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50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

HC campus to be aglow for holidays

Public is invited to Thursday's events

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard College's Christmas gift to the community just keeps getting bigger and bigger.

For more than 20 years, the college's annual Luminaria ceremony has lit the college's Birdwell Lane campus to picture postcard status, but officials have always tried to make the evening about more than just lights — and this year is no exception.

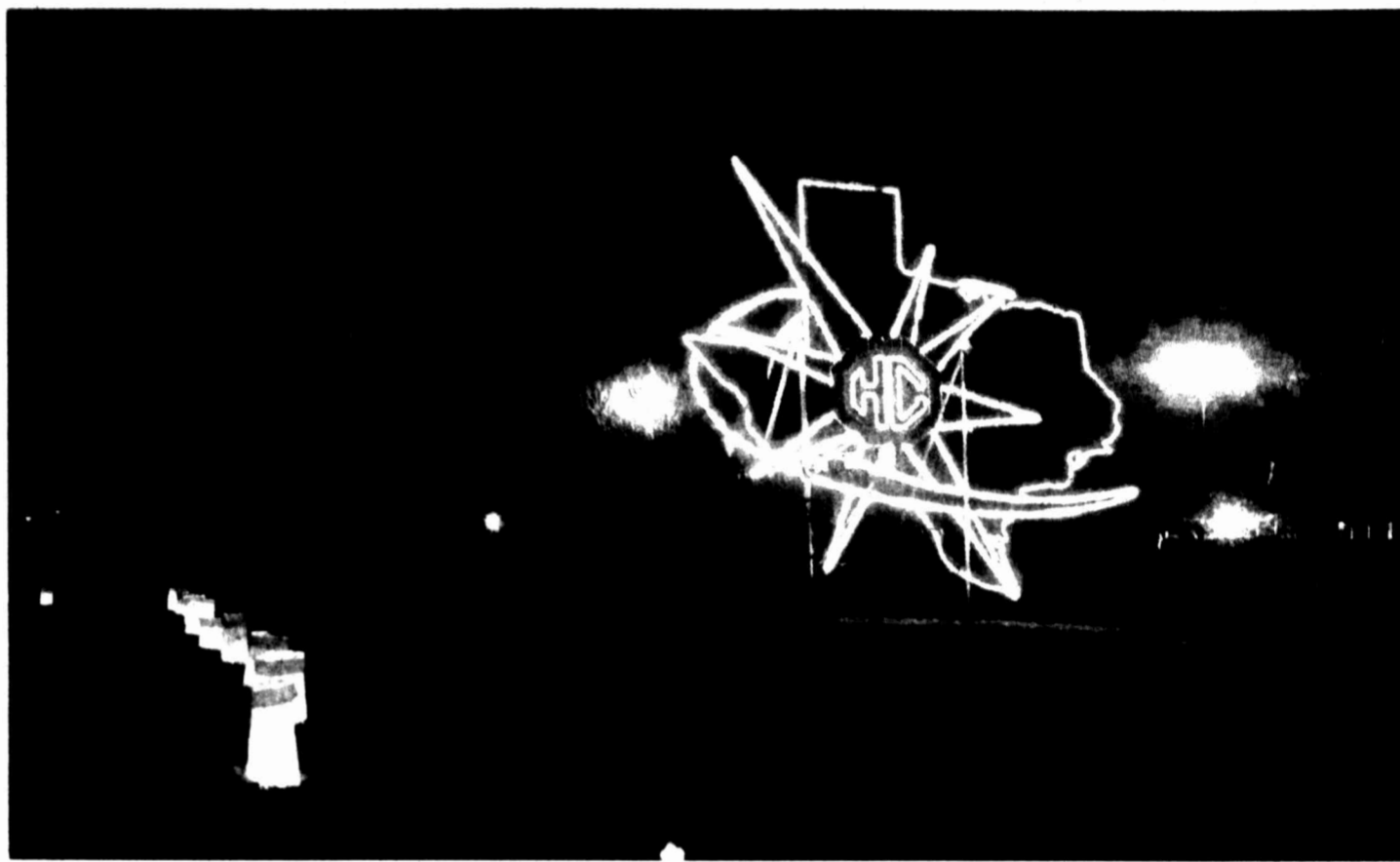
This year, in addition to the traditional luminarias, visitors to the Thursday night event will be treated to a variety of activities, said Susie Teeters, administrative assistant to the Dean of Students.

Howard College holiday activities

- Thursday**
5:45 p.m., Frito pie supper
6 p.m., Santa arrives
6:30 p.m., Coahoma Kids Choir
7 p.m. New Dimensions
7:30 p.m., SWCID students perform "My Little Angel"

"We want to stress that this is our Christmas gift to the community," Teeters said. "We believe that this is going to be a very nice evening for everyone."

Ceremonies this year, See COLLEGE, Page 3A



The Howard College campus is aglow with lights in this December 2005 file photo. The college's annual Luminaria ceremony, complete with free food, Christmas music and Santa Claus, will be held Thursday evening at the Hall Center for the Performing Arts amphitheater.

Young students bring 'Winter Fantasy' to local stage

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring elementary students will sing for the season Thursday evening.

Choirs from all five local elementaries and Goliad Intermediate will be in concert at 7 p.m. when Big Spring ISD presents "A Winter Fantasy" at the Municipal Auditorium.



Ryan

The concert, which is free to the public, is the brainchild of Darrell Ryan, curriculum director for the district.

"I used to be the supervisor of music at another school, and we'd do something like this every year,"

Ryan said. "They used to do it here years ago."

The concert will give the district's smallest students a chance to stand tall, he said.

"The kids seem to get a kick out of it," Ryan said. "Elementary kids usually don't get to perform for anyone else besides their family or their school mates, so this will be different for them."

Performing Thursday night are:

- The Bauer Elementary choir, under the direction of Connie Earp, will sing "Masters in the Hall," "This Day of Peace" and "Ring a Little Bell."
- Kentwood Elementary choir, directed by Debby Averitt, will perform "Do You Hear What I Hear?," "Wise Men, Brave Men" and "Jingle Bell Rock."

Director Julie Shirey and Moss Elementary students will perform "A Very Model Christmas," "Deck The Halls" and "Everlasting Fruitcake."

Marcy Elementary choir, directed by Edie Tunstall, will perform "A Christmas Rap," "Sleigh Ride Through the Snow" and "The Best Gift of Snow" and "The Best Gift of Snow." See FANTASY, Page 3A

Son arrested for playing with present before Dec. 25

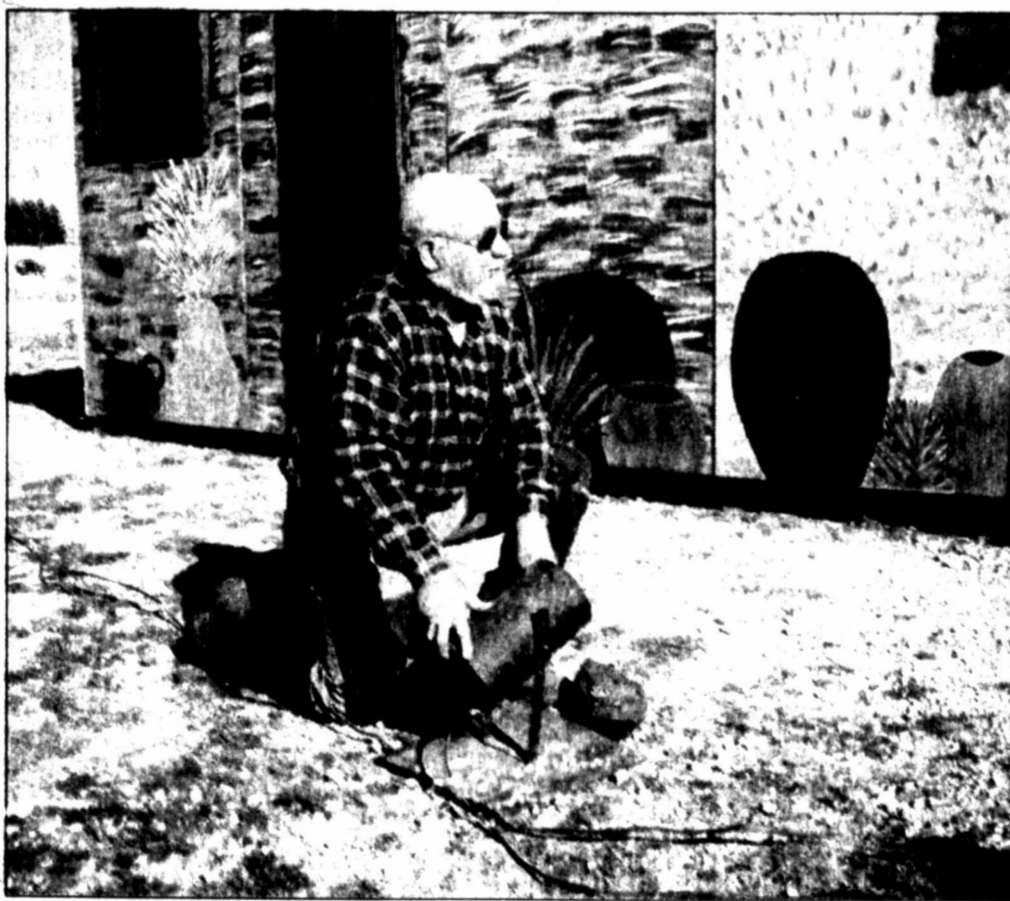
COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A fed-up mother had her 12-year-old son arrested for allegedly rummaging through his great-grandmother's things and playing with his Christmas present early.

