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## AARP seeking volunteers

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

What's most likely the last thing on most West Texans' minds in the face of the holiday season is now on the front burners for local AARP spokesperson Gloria Hopkins: Taxes.

AARP is preparing to get its annual Tax-Aide program under way and is in need of volunteers — and more importantly, volunteers armed with laptop computers — to help prepare tax forms for the area's needy.

"This time of the year we're usually out looking for volunteers, but this year is a little different," said Hopkins. "Some of our computers we use for the tax program have cratered, and if we can't get some new ones in soon, we may be forced to go back to paper returns for the year."

"I'm really hoping some of the people out there have laptops — loaded with Windows XP or later — they can donate to the program. Laptops are easier to secure and work with when it comes to the program. And if someone wants to volunteer and

already has a laptop, we can always load the software on it for them and let them use their own. That would really be the ideal situation."

Hopkins said the program is designed to help people that might not otherwise be able to file a tax return.

"The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those that don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," said Hopkins, who serves as the local site coordinator for the effort.

Hopkins said the program is a necessity for many area residents who can't afford to have their taxes prepared by a professional, and the heart and soul of the operation is its volunteers.

"AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns," she said. "These volunteers help people complete their returns,

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Gloria Hopkins, local coordinator for AARP's annual Tax Aide program, grins as she looks over a tax form at the Spring City Senior Citizen Center during the group's effort earlier this year. Hopkins is currently looking for volunteers for the program, especially those already armed with laptop computers.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## Olivarez back with new plans

By **LANE BOND**

Special to the Herald

It took one 7.62 mm bullet to knock Jamie Olivarez out of his U.S. Army career. It shattered his ceramic chest armor plate and left its permanent mark.

Jamie's picture was posted in the original group on the Wall of Honor at the Big Spring Mall. A lady told me about his wound and his discharge while I was arranging the pictures there about a month ago. I looked him up and he told me his story.

Here it is:

Jamie has lived in Big Spring with his wife,



Dani Belle, and their two daughters since June 2007. For 12 years before that he lived wherever the Army ordered him.

A Big Spring native and

## Troop Salute

a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School, Jamie enlisted in January 1996, reporting to Fort Benning, Ga., for basic training, and stayed there also for his Advanced Individual Training as a paratrooper.

Receiving his paratrooper badge, he was assigned to the 3rd Ranger Battalion. They perform special operations, as well as light infantry missions. The battalion is based at Fort Benning.

After a year at Fort

Benning, he was reassigned to Fort Bragg and the 82nd Airborne Division near Fayetteville, N.C. During a year based at Fort Bragg, he had temporary duty in Belgium, Panama, Cuba and Ecuador. The Panama assignment was interesting in that his unit was sent there to escort a nuclear submarine through the locks, which subversives were trying to destroy while the sub was vulnerable.

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## Chicken pox cases have Bauer officials suggesting caution

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Bauer Elementary officials are advising caution after two students came down with chicken pox recently.

Bauer Magnet School officials spread the word about the contagious disease after two students came down with symptoms within the last week.

Principal Wenda Christopher said both cases involved fourth grade students.

"Last Thursday, we sent a student home who appeared to be developing symptoms," Christopher said. "She went to a doctor, who said she could return to class, so she did. The nurse saw her the next day and she had broken out in spots, plus she had a fever, so we sent her home again."

A second student was sent home Friday after complaining of headaches and general fatigue, two symptoms of chicken pox.

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## Herald offices among holiday closings

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Many area residents will be spending time with friends and family this Thanksgiving holiday, as several local businesses and agencies prepare to close their doors in observance.

The *Big Spring Herald* will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving, and will also close early — at noon — on Friday, with regular business hours expected to pick up Monday.

All city offices will be closed Thursday and Friday. The city landfill will be closed Thursday and Friday but

will be open Saturday, according to city officials.

However, for emergency service providers such as the Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office and Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services, it will be business as usual all week.

Trash will not be picked up Thursday or Friday — normal routes will resume Monday.

Howard County offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, and will reopen Monday morning.

The county library will close for the holiday Thursday, Friday and Saturday,

and will reopen Monday morning, as normal.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan independent school districts — as well as Howard College — will be closed Thursday and Friday, resuming normal schedules Monday morning.

Big Spring ISD will dismiss its students early Wednesday, with bells set to ring at 1 p.m. Coahoma ISD students are expected to be dismissed for the holiday at 12:30 p.m., while Forsan students will get their holiday under way at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### Crossroads region varsity sports weekly calendar

Here's a look at the upcoming Crossroads varsity sports schedule:

#### FRIDAY

##### Six-man, Division I area playoff game

Grady football vs. Ira 6:30 p.m. in Patricia at Lamesa Klondike.

#### SATURDAY

##### Class 1A, Division I area playoff game

Forsan football vs. Valley Mills, 7:30 p.m. in Brownwood at Gordon Wood Stadium.

#### TUESDAY

Big Spring girls basketball at Lamesa, 8 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at Lamesa, 8 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Snyder, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Eldorado, 8 p.m.

Forsan girls basketball vs. Highland, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball vs. Highland, 8 p.m.

Grady girls basketball vs. Wink, 6:30 p.m.

Grady boys basketball vs. Highland, 8 p.m.

#### NOV 29-DEC. 1

Big Spring girls basketball at Idalou Tournament.

Big Spring boys basketball at Andrews Tournament.

Coahoma boys and girls basketball hosting Coahoma Invitational Tournament.

Garden City boys and girls basketball hosting Garden City Tournament.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

Grady boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

#### DEC. 4

Big Spring girls basketball at Midland High, 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.

### Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area sub-varsity basketball games for the 2007-08 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

# Lady Buffs slowed by Robert Lee

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes varsity basketball team fell to 0-2 on the young season, losing to the Robert Lee Lady Steers, 49-21, Tuesday night in Forsan.

Robert Lee took it to the Lady Buffs early, using the strength of an 11-2 run to start the game and applying constant pressure up and down the court.

"They really came out and got after us," said Lady Buffs head coach Robert Hillger. "Their

press really gave us problems tonight. The girls played hard, but we had too many turnovers and gave up too many easy baskets."

Forsan cut the lead in half early in the second period, when Amanda Longorio broke free in the paint scoring two of her 10 points.

However, the Lady Steers made sure that was as close as Forsan got, building a 26-11 halftime lead and outscoring the Lady Buffs 16-1 in the 3rd period.

Sandi Golleher dropped in 4

points and 2 boards late and Robert Lee's Arin Minjarez led all scorers, netting 20 points.

The Lady Buffs will play Highland next Tuesday at Buffalo Gym.

**Notes:** In junior varsity action, the Lady Buffs improved their record to 1-1, defeating the Robert Lee Lady Steers, 45-30.

Morgan Forshee led all scorers with 17 points and added 2 rebounds and 5 steals on the night.

The two teams played close up to halftime with the Lady Buffs

holding a 21-17 lead. However, Forsan got things going in the third period, outscoring Robert Lee 14-5 and extending their lead to, 35-22.

Forsan took a 41-22 lead early in the final period and held off a late 8-4 run by the Lady Steers to preserve the victory.

Brittney Roemer had 11 points and 13 rebounds while Kelsey Jones netted 11 points and grabbed 5 boards. Robert Lee was led by Connie Saucedo who had 10 points on the night.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Jerrell Williams stares down a Snyder Tigers' defender as he brings the ball into the half court in the Steers' 73-60 victory Tuesday night in Steer Gym.

# Steers rally late to defeat Tigers

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

There's a lot of high school basketball yet to be played, but picking up wins early never hurt anyone.

The Big Spring Steers grabbed their second victory Tuesday night in Steer gym as they defeated Snyder's Tigers, 73-60, to improve to 2-1.

"We still need a lot of practice," Big Spring Head Coach Marcus Morris said. "We're not quite where we want to be yet, but I'm much happier about being 2-1 than being 1-2. We've got some tough weeks ahead of us, but if we keep working hard then this could be a very fun season."

The Steers found it difficult to shed the Tigers for most of the night with Snyder owning a 35-33 halftime advantage. However, Big Spring went on a 6-0 run at the end of the third period that ended with Tyrone Clemons making a layup just before time expired.

The run allowed the Steers to take a 56-50 advantage into the final frame and they never trailed again. Morris noted Big Spring's performance at the end of the third period as a turning point in the game.

"It made a big difference in the game," said Morris. "We played two good defensive possessions at the end of the third that

helped us pull away."

The Steers were led by Jason Walker who scored 30 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Walker also had two blocks, two steals and two assists. He scored 10 points in the opening period, but the offense moved away from him some in the second. However, Morris said it was a point of emphasis to get Walker back involved in the offense in the second half.

"We want everybody to touch the ball and everyone has a role on the team," Morris said. "Jason has the biggest scoring role on the team. He's not the

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# Bulldogettes fall to Wall

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Wall Lady Hawks flew into Bulldog Gymnasium and by the time the dust had settled they found themselves escaping with a 32-28 victory over Coahoma's Bulldogettes.

The Bulldogettes, led by Lacey Sterling's 12 points, were never able to get on track as the Lady Hawks opened up from the outside hitting three of their six 3-point attempts in the first quarter, fashioning an 11-6 lead after eight minutes of play.

