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Davis' 29 points leads Lady Steers to first win of season

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## Reason for the season

### Nazarene nativity scene opens here Friday night

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

The 19th annual rendition of one of the largest drive-through nativities in the state will be held this weekend.

More than 3,000 people are expected to tour through the First Church of the Nazarene's Drive-Through Nativity beginning Friday evening.

The nativity will hold nightly performances from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday at the church grounds on 1400 Lancaster. The Rev. Byron Brown said admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

The nativity features live characters and animals portraying 17 scenes from the life of Jesus.

**What:** Drive-through nativity.

**Where:** First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

**When:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

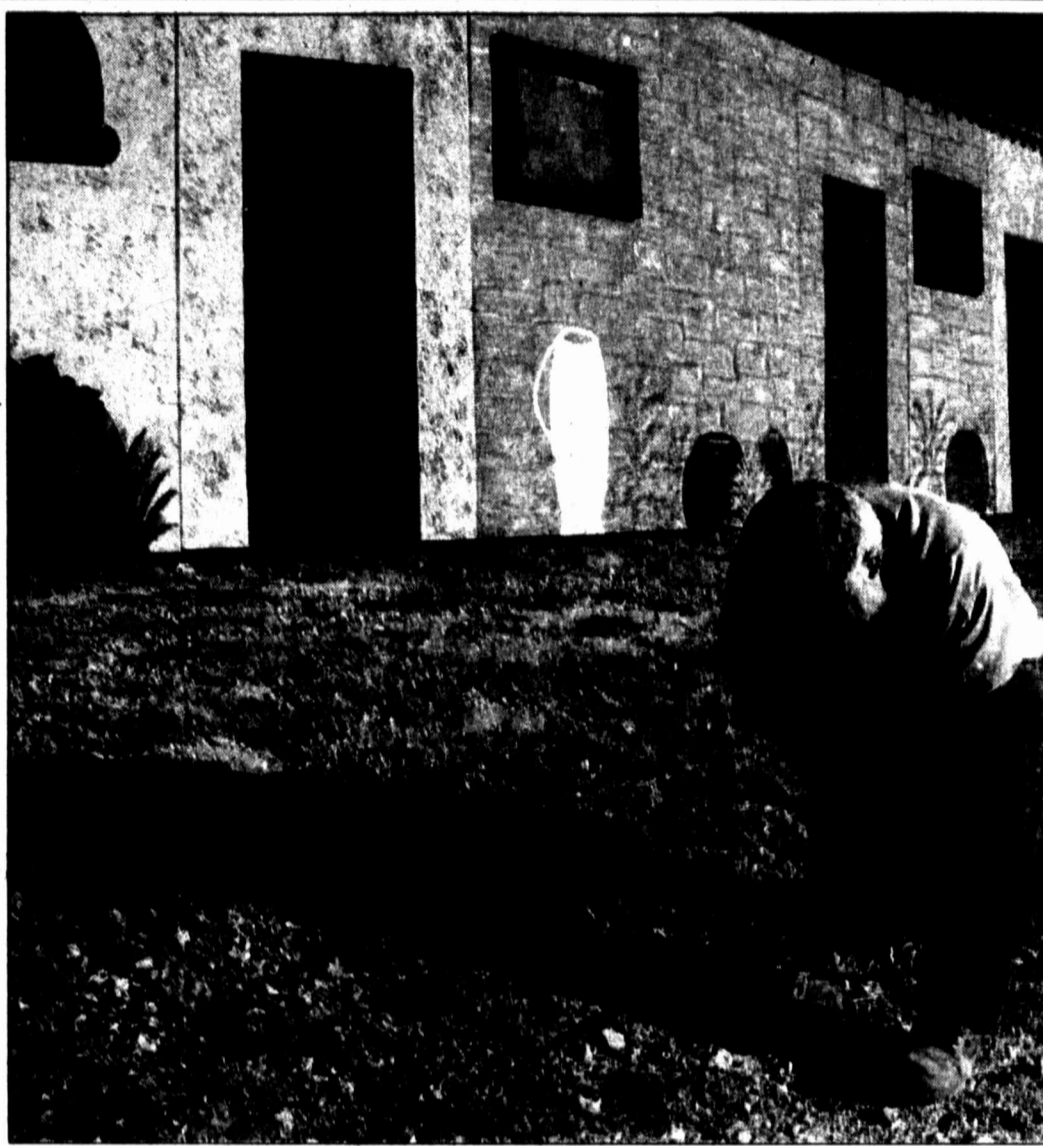
from his birth through his death and resurrection, Brown said.

Visitors will be handed a compact disc or audio tape which will provide the narration to each scene. Tapes are also available in Spanish, the pastor said.

About 150 people are involved in this year's project.

"We have to staff it for

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Burl Cooley checks one of the lights that will illuminate the drive paths of the Drive-Through Nativity Tuesday afternoon at First Church of the Nazarene. The 19th annual Nativity will be held Friday through Sunday at the church grounds on 1400 Lancaster.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

## Brrr!

### City officials hope water main breaks will not occur

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

As area residents bundle up to face sub-freezing temperatures, the city of Big Spring Water Distribution and Collections Department is watching the drop in the mercury with a wary eye.

According to the National Weather Service, the temperature may not climb above 32 until sometime Friday and will hit a low near single-digits tonight. The wind chill factor puts the temperature as low as a shivering 0. However, it should begin a slow warming trend late in the week.

The gradual nature of the expected upswing in temperature has Water D&C Manager Rick Boiles smiling, as he and his crews prepare for "Code Blue."

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## Grad rates improving, trustees to be told

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District efforts to increase four-year completion rates at the local high school are apparently bearing fruit.

Superintendent Michael Downes will brief trustees on that subject when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

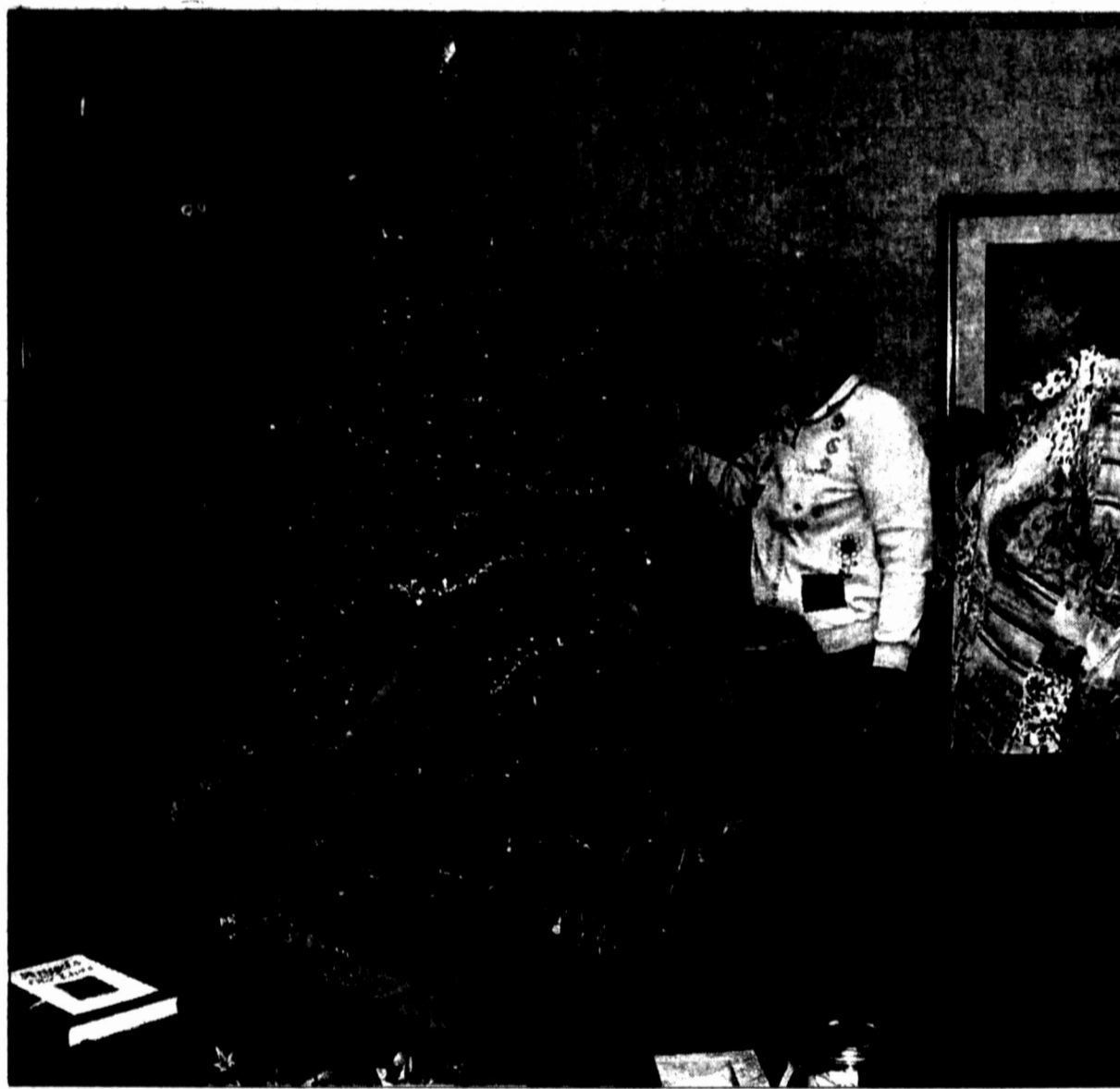
BSISD officials instituted a dropout recovery program two years ago in an effort to reduce the number of dropouts and improve four-year completion rates within the district.

Data recently released by the Texas Education Agency indicates that those efforts are showing success.

