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## Deputy nabs robbery suspect

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man remains in police custody after he allegedly robbed a local convenience store at knife-point during the early morning hours Tuesday.

Jesse Nunez Torres, 48, was arrested by a Howard County sheriff's deputy shortly after the robbery while trying to flee from local law enforcement, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police

Department.

"Patrol officers responded to the Exxon Travel Mart, located at 800 W. Interstate Highway 20, at about 3:40 a.m. Tuesday morning," said Everett. "A male clerk working alone had just been confronted by a male subject wearing a ski mask."

"The suspect brandished a knife and held the knife to the victim's ribs, demanding the money from the register. The victim complied and the suspect

escorted him to the back of the store, telling him to stay there. The suspect then fled the scene."

Everett said the victim got a glimpse of the get-away vehicle — a pickup truck — and was able to tell police the suspect — who made away with an undisclosed amount of money — was headed west on Interstate Highway 20.

"A deputy sheriff spotted a white pick-

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## 2005 Christmas Decorating Contest

A Picture Perfect Christmas  
Larry Hollar State Farm Insurance  
801 E. FM 700  
"A must see!"

A Homespun Country Christmas  
Bob's Custom Woodwork  
409 E. Third  
"Go downtown and take a gander at this one."

Christmas Fantasia — Best of the Best  
The Haven Family  
2809 Lawrence St.  
"As always, a must see. Worth hunting for."

Christmas Potpourri  
George and Lola Sloan  
6013 E. Midway Road  
"Worth the drive east."

Oh Deer Christmas  
Shane Ward  
2315 Baylor  
"Even the live deer are looking at this one."

Sparkling White Christmas  
Russell and Toni Hodnett  
2716 Carol  
"Lights all around the house!"

Peek A Boo Christmas  
Bruce and Martha Myers  
2225 Lynn  
"Look at the detail."

Candy Cane Christmas  
Amy and John Romero  
1908 Morrison  
"Look at the detail!"

Looks Like A Christmas Card  
David and Patsy Wanner  
1704 S. Monticello  
"Picture perfect."

Reason For The Season  
Carroll and Leighrene Kohl  
615 Colgate  
"A sweet reminder of the reason!"

Happy Birthday, Jesus  
Charles Lusk  
1300 Virginia  
"A postcard to you."

Mini Happy Returns of Christmas  
Troy and Laurie Hyden  
1603 Johnson  
"A lot to see."

An Uptown Old-Fashioned Snowman  
Irva Paul  
1009 S. Main  
"A beautiful downtown treat."

A Simple Gift of Christmas  
Erlinda Flores  
1213 W. Sixth  
"She has added to her display."

O Little Town of Christmas  
Gwen and Arnold Collins  
806 San Antonio  
"A west side favorite."

An Angelic Christmas  
Louise Boykin  
613 Highland Drive  
"Beautiful, lighted angels."

This annual contest was coordinated by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Johansen Landscape and Nursery.

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



HERALD file photo  
The Festival of Lights opens Thursday night at Comanche Trail Park. The display, featuring about 1 million lights, will be held nightly through Dec. 31. See article, 6A.

## Angel Tree program deadline draws near

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With less than a week to go, it appears the success of the annual Salvation Army Angel Tree program will once again go down to the last minute.

"Things are still pretty slow in comparison to last year's program," said Capt. Linda Keeney. "We still have quite a few angels that have been adopted — people have taken them off the tree — but haven't returned them, along with the gifts."

"Of course, we understand there are still four days left and a lot of people are probably planning to do their Christmas shopping this weekend, so we're confident the angels will be returned."

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—Capt. Linda Keeney

the annual program — which provides Christmas gifts for needy children, seniors and teens — is Saturday, at which point her office will switch gears.

"We have to have them in by Dec. 17 so we have time to

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## City council holds off on Meet and Confer Act until secret ballot held

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Adoption of the new statewide Meet and Confer Act may have to wait, as the Big Spring City Council voted unanimously Tuesday evening to hold off instituting the piece of legislation until a secret-ballot election can be held among employees of the Big Spring Fire Department.

The election, which was called for by Councilwoman Stephanie Horton following an executive session during the meeting, will be used to determine if the majority of firefighters want to be represented by the Big Spring Firefighters Association during Meet and Confer proceedings.

"I make a motion to request a secret ballot election of the Big Spring Fire Department employees regarding representation by the Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association Local 2922 to be the exclusive bargaining representative in meet and confer negotiations if adopted by the city," said Horton. "I further move to authorize the city



McEwen

manager or a designee to meet with a representative of the association to establish procedures for this election."

Paul Brown, president of the Big Spring Fire Fighters Association, said the call for the election only duplicates the same thing the petition presented to the council accomplished, showing local firefighter's support for the measure.

"The cost related to meet and confer would be if the city of Big Spring decided to go out for a referendum election," said Brown. "And we're not in favor of that... We did this pretty much based on a conversation with the chief (Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen), that he thought the city was in agreement with this and they were just waiting for us to file a petition. So the ball's in their court. We went ahead and signed off on it with the understanding the council

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## SOMBRERO FOR SANTA



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
Mrs. Claus and Santa (Autumn Moore and Ty Lawrence) discuss vacation plans during "A Sombrero for Santa," a Christmas program presented by Kentwood Elementary third-graders Tuesday night.

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## POLAR EXPRESS

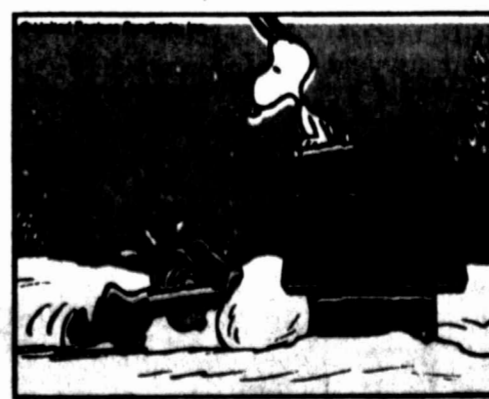
Coahoma Elementary's second annual Polar Express Drive Thru is set for 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Dec. 15.

The drive thru consists of 10 lighted, animated stops with students acting out scenes from the book. The line starts forming at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma High School parking lot.

The first attraction will be the high school band playing Christmas music. Hot chocolate and cookies will be for sale. There will also be a chance for children to have their picture taken with Santa Claus.

All proceeds will go to the playground fund.

## 11 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



The holidays are 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration.

## FREE SYMPHONY TICKETS

Win two free tickets to the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's presentation of "A Symphonic Christmas" set to begin at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal auditorium.

Be the first to call the *Big Spring Herald* at 263-7331 and correctly answer the question: "Who wrote the song 'White Christmas' and name three of the five actors in the classic movie, 'White Christmas'?"

The first person to call with the correct answer wins two free tickets to the symphony. The answer to Tuesday's question was Peter (Pyotr) Tchaikovsky wrote "The Nutcracker Suite." Debbye Valverde won two free tickets to the symphony.



## Obituaries

Matilda Cecile  
Garlinghouse McGibbon

Matilda Cecile Garlinghouse McGibbon died in Dallas Dec. 12, 2005.

"Tillie" was born Nov. 30, 1908, in Topeka, Kan., graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., and in June, 1933 she and her college sweetheart, Kenneth Herbert McGibbon, were married. They were longtime residents of Big Spring.

A vibrant leader in her West Texas town, she was a civic force active in furthering education and the arts. A member of the board of directors of the Big Spring YMCA for 10 years, she also chaired the long-range planning committee that determined the feasibility for a major new building, which then was successfully constructed.

An avid patron of the arts, she established the annual concert series and served as its membership chairman. She established the first gift shop for the Malone & Hogan Hospital. She served as a member of the board of directors for the Salvation Army, was active in Meals on Wheels and was project chairman for AAUW.

In addition to all of her many accomplishments, Tillie will be especially remembered for her strength of character, her sharp and imperturbable wit and constant faith.

First United Methodist Church in Big Spring was of utmost importance to her and her family. She served as choir director, superintendent of Sunday schools, youth counselor and youth division superintendent and Sunday school teacher as well as mission study leader.

She was also a respected interior designer throughout the West Texas area and always made her home a welcoming, dynamic and kind place.

Tillie's first love was her family. She was unsurpassed in her unselfishness to her husband, children and grandchildren and all who knew her. Her life serves as an inspiration and example to others.

She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 60 years, K.H. "Chub" McGibbon in 1993 and her daughter, Kenda McGibbon Webb in 2001.

She is survived by her daughter, Kay McGibbon Werlein and son-in-law, Judge Ewing Werlein Jr. of Houston and daughter, Karen McGibbon Stephenson and son-in-law, Glenn L. Stephenson Jr. of Dallas, as well as her son-in-law Dr. Charles H. Webb Jr. of Bloomington, Ind.

In addition, she is survived by eight grandchildren, Mark Webb and wife, Lee Smith of Indianapolis, Ind., Dr. Kent Webb and wife, Lisa of Tyler, Malcolm Webb of Bloomington, Ind., Charles H. Webb III and wife, Lisa, also of Bloomington, Ind., the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Werlein and wife, Suzanne of Spring, Emily Werlein and husband, Dr. Jason Pierce of Dayton, Ohio, Claiborne Smith of Austin and Courtney Childers and husband, Dr. Jacob Childers of Charlotte, N.C.

In addition, 11 great-grandchildren survive her and three stepgrandchildren, Elizabeth Stephenson Wells of Los Angeles, Calif., John Stephenson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Hunter Stephenson of Dallas.

The family wishes to express deep appreciation to Tillie's caretakers, Clara Alexander and husband, Jasper Beasley and Thelma Perry.

Those desiring may send memorials to First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry St., 79720 in Big Spring or Oak Lawn United Methodist Church, 3014 Oak Lawn Ave., Dallas 75219.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Tillie McGibbon will be held at Oak Lawn United Methodist Church Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Werlein officiating and Dr. Charles Webb as organist.

*Paid obituary*

## Olive Ruth Bird Cowden

Olive Ruth Bird Cowden, 101, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Take note

• **JOHN MOSELEY, BIG SPRING HERALD MANAGING EDITOR AND LONGTIME COMMUNITY SUPPORTER**, is in critical need of life-saving treatment insurance will not provide. A fund has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union, account no. 926151. For more information, call Marsha at 263-7331.

• **COAHOMA ELEMENTARY'S SECOND ANNUAL POLAR EXPRESS DRIVE THRU** is set for 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Thursday. The line to view the 10 animated stops starts forming at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma High School parking lot. Hot chocolate and cookies will be for sale.

• **NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR** for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce until Thursday. 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.