The mother called police Sunday after learning her son had disobeyed orders and repeatedly taken a Game Boy from its hiding place at his great-grandmother's house next door and played it. He was arrested on petty larceny charges, taken to the police station in handcuffs and held until his mother picked him up after church.

"My grandmother went out of her way to lay away a toy and paid on this thing for months," said the boy's mother, Brandi Ervin. "It was only to teach my son a

See BAD SON, Page 3A

NATIVITY PREPARATIONS



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Burl Cooley works on a light fixture in preparation for the annual First Church of the Nazarene Drive-Through Nativity. The event, in its 20th year, runs Friday through Sunday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the church, located at 1400 Lancaster.

Iraq situation called 'grave' by commission

By ANNE PLUMMER FLAHERTY

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States faces a "grave and deteriorating" situation after three years of war in Iraq, a high-level commission warned bluntly on Wednesday, recommending enhanced diplomacy to stabilize the country and hopefully permit the withdrawal of most combat troops by early 2008.

"There is no path that can guarantee success, but the prospects can be improved," the commission said after an eight-month review of a war that has resulted in the deaths of more than 2,900 U.S. troops and grown so unpopular at home that it helped trigger a Democratic takeover of

"Violence is increasing in scope and lethality. It is fed by a Sunni Arab insurgency, Shiite militias, death squads, al-Qaida and widespread criminality."

Congress in last month's elections.

Portions of the report were obtained by The Associated Press.

President Bush received the report in an early morning meeting at the White House with com- See IRAQ, Page 3A

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TOYS FOR CHILDREN

Spring Tabernacle, 1209 Wright, will hold its annual toy giveaway to the needy at 10 a.m. Friday.

There is no registration, no need for proof of income. The program operates on faith.

The ministry's toys for children program began in 1995. Last year, Spring Tabernacle handed out five presents each for 262 children.

Because the church's personnel resources are limited, adults are asked not to bring children along unless absolutely necessary. If you must bring children, please bring another adult to watch them while the parent selects gifts.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

William R. Banks Jr. has been named the December 2006 Veteran of the Month by Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Banks, a U.S. Navy veteran, will be honored at ceremonies at 6 p.m. Thursday in the museum briefing room.

The Big Spring resident served during World War II aboard the USS Nashville, a cruiser that earned 10 battle stars during the war.

The cruiser's most significant action came during the Battle of Leyte Gulf during the campaign to liberate the Philippines.

For more information, call Heather Wallace at 264-1999.

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Obituaries

Marcella Davis



Marcella Fay Davis, 65, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Alan Wallace, People's Fellowship of Lubbock, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Marcella was born July 24, 1941 in Menard to Dovie and Charlie Osburn. She grew up in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Howard County. Marcella married Elzy E. Davis on June 22, 1957 in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a licensed cosmetologist.

Marcella is survived by her husband, Elzy E. Davis of Big Spring; two daughters, Dianna Heinis and her husband Mark, and Patricia Butts and her husband Jimmy, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Fern Lewis of Big Spring, and Gayle Sparnell of Wylie; a brother, Carroll "Pud" Osburn and his wife Jackie, of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren, Erin Heinis of Austin, Chad Heinis of Big Spring, Adam Heinis, serving in the U. S. Navy at Groton, Conn., Neisha Heinis, Courtney Heinis, Chase Davis, and Randi Davis, all of Big Spring, Christi Paul and her husband Cody of Lubbock, and Haley Butts and Kelsey Butts, both of Big Spring; two great-grandsons, Camron Edens and Jett Paul, both of Lubbock; a number of nieces and nephews; and special family friends Roger and Alma Kennedy of Grape Creek.

In addition to her parents, Marcella was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Davis; four brothers, Clinton Ray Osburn, E. L. "Buck" Osburn, Harold "Chuck" Osburn, and Kenneth Osburn; and three sisters, Stella Dodd, Lois Brumley and Barbara Dodd.

Pallbearers will be Chad Heinis, Roy Williams, Howard Osburn, Billy Osburn, Gary Osburn and Jim Jones.

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

Paid obituary

Ernesto Saiz



Ernesto Saiz, 72, of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, in a Midland hospital. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 4, 1934, in Karnes City and married Josephine Lopez.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife, Josephine Saiz of Big Spring; five sons, Jesse Saiz Sr. and wife Martha of Lubbock, Ernest Saiz Jr., Rickardo Saiz, Robert Saiz and Felipe Saiz and wife Tina, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Precilla Domino and husband Mike and Mary Martinez and husband David Rivera, all of Big Spring; three sisters, Consuelo Cortez of Pomona, Calif., Joaquina Vidales of Idaho and Juanita Villareal of Odessa; two brothers, Frank Vidales and wife Olga of Odessa and Salvador Vidales and wife Dora of Kerrville; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Jose Luis Saiz and Frank Saiz, one brother and four sisters.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-5, Midland 79701.

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

Donna Taylor

Donna Taylor, 87, of Abilene and formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, in an Abilene nursing center. A funeral service will be held Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, at 2 p.m. in the Hamil Family Funeral Home Chapel, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road.

Harold Branson

Harold Branson of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Altie Lambright

Altie Lambright, 96, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Walter Voight

Walter Voight, 59, of Houston, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Royce Griffith

Royce Griffith, 72, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at Georgetown. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 800 block of Willia.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 600 block of Lancaster.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Dallas and the 600 block of Lancaster.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

- WILLIAM GILBERT AGUILAR, 17, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- ANDREA DENISE ALENDAR, 34, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear.
- CHRISTOPHER WAYNE BOBBITT, 23, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- DAVID JAMES SACHS, 19, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- IRENE PAREDEZ FLORES, 32, was arrested on a bondsman off bond warrant for driving while license invalid.
- JOSE H. OLIVARES, 45, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- SARA ELIZABETH WANTTAJA, 36, was arrested by DPS troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2500 block of E. 25th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• A RED DRESS LUNCHEON will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum. Guests are invited to wear their red dresses and a fancy red hat. An award will be given to the woman with the best hat. Lunch will be provided by the Heritage Museum Events Committee. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Wednesday to reserve a place. Seating will be limited to 60 guests. For more information, contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255 or go by 510 Scurry.

• THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP will have its final meeting Dec. 12, at 6 p.m. at the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. It will include a gift exchange. If you have any questions, contact Tracey at 263-4948.

• SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month reception honoring William R. Banks Jr., 6 p.m. at the museum. The public is invited.
- Howard College Luminaria lighting ceremony, 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Hall Center amphitheater. Music by the Coahoma Kids Choir and New Dimensions. Free admission.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- A Winter Fantasy — a special presentation by choral groups of Bauer Elementary, Kentwood Elementary, Marcy Elementary, Moss Elementary, Washington Elementary and Goliad Intermediate schools — begins at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. There is no admission charge.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.
- First Church of the Nazarene Drive Through Nativity, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. No admission fee; donations accepted.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday—Mostly sunny. Colder. Highs in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Friday—Sunny. Highs around 50. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Friday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$15 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$12 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 6, 9, 13, 43 and 46. The Mega Ball number was 45.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-12-22-25-27. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-8-1

Correction

In Sunday's Herald article about the Kentwood Elementary Math Club, one of the students playing checkers was misidentified as Zach Hollis. The student's correct name is Carl Price.

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The bidding:
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Opening lead — king of spades.
Assume South gets to six hearts as shown and West leads the spade king. It certainly seems that declarer will lose two spade tricks and go down one, but if he is on his toes, he makes the slam.
South starts by winning the spade lead with the ace and drawing two rounds of trumps. He then plays the

K-A of clubs, ruffs a club, cashes the Q-A of diamonds and leads dummy's last club, the seven.
The stage is now set for the crucial play. Instead of trumping East's jack of clubs, South discards one of his spade losers. He is hoping that West had a six-card spade suit for his pre-emptive jump-overcall, which is the normal expectancy.
And, as hoped, that proves to be precisely the case. East finds himself on lead and, like it or not, is compelled to return a diamond. South thereupon discards his last spade and ruffs in dummy to bring home the slam.

