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Construction continues at Moss Elementary School, one of four elementaries being built in the Big Spring Independent School District. Moss, Washington Elementary, Marcy Elementary and Goliad are expected to be completed in time for the 2012-13 school year. At this point, all schools have the outer walls standing and construction has begun on the inside of the buildings. Moss is about a month behind schedule, compared to the other construction sites. Big Spring High School will also be receiving renovations to its roof, science rooms, choir room, band hall and other areas. All the construction projects and renovations are part of a \$60 million bond approved by voters.



HERALD photos/Amanda Moreno

Rains scant aid to area's water woes

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Wednesday's rainfall helped boost Colorado River Municipal Water District reservoir levels around the region, but according to local officials, the increases are small when compared to the "big picture" the current water shortage has left West Texans to face.

According to meteorologists with the National Weather

Service Office in Midland, Big Spring saw a total rainfall of approximately .23 of an inch, while Snyder received .18 of an inch and the city of Midland saw .27 of an inch. All totals are currently unofficial.

Officials with CRMWD confirmed this morning the rain translated into a 1.8-inch rise

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Back to Blankenship; new turf trumps Relay

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Some things are just meant to stay the same.

Unforeseen events have forced the 2012 Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life back to Blankenship Field. The event was scheduled to be held at Memorial Stadium this year, for a change of venue.

"We were hoping to do something different this year, but due to the installation of turf at Memorial Stadium, we are going to be moving the event back to where its roots are," Manny Negron, event chairman, said.

The dates will remain the same, from 6 p.m. April 20

until 6 a.m. April 21. Cancer survivors and those who have joined in the fight against cancer will gather once again to show their support.

"This is still going to be an amazing event, like it always is," Negron said. "We are going back to where the roots of Relay For Life are and we will consider looking at a change of venue again next year and see what happens."

At this point, there are 64 participants signed up for Relay For Life and 14 teams. The goal is to have 30 teams represented on the field and 150 survivors registered.

"This is one way we can all come together, survivors, caregivers and community members, and fight cancer," Negron said. "My goal is to

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Instrument Petting Zoo will have to wait; Symphony concert to go on as planned

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

A lack of space at Garrett Hall has led the Big Spring Symphony Guild to cancel its Instrument Petting Zoo, which was scheduled just before the symphony's Feb. 4 concert.



"I visited the church (First United Methodist) and after discussing it with some other symphony people, decided it was crazy to cram in more stuff into an already crowded setting, so we will postpone the Instrument Petting Zoo until the Paul Williams concert on March 31," Eulaine McIntosh, president of the Big Spring Symphony Guild, said.

The petting zoo is an opportunity to allow the public to learn more about the musical instruments being played in the concert.

Though the petting zoo has

been cancelled, the symphony concert is still a "go" at Garrett Hall.

The concert will feature Hauchen Zhang, gold medalist of the Van Cliburn piano competition. Several of the Van Cliburn finalists have played in Big Spring, but he is the first gold medalist to perform with the orchestra.

"It is really special to have the gold medalist," Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor, said.

To find out more about the symphony guild, contact McIntosh at 264-7671 or by email at eulainemc@yahoo.com.

To purchase tickets to the symphony concert, stop by Western Banks, Faye's Flowers, KBST, KBYG, *Big Spring Herald* office, Blum's Jewelers and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets can also be purchased the night of the concert at the door. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students.

Entrance to the Garrett Hall is located on the south end of the building facing Scurry.

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Obituaries

Ollie Digby Batte Stallcup



Ollie Digby Batte Stallcup, dearly loved mother and step-mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt and friend crossed over into her promised land on Jan. 23, 2012. Her family releases her confidently, knowing that she walked all of her life on a steadfast path with her savior, Jesus.

She is survived by her sons Bob Batte and wife Kay, Duane Batte and wife Toni, her daughter Vickie Bevers and husband Ted. Also surviving are step-children Anne Wylie; Lynn Ramsey and husband Charles; Charles Stallcup and wife Denise; and Kent Stallcup and wife Tammy. Ollie had 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; 18 step-grandchildren and 28 great step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen Batte; a grandson, Josh Batte; her parents; and siblings Elliot Digby, Irene Myrick, Raynell Patterson, Eddie Digby and her twin sister, Nollie Teague. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Frank Stallcup and a step-son, Raymond Stallcup.

Ollie was born to Ed and Lillian Digby on March 13, 1924, in Big Spring, Texas, where she and her siblings grew up. It was there in 1941 that she married Allen Batte and began their own family. Widowed at the age of 43, Ollie entered the workforce, working for Gibsons in Odessa for more than 10 years. Then in 1979, God brought Frank Stallcup into her life and blessed them with 31 wonderful years of marriage and blended two loving families.

Ollie considered herself to be so blessed by God to have her children living near her and sharing their lives with her. She enjoyed being involved in the lives of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren (who affectionately called her "Ollie"), watching them perform their many various activities. One of the greatest satisfactions of her life was that all her children and grandchildren received their college degrees. With her own formal education cut short during economic hard times, she implanted the value of education into her children.

Ollie had many interests, including crocheting baby blankets for many newborns at church, as well as her grandchildren. She enjoyed playing cards with her friends and rooting for the Texas Rangers. She even took up the game of golf at the age of 65. She was famous for her homemade cakes and banana pudding. She enjoyed attending Senior Saints with Frank every Tuesday at the church. But nothing pleased Ollie more than to worship with her family. Her love of God and her faithfulness to Him and her church is a legacy to her children and grandchildren. Her own children are so thankful for the prayer warrior that she always was. To many of the younger women of her church, the quiet and gentle spirit of her daily walk served as a true role model.

A visitation for family and friends will be held Thursday, Jan. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Services will be at Grace Christian Fellowship on Friday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. with Pastor Clark Racca officiating.

Interment will be in Big Spring, Texas, at 3:30 p.m. Pallbearers will be grandsons Brent Batte, Blake Batte, Barry Bevers, Ronny Bevers, Brandon Batte and Boyd Cowan.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Building Fund at her beloved church, Grace Christian Fellowship.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

Paid obituary

Dorothy M. Kilgore

Dorothy M. Kilgore, 83, of El Paso, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012 in El Paso. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Donald G. McCommons

Donald G. McCommons, 72, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Kevin Brent Matteson



Kevin Brent Matteson, 51, of Sand Springs died during the weekend at his residence. The family will receive friends Friday from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at 1006 N. Moss Lake Road. A memorial service will be held in Big Spring at Myers & Smith Chapel, 301 E. 24th St., Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating. The memorial is open to the public and the family invites all who knew Kevin and the Matteson family to attend.

Kevin was born Aug. 21, 1960, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Elaine and Ralph Matteson. He attended school in Big Spring and joined the US Army in 1978, serving six years. Upon his release from the Army, he took on various jobs to include driving the big rigs in the oil patch. He took a position with Power Resources at the former Cosden Oil and Chemical Company. Kevin also worked at the Big Spring State Hospital in the steam plant.

Kevin is survived by his parents, Ralph R. Matteson and Elaine R. (Colton) Matteson of Coahoma; four brothers, Randy Matteson and sister-in-law Lucinda of Colorado Springs, Colo., Renald Matteson and sister-in-law Alisa of Sand Springs, Roger Matteson of Las Vegas, Nev., and Kent Matteson of Sand Springs; and three sisters, Karen Matteson, Teresa Matteson and Tammy Adams, all of Big Spring; three nephews; three nieces; two great-nephews and one great-niece.

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

Kenneth C. Davidson



Kenneth C. Davidson, 76, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial

Park.

He was born Jan. 5, 1936, in Big Spring, Texas. He lived most of his life in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. He worked as a firefighter for more than 32 years for the city. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by one daughter, Julie Wiseman and husband Paul of Midland; two sons, Ricky Davidson and wife Rhonda of Round Rock and Mike Davidson and wife Sonya of Big Spring; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and Janelle Clark.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruby Reaves.