• **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH 10TH ANNUAL TOY GIVE-AWAY** begins at 10 a.m. Friday in the church sanctuary, 1209 Wright St. Gifts distributed on a first-come, first served basis. Open to parents and grandparents raising young children, and parents are

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## Police blotter

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

- **HOWARD JOHNSON**, 21, of 1211 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on two Howard County warrants.
- **TWILA STALLING**, 50, of 1700 S. Lancaster, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **KENNETH MCDONALD**, 49, of 2321 Fairchild, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOHN STILWELL**, 32, of 2500 Ent, was arrested Wednesday on an Oklahoma warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 700 block of FM 700.
  - in the 700 block of Sixth Street.
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1800 block of Owens.
- **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY** was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **LIZA L. RIOS OVALLE**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- **JAMES WALTER USSERY JR.**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of theft of a firearm, parole violation and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **BRANDY CONSUELA-NICO OLIVAS**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering the apprehension of a known felon.
- **JESSE NUNES TORRES**, 48, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of aggravated robbery and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of West Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3500 block of East Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support groups

## THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

urged to find childcare during the selection of the gifts. For more information, call the church at 267-5321.

• **THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY PRESENTS 'A SYMPHONIC CHRISTMAS'** at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets available at the Big Spring Herald or call 264-7223.

• **STAR TEK CANNED FOOD DRIVE** to benefit the Salvation Army from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday. Bring two cans of food and get a free photo with Santa Claus. For more information, contact Anna Osborne at 264-2727.

• **SIGNAL MOUNTAIN QUILTERS GUILD** presents comfort quilts to CASA at 2 p.m. Saturday at Heritage Museum.

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## Bulletin board

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## TODAY

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- 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.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 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.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Rannels.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Festival of Lights opens at Comanche Trail Park.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

## FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- Spring Tabernacle Church 10th annual toy give-away begins at 10 a.m. in the church sanctuary, 1209 Wright St.
- 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 seniors are invited.

## SATURDAY

- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Red Dress Tea at 11 a.m. at Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry.
- Signal Mountain Quilters Guild presents comfort quilts to CASA at 2 p.m. at Heritage Museum.
- Big Spring Symphony Association presents "A Symphonic Christmas" at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

## Weather

Tonight—Mostly clear. Colder. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Thursday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Light and variable winds.

Thursday night—Mostly cloudy. Isolated snow showers after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s. Light and variable winds. The chance of snow is 20 percent.

Friday—Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 40s. South winds around 10 mph.

Friday night—Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s.

Saturday—Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

## Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$43 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$33 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: 9, 10, 12, 22, and 41. The Mega Ball number was 4.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-12-13-30-35.

Number matching five of five: none.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-4-8

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was already in favor of this.

"If they don't want to do this, then I think it's just a waste of time and taxpayer money if they plan to go for a referendum election because we're not going to go out and spend any money campaigning for something like this. It's just not cost effective. I can't see putting the taxpayers through an election like that."

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said the fact that the petition was not signed by all firefighters illustrates the need for the secret-ballot election.

"We've received a petition at this point saying they want us to recognize the firefighters association for meet and confer, and everyone didn't sign the petition. All we're asking the firefighters to do at this point is have a secret ballot that allows all them to show what they want to do. Once we've done that we'll move down the road on meet and confer."

"How could this change things between the city of Big Spring and the fire department? It may not change at all, and at the same time it could change

dramatically. But that's what meet and confer is all about. Our relationship with one another will be decided within those meetings. It's a give and take process."

Brown said the Meet and Confer Act will help open lines of communication between the city and firefighters, but the relationship can only be as successful as either side is willing to let it be.

"It opens a line of communication for the employer and the employee to sit down and discuss work-related items," said Brown. "For example, the firefighters in Big Spring are under the state civil service, so if we had an issue with promotion exams we can sit down and talk about that item and come to mutual agreement on changing that item. They can sign a memo of understanding or agreement, which is a contract between the two."

"I think it's a good process and a good communication tool. We can sit down and discuss some things, and it doesn't lock either side into anything. If we come in with something we'd like to change and the city is just totally against it, it's just not going to happen. The same thing goes for the other way around. If

they want to come in and make some changes to state law, they can only go through meet and confer without going to the state legislature, and it's just not going to happen."

A date for the election was not set during the meeting.

The council also got a brief update on the feud currently brewing between natural gas-giant Atmos Energy and a steering committee made up of several West Texas cities. The committee, which was formed to investigate a rate increase that got the nod from the Texas legislature last session, is dismissing the increase based on a number of questionable items Atmos has deemed "infrastructure needs."

"The cities thought the money would be used for gas lines and the mechanical aspects of the gas system," said City Attorney Jean Shotts. "Atmos did its filings and what the cities found in their initial review were what they believed were a lot of inappropriate things. Things like \$1,100 chairs for their office in Fort Worth and computers. Things we didn't believe were necessarily subject to the original agreement."

"We've dismissed the filing and the next step

will be up to Atmos, and whether or not they want to try to file some sort of case. If they do, that's fine. We'll see whether or not the charges they want to impose are justified."

McEwen said it's back to the same old song and dance with the rate increase, a very similar dance the city of Big Spring recently went through with TXU Electric, which negotiated with a similar steering committee for only a fraction of its requested increase.

"We're spending this money to look at these things and it's frustrating," McEwen told the council. "It's just ridiculous to have to go through this whole process again. It just frustrates me."

"We're basically going back to square one. We're denying the rate request, so it will go back to the steering committee and go from there. The steering committee is made up of some of the cities in our area and they will make a decision at whatever point we need to get consultation on what we want to do."

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

Mother convicted in death of 2-year-old girl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The mother of 2-year-old Diamond Alexander Washington was convicted Tuesday of capital murder in the toddler's beating death, one of several tragic events that triggered an overhaul of the state's child-protection system.

Kimberly Alexander, 26, was found guilty after about an hour of deliberation by the Bexar County jury.

Prosecutors did not seek the death penalty in the case because the woman is mentally retarded. She will instead automatically receive a sentence of life in prison, and will not be eligible for parole for at least 40 years.

Diamond died June 6, 2004, a day after the state's key witness said the girl was brutally beaten for hours as punishment for wetting her bed.

The killing came less than six weeks after Diamond was removed from foster care and reunited with her mother.

Task force hears from Victoria area residents

VICTORIA (AP) — Adopting a state sales tax and adding taxes to cigarettes, gambling and gasoline were among the suggestions aired Tuesday during a three-hour hearing in Victoria conducted by a task force that will make reform recommendations to the Legislature.

"Our charge is pretty simple," said task force chairman John Sharp, former state comptroller. "We need to figure out a way to lower property taxes by a significant amount."

The Texas Supreme Court has declared the property tax system that supports schools unconstitutional, and it gave the Legislature until June 1 to come up with a new way to pay for education.

Under the current system, nicknamed Robin Hood, more than \$1 billion in property tax revenues collected from property-rich districts are redistributed to property-poor districts. The share-the-wealth aspect of the system was not challenged in the lawsuit but could be diminished somewhat if lawmakers reduce the state's dependence on property taxes.

The task force, which was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry, is examining alternate levies that could replace school property taxes.

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process all of the gifts and get them out on our distribution day, which is Dec. 20," said Keeney. "Our goal is to make sure no child gets left out this holiday season, and it takes some time to get everything ready."

Keeney said area residents can choose an angel card from one of several special trees located in Big Spring.

"We have trees set up at Wal-Mart, the Big Spring Mall, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the TravelCenters of America truck stop," said Keeney. "We also have a special Angel Tree for our seniors at the Big Spring Herald."

"They just take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that child or senior. It doesn't necessarily have to be what's listed on the angel card. Once they purchase the items, they will attach the

card to the gifts and bring them to our office, or drop them off where they got the card from. It's very important that they tape or tie the card to the gift, however, so we can make sure it goes to the correct child."

There will be plenty to provide for this holiday season, with more than 550 angels adorning the symbolic trees.

"We have 425 children in the program, on top of 90 senior angels and 50 teen angels," said Keeney. "We also have at least one family from the Katrina evacuation among the angels, so there's a major need within the community this year."

Keeney said the busy nature of the holiday season may be contributing to how slow the program is moving.

"This has been a very busy season for everyone," said Keeney. "I'm sure there are a lot of people out there that would like to participate in the program, but don't have the time to shop.

However, if they simply make a donation to the Salvation Army and earmark the funds for the Angel Tree program, we have staff that's more than willing to go out and do the shopping for them."

As the program winds down into what appears to be a "last minute situation," Keeney said it certainly takes its toll on her and her husband, Capt. Russ Keeney.

"It scares us to death every year," said Keeney. "It scares us to death every year about this time."

And while the Angel Tree program is in full swing, that's not all you'll find on the Salvation Army's Christmas agenda.

The Big Spring Herald and Salvation Army are teaming up for the annual Holiday Toy Drive, which will wrap up Monday. The program collects new, unwrapped toys for area children that might not otherwise receive a Christmas gift.

Toys can be dropped off at the Herald office, located at 710 Scurry Street, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"We're also in the midst of our annual canned food drive. Our goal this year is to collect 24,000 cans. Last year we collected approximately 22,000 cans of food, and right now the cupboards are bare. Every bit of the food we raised last year has been used. We're wiped out."

"Big Spring High School will be putting on a winter concert on Dec. 15 and they're dedicating that

performance to the Salvation Army. They're asking for people that attend to bring at least one can of food, and they will have a table where cans can be dropped off."

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up minutes later and turned to stop the vehicle, which exited the Interstate and headed east on Highway 80," said Everett. "The deputy attempted to stop the vehicle when the driver attempted to flee, striking a light pole. The driver fled the scene on foot and a search

began." Everett said the suspect was apprehended moments later while he was attempting to hide between two cars.

Torres was taken to the city jail and was later arraigned, with bond set at \$70,000.

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## OUR VIEWS

Symphony:  
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One of the joys of the Christmas season is its music, and we are certainly blessed here in Howard County. Saturday, the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra — with a host of friends — will be performing some of the most cherished carols and holiday favorites ever written.

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## Dems can't forgive or forget McCarthy

Gene McCarthy walked into the hotel dining room in Manchester, N.H., and then paused for a moment.

Though the years had taken a certain toll — this was 1992, and he was 76 — he was still an imposing figure: tall, white-haired and dressed in a long black coat.

I watched him stand there and look around the room. The New Hampshire primary was just a few days away, and dozens of national political reporters were eating in the dining room.

McCarthy waited for a moment, as if expecting someone to hail him, to wave him over, to invite him to sit down and talk about old times.

In 1968, Gene McCarthy had changed the course of American history. He won more delegates in the New Hampshire Democratic primary than President Lyndon Johnson and forced Johnson to drop his plans for re-election.