The second quarter turned into a defensive struggle as the pressure from both teams applied on the defensive end choked the air out of the ball with neither team connecting from the field until almost five minutes had elapsed in the quarter.

"I give Wall a lot of credit," Bulldogettes Head Coach Chris Sumrall said. "They put a tremendous amount of pressure on us from the defensive side of the ball. They kept forcing us to make bad plays."

Janice Gonzales pulled the 'Dogs to within five at 18-13, calmly stroking a 3-ball with a minute left in the half.

Wall extended the lead to 27-17 at the end of the third with the aid of their final two threes of the night. The Lady Hawks were 6-for-20 from behind the arc on the night while the Bulldogettes hit just two of five from downtown.

Coahoma came close to pulling off a come from behind victory, outscoring Wall, 11-5, in the fourth period. However, it was too little, too late as the Lady Hawks held off the late Bulldogettes' charge.

Coahoma ended the night a perfect 14 of 14 from the line.

Gonzales ended the evening with 9 points while Heather Sheppard added five to go along

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# Lady Steers struggle, Greenwood wins big

Herald Staff Report

GREENWOOD — Big Spring's Lady Steers struggles to find a win continued Tuesday as they fell to Greenwood's Lady Rangers, 62-16.

Big Spring scored just one point in the opening period and trailed 15-1 heading into the second. The Lady Steers added six points in the second stanza, but Greenwood added another 15 for a 30-7 halftime lead.

The Lady Steers showed more consistency on offense in the second half, netting nine points. However, Greenwood's pressure was too much for them as the Lady Rangers converted several turnovers into 16 points in both the third and fourth periods.

Greenwood's Holly Davis led all scorers with 13 points and Linsey Hays added 12.

Abbi Lloyd and Katy Tomkins led Big Spring with four points apiece. Jordan Chesworth added three points and Linzee Yarbar chipped in one. Newly moved up

freshmen Taryn Kennedy and Valerie Ross each scored in their first varsity game of the season. Ross had three points and Kennedy connected on a free throw for one point.

Big Spring was outshot at the free throw line by Greenwood as the Lady Steers converted eight of 20 charity stripe attempts. Greenwood was 14 of 29 on free throws.

The Lady Steers play in Lamesa Tuesday with tip off scheduled at 8 p.m.

### Grady 61, Borden County 34

LENORAH — Grady's Lady Wildcats (4-1) got back to their dominating ways Tuesday night in a rout of Borden County's Lady Coyotes.

Grady never trailed as it jumped out to a 21-5 lead at the end of the first period. The opening stanza proved to be the difference in the game as the Lady

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Kallina Fletcher dribbles past a Midland Greenwood Lady Rangers' defender in the Lady Steers' 62-16 loss Tuesday night in Greenwood.

Obituaries

Merle Hanna Wasson

Merle Hanna Wasson, 96, of Big Spring died on Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, at her residence. Graveside funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on May 14, 1911, in Hale Center and married Lloyd Wasson on March 1, 1931, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on May 31, 1988.

She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son-in-law, Kimble Guthrie of Big Spring; one grandson, Will Guthrie; one granddaughter, Kate Nelson; and two great-granddaughters, Andrea Nelson and Paige Guthrie.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Sue Guthrie, on April 22, 2006, and a granddaughter, Kim Guthrie, in 1981.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring 79721 or to a favorite charity.

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

*Paid obituary*

Patricia 'Pat' Ann Smelser Crow



Patricia "Pat" Ann Smelser Crow passed away on Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was born Oct. 24, 1939, in Merkel to the late William "Bill" Riley and Clara Dye Smelser and was a resident of Loranger, La.

She was the beloved wife of the late William "Bill" Joseph Crow; mother of Sidney Lea Crow Duffy, Catherine Del Crow Schexnayder, Allison Kay Crow Rabalais and Sally Ann Crow; and sister of James "Sam" Samuel Smelser. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Crow grew up in Big Spring where she lived, graduated high school and was a member of the Eastern Star and Wesley United Methodist Church.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a memorial service on Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at 7 p.m. in the chapel at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home in Covington, La., with visiting hours beginning at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 2484, Covington, La. 70434.

Sign the family guest book online at www.ejfieldingfh.com.

*Paid obituary*

Fay Moates Buchanan

Fay Moates Buchanan, 91, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Brian Michaelz officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 26, 1916, in Colorado City to Sophie and J.L. Moates. She had been a resident of the Luther Community since 1935, coming from Colorado City. She and her husband, Sam Myers Buchanan, farmed and ranched in Luther since 1941.

She is survived by two sons, James Buchanan and his wife, Gerry, of Luther and Sam Buchanan and his wife, Linda, of Big Spring; one daughter, Judy Smith and her husband, Randy, of Roby; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Moates of Big Spring; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 8-12-19-28-34  
Number matching five of five: None.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night, in order: 4-8-0-9. Sum It Up: 21.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night, in order: 3-9-2. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon, in order: 2-6-8-2. Sum It Up: 18

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon, in order: 0-2-7. Sum It Up: 9

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- **JOSEPH PARNELL**, 48, of 3213 Fenn Street, was arrested Tuesday on charges of disorderly conduct - language and failure to identify.
- **SAMUEL A. SMITH**, 20, of 2613 Hunter, was arrested Tuesday on four local warrants.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 2600 block of Carlton.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 800 block of the Interstate Highway 20 North Service Road.
  - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 900 block of 14th Street.
  - in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 900 block of Goliad.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1500 block of 17th Street.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 1000 block of 20th Street.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3600 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Wildfire Road. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of W. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

- The Big Spring High School junior class will meet Nov. 29 at the Big Spring High School library at 6:30 p.m. to form committees and vote on the 2008 prom theme. All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend and all participation will be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Carrie Fox at 816-9687, Karen Martin at 213-1388 or Bebe Johnson at 213-2105.

- Angel Food delivery is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at North Birdwell United Methodist Church. Orders for December delivery will also be taken at this time.

- A bake sale to raise funds for the Howard County Bible Class program will be held from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday at the St. Paul Lutheran Church parish hall, 811 Gregg. The event is sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

- Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

- Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar at Canterbury South for Saturday, Dec. 1. Hours for the bazaar are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Prissy Stanley at 263-1238 or leave a message.

- St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.
- A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

Bulletin Board

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

- TODAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
  - Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
  - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
  - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Much cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds 15 to 20 mph.  
Tonight — Increasing clouds. Colder. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Thanksgiving Day — Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow. Much colder. Highs in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Thursday night — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.  
Friday — Cloudy. Slight chance of rain or snow in the morning, then a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs around 40. East winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.  
Friday night — Cloudy with a chance of snow and rain. Lows in the lower 30s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.  
Saturday — Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Highs in the lower 30s.  
Saturday night — Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Lows in the lower 30s.  
Sunday — Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain and snow in the morning. Not as cold. Highs in the mid 40s.  
Sunday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.  
Monday — Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the mid 50s.  
Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.  
Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 60s.

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only one who can score, but he's going to be shouldering a large load of it."

For Snyder, the scoring load was handled by essentially one player. Brooks Gafford scored 27 first half points on his way to a game high 36 points. However, the Steers were able to slow Gafford down in the second half, allowing him just nine points before he fouled out late in the fourth.

"He was a good player," Morris said. "He had a great night. We worked hard on not letting him catch the ball in the second half. Snyder's going to be a very tough team once they get all of their players going."

The Steers scoring was more balanced as Terrence Clemons chipped in 14 points and seven rebounds. Jerrell Williams had 11 points and four steals and Tyrone Clemons added eight points with three steals.

Darius McCalister contributed five points, Lance Gross had three and Hayden Phillips chipped in two.

Most encouraging for Morris was the performance of his team despite only being together for

one practice, as several members of the football team have finally been added to the basketball lineup.

"We've only had one practice together as a complete team. We need a lot of practice, but I'm excited about what I see," Morris said. "I'm excited about practices with this team right now more than I am about games."

Big Spring's next game is on the road against Lamesa Saturday. The game is scheduled to tip off at approximately 8 p.m.

Notes: Big Spring's junior varsity and freshmen squads squared off with Seminole before the varsity's game with Snyder, splitting their contests with the freshmen claiming a victory.

Led by Wesley Frost's 15 points, the freshmen pulled out a 45-36 win. Mike Menefield added eight points in the winning effort.

The junior varsity was led by Pavel Plakhotny's 17 points and Monte Anderson's 12 in a 75-59 loss.

Both squads will be in action at Lamesa Saturday.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

Mavs overcome 24-point deficit in win

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Devin Harris got the record-setting rally started for the Dallas Mavericks. Dirk Nowitzki had the perfect ending that finally put them on top.

Once again, a 24-point lead wasn't enough for Toronto against Dallas.

Nowitzki hit four straight 3-pointers in the final 1:41 of the third quarter, when the Mavericks went ahead to stay on their way to a 105-99 victory Tuesday night. It was their largest comeback ever to win a game in regulation.

"Dirk's stretch is what really put the game away for us," Harris said.

Only after Harris keyed a 12-0 run right before halftime that cut the deficit in half.