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

Raynaldo Mendoza Sr.

Raynaldo Mendoza Sr., 54, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Clifford R. Howard

Clifford R. Howard, 81, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Police

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

- FRANCES BILLALBA MCKISKI, 58, of 1600 S. Lancaster Apt. 308, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- SHIMEON RASHAD MAGERS, 29, of 1511 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on two warrants from other agencies.

- KENNETH WAYNE SUGGS, 49, of 1006 E. 14th St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for theft – more than \$50 and less than \$500.

- CRAIG BENJAMIN REYNOLDS, 31, of 1303 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- ALEJANDRO LARA RAMIREZ, 62, of 509 N. Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- GUS EARL FADE, 37, of 1317 Mulberry Ave., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- THEFT was reported in the 100 block of E. FM 700.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1600 block of Lark St..

- ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of N. Johnson.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- KENNETH WAYNE SUGGS, 49, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft – more than \$50 and less than \$500.

- EDRION PATRICK HOUSTON, 21, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).

- CRAIG BENJAMIN REYNOLDS, 31, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on an Andrews County warrant for a probation violation.

- ALEJANDRO LARA RAMIREZ, 62, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- GUS EARL FADE, 37, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Carey. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Take Note

• Crossroads Friends of NRA Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are \$25. Funds raised at this and other FNRA events in West Texas support local youth shooting groups (Boy Scouts, 4-H, JROTC, etc.) law enforcement, education, safety and many other areas. Giveaways, games, and live and silent auctions will be held. For more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 432-270-7384.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring of Siloam, a Christian women's job training group, will hold its next 12-week session beginning Feb. 6. Applications for the session, which is free to the public, will be accepted through Feb. 2. To submit an application, visit the group's web site at www.springofsiloam.org. For more information, call 432-213-2857.

• Family Unity Conference will be held Feb. 17-18 in Big Spring. Conference host is the Rev. Rosalind Simmons. Friday evening at 7 p.m., the theme will be "The Help: For Anger, Forgiveness and Bitterness." Saturday's continuation will be themed "Life Class: Healing Strife," and will begin at 9 a.m. The event will be held at the Howard College Cactus Room. Registration is \$25. Register online at www.veteranshouseofhope.weebly.com. Lunch is \$10. Deadline to register is Feb. 1. For more information, contact Desiree Fizer at 432-270-3813. The conference is open to everyone.

• As the 8th annual Powwow is coming

near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure.

If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

RELAY

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get the most people we can involved this year."

There is still time to sign up, according to Ne-gron.

For those who are serving as team captains, the first team captain meeting will be Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the chamber board room. To sign up a team, go online at www.relayforlife.org/bigspringtx.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Jesus "Chuy" Gomez, 61, of Ackerly died Tuesday at his residence. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at Templo Centro De Alabanza. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Ackerly.

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WATER

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in Lake Spence, a 2.04-inch increase in Lake Ivie and no change in the water district's lowest reservoir, Lake Thomas.

According to John Grant, CRMWD general manager, the increases have bought the water district some time before its supply of surface water officially runs out, but not much.

"With the way things have been going this

past year, any rain is a great thing," Grant said. "Unfortunately, in the grand scheme of things, these increases in the lake levels amount to a very, very small change. In all, it will probably buy us an extra week we weren't necessarily expecting."

Lake Thomas is currently listed as 1.38 percent full, while E.V. Spence Reservoir sits at 0.43 percent capacity, according to CRMWD officials. The only reservoir currently providing water for CRMWD

customer cities is O.H. Ivie Reservoir, which is listed at 17.55 percent full.

According to previous reports made by Grant to the city of Big Spring, Lake Ivie is expected to run dry some time around the end of December, a date that has many municipal officials very nervous.

In the meantime, however, efforts to increase the amount of groundwater — specifically from wells located in Ward County — being delivered into the CRMWD system are under way, with completion of a second pipeline estimated at \$150 million expected to be completed in January of 2013.

Having already cut water delivery totals to customer cities several

times in the past year to accommodate demand — especially during the summer months — Grant said he expects to see another decrease in February.

"We'll be going to winter usage totals," Grant said. "If everything goes as planned, that could give us an extra 90 to 120 days on that December deadline and stretch out the life of Lake Ivie while we continue to develop the Ward County project."

According to Big Spring Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the February decrease in deliveries would bump the city down from its current allocation of 5.9 million gallons per day to 5.1 million gallons per day.

"The water district

has included some buffer room in those numbers," Darden said. "The decrease will have an impact on our water customers, we're just not sure at this point to what degree. We're going to have to sit down and look at our current drought contingency plan and figure out where we want to go from here, and that's going to require us to crunch a lot of numbers."

Big Spring remains under strict water restrictions due to the cut-backs from CRMWD.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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Opening lead — ace of spades.

trump in an effort to avoid the ruff. If you did, though, West would win the second trump lead and put his partner on lead with a spade, and East would return a club to sink the contract.

You could, of course, blithely shrug this off as just bad luck. However, the fact remains that West is likely to have the king of hearts for his raise to three spades opposite East's pre-emptive jump-overcall. Furthermore, West is also a favorite to have at least three trumps to the king rather than just the doubleton king.

So, with defeat staring you in the face after the ominous club shift, you should start looking for another approach that might give you a chance to survive.

As it happens, there is an excellent counter to West's club shift. After winning the club at trick two, you cash the A-K of diamonds and then lead a spade from dummy.

East wins the spade and returns a club, which West ruffs. But you don't mind this at all because West can then do you no harm, whatever he returns. If he leads a trump, you finesse; if he leads a spade or a diamond, you ruff in your hand and return the trump queen, planning to finesse. Keeping a cool head can work wonders.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

There seems to be a lot of people struggling with coughs, congestion and allergies. They do not feel bad enough to go to the doctors but they most certainly do not feel their best. They need to be careful so they will not make others sick.

I know some people, who try to "tough it out" when their attitudes are not right. They are not flagrantly disobedient to God but they share sarcasm, cynicism and snarly comments with folks around them.

Most of us know that physical sickness needs to be closely monitored and the doctor consulted if symptoms persist. In like manner, if your anger and bad words persist, you need to spend one on one time with The Great Physician.

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HOME COUNTRY

Light a candle and look into the flames

When it's cold, build a fire in the fireplace, or the woodburning heater, or maybe just light a candle and look in the flames, look deep in the flames for the answers.

I've always believed they are there, and this time of year is a time for questions. It is a time to weigh the events of the past year and toss them around and ask why.

It has been a good year for each of us in some respects, and a bad year in others. Just like every year.

A few of our young people died this year. Others were born. Some precious old-timers left us, too, but at least they'd had the chance to hang and rattle and turn gray. It was the young ones that make us ask the tough questions.

But there were also the beautiful things that happened this last year. People went out of their way to help others. People tried valiantly to better themselves. Some did it by studying a foreign language. Some did it by taking wood shop at the community college. Dewey did it by managing to get acquainted with his dream woman. Doc held another of his unique golf tournaments to raise money for winter clothes for kids. The old Miller dairy got pulled down. Many of us were worried about kids playing in there and getting hurt. It really wasn't safe any more. And while we'll miss seeing it out there, with that big tobacco ad painted on its roof, we'd miss having those kids around even more. You make decisions and hope for the best.

There were some new homes built this year, and Steve has been spending more and more time in his cabin up in the mountains not too far from Jasper Blankenship's mining claim. Steve just needed a hole-up spot. A place where a cowboy can go and no one can kick him out.

And so our world says goodbye to another year and we'll hope the next one is better, and it probably will be. Life brings the good and the bad together at this time of year and helps us wash our lives with a laugh and a tear and a dollop of forgiveness.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we partner with You, Lord, we know all the right things to say.