Figures show that 81.7 percent of the Big Spring High School class of 2004

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## REMEMBRANCE TREE



Home Hospice employees and volunteers decorate a Christmas tree at the hospice offices, 111 E. Seventh, with hand-painted Christmas balls with the names of those clients who have died within the past year. The ornaments, painted by Kolla Strickland, will be presented to the families of these patients in February. Pictured are, left to right, Ruth Grantham, Sherry Hodnett, Kolla Strickland, Patti Meeks, Margie Myers, Theta Perez and Dixie Daves.

Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

## Race is on for county judge post

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Little more than two days into filing for the March primaries, it appears Howard County voters will have at least two choices for the position of County Judge.

Incumbent Ben Lockhart, who filed Monday to run on the Republican ticket,

and Democratic challenger Woody Jumper, who currently serves on the Big Spring City Council, will be two of the names on the ballot in March.

Lockhart, who has served as County Judge for 15 years, said it could be shaping up to be a long year in 2006, which will mark his fifth run for the seat.

"If someone decides to run against me on the Republican ticket, it's going to be a really long year," said Lockhart with a laugh. "We'll have to campaign through the primaries and then again come November."

While there's no doubt Lockhart knows how to win an election, the veteran judge said the secret's not a secret

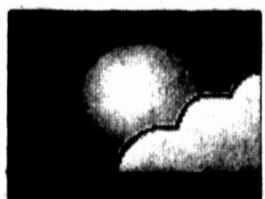
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### Local offices up for election

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## SANTA LETTERS DUE

The *Big Spring Herald* traditionally publishes Letters to Santa Claus near Christmas Day as a service to the community.

Letters from children in kindergarten, first and second grade, public, private and home schooled, as well as those in pre-school, day care and Head Start may be submitted for publication.

All letters should be received by Friday. Each letter should contain the child's name as well as school or classroom affiliation. Submit letters to the *Big Spring Herald*, P.O. Box 1431 or e-mail [composing@bigspringherald.com](mailto:composing@bigspringherald.com)

For more information, call 263-7331.

## SEE NO EVIL

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — A black curtain has risen between a shopping mall Santa and a lingerie store to shield children from a display of skimpy undergarments.

The Victoria's Secret window display includes a mannequin in a pink thong and a bra and the message "Give Me Sexy." Following complaints from parents, management at Valley View Mall raised the curtain to shield Santa's chair — and his young visitors — from the display.

"I want to make sure that everyone feels comfortable," mall spokeswoman Mandy York said. "We can't move the store ... We don't have control over what they put in their windows."

## 18 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT





## Obituaries

### E.B. "Ed" Parsons

E.B. "Ed" Parsons, 76, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, in a local nursing home. No services are planned.

He was born Jan. 17, 1929, in Beasemen, Ala., and married Pauline Shrieker in 1977. She preceded him in death July 1, 2005. He moved to Big Spring in October 2005. He was a Christian and had served in the United States Navy.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Rocky and Barbara Harris of Big Spring; two grandsons; and a granddaughter.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

### Lawrance "Larry" Sauter

Lawrance "Larry" Sauter, 63, of Big Spring died Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services were 10 a.m. today, Dec. 7, 2005, in Mount Olive Memorial Park with Chaplain Elwin Collom of Home Hospice officiating.

He was born June 17, 1942, in Columbus, Ohio, and was a carpenter.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Take Note

• **THE ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES**, sponsored by the Big Spring Symphony Association and Guild, is canceled for the 2005 holiday season. Organizers are making preparations for the 2006 event. For more information, contact the guild at 264-7223.

• **MARCY ELEMENTARY GIFT SHOP** is open from 2:15 p.m. until 3:15 p.m. today through Friday.

• **NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR** for the Big Spring Area chamber of Commerce until Dec. 15. Contact the chamber at 263-7641 for an application.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

• **BENEFIT FOR GARY DANIELS** is set for Saturday beginning at noon at the Ice House, 1612 E. Third St. Daniels has been diagnosed with cancer and proceeds are to help with medical expenses. The benefit features barbecue plates for \$6, live music, a chance to win a 12-gauge pump shotgun, an auction and a 50/50 drawing. For more information, call Danya James at 816-6141 or Tom Cox at 393-5888.

• **NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER RIBBON CUTTING** at 2 p.m. Dec. 13 at 108 N.E. Eighth St. to celebrate the the new building project.

## Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$25 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$16 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 6, 10, 26, 30, and 33. The Mega Ball number was 16.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 10 22-26-27-28  
Number matching five of five: 1  
Prize per winner: \$33,064  
Winning tickets sold in: Pharr  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-9

## Police blotter

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

• **DOMINGO ROBLEDO**, 19, of Lubbock, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, two local warrants and two Lubbock County warrants.

• **REYNALDO NAVA**, 24, of Mission, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **CHRIS PENA**, 24, of 803 Anna, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **STEVE HANNABASS**, 46, of 1105 Mulberry, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended - enhanced.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Rannels. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1000 block of Cypress. Service was refused.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Northwest First Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Stallings. Service was refused.

## Sheriff's report

Because of early deadlines, reports from the Howard County Sheriff's Office were not available.

## Around Town

• **RAILROAD MUSEUM** at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Very cold. Lows around 11. North winds 10 To 15 mph. Wind chill readings zero to 10 above zero.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s. North winds Around 10 mph shifting to the west in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 17. Light and variable Winds.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the mid 40s. South Winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Not as cold. Lows in the upper 20s.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 50s.

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

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

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

## Bulletin Board

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

**TODAY**  
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at 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.  
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**  
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.  
• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.  
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.  
• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.  
• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.  
• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.  
• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.  
• Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.  
• Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

**FRIDAY**  
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.  
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.  
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

**SATURDAY**  
• Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third.  
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

**MONDAY**  
• 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.  
• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.  
• 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.  
• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.  
• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.  
• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.  
• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.  
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.  
• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

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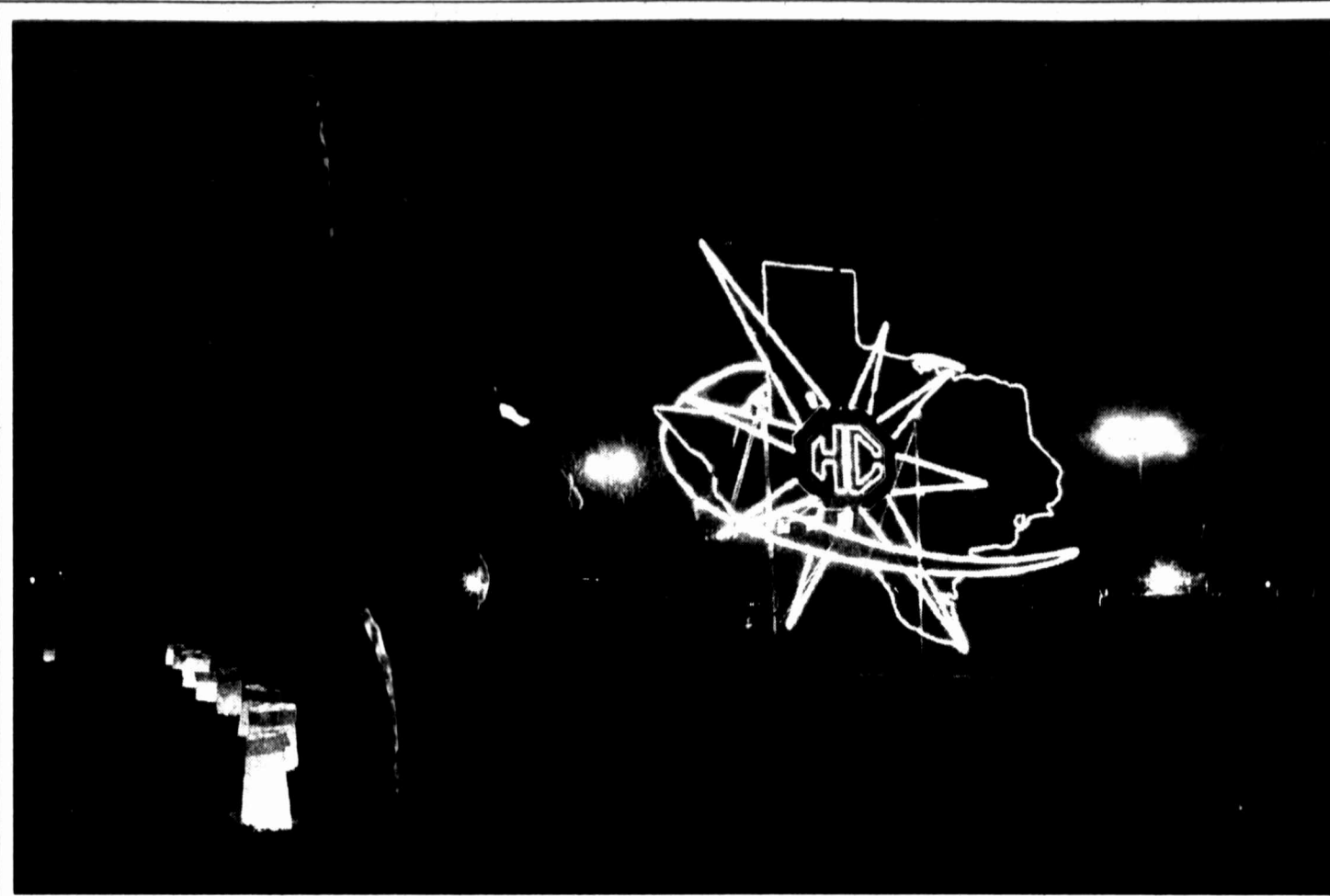


### Santa to be at the mall this weekend

The jolly old elf from the North Pole will be at the Big Spring Mall Dec. 10-11 for his first appearance in Big Spring, with a return engagement slated for Dec. 16-23. On Dec. 10, Santa will be at the mall from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. the following Day.