"Devin came in and got us going. We really picked up our energy when he came in," Nowitzki said. "We were kind of sleepwalking."

The first of Nowitzki's clutch 3-pointers tied it at 70, then he made another and another. Those three long-range shots came within a minute of each other, and Nowitzki made the last with 1.4 seconds left in the third quarter for a 79-72 lead.

Those were his only 3-pointers in the game, all on passes from Jason Terry.

"Jet kept looking for me on the screen-roll," said Nowitzki, who came in shooting only 26 percent from long range. "I've been struggling with the three-ball and when I got the first to go down, I got my confidence going."

That was part of a bigger stretch for Nowitzki. And a long way from the game's opening minutes, when after a 10-0 run by Toronto, coach Avery Johnson benched the reigning NBA MVP and a couple of other starters because of their defensive struggles.

Nowitzki scored 18 of his season-high 32 points in the third quarter, when the Mavs outscored Toronto 38-17. It was their highest-scoring quarter this season and erased a 14-point halftime deficit.

After driving for a layup with 2:48 left in the third to get Dallas within 68-65, he followed a Toronto miss with the assist on Trenton Hassell's 17-foot jumper. Then Nowitzki did the rest on his own, pushing the Mavericks in the lead for good.

"He stepped up and played better," Raptors coach Sam Mitchell said.

"We did a lot of good things, but we just couldn't hold it together."

Dallas also overcame a 24-point deficit against Toronto in February 2006, but won that game in overtime. The Raptors have never blown a bigger lead to lose, and now they've done it twice against Dallas.

"We were supposed to do a lot better job of trapping Jason Terry and making that kickback pass a little tougher to Dirk," Chris Bosh said.

Bosh, playing in his hometown, had a season-high 31 points with 12 rebounds. Andrea Bargnani had 20 points and Jamarico Moon grabbed 12 rebounds for the Raptors.

T.J. Ford, who played at the University of Texas, had 13 points but didn't play the last 16 minutes because of a stinger sustained when he took a knee to the chest trying to draw a charge against Josh Howard.

"Josh exploded into me and I took the full hit," Ford said. "It's not that serious. ... There's a pain and a tingling feeling in my left arm. It's calmed down right now. We'll see how it responds (Wednesday)."

Harris and Terry had 19

points for Dallas, and Josh Howard added 15 points and nine rebounds. Terry made a 3-pointer to open the fourth quarter.

Toronto led 49-25 with 5:58 left in the first half after consecutive jumpers by Jose Calderon, but Harris keyed a 12-0 run for the Mavericks when Nowitzki wasn't in the game.

On the first shot after a timeout, Harris hit a 19-footer. After a bad pass by Bosh led to a 3-pointer by Harris, the Mavs point guard grabbed a defensive rebound and then made a free throw. Another turnover by Bosh led to Juwan Howard's jumper, but Harris wasn't finished.

"They just jumped on Devin Harris' back," Bosh said.

Harris drove for a layup after another Toronto miss, then made two free throws after being fouled on a shot in traffic to get the Mavs within 12.

"That little spark in the second quarter, knocking the lead down the way that we did before halftime, really got us going in the third quarter," Harris said. "We kept chipping away. Obviously, we knew we would

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**SALUTE**

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Extracurricular activity at Fort Bragg included meeting Dani Belle Miller and marrying her in 1998. Dani Belle was born in Mobile, Ala., but her father was an Air Force air traffic controller who spent most of his career in and around Fayetteville. Yza Belle, 9, and Jiselle, 5, are the two wonderful daughters that have blessed the couple.

Dani Belle is a student at Howard College who plans to be pinned as a registered nurse after this year and one more at Howard.

In 1999, Olivarez was reassigned to Scofield Barracks in Hawaii, reporting to the 25th Infantry Division (Light). The family lived for three years. They say they did not want to leave.

There was no shooting war during most of that time and the "Islands" are a delight to experience.

In May 2002, Jamie reported to the First Armored Division at Fort Riley, Kan., and became a platoon sergeant. This moved him from light infantry to a battalion of tanks and troop carriers. Referring to their armor, the First Armored is nicknamed "Old Ironsides." He was assigned a Humvee, four non-commissioned officers, three troop carriers and three squads of new recruits just out of para-

chute school. They had a year to train and drill to become an efficient fighting unit before being sent to Iraq on loan to the 101st Airborne Division, to beef up the light infantry of the 101st. Operation Iraqi Freedom was underway.

Two wounds received and two other narrow escapes during the 11 months Jamie spent in Iraq are the reasons for his story being selected for this salute.

On an assignment going from house to house digging out insurgents, he was riding on the top of an Abrams M1A1 tank when someone shouted "grenade!" Jamie jumped from the tank, landing on a curb and twisting his ankle, leaving him with a third degree sprain.

On another mission, escorting a supply convoy going north from Baghdad, an IED explosion damaged his Humvee so seriously that it was taken out of service. The top gunner had shrapnel wounds to his face. Jamie came out OK.

In another incident involving a Humvee and an IED, the engine was destroyed and the driver of the Humvee lost one eye. Again, Jamie was uninjured.

He caught the bullet in a fourth incident — one that changed Jamie's future, although it did not seem so at first. It happened during the month of Ramadan in 2003. Jamie's unit was assigned to be present to keep

down violence at a meeting held at a mosque near Camp Dakota where 15,000 Muslim worshippers were observing the month-long fast.

According to an ancient Muslim prophecy, a Mahdi (Savior) will appear in a year that has both a lunar and solar eclipse during Ramadan. Because the lunar calendar is 11 to 12 days shorter than the solar calendar, Ramadan does not coincide with one of our months. In 2003, a lunar eclipse occurred Nov. 9 and a solar eclipse on Nov. 23. This double eclipse event has not happened since 1786 and won't occur again until 2155. The high state of expectancy during such an event caused military leaders to expect acts of violence by radical Muslims.

No Muslim claim has come forth to suggest that a Mahdi has come, except some who say Osama Bin Laden is the one. So expectancy is still high during the month of Ramadan each year. Precautions were still being observed as late as this year.

Some violence did occur and Olivarez took a rifle round in the chest. The impact shattered the ceramic plate of armor which saved his life, but the blow traumatized the muscles, cartilage and nerve tissue under it, leaving permanent effects. Scar tissue and swellings still cause pressure on his lungs that

hamper breathing in varying degrees.

Jamie wanted to stay with his troops, but the Army disagreed, and by February of 2004, he was returned to his home base at Fort Riley. Then he was reassigned in May 2004 to Fort Benning to spend two years as a drill instructor.

The Army monitored his physical condition and eventually doctors at Walter Reed Hospital ruled him physically unfit for service. He was discharged May 13, 2007. By June, he and Dani Belle moved with their daughters to Big Spring. After some difficulties getting settled into a good job, he is now working on a surveying crew for Crim and Bradshaw Engineering.

Jamie wants to support Dani Belle through her nurse's training, after which she will work to support his education. He plans to study to become a civil engineer.

Jamie's father and mother are Freddie and Amy Olivarez of Big Spring. He has two brothers, Freddie Jr. and Jamie's twin, Chris.

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**ICE changes detention guidelines**

DALLAS (AP) — Officials with the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement have notified North Texas cities that they want to target for deportation suspected illegal immigrants charged with more serious crimes and will no longer detain most of those arrested for Class C misdemeanors.

Carl Rusnok, a spokesman for ICE, said Tuesday there had been a recent spike in the number of referrals to the agency because of increased awareness of the Criminal Alien Program.

"The additional referrals required additional resources not immediately available," Rusnok said

in Tuesday's Dallas Morning News.

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standing of the tax forms and how to fill them out. Everything else is going to be covered in the training classes."

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Hopkins said tax-help will be available at the

Senior Center every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon beginning the first Monday in February, with the AARP program set wrap-up for the year the last Monday before the annual April 15 tax filing deadline.

For more information on the program or to volunteer, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

Contact Staff Writer

**BAUER**

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Officials learned she was diagnosed with the disease the next day.

School officials then decided to send information to all parents detailing what had transpired, and to give them needed information about the illness.

Chicken pox, or varicella, is not a deadly disease, but is highly contagious, officials said. It is usually accompanied by a mild fever, a rash that lasts five to seven days and small blisters.

Children are supposed to be vaccinated against chicken pox before they enroll, but even that is not a guarantee against contracting the illness.

"Even students who have had chicken pox and have been vaccinated against it can catch it again," Christopher said. School Nurse Glenda

Lowe advised parents of children who have not received a second vaccination to do so as early as possible.

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The Spring City Senior Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, resuming services Monday.

The Big Spring Post Office will be closed Thursday in observance of the holiday, with mail delivery and the post office set to pick up on Friday.

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# Hawk women survive scare, win 58-51

By **ERIC C. RODEWALD**

Special to the Herald

**ABILENE** — The Howard College women's basketball team relied on the nation's top-ranked defense to overcome a poor shooting performance en route to a 58-51 victory over host Abilene Christian University's junior varsity at Moody Coliseum in Abilene Tuesday afternoon.

