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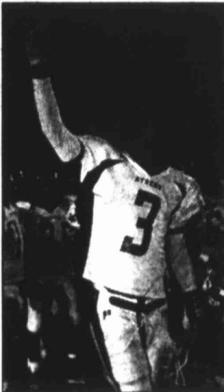
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INSIDE TODAY



CHASING THE TITLE

Sports Editor Tommy Wells takes an in-depth look at area playoff games, including Big Spring's clash with El Paso Ysleta on Saturday and Sands' game with Ira on Friday.

BRIEFLY

BUS TO ARTESIA

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is trying to sponsor a school bus to provide transportation for fans to the Steers' playoff game Saturday in Artesia, N.M. Cost is \$11 per person.

Those planning on going must be 18 or older or accompanied by an adult.

For reservations, call 267-1069 or 264-7233 before 5 p.m. today.

AFTER HOURS

Business After Hours, a function of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at Galé's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 Marcy. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.

The public is encouraged to attend.

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Deadline nears to enter Community Christmas Parade

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Santa's datebook has Big Spring marked down for Dec. 7.

The big elf is taking time off from preparing for his Christmas Eve flight to put in an appearance in the 17th annual Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade.

Those interested in showing off their Christmas spirit need to

get their entries in to the Herald office, said parade organizer Elizabeth Flores.

"So far we have 30 entries and we're looking at a deadline of the 22nd," she said. "That's this Friday. They just need to come in and fill out an entry form as soon as possible so that we can get them in. I know that we'll have latecomers also. We will fit them in somehow."

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Elizabeth Flores, parade coordinator

Flores said the parade had 53 entries last year.

This year's theme is "Home for the Holidays" in conjunction with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce marketing program of the same name, Flores said.

"Our parade marshal is Bert Andres," she said. "Bert Andres of the Boys Club."

Rules for floats are simple, she added.

"They can be no longer

than 65 feet and 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height," she said. "There is no Santa Claus but one."

The parade route will have a slight modification because of construction at the intersection of Gregg Street and FM 700.

"We're going to start on East 24th Street this year because of the construction," Flores said. "We're

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Sending boxes of love

There's still time to help a needy child

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A campaign to send shoe boxes full of Christmas presents to children in poverty and war-torn countries has drawn a huge response from the community but the drive will soon wrap up.



Brenda Franklin, employee for Allan's Furniture

"They're pouring in but we need more," said Allan Johnson of Allan's Furniture, a collection point for Operation Christmas Child.

Volunteers for the program, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, will finish collecting shoe boxes on Monday.

"If people are worried about the last minute,



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Contending with a mountain of shoe boxes, Brenda Franklin, an employee for Allan's Furniture, organizes the numerous donations for Operation Christmas Child. The drive to send shoe boxes of gifts to children in impoverished and war-torn countries will end on Monday. Completed boxes can be taken to Allan's Furniture, 202 Scurry St.

they still have time to put a box together and get it down to Allan's Furniture," said volunteer Brenda Schwartz.

Since 1993, the program

has sent more than 5 million shoe boxes to children in 110 countries.

Participation is simple. Take a shoe box, then

choose to purchase gifts

for either a boy or girl in the age category of 2 to 4; 5 to 9 or 10 to 14. Stuff the box full of toys, clothing,

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Howard College offers technology career seminar

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College will offer the first Information Technology career seminar today at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Student Union Fireplace Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

"The Department of Commerce estimates that currently there are 400,000 openings in this field that are difficult to fill because there aren't enough qualified people," said Kent Easley, Howard College

INFORMATION

What: Information Technology career seminar.

Where: Student Union Fireplace Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

When: 7:30 p.m. today.

associate professor of Workforce Education.

The seminar is designed to provide information about IT careers

and certifications, as well as give an overview of what courses are available at Howard College.

"We're inviting the public to come and see what high tech information technology training is and what the future looks like in this career," Easley said. "This is free and we hope anyone who has questions about this field will come have their questions answered."

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Business group, state officials claim Cap Rock legislation Craddick pushed was illegal

FORT WORTH (AP) - A business group and a state agency say legislation pushed by would-be Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick that gave a hometown utility an edge over other electric companies is unconstitutional.

The state's Public Utility Commission could consider those objections during a meeting today involving the utility, Midland's Cap Rock Energy.

Cap Rock provides electrical distribution service to customers in 31 counties, including Howard and Martin.

"We're not going to talk about that issue anymore. That's in the past."

Bill Miller, Craddick spokesman



Tom Craddick

Craddick, R-Midland, recently disclosed supporting the legislation in 1999 that benefited Cap Rock, which was one of his daughter's clients. The company later offered Craddick a board position — an offer he said he declined — and a position on an oil and gas subsidiary, according to internal company documents.

Craddick acknowledges only brokering a single

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Chamber wants fast track for improving Big Spring

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Restrooms at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, an economic development

study and a technology-based education study are among plans being discussed by the Community Master Plan committee.

"We spent about six hours (Tuesday) talking about the future of our area," Chamber of Commerce President Cheryl Sparks reported to the chamber board Wednesday.

Sparks said the committee met with consultants to get ideas about things that need to happen in Big Spring.

"As a result of that meeting we have three areas that we believe are important to the community," she said. "We're going to begin discussing and we want to get right on these and start acting."

Sparks said the three areas are quality of life, economic development and education.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Youngsters Cameron Crabtree, left, Julia Castilan and Abby Del Toro, pre-kindergartners from the Mother's Day Out First United Methodist program, perform the Thanksgiving dance during story time at the Howard County Library. The library is hosting several activities this week to celebrate the 83rd annual National Children's Book Week. At 4:30 p.m. today several Big Spring community leaders will read their favorite children's stories for the youngsters. On Friday, representatives from the Lubbock South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will bring several birds of prey for a special program, also at 4:30 p.m.

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"Quality of life, which eventually ends up being tourism," she said. "We see that as something that is important as it relates to our city park area. We believe that we need to begin working on our city parks area and the city is responsible for that. In particular we're talking about our amphitheater."



The first step at the amphitheater is to get public restrooms installed, she said.

"We have a deadline of July 4," she said. "We actually talked about that the outcome would be the flushing of our toilets, that we are going to get that on the way."

The group discussed doing an economic development study, Sparks said.

"We believe that it is very important that we have a study that will provide us facts and figures about the industries that we need to try to recruit to our community," she said. "We believe that tourism is something that is good for the community, we believe that a distribution is something important, but we need to get some assistance in making sure before we begin our efforts and throwing our money at things. The Moore board (Moore Development for Big Spring) is going to be responsible for that."

And continuing to demand better and better education for Big Spring's students is also important, she said.

"We believe that important to our community has an exemplary school district and an exemplary community college," she said. "We discussed several things that will help us to that goal. There are several things we can do. The school district has already embarked on a study of technology-based training in our community. By May of 2003 we're going to have a complete study and that will give us more information on what we need to be doing in regards to workforce training."

Sparks said the group feels an urgency to begin actually implementing some of their ideas.

"The next step, we want to start acting," she said. "We believe we've been talking as a community about several things. We've had our town hall meetings. I believe the sense of the group yesterday was lets begin moving and working on some of the things we discussed today. So that will be happening in the next few weeks."

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PARADE

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going to go down Gregg Street, take a right on Sixth Street, go all the way up to Main, take a left on Main Street and disperse around the cour-

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thouse area." Entrants will receive more information and instructions by mail, Flores said.

"We will be sending out letters within the week of the parade to let them know where to line up," she said.

For more information about the Christmas Parade, call Flores at the Big Spring Herald office, 263-7331.

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BOXES

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hair brushes, toilet supplies or anything appropriate for the age group.

Schwartz cautions against sending candy or other items that may spill or melt. The boxes can be decorated with Christmas paper but the lid must be able to be separated from the box, Schwartz said.

Those participating are also asked to make a \$5 donation to help with shipping cost.

For several years, Allan's Furniture, 202 Scurry St., has participated in the drive.

"They have donated their employees and trucks for the last five years," Schwartz said. "They really made it possible the last four years to get the boxes out of West Texas. They have made our job easy."

Other area shoe box drop-off places are: Voglar Insurance, 225 N. Austin, Lamesa; Family Christian Bookstore, 3001 W. Loop 250 NE 127, Midland; and Family Christian Bookstore, 3950 E. 42nd Street, Odessa.