December 16-17, Santa will be available from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m., and Dec. 18 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. December 19-23, Santa will only be available in the evenings from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

For more information, contact the Big Spring Mall at 267-3853.



### LIGHTING UP THE SEASON

Luminarias and the Howard College 60th Anniversary logo light up the campus along Birdwell Lane during the college's annual Christmas Luminaria ceremony Thursday night.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

### NATIVITY

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two shifts," Brown said. "Each

shift will work 30 minutes."

Brown said the story behind the nativity, as well as how the performers present that story, is what brings so many people to the church grounds each

Christmas season.

"The fact that it has live characters ... seems to bring the story a sense of reality," Brown said. "And then there's the sheer size of it. I understand

that it's one of the largest, if not the largest, nativity in Texas ... Each night it literally takes hundreds of people to pull this off."

For more information, contact

the church at 267-7015.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

### JUDGE

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at all.

"It all comes down to having a lot of really good friends you can count on," said Lockhart. "You have to have a lot of support from the people around you to make it through these elections."

When asked if he considered not running for re-election prior to filing Monday, Lockhart said it's a notion he quickly

dismissed.

"Yeah, it crossed my mind a few times earlier this year," said Lockhart. "I thought about it for a little while, but I decided I'm not ready to settle down and quit."

Having served the past two years on the city council, Jumper said the timing couldn't have been better for him to run for the county judge seat.

"I won't have to vacate my seat on the city council to run for County Judge because I only have

about five months left on my council term," said Jumper. "As long as it's a year or less, I don't have to step down, and I really don't feel it would have been fair to do that to the voters that put me on the council."

Although Jumper can't run for both offices — County Judge and city council member — simultaneously, he said his mission is the same now that it was when he was elected to the city council almost two years ago.

"The whole thing for me is to make a difference," said Jumper. "That's what I set out to do with the Big Spring City Council, and that's what I want to do as county judge. I just want to make a difference."

And while Jumper and Lockhart are the only candidates to have officially filed with the party chairpersons, there could be a third candidate in the midst as Ron L. "Smurf" Sawyers has filed a treasury report

with the county with intent to run for the office.

If Sawyers files for candidacy with the Democratic Party as he's expected to, he will face off against Jumper in March.

The filing deadline is 6 p.m. Jan. 2. For more information, contact Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom at 264-2273.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-

7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

### BSISD

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graduated within four years, an increase of 3.6 percent from the previous year, Downes said.

When those numbers are combined with students who received a General Equivalency Degree, 95.8 percent of

BSHS students completed school on time in 2004, compared to 94.2 percent in 2003.

"We felt like the dropout recovery efforts were being successful, and it's good to see hard data to support that feeling," Downes said. "We feel (the program) has made a positive impact."

Also Thursday, trustees

are expected to approve a contract with Crossroads Housing, giving the organization the option to purchase the old Runnels Junior High School property.

Downes said Crossroads Housing had a two-year option contract to purchase the property, but it recently expired.

In other business

Thursday, trustees will consider:

- Contract renewals for auctioneer and student drug testing services.
- Budget amendments and approval of the 2005 tax roll.
- Resignations, retirements and employments.

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ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Emily "Dean" Windham, 79, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Windham Cemetery near Brownwood, Texas.

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OUR VIEWS

# 'Be a Star' by helping those less fortunate

No matter where you live, there never seem to be a lack of good causes to support during the holiday season. That has certainly always been the case here in Big Spring. One of the newest projects along those lines is the "Be a Star" project that Western National Bank and Adult Protective Services have off to a promising start. Part of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Adult Protective Services began its "Be a Star" project last week, collecting Christmas gifts for the area's elderly and disabled. Robin Ruiz, an APS spokesperson, said participating in the program is quick and easy, and could be the difference between a happy holiday and another blue Christmas for some of the community's elderly and disabled residents. All you have to do, Ruiz explained, is go to Western National Bank and pick out a star. The stars will have the client's first name and requested gift. Each gift that is purchased needs to be returned to the bank at 607 S. Scurry.

And it doesn't take much money to help out, since most of the gifts requested cost less than \$10 — things that a great many of us simply take for granted and wouldn't really think of in terms of Christmas gifts. "We've had several asking for flashlights," Ruiz explained. "There's also a very big demand for blankets, clothes and slippers. They don't cost a lot of money, but it's money these people living on a fixed income simply don't have." Sadly, many disabled people and the elderly too often fall through the cracks of the state and federal systems designed to help provide for their care. Ruiz notes that the elderly and disabled population is the fastest growing in the state. People 65 and older make up 12.4 percent of the population and Texas. And those between the ages of 21 and 64 with disabilities make up 19.6 percent of the population. In Howard County, 14.6 percent of the population is 65 or older, and 23.3 percent are between 21 and 64 years old with disabilities. And that does mean that all of us here in Big Spring and Howard County have a very real stake in the "Be a Star" project. For more information on the program, call Ruiz at 684-3201. Better yet, take a few minutes and stop by Western National Bank, pick up a star request and make someone's small Christmas wish come true.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we keep our communication with You flowing, Lord, through our prayers.

Amen

# We get comprehensive rhetoric

Both sides say they have the solutions, and both call their ideas on how to fix the nation's broken immigration system "comprehensive."

In fact, they love using that word.

The difference is that liberals and moderates want "comprehensive reform," while the radical right wants "comprehensive enforcement."

It means that one side believes the problem is solved simply by bashing on illegal immigrants while the other side remembers that we are dealing with human beings.

Those who favor "comprehensive enforcement" are backing the True Enforcement and Border Security Act of 2005, a measure introduced in the House by Reps. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., and Virgil Goode, R-Va.

Depending on which side is talking, it is either the best plan ever presented for ending illegal immigration or the most draconian, inhumane measure ever conceived.

I believe the latter. This measure would not only build a sophisticated security fence along the 2,000-mile border with Mexico and add more border-patrol officers, but includes a collection of terrible ideas — including requiring state and local authorities to enforce immigration laws and denying citizenship to the U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants.

The measure is emphatically supported by the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), the nation's leading immigrant-bashing organization.

"If you support ending illegal immigration, you will want to sup-

port this comprehensive and effective enforcement strategy," said FAIR president Dan Stein.

And that, by itself, should raise a few eyebrows. Stein is one of the nation's leading immigrant scapegoaters.

On the other side, those who favor "comprehensive reform" say illegal immigration can only be controlled with more humane and realistic strategies, such as creating legal channels for workers to enter the country for jobs, reducing family reunification backlogs and allowing the nation's 11 million illegal immigrants to earn their legalization without having to return to their homelands. They tend to favor the bipartisan legislation introduced by Sens. John McCain and Ted Kennedy.

Curiously, while the House is moving to pass draconian "enforcement" measures before Christmas, the Senate is preparing to tackle reform measures early next year.

"The House approach to fixing our broken immigration system and gaining operational control of our borders will fix nothing" declared a statement by Angela Kelley, Deputy Director of the National Immigration Forum, a pro-immigrant organization. She said the House leadership "seems desperate to pass some sort of border security measure as an early Christmas present to the restive restrictionist minority with the Republican party."

She said House leaders "seem unconcerned or unmoved by the fact that 20 years of similar unilateral measures have driven illegal immigration further underground, increased the dangers, costs and deaths associated with cross-border smuggling, and coincided with the largest increase in illegal immigration in American history."

Kelley said those interested in truly fixing the broken immigration system and securing the bor-

ders are "much more optimistic" that workable solutions will emanate from the Senate early next year.

It all seems comprehensively confusing, especially for the majority of Americans who know we have an immigration problem, but don't know how to fix it or who to believe.

But perhaps not. Perhaps the immigrant bashers are only a loud minority in the House.

When they go home for Christmas, after bashing on immigrants for awhile, perhaps GOP congress members will find that their constituents are not as vicious as they are.

According to a new poll, Republican voters do not favor an enforcement-only approach to illegal immigration. On the contrary, the poll found that 71 percent would be more likely to vote for Congress members who support allowing illegal immigrants to become temporary workers with a path to citizenship.

Conducted by Tarrance Group for the Manhattan Institute on Oct. 2-5, the poll of 800 "likely" Republican voters found that only 56 percent would support an immigration reform proposal that would create a temporary worker program without a path to citizenship.

This means we should not judge the Republican Party by its intolerant cover. It means that real immigration reform could be achieved within the next year, especially if Republican voters find a way to convey their wisdom to their restrictionist representatives in the House.

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MIGUEL PEREZ



# John Merrill gets the Golden Spur

For the last 28 years the Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech has presented The Golden Spur Award to someone who has contributed significantly to the field of ranching. This year it went to John Merrill, who ranches near Crowley, just south of Fort Worth.

He was head of TCU's Ranch Management Program for 33 years. That program is celebrating its 50th year. Students are interviewed for several hours before being accepted into it and must show a high degree of maturity and sincerity about making their living in the ranching industry.

The course is limited to 34 students. Once in, it is six hours of learning every day for nine months.

Attendance at every session is mandatory. In addition, the students travel close to 9,000 miles in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas visiting successful ranches and feed

lots. They are exposed to total resource management, involving rotation grazing, environmental concerns and varied uses of the land such as leased hunting.

John Merrill is a big believer in education for ranchers.

"Ranching requires more different kinds of knowledge than any other enterprise that I'm aware of or have seen," he says. "With that knowledge and working with nature all day every day, I can't imagine a more gratifying and soul-fulfilling experience."

John has been in ranching all his life. His great-grandfather came to Texas from Georgia in 1856. During the Civil War his grandfather left the academy he was attending to fight for the South.

After the war he came back to Texas and became a trail driver, making six trips up the trail. In 1872 he settled down near Glen Rose and established the XXX Ranch.

John still uses that brand today. The first director of the ranching program at TCU died in an auto crash.