The Hawks began the season with a 72-41 victory over ACU's JV, but faced a much improved squad Tuesday. Despite jumping out to a 17-6 lead midway through the first half, ACU went on a 12-5 run, including a pair of long range 3-pointers that were banked in to cut Howard's lead to 22-18 with less than four minutes left in the half. Howard headed to the locker room holding a 30-24 lead.

Although Howard never trailed in the game following a two-all tie in the early going, the Hawks could never shake their

opponents, leading 54-47 with 3:40 remaining in the contest.

The Hawks maintained the 7-point margin to the buzzer, allowing the second most points of the season.

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, the No. 18 ranked team in the nation, scored 52 points on the Hawk women Nov. 10 at Garden City Community College's Pepsi Classic, handing Howard a 52-45 blemish on an otherwise perfect season.

Howard currently leads the NJCAA in defensive scoring average only surrendering 38.7 points per game while scoring 71.9 points per game.

Contributing to the Hawks shooting woes, Howard shot 53.3 percent (8-15) from the free throw line while ACU's JV connected on 76.9 percent (10-13) of its charity tosses.

According to Howard Head Coach Earl Diddle, his team showed a lot of character in holding off a much improved ACU JV squad to earn a hard

fought victory.

"This was a tough game to play considering we played Monday night and this was our second game in less than 20 hours," Diddle said. "We also defeated them by 30 to begin the season and I knew they would play with pride and give it everything they had today."

Sophomore forward Monica Jones led the Hawks with a career high on an otherwise perfect season. Sophomore shooting guard Candace Lambert scored 15 points, including three 3-pointers.

Kandace Griffin, Aqueelah Watkins and DeAndra Thomas each added six points. Jotasha McDonald had four and Rachael Dryver and Tinesha Jones each chipped in two.

Howard, 8-1, returns to action at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in a rematch against Hardin-Simmons University's junior varsity, which the Hawks defeated 92-37

Monday.

The Hawks begin Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Thursday, Nov. 29 against the No. 3 team in the nation, Midland College (8-1) in Midland. Tip-off is slated for 5:30 p.m.

*Eric C. Rodewald serves as Howard College's Sports Information Director and is also the assistant women's basketball coach.*

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Coyotes were outscored by just eight points over the final three periods.

Eva Dyck led Grady with 16 points and Lauren Robinson chimed in with 13. Rachel Romine also reached double figures, scoring 10. Kenzie Madison made two 3-pointers for six points.

The Lady Wildcats made three 3-pointers in all, with Candace Schuelke scoring the other one on her way to a 5-point performance. Linsey Chavez also contributed five points with Samantha Rodriguez scoring four and Kaitlyn Blocker adding two.

The Lady Wildcats enjoy a 2-week break from hitting the hardwood with their next game not scheduled until Dec. 4 when they'll host Wink.

**Boys Basketball  
Garden City 56,  
Borden County 27**

**GARDEN CITY** — Tuesday proved to be an

unfriendly night for any team from Borden County as the Coyotes were smothered by Garden City's Bearkats.

The Coyotes scored 14 points in the first half, which was the total amount of points Garden City scored in each of the first and second periods. The Bearkats led 28-14 at the break.

Garden City continued its dominance in the second half, adding another 28 points to Borden County's 13.

Jake Schwartz led all scorers with 15 points and Brett Chudej posted a 13-point performance.

Eric Hirt drained a three on his way to a 9-point night. Wade Jansa chipped in eight points and Nick Sanchez added six.

Travis Gully made a 3-pointer to contribute three points to the Bearkats score and Michael Clarke contributed two points.

The Bearkats (2-0) hope to stay perfect when they host Reagan County's Owls at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

## COAHOMA

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with her four blocks in the game.

This past weekend the Bulldogettes played in the Sweetwater Tournament, winning three of their four games.

In the first game against Midland Classical, the Bulldogettes found themselves on the short end of the stick losing 40-30. Sheppard led Coahoma with 10 points.

The second game found the Bulldogettes matched

up with Post. Coahoma simply dominated, taking the game, 80-38, with Sheppard again pacing Coahoma with 22 points.

The third game of the tourney was a match up against the hosting Lady Mustangs of Sweetwater with Coahoma squeaking by, 56-51. Sterling led with 23 points for the Bulldogettes.

The Snyder Tigers awaited the Bulldogettes in the final game, and when the final horn had sounded Coahoma was walking away with a 49-25 win. Christy Rich was the

high Bulldogette scorer with 15 in the win.

The Bulldogettes are now 5-2 and will next be in action Tuesday as the take on Eldorado in Coahoma.

**Notes:** The Coahoma Bulldogettes opened up an 11-6 lead after one quarter of play and held off a late Wall Lady Hawks rally to take a 33-30 overtime win.

Joanna Gonzales was the hero of the game as she hit six of her eight free throw attempts over the final 4 minutes to ice the game for the Bulldogettes.

After holding a 21-12 halftime advantage, Coahoma found itself in a dog fight as the Lady Hawks outscored the Bulldogettes 18-9 over the final 16 minutes forcing the overtime period.

Gonzales provided all the points for the Bulldogettes in the overtime as she hit 4 of 6 from the charity stripe to power Coahoma to victory.

Kylee Gee scored a game high 16 for the Bulldogettes while teammate Kalea Neff added another nine to the cause.

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Honoring America's heroes

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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

### Don't forget Salvation Army holiday dinner

You don't want to eat your Thanksgiving dinner alone? Having a hard time financially and can't afford to put together the holiday's traditional meal? Well, that's no problem because the Salvation Army will be ringing the dinner bell for all comers tomorrow.

That's right, Capt. Russ and Linda Keeney, as well as members of their staff and a number of volunteers will serve up a traditional Thanksgiving meal — from turkey and dressing to cranberry sauce and potatoes — from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the corps building's dining hall. And anyone who wants to come is invited.

"It's open to everyone in the community," Capt. Russ Keeney explained. "Anyone — and I do mean anyone — who would like to come in and have a great Thanksgiving meal can just walk in our doors at 811 W. Fifth Street and grab a plate. Bring your family and have a great meal."

And for those who happen to be homebound and can't get to the Salvation Army's building, all that's necessary is a call to 267-8239 and a dinner will be delivered.

Keeney said preparations for the dinner — including everything from peeling potatoes to dicing onions and celery — begins today and there's still a need for volunteers for anyone who can help out.

"We still need volunteers," Keeney admits. "For those who want to help us prepare the meals that will be delivered to homebound people, we'll get started at 9:45 a.m. Deliveries will begin at 10:30 a.m. We also need drivers. And anyone wanting to help serve in the dining room Thursday needs to be here by 11 a.m."

Keeney said his office will take requests for meal deliveries through Thursday morning.

"We'll take calls all the way up until we're doing the deliveries," he explained. "We don't want anyone to do without this holiday."

But remember, with approximately 500 meals being served and/or delivered, things can get pretty crazy in the kitchen and phone calls can sometimes get missed. So those needing meals delivered should do so as quickly as possible.

The bottom line, though, is don't let being in need cause you or your family to miss out on a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner.

And for those of us more fortunate, if you can help by volunteering a little of your time tomorrow, please do so.

That way we'll all have something for we're exceedingly grateful.

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### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we trust in Your leadership abilities.  
Amen

# Chavez is a dangerous clown

The U.S. government pretends he is invisible, and the American people refuse to see him. Most of us don't see the threat he represents to U.S. interests. He keeps telling us he is powerful and dangerous, but because he acts like a clown, we just keep ignoring him.



MIGUEL PEREZ

It's driving Hugo Chavez crazy! After all, the president of oil-rich Venezuela is a narcissistic psychopath who craves world attention. He sees the Bush administration paying so much attention to our other enemies, and he can't understand why he doesn't get some notice himself. He is the Rodney Dangerfield of Latin America; he gets no respect!

On the Spanish-language TV networks in the United States, almost every newscast has a report about Chavez and his antics. He just has to be in the news! It seems as if he is addicted to making headlines, even though many news reports describe him as a buffoon. In Venezuela, where he is close to gaining complete control of the airwaves, he reportedly spends about 40 hours per week on television.

Unfortunately, in order to keep making headlines, Chavez needs to keep raising the volume of his anti-American rhetoric, which was escalated recently to include direct

threats against the U.S. economy and national security.

It is Chavez's own desperate need for attention that is making him a threat to world peace and stability. Ignoring him further could be costly.

His latest diatribe came at the OPEC summit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, only days after the king of Spain told him to "shut up" during another summit in Chile. Chavez threatened that if the U.S. took military action against Iran or Venezuela, the price of a barrel of oil will go to \$200. He has formed a strong alliance with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and he was warning us that if Venezuela and Iran cut off their oil supply, Americans will be slaughtered at the gas pump.

Will this be the wake-up call Americans need? Now that he is vowing to hurt us in our wallets, are we going to pay attention to his escalating threats? How long are we going to ignore the enemy in our backyard?

I know this is what Chavez wants, what his narcissism needs, but we may have no choice but to pay attention to the threat he represents.

Ignoring him will not make him go away.

In fact, on more than one occasion, when his opposition in Venezuela has chosen not to fight him, he has made tremendous strides toward consolidating his regime and escalating his war of words with the United States.

Instead of King Juan Carlos of Spain, it should have been President Bush who asked Chavez, "Why don't you shut up?" And it should have happened a long time ago!