Johnson, perhaps for reasons of ego, had refused to allow his name on the primary ballot in New Hampshire, and though a write-in campaign garnered Johnson 50 percent of the vote to McCarthy's 42 percent, McCarthy got 20 of the 24 delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

The actual numbers did not really matter. An anti-Vietnam war candidate had beaten the sitting

president who was waging that war.

But all that had happened in 1968. And it hadn't been 1968 for quite a while.

And this night, nobody invited Gene McCarthy to come over and sit down and eat dinner with them.

So he just walked over to a table and sat there by himself, staring into the menu.

"Jeez," a reporter at my table said. "Didn't that used to be Gene McCarthy?"

Yeah. Used to be.

McCarthy might have been a more heroic figure in the Democratic Party had he accepted his defeat in 1968. (Bobby Kennedy entered the race four days after McCarthy won New Hampshire, for which McCarthy never forgave him. After Kennedy's assassination in California, Hubert Humphrey was nominated by the Democrats in Chicago.)

But McCarthy refused to accept defeat gracefully. By 1992, this was McCarthy's fifth campaign for the presidency.

And if anybody cared that he was running, they weren't showing it.

McCarthy had been denied access to the big, nationally televised debates. He was rarely interviewed. He was not a grand old man of his party.

While he was still remembered by the public (a few of them, anyway) for his anti-Vietnam War stand and his "Clean Gene" nickname and "The Children's Crusade," Democratic Party regu-

lars remembered him for other things:

They remembered how he did not campaign for the ticket after losing the nomination to Humphrey in 1968 and how narrowly Humphrey lost to Richard Nixon.

They remembered how in 1976 when McCarthy ran on a third-party ticket, he almost sunk Jimmy Carter by denying him victories in four states. And many thought that if McCarthy had not been kept off the ballot in New York, he would have drained off enough votes from Carter to give the state and the presidency to Gerald Ford that year.

And the Democrats especially remembered how McCarthy endorsed Ronald Reagan for president in 1980.

Yet, when I finally walked over to McCarthy's table, I found a man with few qualms.

"The party has never forgiven me," he told me. "I have never been asked to speak at a convention. But I'll make an offer to the Democrats: I'll say I'm sorry I was right about Vietnam if it makes them feel better."

Gene McCarthy died last week. He might have had a few regrets, but he was never sorry.

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## Riding in the Cherokee Hills

The images of red, orange and gold flashed by as I drove between Rusk and Palestine. It was late afternoon and I was headed into the sun. The trees were backlit and provided dramatic autumn visions. The reds of the sumac and sweet gum stood out as sunbeams focused on their flaming crimson leaves.

It's like some unseen force turned spotlights on main characters in a drama. The reds certainly took center stage on this trip.

The black highway, with its yellow stripes and white lines, created a formal pattern as it curved between the borders of the dense, wild forest. The strobe-like effect of sunlight streaming in and out of the trees as I sped by almost made me dizzy.

I saw fall colors I don't think I've ever seen before. One fascinating tree had leaves the color of apricot. The Chinese Tallows were both red and gold. Cypress was orange. Sassafras was red. Hickory was gold. All the bright colors paraded before walls of deep dark green longleaf pine.

The timing of my trip to East Texas was perfect. It was before the first freeze. It was warm and

**There was little traffic on the small highways I took. I felt lucky to be there at the time, and a little selfish, because really the highways should have been full of people who appreciate fall scenery.**

light winds hadn't bothered the leaves, so they stayed on the trees longer than usual and gave us something to look at and appreciate.

The richness of the East Texas fall was even more in evidence the next morning when I drove from Rusk to Alto. Although I was traveling in the opposite direction from the day before, I was again driving into the sun. I passed dead man's curve and saw more colors, this time on white and red oaks, sugar maple and a few chinaberry trees. In the early morning light, another compelling element was added: the misty, light fog. The

wispy clouds of moisture moved slowly through the trees and across cleared land, then evaporated as the sun climbed higher in the sky.

There was little traffic on the small highways I took. I felt lucky to be there at the time, and a little selfish, because really the highways should have been full of people who appreciate fall scenery. It was spectacular this year. From late October until after Thanksgiving, the east Texas woods are bursting with autumn delights, reaching peak usually in early November. The bright sun brings out the colors, especially when you drive toward the sun while it is making its slow descent to the distant horizon. Fall is invigorating anyway. The cool weather makes you realize summer is gone and football season is here. This year, Texans didn't have to travel north or east to see fall color.

Fall in East Texas also means festival time. At the Pecan Fest in Alto, the streets were lined with vendors selling everything from Elvis t-shirts to homemade root beer. Competition for pecan pies, cakes and candy was fierce. The pecan is an important part of life in Cherokee county, so the city of Alto decided to honor it with a festival. This was the second year for it and it was more than twice as big as last year.

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### SWINGING HOLIDAY



The Gollad Intermediate Show Choir performed during the Tuesday Rotary Club meeting at Howard College. Above the students perform a song bemoaning the yearly gift of socks as a stock Christmas present in the song "Christmas Sock Rock." The choir of about 45 students performed traditional Christmas songs as well as upbeat, jazzy Christmas tunes, complete with choreographed movements, including "We Wish You A Swinging Holiday." The show choir is under the direction of Elesha McMeans and Tamara Sneed.

### BSHS debate team wins first place at swing tournament

#### Special to the Herald

The Big Spring High School Speech and Debate team completed a successful fall semester this past weekend by competing in the Lubbock High School and Lubbock Coronado Speech tournaments. "This past weekend was a swing tournament," Coach Jennifer Adams said. "That means that on Friday they held one tournament at one school and on Saturday, we relocated to another school and had another tournament." The team started the weekend off right by winning the first place sweepstakes trophy at the Lubbock High School Tournament. This is BSBS's second tournament championship in so

many weeks, having won the Seminole Speech and Debate Tournament the week before. Students placing Friday included Malle Carrasco who, in addition to placing first in Impromptu and fifth in International Extemporaneous speaking, was the Speaker of the Tournament. Logan Wright placed first in Declamation, first in Humorous Interpretation and second in Impromptu. Others placing were: Josh Acuff, second in both Dramatic Interpretation and United States Extemp and third in Impromptu; Maurice Africh, second in Original Oratory and eighth in US Extemp; LeAnn Brumley, seventh

in Oratory and eighth in both Prose and Poetry; Blake Roach, sixth in US Extemp; Will Shipman, third in U.S. Extemp and eighth in Impromptu; Amber Simer, fourth in Impromptu; and Antonette Tubera, seventh in Storytelling. Saturday, the team posted a strong second place finish despite being outnumbered three to one by the tournament winners. Placers for the Saturday portion included: Wright, first in Declamation, second in Poetry and third in both International Extemp and Oratory; Brumley, first in Oratory; Acuff, second in Oratory and fifth in both U.S. Extemp and Impromptu; Africh, seventh in

Oratory; Brumley, first in Oratory; Rebekah Horton, seventh in U.S. Extemp and eighth in Dramatic; Bianca Mireles, sixth in Oratory; and Roach, sixth in U.S. Extemp and seventh in Oratory. Halfway through the season the BSBS Speech and Debate team has 15 Texas Forensic Association State Meet Qualifications. BSBS has finished in the top 10 in total state qualifications for the last two years. The team has also earned two first place sweepstakes awards and three second place finishes. The fifth annual Big Spring Speech and Debate Tournament is set for Jan. 6-7 and volunteers are needed to judge. Contact the high school at 432-264-3641, extension 151, to volunteer. Leave a name and number.

### life! 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 to be published in the weekend edition of the Herald Dec. 31-Jan. 1 are due in the newspaper office by Dec. 26. Only for the two weeks prior to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the deadline for all submissions for the life! section is changed from noon Wednesday to 5 p.m. Monday to allow for an early press run. This also includes all wedding, engagement anniversary, birth and quinceañera announcements, as well as Who's Who with photos. For more information, call 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com

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# Festival of Lights set to celebrate, illuminate Thursday night

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

It's almost time to light the lights. The Ninth Annual Festival of Lights debuts Thursday evening, and organizers are saying this year's edition will be one of the best — if not the best — ever.

Upward to 1 million lights will illuminate a variety of traditional Christmas scenes, dioramas, greeting cards, candy canes, poinsettias and other holiday standards.

The Festival of Lights, which begins at the Whipkey Drive entrance to Comanche Trail Park, will run through the end of December. There is no admission, but donations will be accepted, said Pat Simmons, the event's guiding force for its nine years.

"We've been working on it since the first part of October, but I just got real serious about moving everything over there the last couple of weeks," Simmons said. "Hopefully, everything will be up and running by Thursday."

Anyone traveling on Highway 87 just south of town can get a taste of what's in store; Simmons and crew have already turned on the switch to a series of poinsettias along the side of Comanche Trail Lake Dam. More of the electrified flowers are being erected along the side of Scenic Mountain.

Simmons, volunteers and city work crews have been busy putting the finishing touches on the event.

Entering the park at the Whipkey Drive entrance off of Highway 87, visitors will pass under a gateway of poinsettias — lighted, of course — and view numerous Christmas scenes. Aside from displays festival officials maintain, there will also be more than 30 "adopt-a-spots," displays constructed by area businesses and civic organizations.



The Festival of Lights crew, above, met Monday for this group photo and surprised organizer Pat Simmons with a birthday cake and birthday card, blow, to celebrate her birthday.

The theme for this year's Festival is "Candy Canes and Cactus," and is highlighted by a diorama consisting of 90 individual displays.

Past events have attracted visitors from 37 states and 12 countries. Weather permitting, Simmons expects 20,000 or more visitors to this year's Festival.

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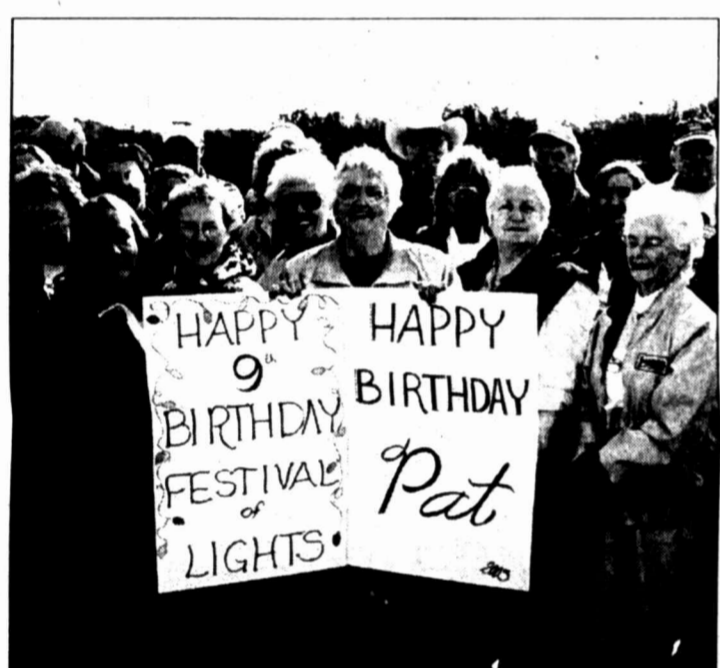


### The sounds of Christmas

Like the gifts in Santa's sack, the songs of Christmas are a mixed bag. While some are American in origin, others have their roots in our European ancestry. Whatever their origin, these classics are as much a part of the season as snow. Plus, the Glen Rock Christmas carolers and crazy cappuccino pie and apple dumpling pie.