Amen

Oh, to be able to go back again

As the weather turns a bit dark and brooding, I have a tendency to let my thoughts turn inward, a habit my daughter warns me time and time again just leads me to the wide and misfortunate paths of melancholy, and, like most fathers, I rarely heed her warnings.

I'm not sure why it happens. I suppose the weather reminds me a bit of home, as the cloudy skies are pretty common in South Carolina, where it seems like it rained as often as it didn't when I was a child. I remember plenty of Saturday afternoons spent in the garage — mostly in my father's workshop, building whatever contraption came to mind — staring out at the puddles and streams running along the dirt roads near our country home, just waiting for the sun to come back out.

As my thoughts turn inward, it's tough to ward off some of the more traumatic events of the past year. Probably the most pressing was the loss of my long-time roommate, Dave Murphy, who passed away in my hometown of Sumter, S.C., at the age of 47 in May.

Dave — or "Crazy Dave," as most of us knew him over the years — was a special guy. He spoke his mind in a way that, in all honesty, scared the living mess out of most people. That filter located directly between the brain and the mouth that stops us sometimes and whispers in our ear, "Hey, dummy, you better not say that," simply didn't exist for Dave.

Come to think of it, that same filter really didn't exist for most of us in our tight-knit, little group. Hey, when you really think about it, who needs it anyway, right?

Dave was my roommate for a few years, and, needless to say, all of those times weren't roses. I got yelled at when a friend of a friend, I believe his name was O'Shea — yeah, you buddy, you're getting called out nearly 20 years later — spit his chewing tobacco in the bath tub ... and then there's the famous New Years Eve debacle where we all found out too much sugar and alcohol in my blood stream equals a visit from the Sumter Police Department's finest.

However, there were times when Dave was the only thing that held me together. When I

was living more than 1,000 miles from my family on a holiday, I can remember him ditching his own family to just hang out with me and our friends. Dave was, without a doubt, a guy you could count on in a pinch. No matter how messed up the situation was, you knew he would be there for you.

Unfortunately, time marches on. I left South Carolina and came to Big Spring to be closer to my parents, leaving Dave and the rest of my friends — they were more like family than my actual family, outside of my parents, sister and daughter have ever been — behind.

I lost touch with Dave, although I did get to see him for a few minutes when I took my daughter to Sumter a few years ago to see where I grew up. Hayley met him, just for a minute. I suppose I always thought there was time. Unfortunately, life is filled with details we're simply unaware of.

The story, as I've been informed, is fairly straight forward. At some point in the past couple of years, Dave began experiencing migraine headaches, the debilitating kind that make you just want to curl up in a ball and dismiss the world until it's gone. The doctors looked and looked, but, as they often do, they couldn't find the source of the problem, so they were left to try to simply treat the symptoms.

Many of my friends blame the combination of drugs — oxycodone and Lunesta — which, after countless hours of research on my part, have been known to cause suicidal thoughts and actions on the parts of patients. I'd like to blame the drugs, as well. I'd like to blame the doctors, too. I'd like to point to their incompetency, their inability to figure out what was wrong with Dave, who was living each and every day — every minute — in excruciating pain.

I want to, but I can't.

Dave faced his pain and made a decision, a decision which would break the hearts of his friends and leave many of us with more questions than answers for many, many years to come. He decided to take his own life.

Each of us ask ourselves the obvious questions. Should we have seen it coming? Even if we had, is there anything we could have done to stop it?

For more, the questions seem a bit darker. I left my friend — most of my friends, for that matter — behind to try to make a better life. If I had stayed, what would have been different?

Times have changed for us

In each of our lives there is a fine line that once crossed can cause irreprehensible damage.

There are lines that once we cross do not allow us to go back and then there are those that once crossed even if we find our way back over, things aren't the same as we left them.

Somehow, we need to be able to recognize those lines and stop ourselves before it's too late.

It is no secret ... times have changed.

Our economy is different than it was 10 years ago and drastically different than it was 50 years ago.

Family values have changed from what they were in the "old days."

With the ever depressing state of the national economy, there are more households having to have two breadwinners. There are those who are able to have one parent at home while the other works, but for the most part it has become a time where it takes two people working to keep a household functioning. In our ever changing land-

scape, the importance placed on time at home has also changed. The value seems to have been forgotten or pushed aside by some.

Of course, before I have people start jumping up yelling this is an overgeneralization or this isn't the way everyone is, let me stop and say this — I'm simply working through thoughts in my head and trying to get a point across. I understand this isn't everyone in the world, but it is a situation that none of us are immune to.

(Don't forget, each of my columns need to be taken as a whole, never in bits and pieces.)

Now, back to my original thought ...

We are all guilty of at some point or another losing site of the path we need to be on. The stress of bills, tasks to be completed ... and, well, life can veer us off course without us ever realizing it.

I am just as guilty of this as the next person. I found myself the other day saying this exact phrase, "You need to stop before you cross that line and don't lose sight of what's really important. Work isn't everything and focusing too much on work can cause you to lose what you have ..." Yes, there was more to the conversation, but those words

Would I have caught the warning signs? Could I have done anything to stop my friend's death?

It's these questions that sit quietly in the back of my mind, much like passengers sitting in the back of a bus, just waiting for those quiet moments when they know the driver is looking in the rearview mirror so they can wave, a quick reminder, nothing more, nothing less.

Most of us have gone our separate ways over the years, and everyone is doing the best they can to deal with Dave's death. Each of us tries to honor his memory by concentrating on the good times, like the time we all piled in Dave's Cavalier and drove all the way to Georgia to buy a lottery ticket because someone had a silly dream.

However, it's hard not to let the reality of what has happened not creep into the picture. It's hard not to let that shadow fall over our faces, over our eyes and blind us from the good times and the beauty we are left with.

Regardless of what your religious views are — especially regarding suicide, so you can keep those little tidbits to yourself — I suppose it all comes down to just one, simple matter of fact.

I miss my friend.

Note: I generally don't add notes to my columns ... I figure if it needs to be said in the column, then it should be said in the column. However, there was one thing I did want to add to this particular column, but I didn't feel like it had a place above.

If you or someone you love — or even care about, for that matter — is having thoughts of suicide, do not hesitate to seek help. That may mean encouraging them to get help, and it may mean you going out and getting help for them, possibly against their own wishes. Either way, the only wrong thing you can do in this situation is to sit on your hands and do nothing. As someone who has faced the aftermath of a suicide attempt — both successful and otherwise — it is not something you want on your conscience.

It's always better to err on the side of safety, so don't be afraid to ask the people in your life how they are doing. Their answers will most often be exactly what you expect. However, just once in a blue moon, you may have the chance to lend a hand to someone who really needs one.

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— as they rolled off my tongue — caused me to stop and look at my own life.

Here I was offering this piece of advice to someone and yet, I wasn't exactly sure I was even listening to the direction I was trying to lead someone else in.

Can we say hypocrite? It's not like me to admit that I'm wrong because after all I'm never wrong (just kidding.)

However, the casting of a stone at someone else caused me to realize I'm standing in a glass house myself.

There are so many moments that I have let slip by and I realize, I am just as guilty of riding too close to that line and sometimes even veer over the line as the person I was pointing fingers at.

The little moments are what truly matter and that is the piece of advice that really needed to be heard.

Work is important, the money is needed that's a given, but I need to remember, while I'm reminding others, the richest people aren't necessarily surrounded by money, but consumed by memories.

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THOMAS JENKINS



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World at a Glance

In a presidential election year, Pentagon stressing positive side of defense cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is preparing to tighten its belt, but with an election-year battle looming in Congress and on the presidential campaign trail, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta wants to stress the positive: Parts of the budget devoted to reshaping the military to fit a new global strategy will actually get fatter, he says.