It's one of the first lessons we learn in the schoolyard: The only way to deal with a bully is to become a bigger bully.

For saying what so many people have wanted to say to Chavez, King Juan Carlos has gained tremendous popularity around the world. Mugs, T-shirts, Web sites and even a ring tone with the king's outburst — "Porque no te callas?" (Why don't you shut up?) — have become instantly popular in Europe and Venezuela. The phrase has become the punch line of many jokes and the chorus line of many songs and YouTube videos.

Perhaps this is all happening because Chavez acts like a fictional dictator in a Woody Allen movie. And so, when he says he hates us and he wants to hurt us, we don't take him seriously. In fact, many American leftists ("useful fools") find him cute.

Chavez may look like a stereotypical character, better fit for a Mel Brooks parody than for real life, but he represents a real threat to the people of the United States. He may be a clown, but his extreme need for attention makes him dangerous.

It's time to stop laughing.

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### It's time to make a real change

Call upon the cash register manufacturers of the world to help rescue our country from its innumeracy.

Innumeracy is the growing problem of otherwise decently-educated people being functionally illiterate in basic arithmetic. I consider people who can't do in their head rough division or multiplication, or even exact addition and subtraction, of whole numbers under 100 to be innumerate. Sadly, I think the American populace is mostly innumerate now, and is getting more so with each generation.



MIKE SULLIVAN

How can the cash register makers of the world help reverse this innumeracy problem? Simple: remove the "Amount Tendered" function from their machines.

The "Amount Tendered" function is the button your cashier pushes after you hand them your money, and the machine instantly does the subtraction of your purchase amount in order to display the change due. All that's left to the cashier is to count out the amount shown and hand it to you.

The "Amount Tendered" function eliminates the need for you or the cashier to do the simple whole-

number arithmetic needed to compute the correct change and count it out. By removing this function, cashiers everywhere would have to learn, or be taught by their employers, the basic mental math skills needed to compute and count change.

The best job I had while in high school was working the front counter cash register at our town's busy corner drugstore. I prided myself on my mastery of the giant NCR electro-mechanical cash register, with its dozen rows of large buttons, huge stainless-steel sub-total and total lever and the incredibly satisfying whirring and ringing racket it made as I pushed it to its operational speed limit every day.

My job required memorizing the price of most of the items in the candy, cigarette and ice cream aisles, and since Illinois had a nice even 5 percent sales tax at the time, I was usually able to do the computations faster mentally than I could physically ring them through the register.

First, I would confirm my computation of the purchase total by bringing up the sub-total on the register, and then I'd compute the tax mentally. Since 5 percent of a given figure is the same as dividing it in half and then moving the decimal point one place to the left, computing the tax was easy. A quick mental sum of the sub-total

and the tax amount almost always allowed me to orally announce the total due a few fractions of a second before my mechanical co-worker could finish the same job, since the gears and motors in that huge machine could only spin so fast.

"Let's see," I said, "...that's 39 and 19 and 29 and 29 (that's 40 plus 20 plus 30 plus 30, minus 4, I thought to myself), so your sub-total is \$1.16; and tax of (5 percent of 116 is 116 divided by two and move the decimal, which is 100 divided by 2 plus 16 divided by 2, which is 50 plus 8, which is 58, then move the decimal, now it's 5.8, then round it up if it's a half-cent or higher) 6 cents, so your total is \$1.22."

Believe me, it was much easier to do this kind of thing hundreds of times a day than to write it up in words.

A half-second later, the big white-and-black digits of the 200-pound register appeared in exact agreement in the top window, vindicating my prediction. Then the big metal cash till opened with an inimitable "ding!", and it was up to me, not the machine, to compute and count out the change for whatever amount my customer presented.

Two dollars? Easy! "From two — that's 23, 24, 25," I said as I

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**NBA**

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back a run. It's nothing new for us."

**Spurs 95, Hawks 83**

At Atlanta, Tony Parker scored 17 of his 31 points in the second quarter and Manu Ginobili added 19 for San Antonio.

The Hawks, who have lost three in a row, went on a 14-2 run to get within 85-75 with 6:45 left on Joe Johnson's basket but never got closer.

The Spurs got baskets by Michael Finley and Parker for an 89-75 lead, ending a 6-minute drought in which they scored only one basket.

Johnson led the Hawks with 20 points. Parker also had nine assists.

**Lakers 134, Pacers 114**

Kobe Bryant scored 32 points, and the short-handed Lakers earned their fourth straight win.

Jordan Farmar had a career-high 18 points, Andrew Bynum added 17 points and 10 rebounds and the Lakers rolled to the highest point total in the league this year.

Los Angeles acquired forward Trevor Ariza from the Magic for forward Brian Cook and swingman Maurice Evans earlier in the day. Ariza hadn't

joined the Lakers by the opening tip.

Shawne Williams led the Pacers (4-7) with a career-high 24 points, and Jamaal Tinsley added 10 points and 10 assists. It was Indiana's worst home defeat since a 24-point loss to New Jersey on March 4, 2001.

**Bucks 111, Cavaliers 107**

Michael Redd scored a season-high 34 points, Mo Williams added 20 and Milwaukee ended a seven-game losing streak against Cleveland with its first road win this season.

The Bucks hadn't beaten the Cavs since Dec. 10, 2005. They also snapped an eight-game losing streak in Cleveland, where they had been winless since Jan. 6, 2003 — the season before LeBron James arrived.

James finished with 34 points, seven assists and seven rebounds in 44 minutes.

Charlie Villanueva had 17 points for the Bucks.

**Warriors 108, Knicks 82**

At New York, Baron Davis had 31 points, seven assists and six rebounds, and Golden State ruined Stephon Marbury's return to the lineup.

The Knicks have lost seven straight.

Stephen Jackson added 23 points for the resurgent Warriors, who have won three straight after an 0-6 start.

Marbury scored 18 points, but

the Knicks were never in the game in the second half and were booed often over the final three quarters.

So was coach Isiah Thomas, who saw no results from his decision to demote Marbury last week and heard "Fire Isiah!" cries on a few occasions during the game.

**Nuggets 112, Bulls 91**

Carmelo Anthony scored 26 points and Marcus Camby added 12 points and 20 rebounds for the Nuggets.

Allen Iverson scored 22 points and Kenyon Martin had 13 for Denver, which has won six straight.

Rookie reserve Joakim Noah had 16 points for visiting Chicago, which fell to 2-8, its worst start since 2004-05 when it was 0-9.

**Suns 100, Kings 98**

Amare Stoudemire had 26 points and 13 rebounds, and Phoenix held on for the road win.

Stoudemire scored the Suns' final six points and blocked a shot by John Salmons with 1 second left, leading Phoenix to its sixth straight win.

Leandro Barbosa scored 22 points, Grant Hill had 19 and Steve Nash finished with 14 points and 12 assists for the Suns.

Ron Artest had 33 points and 12 rebounds for Sacramento.



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Dallas Mavericks forward Jerry Stackhouse, right, goes up for two against Toronto Raptors center Andrea Bargnani (7) during the first half of the Mavs' 105-99 come from behind victory Tuesday in Dallas.

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Emilia Stolp  
Jeremy Hernandez  
Cindy Sparks  
#5596 November 14 and 21, 2007

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Some say that enlightenment is a permanent state of being, but maybe enlightenment is more mercurial, like a flickering light bulb, or one we've got to earn the knack of recognizing.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Today, Mercury and Uranus send genius seeds into our awareness. Enlightened consciousness, in an instant, is available to everyone.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A certain subject — or, more precisely, a certain person — keeps coming up. You think so much of someone that you feel you'd better conceal your zeal lest you be thought a little nuts — or, worse, in love.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're wondering if some of those stubborn traits (good and bad alike) might run in your family. This is the perfect day to ask your familial elders or research your ancestry.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Though the tasks you undertake, the places you go and the people you see all seem to be a part of the daily routine of living you call normal, this is far from a normal day. Inside, you are completely changed.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're still learning, and mistakes are just part of that process. Beating yourself up mentally is never a good idea. Even if you still feel you should be punished, slap yourself on the wrist and move on.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). People change — even you. And lately, especially you! Others approach you wanting to know your secret. How you got from A to Z isn't going to work for everyone, but some will benefit from your story.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are inspiring people around you. Let yourself be bowled over. It's more fun than pretending you're not impressed, and it shows that you're strong and confident in your own gifts.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You need to know that people like you for

your own sake and for no other reason. Therefore, you're doing a little careful relationship testing now, just to make sure the friendship is real.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sure, in some regards, you are still innocent. But in others, you are sophisticated — or downright jaded. And what a pleasant surprise it is today when a pessimistic belief is proven wrong.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's an unusual time for you, the archer of the zodiac, because you're not sure what you're aiming for. Shoot an arrow into the atmosphere, and see if it sticks.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're cutting out what's extraneous. But don't be rash. Place things in a temporary holding bin. Mentally place relationships in the same sort of imaginary container. Wait and see how you feel next week.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you get an invitation, say yes, even if you're not in the mood or don't have the energy. You'll find the energy and the mood as you're getting dressed for the occasion.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You know that the world did not begin when you were born. Still, you may find it challenging to relate to people from other generations now. But try — for the sake of wisdom and profit.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Sag who has always been successful with things under my control. I have a great education and a career that I worked hard for. All during college, I remained single because I really didn't think being in a relationship would help me grow. My perspective on romance has changed, and I have fallen in love with an Aquarius. The thing is, his aloof tendencies cause me to second-guess a lot of his behavior, and I fear that I will always doubt him. I know I am a truth-seeker, but is there a way to balance this quest for the truth with someone who likes to hide things?"