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**What are some of these myths?**

**Jerusalem ("Arab East Jerusalem").** The Arabs have assiduously propagated the myths that Jerusalem is an Arab capital, that (after Mecca and Medina) Jerusalem is their third holy city, and that it is intolerable to them that infidels (Jews) are in possession of it.

The reality of course is that Jerusalem was never an Arab capital and that it was, until the Jews revitalized it, a dusty provincial city that hardly played any economic, social, or political role. Jerusalem is mentioned hundreds of times in the Jewish Bible and has been the center of the Jewish faith and the focus of Jewish longing ever since the Romans destroyed the Temple in the early years of the first millennium. Not once is Jerusalem mentioned in the Koran.

As to "East Jerusalem": There is East Saint Louis, there is East Hampton, and there used to be East Berlin, but, until the Arab propaganda machine created the concept, there was never in history an "East Jerusalem", let alone an "Arab East Jerusalem".

The eastern part of Jerusalem is now predominantly inhabited by Arabs, though their proportion is decreasing. But what is the reason for this? It is because the Jordanians destroyed all traces of Jewish presence from the eastern part of the city and drove all the Jews out during the 19 years (between 1948 and 1967) in which they were in occupation of the eastern part of the city. The world, informed by Arab propaganda, considers those Jews who wish to return to the eastern part of the city to be troublemakers or worse.

The concept of Jerusalem being a holy Arab city and the capital of whatever political entity the "Palestinians" may eventually form is a myth and so of course is the concept of "Arab East Jerusalem".

"Settlements." When Jordan came into possession of Judea/Samaria and the eastern part of Jerusalem, following the invasion of the newly-formed Jewish state, and stayed in occupation for 19 years, it systematically obliterated all Jewish villages in the area under their occupation, drove out the Jewish inhabitants, and left the area "judenrein" (free of Jews)—the first time that concept had been applied since the Nazis created it during their short and bloody reign in Germany. When the Israelis recovered these territories, they rebuilt these villages, created new ones, and built new towns and suburbs to existing cities, especially Jerusalem.

The Arab propaganda machine, aided by the most high-powered public relations firms in the United States and all over, has created myths that, by dint of constant repetition, have been accepted as truth by much of the world. No sensible discussion, no peace in the Middle East, is possible until those Arab myths have been exposed for what they are.

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The Arabs decided to call these towns and villages "settlements", with their connotation of illegitimacy and impermanence. The world, including the United States, is much agitated over these population centers and, goaded by the Arabs, declares them to be impediments to peace. What nonsense! Nobody considers the tens of thousands of Arabs who continue to stream to these territories as impediments to peace.

The term "settlements", too, is a propaganda myth created by the Arabs.

"Refugees." In 1948, when six Arab armies invaded the Jewish state in order to destroy it on the very day of its birth, broadcasts by the advancing Arab armies appealed to the resident Arabs to leave their homes so as not to be in the way of the invaders. As soon as the "quick victory" was won, they could return to their homes and would also enjoy the loot from the Jews, who would have been driven into the sea. It didn't turn out quite that way. Those Arabs who, despite the urgings of the Jews to stay and to remain calm, foolishly left, became refugees. Those who decided not to yield to those blandishments are now, and have been for over 50 years, citizens of Israel, with all the same rights and privileges as their Jewish fellows.

But what happened to those refugees—by the best estimates about 600,000 of them? Did their "Arab brethren" allow them to settle in their countries, to work, and to become productive citizens and useful members of their societies? No! They kept and still keep them, their children, their grandchildren, and in some cases even their great-grandchildren, in miserable "refugee camps", so that they can be used as political and military pawns in order to keep the burning hatred against Israel alive and in order to supply the manpower for the unremitting fight against Israel.

During those more than fifty years, Israel has taken in more than three million Jewish immigrants from all parts of the world and has integrated them productively into its society. According to the "Palestinians", the Arab "refugees" have now marvelously increased to five million (!). It is the intent and fervent desire of the Arabs that all of them should return to Israel so as to destroy the country without the necessity of war.

The "refugees" are a red herring and another myth created by the Arab propaganda machine.

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Anxious parents are resorting to increasingly sophisticated technology to keep a virtual eye on the kids 24/7. But some experts wonder whether constant monitoring, sometimes without the child's knowledge, represents necessary vigilance, or the oppressive rule of Big Mother or Father.

Global-positioning system (GPS) satellite technology, now in cell phones as well as cars, is the latest advance for parental snooping — pin-pointing, 007-style, the exact location of users.

Its killer application, says Phil Magney, an analyst with Telematics Research Group, is to monitor teen driving. The technology is equally effective in tailing kids after they get out of their cars.

"People just want to track their loved ones. It's as simple as that," Magney said.

Dozens of businesses already market the service to parents, and "we'll see many, many more in the next year," he predicted.

Deb Cervin, 44, of Rockwell, N.C., secretly installed a tracking device on her daughter's car. "When I was a teenager I wouldn't have liked it," she conceded. "Now, the dangers are different. Sometimes Mom's got to be sneaky."

Other new parental spyware includes security systems that send e-mail alerts when a child enters or leaves the house, and home video cameras that relay live images to parents' computers at work.

"I think we're keeping track of children too much," said sociologist Frank Furedi, author of "Paranoid Parenting," who believes that unchecked anxiety leads to extreme measures that erode privacy and trust.

Parents become obsessed, Furedi said: "When you see the slightest problems, you become worried about them. These technologies inflate your fears rather than lessen them."

Peggy Stein of Felton, Del., is willing to take the heat.

When daughter Kelly, a Drexel University freshman, began to drive two years ago, her mother quietly installed SignalTrac, a dashboard GPS system, in the girl's Mitsubishi Galant. From her home computer, Stein, 43, can follow a real-time map of Kelly's comings and goings (or rather, the Mitsubishi's comings and goings) and rate of travel.

"It's like having a parent in the passenger seat," said Stein, who describes herself as a "worry wart." "It's not like reading the diary of your child's private thoughts."

At first, she was "a little shocked," said Kelly, 19. "It would freak out anybody knowing you're being tracked." Now she views the system as "backup protection," a way for someone to know whether she arrived at her destination safely.

Stein sees parents as a growing market for GPS. She is half of a two-mother team that heads SignalTrac, part of the fleet-tracking company GPS North America in

Langhorne.

SignalTrac — the unit costs about \$500, plus \$34.99 a month — has seen its customer base triple each of the last three years to about 1,000 parents, said Todd Lewis, the company's technology officer.

The system provides a location history and sends alerts — a message to a cell phone, for example — if the car exceeds a predetermined speed or breaches a set geographic boundary.

Lewis recommends that parents tell the kids when they've installed SignalTrac. (Besides, the system works better with an antenna mounted on the rear windshield, something that would be hard to hide.)

Wherify Wireless, in California, plans to introduce the Wherifone cell phone early next year. Aimed at 8- to 12-year-olds, it consists of five programmable keys — to avoid massive bills — and GPS for easy tracking.

And the Teen Arrive Alive service, which offers tracking through Nextel cell phones for about \$20 a month, anticipates a surge in business when federal Enhanced 911 rules take full effect at year's end. Under the requirements, more networks will be adding GPS location-tracking capability to their cell phones.

"These aren't Ozzie and



KRT photo/Peter Tobia, Philadelphia Inquirer  
Kelly Stein, 19, sits in her car in a parking lot by Drexel University where she is a student in Philadelphia, Pa. Stein's mother installed a global-positioning system (GPS) device in her car about 2-1/2 years ago.

Harriet days," said Jack Church, a vice president at the Bradenton, Fla., company that launched Teen Arrive Alive last year. "There are so many dangers out there."

As long as the phone is on and not in use (good luck with that one), a parent will know whether the child is "driving to a ball game, riding in a friend's car, or hanging out at the mall," the service's Web

site promises. "The demand is far higher than our ability to fill because of our limitation of carriers," Church said.

In Motorola's "latchkey security" system, home surveillance cameras tied to a computer can relay still images to a cell or work computer, issue a text-message alert when a door opens, and store a history of images for the

subscriber to review later.

Peter Kleiner, 44, is part of a test group for the year-old Homesight system, which starts at \$299.

"I go by 'knowledge is power,'" said Kleiner, general manager at WYSP-FM (94.1) and a single parent to Jake, 13 and Ben, 11, who occasionally arrive home before he does. Cameras in the garage, kitchen, base-

ment, and upstairs computer room record the day's happenings, and Kleiner looks them over when he gets home.

"This gives me a little check and balance to make sure they stay honest with me," he said.

What do the boys think of the setup? "It's pretty cool," Jake said, "unless you're watching me."

Then there's EZFind Technologies in West Chester, Pa., which plans to add GPS to the low-tech locator tags it now sells for wallets and laptops. Place on child's jacket, then track.

Alexandra Budike, an anesthesiologist, has no misgivings about her in-home cyber-spying. She and husband Gus Pippis, a pharmacist, use home surveillance cameras purchased from the Spy Shop in Ardmore, Pa., for security, and to check on their children, 3 and 5, who have a nanny.

"It turns you into this Almighty," said Pippis, 39. "You can call and say, 'Are you doing your homework, or are you watching SpongeBob?'"

Budike, also 39, wants to respect her children's privacy, she said, especially as they grow older. At the same time, she wants to know what GPS in a cell phone or car can tell her.

"It's a tough call," she said. "I'm sure there's going to have to be a boundary. Until then, I will have a say."

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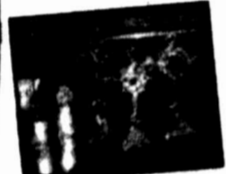
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## IN BRIEF

### Coahoma sets final day to sign up for 'Little Dribblers'

The last day to sign up for the Coahoma Youth Basketball League "Little Dribblers" will be held this Saturday at the Coahoma JH gym from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Those already signed up will tryout at this time, as well.