But that's unlikely to mollify Republicans who say President Barack Obama's plan will leave the Pentagon stretched too thin to handle potential security threats in the Middle East, Asia and beyond.

Panetta is expected to outline the main areas of proposed spending cuts and increases at a Pentagon news conference Thursday, more than two weeks before the Obama administration submits its 2013 budget proposal to Congress. He will be joined by Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for a presentation designed to highlight the military leadership's embrace of defense cuts.

Panetta and Dempsey are expected to cast the plan as one that reflects President Barack Obama's strategy for reorienting the military as it recovers from a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Prominent in the Obama plan is a renewed focus on Asia, where China's rapid military modernization has raised worry in Washington and rattled U.S. allies. That, along with continued security threats in the Middle East — especially Iran — is why Panetta wants to invest more in certain air and naval assets. He also is putting a focus on cybersecurity and commando forces like those who killed Osama bin Laden last May and who swooped into Somalia on Tuesday to rescue two hostages, including an American.

Special-ops hostage rescue in Somalia shows shape of U.S. campaign to come

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy SEAL operation that freed two Western hostages in Somalia is representative of the Obama administration's pledge to build a smaller, more agile military force that can carry out surgical counterterrorist strikes to cripple an enemy.

That's a strategy much preferred to the land invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan that have cost so much American blood and treasure over the past decade. The contrast to a full-bore invasion is stark: A small, daring team storms a pirate encampment on a near-moonless night, kills nine kidnapers and whisks the hostages to safety.

Special operations forces, trained for such clandestine missions, have become a more prominent tool in the military's kit since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that led to the ongoing war in Afghanistan. The administration is expected to announce Thursday that it will invest even more heavily in

that capability in coming years.

The SEAL Team 6 raid in Somalia, which followed last May's operation that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, has political dimensions in an election year.

It gave an added punch to the five-state tour President Barack Obama began the day after he delivered his State of the Union speech. Obama did not mention the raid that was unfolding during his Tuesday night address, but he dropped a hint upon arriving in the House chamber by telling Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, "Good job tonight."

Consumer groups fear White House may water down rule on user-friendly health plan summaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer groups are scrambling to salvage a popular provision of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul that suddenly seems to be in question.

This time it's not Republican opposition they're worried about, but the White House itself.

At issue is a requirement that health plans provide simple, standard summaries of coverage and costs to help consumers pick benefits that are right for them — a sort of "CliffsNotes" version of cryptic insurance company jargon.

Consumer advocates say they fear the administration may heed industry complaints that the regulation as proposed last summer is too costly, burdensome and intrusive. The rule is due to take effect this year and is undergoing final review by the White House. It would apply to all private and employer health plans, covering an estimated 180 million Americans.

"There is concern that the consumer protections we were hoping to see may not be in the final rule," said Dr. LaShawn McIver, policy director for the American Diabetes Association. "Ultimately, we are looking for a consumer-friendly product that gives people the information they need about what levels of coverage they can expect."

Gingrich's biggest benefactor is a casino mogul, a hardliner on Israel and very, very rich

ATLANTA (AP) — He's an ardent supporter of Israel. A megabillionaire casino mogul whose Las Vegas Sands Corp. is under federal investigation. And the self-proclaimed "richest Jew in the world."

Sheldon Adelson is also, far and away, the biggest patron of Newt Gingrich's surging Republican presidential bid. Adelson and his wife, Miriam, have pumped \$10 million into a political action committee backing Gingrich that is run by the former House speaker's onetime aides. Campaign finance experts say the two \$5 million contributions are

among the largest known political donations in U.S. history.

No other candidate in the race for president appears to be relying so heavily on the fortune of a single donor. It's been made possible by last year's Supreme Court rulings — known as Citizens United — that recast the political landscape by stripping away restrictions on contributions and how outside groups can spend their money.

Sheldon Adelson is Citizens United come to life.

"The bottom line is that it creates that potential for one person to have far more influence than any one person should have," said Fred Wertheimer, president of the campaign finance watchdog group Democracy 21.

Taxpayers still owed \$132.9 billion from financial bailout; some gone forever, watchdog says

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government watchdog says U.S. taxpayers are still owed \$132.9 billion that companies haven't repaid from the financial bailout, and some of that will never be recovered.

The bailout launched at the height of the financial crisis in September 2008 will continue to exist for years, says a report issued Thursday by Christy Romero, the acting special inspector general for the \$700 billion bailout. Some bailout programs, such as the effort to help homeowners avoid foreclosure by reducing mortgage payments, will last as late as 2017, costing the government an additional \$51 billion or so.

The gyrating stock market has slowed the Treasury Department's efforts to sell off its stakes in 458 bailed-out companies, the report says. They include insurer American International Group Inc., General Motors Co. and Ally Financial Inc.

If Treasury plans to sell its stock in the three companies at or above the price where taxpayers would break even on their investment — \$28.73 a share for AIG, \$53.98 for GM — it may take a long time for the market to rebound to that level, the report says. AIG's shares closed Wednesday at \$25.31, while GM ended at \$24.92. Ally isn't publicly traded.

It will also be challenging for the government to get out of the 458 companies as the market remains volatile and banks struggle keep afloat in the tough economy, it says.

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ANSWERS

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5	1	8	4	3	2	9	6	7
8	5	9	2	4	1	3	7	6
7	6	1	9	8	3	5	4	2
3	2	4	7	5	6	1	9	8
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6	9	5	8	2	4	7	1	3
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Big Spring Independent School District

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

for the year ended August 31, 2011

	General Fund	Major Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
<i>Local and Intermediate Sources</i>	\$ 11,558,276	\$ 80,487	\$ 3,760,667	\$ 15,399,430
<i>State Program Revenues</i>	18,278,725		517,842	18,796,567
<i>Federal Program Revenues</i>	177,688		6,786,397	6,964,085
Total Revenues	\$ 30,014,689	\$ 80,487	\$ 11,064,906	\$ 41,160,082
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
<i>Instruction</i>	\$ 15,528,838	\$ -	\$ 2,874,245	\$ 18,403,083
<i>Instructional Resources and Media Services</i>	432,406		17,321	449,727
<i>Curriculum and Staff Development</i>	242,445		937,200	1,179,645
<i>Instructional Leadership</i>	298,028		15,302	313,330
<i>School Leadership</i>	1,726,292		256,203	1,982,495
<i>Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services</i>	625,317		523,616	1,148,933
<i>Social Work Services</i>	79,020		12,564	91,584
<i>Health Services</i>	351,753		-	351,753
<i>Student Transportation</i>	1,140,012		-	1,140,012
<i>Food Services</i>	-		2,584,013	2,584,013
<i>Extracurricular Activities</i>	1,243,916		-	1,243,916
<i>General Administration</i>	895,867		-	895,867
<i>Plant Maintenance and Operations</i>	4,044,994		505,524	4,550,518
<i>Security and Monitoring Services</i>	27,413		-	27,413
<i>Data Processing Services</i>	754,260		38,817	793,077
<i>Debt Service - Principal</i>	-		880,000	880,000
<i>Debt Service - Interest</i>	-		2,662,177	2,662,177
<i>Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees</i>	-	76,267	-	76,267
<i>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</i>	254,197	8,599,653	-	8,853,850
<i>Other Intergovernmental Charges</i>	362,507		-	362,507
Total Expenditures	\$ 28,007,265	\$ 8,675,920	\$ 11,306,982	\$ 47,990,167
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)				
Expenditures	\$ 2,007,424	\$ (8,595,433)	\$ (242,076)	\$ (6,830,085)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
<i>Capital Related Debt Issued</i>	\$ -	\$ 6,740,000	\$ -	\$ 6,740,000
<i>Sale of Real or Personal Property</i>	\$ 1,580			1,580
<i>Transfers In</i>	-		722,724	722,724
<i>Premium on Issuance of Bonds</i>	-	4,988		4,988
<i>Transfers Out (Use)</i>	(722,724)		-	(722,724)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (721,144)	\$ 6,744,988	\$ 722,724	\$ 6,746,568
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 1,286,280	\$ (1,850,445)	\$ 480,648	\$ (83,517)
Fund Balances - Beginning (September 1, 2010)	9,011,433	53,260,000	210,865	62,482,298
Fund Balances - Ending (August 31, 2011)	\$ 10,297,713	\$ 51,409,555	\$ 691,513	\$ 62,398,781

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BSHS STEER CHEER MINI CAMP

2012!