Boxes can also be dropped off at the regional collection center in Midland at 3216 Commercial Drive. Those who need directions to the collection center can call Rick Baccus, coordinator, at (915) 684-3018 or 1-800 332-9766 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. or after 4 p.m. at (915) 697-8907.

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Deadlines for ads in Thursday's paper 12:00 noon Wednesday.
Deadlines for ads in Friday's paper 4:00 p.m. Wednesday.
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Deadline for Friday's paper 12:00 noon Wednesday.
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development, desktop publishing, database development, computer maintenance and repair and networking.

Certifications available once courses are completed include Microsoft Office user Specialist, A+ (repair and maintenance) Networks+ and Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator for both networks and support.

"Certification adds a tremendous amount of value to a person's qualifications for an IT position," Easley said. "Certification is regarded with higher salaries and is often a requirement for many IT positions, in addition to a degree."

For more information, contact Easley at 264-5125.

CRADDICK

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deal for a Cap Rock subsidiary, a deal for which he received \$28,500.

The special amendment Craddick pushed gave Cap Rock wide freedom to set its rates but with simultaneous protection from competitors, protection no other investor-owned utility in Texas enjoys.

In filings before the Texas PUC, a state agency and a business group, the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association, say the Cap Rock provisions violate a state constitutional prohibition against special laws designed to benefit a single business to the exclusion of other similarly situated businesses, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in Thursday's editions.

The Office of Public Utility Counsel, charged with protecting consumer interests, also raised Texas constitutional objections about a provision that benefits a single company.

Such a constitutional violation carries no criminal penalty, but could allow a court to strike down the Cap Rock provisions.

Craddick declined to comment Wednesday.

"We're not going to talk about that issue anymore," said spokesman Bill Miller, who earlier denied wrongdoing by Craddick. "That's in the past. ... We wouldn't have any comment (on the constitutional question) unless we had a chance to review it — and we won't have a chance to review

it." The controversy has expanded to include Craddick's daughter, Christi, who quit her state lobby practice this week after conflict-of-interest allegations, and former state Sen. David Sibley, a second lobbyist who watchdog groups say did not disclose his Cap Rock lobbying.

A Cap Rock official declined comment Wednesday, saying she would not speak about an ongoing regulatory matter. The Texas PUC could grant the Midland utility a special operating certificate during Thursday's proceedings.

The Cotton Ginners and the Public Utility Counsel cite correspondence from Sibley, who co-wrote the Texas electric deregulation law that includes the Cap Rock amendment.

Although the deregulation law does not specify Cap Rock by name, Sibley wrote Oct. 16 that "much care was taken to limit the applicability (of the amendment) to this one electric cooperative, Cap Rock Electric."

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Sibley also wrote that lawmakers referred to the special provision as the "Cap Rock amendment." Records at the Texas Ethics Commission show that Sibley received at least \$50,000 in lobby fees from a company identified as Cap Rock's chief creditor. Sibley's letter never noted that lobby work.

Andrew Wheat, research director for the government watchdog group Texans for Public Justice, said Sibley should have told the PUC of his lobby interests.

"It stinks," Wheat said. "The only thing worse than a hired gun, is a hired gun who won't tell you who is hiring you."

Sibley has acknowledged writing the letter to the PUC on behalf of a client but refuses to identify the client.

"I'm not going to answer," Sibley said Wednesday. "I have clients as a lawyer that I don't do lobbying for, but I represent as an attorney. I don't feel like I can disclose who that is."

Sibley also refused to

defend the Cap Rock amendment, instead referring questions to state Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, who sponsored the initial amendment. Craddick offered revisions to the amendment in the House.

On Wednesday, Fraser described the provision as "a pilot project" and expressed concern over its effect, given recent revelations surrounding Cap Rock. PUC staff and others have accused the company of self-dealing and mismanagement and say it faces an uncertain financial future.

Fraser said he never spoke to Craddick before proposing the amendment but rather presented it at the request of Cap Rock President David Pruitt.

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State Program Revenues	1,076,900
Federal Program Revenues	207,107
Total Revenues	\$5,018,484
EXPENDITURES	
Instruction	2,527,356
Instruction Resources & Media Services	137,250
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	10,358
School Leadership	308,394
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	62,667
Health Services	138
Student Transportation	117,735
Food Services	252,006
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	348,181
General Administration	348,429
Plant Maintenance & Operations	624,663
Data Processing Services	16,228
Community Services	8,403
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	101,018
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts	77,844
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed Program	1,500
Total Expenditures	\$4,942,170
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (Under)	\$76,314
FUND BALANCE	\$2,715,489

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Angel Trees are a big part of holiday tradition

It might seem as if Christmas is still a long way away, but more and more we are seeing signs of it. Stores have already been selling yard decorations lights, ornaments and artificial trees. There's another kind of tree that reminds us Christmas isn't far off, and also reminds us that the holiday season is a time of giving. Angel Trees are going up this week, and in Big Spring, the Angel Trees are as much a part of the holiday tradition as are the big parade and the lights in Comanche Trail Park.

Through the Angel Tree program, children who otherwise would not receive a gift on Christmas are assured they will. The names of children accepted for the program are placed on cards on the trees, which are then taken to retail and public locations throughout the city. That's when the trees begin to work their magic, because customers see them, take a card off and purchase presents for the child. These good Samaritans then return the card and the merchandise to the location where they got the card or to the Salvation Army.

There will also be an Angel Tree for the elderly so that senior citizens who qualify are also assured a bright Christmas. The demand will be great this year — the Salvation Army reports between 350 and 400 children have been approved to receive presents this year, with more anticipated before the application deadline Friday. So far, some 60 senior applications have been accepted.

We encourage you to consider participating. It just takes a few dollars to brighten this special time for a child or an elderly person. Yes, the Christmas season is coming. And with it comes a special time to share our good fortunes with others less fortunate. We invite you to reach out to a small boy or girl this holiday season. The feeling you will receive from helping others is truly what is meant by the Christmas spirit.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we pray for one another's help and healing, Lord, thanking you for always being with us. Amen

It's the same old song, colors and mascot

Every few years it seems that the issue of Big Spring High School's official colors, as well as the school mascot, comes up.

I am writing to assure BSHS exes and school alumni that the colors of BSHS remain black and gold and the mascot remains a Steer.



MURRAY MURPHY

No more would an attempt be made to change the school song (Alma mater and fight) than to change the long lasting colors and mascot of BSHS. The students, fans and community remain proud of the rich traditions today and realize that an attempt to change such an honored tradition would meet with some justified opposition.

The color black is always black. However, the color gold is an always changing, much forgotten color that sometimes looks too yellow or orange or whatever.

Uniforms are bought and sometimes it is easier, less expensive and less yellow to go with a simple black and white. Our true old gold color is nearly a lost color, but our school sponsors always continue to search for the gold.

The proposed band uniforms for 2003-2004 will have metallic gold, black and white. The prototype has been developed and can be seen at the BSHS Band Hall. It promises to be a more traditional school band uniform. I believe that current students and parents agree.

At last glance Friday night against Canyon Randall, I saw that time-honored Steer mascot cheering our Steer football team to victory. I hope Steer fans will travel to Artesia Saturday to support a very fine group of football players, cheerleaders and band members.

These students are simply carrying on that great tradition of BSHS pride!

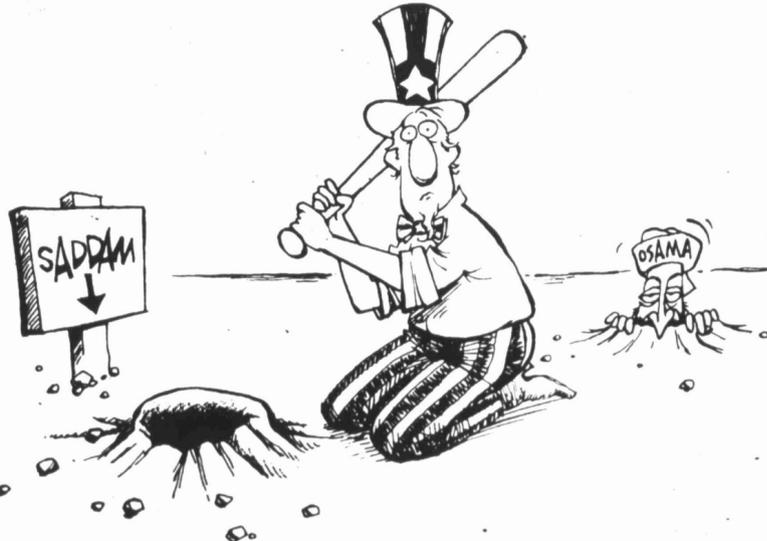
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Bush no longer a lightweight

President Bush's visit to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit this week in Prague marks a triumph for a man critics once dubbed a lightweight on foreign policy. This trip — Bush's 11th abroad — is a far cry from his first European visit in June 2001.