Those eligible for the league are boys and girls in fourth through sixth grade or third graders who were 9-years-old before Aug. 31 of this year.

The cost is \$25 per child through Dec. 17, but late registration will occur until Dec. 21 for \$35. Late registration players will be placed on teams according to the established team placement guidelines.

For more information, contact Cindy Smith at 394-4203.

### Two sprinters get doping suspension

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Tim Montgomery was suspended for two years for doping, and the 100-meter world record he once held was wiped from the books.

Another U.S. sprinter implicated in the BALCO scandal, two-time Olympic relay medalist Chrystie Collins, also received a two-year ban from the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Neither runner tested positive for doping. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency sought the bans based on evidence gathered in the criminal investigation of Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

USADA had requested four-year suspensions for both sprinter. But CAS, the highest court in sports, cut the penalty in half.

The bans began retroactively on June 6, 2005. In addition, all Montgomery's results and prize money since March 31, 2001, and Gaines' performances since Nov. 30, 2003, were nullified.

### Ausmus agrees to two-year extension

HOUSTON (AP) — Astros catcher Brad Ausmus agreed to a \$7.5 million, two-year contract that will keep him with the NL champions.

### Rodriguez to play for Dominican Republic

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez probably will play for the Dominican Republic in next year's inaugural World Baseball Classic.

When the commissioner's office and the players' association announced commitments from players last week, Rodriguez's country was left blank.

The New York Yankees third baseman, who last month won his second AL MVP award, was born in New York but his parents are from the Dominican Republic.

## Piercefield, Hilario named to 4-4A first teams

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
Big Spring seniors Kyle Piercefield and Matt Hilario were recently honored as first-team all-District 4-4A selections for the past season's football team.

Piercefield made the squad on both sides of the ball as he was chosen as a tight end and a defensive end. Hilario made the unit on defense as a member of the secondary.

Several others made it to the second team this season, including junior



**PIERCEFIELD** made second team on both sides of the ball as he was honored as a fullback and a linebacker. Also earning a spot on the second-team defense was senior Matt Rodriguez as he was honored with a spot on the

defensive line. Senior Andy Lasater was voted in as a second-team wide receiver and two offensive linemen — juniors Ricky Nunez and Trevor Sheppard — also got voted onto the second team.

The offensive MVP this season was Jamar Wall of Plainview and the Bulldogs also got the defensive MVP in Rance Loafman. The newcomer of the year was Freshman Michael Connor.



**HILARIO**

Offense  
MVP: Jamar Wall, Plainview  
Newcomer of the Year: Michael Connor, Freshman  
First-Team  
Quarterback: Tyler Lyons, Freshman  
Running back: Wall, Plainview  
Fullback: Even Hearn, Plainview  
Center: Jarrod Young, Plainview  
Guard: Don Stephenson, Freshman  
Kevin Weller, Plainview  
Tackle: Marcus Jordan, Freshman, Spencer Thompson, Plainview  
Tight End: Kyle Piercefield, Big Spring; Leroy Vasquez, Andrews  
Wide Receiver: Michael Grady, Andrews; Erik Brinker, Freshman; Nick Evans, Freshman; Steven Young, Plainview  
Punter: Evans, Freshman; Wall, Plainview  
Second-Team  
Quarterback: Adam Thiel, Plainview  
Running Back: Connor, Freshman  
Fullback: Clay West, Freshman; Lance Tissue, Big Spring  
Center: Ross Mohr, Andrews

Guard: Trevor Sheppard, Big Spring; Rigo Sanchez, Freshman  
Tackle: Ricky Nunez, Big Spring; Quentin Malone, Plainview  
Tight End: Chase Walter, Plainview  
Wide Receiver: Jaban Parker, Freshman; Couper Chamber, Plainview; Andy Lasater, Big Spring; Zane Cook, Andrews  
Punter: Tannehill, Big Spring

Defense  
MVP: Rance Loafman, Plainview  
First-Team  
Defensive Line: Piercefield, Big Spring; Kaleb Jaramez, Freshman; Marco Ramirez, Plainview; Chris Herrera, Plainview  
Linebacker: Frank Leja, Freshman; Patrick McBride, Freshman; Loafman, Plainview  
Secondary: Evans, Freshman; Kenon Uddley, Plainview; Wall, Plainview; Matt Hilario, Big Spring  
Kicker: Spencer Byson, Plainview  
Second-Team  
Defensive Line: Leroy Vasquez, Andrews; Adon Santillano, Lake View; Jeremy Salas, Plainview  
Linebacker: Kalvin Tucker, Freshman; Jeff Whitworth, Plainview; Tissue, Big Spring; Dominique Draper, Lubbock Estacado  
Secondary: Chris Castillo, Plainview; An Puentes, Andrews; Lecan Willard, Lubbock Estacado; Zane Red, Lake View; Chris Kitley, Freshman  
Kicker: Leja, Freshman

## Steers get fourth win of season

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
The Big Spring boys basketball team battled through missed free throws early and

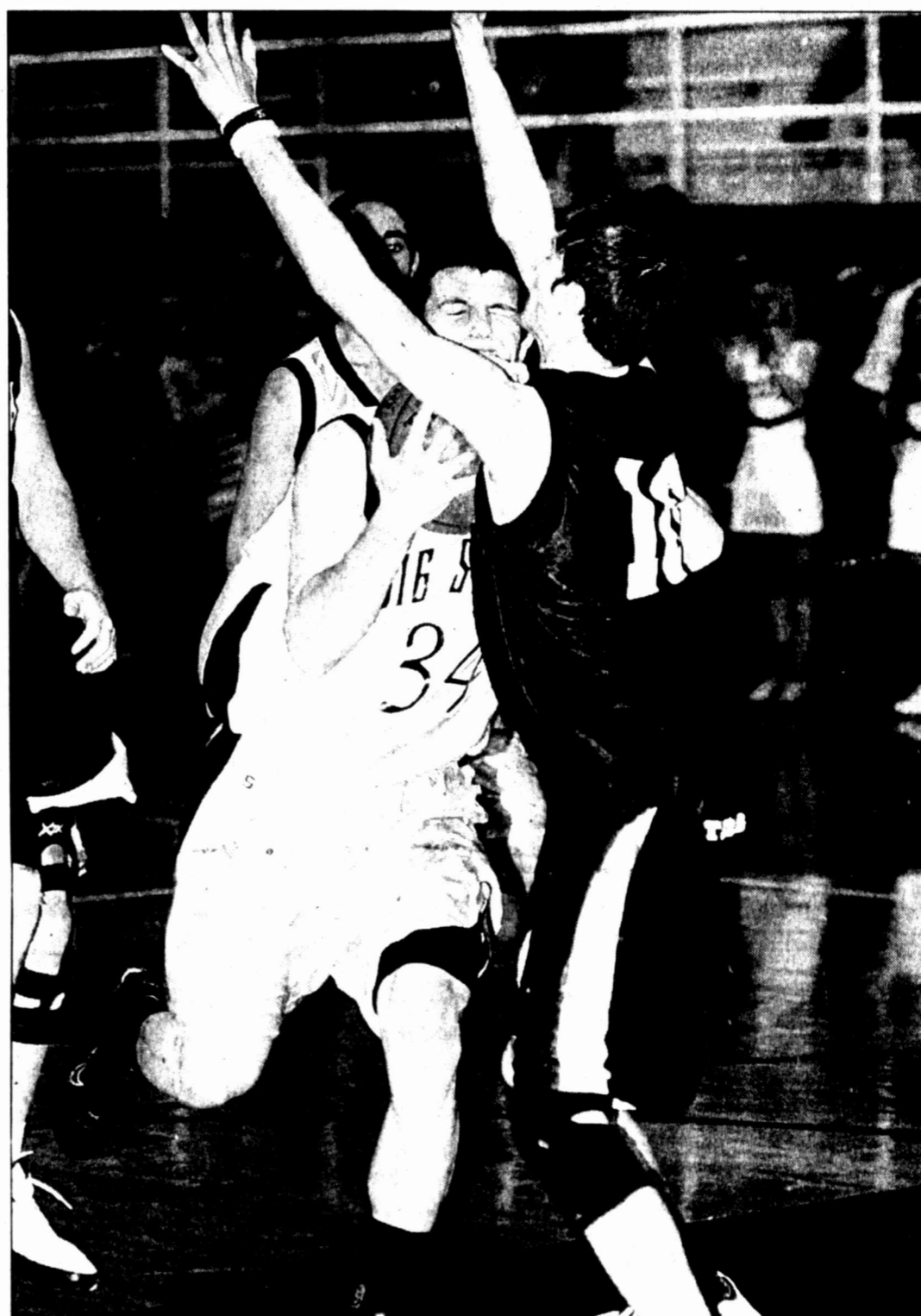
turnovers late to capture a win against Snyder at the Steer Gym. **JUNIOR SCOTT FANKHAUSER**

Fankhauser scored a team-high 18 points as the Steers won 58-48.

"We are a ways away yet, but we are getting better," said Big Spring first-year head coach Robert Ridgley. "We are still forcing shots and turning the ball over too much, but that will improve as the season goes on."

Big Spring trailed by four after one quarter, but started the second period with an 8-0 run and grabbed a 19-15 advantage. The run was sparked by back-to-back baskets by junior Ryan Tannehill.

Snyder got to within 22-21 later in the quarter, but Big Spring finished the half on a 7-1 run and held a seven-point lead at



Big Spring senior Kalan Whitehead draws a foul on a defender from Snyder during the Steers' win against the Tigers Tuesday night at the Steer Gym.

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## Bulldogs take down Eagles in Seagraves



By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

SEAGRAVES — A strong second quarter Tuesday propelled the Coahoma boys basketball team to a win over Seagraves. The Bulldogs led by two after one quarter, but outscored Seagraves 18-11 in the second quarter and went on to win the game, 55-47.

Coahoma, which improved to 4-9, won the third quarter by two points before getting outscored by four in the final frame.

Senior Terrell Bibb led Coahoma with 15 points, while junior Jason Gonzales added 10 and Curt Lang scored eight.

The junior varsity team also won, taking down Seagraves 63-24.

Coahoma will host Borden County Friday. The junior varsity girls and boys begin at 5 p.m. The varsity girls will play at 6:30 p.m. and the boys will start at around 8 p.m.

## Forsan boys survive Grady scare

• Madison's buzzer-beater sends Lady Cats past Forsan girls

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
FORSAN — Tuesday night in Forsan was the site of some exciting hoops action as both the Buffaloes and the Lady Buffs played host to Grady.

The Lady Buffs had victory snatched out of their hands as the Lady Cats claimed a 35-32 victory on a buzzer beating 3-point shot.