When John went to the chancel-

lor's office to urge the continuance of the program, the chancellor asked John to take it over.

John said he couldn't do it; that the only thing he had ever taught was a Sunday school class. But the chancellor was an engaging fellow and made John consider taking the position.

John said he would take the job if two conditions were met: One, he would continue to ranch; and two, if a student missed one class he would be kicked out.

The chancellor said, "It's a deal." John taught honesty, integrity and self-discipline right along with ranch knowledge.

"It has been a joy," says John. He was presented his Golden Spur award in Lubbock's Civic Center, which was filled with people who respect and appreciate his influence on ranching. A number of his former students were in attendance.

I had the privilege of producing a video on Merrill that was shown during the awards ceremony. In his acceptance speech, he said, "I know of no higher calling than that of providing food and fiber to a hungry world."



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Parent's Corner

It's Science Fair time again. Science Fairs were held on individual Big Spring Independent School District campuses Friday, and district competition will be held at Howard College for all campus winners Dec. 14.



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Winners from the district competition will participate in the Regional competition March 18 at the University of Texas-Permian Basin.

Last year BSISD had more than 20 winning projects, which earned entry to the State competition in San Antonio.

There are three divisions of competition: Junior Division for grades 3-5; Intermediate Division for grades 6-8; and Senior Division for grades 9-12.

Campus competition awarded first, second and third place to winning projects to compete at the District level, which will in turn grant similar awards to compete at the Regional level.

There are two categories of Science Fair projects.

Grades three through five participated in one of the following six projects: Behavioral/Social Science; Mathematics/Physics; Earth/Space Science; Life Science; Environmental Science and Chemistry.

Grades six through 12 participated in one of the following 15 projects: Behavioral/Social Science; Chemistry; Engineering; Medicine and Health; Mathematics; Biochemistry; Computer Science; Environmental Science; Microbiology; Zoology; Botany; Earth; Space Science; Physics; and Group projects.

Many of the above projects required pre-approval by a Scientific Review Committee. The committee membership is required to have a science knowledge and background. Some of the projects are prohibited in a home environment and must be developed in a controlled lab situation with a trained designated supervisor.

Several prizes will be awarded for winning projects.

Darrell Ryan is curriculum director for Big Spring Independent School District.

Leadership Big Spring to graduate Thursday

Herald Staff Report

Leadership Big Spring's spring class will hold a graduation celebration Thursday.

The event, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

Leadership Big Spring helps local citizens become familiar with city and county government, agriculture, utilities, businesses, industries and various entities.

Graduates include Adrian Calvio, Workforce Network; Kandi Campbell, Western National Bank; Dr. Tom Dawson, Cornell Corrections; Jerry Ekberg, Cornell Corrections; Paul Folger, TXU

Electric Delivery; James Grissett, West Texas VA Health Care Systems; Richard Grove, Big Spring Fire Department; Jana Long, State National Bank; Michael Navarra, ALON USA Big Spring Refinery; Judy Sikes, Big Spring State Hospital; Kokila Vasanawala, West Texas VA Health Care Systems; Kathryn Wiseman, Howard County; Richard Wright, Water Water Inc.; John Ybarra, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Big Spring; and Mike Yeater, Howard College.

The instructor is Joann Knox of the Big Spring Independent School District.

Anyone interested in the program may call the chamber at 263-7641.

Luck of the draw

EUREKA, Utah (AP) — Gary Boswell drew the queen of diamonds, beating Greg Thornock's seven of clubs and winning a seat on the City Council. The showdown was necessary because the two candidates for the seat each got 137 votes in November's election.

State law provides that such a tie be broken by casting lots. At a council meeting Monday night, Councilman Joseph Berni shuffled the cards and Councilman Klay Allinson, whose seat was at stake, cut the deck.

Thornock drew first and waited for Boswell to draw his card, then both turned their cards over at the same time.

"I was waiting for someone to tell me who won," said Thornock, a student at Utah Valley State College. "I'm just glad it's over."

BREAKS

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"We're really not expecting that many main breaks due to the cold weather," said Boiles. "As long as the temperature warms up gradually, we should be OK. However, if the warmer weather comes back quicker than we're expecting, we could certainly see a lot of main breaks in the city."

While there is little area residents can do to prepare for or avoid a break in the city's main water lines, Boiles said there are steps they can take to avoid the same type of situation on their property.

"We're really hoping people will take proper precautions as the temperature drops," said Boiles. "That means leaving your hot and cold water dripping just enough to keep the pipes from freezing, as well as insulating any exterior pipes or fixtures."

"We also suggest people take old newspaper or towels and stuff them in their meter boxes to help keep them from freezing. The boxes are underground, but they still sit in a void, so they are susceptible to the freezing temperatures and could burst."

While the final outcome of the city's Water D&C "Code Blue" is ultimately up to Mother Nature,

Boiles said he and his repair crews do have something else working in their favor.

"We've seen a pretty fast reduction in the number of water breaks, even during Code Blue, thanks to the water line replacement program we're working with over the winter," Boiles said. "The newer pipe is more susceptible to the weather changes, among other things."

"However it goes, we'll be ready."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

SCIENCE FAIR WINNER

Kentwood Elementary science fair winners announced

Special to the Herald

Kentwood Elementary hosted its annual Science Fair Friday.

Overall winner for the highest scoring project was Meagan Graves, fourth grade student, in the Chemistry category.

Winners from each category are as follows:

• Chemistry — First: Meagan Graves, fourth grade; Second: Kinsey Wash, fourth grade; Third: Brianna Knight, fourth grade.

• Life Science — First: Katie Newton, fourth grade.

• Behavioral Science — First: Alyssa Armentrout, fourth grade; Second: Ashton Hendrickson, third grade.

• Earth/Space Science — First: Zachary Hollis, third grade; Second: April Valle, fourth grade; Third: Brycen Kiker, third grade.

Participant ribbons also were awarded to Katie Land, third grade, and Nathan Land, fourth grade, for the Earth



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Science category. Kentwood officials expressed their thanks to

Tommy Yeater, Eileen Kinney, and Amanda Sanchez, who

volunteered their time to carefully judge each exhibit.

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## Coahoma FFA earns fourth at state

### Special to the Herald

Coahoma Future Farmers of America members have had a year to remember this year when it comes to leadership events, placing fourth best in the state out of 272 teams competing in the public relations events for the 2005-2006 school year.

State competition was set at Sam Houston State in Huntsville with 20 top teams in the state competing in the public relations division.

There were two heats and it was necessary to be in the top five to advance to the finals and Coahoma received news the teams had qualified when the results of their first performance was posted. Coahoma students were fifth up and received fourth in state.

To make the state competition, Coahoma students first competed at the El Rancho District meet in Odessa Nov. 7. There, Coahoma advanced every single member of the 14 students who competed in the contest.

The Public Relations team includes Rebecca McEndree, Drew Wells and Michael Yeater; the Farm Radio team of Reagan Rupard, Kaysea Spiller and Michael Yeater.

The Junior and Senior

Quiz teams include Rebecca McEndree, Alex Moore, Berkley Iden, Harrison Chevalier, Shelbi Paige, Dustin Wright, Matt Buske, Lani Mow, Colter Morgan, Reagan Rupard, Chris Weihert and Kaysea Spiller.

All these students were first place and second place Creed speakers. Reagan Rupard and Berkley Iden and another quiz team were each sec-

ond place.

At Area which was set at Howard College Nov 19, Coahoma was represented by 14 students in seven contests.

The Public Relations team placed second and qualified for the state contest. Farm Radio placed fifth, Junior Creed placed eighth, Senior Quiz placed eighth and ninth, Junior Quiz placed ninth and Senior Creed placed 13th.

Courtesy photo  
Fourth place State Future Farmers of America Public Relations team from Coahoma are Michael Yeater, Drew Wells, Rebecca McEndree and advisor Aaron Custer.

## Bird Poop

### Good-intention rescuers deeds runs a-fowl

The roustabouts had seen the hawk land in the mesquite near the oil rig and became concerned on the second day when the hawk began crying.

They told their operation manager that something was wrong with the bird; that it had not eaten.

He cautioned them that if they tried to catch it, they would have to sneak up on it, not walk up to the tree and scare it away as they had previously done.

When the manager returned three days later, the men had been successful in their effort to catch the hawk.

However, the only container they had for the bird was a reinforced white plastic bag, which they hung on the rig, since a puma was known to come near the site.

The manager placed a call to us to meet him with the bird late that evening as he drove back to Abilene. Several hours later he called again.

He had discovered that the bag with the hawk had been hanging on the rig for eight to 12 hours and that the men had wired its legs together before stuffing it in the bag.

Getting the wire off the bird was difficult and the manager was furious. The odor coming from the bag was overwhelming.

"It's not gangrene as you thought," we told him upon meeting him later that night. "That's a healthy hawk you're smelling."

The bird appeared to be thin and the left leg had a brown mark from the wire.

The bird's tail was coated with droppings which indicated it had been eating. The next day, the leg and foot began to swell.

A call to our vet caused concern about circulation problems from the tight wire. The following morning the swelling was down due to a small opening in the skin which had



Courtesy photo  
A harris hawk first-year birds are notorious for being tame.

allowed fluid to drain from the leg.

Rushing the hawk to the Lubbock wildlife center, we learned the bird had struggled so much against the wire it had caused a hairline fracture in the leg, thus the cause for swelling.

The leg could be set and the bird would be releasable in the spring.

Unforeseen was another problem. The hawk had pulled on the wire so desperately that the tip of its upper beak broke off. Fortunately, the beak will grow back.

In talking with the manager further, we informed him that the

migrating bird was a Harris hawk, and the first-year young are notorious for being tame.

Like many youngsters of various species, it would cry for food, because if a parent would bring it a meal, it was easier than finding one for itself.