On his first visit, the Europeans derided the new American president mercilessly. "No one,"

sniffed the Spanish paper El Pais, "has ever bothered more people in less time."

Most Europeans are singing a different tune this week. The president's role in arguing for the most important expansion of NATO's mission in the alliance's 53-year history demonstrates real leadership. No longer is Bush the foreign policy neophyte but a tested war leader who understands why NATO must change if it is to remain relevant.

The president is pushing for NATO to make the war on terrorism its top priority and will support the inclusion of several new nations into the NATO alliance, including three countries that were once part of the Soviet Union: Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

NATO was formed in the aftermath of World War II as a bulwark against the expansionist policies of the Soviet Union. Throughout the Cold War, the United

States led NATO in keeping Western Europe free. With the demise of the Soviet Union and the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, however, NATO's role has been less clear.

Even as NATO expanded its membership from its original 12 countries to an expected 26 members after this summit, it seemed to lose its bearings as the premier military alliance in the world. Military alliances, after all, are formed to protect members from a perceived common threat. With Soviet imperialism no longer threatening Europe and the world, what need was there for NATO?

September 11 changed that perception, however. If the United States — the most powerful nation in the history of the world — could be attacked by a group of Muslim fanatics whose weapons were commandeered civilian airplanes loaded with fuel, what countries were safe? Europe, with its large Muslim populations in countries like France, Germany and Spain, seemed even more vulnerable than the United States. Islamic terrorists have replaced the Soviet Union as NATO's raison d'etre. Unless nations band together to fight this unconventional threat, no Western country will be immune from attacks on its citizens.

Although much of the attention this week will be directed toward whether President Bush is able to garner unconditional NATO support for the anticipated U.S. war against Iraq, the president has another challenge as well. If NATO members, especially the wealthier nations, are to be equal

partners in the war against terrorism, their military capabilities must improve. Yet many NATO members' defenses lag far behind, especially against chemical, biological and nuclear threats. Most European nations have not increased their defense spending, even in the wake of this new threat. A new report by a Virginia-based think tank, the U.S. Center for Research and Education on Strategy and Technology, notes that only a handful of European countries will increase military spending in the coming year, while Germany — a vital NATO member — intends to cut spending.

For more than 50 years, the United States spent trillions of dollars protecting Western Europe from the Soviet threat through NATO. Now it's Europe's turn to help the United States — and itself — remain free from the threat posed by Islamic extremists. President Bush must make this case to his colleagues in Prague and encourage them to improve their own military capabilities.

In addition to the creation of a new NATO rapid-response force able to respond to threats to members outside of alliance territory, the president must convince our allies to beef up their military spending. This is a tall order for the man many of these same leaders once disdained. But President Bush has surpassed European expectations nearly every time he's gone overseas, and he's likely to do it again this time.



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Homemade Christmas candles

Family Focus

Nearly everyone loves a warmly glowing candle, the sense of nostalgia and comfort they bring is immeasurable. Candles add a unique touch to any home and can make an everyday situation feel very special. During the holidays home made candles can offer that exceptional look to your seasonal decoration. They also make excellent gifts for those people who seem to have it all or those who are hard to please.



KATIE WALKER

The possibilities are virtually limitless when making candles. They vary from very simple to extremely detailed. These instructions are simple enough for novices and intermediates. I prefer to use beeswax for holiday candles, not only is it easy to handle but it smells divine whether lit or not! When you opt for beeswax over regular wax you omit the molds, the heat and a lot of the mess.

The down side? Beeswax is very fragile, it can chip, tear or break! Always make sure your wax is at room temperature before you try to handle it.

Red Velvet Wrapped Pillars — This will make two candles. You will need two squares of white or vanilla colorless beeswax (Beeswax only comes in one size squares.) Wicks — your best bet is to buy a large roll (24-36 inches). Not only is it more affordable but you have extra...just in case. Either a roll of red velvet ribbon or two nine inch long strips. You will also need a pair of shears and glue, any type of glue will work. Work on a large, flat surface like your kitchen table.

Set the squares diagonally in front of you, you must roll the candle diagonally to create a pillar shape. Cut the wicks the same length as the wax then tuck the wax over the wick and gently roll it up. Be careful not to push down too hard or your wax will stick to the surface.

Follow steps to complete the second candle. If you have trouble getting them to stand gently push on the bottoms until they are flat. Now simply wind the red velvet around the candle, use just a dab of glue to seal it to the candle at either end. You're done! Feel free to use different colored ribbons or materials to make a variety of gift candles.

Silver Studded Rounds — This will make two candles. You will need two squares of dark green beeswax, wicks of course and a box of silver headed

pins. Make sure you have a flat work surface and set the squares in front of you. Now fold each in half evenly and break — only lengthwise!

Cut wick and place inside edge of wax and gently roll up. Push carefully on candle bottoms if they're not flat. Evenly place a circle of

pins around the top of the candle and again along the bottom. You could also use gold pins or make different patterns using both gold and silver pins.

Don't hesitate to use your own ideas! Change wax colors for different settings or people. If you're giving them as gifts, try

topping them off with colored raffia ribbons, you could also glue together a small holly berry wreath to make a base for your candles.

Please remove all decoration before lighting your candles and remind your gift recipients to do so as well.

This article was written by: Sadie Wilson I hope that everyone has a great and safe holiday season! This article along with many other holiday craft ideas can be found at http://nd.essortment.com/candleschristma_rgvv.htm

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Tickets for the Area playoff game on sale
Tickets to the Big Spring Steers' Area playoff game against the El Paso Ysleta Indians are now on sale at the BSHS administration building. The playoff game is set for Saturday at 6 p.m. (Mountain time) in Artesia, New Mexico.

Tickets can be purchased at a discounted rate of \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. All tickets sold at the gate on Saturday will be \$6.

BSYBA registration now under way at Y

The Big Spring Youth Basketball League has started taking registration for boys and girls, ages 5-14, who desire to play basketball this winter. The registration fee is \$20 and includes a team t-shirt and award. The deadline date to register is Saturday, Dec. 7. All registration is taking place at the YMCA.

Boys and girls will be divided into one of several divisions based on their age as of Aug. 1, 2003. Player evaluations and a player draft will take place Monday, Dec. 9 for players in the 10 & Under Division, as well as the 12 & Under and 14 & Under divisions.

Adults interested in coaching a team should attend one of two mandatory meetings for coaches scheduled for Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. Both meetings will be held at the YMCA.

Boys basketball boosters to meet

The Big Spring Boys Basketball Booster Club will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in the visitor's room in the ATC meeting room to discuss upcoming events. All parents and members of the BSHS freshman, junior varsity and varsity should attend the meeting.

All persons are asked to turn in all ad information by Nov. 21. Information may be brought to the meeting or turned in to any boys' basketball booster or mailed to Myrna Russell, P.O. Box 1462, Big Spring, Texas, 79721.

For more information contact Myrna Russell at 267-6891.

Local chapter needs basketball officials

The local officiating chapter is looking for individuals interested in serving as referees for area basketball games this season.

For more information contact Adam Rodriguez after 4 p.m. at 263-8731 or contact Mandy Rodriguez during business hours at 264-4135.

Garden City to host Area playoff game

The Sanderson Eagles and Rule Bobcats will square off in the Area round of the state six-man football playoffs Friday night, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Garden City. Sanderson enters the game with an 11-0 record. Rule is 9-2.

HC men, women begin tournaments tonight

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks will get a chance to see how they stack up with the rest of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference this afternoon.

The Lady Hawks are one of eight teams slated to participate in the WJCAC Pre-Season

Basketball Tournament, which begins today in Clarendon.

Howard College, riding the hot shooting performance of Chanel Ross and Desire Bostice, enter the three-day event sporting a 6-2 record.

The Lady Hawks, fresh off a 2-1 finish at the South Plains Classic, are scheduled to open the tournament at 2 p.m. with a first round bout against

South Plains. The winner of the HC-South Plains game will face either Odessa College or Frank Phillips in the second round.