The BSHS Varsity Cheerleaders will be offering a mini-cheer camp for girls Kinder through 5th grade. No preschoolers. Cost is \$60.00 per child. They will receive a BSHS cheer camp t-shirt as well as other "goodies" throughout the camp. They will also perform at the half time game of the Big Spring Steers Boys Varsity game. The girls will learn a cheer, a chant, and a dance.

The camp will be held at Steer Gym on:

Saturday, February 4th from 10:00am to 12:00 noon

Sunday, February 5th from 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Monday, February 6th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Monday will be a refresher of what we learned and a rehearsal for the performance. The performance will be on Tuesday, February 7th during the boy's half time game. Game time is 7:30.

Signups for the camp will be January 17th through January 27th, 2012. All forms must be completed and turned in to Ashley Phinney at Big Spring High School.

If you have any questions please feel free to email Ashley at aphinney@bsisd.esc18.net. You may also call Shannon Stuteville at 264-3641 ext. 1416, and she will be happy to give you more information.

Space is limited so please sign up early.

We accept cash, checks or money orders. No debit or credit cards. Checks are to be made out to BSHS Cheerleaders.

Thanks!

Ashley Phinney, BSHS Cheer Sponsor



Courtesy photo

Howard College's Michael Franco, the Western Junior College Athletic Conference pitcher of the year in 2011, anchors a strong group of returning starters as the Hawks prepare for the start of the 2012 season.

HC tops preseason JUCO baseball poll

By **CINDY SMITH**
Special to the Herald

BIG SPRING—Howard College baseball is no stranger to national rankings, and this year will be no different if all goes as planned. The "Perfect Game" preseason junior college poll announced Wednesday has the Hawks for the 2012 season.

"We are at a point in our program right now where we feel we should be competing for a shot at the national title every year," said Britt Smith, head coach and HC athletic director.

"But at the same time, we focus completely on the process as coaches, sharing our expectations with the players and pushing them to play up to those expectations. That keeps us from dwelling on the results and focus too much."

Few fans have forgotten the historic 2009 season that brought the National Junior College Athletic Association

Div. I baseball championship to Howard, but with a new roster preparing for the season, Smith thinks he has an outstanding chance for a run at the title.

"We have a solid group of returners from the 2011 team and probably have one of the most talent-rich classes that we have brought in at Howard as far as our new recruits," said Smith.

Returners counted on to provide leadership for the team include pitchers Michael Franco — who was the WJCAC pitcher of the year as a freshman — Austin Blunt and Nick Sawyer.

"The depth of our pitching staff has to be the biggest strength coming into this season," added Smith. "We feel we have more quality depth than we have ever had on the mound."

Other key leaders return-

ing from the 2011 season are Paul Hendrix and Brendan McCurry in the middle infield, Todd Ritchie and Jordan Allen covering the outfield and C.J. Manning as catcher.

Smith feels confident in his defense adding, "Hendrix and McCurry are two of the best defenders we have had together in the middle of the diamond and Todd and Jordan bring continuity to the outfield as well."

Smith cautioned, however, preseason polls will have little impact on how much success his team eventually has.

"We tell our kids everyday this program is where it is today based on hard work and self-sacrifice and that is exactly what will get them where they want to go," he said.

Coach Smith has not forgotten the support his teams have received from Big Spring and surround-

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Smith

Sports Calendar

TODAY
Women's basketball
Odessa College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball
Odessa College at Howard College, 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY
Girls' basketball
Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 6 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan at Post, 6:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Post, 8 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com



File photo

Shavon Coleman (23) and the Howard College Hawks return to action tonight when they host Odessa College in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference showdown at 7:45 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The HC and OC women's teams square off at 5:45 p.m.

Tech's woes continue vs. Kansas State

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech has had little offensive consistency this season, and not much changed for the Red Raiders against No. 22 Kansas State, which kept them winless in Big 12 play.

One night the Red Raiders will get points from one or two players, but there is little carry-over into the next game when someone else picks up the scoring.

"We'll welcome anyone who can make 16 points. We'll definitely take that," Red Raiders coach Billy Gillispie said in reference to freshman Kevin Wagner's total. "But if it takes 16 shots to get it, it's probably not going to be a great result."

Wagner was 5 of 16 from the field, and freshman Jordan Tolbert was 6 of 8, which is what Gillispie would like from

more of his players.

Martavious Irving scored 16 points, and Rodney McGruder had 13 to lead Kansas State.

The Wildcats trailed briefly early but pulled away when they started hitting shots.

They muscled their way into the lane and outscored Texas Tech 36-20 in the paint.

Kansas State (15-4, 4-3 Big 12) pressed on defense, making it difficult for Texas Tech to find passing lanes.

That led to a season-high 25 turnovers for the Red Raiders — 12 were Kansas State steals — which the Wildcats converted into 27 points. Texas Tech was averaging more than 16 turnovers coming into the game.

The Wildcats had 17 turnovers, leading to seven points for the Red Raiders.

Mavericks get their rings, but T-wolves get win, 105-90

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks got championship rings. Kevin Love got a big new contract and the victory.

Love had 31 points and 10 rebounds after signing his maximum four-year extension with the Minnesota Timberwolves, who handed the defending NBA champions another ceremonious loss, 105-90 Wednesday night.

"It's a good day, putting aside everything that happened earlier in the day and focusing on the game and getting a big win," said Love, the 23-year-old forward who

"I know everybody is making a big thing about the ring tonight, it's a great thing to receive the ring. We still needed to win this game. That's what we're trying to do right now."

Shawn Marion
Dallas Mavericks

after the morning shoot-around signed the extension worth more than \$60 million. "We made big stops down the stretch. You can see us growing as a team."

The end of the Mavericks' seven-game home winning streak, and their franchise-record streak of holding 15 consecutive opponents under

100 points, came after they finally received their championship rings during a pre-game ceremony.

That presentation came exactly a month after Dallas raised the championship banner before the season opener. They trailed by 21 points at halftime that day on the way to a 105-94 loss to Miami in an

NBA finals rematch that was never really that close.

"I know everybody is making a big thing about the ring tonight, it's a great thing to receive the ring," Shawn Marion said. "We still needed to win this game. That's what we're trying to do right now. We're trying to focus on what's at hand right now and

the current season and focus on trying to take our baby steps to get to where we want to be. Tonight we just took a hop back."

Dallas led by 14 points before halftime against the Timberwolves. But Minnesota finished the first half with eight consecutive points in the final minute, then had a 13-4 run in the first 5 minutes of the third quarter for the lead.

The Mavericks managed to tie it at 70 on two free throws by Marion with 3 minutes left in the third quarter. But a minute later, Love's 3-pointer broke that tie and put the

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The Work includes furnishing complete pumping unit assemblies for twenty-one (21) water supply wells in the CRMWD Ward County North Well Field located approximately nine (9) miles west of Monahans, Texas. The successful Bidder shall provide and deliver all equipment, start-up services, testing, training, labor, tools, superintendent, transition piece between column pipe and pump discharge case (if necessary), and all incidental items necessary for a complete installation. Installation of the pumping units is not a part of this Work. The Basis of the Bid will be unit prices for anticipated typical pump designs for this project; final pumping unit designs will be provided after a Supplier is selected and pumping tests are performed on constructed wells. Time is of the essence in completion of this project; the successful Bidder must be able to meet milestones specified in the Contract.