The hawk had cast a pellet which definitely indicated it had dined on mice and rats.

The manager summarized the hawk's situation. "It never needed to be rescued in the first place."

Bebe McCasland is a federal and state-licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

### In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



### Once lost, but now found

Singing superstar Randy Travis readily admits he's made a lot of bad choices in his life. Now 46, the five-time Grammy winner for his country hits is traveling a road of redemption that has taken him to the top of the gospel charts. Plus, Red Ryder BB guns and red velvet cake and pecan bark.



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**St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
presents Advent season concerts**

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will present the first of two concerts in celebration of the Advent Season Thursday.

The Lone Star Brass Quintet will be in concert at 12:05 p.m. A light lunch provided by the church will follow the approximately 30-minute concert. The public is invited; there is no charge.

On Thursday, Dec. 15 at 12:05 p.m., a number of Howard County residents will present their combined musical talents in a

second concert. Participating will be the Bauer Magnet Elementary School Fourth Grade Choir under the direction of Susan Dawes. Also performing will be Joyce Bradley, soprano; Joseph Dawes, baritone and alto recorder; Linda Hill, organ and piano, Scott McLaughlin, guitar, Gloria Steelman, flute and violin; and Vilia Walter, cello and piano. St. Mary's is located at 10th and Goliad.

**Easy cleaning tips to prepare homes for holiday celebrations**

Checking it once and checking it twice is a ritual for busy families as the holiday season nears.

This check list of quick and easy cleaning tips to help prepare any home for the hustle and bustle of all holiday activities.

- **Delegate:** Start your home preparation early. Get the family involved by assigning one "holiday chore" a day to each person.

- **Throw it away:** Make sure to clean out the refrigerator of old or uneaten items to make room for holiday meal preparation and leftovers.

- **Clear your countertops:** Guests will congregate in the kitchen. Take the time to clear your counters of any daily-use items (i.e. pens, papers, notes, toys, etc.) before your company arrives.

- **Dust/Polish:** The furniture for a shine good enough for pictures.

- **Vacuum:** High traffic areas. Watch for fallen needles from the tree!

- **Organize:** Store holiday wrappings (bows, ribbons, paper, etc) in one

bin to avoid excess clutter in various rooms throughout your home.

- **Weed Out:** Rid the front closet of old coats to make room for those belonging to any holiday guests. Donate unneeded items to charitable organizations.

- **Prepare The Table:** Polish silverware and set your formal china on your table the night prior to your gathering.

- **Melt The Ice:** Salt your driveway and other walks in preparation for the arrival of your guests. Keep a shovel in easy reach for any snow that has accumulated.

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**BIBLE CLASS DONATION**



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

The St. Paul Lutheran Church Women's Missionary League, represented by President Leighrene Kohl in the front, presented a check Monday for \$1,454 to Murray Murphy, president of the Howard County Bible Board following the board's monthly meeting. The funds, raised through a bake sale as well as through private donations and donations from the church members, will be used to help fund the Bible classes, or Humanities classes being taught at Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma high schools. The courses are taught each year but have a separate budget, supplied through the efforts of the Bible board members, including the purchase of teaching supplies, Bibles, as well as the salaries for the teachers at each school on the state scale paid to teachers in Texas. The Rev. Craig Felty is the instructor for Forsan, the Rev. Dr. Bill Welch teaches the classes in Big Spring and Coahoma classes are taught by the Rev. Russ Mullins. Instructors must have a bachelor's degree with at least a minor in religion to be eligible to teach the classes. The Bible board solicits donations through the community each year and more funds are needed to allow the courses to continue. To donate to the Bible fund, contact the Rev. Carroll Kohl, board member, at 263-2764 or donations made be mailed to Howard County Bible Class Inc., P.O. Box 494 Big Spring 79721 or give it to any of the 17 board members. The fund is a designated 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation and all donations are tax deductible. The board gathers the first Monday of every even-numbered month at 7 a.m. inside Herman's Restaurant for a breakfast meeting and the public is invited.

**Spring Tabernacle toy give-away scheduled**

Spring Tabernacle Church will be giving away toys on a first come, first served basis at 10 a.m. Dec. 16 in the church sanctuary, 1209 Wright St.

This is the 10th annual toy give-away the church has provided. Last year, 292 children received at least four or five presents each through the give-away.

Church volunteers work year-round to prepare the gifts for the holidays.

Ministry and song will also be provided.

Parents and caregivers or grandparents raising their grandchildren are encouraged to attend and their gifts are free of charge.

Also, parents are encouraged to not bring their children to the give-away, or to bring someone to watch the children while the parents select their gifts.

Due to the high demand of the event, those attending may be asked to wait for several hours while gifts are selected.

For more information, call 267-5321.

**Features holiday deadlines set**

December 19 is the deadline for all submission for the Dec. 24-25 weekend edition of the *Big Spring Herald*, as well as Church News and Club News that publishes Dec. 23.

For the New Year holiday, all articles for the Dec. 31-Jan. 1 issue are due in the newspaper office by Dec. 26.

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## IN BRIEF

### Hawk men continue to climb rankings

The Howard College men's basketball team has moved up to No. 2 in the nation this week after defeating Weatherford College last week.

Howard is 11-0 on the season and has taken first place in both tournaments its played in. The Hawks host a two-day classic at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum starting Friday and then won't play again until Jan. 2 when they travel to Florida for a tournament.

Chipola College remained No. 1 this week.

### Big Spring sets volleyball clinic

A volleyball clinic for girls aged third through eighth grade has been set up for Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The clinic will take place at the B.S. Junior High and it will be instructed by J.E. Thomas, who is the Midland College assistant coach.

The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for third through fifth graders and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sixth through eighth graders.

For more information, contact Della Partee at 267-4038.

### Lady Steer Booster meeting announced

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet Monday, Dec. 12, in the Athletic Training Center (ATC) at 6 p.m.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, cheerleading and trainers are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will be to discuss future fundraising for the softball and basketball programs.

For more information, contact Carol Policky at 267-3800.

### Eagles lose another star for season

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Running back Brian Westbrook will miss the rest of the season with a foot injury, the fourth Pro Bowl player the Philadelphia Eagles have lost for the season in the last month.

Westbrook hurt his foot in the first half of Monday night's 42-0 loss to Seattle. An MRI confirmed he has a Lis Franc sprain.

### Blue Jays agree to terms with Burnett

DALLAS (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays agreed to terms with starter A.J. Burnett on a five-year, \$55 million contract.

The deal was announced at baseball's winter meetings just hours after the Blue Jays gave general manager J.P. Ricciardi a three-year contract extension. The Blue Jays, who already gave B.J. Ryan the richest contract ever for a reliever, then reeled in Burnett, the best starter on the free agent market.

## BSHS girls roll past Monahans for first victory

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Something had to give Tuesday in a special game at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as the winless Lady Steers basketball team took on winless Monahans.

Fortunately for Big Spring, Monahans was the team which gave in first as the Lady Steers walked away with their first win of the year, taking down the Lady Lobos, 72-49.

Big Spring (1-7) jumped on Monahans and survived a late rally from the Lady Lobos and senior Carmen Davis scored a season-high 29 points, getting easy layups all night long.

Davis scored six of the team's first eight points as Big Spring jumped out to an 8-5 lead early. An 8-0 run by the Lady Steers pushed the advantage to 16-5 and they ended the first quarter with an 18-9 difference.

The Lady Steers extended the lead to 21 points early in the second period as they scored the first 12 points of the quarter to go up 30-9.

Big Spring senior

Chalesa Johnson started the second with a three-point play and then, following a layup by junior Mallory Dunn, Davis scored nine straight points for Big Spring.

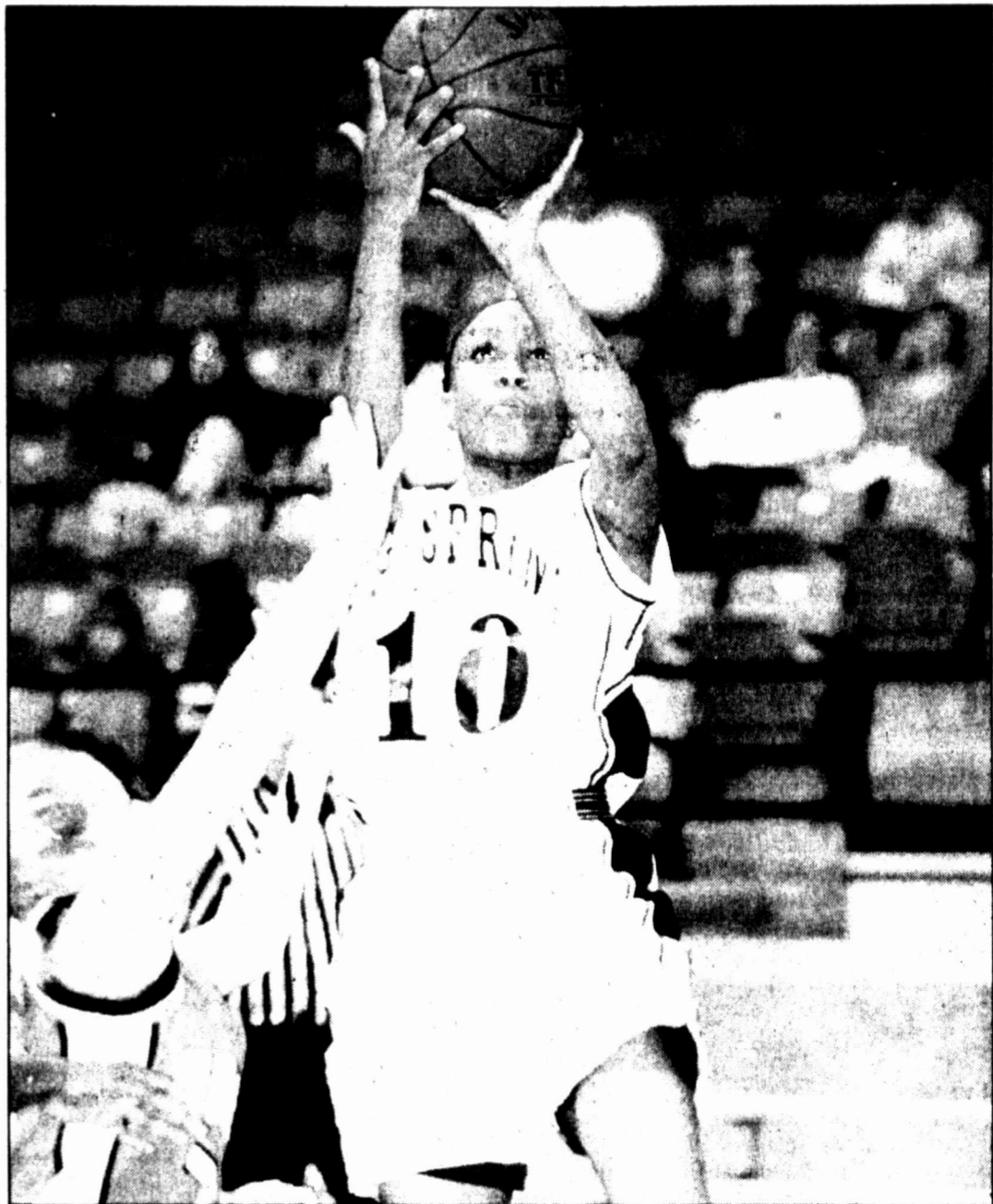
Davis finished the first half with 17 straight points and immediately went back to work in the third quarter. She started the frame with a putback and her jumper later pushed the Big Spring lead back to 20. Monahans scored four straight points later before Big Spring came back with a jumper by senior Raegan Ritchey and a 3-pointer by Dunn. The Lady Lobos continued to battle as they cut the deficit to 15 after three, scoring six straight points to end the quarter.