In the boys action, the Wildcats nearly proved to be the spoiler, as the Buffs survived another scare by Grady, holding on to win, 45-42.

Just recently these two teams met in Grady as Forsan saw an 18-point lead dwindle down to three with Grady missing a last minute shot.

Last night was no different as the Buffs once again had to use the strength of a 17-point lead to weather another storm.

Forsan dialed up Tye Baker's number early on and he responded by scoring the game's first eight points, including two 3-

pointers and leading the Buffs to a six-point advantage after one.

Baker added another five points in the Buffs' big second quarter, but Seth Johnson also found the hot hand, hitting back-to-back 3-pointers to help Forsan on a 20-9 run to end the half up.

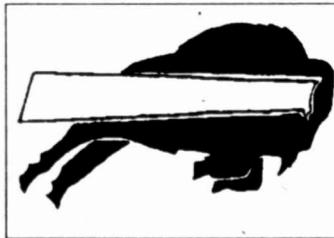
The Wildcats' Clay Mitchell scored eight first half points, including two 3-pointers of his own, helping keep the deficit from being any worse.

Grady outscored the Buffs, 12-6, in the third, helping them close the gap to 11.

The Wildcats scored the final two buckets of the third frame and didn't stop until they had gone on a 15-2 run to start the period.

Having closed the margin to just three points, the Wildcats looked to continue their momentum, but Johnson scored with just more than two minutes left to give the Buffs a five-point lead.

With Grady over the foul limit, the Buffs shot free throws the rest of the way, and with 37 seconds left, the Buffs widened their lead to 45-37 on three shots from the foul



line. But Grady was not going away easily as Justin Tubb nailed a shot from downtown to get back to within five.

The Wildcats fouled Adam Bailey with 14 seconds to go, but he was unable to connect on the foul shouts.

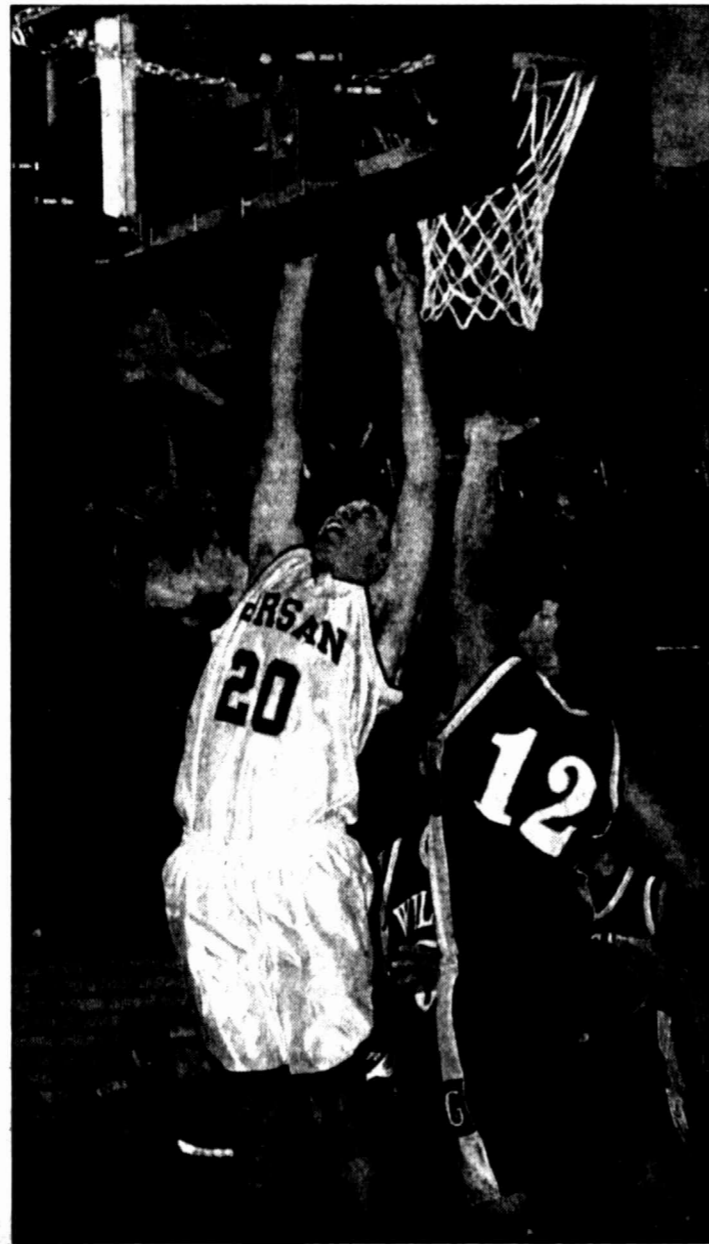
Grady hurried back downcourt as Mitchell put back an offensive rebound and was fouled.

Down by three with 5.5 seconds left in the game, Mitchell purposely missed the free shot but missed the rim, giving Forsan possession.

Forsan again was fouled, but was unable to take advantage of the foul shot, leaving Grady with 0.8 seconds on the clock. After a time out, the Wildcats could only take a desperation shot from half court.

The shot fell short and the Buffs escaped with

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Forsan's Jeremy Johnson, left, puts up a shot in the lane against Grady's Taylor Fields during the Buffaloes win against the Wildcats Tuesday in Forsan.

HERALD photo/Brute Schooner



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the break. Fankhauser finished the second quarter with a putback and two free throws.

"Scott knows the offense and is smart," said Ridgley. "He takes what he gets and has been a real pleasant surprise for us this year."

The Tigers started the second half with a quick 3-pointer, but Tannehill answered with a long ball of his own. Senior Kalan Whitehead then got to the foul line and made two free throws to push the Steer lead to nine. Snyder cut it to four with five straight points. Big Spring led 40-34 after three quarters.

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"The bench players are starting to find their roles on this team," said Ridgley. "I was pleased with all of them, but Jeremy Braxton did a nice job and Raymond Porter relieved Kyle Piercefield well when he got into foul trouble."

Fankhauser and senior Matt Hilario took over for the Steers in the final quarter.

Hilario scored nine points in the period and Fankhauser added another seven as Big Spring as big as 11 after a Hilario layup with 2:09 left to play. Snyder had cut it to 44-42, but nine straight points pushed the lead to double-digits.

The Tigers got to within eight with under one minute to play as they

converted a layup and got fouled. Snyder missed the free throw and never got closer the rest of the way as Hilario ended the game with two free throws.

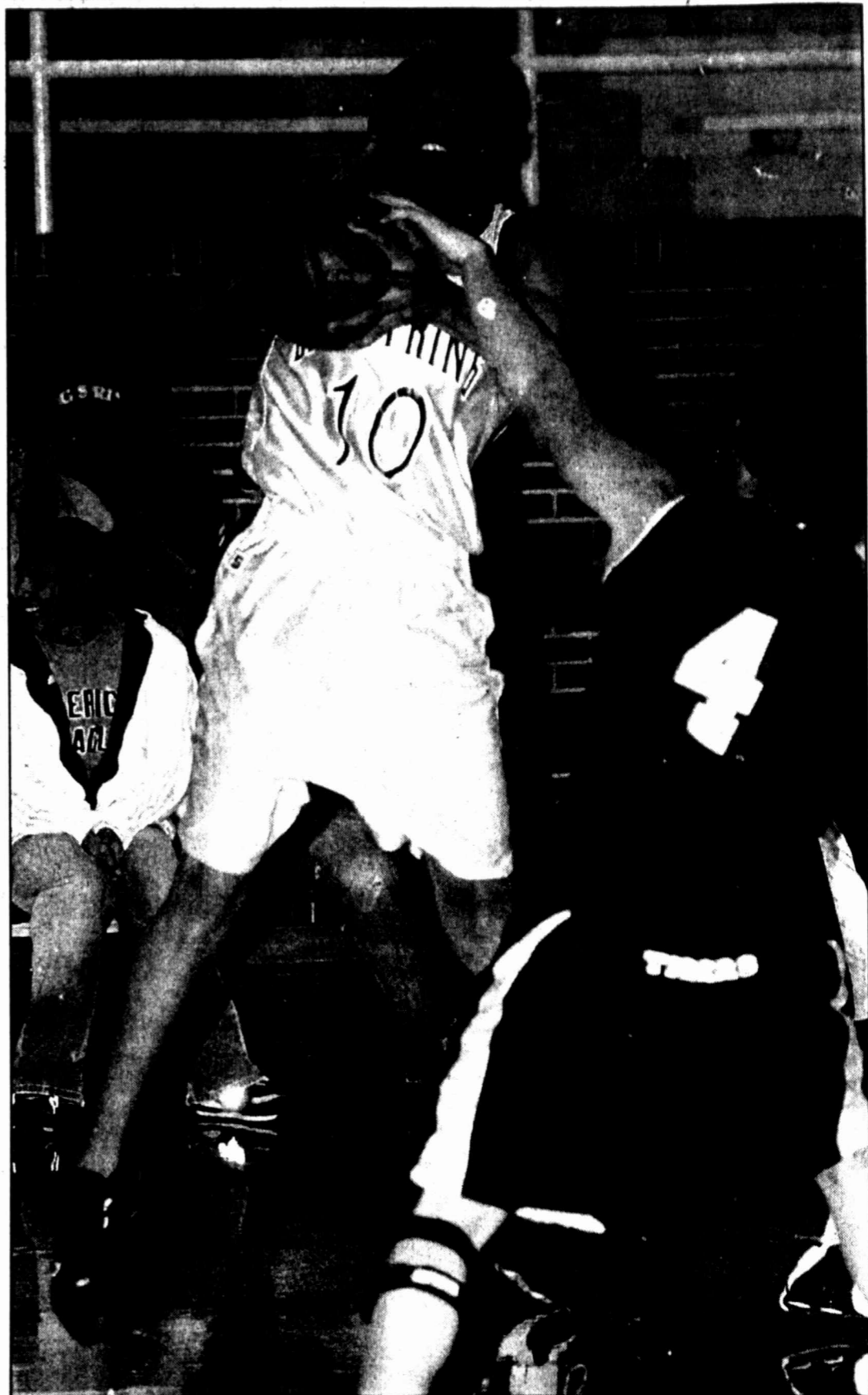
Big Spring's full team has had more games than practices at this point of the season, said Ridgley.

"We have gone 4-6 with the football players on our team and have had only four practices to work with," he added.

Hilario finished with 11 points in the game, while Tannehill added nine. The Steers made just 18 of 32 shots from the charity stripe.

