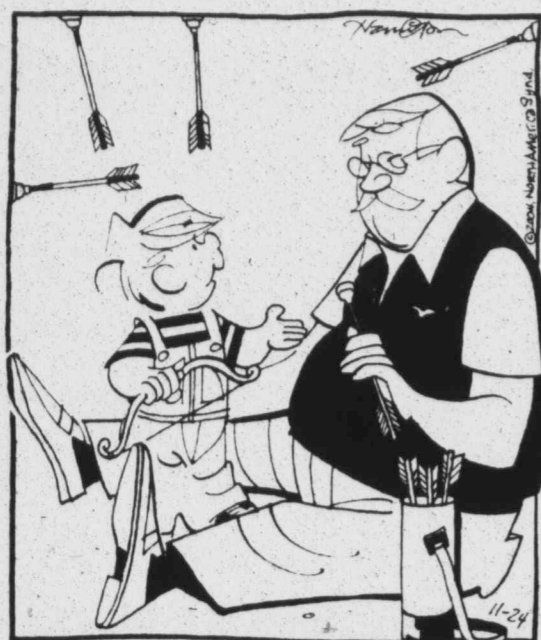
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 24, 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

On this date:

In 1784, Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, was born in Orange County, Va.

In 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which explained his theory of evolution.

In 1864, French artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec was born in Albi.

In 1871, the National Rifle

Association was incorporated.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers based on Saipan attacked Tokyo in the first raid against the Japanese capital by land-based planes.

In 1969, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1971, hijacker D.B. Cooper parachuted from a Northwest Airlines 727 over Washington state with \$200,000 in ransom; his fate remains unknown.

In 1985, the hijacking of an Egyptair jetliner parked on the ground in Malta ended violently as Egyptian commandos stormed the plane. Fifty-eight people died in the raid, in addition to two others killed by the hijackers.

In 1987, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed to scrap shorter- and medium-range missiles.

In 1989, Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu was unanimously re-elected Communist Party chief. (Within a month, he was overthrown in a popular

uprising and executed along with his wife, Elena, on Christmas Day.)

Today's Birthdays: Columnist William F. Buckley is 79. Country singer Johnny Carver is 64. Rock-and-roll drummer Pete Best is 63. Rock musician Donald "Duck" Dunn (Booker T. & the MG's) is 63. Actor-comedian Billy Cooper parachuted from a Northwest Airlines 727 over Washington state with \$200,000 in ransom; his fate remains unknown. Former White House news secretary Marlin Fitzwater is 62. Former Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman is 60. Singer Lee Michaels is 59. Actor Dwight Schultz is 57. Actor Stanley Livingston is 54.

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- 17 West Side Story tune
- 18 Caen's river
- 19 Analogy phrase
- 20 First-ever comic strip, with The
- 22 Enjoy bubble gum
- 23 Fall back
- 24 Actress Sedgwick
- 26 Pen mothers
- 30 Slugging Sammy
- 32 Veep before Ford
- 36 "No contest," e.g.
- 37 Grab a bite
- 38 Moe, e.g.
- 39 Ponderosa son
- 40 Get to work
- 42 Apple throwaway
- 43 Variety shows
- 45 Spike or Ang
- 46 Pre-owned
- 47 Prepare to be dubbed
- 48 Clear a hurdle
- 49 Plays the ponies
- 50 54 Down's sister
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- 54 Pear variety
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- 64 "Encore performance"
- 66 Honest-to-goodness
- 67 Lima's land
- 68 Fred Astaire's sister
- 69 Civil wrong
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- DOWN
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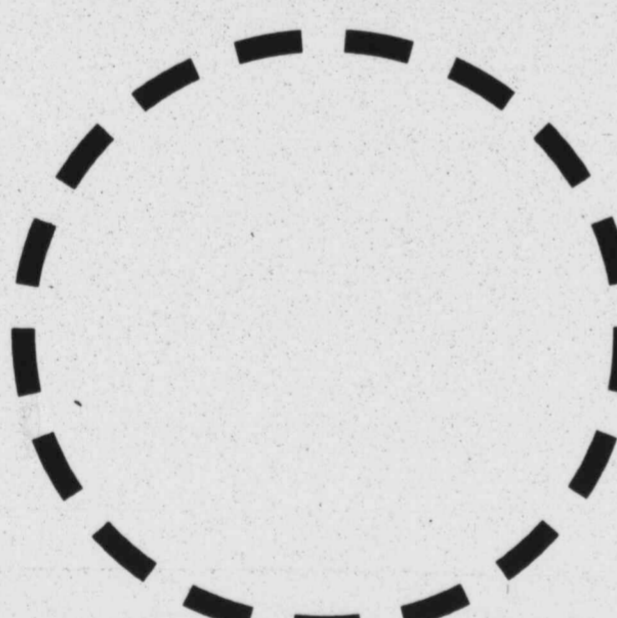
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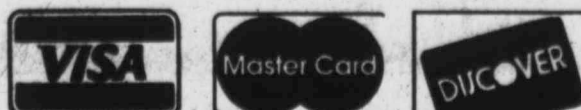
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