The fourth quarter started out with a string of runs from both team. Big Spring scored the first five points of the period on a Ritchey layup and free throw and a Davis layup.

Then Monahans came back with six straight points before another Davis layup and four points from Johnson extended the lead to 68-47.

Monahans got another basket before Ritchey and Davis ended the game with back-to-back layups.

Ritchey and Johnson



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring senior Carmen Davis puts up a jump shot in the lane against Monahans Tuesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Lady Steers got their first win of the season, defeating Monahans, 72-49. Davis led Big Spring with 29 points.

## Lady Buffs struggle on road with Plowgirls

• Forsan boys stay unbeaten after tough road win at Roscoe

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
ROSCOE — The Forsan boys and girls varsity basketball teams were on the road Tuesday night in Roscoe to take on the Plowboys and Plowgirls. The Buffs remained unbeaten on the year as they faced maybe their toughest challenge of the season, defeating Roscoe, 57-53. The Lady Buffs were not as fortunate as the Plowgirls proved to be a little too much as Forsan fell, 44-27.

Forsan girls 27  
Roscoe girls 44

The Lady Buffs were hanging tough early in the second quarter, trailing by only two. But Roscoe used a 7-0 run to ignite its team and the Plowgirls closed the first half up by 10, 24-14.

Forsan was never able to get any closer as it came out flat in the third and was outscored 12-5.

The Lady Buffs closed the game on a 6-0 run, but in the end it was too little, too late as the Plowgirls took the win on their homecourt, 44-27.

Shelbe Adkins was the high scorer for Roscoe as she poured in a solid 13-point effort.

Forsan was led by Alyssa Hodnett, who scored 12 points and collected four rebounds. Kaylor Stanley also performed well as she added eight points and six boards.

Scoring four points each was Tessa Montgomery and Cayley Eggleston.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring junior Scott Fankhauser knocks in two of his seven points during action at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Tuesday as Big Spring fell to Greenwood.

## Late rally falls short for Steers

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring boys basketball team battled back from a 16-point half-time deficit Tuesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, but did not have enough to get their first win of the year as Greenwood took down the Steers, 52-42, despite making just two shots from the field in the second half.

The difference in the second half for Greenwood came at the free throw line. The Rangers went 17-for-23 from the charity stripe in the final two quarters. The Steers made just eight of 15 free throw shots in the game.

Former Stanton standout Michael Washington, who led the Rangers in scoring with 19 points, hit two 3-pointers from the same spot on the floor — the left wing — to start the game.

Greenwood built an 11-5 lead late in the first frame. Junior Scott Fankhauser connected on a layup to cut the Steer deficit to four. The play of the game came

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## Tubb's effort gives Grady sixth victory of year

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

RANKIN — A strong effort by sophomore Justin Tubb and two big quarters was good enough for Grady Tuesday as the Wildcats defeated Rankin on the road, 49-44, and improved to 6-2 on the season.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early 16-7 lead after the first quarter, but needed a big fourth period to win the game.



Rankin led by one heading into the final frame, but a 15-9 advantage propelled Grady to the victory.

Tubb scored more than 25 points for the second straight game as he finished with a game-high 26. No other Wildcat player reached double figures, but junior Tubb Taylor Fields scored eight for Grady.

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a game-high 26. No other Wildcat player reached double figures, but junior Tubb Taylor Fields scored eight for Grady.

The Wildcats will take on Reagan County at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Stanton. The game is part of the



Stanton Hooptown Classic Tournament, which starts Thursday and runs through Saturday.

Grady girls 28  
Rankin girls 38

The Lady Cats had a tough time scoring against a tough Rankin team Tuesday. Grady got behind in the first half by 12 points and never recovered. They cut the margin to nine after three quarters.

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moments after that as junior Ryan Tannehill threw up a shot from beyond half court and sank it at the buzzer.

Tannehill, however, did not get to enjoy much of the second quarter as he picked up his third foul just 44 seconds into the period.

Senior Kyle Piercefield made himself known on back-to-back possessions for Big Spring. His put-back made it a five-point game before a nifty left-handed hook shot inside cut the Steer deficit to 17-14.

Washington and Greenwood answered back though. The Rangers went on a 12-0 run to push the lead to 29-14.

Big Spring slowly chipped away at the lead in the third quarter, outscoring the Rangers 13-6.

Piercefield was then forced to the bench with 2:45 to play in the quarter as he picked up his third foul.

ter for Big Spring as Greenwood stayed in front due to many chances at the charity stripe.

The Rangers pushed the lead back to 11 with four straight free throws. Hilario scored on a layup and the Steers missed two free throws to end the quarter.

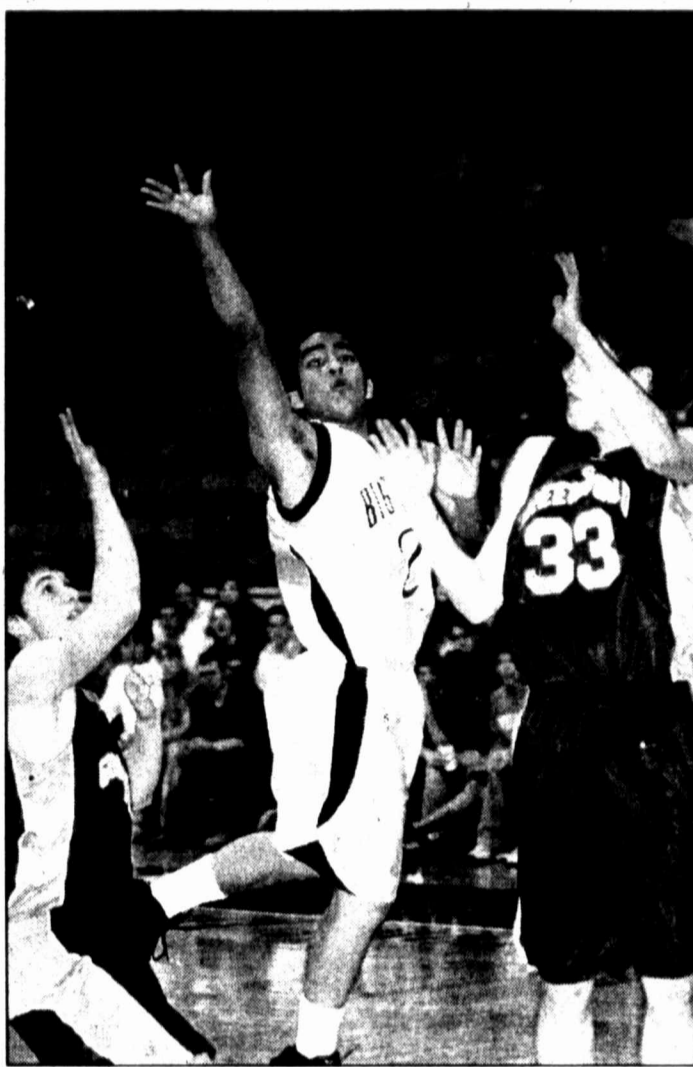
The start of the fourth quarter brought the game even closer. The Steers got to within three points early in the period.

Greenwood came back to score the next four points and pushed the lead back to seven, but a 3-pointer from Tannehill kept Big Spring close with three minutes to play.

Hilario hit one to make it 43-28, but three shots from the line by Greenwood pushed the Rangers lead back to eight.

Tannehill led the Steers with a team-high 11 points, while Hilario and Fankhauser scored 10 and seven points, respectively.

The Steers will participate in the Monahans Tournament this weekend. They will return home to play Snyder next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.



Big Spring senior Matt Hilario attempts a leaner in the lane against Greenwood at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Tuesday. The Steers lost to the Rangers, 52-42.

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each scored 13 points for Big Spring, while Dunn added 10. Monahans was led by Jordan Latham, who poured in 19 points.

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ters, but could not make up anymore ground in the final period.