Your chart tells me you're starting to get that being in control is overrated, as it limits your enjoyment of life. By this time next year, you'll hardly recognize the buttoned-down person you are right now. Not that you'll lose your organized and responsible approach to life, but an emotional expansion will help you put your efforts toward activities that fill you up on a deeper level. Anyone who causes you to doubt yourself and feel foolish has much to teach you. Just as academic understanding once helped you grow intellectually, relationships, especially less-than-ideal ones, have much to teach you about being smart.

## Legals

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dropped three pennies into my customer's open palm, "... and one-fifty, one-seventy-five, and two dollars! Thank you and have a nice day!" No electro-mechanical, much less computerized, aids were involved.

I wasn't a math whiz by any account. In fact, this was the only way any cashier anywhere in the world counted change for their customers until the advent of the sinister "Amount Tendered" button.

All of us did it in our heads, as it had been done for centuries prior using the simple integer arithmetic we learned in grade school, and it worked for both the customers and the merchants. Everyone knew the process, and everyone knew they were being dealt with square-

ly. Today, I doubt one cashier in a hundred could count out change manually if their "Amount Tendered" buttons were removed, to say nothing of being able to add the sum of purchases and mentally compute the sales tax amount. A skill that was virtually universal among adults just a generation ago has all but vanished. This innumeracy is evident anytime I try to "help" the cashier after they've already rung in the whole-dollar amount tendered for my purchase.

Example: my purchase is \$15.65. In estimating that my total would be less than \$20 but unsure if it would be more or less than \$15 with tax, I have a \$20 bill ready. Seeing it, the cashier immediately hits the "Amount Tendered \$20" function key on their terminal, and the mindless machine commands them to give change of \$4.35.

But being the helpful type, I offer to make things "easier" by giving them an additional three quarters. This would result in them getting some much-needed quarters as well as saving four singles that are always in demand and returning me a nice \$5 bill plus a dime.

Sadly, it generally results in chaos. The cashier first tries to refuse my 75 cents "extra," telling me "you gave me too much already!" Panic ensues as they stare in bewilderment at the conflicting information they are faced with from the register's authoritative digital display and the confusing addition of an odd amount of yet more money offered that was not included in the original computation.

I try to talk them through it as calmly as possible. "I gave you 75 cents more. Why don't you give me seventy-five

cents more and we'll call it even? That would be \$5.10," I say. But since they have already started pulling the four \$1 bills from the till, my suggestion doesn't seem to help. We have to start all over. "Just give me a \$5 bill, plus a dime. Trust me, that'll work," I beg them. They smile weakly, grateful for my solution but entirely unable to keep up with such stupefying mental gymnastics that are apparently not taught at any level in American schools today.

The "Amount Tendered" key has greatly aided the dumbing-down of our citizenry, to the point where college graduates I've met are unable to tell me how much of 100 is 68 percent; or which is larger, three-quarters or two-thirds; or about how many dozen there are in 126. It's also bad for our country when voters can't decide whether a 10 percent decrease in the

rate of increase of the cost-of-living increase is a good thing or a bad thing, for example.

I owe a debt to that great old cash register and drugstore where I mastered the simple mental arithmetic skills that have served me so well ever since. Pity that that

experience and the mental agility it trained into cashiers everywhere is gone from the world now.

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## As Yogi Berra would say, 'It was like deja vu all over again'

The Howard County Library will be closed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the Thanksgiving holidays. We will reopen on Monday, Nov. 26, at 10 a.m.

I am revisiting some old favorite columns, so if you think you remember this from before, then you have. You know, that "deja vu" feeling will come all over you!

"Gods and Generals," a precursor to Jeff Shaara's "Killer Angels," describes the Civil War through the eyes of Winfield S. Hancock and Joshua Chamberlain: Two Northerners. It also tells about Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson: Two Southerners. The novel gives a very different perspective of the war, especially from the Southern aspect. Shaara explains that when men from the South joined the army, they were trying to preserve a way of life.

This was (is) a really neat book: "Ladies with Options" by Cynthia Hartwick. Minnesota: 1983 — the Mostly Methodist Club met year round but came into its own during the fall and winter when it helped steel the ladies for the Sundays their men spent watching TV sports. Composed of mostly middle-aged women, things really change when a pink-haired rebel named Skye comes into the group. A light hearted look at how life can change in an instant, do check it out.



HOLLIS  
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Set principally in England during World War II — with detours to New York and Nazi Germany, "The Unlikely Spy" by Daniel Silva is a gripping story. I have read several of Silva's books that will keep readers turning the pages to see what will happen next. Silva does a good job conveying what life must have been like in London during those hard years of World War II. His premise is that the Allies had to mislead the Nazis, carefully and deliberately, to misdirect them from expecting the invasion of Normandy, this being "misinformation" in the purest sense of the word. This novel focuses on the British Secret Service and on exactly how it could structure this deception. A good book to read when there is not anything

interesting on TV.

Nineteen-year-old Jace Damon has had a hard life. His mother died when he was just 13 and since then, he has been struggling to raise his younger brother, all the while staying beneath the radar of Child Protective Services. With the help of an understanding Chinese benefactress, Madam Chan, the two have been living in L.A.'s Chinatown,

where Jace works as a bike messenger. One dark and rainy night, Jace

agrees to do a last delivery. He picks up a package from a shady lawyer, but when he gets to the

Have I tempted you to read the book? Tami Hoag is an excellent writer of mysteries slash thrillers and her latest is "Kill the Messenger". Some audio books to

revisit: Read by Courtney B. Vance, "Amistad" gives voice to the reimagined history of one of America's earliest civil

the Africans were held for trial. This ignited a firestorm of controversy. The outcome? Read "Amistad" (AU F PES D) by David Pesci and find out.

Another book into movie is "Schindler's List" by Thomas

Keneally. Read by Ben Kingsley, it is one of the most remarkable narratives of the Holocaust. Again, this is an excellent book to either read or listen to.

Two more audio books are "The West" (AU 978 WAR G) by Geoffrey Ward and Douglas Adams' "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" (AU F ADA D).

Books on CD are: "Anansi Boys" (AUCD F GAI N) by Neil Gaiman is the story of Fat Charlie Nancy. His normal life is turned upside down when his father dies and a brother he never knew he had shows up at his doorstep.

Another remarkable BOC D is "The Hidden Diary of Marie Antoinette" (AUCD F ERI C) by Carolly Erickson. Recounting her childhood as Austrian Archduchess Maria Antonia, her marriage to feckless Frenchman Louis XVI and her naïve pangs of

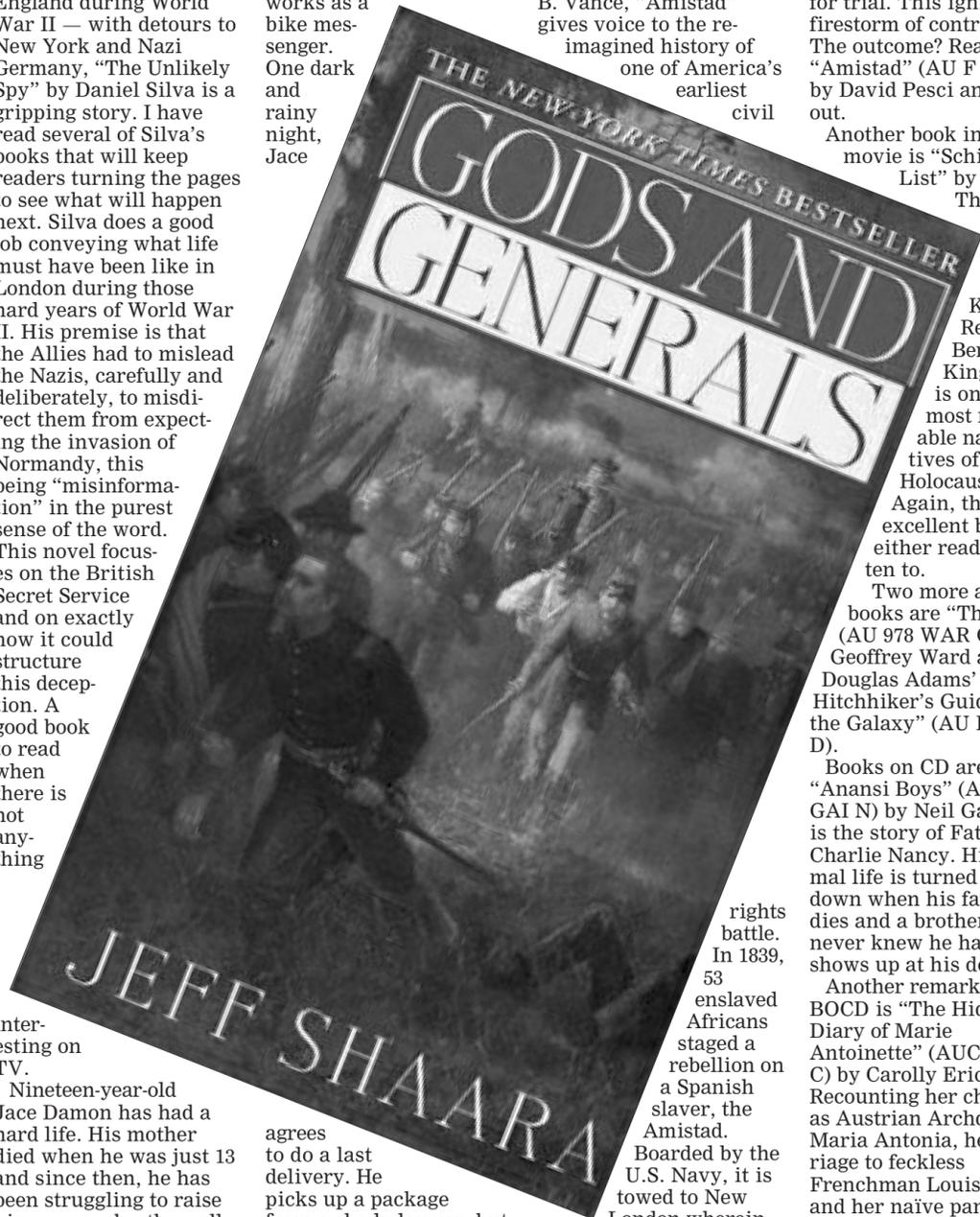
conscience about hungry peasants clamoring at the gates of Versailles, Erickson delivers a spirited blend of fiction and fact.