The Bid/Contract Documents are on file at the CRMWD Big Spring office and at the Austin office of Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, Inc. (4030 West Braker Ln., Suite 325 Austin, TX 78759). Electronic copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may also be obtained at no charge via the internet at <http://construction.freese.com>

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#7225 January 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2012

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Pisces moon highlights the need for a higher love in our lives. While it's lovely to have the energy of friendship and romance flowing through life, there are deeper levels of goodness at work in the world that can only be accessed through profound compassion, remarkable sacrifice and spiritual connection.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll let go of the past and turn toward the future. You have a sense that tomorrow will be better, and you're right about that. Free yourself to hop on a trend, move with the forward thinking and experience the unusual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The events of the day highlight your softer emotional side. Progress depends on listening closely to the voice of your intuition, which can

be perceived through the muscles of your body.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your first impression will be on target, though you may forget about it as a relationship develops. So write down your thoughts now, and tuck them away to review later. It will make things more interesting.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Objectivity will be necessary. There will be a reason to practice the Zen art of detachment. Better to pull back emotionally than to let your feelings overpower your usual good judgment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The ideal teacher makes you feel good about yourself and empowered to act. A mentor will be most helpful now, as there will be a problem to solve, an attitude to adjust or a habit to cultivate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are times when your subconscious mind may be more powerful and a lot sneakier than your conscious mind. That's why it helps to get

in touch with what you're going through at the deeper levels of thought.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Fun and socializing will help your professional life, but only if you're getting to know the right people. Go where you feel welcome to be yourself. If you have to pretend in order to fit in, it's not a good fit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be an inspector of sorts. You'll notice what needs to be fixed and report on what you see. The problematic area might be in your own life or someone else's. In the latter case, use discretion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are special and interesting features of your life that you may want to share with the people close to you. In order to remember the topics of conversation you most want to bring up, make a list.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may be bored for a short time, until you realize that your environment, no

matter how stale it may seem, is always a playground for your physical and mental exploration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Carefully choose your business and personal allies. You don't have to put them through a test to recognize the good ones. You're savvy and street smart enough to know who will be good for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your good luck will center on the helpful people in your life, including partners, acquaintances, teachers, counselors and clergy. Ask for attention from these types, especially by posing interesting questions.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 26). You'll be happy with the progress of relationships, and feelings deepen through February and March. You'll be strong in business this summer. Be sure to invest in your own fun times, as well. You may have extra expenses involving travel and entertainment in

July. Family will appreciate your generosity. Cancer and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 11, 3, 39 and 6.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aquarius natives are known for their humanitarian efforts, and often the generosity of spirit extends to the animal kingdom. Such is the case with Aquarius comedian, talk-show host and awarded humanitarian Ellen DeGeneres, who regularly helps animal charities such as The Gentle Barn, a home and hospital for animals that have been abused.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Thirty years ago, my husband had a long-term affair. At the time, he was 30, and she was 16. He planned to leave me, and our two young children, but he changed his mind and supposedly broke off the affair. Last year, I found out he had a daughter with this woman. The girl is now 17.

Four months ago, I came home from a short trip to discover he had moved out because he wants to spend more time with his daughter.

I told him I would welcome the girl into our family, but he said he no longer wants to be married.

He refuses to let me meet his daughter, who now lives with him in his newly renovated home. Our own children want nothing to do with him, and he doesn't understand why.

He still stops by for breakfast and coffee most mornings and often comes over for lunch or in the evening to visit.

Do you think he will eventually come back to me, or should I tell him to get lost so I can move

on with my life? — *Frazzled*

Dear Frazzled: Your husband has a set-up that works for him — free meals and visits with his wife, and none of the responsibilities. He has no reason to change it.

You cannot make him behave the way you wish, so if this arrangement works for you, fine. Otherwise, we recommend a legal separation until you figure out what is in your best interest. You don't have to rush into divorce. One step at a time.

Dear Annie: I recently married my longtime boyfriend. My father-in-law is fun to be around and loves to be the life of the party.

The problem is, every other word out of his mouth takes the Lord's name in vain. I cringe every time I hear it and don't understand why he swears so much in this particular way. I've tried telling him nicely that I don't like cursing, but nothing seems to make a dent. Any suggestions? — *Not a Fan of Cursing*



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: Like "Adopted Child," I, too, was adopted as an infant. At the age of 25, I had some medical issues, so I called the home that handled my adoption to see whether I could get some medical information.

It turned out my biological mother was looking for me. Although my parents were not happy about my contacting her, I did it anyway.

For five years, I thought we had a good relationship. But apparently, my birth mother blamed me for ruining her life. She purposefully got pregnant to trap my biological father into marriage, but he wouldn't do it.

I was born with a birth defect caused either by a beating he gave her or her attempts to abort me. The defect was repaired at birth, but I carry a hideous scar as a constant reminder that someone wanted me dead.

Worse, my biological mother lied to help my ex-husband gain custody of my daughters during our divorce, because she

wanted me to suffer the loss of a child as she did.

Meeting this woman was the biggest mistake of my life. Adopted children should be content with the parents who raised them. — *Another Adopted Child*

Dear Another: Your story is horrific, but fortunately, it's not typical. Frankly, your biological mother sounds mentally ill. We are sorry you had to go through such heartbreak.