Catherine Cutbirth and Kym Madrid added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The Lady Steers will travel to Monahans this weekend for a three-day tournament starting Thursday.

Rankin, which improved to 8-1 on the season, was led by Kylee Self's eight points.

Kelsi Howard led all scorers with nine points, while Kenzie Madison added seven for Grady.

BSJH girls struggle at host tournament

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring junior high girls basketball teams did not have the finish they wanted at their host tournament this past weekend.

The seventh-grade team lost in the third place game, while the eighth-grade team won its consolation matchup.

The seventh-grade team defeated Colorado City last Thursday, before falling to Ira and Seminole Saturday.

The Lady Steers defeated Colorado City, 26-11. Taryn Kennedy led the seventh graders with 10 points, while Jamaica Ausbie finished with six.

Ira won the title in the seventh-grade division, while Snyder took second and Seminole placed third.



The eighth-grade team lost to Colorado City, 44-13, in the first round.

Paige Smith led the team with eight points and Hallee Thomas had five rebounds.

Led by Iesha Simpson, the eighth-grade team took down Lubbock Christian Saturday, 37-20. Simpson finished with 12 points and five rebounds.

The eighth-graders concluded the tournament with a 34-24 win over Midland Christian in the consolation game.

Colorado City won the eighth-grade tournament, while Seminole took second.

Forsan JH boys take down Stanton, black team loses

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Forsan JH defeated Stanton recently, while the Forsan black team fell to the other Buffaloes Dec. 5.

The junior high team took down Stanton, 37-15. Evan Burton scored 16 points, while Monte Anderson added 12 points and Josh Hatfield scored four.



Monday at 7 p.m.

The Buffaloes black team fell to Stanton, 30-18. Tyler Urbina led the squad with eight points, while Spencer Briggs and Justin Epley had three.

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**Forsan boys 57  
Roscoe boys 53**

The Buffs, who recently brought home the championship hardware from the Borden County Tournament, were put to the test against the Roscoe Plowboys.

Forsan found itself down at the end of the first period, 13-10, and were paced early by Adam Bailey who scored half of the points in the frame.

Both teams began to heat up in the second as the lead changed hands seven times in a very close battle.

Forsan was able to create a little breathing room going up by three on two foul shots by Bailey. But the Plowboys hurried down court to get a layup as time expired in the half with the Buffs leading, 32-31.

The third period has not been especially friendly to either of the varsity squads as both have

struggled to come out strong after halftime.

But for the Buffaloes tonight, just the opposite was true.

The Buffs came out on fire and turned a one-point lead into a 15-point advantage as Forsan's version of the twin towers took over, combining for 12 points, and the Buffaloes outscored Roscoe 18-4 in the third.

"That was a big period for us and all the credit should go to the kids," said head coach Terry McDonald. "They are the ones that go out there and play their hearts out and I'm just very proud for them. They did not need any inspirational talk at halftime. They knew the situation and they did it all."

That big third quarter was important as Roscoe did not just roll over and die.

The Plowboys opened the final frame on a 7-0 run, pulling to within eight at 50-42 with 3:59 to play.

Bailey ended the run with a basket, but Roscoe plowed ahead on another

run, outscoring the Buffs 7-2 and closing the gap to 52-49.

With a minute left on the clock and Roscoe taking over the momentum, the Buffs called on senior Tye Baker, who got free for an open look and nailed a 3-pointer to give Forsan a six-point lead.

The Plowboys used opportunities off several offensive rebounds to pull to within three with under 30 seconds to play.

But a free throw by Baker sealed the victory. Roscoe could not score again as time expired, giving the Buffs the 57-53 win.

Bailey paced the Buffs with 24 points and eight boards. Baker added 15 and nine and Jeremy Johnson finished with 11 and 12. Seth Johnson was the only other scorer for the Buffs as he scored six points.

Jared and Jacob Villanueva led the Plowboys scoring 20 and 13 points, respectively.

Both varsity squads will play in the Water Valley Tournament this weekend starting, Thursday.

**Coahoma girls escape with win**

By TROY HYDE

COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes got off to a fast start Tuesday and held on for dear life in the end as the Coahoma girls basketball team upset Grape Creek on the road, 45-44.

Coahoma (5-5) jumped out to a 12-point halftime lead, but Grape Creek used an 18-point fourth quarter to nearly get the win.

Senior Kali Roberts scored a game-high 18 points for Coahoma, while senior Sterling Gee added nine and freshman Laci Sterling scored eight.

**Coahoma boys 36  
Grape Creek boys 51**

The Bulldogs played Grape Creek (6-3) close for a half Tuesday, but back-to-back 17-point quarters by the Eagles gave the Bulldogs another loss.

The Bulldogs trailed by three at halftime, but was outscored by 14 points in the second half.

Junior Jason Gonzales and senior Terrell Bibb scored eight points apiece for Coahoma.

**Stanton boys 37  
Wink boys 47**

Wink improved to 5-1



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
Stanton sophomore Mike Carmona takes the ball hard to the basket and gets around a defender from Lake View during action last week at the Coahoma Invitational. Carmona scored nine points Tuesday, but the Buffs lost to Wink.

Tuesday after a home victory against the Stanton Buffaloes.

Stanton led by one point at the break, but a 14-10 third-quarter advantage and a 16-9 fourth-quarter advantage gave Wink the double-digit win.

Senior Matthew Ruiz hit three 3-pointers and finished with nine points, while sophomore Mike Carmona and Jaron Sparks also scored nine points each for Stanton.

Both Coahoma and Stanton will take part in the Stanton Hooptown Classic Tournament this weekend, starting Thursday.

**Forsan JV squads split at Roscoe**

By JEFF LANE

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD  
ROSCOE — The Forsan JV boys and girls traveled to Roscoe Tuesday night in hardcourt action with the boys winning 32-22 and the girls falling short, 27-18.

In the boys game, the Buffs were down four early, but used a 12-1 run to end the half, taking a 16-9 lead at the break.

By the end of the third period, Forsan had extended its lead to 10

points and the Plowboys never got any closer than that.

Each team netted 10 points in the final frame and the Buffs remained unbeaten, winning 32-22.

Blake Grantham paced the Buffaloes with 11 points, while Jeremy Robbins and Cody Freitag added six each. The Plowboys were led by Jared Porter with nine.

The Lady Buffs fought hard throughout their contest, but the Plowgirls

were able to do just enough to take the nine-point win, 27-18.

Sandy Golleher scored seven points to lead the Lady Buffs and Carissa Jenson added five. Keisha Yarbar and Alyx Pappajohn each scored three while, Faith Belew added two points.

Roscoe's Yvette Sepulveda scored 10 to lead the Plowgirls.

Both JV squads will see action again Dec. 13 at home against Grady.

**Rose Bowl ticket demand, prices high**

By CHRISTINA ALMEIDA

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — There are about 88,000 tickets "available" for the 2006 Rose Bowl game, but you'd be hard pressed to find one.

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### Garage Sales

**Huge \$1.00 Sale**  
**3 DAYS ONLY**  
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
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 2606 S. Gregg  
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 Great Stocking Stuffers.  
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**TRANSIT MIX Concrete** has an opening for a Mixer Driver at our Big Spring location. Must have a Class A or B CDL license, good driving record and verifiable work history. Full benefit package and 35 hour guarantee offered with wages starting at \$9.75 or \$10.25 with 6 months mixer driving experience. Apply at Transit Mix Concrete: 605 N. Bentoh, Big Spring (432)267-6348. Transit Mix Concrete is an EOE/AA employer.

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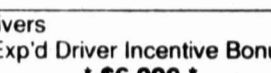
**Help Wanted**

**NURSING RN: WEEKENDS**  
LVNs: FULL/PART TIME  
CNAs/CMAs NEEDED  
Immed openings, and all positions require TEXAS state certification and/or license. Benefits/insurance avail for full time employees. EOE. For more information, call Eva Ryan Administrator at (806)872-2141, or apply in person at SAGE HEALTH CARE CENTER, 1201 North 15th St, Lamesa, Tx 79331.

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**Help Wanted**

**WAREHOUSE/ DELIVERY**  
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**1504-B WOOD.** Large 2 bedroom Duplex. Newly remodeled. \$450. month, \$200. deposit. All bills paid. Call (432)264-6611.

**1610 STATE.** Two bedroom, one bath, detached 2 car garage, fenced yard, washer/dryer connections. \$350. month, \$150. deposit. Call (432)263-1792, 816-9884.

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**Real Estate for Sale**

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**Bob Brock Ford**  
500 W. 4th 267-7424

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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The moon is feeling punch drunk and dreamy as she floats through the final sign of the zodiac, Pisces. She inspires brooding one minute and giggling the next. It's a highly creative vibration, if you're keeping track of it in some way. But if not, the creative impulses float back into the collective unconscious where they were born.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). With all the chaos in your mind now, you're beginning to wonder if the concept of 'inner peace' is some kind of urban myth. Contact with a Taurus or a Capricorn will help you return to center.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Intellectually, you may already know the big secret about materialism:



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Sooner or later, everything you own ends up owning you. Take what you know to heart before you make your next purchase.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You could run all day on the flash of inspiration you get this morning. Act immediately on your winning notion, especially if it is a solution to a simple problem, like what to cook for dinner or where to do your holiday shopping.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your lesson keeps coming back in different forms, and this time, it settles in on your love life. As tough as you'd like to be, it turns out that a suit of armor is not so romantic! Be vulnerable and sincere.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're so independent that sometimes you don't remember to ask for help. Others would love to share your work, home life and quiet times — especially a Virgo or a Libra.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). In case you were wondering why yesterday's situation didn't seem to affect you, you'll get a delayed full emotional impact now. Give yourself plenty of space to sit with feelings.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Throughout the day, you're toggling between work and play. If you can't tell much difference between the two, consider yourself truly happy. Family lays new responsibilities at your feet, but you can still say no.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Speak love or speak money, but speak it clearly, concisely saying exactly what you mean. Don't hold back! Being vague only leads to big misunderstandings in the future.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you pay close attention to the dynamics and energy floating around your work place, you'll notice that someone is particularly happy and excited to see and talk to you. It's emotionally rewarding just to be with

this person.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The gift of gab eludes you now, but you don't need it. The quiet, unassuming selflessness that you show those close to you yells your love for them right out loud.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Many mental health professionals have described being in love as a type of addiction. You'll have withdrawal symptoms if you're away from your dear one for too long now.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're usually considered wise, but you could reach 'guru' status in someone's eyes today. Continue to be patient with an overly critical person. Your compassion heals not only this person, but yourself as well.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** 'What is up with Aquarians and the opposite sex, or people in general for that matter. I'm an Aquarius, and of all the people I know, I like myself best. What I am really asking is if is OK

(i.e. not self-destructive) to be entirely happy on your own. I am now 38 and have little desire for a relationship or even many friends. I am happy and fine, but my family worries. Astrological feedback would be lovely.'