Two great non-fiction BOC Ds are "Where God Was Born" (AUCD 200.956 FEI B) by Bruce Feiler and "A Crack in the Edge of the World" (AUCD 979.461 WIN S) by Simon Winchester. The first book will take you on a trip to the Holy Land. From the Garden of Eden to the site of the bloodiest battle in the Old Testament. The second BOC D is about the great earthquake that struck San Francisco in April of 1906. Winchester explores not only the city itself, but the geology that caused the earthquake.

One of the best columnists for women was Erma Bombeck. A favorite compilation of essays is "All I Know About Animal Behavior I Learned in Loehman's Dressing Room" (814.54 BOM E). Published in 1995, it still resonates today with the age-old question — "what's for supper?"

Dave Berry has turned 50 and has lived to tell about it! In "Dave Berry Turns 50" (814.54 BAR D) the baby boomers have come full circle.

A couple more books from columnists are Robert Fulghum's "Maybe (Maybe Not): Second Thoughts on a Secret Life" (814.54 FUL R) and Andy Rooney's "Sweet and Sour" (814 ROO A) which perfectly describes his character.



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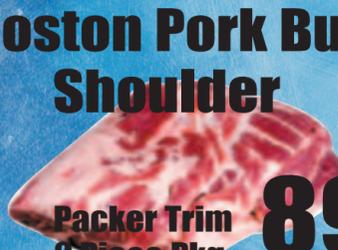
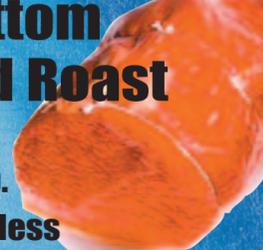
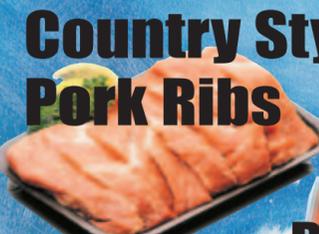
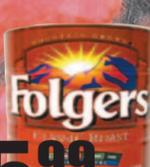
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# 'Turkey Day' has unique meaning for minister

By ADRIENNE NETTLES  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

WESTLAKE — Sitting in his white lawn chair, 91-year-old Joe Bradley is surrounded by peach trees, chickens, turkeys, guineas and ducks.

His back yard is filled with quacking, crowing and gobbling on any given day. He enjoys the sounds; they're like music to him.

"The turkeys are my favorite," Bradley said. "They love me."

Bradley has six turkeys. His favorite is Tom, a rather large black turkey who, like a dog wagging its tail, steps on Bradley's feet and sort of dances as Bradley pets him.

"They're pets," he explained.

With Thanksgiving approaching, Bradley said he couldn't think of eating Tom or his other turkeys, although he does give away chicken and guinea eggs.

The only thing Bradley has ever given up his pet fowl to are coyotes, and it wasn't by choice.

"I had a lot more turkeys and chickens, but the coyotes got to them," he said. "I moved them up to the house to protect them."

Bradley's home sits between those of his son, Westlake Mayor Scott Bradley, and Kenny Rogers, the former Texas Rangers pitcher.

Tom and his fowl friends roam around in a fenced area in the back yard. Bradley said he has raised the fowl since

birth. "I spend a little time out there with them every day," he said. "I rub their heads. I feed mine twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening. They know when it's feeding time."

Bradley's granddaughter, Brooke Nicholson, said Tom and the other fowl keep her grandfather company. His wife of 70 years, Vivian, died in February.

"Those are really lucky chickens, turkeys, guineas and ducks," Nicholson said. "They're probably treated better than most household pets."

Raised on a farm in Quanah, Bradley has a natural affinity for farm animals, but at age 19 he realized he wanted to be a minister and not a farmer.

His work took him all over Texas. When he retired about nine years ago, he and his wife relocated to Westlake to be close to family.

Joe Bradley's family describes him as still vibrant and capable of doing many things on his own. He drives to visit his wife's grave at the cemetery on Ottinger Road, not far from his home, his daughter-in-law Kelly Bradley said.

Bradley also busies himself with yardwork, his granddaughter said. He planted the trees in front of his home on his own.

"Everything he plants, it just grows," Nicholson said. "You could see the front of the house before

he moved here and planted those trees."

Bradley said he planted the trees after seeing a man putting signs outside that read, "We buy ugly houses."

"I planted the trees so he couldn't see the house, in case he thought mine was ugly," he said.

Bradley said tending to his trees and his flock helps him stay active.

"I wanted something here when I moved here and retired," he said of his fowl friendship. "I feel like I've got too much to still do to think about giving out."



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# Neil Diamond reveals Kennedy was inspiration for 'his smash pop music hit 'Sweet Caroline'

By SANDY COHEN  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Neil Diamond held onto the secret for decades, but he has finally revealed that President Kennedy's daughter was the inspiration for his smash hit "Sweet Caroline."

"I've never discussed it with anybody before — intentionally," the 66-year-old singer-songwriter told The Associated Press on Monday during a break from recording. "I thought maybe I would tell it to Caroline when I met her someday."

He got his chance last week when he performed the song via satellite at Caroline Kennedy's 50th birthday party.

Diamond was a "young, broke songwriter" when a photo of the president's daughter in a news magazine caught his eye.

"It was a picture of a little girl dressed to the nines in her riding gear, next to her pony," Diamond recalled. "It was such an innocent, wonderful picture, I immediately felt there was a song in there."

Years later, holed up in a hotel in Memphis, Tenn., he would write the words and music in less an hour.

"It was a No. 1 record and probably is the biggest, most important song of my career, and I have to thank her for the inspiration," he said. "I'm happy to have gotten it off my chest and to have expressed it to Caroline. I thought she might be embarrassed, but she seemed to be struck by it and really, really happy."

The enduring hit recently reappeared on the singles chart, thanks in part to the Boston Red Sox. "Sweet Caroline" is

played at every home game.

"I think they consider it good luck," Diamond said, adding that the Red Sox have become his favorite baseball team.

The tune's return to the charts leaves Diamond "speechless," he said. "That song was written 40 years ago, so I am just overwhelmed by the fact that it has returned and that, more importantly, people have taken it into their hearts for so many years."

Diamond is now at work on a new album, his second collaboration with producer Rick Rubin.

"We're both very excited about it," Diamond said. "I think it's going to be one of my best ever."