In the other two first round matchups, New Mexico College will face Midland College beginning at 6 p.m. tonight, while McClennan meets Clarendon at 8 p.m.

The finals of the WJCAC Pre-Season

Tournament will be held Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Hawks, now 4-0 on the year, will also be in tournament action beginning today. They will face Odessa College at 5:45 p.m. in the opening round of the Midland College Classic.

Howard College, which is averaging better than 90 points a game through the first two weeks of the year, will join Barton

County (Kan.) Community College, Grayson Co. (Texas), and Odessa College.

Other first-round bouts include Barton Co. facing Grayson Co., and Midland College facing the Northwest All-Stars.

The Hawks will face the All-Stars at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, and then close out the event with Grayson Co. on Saturday, beginning at 5:45 p.m.



The CLFL Titans closed out their 2002 season with a berth in the area playoffs against Andrews Saturday. Members of the 2002 CLFL Titans include, Corey Lopez, Daniel Moreno, Toby Rodgers, Rudy Hernandez, Dylan Wright, Garrett Stuteville, Michael Lopez (not pictured), Drew Breckenridge, Lee Garcia, Brandon Shook, Caleb Chavez (not pictured), Jon-Erik Molina, Joshua Smith (not pictured), Billy Davis, Brandon Leos, Tory Martinez, Zachary Sears, Adam Pena, Cory Wilkerson, Elijah Salazar, Klaassen, Shane Howell (not pictured) and Elis Bihis

Titans close out season in Andrews

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Titans closed out their 2002 Crossroads Little Football League campaign Saturday with a 22-6 loss to Andrews in an Area playoff game with the Youth Football League.

The Titans were one of four Big Spring teams advancing to the playoff tournament held at Andrews' Mustang Bowl. Other local teams advancing were Division I champion Steers and the Packers.

The Titans, a Division II power

this past season, earned a berth in the area playoffs when the Coahoma Bulldogs declined an invitation. Coahoma had finished the CLFL season by earning the league's runner-up honors.

The Titans, who are coached by George Lopez, Bill Davis, Tony Stuteville, Rudy Hernandez, Jimmie Rodgers, Chip Smith and Teddy Molina, finished the regular season in third-place.

Three members of the Titans were honored for the efforts during the showdown with Andrews, including tailback Ben Klaassen,

tackle Joshua Smith and center Rudy Hernandez. All three were presented MVP honors.

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Lady Steers roll to 58-45 win over Odessa High

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers found their second trip to Odessa a little more gratifying than the first Tuesday. Big Spring stunned the Odessa Lady Bronchos by a 58-45 margin in front of a small crowd in the OHS gymnasium.

With the win, the Lady Steers claimed their second straight win under new head coach Gary Miller and washed away the memories of their 70-29 season-opening loss to Odessa Permian.

Overall, Big Spring is 2-1 — but unbeaten since six members of the high school volleyball team

joined the mix. Leina Braxton, LaKenya Wrightsil, Lindsay Phillips, Shannon Higgins, Krystle Long, Alex Watkins all missed the Lady Steers' first game because of an extended playoff run.

Big Spring's fortunes improved dramatically when the volleyball players returned. They pound-

ed out a decisive 50-29 win over the Iraan Lady Braves on Saturday.

The Lady Steers won't have much time to celebrate the win over Odessa High, however. Big Spring is scheduled to face its third 5A opponent, San Angelo Central, tomorrow in the Steer Gym.

"We'd like to think he's going to make a huge difference," Rick Fox said.

San Antonio made only one of its first 19 shots from the floor — a 3-pointer by Tony Parker — and trailed 19-7, when Jackson swished a 3-pointer with 1:52 remaining in the opening period. He made two more from behind the arc before the quarter ended and another two early in the second to lift the Spurs out of their slump.

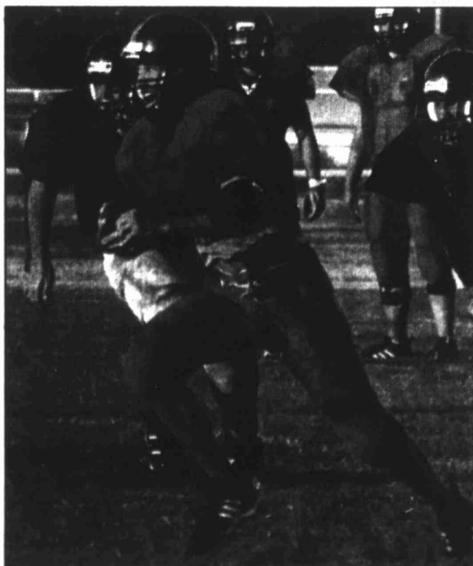
Jackson finished with a career-high 28 points in 29 minutes, including 8-for-10 on 3-pointers.

"I've never felt better — not in high school, not on the playground, not ever," said Jackson, who made seven 3-pointers in a row.

Tim Duncan finished with 16 points, nine in the fourth quarter, and 18 rebounds for the Spurs, and Parker added 14 points.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 24 points on 8-for-25 shooting, but scored only nine in the second half. Fox added 16, Robert Horry 14 and Derek Fisher 11.

After making half of their 38 shots in the first half, the Lakers shot 12-for-38 (31.6 percent) in the final two quarters.



The Sands Mustangs will try and contain Ira's Eric Dickerhoff tomorrow when the two teams meet in the Area round of the six-man playoffs. Sands and Ira will play at 7:30 p.m. in Gall.

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Sterling City improves to 3-0 on year

The Sterling City Lady Eagles scored 27 first-half points and rolled to a 56-47 win over the Ira Lady Bulldogs Tuesday night in high school basketball action.

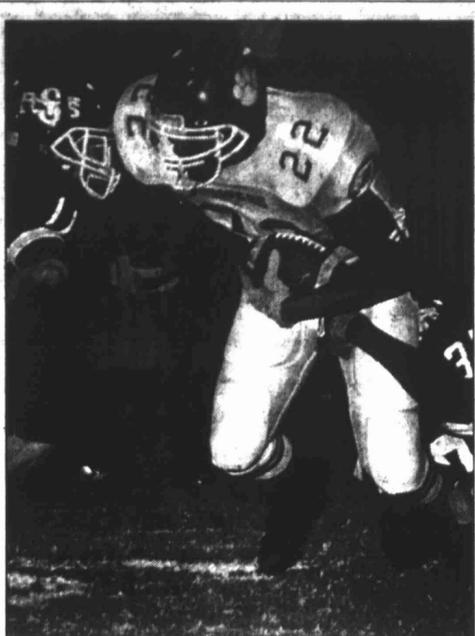
With the win, Sterling City remained perfect for the year, improving to 3-0.

The Lady Eagles opened the game with a flurry, bolting to a 15-7 advantage in the first eight minutes of play.

Ira managed to match Sterling City point-for-point in the second quarter but trailed 27-19 at the half.

Ira, now 1-2, cut Sterling City's lead to 38-33 with a 14-11 run in the third.

The Eagles rebound in the fourth, however. They scored an 18-14 margin in the frame and salted away the win.



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Eric Robins and the Frenship Tigers will continue their playoff run this Saturday with a bout against El Paso Irvin. The teams face each other beginning at 2 p.m. in El Paso.

Gonzales leads Coahoma JH past Seagraves, 42-2

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
Janice Gonzales scored 12 points and Heather Sheppard and Kristie Rich added eight apiece Monday night and led the Coahoma Junior High School Bulldogettes seventh grade A team to a 42-2 win over the Seagraves Eagles.

The victory improved the CJHS girls to 2-0 on the year. The Bulldogettes opened the year last week with an impressive 26-11 romp over the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs.

Against Seagraves, Gonzales and Sheppard were helped offensively by the efforts of Rich and Kayleigh Sevey, who finished with four.

Against Midland, Gonzales led all CJHS scorers with 12 points.

Rich pushed in six.

The CJHS seventh grade B team, 1-1 overall, followed the lead of Brooke DeHoyas and Veronica Cortez to deal Seagraves a 30-8 setback.

DeHoyas scored a game-high 18 points. Cortez tallied eight, while Caylea Wood and Sidney Flohr added four apiece.

The B team, despite strong games from DeHoyas, Vanessa Cortez and Wood, suffered a 27-21

loss to Midland Christian in their opener. DeHoyas, Cortez and Wood all scored six points in the loss.