There is nothing remarkable about the way in which declarer accomplished his purpose, nor was he exceptionally lucky to find West with six spades for his overcall and East with the majority of the missing clubs. The odds greatly favored finding both of these conditions, and all declarer had to do was to take advantage of the probabilities.
Although the winning line of play is really not difficult to formulate and execute, the fact is that many declarers in the given situation might quickly concede down one after they saw the dummy.

Tomorrow: Good judgment is a key factor.
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Don't forget decorating contest

Deadline for entries is Friday, judging set for Monday

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

It's time to make your entries for the annual Christmas Decorating Contest.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Home & Garden Club, Johansen's Nursery and KBST/KBTS, the contest has three categories: Residential, commercial and non-judged. There is no entry fee.

There's only one major change to this year's event.

"This year there will be no inside judging. It has to be outside lights or a

window display, but nothing inside. That was a request from the judges," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director.

Those wishing to participate can obtain an entry form at the Chamber, 215 W. Third St.

Residential entries can choose between religious, lights only, original homemade and "other." Commercial entries can pick either show windows only or lights only. Non-judged entries can be residential or commercial.

Entries are due by noon, Friday. Judging will be held Monday, Dec. 11.

"Once again, we will have a list of everyone



ValVerde

who enters and will compile that for the public so that they can drive by and see the lights," said ValVerde. "So, if you don't want to enter as a competitor but would like to let others know about your lighting display, enter the non-judged division and we'll all know where you are."

This has been declared the Year of the Poinsettia in Howard County, but it is not necessary to have poinsettias in your lighting display to enter.

"We hope that everyone will enter," said ValVerde. "It's open to everyone. We want the community to get involved."

For more information, call the Chamber at 263-7641.

Contact News Editor Bill McClellan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
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which begin at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, will be held at amphitheater on the northeast side of the Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Teeters said.

The evening begins with a free Frito pie supper from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive at about 6 p.m., and will be available to receive children's gift wish lists and pose for photographs until about 7:30 p.m.

Music will also play a big part in the festivities, Teeters said. The Coahoma Kids Choir will perform from 6:30 p.m.

until 7 p.m., followed by the college's singing group, New Dimensions, from 7 p.m. until 7:25 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., the action shifts inside the arts center, where students from the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will perform "My Little Angel."

All events are free to the public and refreshments will be served, Teeters said.

"We wanted to make just a little bit more special than just spending a little time with Santa Claus," Teeters said.

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

FANTASY

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All."

Washington Elementary students and Director Betty Downey will sing "Up on the Housetop," "Pat-A-Pan" and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas."

Elesha McMeans and Tamara Sneed will direct the Goliad Intermediate

choir through "A Celebrity Christmas," "We Wish You a Swingin' Holiday" and "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

In a grand finale, the combined choirs will perform "Winter Fantasy" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

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

BAD SON

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lesson. He's been going through life doing things ... and getting away with it.

Police did not release the boy's name.

The mother said that her son was found in the last year to have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, but that his medicine does not seem to help.

She said he faces an expulsion hearing at his school Wednesday. Rock Hill Police Capt. Mark Bollinger said the boy took a swing at a police

officer assigned to the school last month. He has been suspended from school since then.

The boy's case will be presented to Department of Juvenile Justice officials in York County, who will decide what happens to him, Bollinger said. His mother hopes he can attend a program that will finally scare him straight.

"It's not even about the Christmas present," she said. "I only want positive things out of it. ... There's no need for him to act this way. I'd rather call myself than someone else call for him doing something worse than this."

IRAQ

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mission members. He pledged to treat each proposal seriously and act in a "timely fashion."

He was flanked by the commission's co-chairmen, former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, and former Rep. Lee Hamilton.

The report painted a grim picture of Iraq nearly four years after U.S. forces toppled Saddam Hussein.

It warned that if the situation continues to deteriorate, there is a risk of a "slide toward chaos (that) could trigger the collapse of Iraq's government and a humanitarian catastrophe."

"Neighboring countries could intervene. ... The global standing of the United States could be diminished. Americans could become more polarized," commissioners said.

The report called for the administration to try to engage Syria and Iran in diplomacy as part of an effort to bring stability to Iraq — even though Bush has said previously he would not negotiate with either country.

With diplomacy under way, the report said, the U.S. should increase the number of combat and other troops that are embedded with and supporting Iraqi Army units.

"As these actions proceed, U.S. combat forces could begin to move out of Iraq. ... By the first quarter of 2008, subject to unexpected developments in the security situation on the ground, all combat brigades not necessary for force protection could be out of Iraq."

Bush said the report "gives a very tough assessment of the situation in Iraq. It is a report that brings some really very interesting proposals, and we will take every proposal seriously and we will act in a timely fashion."

He also urged members of Congress to give serious consideration to the recommendations.

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OUR VIEWS

HC Luminaria will be special present for all

Everyone likes getting gifts. That's why we think it's exciting that Howard College's Christmas gift to the community just keeps getting bigger and bigger.

For more than two decades now, the college has held its Luminaria ceremony — lighting the campus in such a way as to be worthy of a picture postcard.

To our way of thinking, that in itself would be enough to deserve accolades, but Howard College officials have always tried to make the evening more than just a lighting ceremony.

That is true again this year. In addition to the traditional luminarias, visitors to the Thursday night event will be treated to a variety of activities.

Ceremonies, which begin at 5:45 p.m., will be held at amphitheater on the northeast side of the Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

The evening begins with a free Frito pie supper from 5:45 to 6:30. Santa Claus will arrive at about 6 p.m., and will be available to receive children's gift wish lists and pose for photographs until about 7:30 p.m.

Holiday music will also be a part of the show, as the Coahoma Kids Choir will perform from 6:30 p.m. until 7 p.m., followed by the college's singing group, New Dimensions, from 7 p.m. until 7:25 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., the action shifts inside the arts center, where students from the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will perform "My Little Angel."

All events are free to the public and refreshments will be served.

Clearly, Thursday night's celebration will be a very special Christmas gift to the community — one that will appeal to virtually everyone.

So we're encouraging our readers to be sure and schedule the Howard College Luminaria Ceremony on your list of holiday season activities.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our peace soars when we are open to You, Lord.

Amen

Chavez becomes dictator-elect

If you thought Hugo Chavez was a thorn in our side, brace yourself! The thorn is about to become a dagger.

After his resounding reelection Sunday to another six-year term as president of Venezuela, Chavez believes he has received a mandate for his anti-American rhetoric and efforts to spread socialist revolution throughout Latin America.

He is already the world's most outspoken critic of the U.S. government, the man who stood at the U.N. podium and said President Bush is the devil, the man who travels around the world meeting with every member of the "axis of evil" and building a coalition of U.S. enemies.

"Today we gave another lesson in dignity to the imperialists, it is another defeat for the empire of Mr. Danger," Chavez shouted from the balcony of the Miraflores Presidential Palace as he celebrated his victory Sunday night.

"Mr. Danger," as he calls President Bush, is a title more appropriate to describe Chavez.

Look for Chavez to continue destabilizing Latin America and challenging Washington's influence in the region.

Look for him to continue supporting the candidacy of anti-American leftists, and using Venezuela's oil wealth to buy weapons and arm guerrillas.

Now that he has beaten Manuel Rosales, the candidate who had united all of his opponents, we can

expect that Chavez will make all the moves to become a dictator.

Even before Sunday's victory, he had already announced plans to change the Venezuelan constitution to eliminate presidential term limits and create a single party that will enable him to stay in power indefinitely — just like his infamous idol, Cuba's Fidel Castro.

And who is to stop him? He already controls the Venezuelan Supreme Court, the National Electoral Council and 100 percent of the National Assembly.

Knowing all this, the Venezuelan people nevertheless elected a president — and U.S. enemy — for life.

Chavez's opponents list a long series of reasons why beating him was nearly impossible. They say government workers were intimidated into voting for him, fear prevented many opponents from voting, the election was plagued by fraud, that as a dictatorial incumbent, Chavez had much more access to the media than his opponent and voting machines may have been rigged.

Nevertheless, with nearly 80 percent of the votes counted, Chavez celebrated a 61 to 38 percent thrashing of Rosales.

And let's say that it is true Chavez has become so powerful that beating him is practically impossible — it wasn't always that way. Yet from the very beginning of his political career, the Venezuelan people, knowing that he wanted to become another Castro and turn Venezuela into another Cuba, gave him many opportunities to become today's dictator-elect.