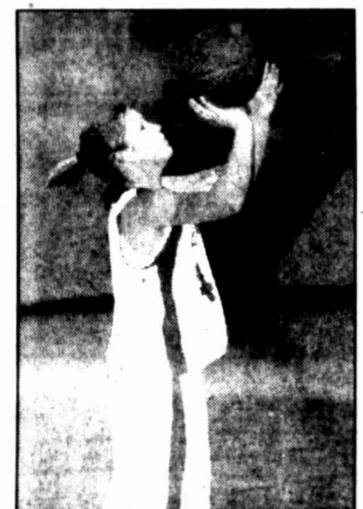
"The free throw shooting concerns me because we have been inconsistent," said Ridgley. "The fact that we got to the line 32 times is great though because we hadn't been able to get there in past games."

The Steers will try to avenge an earlier season loss against Greenwood Friday as they hit the road for a 7:30 p.m. tipoff.



Big Spring sophomore Jason Walker gets blocked by a defender from Snyder. A jump ball was called on the play. The Steers won the game, 58-48, and improved to 4-9 on the year.

Seagraves edges Bulldogettes



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Coahoma senior Drew Wells attempts a shot earlier this season. The Bulldogettes lost to Seagraves last night.

Coahoma's strong finish not enough in three-point defeat

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor SEAGRAVES — The Bulldogettes came up short Tuesday night in Seagraves as the Lady Eagles grabbed an early advantage and held on to win, 47-44, at home.

Coahoma led by two after the first quarter and then Seagraves (6-8) used a strong second quarter to grab a six-point lead at the break.

The Lady Eagles outscored Coahoma 11-7



in the third quarter to grab a 10-point lead.

Coahoma finished with 20 fourth quarter points and fell just short.

Freshman Laci Sterling led Coahoma with 13 points, while sophomore Janice Gonzales added 12.

The Bulldogettes will hos Borden County Friday in Coahoma, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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### FORSAN

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the 45-42 victory. Baker led all Forsan scorers with 19 points, while collecting nine boards. Bailey and Johnson both had eight in the contest.

Mitchell was high point for the Wildcats, netting 19 and Tubb added 10 points.

The Buffs will look to avenge their only loss of the season when they travel to Garden City Friday night. Grady travels to Plains.

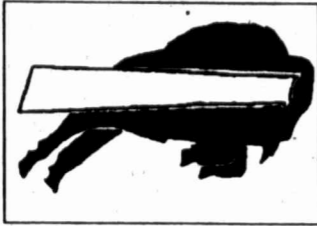
On the girls side, the Lady Buffs lost in heart-breaking fashion on a 3-pointer by Kenzie Madison as time ran out. Forsan led for most of the game.

Up 29-22 going into the fourth frame, the Lady Buffs looked to put the clamps on the Lady Cats, but were unable to recover from a strong 13-3 Grady run.

Down by three with 1:25 left in the game, the Lady Buffs still had some life as Kimmy Berry drained a 3-pointer for three of her game-high 10 points, tying the game at 32.

Grady then went into a spread offense to keep Forsan from being able to have another possession. They did this very well as they ran the clock down to 10.5 seconds before calling a time out to set up a final play.

As the ball was inbounded, it found its way into the hands of Madison to set up her last second



heroics, although it seemed she may not get the shot off. In heavy traffic she stepped to the line and shot as the buzzer sounded, draining the winning shot to the delight of the Grady crowd and the disappointment of the Lady Buffs.

Berry, adding to her 10 points, also posted three rebounds, two steals and five assists.

Kaylon Stanley added eight points and six boards for the Lady Buffs, while Alyssa Hodnett scored seven. Kayla Spence finished the night with two points and five assists.

Madison led the way for Grady, finishing with 16 points, including 10 of the Lady Cats final 13.

The Lady Buffs also travel to Garden City Friday night. The Lady Cats hit the road for a matchup against Plains.



Forsan's Alyssa Hodnett, left, dives for a loose ball against Grady's Kenzie Madison Tuesday in Forsan. Madison hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer as the Lady Cats won by three.

### Forsan JV splits with Wildcats, Lady Cats

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
FORSAN — The Forsan Buffalo JV boys remained undefeated Tuesday night, beating the Grady Wildcats, 31-26. The Lady Buffs JV squad narrowly missed knocking off the Grady Lady Cats, 33-28.

The Buffs led throughout but could never quite shake the Wildcats, despite being up by eight late in the fourth.

Grady closed the margin to five with a big 3-point shot, but Jeremy Robbins nailed a jumper sending the lead back to seven and out of reach.

Robbins and Jeremy Frietag paced the Buffs

with 10 and five points, respectively. Blake Grantham led all rebounders, collecting 15 boards.

Sandy Golleher led the Lady Buffs with 10 points in the contest and Alyx Pappajohn added six.

Forsan came on late trying to make a comeback, but was unable to connect on several free shots as the Lady Cats held on for the five-point victory.

The top scorers for the Lady Cats were Kaitlyn Blocker with 15 points and Rachel Romine, who put in 10.

Both Forsan JV teams will play this Friday in Garden City.

### Young earns first-team AP all-American honor

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP Sports Writer

Vince Young can claim at least one victory over Southern California this season.

The Texas quarterback was selected to The Associated Press All-America team released Tuesday, relegating USC's Matt Leinart to second-team.

Young was runner-up in the Heisman Trophy voting to Trojans tailback Reggie Bush and was one of four Longhorns on the first team.

Bush was one of three All-Americans from top-ranked USC and a unanimous first-team selection. The real test for No. 2 Texas comes Jan. 4 in the Rose Bowl, when the Longhorns and Trojans

play for the national title. Young didn't hide his disappointment when Bush won the Heisman in a landslide on Saturday night.

"This should give me a little bit more edge to show the world what a good team the University of Texas is," he said.

Always dynamic on the move, Young proved he could be a topflight passer

this season. He leads the nation in efficiency rating (168.8) with 2,769 yards and 26 touchdown passes.

Texas offensive tackle Jonathan Scott also made the first team, along with teammates Michael Huff, who won the Thorpe Award as the nation's best defensive back, and defensive tackle Rodrigue Wright.

### Forsan JH takes down rival Bulldogs, black team loses

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Monte Anderson and Evan Burton reached double-figures Monday as the Forsan eighth-grade boys basketball team edged Coahoma, 40-34.

Anderson led the team

in scoring with 17 points, while Burton added 14 and Zack Dykes scored six.

The Buffaloes improved to 5-1 with the win and will next play at home against Stanton Jan. 9.

The Forsan black team

lost to Coahoma 29-20 Monday as Spencer Briggs led the Buffs with seven points and Tyler Urbina and Justin Epley each scored five.

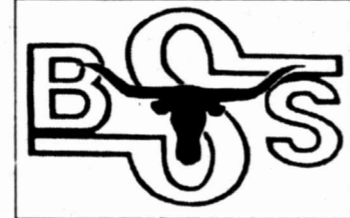
The squad will next take on Stanton in Forsan Jan. 9.

### BSJH girls struggle in Lamesa

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

LAMESA — Both Big Spring girls junior high basketball programs struggled to get a win at the Lamesa Tournament last weekend. The eighth-grade team lost all three games and finished eighth as did the seventh-grade squad. Then, the Lady Steers took on Lamesa Monday and was defeated by the Lady Tors in all four games.



led the team with eight points and Macy Graves had five rebounds. Big Spring took on Brownfield in the seventh-place game later Saturday, but lost, 31-17. Tiffany Garcia had seven points and Lauren Porras added three rebounds.

The seventh-grade team started competition Thursday against Greenwood, losing 37-15. Valerie Ross had six points and Jillian Valle added three points to lead the way. The team took on host Lamesa in second round action Saturday, but lost, 26-11. Valle led

the team with six points. In the seventh-place game Saturday night, the Lady Steers fell to Denver City, 38-22. Valle led the squad with 10 points.

Lamesa

Both eighth-grade squads lost to Lamesa Monday. The black team lost, 42-11, and was led by Yarbar's five points and Vicki Conner's three rebounds. The gold team lost, 36-21, and was led by Marina Trevino's eight points and Katelyn Villanueva's six rebounds.

The seventh-grade black team lost to Lamesa, 20-13, and was led by Valle's nine points. The gold team lost a close game, 30-26, and was led by Desiree Anderson, who finished with 10 points. Stormi Smith added five points.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
On this full moon eve, the Gemini lunar vibes set our minds aflutter with interesting bits of seemingly unrelated information. Keep an open mind though. Tomorrow, the most nonsensical pieces could fit together to form a beautiful picture — a road sign of sorts, directing you toward your dreams.



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impulsive outbursts, especially involving a plastic card. Perhaps you have needed something for so long that you suddenly don't know whether or not you can afford it. Keep receipts.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Since you love to be challenged almost as much as you love to win easily, you're in a dilemma now. Go for the big risk instead of playing it safe. A Sagittarius and a Libra are lucky companions.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). What you don't understand will be made clear to you later in the week. So relax, don't ask too many questions, and just take it all in — don't worry about where you're going to put it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're still looking forward to settling into a groove at work or in a relationship. For better or worse, change is the essence of life. If you're going to get comfortable with anything, get comfortable with change.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). People are inclined to serve you, as embarrassing as that may be! Family member offers you the very best they can. Knowing this is true, you're happy with it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Influence is a strange power. You influence more by simply who you are than by what you do. You're the world to someone, though you may hardly talk to or see this person. Make the call.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You feel aggressive and large. You have every right to want what you want. Life's banquet is all you can eat. That doesn't make gluttony wise though. It's better to stop before you get a belly-ache.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Doing it your way is important to you. You're free to make the same mistakes as those who have gone before you and equally free to avoid them. Be thoughtful. Go slow.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Projects seem stale. Relationships need new energy. You can't see the charm in staying put. Long ago you started running, and you're running still.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When something is wrong with your "baby," it feels as though the resonance of the universe is entirely off-key! Make it right between you and yours, no matter how long it takes or what it entails.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Just when you thought communication was a hopeless endeavor, the people you love seem to ride your wavelength once again. Resisting emotion is futile. Let it through.

**CELEBRITY PROFILE:** Jennifer Connelly is a fiery Sagittarian actress whose passion for acting drives her to take exciting risks in her work, covering several types of characters and genres with equal aplomb. Such risks led Connelly to the 2002 best supporting actress Oscar. A devoted mother, wife and thespian, I predict she will combine the three this year to develop a family-oriented project for the small screen.

To find out more about Holiday Mathis, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).