The Coahoma eighth grade A team, 0-2 overall, fell to Seagraves, 53-7. Callie Page led the CJHS efforts with three points.

The Bulldogette eighth grade B team, 0-2 overall, also fell, dropping a 25-11 decision despite getting four points from Kaitlin Jones.

Stanton girls slip past Ozona

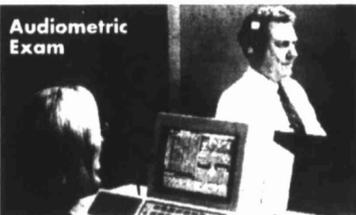
The Stanton Lady Buffaloes kept their season record unblemished Tuesday by working their way past Ozona in non-district action.

With the win, Stanton improved to 2-0 for the year. Ozona slipped to 1-1.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002:

Your birthday year could be a mixed bag if you're heavily into stability. The one thing you cannot do is regulate others. You will find colleagues and friends to be somewhat changeable. Understanding that everything and everyone flows will make this year much easier. Grow with situations, understanding that very little is written in stone. Open up to your full potential. Try different things. If you are single, romance will bloom for those who are easygoing. During September 2003, you will enter an especially important life cycle. You could find a person who feels like you do. If attached, avoid sparring over finances, and perhaps consider a financial treaty with a division of responsibilities. GEMINI knows how to get your interest.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** What seemed like a puzzle never to be solved, suddenly becomes crystal clear in the next few days. Others have very different ways of looking at life than you. Good news comes your way if you are willing to be creative and spin with the moment. Tonight: Speak your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Think in terms of opening up rather than closing down. The past few months might have been interesting, to say the least. Don't throw your cares away today, at least when it comes to your finances. Plan for an expenditure. Tonight: Happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Work toward lightening up a situation, but don't count on a key controlling individual to back off his or her position just yet. Learn to not challenge this person, and you will discover that you'll get the results you've pined for. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Slow down when dealing with a child, as well as friends. Your interests might be changing before you know it. Also, your perspective could massively transform because of events in the next few weeks. Decide what is important. Tonight: Use your sixth sense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Reach out for friends. Prepare to work as a group; you're the team leader. Together solutions come forward through hashing out a disagreement. Positive thinking hits a home run this week. You're unstoppable. Tonight: The action follows you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Take charge right now. Consider your options that involve a boss or a community matter more carefully. Keep your eye on long-term objectives, and don't allow your personal life to interfere. Tonight: You know how to impress another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Make a leap of faith. Even if you think you have tripped over yourself, trust for the moment that you'll ultimately land on your feet. You will have reason to celebrate sooner rather than later. Aim high. Tonight: Go out of your way for a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ** Deal with someone more directly. How you discuss a problem can make a big difference in its outcome. You could be uptight about a money matter. Trust a boss or authority figure to present the whole truth and nothing but the truth as he or she knows it! Tonight: Let someone else treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Let someone suggest whatever he or she wants. You might opt to go in your own direction no matter what. Carefully think through a decision that involves a trip. Information you get might not be exactly right-on. Tonight: Opt for something totally different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Horoscope

Jan. 19) **** You experience changes in the most unanticipated manner. A work-related matter might unduly pressure you. You cannot come to a conclusion that works in your mind. Don't hem and haw. Tonight: Let a loved one convince you of his or her plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** What you enjoy and even laugh at could drive a friend up the wall. Be indulgent of this person. Understand more of what he or she needs. Together you can and will create a happier situation, be it personal or professional. Tonight: Go along with a

friend's suggestion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You're in a pressure cooker, as others make demands left and right. You could feel as if you need to stop running on this treadmill. Get off and detach. Life looks a lot different from the 'other side. Tonight: Head home. It's your time now.

BORN TODAY
Actress Marlo Thomas (1938), actress Goldie Hawn (1945), musician Bjrk (1965) Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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Neighbor's cigar smoke is harmful to child

Dear Annie: My 3-month-old son was born prematurely and has severe lung problems. We live in a condo, and my neighbor likes to smoke cigars on his patio. Unfortunately, the smoke goes straight into our windows. We have tried keeping the windows closed, but that is unpleasant when the weather is nice.

When I told my neighbor that his cigar smoke was hurting my child, he retaliated by calling animal control and complaining because our dog was barking after 10 p.m. We now bring the dog inside at night so she will not bother him.

Tell me, Annie, if he is allowed to call the police because of my dog, why can't I do something about his secondhand smoke that threatens the life of my son?

Trying to Breathe in California
Dear Calif.: We contacted Joe Watt, executive director of the Bay Area and Central California chapter for the Community Associations Institute, the national organization representing community and condo associations. He said he knows of no condos that ban smoking outside a home. You might ask your condo association to talk to the man and find some accommodation. However, the association can be involved only on a "good neighbor" basis. In the meantime, close your windows.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Joseph," and I have been married for five years. Four years ago, Joseph gave his son, "Adam," \$4,000, with the agreement that Adam would pay back the loan as soon as he got a job. Adam has now been working for three years but has paid back only half the money. He still owes us \$2,000.

Recently, Adam told us he is planning a week-long vacation with friends. I am irritated that he would spend money on a vacation when he is still in debt to us. Joseph works long hours, and I have two jobs. We had to move in with my mother to make ends meet. How can I get this loan repaid? The Second Wife in Augusta, Ga.

Dear Wife: Ask Joseph to suggest a repayment schedule that Adam would be willing to follow, perhaps \$50 a month, until the entire \$2,000 is repaid. But let Joseph be the one to speak to Adam. You should stay out of the negotiations.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Nude in Washington, D.C.," whose boyfriend objected to her walking around the house without clothes on. I loved your response, Annie. I just wish you had been more forceful. But then, that is why you are writing the column and I'm not. I'd be fired the first day on the job.

I am also a home nudist. I would enjoy being nude with others as well, but I rarely have the opportunity. My wife doesn't like being nude and won't even sleep in the buff. Thus, I am only nude at home if she is not here. We have been married for 29 years, and although I have never wanted to be with anyone else, I still miss the freedom of being nude. I am simply not a textile person.

Ms. "Nude" needs to realize that her boyfriend, like my wife, is not going to feel



Annie's Mailbox

differently about the situation, no matter how long they are together. To be honest, I can't imagine any normal male not wanting to be with a naked woman in the privacy of her home. However, if she stays with him, she should understand that she will have to give up this particular freedom. — Paul in the Midwest

Dear Paul: Thank you for being the Voice of Experience. We heard from a great many nudists, most of whom suggested that "Nude in Washington, D.C." look into nudist clubs to find a more tolerant boyfriend. One reader took us to task for using the phrase "prancing around naked," saying nudists absolutely do not prance. We appreciate the education, and in response, say, to each his own.

Dear Annie: My ex-husband and I divorced four years ago, and I have since remarried. My ex and I have two teenagers.

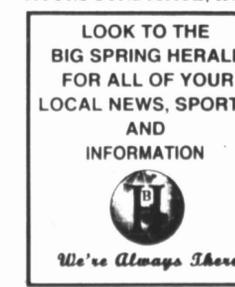
Here's the question: What should I do with our old wedding pictures? The albums are offensive to my current husband, but they are a part of my children's family history. The photos were stored in our attic, but we recently moved into a new home, and the picture issue has been resurrected. Any help would be appreciated. — J in New Jersey

Dear J: The pictures should be stored in a closet, garage, attic or locker, where your current husband will not have them in his face every day. Tell your teenagers where the photographs are, and let them know they can look at them any time. When the children have homes of their own, offer to give them the pictures, or make copies of any photo they would both like to keep. Subject closed.