The Bush administration is also

at fault here. Its undivided attention to problems in the Middle East and the war on terror, and its neglect of Latin America has given rise to a series of leftist leaders in our own hemisphere.

With the recent elections of Rafael Correa in Ecuador, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in Brazil and Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua, Chavez became the fourth leftist elected in Latin America in the past five weeks. And with Evo Morales in Bolivia and the Castro brothers in Cuba, the anti-American bloc is now stronger than ever in Latin America.

So what, you ask, if Chavez remains in power and continues to act like the ultimate Latin American bully? Why should we pay attention to his ranting and raving?

Well, even if you don't care about his effort to turn the whole hemisphere against us, the answer is a three-letter word: oil.

Venezuela is the world's fifth largest oil exporter and the third largest oil supplier to the United States. He has the power to destabilize the U.S. economy, especially now that he intends to take greater control of Venezuela's rich oil industry.

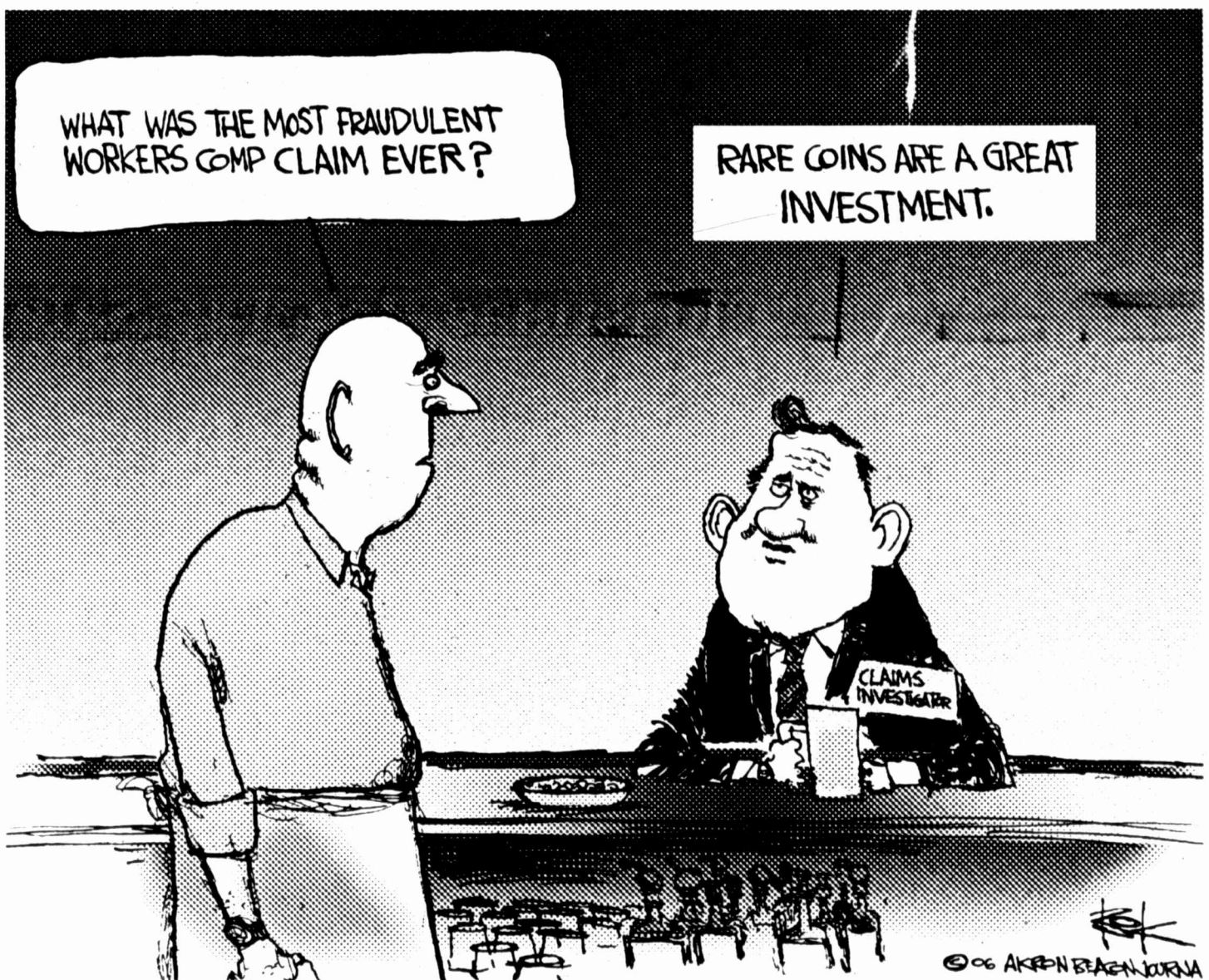
For almost five decades, we have managed to ignore Castro, because he has nothing we need. But Chavez can hurt us, each and every time we go to the gas pump.

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MIGUEL PEREZ



A laid back time in California

We went to San Francisco to celebrate our grandson Aiden's first

birthday. The house was decorated in a Bob the Builder theme. Colorful Bob the Builder balloons, hard hats, napkins, plates and glasses were on the table.

Aiden's 3-year-old brother, Max, had some friends of his over for the party. When it came time to serve the cake, everybody crowded around Aiden's high chair to watch him eat a cupcake and get chocolate all over his face.

He did it well. The weather was perfect. It had been cloudy and rainy the previous two days, but on Saturday, the day of the party, the sun came out and the kids were able to go outside. They banged away at a Bob the Builder pinata suspended from a tree limb in the back yard.

Despite numerous tries from the youngsters and some adults, the pinata held fast. The yellow and blue crepe paper on the outside

was torn and tattered, but the goodies inside were protected by some hard cardboard. It was finally opened with a mighty swing from one of the mothers who had some softball experience. Candy spilled out and kids scrambled to pick it up.

California folks are laid back, I must say. The party was to last from 10 a.m. to noon. Parents and their kids started arriving around 11:30 a.m. and stayed until nearly 5 p.m.

Time doesn't seem too important to folks in California.

My son BZ and his family live in a real neighborhood with lots of kids.

Most of the guests at the party walked over because parking is a problem due to all the cars on the street. Hardly anybody uses garages for vehicles. That's where they keep their stuff.

Halloween decorations were still up in houses all over the neighborhood.

One of the houses has been for sale for some time and has been turned into a halfway house for people who are recovering from mental disorders. One of the women who lives in the house is making all sorts of pumpkin

items: pies, cakes, bread, cookies and even pumpkin potato chips.

The house where she lives has some of the best decorations on the block. On Halloween night, kids flocked to her house for trick or treat. She ran out of goodies. Later, when the doorbell rang, she cheerfully greeted the kids, but told them how sorry she was that she had run out of treats.

Kids, ages 3 to 6, when they heard she didn't have any candy or cookies, started giving her some. It was that way a good part of the evening.

You just don't hear many stories like that.

But it happened in California. When we took a walk around the neighborhood, my son took us to a hillside around the corner from his house.

A brand new four-story house is gradually sliding down the hill, threatening the houses below. It was built for speculation. When the owner realized it was a liability, he left town and hasn't been located.

The house is in the process of being demolished.

California sure is an interesting place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there.

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Why not check this out ... at the library

My column will go on a temporary hiatus for the month of December. It will resume the middle of January. Please note the following closures: the Library will close for the Christmas holidays from Saturday, Dec. 23 and will re-open Wednesday, Dec. 27. The Library will be open Dec. 27, 28 and 29. We will close for the New Year's holiday Friday the 29th and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 9 a.m. and will resume our regular hours.



HOLLIS
MCCRIGHT

I have a bad habit of leaving out the title of the book in the reviews that I write. The *Herald* was kind enough to insert a cover of Robert James Waller's new book whose title is "The Long Night of Winchell Dear" and Tony Hillerman's newest book is "Shapeshifter."

Identity theft is on the rise. Anyone who has had their wallet or purse stolen can understand

the pain of contacting credit card companies, banks, etc. From Self-Counsel Press Reference Series comes "Identity Theft Toolkit: How to Recover From and Avoid Identity Theft" (363.259 LEN J) by John Lenardon. This is a good book on a very timely subject.

There have been changes in the federal bankruptcy laws that can and will affect the average consumer. J.K. Lasser is a very well known company that publishes all kinds of financial type books. They have published "The New Bankruptcy Law & You: Your Complete Guide to the New Law" (346.730 MAR B). Authored by a group of experts, it will guide you down that very rocky road of personal bankruptcy.