People often apply their creative energy to relationships, but it's not the only way. Aquarius is the sign of eccentricity and genius. Yours is the road less traveled. Creative energy, which is a high vibration that invigorates the body and soul, can also be applied to work, play, art, sport, duty to humanity... and the well-rounded person who does this hums with a love of life itself. To be happy on your own is a gift that touches everyone, and there should be no worrying about it, as long as you make sure that in your self-love you are connecting with the world in a way that is meaningful to you and not cutting yourself off to live like a self-satisfied and smug hermit. Look into your

heart, and ask yourself honestly if you are, in your own way, giving and receiving as much as you can.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** If someone had told the Prince of Darkness, Ozzy Osbourne, that he would one day be America's favorite television dad, he would have been more surprised than one of his ill-fated stage bats. But Sagittarian folks are highly adaptable beings who follow the 'when in Rome' philosophy. This year represents a healing time for his psyche and his body, which will occur off camera for a change.

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# Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: After 30 years of marriage, I have filed for divorce. It has been a tumultuous marriage, filled with continuous emotional, verbal and sometimes physical abuse. With the loving support of close friends and a good counselor, I have finally found the strength to leave. Though the divorce process is devastating, I am looking forward to a new life.

The problem I have is the reaction of our friends and family. Even though I have lived with the abuse for years, it always has been behind closed doors. I put up a good front, too



KATHY MITCHELL  
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proud and ashamed to let others know. My husband is perceived to be the most wonderful, caring

man, but he is a closet abuser, and now I am being made to look like an ungrateful, back-stabbing wife.

I am not listing abuse as the reason for divorce (we have agreed upon "irretrievable breakdown"), and I am only asking for a fair share of our household, yet I have been accused of emasculating my husband. I have lost 30-year friendships in this ordeal. His family will no longer talk to me.

There are two sides to every story. How can I get these people to stop passing judgment without knowing the whole truth?

Name and Location Withheld

Dear Friend: You can't. Even if you were to publicize the whole sordid story, you may not be believed. Keep your chin up, behave like a person of integrity, and eventually, your true friends will show themselves. You needn't worry about the others.

Dear Annie: A friend of ours recently had a quickie wedding at the courthouse with just immediate family present. My husband and I were invited to attend a dinner reception at a restaurant after the ceremony. When

we arrived, we discovered that the dinner included only the bride, groom, her parents and two other relatives.

When the bill came, it was placed between my husband and the groom. It became very apparent that they expected my husband to pay this quite expensive tab. At that point, my husband turned to the bride's father and politely asked if he would like to split it down the middle. The bride's father said that wouldn't be possible since he didn't bring any cash. My husband stated a little more firmly that surely the restaurant accepted credit cards, and finally, the bride's father agreed to split the bill.

My husband and I both feel taken advantage of by our friends. We gave a generous gift and had no idea they expected the reception to be on us. We did not even receive a thank you from any of them. How should we have handled this? — Feeling Slighted in Cleveland

leave your wallet at home.

Dear Annie: Please tell "Heartbroken," whose mother-in-law called her an "outlaw," to ease up. I have five sons-in-law and two daughters-in-law, and we all love it when the whole family is together for a special occasion. Recently, at a milestone birthday celebration, we had a photographer taking formal photos, and the "Outlaws" insisted on having a picture taken of all of them together. It was done with lots of love. In my husband's family, we in-laws called ourselves "The Other Side of the Family," and we've always gotten along very well indeed. She should try it. — Loving It in Riverside, Calif.

Dear Riverside: We're amazed at how many "outlaws" revel in their self-created terms. Good for you.

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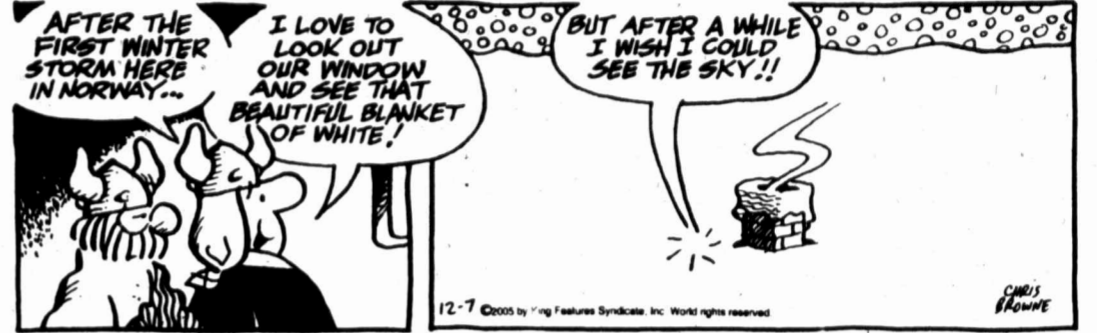
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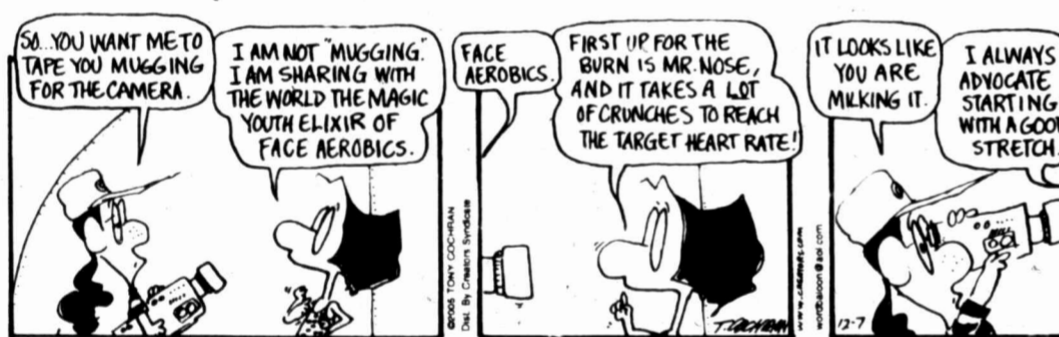
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2005. There are 24 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

On this date:

In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1796, electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.

In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the United States.

In 1946, fire broke out at the Wincoff Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Wincoff.

In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral.

In 1972, Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, was stabbed and seriously wounded by an assailant who was then shot dead by her bodyguards.

In 1983, in Madrid, Spain, an Aviac DC9 collided on a runway with an Iberia Air Lines Boeing 727 that was accelerating for takeoff, killing all 42 people aboard the DC9 and 51 aboard the Iberia jet.

In 1987, 43 people were killed in the crash of a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California after a gunman apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger and the two pilots.

In 1988, a major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastated northern Armenia; official estimates put the death toll at 25,000.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Eli Wallach is 90. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 74. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 73. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 68. ABC News anchorwoman Carole Simpson is 65. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Johnny Bench is 58. Country singer Gary Morris is 57. Singer-song-

writer Tom Waits is 56. Sen. Susan M. Collins, R-Maine, is 53. Actress Priscilla Barnes is 50. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Larry Bird is 49. Former "Tonight Show" announcer Edd Hall is 47. Rock musician Tim Butler (The Psychodelic Furs) is 47. Actor C. Thomas Howell is 39. Pop singer Nicole Appleton (All Saints) is 30. Rapper Kon Artis (D12) is 29. Actress Shiri Appleby is 27. Singer Aaron Carter is 18.

Thought for Today: "What man strives to preserve, in preserving himself, is something which he has never been at any particular moment." — George Santayana, Spanish-American philosopher (1863-1952).

Answer to previous puzzle

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# The Date Which Will Live in Infamy

President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy."

At 7:55 a.m., Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor, a harbor on the southern coast of the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

The United States lacked air patrol, and ships and planes were not in safe territory to defend against the attack. Vessels and battleships were sunk or damaged, aircraft destroyed, and more than 2,000 people killed.

The day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. declared war on Japan and entered World War II.

The attack occurred at the height of tension between Japan and the

United States. America supplied more than half of Japan's resources, like iron, steel and oil. Japan wasn't in control of its own raw materials.

In 1940, Japan joined Italy and Germany's conquest efforts and expanded into northern Indochina.

In retaliation, the U.S. placed an embargo on resources like steel, iron and scrap metal to Japan. Then, Japan seized Indochina in 1941. Roosevelt retaliated by closing the Panama Canal to Japanese shipping and placing an embargo on oil.

A settlement was under negotiation, but war was imminent.



Franklin D. Roosevelt

### President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Address

Yesterday, December 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy — the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its Government and its Emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in Oahu, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. While this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time the Japanese Government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements

and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost... Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us. No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.

I believe I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces — with the unbounded determination of our people — we will gain the inevitable triumph — so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December seventh, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire.

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