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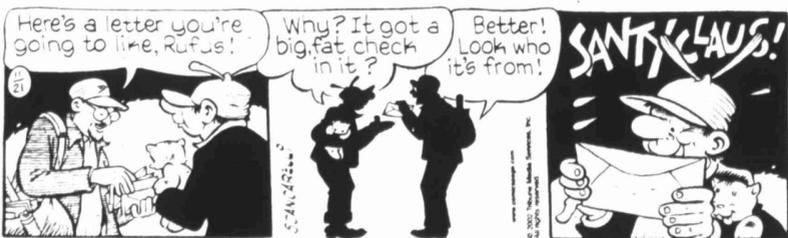
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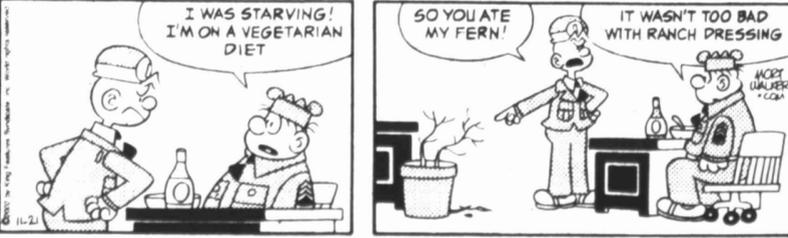
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This Date in History

By The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 21, 1922, Rebecca L. Felton of Georgia was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate. (Felton, a Democrat appointed by Gov. Thomas Hardwick to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas E. Watson, served only a day before Watson's elected successor, Walter F. George, took office.)

On this date: In 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1877, inventor Thomas A. Edison announced the invention of his phonograph.

In 1899, Vice President Garret A. Hobart, serving under President McKinley,

died in Paterson, N.J., at age 55.

In 1942, the Alaska highway across Canada was formally opened.

In 1973, President Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the existence of an 18-and-a-half-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1979, a mob attacked the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing two Americans.

In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

In 1991, the UN Security Council chose Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt to be the new Secretary-General.

Ten years ago: Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., issued an apology but refused to discuss allegations that he'd made unwelcome sexual advances toward 10 women over the years.

Five years ago: UN arms inspectors returned to Iraq after Saddam Hussein's three-week standoff with the United Nations over the

presence of Americans on the team. President Clinton signed a law giving the FDA new powers to speed the approval of drugs to combat a host of killer diseases, including cancer and AIDS.

One year ago: Otilie Lundgren, a 94-year-old resident of Oxford, Conn., died of inhalation anthrax in a case that baffled investigators. Actor-turned-author Gardner McKay died in Honolulu at age 69.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Stan Musial is 82. Country singer Jean Shepard is 69. Actor Laurence Luckinbill is 68. Actress Marlo Thomas is 65. Actor Rick Lenz is 63. Ballet dancer Natalia Makarova is 62.

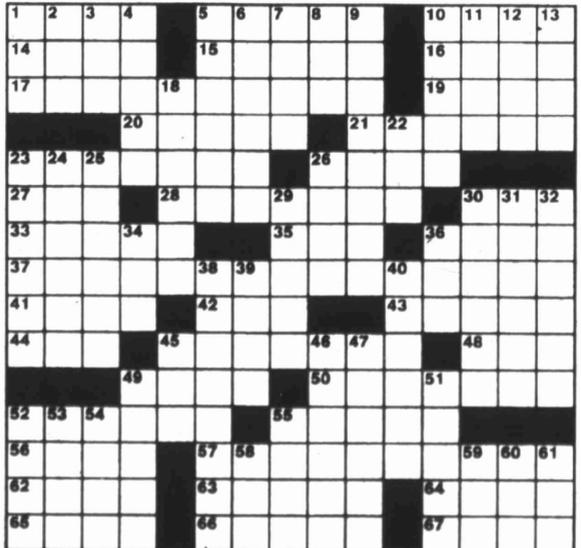
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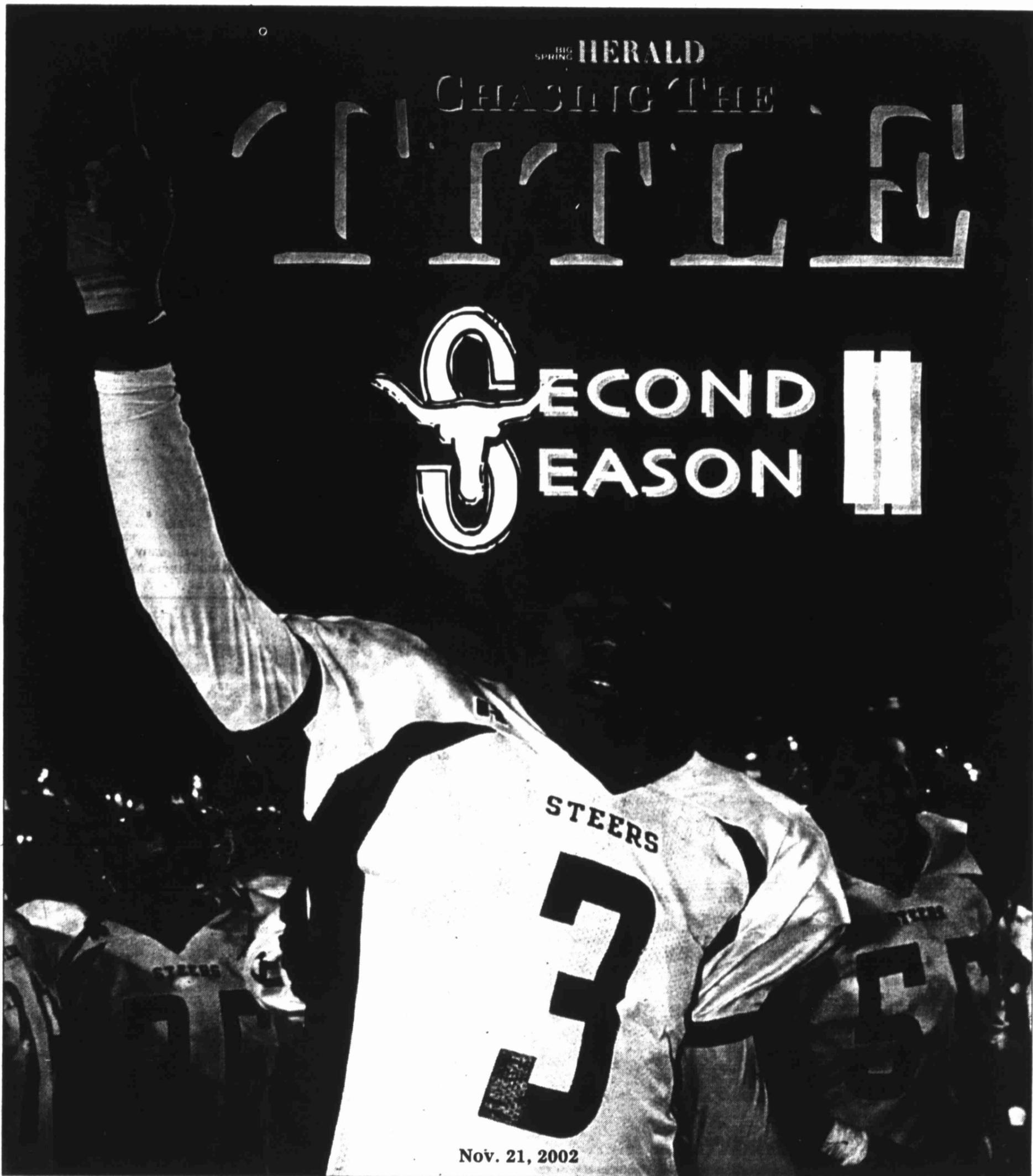
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BS, Ysleta to settle Texas war in NM

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler has heard it all before. El Paso teams aren't any good. They're basically just a welcome mat opposing teams wipe their feet on.

Whether or not that's the case, don't count Butler among those who are counting the Ysleta Indians out. He isn't ... nor does he want his team to do the same.

"We've heard that before," said Butler, who will be guiding the Steers into the second round of the state playoffs for the second time in three years. "They still have good athletes. The problem is the competition they face. Overall, they may face the same quality of competition as the teams out here do, but they're still capable of beating someone and that's what we have to fight against."

"For us to keep focused on the big goal, which is getting to next week, we have to stay focused on this week. If you go in there thinking they're just going to roll over for you, you're setting yourself up to get beat," he added.

The Steers, 7-4 overall, will try and garner their second trip to the regional quarterfinals in three years Saturday night when they face Ysleta at the Bulldog Bowl in Artesia, NM. The game, the second half of a two-night playoff doubleheader, is scheduled to start at 6 (7 locally) p.m. Top-ranked Artesia will face Taos prior to the Steers-Indians matchup.

One thing is for certain, it will be hard for the Steers to look past Ysleta, the District 1-4A runner-up. The Indians will have a marked size advantage, outweighing the Steers at most positions by almost 100 pounds per man.

"It's going to be a struggle for us," Butler said. "We're going to be facing a team that outweighs us a bunch."