During the Depression era, the federal government devised various schemes to enable people to work and obtain a living wage. One of those programs was the WPA or Work's Progress administration. If you remember the Big Spring State Park was built by the CCC and the mural at the 118th District Court building painted by Peter

Hurd were funded by the federal government. David La Vere is a historian who has gathered a tremendous amount of detail about the life of the former Texas Indian peoples. Tribes include the Kiowa, Comanche, Caddo, Wichita and Lipan Apaches. His book, "Life Among the Texas Indians: The WPA Narratives" (976.400 LAV D) is culled from oral histories stored at the Oklahoma Historical Society. Their recollections of daily life, war and raiding, hunting and planting, food ways, dress, parties and spiritual practices are very interesting.

If you are planning a trip to San Antonio during the holidays or just for fun, then you must check out "Insiders' Guide to San Antonio" (917.643 PER P) by Paris Permenter and John Bigley. It is full of fun places to see, has a section on activities for the children, short trips in adjacent counties and shopping, nightlife and partying has not been neglected.

A good day trip here locally (well, maybe an overnight trip) is to go to Dublin to see the last remaining independently

owned Dr. Pepper bottling plant. Dublin Dr. Pepper is also the only one that uses cane sugar as its sweetener as opposed to corn syrup. "The Road to Dr. Pepper, Texas: The Story of Dublin Dr. Pepper" (338.766 WRI K) by Karen Wright tells the story of how a small plant ignored most of the "rules" that production must be speedy and ingredients cheap. It is a fun book, plus if you drive on through town toward Stephenville, across the street from the grocery store, you will see the birthplace of yours truly. Yes, I was born on a hot September day in the hospital in Dublin. Daddy was haul-

ing peanuts to DeLeon and stuck his head in and told mother that he was going home to clean up and would be right back. However, I made my appearance without his presence; Dr. Jordan, Mother, Vera (the nurse) witnessed the glorious arrival of moi.

It will be interesting to see how this book works: "The No Sweat Exercise Plan" (613.7 SIM H) by Harvey B. Simon. Dr. Simon advocates just pumping up your daily activities, along with a change in eating habits, will enable you to increase your energy, improve cholesterol levels, reduce stress, reduce risk of heart disease and add years to your life. Do

check this out and get an early start on your New Year's resolution to improve your health. Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing and on Saturdays it is closed from noon until 1 p.m. for lunch. The Library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2227. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; our e-mail address is hollise@hotmail.com

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It is important that we remember Pearl Harbor

Governor Pat Neff served as Texas Governor from January 1921 to January 1925, and although his time in office was prior to the horrors and carnage of World War II, he once made a remark that floods the spirit and flows through the soul — "A people who do not hold in reverence the splendid achievements of their ancestors will not of themselves accomplish anything to be remembered of posterity. We must keep an eye on the shrines of yesterday if we would rock aright the cradles of tomorrow." In his words we are all challenged to remember the events of the past.

December 7, 1941, known as "Black Sunday," is a date that



HEATHER WALLACE

still lives in infamy. Japan attacked the U.S. fleet in Pearl Harbor, marking our entry into World War II, creating what would become known as the "Greatest Generation." President Roosevelt addressed Congress with these words which still invoke emotion, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy — the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

As a result of the attack, about 3,000 casualties were inflicted on American personnel, many aircraft were destroyed and the battle-ship fleet was virtually wiped out when all eight were either sunk or immobilized. Our nation was shocked and angered by the attacks on Pearl Harbor.

Amid the strength of the American forces, one Japanese admiral feared that they had "awakened a sleeping giant." He was right, America gathered

forces as it had never before done to defend our shores and our freedoms. Facing a massive war, now on two fronts, with courage and resolve, we fought.

More than 400,000 soldiers, sailors, airman and marines were killed in action. Many more were injured. We grieved for them, the soldiers left fighting fought for the spirit and memory of their brethren lost and for their families back home. These men knew that the world would not wait and the future depended upon their perseverance through the storms.

Recently, I have had the opportunity through the Museum to view the extra edition newspaper printed at Pearl Harbor on the day of the attack. There is nothing comparable to first-hand accounts on our history. The pain of the day documented even in the oldest and most faded of newspapers gives us a visual reminder of the true nature of loss and sacrifice.

Our WWII veterans hold in their hearts an insight to the development of our country, to our liberty, to our American spirit that is untouched. Sadly, these men and women are being lost to our society at the average rate of 1,000 a day, and even more disheartening, their stories are being lost aside their graves. I ask that anyone who has the opportunity to capture the memories of loved ones who served in WWII to do so and if you need

help come by Hangar 25 Air Museum or call and we can help you obtain an oral history for humanity's sake.

At Hangar 25, we have the appropriate forms to follow the national standards for national archiving of veteran oral history for any era.

This Dec. 7, stop and take a minute to reflect on Pearl Harbor and WWII. Hangar 25 Air Museum will be honoring William Banks Jr. as our December Veteran of the Month at 6 p.m. in the

Museum's Briefing Room. Mr. Banks is a WWII Naval veteran. To learn more about Pearl Harbor or learn other WWII information, come by Hangar 25 Air Museum and watch documentaries from our Museum collection or stop by and see the Museum administrator to have a private showing of the Pearl Harbor newspaper.

Heather Wallace is director of the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Santa Claus canned in Utah

OREM, Utah (AP) — It's described as she said, Santa said. No matter who's right, the Santa at University Mall has been replaced.

A woman accused the mall's Santa Claus of making an inappropriate comment to her teenage daughter last week.

Mall officials "found that the claims of the mother ... differed considerably from those of Santa and the witnesses there," general manager Rob Callas said.

But to avoid any problems, the mall sent Santa packing and called in a replacement.

Santa is always in the company of two other people when he greets children, Callas said.

MASON, Ohio (AP) — A bar owner who faced a discrimination complaint over a message in his window has removed a sign that read "For Service Speak English" and replaced it with one reading "Here We Speak English."

"If someone doesn't like it, have them call me," Tom Ullum, owner of the

Pleasure Inn in this city northeast of Cincinnati, said Tuesday.

Housing Opportunities Made Equal, an area agency that handles fair-housing issues, filed a complaint with the state in July 2005 over the original sign. The Ohio Civil Rights Commission later ruled that it was discriminatory.

Ullum, 64, removed the "For Service Speak English" sign in November as part of a settlement agreement.

The housing agency will not take issue with the new sign, executive direc-

tor Elizabeth Brown said.

"There is a difference between signs that express political opinions and those who deny service," he said. "The settlement said he would not put up any sign that would limit service. I do not see that (new) sign as limiting service."

Ullum never intended to discriminate against anyone, posting the sign to show support for English becoming the national language, said K.C. McAlpin, executive director of ProEnglish language — advocates in Arlington, Va.

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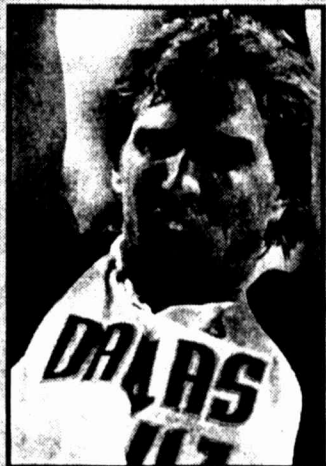
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Wednesday, December 6, 2006

IN BRIEF

Odessa Roughnecks holding tryouts

Football tryouts will be held this Saturday for the Odessa indoor football team at Ratliff Stadium, beginning at 8 a.m. The roughnecks have signed several key players over the past three seasons and they are expecting to do the same this weekend. Interested players should contact the teams office for registration at (432) 332-pass (7277) or visit the team website at www.roughnecks.com



Mavericks get back on track with win

Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points and Josh Howard added 23 to lead Dallas past New Jersey 92-75 Tuesday night.

A night after having its 12-game winning streak snapped at Washington, Dallas led from the game's first basket and pulled away in the fourth quarter. Howard and Nowitzki led the surge, scoring all of Dallas' points in a 13-4 run that gave the Mavericks an 88-71 lead with 3:10 left.

Vince Carter scored 20 points for New Jersey, which lost for the seventh time in nine games.

The win pulled Dallas into a tie with San Antonio atop the Southwest Division, while New Jersey fell into a first-place tie with Toronto in the Atlantic.



Rockets win behind McGrady's 31 points

The game in hand, Tracy McGrady used the third quarter against Golden State on Tuesday night to polish his repertoire.

McGrady scored 13 of his 31 points in the quarter as the Houston Rockets routed the Warriors 118-90.

"I was trying to do some explosive things that I haven't been doing all year," said McGrady, who hit 13 of 25 shots and dished out seven assists.

"This was a great opportunity to go out there and show the world that we're comfortable with our offense. We're going to be a better team in the future."

Howard destroys visiting Pioneers

Hawks 109, WBU JV 39

MIKE GRIMES
Sports Editor

This one was over before Wayland Baptist University ever stepped foot off the bus.