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8	Lost (CC)	Lost (CC)	Alborada	Trading Spouses	Criminal Minds (CC)	Pregame	Apprentice: Martha Stewart	Raymond Raymond	Light of the Southwest	As Time Goes By Reunion	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: The Ref	Movie: Extreme Ops	Movie: A Christmas Carol (CC)	Griffhnds Griffhnds	Life Derek Sister, Sister	Competition (CC)	Phoenix Suns at Dallas	Movie: The Felic (CC)
9	Alias (CC)	Alias (CC)	Don Francisco Presenta	My Wife-Kids 70s Show	CSI: NY (CC)	Futbol: Mexico vs. Hungary	Law & Order (CC)	Sex and-City Sex and-City	As Time Goes By Reunion	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Movie: The Ref	Movie: The Ref	Most Amazing Videos	Christmas in Washington	In Living Color In Living Color	That's-Raven That's-Raven	The Season (CC)	NBA NBA	Movie: (CC)
10	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	News Late Show	News Tonight Show	Daisy-America Movie: Pay It	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Movie: Buggy (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Movie: Soroged	James Faux James Faux	Phi of Future Kim Possible	NFL Live Outside-Lines	Warriors (CC)	Movie: DeepStar Six (CC)
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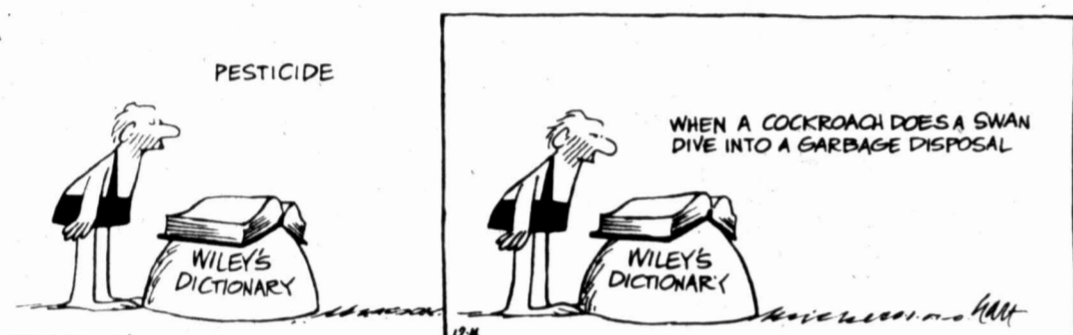
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2005. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon home at age 67.  
On this date:  
In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.  
In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.  
In 1939, the Soviet Union was dropped from the League of Nations.  
In 1945, Josef Kramer, known as "the beast of Belsen," and 10 others were hanged in Hameln for crimes committed at the Belsen and Auschwitz Nazi concentration camps.  
In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner 2 approached

Venus, transmitting information about the planet.

In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen.

In 1980, fans around the world paid tribute to John Lennon, six days after he was shot to death in New York City.

In 1985, Wilma Mankiller became the first woman to lead a major American Indian tribe as she took office as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

In 1985, former New York Yankees outfielder Roger Maris, who hit 61 home runs during the 1961 season, died in Houston at age 51.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Clark Terry is 85. Former "60 Minutes" executive producer Don Hewitt is 83. Actor-playwright George Furth is 73. Actor Hal Williams is 67. Actress Patty Duke is 59. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 59. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lewis McNeir (The Four

Tops) is 56. Rock musician Cliff Williams (AC/DC) is 56. Rock singer-musician Mike Scott (The Waterboys) is 47. Singer-musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brian Dalmirple (Soul For Real) is 30. Actress Tammy Blanchard is 29.

Thought for Today: "True education makes for inequality; the inequality of individuality, the inequality of success; the glorious inequality of talent, of genius; for inequality, not mediocrity, individual superiority, not standardization, is the measure of the progress of the world." - Felix Emmanuel Schelling, American educator and scholar (1858-1945).

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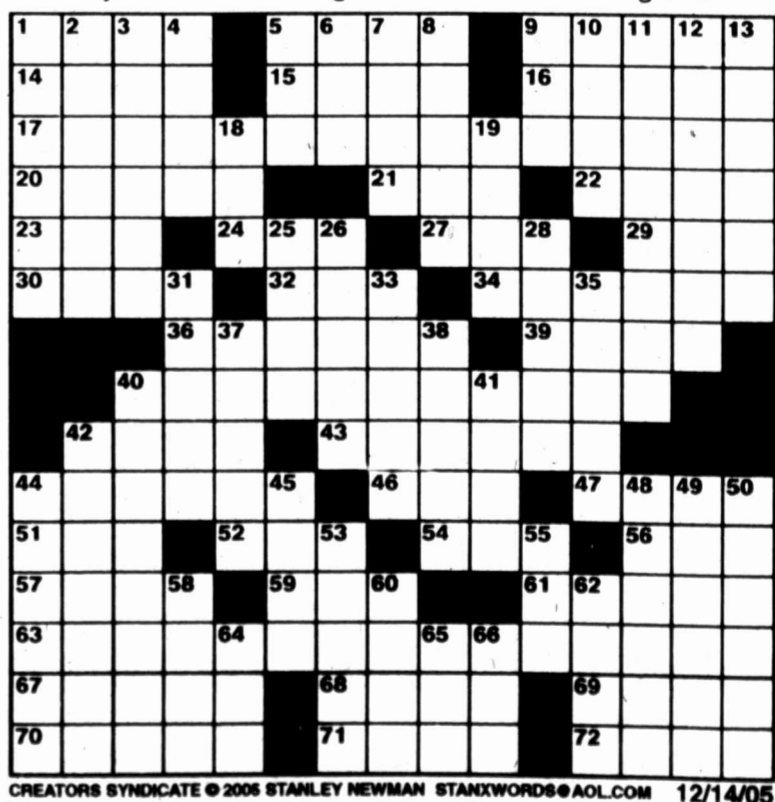
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Newsday Crossword

TIER-FUL by Fred Piscop  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Surrealist Joan
  - 5 National League East team
  - 9 Fountain of Rome
  - 14 Warning sign
  - 15 Abrasive stuff
  - 16 Safe place
  - 17 It has tiers
  - 20 Word in a letter closing
  - 21 Title for McCartney
  - 22 \_\_\_-dieu (kneeling bench)
  - 23 August forecast
  - 24 Shade provider
  - 27 \_\_\_easter
  - 29 AOL alternative
  - 30 Part of YSL
  - 32 Chow down
  - 34 Big lug
  - 36 Mickey's girlfriend
  - 39 Owl's home
  - 40 It has tiers
  - 42 "\_\_\_ Ha!"
  - 43 Add fizz to \_\_\_ hard times
  - 46 LBJ or JFK
  - 47 Auctioneer's cry
  - 51 Like some vbs.
  - 52 Work on a lawn
  - 54 4:00 social
  - 56 Born, in bios
  - 57 Chuck-wagon offering
  - 59 Barbecue morsel
  - 61 Nautical nonsense
- DOWN**
- 1 Too talkative
  - 2 Ad-lib comedy
  - 3 Good name
  - 4 Like Nash's lama
  - 5 Singin' in the Rain studio
  - 6 Epoch
  - 7 Cookie holders
  - 8 Washday worry
  - 9 One of three articles
  - 10 Highway access
  - 11 Always
  - 12 Deer meat
  - 13 Resolute
  - 18 Sandwich bread
  - 19 Swash-buckler's quaff
  - 25 Give for a time
  - 26 Craze
  - 28 Morocco's capital
  - 31 Detect, in a way
  - 33 Like a fork
  - 35 HOMES quintet
  - 37 "Talk turkey," e.g.
  - 38 Everglades wader
  - 40 Tusked beasts
  - 41 Made the scene
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  - 48 Surfing the Net
  - 49 Pea or peanut
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**What are some of these myths?**  
**Jerusalem ("Arab East Jerusalem").** The Arabs have assiduously propagated the myths that Jerusalem is an Arab capital, that (after Mecca and Medina) Jerusalem is their third holy city, and that it is intolerable to them that infidels (Jews) are in possession of it.

The reality of course is that Jerusalem was never an Arab capital and that it was, until the Jews revitalized it, a dusty provincial city that hardly played any economic, social, or political role. Jerusalem is mentioned hundreds of times in the Jewish Bible and has been the center of the Jewish faith and the focus of Jewish longing ever since the Romans destroyed the Temple in the early years of the first millennium. Not once is Jerusalem mentioned in the Koran.

As to "East Jerusalem": There is East Saint Louis, there is East Hampton, and there used to be East Berlin, but, until the Arab propaganda machine created the concept, there was never in history an "East Jerusalem", let alone an "Arab East Jerusalem".

The eastern part of Jerusalem is now predominantly inhabited by Arabs, though their proportion is decreasing. But what is the reason for this? It is because the Jordanians destroyed all traces of Jewish presence from the eastern part of the city and drove all the Jews out during the 19 years (between 1948 and 1967) in which they were in occupation of the eastern part of the city. The world, informed by Arab propaganda, considers those Jews who wish to return to the eastern part of the city to be troublemakers or worse.

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**"Settlements."** When Jordan came into possession of Judea/Samarita and the eastern part of Jerusalem, following the invasion of the newly-formed Jewish state, and stayed in occupation for 19 years, it systematically obliterated all Jewish villages in the area under their occupation, drove out the Jewish inhabitants, and left the area "judenrein" (free of Jews)—the first time that concept had been applied since the Nazis created it during their short and bloody reign in Germany. When the Israelis recovered these territories, they rebuilt these villages, created new ones, and built new towns and suburbs to existing cities, especially Jerusalem.

The Arab propaganda machine, aided by the most high-powered public relations firms in the United States and all over, has created myths that, by dint of constant repetition, have been accepted as truth by much of the world. No sensible discussion, no peace in the Middle East, is possible until those Arab myths have been exposed for what they are.

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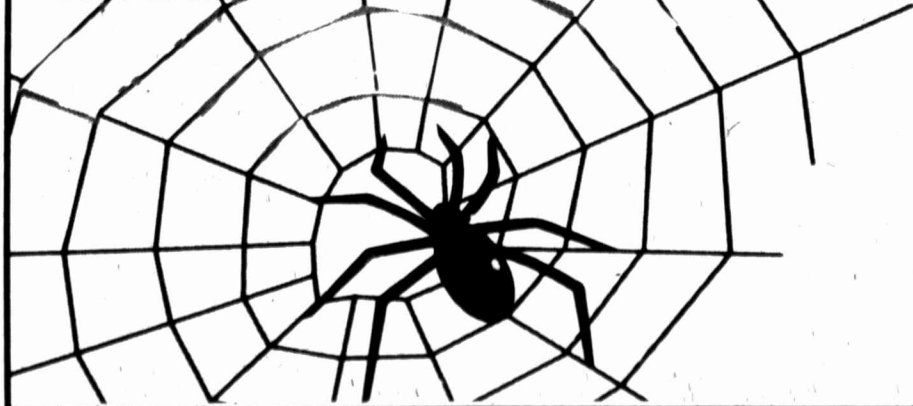


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