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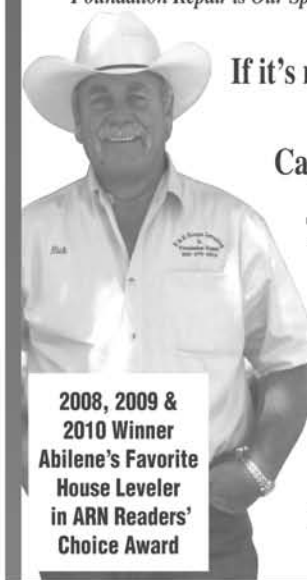
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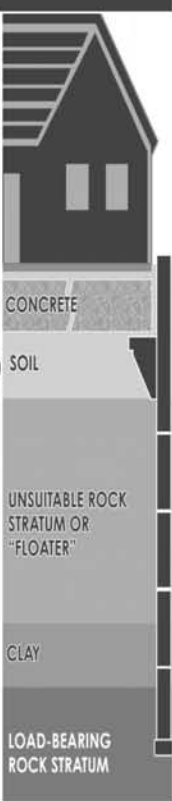
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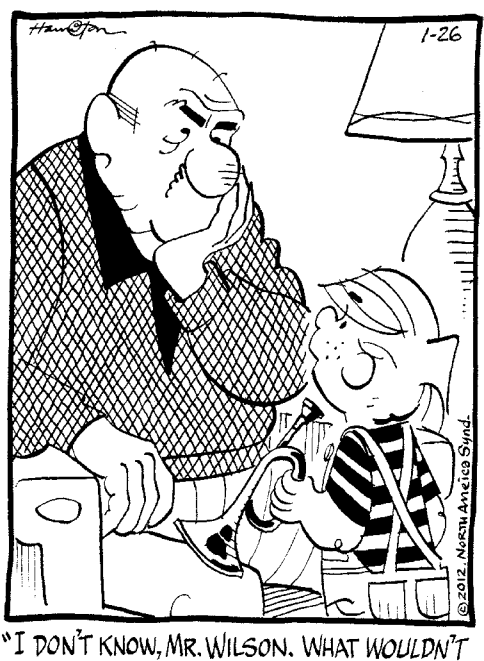
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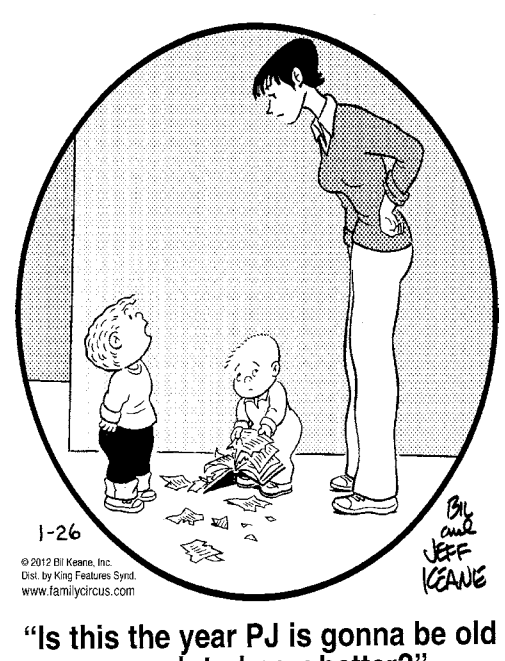
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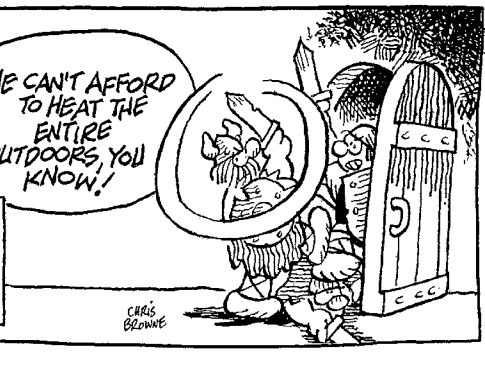
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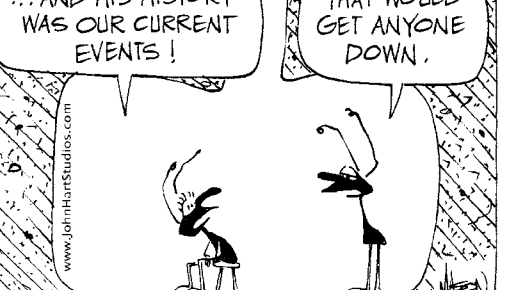
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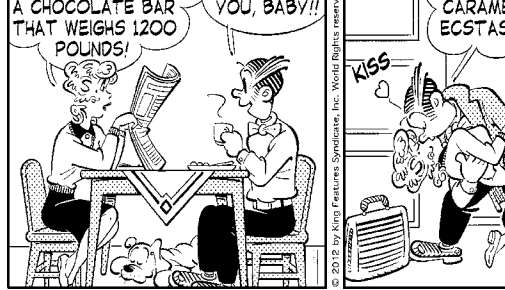
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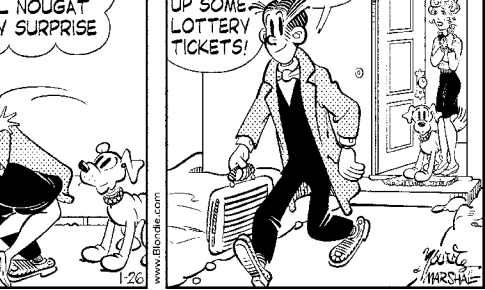


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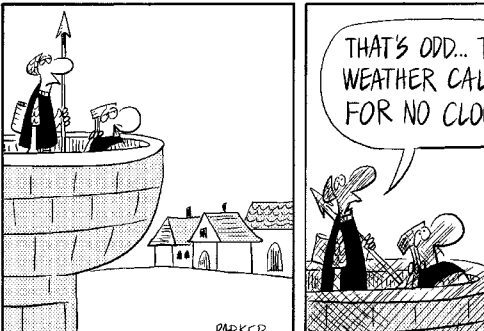


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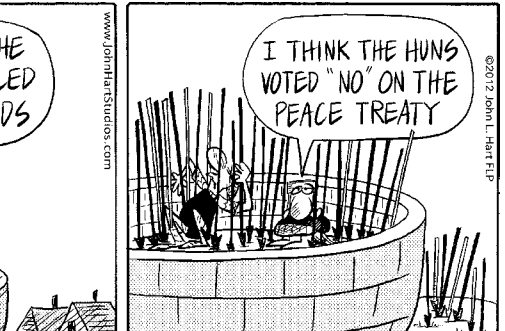
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AGNES



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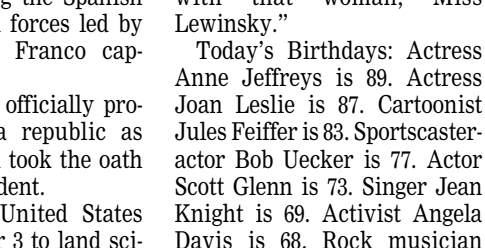
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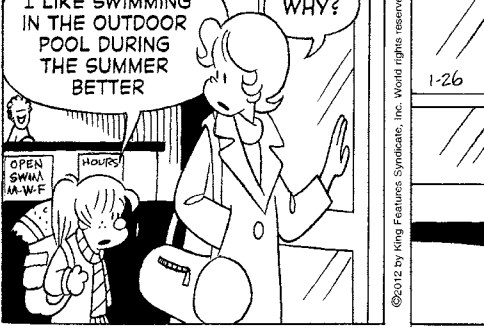
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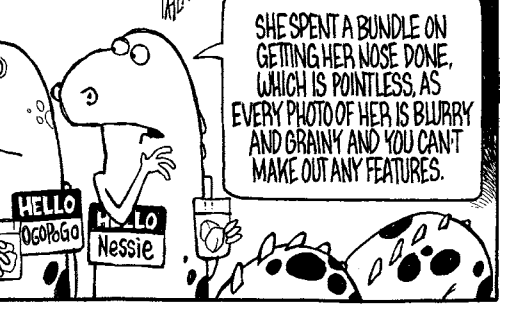
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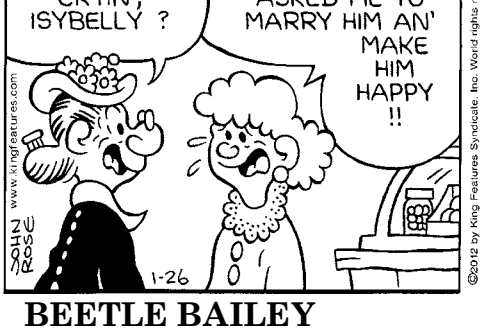
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BEEBLE BAILEY



MY MOTHER MADE ME A BIG BOX OF COOKIES!

CAN I HAVE ONE?



SHE MADE THEM FOR ME. YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK HER

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2012. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1939, the first American Expeditionary Force to go to Europe during World War II arrived in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

On this date:

In 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1841, Britain formally occupied Hong Kong, which the Chinese had ceded to the British.

In 1861, Louisiana passed an Ordinance of Secession, becoming the sixth state to break free from the United States.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1911, the Richard Strauss opera "Der Rosenkavalier" (The Cavalier of the Rose) premiered in Dresden, Germany.

In 1939, during the Spanish Civil War, rebel forces led by Gen. Francisco Franco captured Barcelona.

In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon — but the probe ended up missing its target by more than 22,000 miles.

Charles "Lucky" Luciano, a leading Mafia figure in the U.S., died in Naples, Italy, at age 64.

In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70.

In 1992, Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, appearing with his wife, Hillary, on CBS' "60 Minutes," acknowledged "causing pain in my marriage," but said past problems were not relevant to the campaign.

The Washington Redskins won Super Bowl XXVI (26), defeating the Buffalo Bills 37-24.