The Howard Hawks (10-0) soared to a 54-3 lead in the first half and never looked backed as they finished off Wayland 109-39 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Tuesday night.

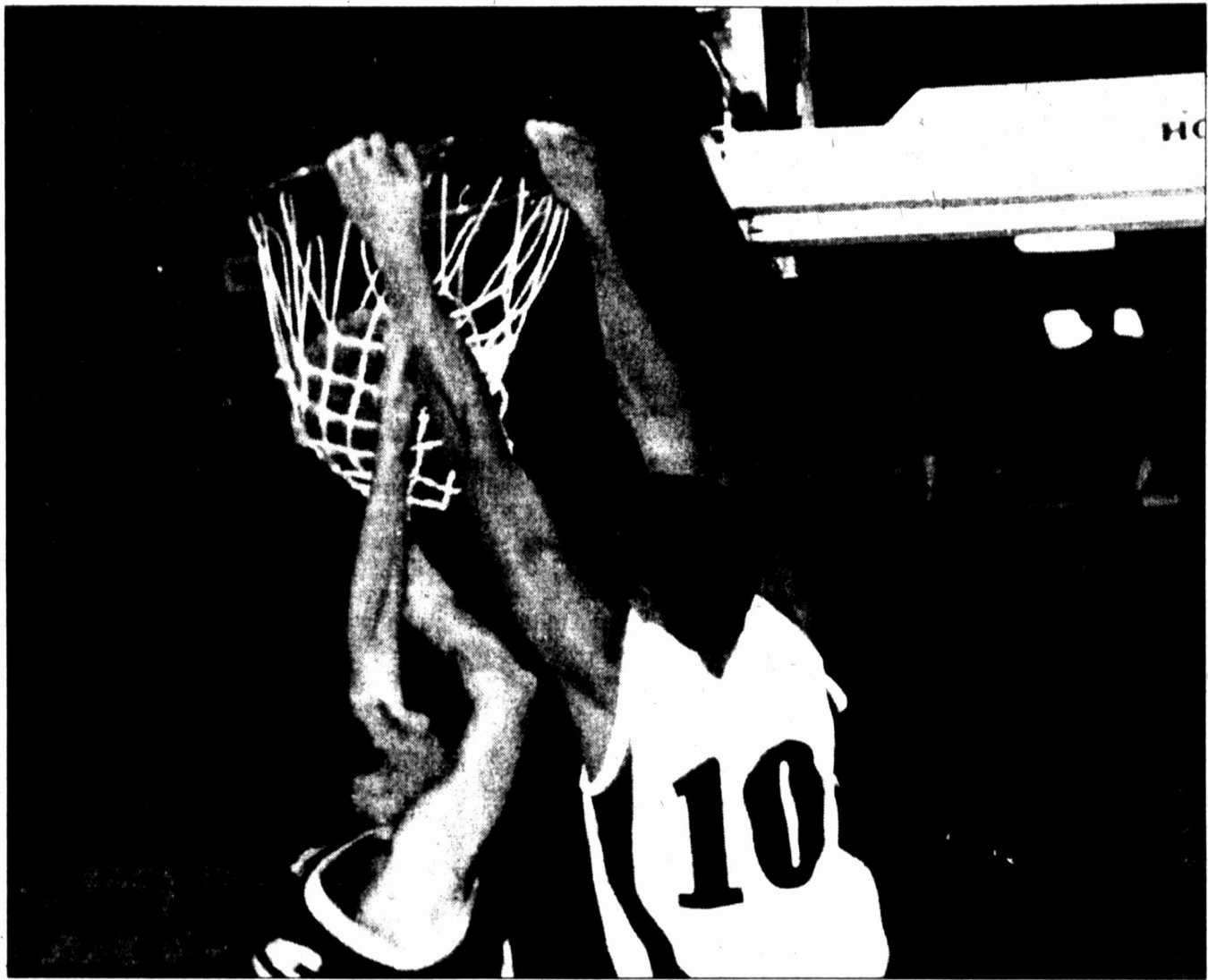
Eleven of the 12 players got into the scoring column for the Hawks in the 70-point victory. Marques Loft failed to take a shot, but picked up two assists and had zero turnovers.

Once again, the Hawks leading scorer was Terrence Hill, this time coming off the bench to hit 9 of 10 from the field and 2 of 4 from beyond the arc for his 20-point performance. In addition to Hill's scoring, he dished out two assists — grabbed two steals — and managed to find five rebounds on the night.

"Terrence has been our assassin," Coach Mark Adams said in describing Hill. "We never know how many points he has until it's over with. He just scores easily and is a great scorer. I think he is in the top five in the country in scoring percentage. It's phenomenal."

Sean Watson drained all seven of his shots from inside the three-point arc and finished with 15 points.

"Earlier today we had a spirit camp and discussed giving our best effort when we're on the

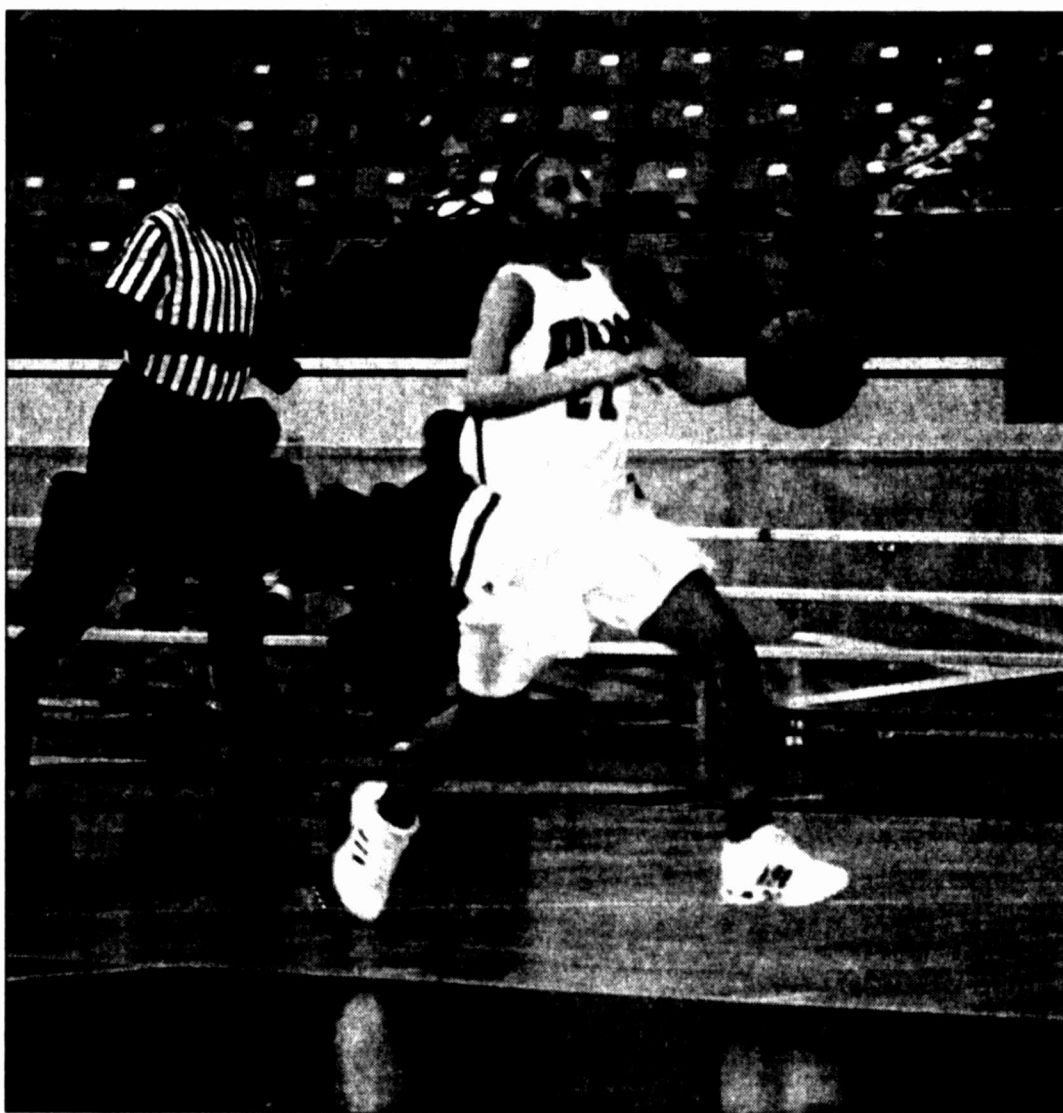


Howard's Dejan Sencanski slams home the pass over Hunter Bullock in Tuesday night's game. The Hawks defeated the Pioneers, 109-39 to improve to 10-0 this season. The Hawks are currently ranked as the No. 5 team in the nation.

court," Hill explained after the win. "I felt that I owed it to my team to do that while I was on the court and I know they did the

same for me. We have a lot of guys who can score a lot of different ways — when a teammate is hot, I need to get them the ball.