El Paso Ysleta vs. Big Spring

• **When:** 6 p.m. MST (7 p.m. locally)
 • **Where:** Bulldog Bowl in Artesia, NM.
Radio: KBST 1490 AM; KBYG 1400 (Spanish)

We're going to have to use our quickness to try and make up for that."

The Steers have had plenty of success making up their lack of size this season. Big Spring upset Canyon Randall last week despite being undersized.

Like Randall, the Indians would prefer to get into a "three-yards and a cloud of dust" battle with the Steers. Ysleta features a potent rushing attack that is keyed by the 1-2 punch of quarterback Joey Lamas and tailback Lalo Salazar.

The Tribe, which operates mostly from the I-formation, has rushed for more than 180 yards a game this fall and averaged 27 points a game.

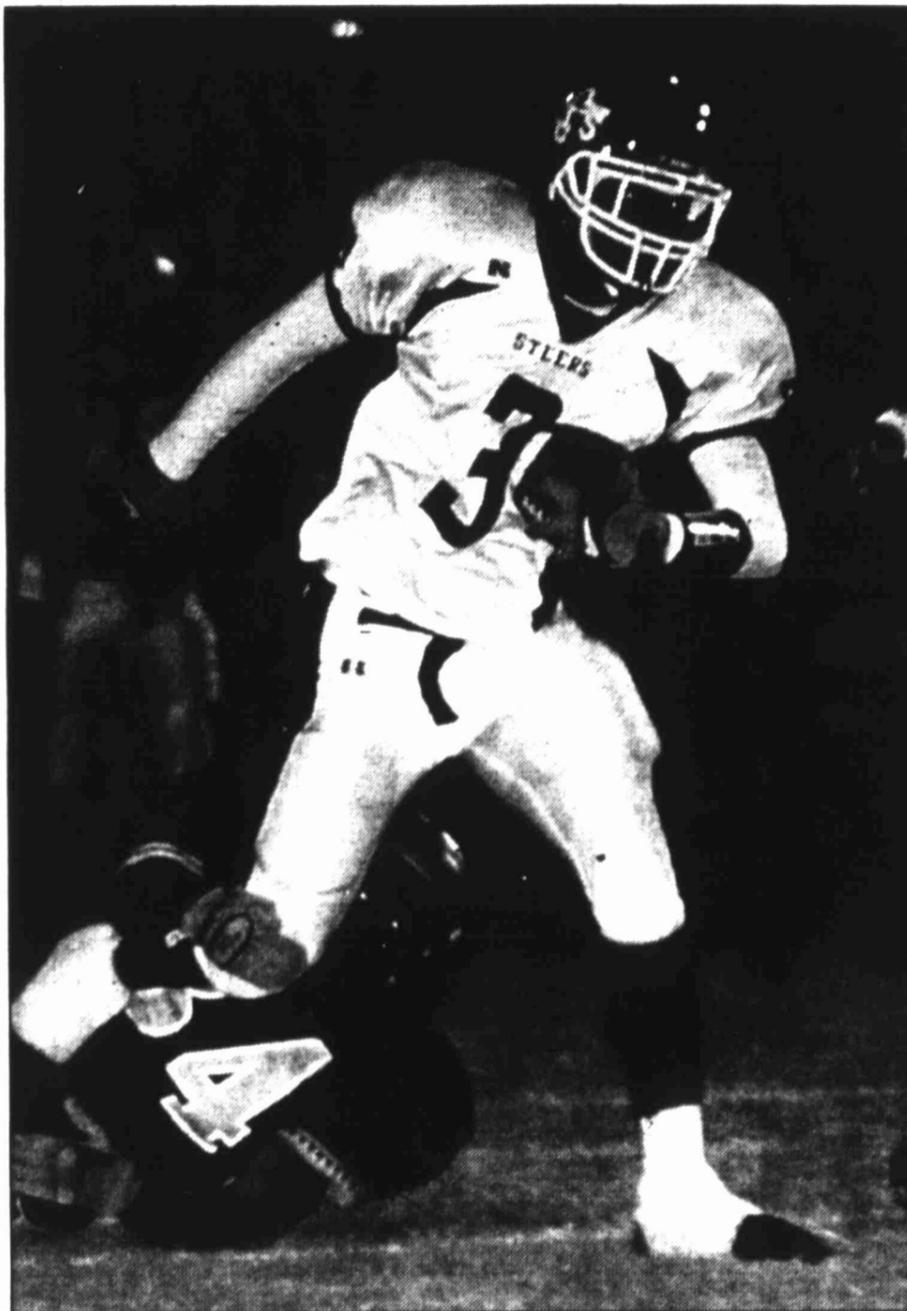
Lamas, a 5-foot-9, 175-pound senior, is the Indians' top weapon. He has rolled up more than 1,900 all-purpose yards at quarterback.

"He's as good a running back as there tailback is," said Butler. "They like to run the ball more than throw it, but he can throw the ball if he has to."

This season, Lamas had thrown for 1,190 yards and eight touchdowns — two of which came last week in Ysleta's 41-7 rout of Canutillo in the bi-district round. As a rusher, he has amassed 787 yards.

Salazar is the team's top rusher, gaining 936 yards this fall and a team-high 15 TDs.

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The Big Spring passing game will be facing an Ysleta defense that has allowed just 166 points in 2002. Big Spring has scored 303.



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Part of the reason the Indians have such a love of the running game is their size in the offensive line.

Ysleta's starting five linemen enter the game tipping the scales at 260, 260, 290, 285 and 260.

Anchored by their size, the Tribe muscled its way to an 8-3 record this fall. Their only losses this season came to El Paso Riverside, the district champion, El Paso Socorro and El Paso Parkland.

With size normally comes a lack of speed. And that is what the Steers hope to capitalize on.

"We've played teams with more speed this year," said Butler. "I think our quickness, if we can use it, can help us offset their size."

Defensively, Ysleta has a solid defensive. Through their first 11

games, the Tribe has allowed just 199 points.

Up front, the Indians will be lead by defensive end Larry Jones and defensive tackle Oscar Rodriguez. Both Jones and Rodriguez check in at more than 250 pounds.

Defensive end Ricky Dominguez could also be a factor. A 6-foot, 190-pound senior, he is the team's second-leading tackler, having racked up 113 stops.

The Indians have a solid pair of linebackers to depend on. Junior Eric Carrasco, a 5-foot-

10, 205-pound all-state candidate, is the Tribe's top run-stoper, having accumulated 119 stops. Joining him at linebacker is Max Arzola.

Cornerbacks Armando Silva and Abdiel Torres anchor a steady Ysleta defensive secondary.

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Dwight Butler
BSHS head coach

Artesia gunning for berth in 4A finals against Taos

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers won't be the only team looking to move on in the state playoffs Saturday afternoon. The Artesia Bulldogs will be trying to nail down a berth in the New Mexico Class 4A finals when they take to the field against the Taos Tigers, beginning at 1 p.m. (Noon in Big Spring).

The orange-clad Bulldogs, the top-ranked team in the state's 4A ranks, enter their semifinal showdown sporting a perfect 10-0 record. Taos is 4-4.

Artesia is a lot like Big Spring in that they don't want for offense. The Bulldogs have amassed over 3,000 total yards this fall — mostly on the strengths of quarterback Robert Flores.

Flores, operating out of a one-back set, blossomed into one of the state's top passers this fall. Enroute to leading the Bulldogs to the District 4-4A championship, he completed 183-of-297 attempts for 2,539 yards.

He has a trio of quality receivers



Taos vs. Artesia

- When: 1 p.m. MST (Noon locally)
- Where: Bulldog Bowl in Artesia, NM.
- Radio: No local radio

to throw to, including Jesus Acosta, who has caught 38 passes for 633 yards. Wideouts Taylor Green (39-596) and Adrian Olivas (30-416) are also threats.

With Flores pulling the trigger, Artesia hasn't been challenged often this season. The Bulldogs have only had three games decided by less than 21 points.

After opening the year with back-to-back routs of Lovington (33-6) and Hobbs (52-13), Artesia went to 4-0 with easy wins over Rio Rancho (37-0) and Deming (49-14) before getting their first test.

In Week 5 of the New Mexico sea-
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son, the Bulldogs slugged out a 14-10 win over the Carlsbad Cavemen.

The following week, Flores guided Artesia to a 42-35 victory over Las Cruces.