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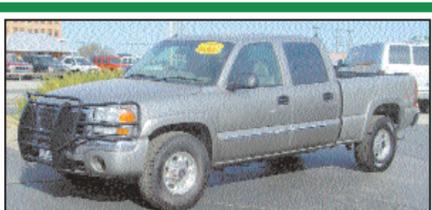
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6:PM :30	News (CC) Entertainment	Jeopardy! Wheel-Fortune	Yo Amo a Juan	The Simpsons Two-Half Men	News Entertainment	12 Corazones	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	Dr. Swallow John Hagee	News-Lehrer	How It's Made How It's Made		The Ultimate Fighter	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) This Christmas	Zack & Cody Zack & Cody	College Basketball:	NBA	Ghost Hunters (CC)
7:PM :30	Pushing Daisies (CC)	Pushing Daisies (CC)	Amar sin Limites	Back to You Til Death	Kid Nation (CC)	Madre Luna	Phenomenon (CC)	Family Guy Family Guy	Update Israel Rico Cortes	Wired Science (CC)	Rise of the Video Game	Movie: High Plains Drifter (CC)	The Ultimate Fighter	Movie: Walking	Movie: Next Friday (CC)	Movie: The Santa Clause 2 (CC)	NIT Tip-Off Semifinal	Basketball: Mavericks at	Ghost Hunters (CC)
8:PM :30	Private Practice	Private Practice	Destilando Amor	Kitchen Nightmares	Criminal Minds (CC)	La Esclava Isaura	Deal or No Deal (CC)	House-Payne House-Payne	Light of the Southwest	Great Performances (CC)	MythBusters (CC)		The Ultimate Fighter	Movie:			College	Rockets	Ghost Hunters (CC)
9:PM :30	Dirty Sexy Money (CC)	Dirty Sexy Money (CC)	Don Francisco Presenta	TMZ (CC) Raymond	CSI: NY (CC)	Pecados Ajenos		House-Payne House-Payne		(CC)	Fearless Planet	Movie: The Quick and the Dead (CC)	The Ultimate Fighter	Tall (CC)	American Gangster	That's-Raven Life Derek	Basketball: NIT Tip-Off	College Basketball:	Ghost Hunters (CC)
10:PM :30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Two-Half Men Raymond	News Late Show-	Noti-Telemundo Decisiones	News Tonight Show	Sex and-City Sex and-City	Update Israel Dr. Young	To Be Announced	Man vs. Wild Dr. Young	Dead (CC)	Wild World Wild World	Without a Trace (CC)	Hell Date Hell Date	Zack & Cody Han, Montana	Semifinal College	Maui Invit.	Movie: Ghost Adventures
11:PM :30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Letterman Late Late	¡Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night-	Frank TV Frank Cal-	CCM Ministries Charles Scott	Tavis Smiley Tavis Smiley	Rise of the Video Game	Movie: High Plains Drifter (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invsgrtn.	Without a Trace (CC)	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Replacements Kim Possible	Basketball: Butler vs.	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: Ghost Adventures
12:AM :30	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Paid Program	Salome (SS)	Reno 911! George Lopez	Show The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien News	Update Israel Deil Sanchez		Sign Off	MythBusters (CC)		Movie: Next Moonraker (CC)	Without a Trace (CC)	Movie: Next Friday (CC)	Emperor New American Drgn	Michigan College	NFL Live	Movie: Sightings:

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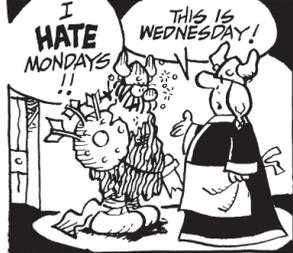
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

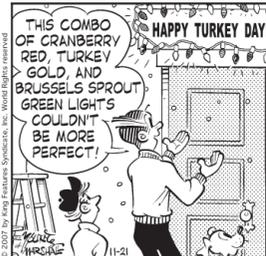
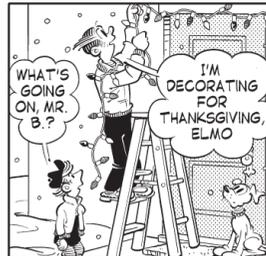


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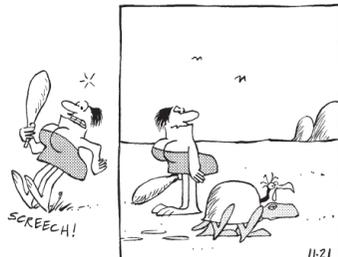
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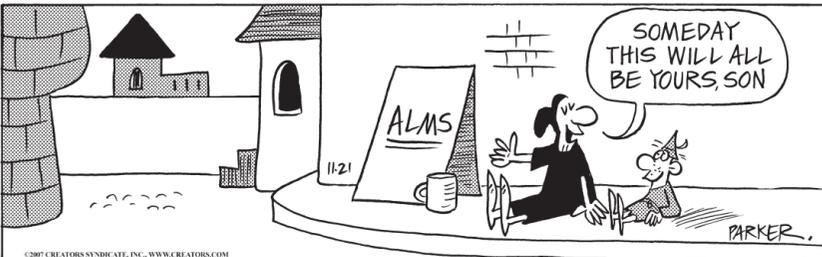
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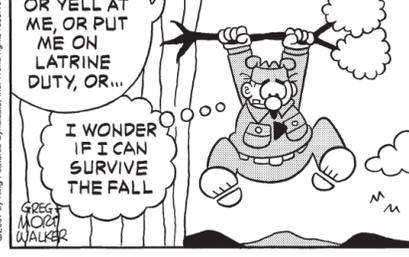
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BETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 21, the 325th day of 2007. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 21, 1927, picketing strikers at the Columbine Mine in northern Colorado were fired on by state police; six miners were killed.

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

In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton of Georgia was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate.

In 1942, the Alaska Highway was formally opened.

In 1964, the upper level of New York's Verrazano Narrows Bridge, which connected Brooklyn and Staten Island, was opened.

In 1967, President Johnson signed the Air Quality Act.

In 1969, the Senate voted

down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, the first such rejection since 1930.

In 1973, President Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the existence of an 18-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.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Stan Musial is 87. Actor Joseph Campanella is 80. Country singer Jean Shepard is 74. Actor Laurence Luckinbill is 73. Actress Marlo Thomas is 70. Actor Rick Lenz is 68. Singer Dr. John is 67. Actress Juliet Mills is 66. Comedian-director Harold Ramis is 63. Television producer Marcy Carsey is 63. Actress Goldie Hawn is 62. Movie director Andrew Davis is 61. Rock musician Lonnie Jordan (War) is 59. Singer Livingston Taylor is

57. Actress-singer Lorna Luft is 55. Journalist Tina Brown is 54. Actress Cherry Jones is 51. Rock musician Brian Ritchie (The Violent Femmes) is 47. Gospel singer Steven Curtis Chapman is 45. Actress Nicollette Sheridan is 44. Singer-actress Bjork is 42. Football player Troy Aikman is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chauncey Hannibal (BLACKstreet) is 39. Rock musician Alex James (Blur) is 39. Baseball player Ken Griffey Jr. is 38. Rapper Pretty Lou (Lost Boyz) is 36. Country singer Kelsi Osborn (SHeDAISY) is 33. Actress Jena Malone is 23.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                          | <b>DOWN</b>                 | <b>23</b> Sound of surprise         | <b>44</b> In the past        |
| <b>1</b> Lucky break                   | <b>1</b> Greek letter       | <b>24</b> All the rage              | <b>45</b> Educator's deg.    |
| <b>5</b> Advantage                     | <b>2</b> Hawaiian island    | <b>25</b> Curved letter             | <b>48</b> Give a new look to |
| <b>9</b> Helps in crime                | <b>3</b> From the top       | <b>26</b> Aerial-photography medium | <b>51</b> Substance partner  |
| <b>14</b> Roof edge                    | <b>4</b> Roman emperor      | <b>27</b> In the area               | <b>52</b> Catch              |
| <b>15</b> Yuletide                     | <b>5</b> Twist together     | <b>28</b> Author Jong               | <b>53</b> Author             |
| <b>16</b> Opera singer                 | <b>6</b> Bambi's mother     | <b>29</b> Express disapproval about | <b>54</b> Long time          |
| <b>17</b> Stravinsky work              | <b>7</b> "World" prefix     | <b>31</b> Gum amount                | <b>56</b> Sicilian spewer    |
| <b>20</b> ___ borealis                 | <b>8</b> Pixie              | <b>32</b> Keep up with              | <b>58</b> Extremely          |
| <b>21</b> Size up                      | <b>9</b> Guitar boosters    | <b>33</b> Cara of Fame              | <b>59</b> Golden Rule word   |
| <b>22</b> Nail polish                  | <b>10</b> Blocks off        | <b>34</b> Campers' quarters         | <b>60</b> Boxer Spinks       |
| <b>26</b> Wasn't colorfast             | <b>11</b> Pennsylvania port | <b>35</b> ___ Park, CO              | <b>61</b> Category           |
| <b>30</b> Compose for another          | <b>12</b> Food containers   | <b>40</b> Needing refueling         | <b>63</b> Heroes network     |
| <b>36</b> Traditional learning         | <b>13</b> Droops            | <b>41</b> In a shrewd manner        | <b>64</b> As well            |
| <b>37</b> Young fellows                | <b>18</b> Anger             | <b>43</b> Recipe verb               | <b>65</b> With it            |
| <b>38</b> Buenos ___                   | <b>19</b> Pepper's mate     |                                     |                              |
| <b>39</b> Tree trimming, perhaps       |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>41</b> Beginning                    |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>42</b> Set of computer instructions |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>43</b> Atlas entries                |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>46</b> Feed the pot                 |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>47</b> Dramatist                    |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>49</b> Not as much                  |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>50</b> Old Testament book           |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>52</b> Followed back                |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>57</b> Hoo-ha                       |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>62</b> Accurate                     |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>66</b> Had leftovers, maybe         |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>67</b> Be angry                     |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>68</b> Road sign                    |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>69</b> Course with carbs            |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>70</b> Imitate                      |                             |                                     |                              |
| <b>71</b> Musical sound                |                             |                                     |                              |

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