There are times when that's me and times when it's Sean. I know See HOWARD, Page 2B



Howard's Kandace Griffin goes in for two of her team high 17 points after making a steal in the second half of Tuesday night's win. The Hawks defeated the Wayland Baptist Queens, 58-26.

Howard's women rock Wayland Baptist Queens

MIKE GRIMES
Sports Editor

After a three-game losing streak last week, the Howard Hawks (6-4) jumped to a huge lead against Wayland Baptist women's junior varsity team Tuesday and never slowed down in a 72-31 win at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Kandace Griffin led the Hawks in scoring by going 9 of 13 from the floor, including 3 for 5 from the three-point line and leading the team in scoring with 17 points. Griffin was tied for the lead with assists and led the Hawks with three steals.

In a game that was dominated by every Hawk to step foot on the parquet floor, Griffin managed to stand out Tuesday night and continue to play solid basketball on both ends of the floor.

"In the first half I really didn't know what to expect — especially with

how soft their defense was playing us," Griffin said, after scoring 10 points in the second period. "There in the second half I got a much better feel for the game. Coach ran some plays for me and I felt like he wanted me to take some shots. After the level of competition we faced last week this was similar to a practice tonight; it was really good for our team right now, but talent-wise we had a lot of matchups we could exploit on the court."

Down in the paint, Joy Ikechukwu was just as dominant. Ikechukwu missed a double-double by two points, as she scored 8 points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds against the Queens.

For the game, the Hawks shot 47.8 percent from the floor and held Wayland Baptist to 20.3 percent, as everyone on

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No. 9 LSU waxes No. 6 Texas A&M on the hard court

By BRETT MARTEL
AP Sports Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. — Glen Davis walked toward the frenzied LSU student section, smiled wide, cocked one fist in the air and let the cheers rain down on him as the clock ticked down.

It was a big-game atmosphere against a fellow Top-10 team, and Davis had responded with a big-time performance.

"You never get to enjoy this kind of stuff when you're old, so I'm just soaking it all up," said the 6-foot-9, 295-pounder, who goes by the nickname "Big Baby."

Using muscle under the hoop and finesse from the perimeter, Davis scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead No. 9 LSU to a 64-52 victory over sixth-ranked Texas

A&M on Tuesday night. "We didn't have an answer," Texas A&M coach Billy Gillispie said. "He's a good player."

The first loss of the season for the Aggies (7-1) also came against their first ranked opponent. Texas A&M had won 14 regular season games and had not lost at all since being eliminated by LSU in the second round of last season's NCAA tournament.

"They just whipped us," Gillispie said. "They out-hustled us. They got the loose balls, they were a step ahead of us in everything we did. Congratulations to them."

Tasmin Mitchell added 15 points and nine rebounds for LSU (5-1), which led throughout the second half and outre-

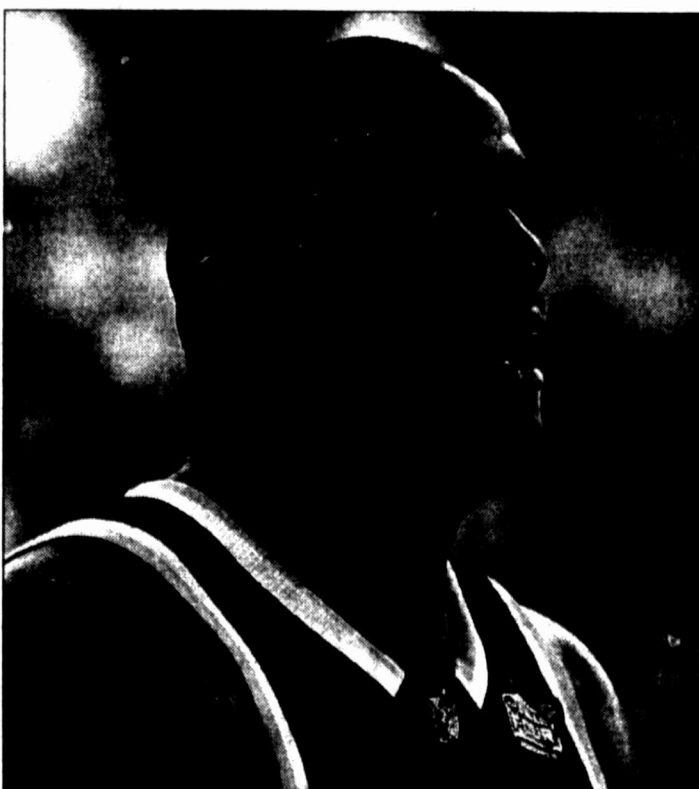
bounded the Aggies 35-24. Garrett Temple had 11 points for the Tigers.

Antanas Kavaliauskas led the Aggies with 18 points, while Joseph Jones added 12 before fouling out late in the game. Acie Law, who averaged 15 points coming in, was held to only four while guarded primarily by Temple.

With a pair of fade-aways and a jumper, Davis helped LSU pull away in the second half.

"It's just a part of my game I've been working on," Davis said of scoring from outside. "That's why coach Brady has no problem with me shooting open shots from there, because he knows I can hit them."

Tack Minor's twisting See LSU, page 2B



LSU's Glen Davis looks up to the scoreboard earlier this year. Tuesday night Davis and the Tigers beat Texas A&M.

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if this team plays together and we don't worry how many we score as individuals, we're going to win basketball games."

Brandon Sampay led the Hawks with eight rebounds and added 14 points as he clogged up the middle.

Benson Akpan was perfect from the field, going 5-for-5 and ending the game with 10 points, four rebounds and two blocked shots.

"I just did what I do every game," Akpan admitted in the hall after the game. "I am going to get about five

rebounds a night and hustle around the basket. That's my job. Tonight was a mismatch and that was obvious, but they never quit and I respect them for that. I'm ready for this weekend and looking forward to playing Trinidad again. We beat them the first time around and some people thought we might have been lucky. This weekend we will show everyone who has the better basketball team."

One area of concern for the Hawks this season is turnovers. On a night in front of the home crowd, the Pioneers of Wayland Baptist were able to create 10 turnovers. According to Adams that is this team's achilles heel.

"We're open to suggestion to stop turning the ball over, just give our coaching staff a call," Adams said, only half-joking. "We're aware of the problem and we have talked about it and gone back to the fundamentals. I'm not sure what the answer is for that, but we're going to continue to work on it and improve."

"If we can find a cure for our turnover problems then I think we're going to have a great season."

The Howard Hawks will play at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum this Friday, when they host Trinidad State College at 8 p.m.

After taking finals and heading home for the holidays, the Hawks basketball

team will return to action in January, when they travel to Prescott, Az.

The Hawks will be participating in the Yavapai Holiday Classic, with game times to be announced later.

Conference play will begin on Jan. 13, when the Hawks welcome Midland College to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the first conference game of the season. Tip off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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the Howard bench got into the action.

The second-leading scorer was Monica Jones with 12 points, the only other Hawk to reach double digits. Jones was able to hit 6 of 7 as the Hawks as the Hawks cruised to a 41-point victory.

Stepheni Doles of Wayland

was the leading scorer of the game with 18 points. Doles played a full 40 minutes and made only 7 of 36 from the field and 4 of 24 from the three-point line.

On the boards, the Hawks out-rebounded WBU, 55 to 29.

"Coach has been teaching us to block out and that was really what we did tonight," Ikechukwu explained. "The past few games I didn't do a good job of blocking out and that was really the difference.

The rebounds also allowed me to go back up and get some easy layups tonight."

The Hawks bench outscored Wayland 23-0.

"I was pleased with what we got accomplished tonight," Coach Earl Diddle said from his office. "Certainly Wayland was outmatched tonight and that caused us to soften up our defense and do some things a little different, but the biggest thing was what we did offensively and I was pleased with

the overall effort our team gave."

Getting Griffin the ball and more involved in the offense is something that Coach Diddle said the Hawks needed to work on after last week's performance.

"We have to improve," Diddle added. "We have to value the ball and we have to get better at understanding all of our roles. After this break over the holidays we have some big games coming up and we need to get

ready."

Howard College Women's Basketball Whitten Inn Classic will tip off at 4 p.m. this Friday when Jacksonville College with face Ranger College. The Hawks team will challenge Hamilton College at 6 p.m. and on Saturday the Hawks will play Ranger before the semester break.

On January 13, Howard will return to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to begin conference play against Midland College.

LSU

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layup on a baseline drive put LSU up by as much as 56-41 with 5:52 remaining.