Actor Jose Ferrer, 80, died in Coral Gables, Fla.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a former White House intern, telling reporters,

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

AT THE OFFICE by Bruce Venzke

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- 1 Some clock batteries
 - 5 Was rewarding
 - 9 Purity measure
 - 14 Miss in Marseilles: Abbr.
 - 15 City near Sparks
 - 16 High society
 - 17 Computer woe
 - 19 Meat shunner
 - 20 Array of numbers
 - 21 Do a caulking job
 - 23 Angry state
 - 24 Guys
 - 25 Type of IRS examination
 - 27 Scholarly
 - 30 Pound sound
 - 31 End of many addresses
 - 32 Made quiet, perhaps
 - 35 Kon-Tiki Museum city
 - 39 Executive branch bigwig
 - 43 Margin-of-error phrase
 - 44 Rides the waves
 - 45 Yank's adversary
 - 46 Business daily, for short
 - 49 Discontented looks
 - 51 Spies' refuge
 - 56 Meadow call
 - 57 "... winter of ___ discontent"
 - 58 Part of AD
 - 59 Bit part
 - 62 Brit's potato chip
 - 64 Ski-slope transport
 - 66 Mrs. Tom Cruise
 - 67 Moonballs, in tennis
- DOWN**
- 68 Exemplars of elusiveness
 - 69 Prayer start
 - 70 Make a deep impression on
 - 71 Dull in color
 - 1 Microbrewery offering
 - 11 Strait-laced
 - 12 '70s video-game pioneer
 - 13 Article of faith
 - 18 Predictive power
 - 22 Alias introducer
 - 25 Shoulder muscles, for short
 - 26 Aerial anomalies
 - 27 Danish shoe brand
 - 28 Hearty laugh
 - 29 Impede, with "up"
 - 33 Green-egg layer
 - 34 Sad song
 - 36 Less consistent
 - 37 Sneering look
 - 38 Poetic spheres
 - 40 "... it all to you"
 - 41 Bears' and Rams' org.
 - 42 Weather-map line
 - 47 Like topiary
 - 48 Garfield's owner
 - 50 Sealed up, in a way
 - 51 Stupendous
 - 52 Hearing-related
 - 53 Pescado ___ (Mexican fried fish)
 - 54 Cry of defeat
 - 55 Not ___ (mediocre)
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Indy names head coach

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The next chapter in the Peyton Manning saga could take a decidedly defensive turn. Indianapolis hired Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano as its new coach Wednesday and will introduce him at a news conference Thursday afternoon. It's the third time Jim Irsay has turned to a defensive-minded coach since replacing his father as team owner in 1997, first hiring Jim Mora and then Tony Dungy as Mora's replacement in 2002. "I like it," Pro Bowl defensive end Robert Mathis wrote on Twitter. The Colts are hoping the change produces better results after Indy went 2-14 last season, its worst record in two de-

cadés. But there are questions about how this decision will impact the future of Manning and his teammates. The 51-year-old Pagano had been a career assistant until Wednesday. He had coached previously in the NFL at Oakland and Cleveland and also worked extensively in college with stops at Miami and North Carolina. Those who have worked closely with Pagano believe he's ready for the promotion. But Pagano is taking over a team in transition. Irsay's dizzying array of moves this month has essentially cleaned house. It began with the firings of the father-son front office tandem of

Bill and Chris Polian on Jan. 2, the day after the season. The next week, Irsay hired 39-year-old Ryan Grigson as the new general manager. Last week, coach Jim Caldwell was fired after his third season because he won only two games while Manning sat out with a neck injury and now, eight days later, Indy has his replacement -- with more changes to come. Quarterbacks coach Ron Turner, receivers coach Frank Reich and offensive line coach Pete Metzelaars all have been let go, too. That leaves offensive coordinator Clyde Christensen, running backs coach David Walker and tight ends coach Ricky Thomas among those with fates yet to be determined.

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Timberwolves ahead to stay. That was one of four 3-pointers by Love, who also had one at the end of the first half to get the Timberwolves within 54-52. His big game, along with 17 points and 12 assists from Ricky Rubio in 46½ minutes, ruined another celebratory night in Dallas. "We did," Love said. "It was fun." Wayne Ellington had 16 points while Nikola Pekovic had 13 for the Timberwolves, who also beat Dallas 99-82 on New Year's Day. Jason Terry led Dallas with 17 points, while Marion had 15 points. Brendan Haywood had 10 rebounds. Before the game, Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and coach Rick Carlisle presented the diamond-encrusted championship rings to NBA finals MVP Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Kidd and seven other current players who were on last year's team. Also getting their rings during the ceremony were retired player Peja Stojakovic and J.J. Barea, who now plays for the Timberwolves and part of the reason the ceremony was held when it was.

Barea, who missed his fourth consecutive game for Minnesota because of a sprained left ankle, received a huge ovation when he was the first player introduced by Carlisle. The rest of his Timberwolves teammates had retreated to the locker room before the ring ceremony. Nowitzki was dressed in a suit during the third of at least four games he's sitting out to improve game conditioning and his sore right knee. Dallas was up 54-44 when Kidd hit a 3-pointer on a pass from Terry with 1:07 left in the first half. "The game turned at the end of the first half," Carlisle said. "We lost some concentration. ... Look, we didn't deserve to win, and frankly ... we really didn't compete at any kind of level at all." Ellington rebounded his own miss and made a layup to start that quick Minnesota surge before halftime. After Kidd missed a 3-pointer, Rubio made one before Love's half-ending trey set up by Terry's only turnover. "Our guys really came out with attitude that we could win this game," Minnesota coach Rick Adelman said. "The end of the first half was huge. We cut it to two and got back in the game, then had a great second half."

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ing communities and he conveys that message to his players. "We want our players to know although most all of them are from

more than 250 miles from home, they are representing a great community of good, honest, hard working people," Smith said. "We want them to know it is their responsibility to make sure they understand what that means and how their decisions and

effort not only represent them but this college and community as well." The 2012 season begins Feb. 2-3 with double-headers against Frank Phillips College at Jack Barber Field on the HC campus. "We're excited, we're

ready," Smith said. "The team has worked hard and they are ready to compete." The season home openers will kick off at noon on each day. Admission is free. For more on HC athletics, visit www.hchawk.com.

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Man charged in priest's death found dead in jail

HOLBROOK MOHR — Associated Press
JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A man accused of killing a Roman Catho-

lic priest and setting off in the victim's car for a family vacation to Walt Disney World was found dead in his prison cell Thursday in an ap-

parent suicide, corrections officials and his attorney said. Jeremy Wayne Manieri, 33, was charged with shooting the Rev. Ed Everitt of Hammond, La., in July 2011 at a beach house in Waveland, Miss.

Corrections officials said Manieri was found dead in his cell at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County. Details of his death were not released. Manieri's attor-

ney, Brian Alexander, confirmed the death. Manieri was a handy man at the house used by a group of priests as a beach retreat. Manieri had claimed he shot Everitt after he passed out from alcohol and marijuana use and found the priest fondling him. But investigators believe robbery was the motive, because Florida authorities said Manieri had the priest's car, gun and wallet when he was arrested.

Authorities said Manieri's former wife and two children were with him when he was arrested at a hotel near Winter Haven, Fla. They had purchased tickets to Walt Disney World but never made it to the resort, investigators said. Authorities say Manieri gave a detailed confession to investigators in Florida, but stopped cooperating by the time he returned to Mississippi.

Manieri is charged with murder and grand larceny. Everitt, a 70-year-old native of Houston, was pastor of Holy Ghost Church in Hammond, La.

Bad bomb joke

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Prosecutors in Utah charged a FedEx driver with a threat of terrorism count over allegations he joked that a package he was delivering to a Utah Army base was likely a bomb.

Charges filed Wednesday in Salt Lake City show the deliveryman was dropping off a package on Sept. 20 addressed to an Army Corps of Engineers employee at Camp Williams.

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