From there, the Bulldogs closed out the year with wins over Portales (35-12), Roswell (35-0) and Goddard (21-14)

In their first round playoff showdown against the Moriarity Pintos, the Bulldogs won easily, taking the game by a 27-3 margin.

Taos, the District 2-4A runner-up, comes in almost an exact opposite of Artesia. The Tigers are a ground-oriented team that has rolled up more than 2,100 yards via the run.

Taos has a stable of talented ball-carriers to send against a Bulldog defense that has allowed just 107 points this fall.

Leading the Tigers' attack is senior tailback Steven Garcia, who has rushed for 773 yards on 184 carries. Joining Garcia in the rushing package are Tony Williams, a speedy back who has averaged nearly 10 yards per carry this season, and Ted Lucero.

For the year, Williams has 601 yards on just 63 attempts. Lucero has rolled up 565 yards on 111 carries.

Taos finished the season strongly. After losing four of the first five games, the Tigers reeled off three straight wins to earn a spot in the state semifinals.

The winner of Saturday's game will face either Goddard or St. Pius in the state championship game next week.

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Sands looking to advance to 'Elite 8'

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

The Sands Mustangs knew coming into the 2002 season expectations were high. The team returned a wealth of experience and talent from a squad that had advanced to the state quarterfinals.

Winning was the only acceptable option for the perennial six-man power.

The Mustangs have disappointed no one through the first 11 weeks of the year. Sands, which has made the playoffs six straight years, has once again established itself as a contender, advancing to the six-man football version of basketball's Sweet 16.

The Mustangs will try and move a step closer to the Promised Land Friday night in Gail when they face off against the Ira Bulldogs in the Area round of the state playoffs. A win will propel the winner into the regional finals — and put them just one win away from reaching the state championship game.

The two teams are scheduled to kick off at 7:30 p.m. at Coyote Field.

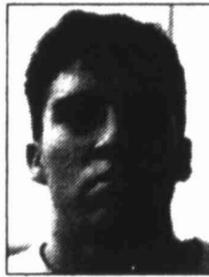
Sands heads into the showdown with a full head of steam. The



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Mustangs flexed their muscle last week in the bi-district round by dispatching Fort Davis, 56-30. In that game, the SHS backs rushed for more than 400 yards.

Running back Nate Looney leads the SHS attack. Through the Mustangs' first 11 games he has rolled up 1,492 yards and 20 touchdowns on just 133 carries.

Heath Webb and junior Brandon Woods also add firepower to the Mustang ground game. Webb has rushed for 617 yards

and 15 TDs. Woods, who rushed for almost 150 yards last week, has averaged more than 10.4 yards a carry this season.

When Sands needs to go to the air, they have one of the state's best in Jeremy Renteria to pin their fortunes on. Renteria has completed 76 of his 129 passes (59 percent) for 1,352 yards and 27

touchdowns.

Woods, who starts as an end, is the team's top receiver, having caught 26

passes for 532 yards and 11 scores. Joe Louis Gonzales, the Mustangs' other end, has 15 receptions for 264 yards and eight TDs.

Ira will be no stranger to Sands. The Mustangs battled their way to a 2-1 win over the Bulldogs in a preseason scrimmage in August.

The Bulldogs, the District 6 runner-up, advanced to the Area round by virtue of a 56-50 win over Aspermont.

In that game, Ira's Josh Gutierrez rushed for four touchdowns. Eric Dickerhoff, the team's leader, scored three times.

The winner of Friday's game will become one of the final eight six-man teams left competing for the state

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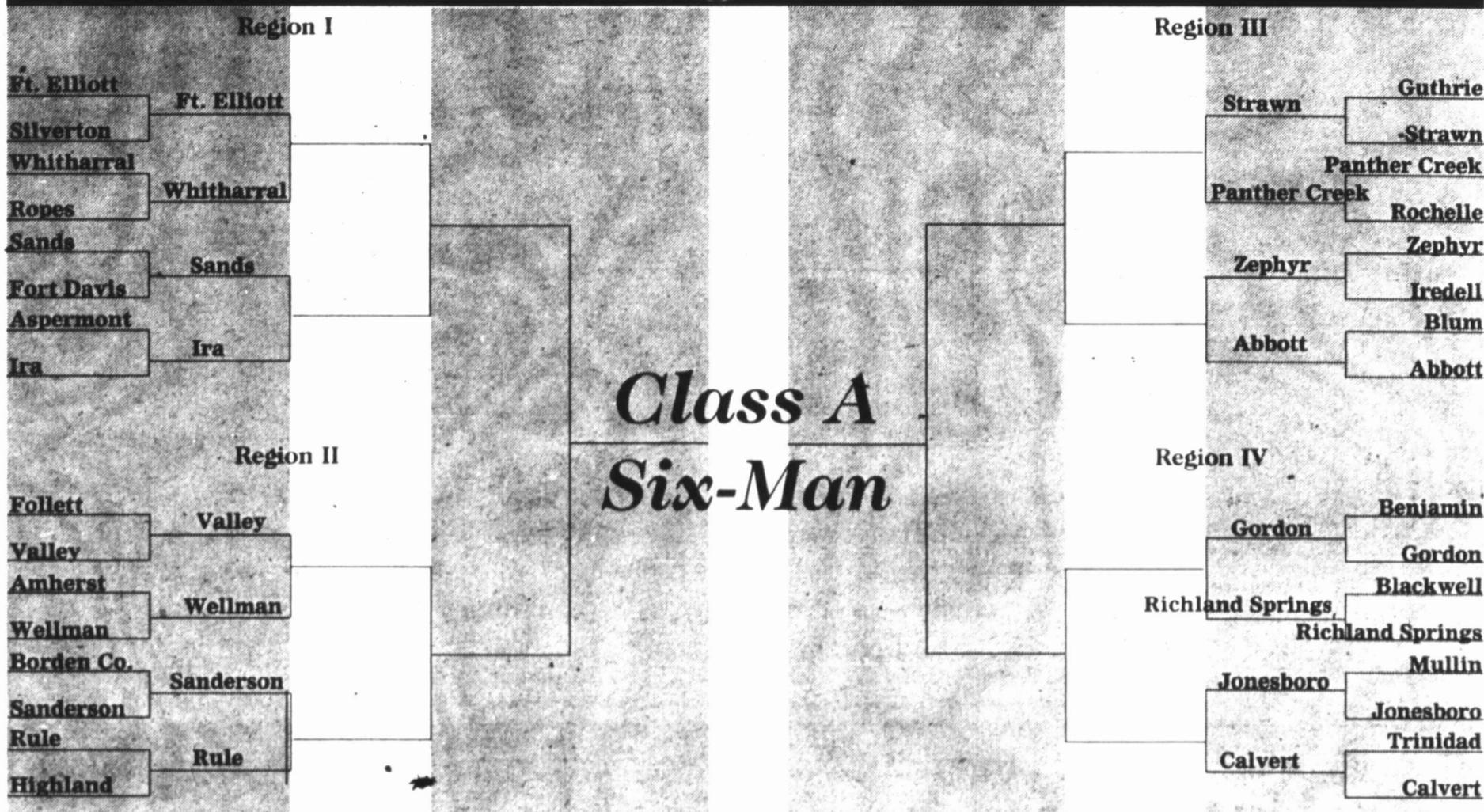
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ELITE 8

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In the top half of the Region I bracket, Whitharral, 11-0, will continue its quest to advance to the state finals for a fourth time tonight when they face the Fort Elliott, 11-0, Cougars.

The winner of the Whitharral-Ft. Elliott matchup will face either Sands or Ira next week at a site and date to be determined.

In the Region II bracket, all fingers are pointing toward a collision between West Texas powers in

Sanderson and Valley. Both teams are unbeaten and heavily favored to win this Friday.

Valley faces Follett on Friday. Sanderson, which ended Borden County's playoff run last week, faced Rule Friday in Garden City.

Sanderson enters the game having scored 672 points this year.

In Region III, Panther Creek will face Strawn in one Area round, while Zephyr will face off against Abbott in

the bottom half of the frame.

Perhaps the game with the biggest ramifications will take place in Region IV, where Gordon and Richland Springs will meet for the second straight year. Both teams enter the game at 11-0.

Richland Spring edged Gordon 32-30 last year in a game played in heavy rain.

Jonesboro faces Calvert in the other Area bout.



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