But the Aggies made a final surge beginning with Josh Carter's three-point play on a dunk as he was fouled. The play ignited an 11-2 run, capped by Carter's driving layup, that closed the gap to 58-52 with 3:10 to go and prompted LSU to call timeout to regroup.

LSU ran down the shot clock and missed its next shot, but Davis squeezed into a crowd underneath to grab the rebound and then surged to the basket with his right hand outstretched to lay the ball in.

"I had a chance to seize the opportunity to get the ball and I did and made the layup," Davis said. "It's just effort. You've got to have effort, have heart, to make something happen."

The Aggies missed on their next two possessions, and Davis hit a pair of free throws to make it 62-52 with 47.4 seconds left.

The teams played close in a physical first half

that had players tumbling to the floor often and coaches shouting wildly at times.

"It was a game about toughness and defending and rebounding, and tonight we were fortunate enough to be able to beat them across the board in those categories," said LSU coach John Brady, who was called for a technical foul in the first half.

Brady argued that Mitchell had been fouled on what was ruled a clean block under the basket. The play sent Mitchell hard to the floor, while Brady, face contorted with aggression as he pointed at a referee across the court, had to be held back briefly by his assistants.

The rough tenor of the game required Davis to use his size early on.

With a forceful inside basket in a crowd of defenders and a reverse layup, both of which drew fouls and led to three-point plays, Davis fueled a 10-2 LSU run that gave the Tigers a 21-16 lead midway through the first half.

Dominique Kirk's 3-pointer started the Aggies on their own 10-2 run, which included three

straight inside baskets by Kavaliasukas.

Texas A&M maintained the lead until Mitchell's 3-pointer tied it at 28. A foul shot by Temple and a pair

of free throws by Mitchell put LSU up 31-28 at half-time.

The Aggies last lost in the regular season to Texas, 83-70 on Feb. 4.

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Mars is enjoying a vacation through vibrant Sagittarius.

If, during the next month, you aren't expanding your vision of your career, a special project or a passionate interest, it's likely out of a conscious choice to keep things contained. The natural tendency will be to enlarge the scope or shoot for lofty targets.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've been hurt in the past — but who hasn't? Learning to trust again comes easily to you, as you've always been a brave sort. You'll jump right back into the fire today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The stars caution you not to make hasty assumptions, especially about friends. Hang back and observe before you form an opinion and certainly before you share it. Older relatives need to hear from you tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're so used to going for the goal with all your body, soul and mind that you think others are the same way. Not everyone is. Dig down deep for your compassion — the world needs it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everyone exagger-

Tomorrow's Horoscope

ates, so you may as well have fun with it. Put on a show that endears new friends and lovers to your creative ways. Your forte is making toasts, witty banter and others feel special.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What works and what doesn't is simply a matter of opinion. But those opinions are what drive your projects today. Conduct a survey. You'll be surprised at the wisdom of complete strangers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Increase the sum total of this world's happiness. Offer some kind, sincere words to someone who is having a hard time lately. You may never know the repercussions of a loving act, but you can be sure it makes a difference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your effort-to-results ratio is imbalanced. Instead of pushing to get more, go the opposite way. Accept less or none. Then you'll have the space to consider which actions are their own reward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It becomes obvious where your long-range goals and short-term goals are at odds. This is your day to notice any opposing forces at work in you life and do something to reconcile them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being aloof works for you, at least for now. Your absence or pre-occupation makes someone even wilder about you. People who enjoy

your company will catapult you into wonderful new opportunities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a certain amount of stress that comes from being the one in charge. Relieve it through exercise. Also, bargaining brings enormous rewards this afternoon, whether for you or your company.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There may be a right way and a wrong way to do things, but the right way isn't always appropriate. You have the decency to avoid good taste when it's dull.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not quick to dismiss random events — you look for the meaning or pattern, and you usually find it. Of course, if you wait long enough for the rest of the picture to come into view, everything is part of a pattern.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was married once, but have been single a long time. Despite having a lot of integrity, I seem to have a knack for attracting men who have difficulty being honest. It has made me want to retreat from the dating scene. Do you see this ever changing? My date of birth is Jan. 23, 1957."

You love to be charmed, and you have a fabulous time when you go out, attracting the dashing kind of man who wants to impress you. You can be very sexy and aloof at the same time, which drives men crazy,

in a good way. To encourage more honesty in your relationships you must do two things: First, be willing to hear the truth without getting mad or judgmental. This is so difficult that you might think it's not worth it. Next, don't lie to yourself. You know immediately when you've been told a falsehood, and your willingness to look the other way has perpetuated dishonesty. Stay in the dating scene — you have so much fun there — but lose your expectations. They're clouding your vision.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Not content to live in his Backstreet Boys brother Nick's shadow, Aaron Carter is an all-around Sagittarian-style performer, with hit albums and a lucrative acting career, including a stint on Broadway. Sibling rivalry and tabloid hijinks are nothing new to Aaron, or to his brother and three sisters, as prominently displayed on their recent hit cable show "House of Carters."

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have a neighbor who is creating havoc in my life. I'm convinced "Ellen" is mentally ill and becoming worse. Her "friendship" has become a drain.

When we first moved here, our children became pals and I found Ellen to be fun. As the years pass, however, I find the friendship is very one-sided. Ellen has a miserable marriage, does not get along with her family, and has isolated many friends due to her bizarre behavior. She never listens to anything I say — it's all about her. She is consumed with money and constantly discusses how important it is to her.

Ellen comes to my house, stays longer than she is welcome, and the entire time, she gulps my wine. Since I believe she has a drug-and-alcohol problem, I feel as if I'm enabling her by letting her drink at my house.

The other day, Ellen blatantly lied to me and upset my family in the process. I told her she had violated my trust, but I don't believe she understands the depth of my anger and how much she has damaged our relationship.

I have been very good to Ellen, but I think our friendship has run its course. I no longer want her coming to my home or involving my family with her problems. Perhaps I should be more sympathetic, but I simply cannot deal with this anymore.

Short of moving across town or telling Ellen that I no longer wish to see her, what are my options? I don't want this to affect our children's friendship. — Sick of Being Used Dear Sick: This IS going to affect the children's friendship, so you'd best be prepared. There are polite ways to distance yourself — being "too busy" to socialize, telling her you are on your way out when she drops by unexpectedly — but it could still cause damage. You do not have to be Ellen's therapist, but if you think she has mental



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health issues, you might encourage her to talk to a professional. (Say it might help with her marriage.) It could be beneficial for everyone.

Dear Annie: Over the years, I can think of quite a few times I have flown somewhere on vacation and gotten sick a day or so after arrival. I assumed I'd just gotten run down. My last trip, I was on the plane for about an hour and suddenly, I became congested. I was miserable with a cold for three days afterwards. On the return flight, it happened again.

I recently read an article explaining that people get sick on planes because the air is recirculated. I am planning my next vacation and am truly anxious about booking a flight. What should I do? — Please Don't Ruin My Vacation Again

Dear Vacation: Most airplanes now come equipped with HEPA air filters, which do a decent job of keeping out major viruses. However, being confined in proximity with people who have colds and coughs can certainly make you susceptible. Be sure the air vents above your head are open, and if no air is coming through, ask your stewardess about getting some fresh air. Other recommendations include drinking lots of water and washing your hands frequently. Enjoy your vacation.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Anxious," whose 16-year-old daughter is under 5 feet and doesn't look her age. I am

5 feet nothing and small boned. It was not easy as a teenager. I was not taken seriously and hated it with a passion.

However, she will reap the rewards later. I am now 48 and look 30. It is wonderful, and I am having the last laugh. I exercise and eat right, and I've noticed younger men giving me the eye. So tell her to hang in there. Yes, it will be frustrating, but her time will come. — Been There

Dear Been There: A lot of women would be happy to drop a few inches in height to look 20 years younger. Thanks for the words of encouragement.

Dear Annie: I'm 18 years old and have a severe case of Irritable Bowel Syndrome, which makes me very uncomfortable at times, to say the least. I have medicine for it, but it doesn't always do the job. Going on dates has always been uncomfortable, because I often have to take frequent restroom breaks.

I have recently become closer to a boyfriend, and I feel I need to tell him about my problem, but I don't know how to bring it up. I'm scared he will find it too unappealing and end the relationship. Please help. — Bloating in Boston

Dear Boston: If this boyfriend cares about you, IBS won't scare him away. You don't need to go into graphic detail about your symptoms. Simply explain that you are on medication for IBS and sometimes need frequent bathroom breaks. In the meantime, we hope you have made dietary changes as well. The most common triggers for IBS are alcohol, caffeine, carbonated drinks, dairy products and foods that are high in fat. You can chat with others who suffer from IBS through the IBS Self Help and Support Group (ibsgroup.org), 1440 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515.

Dear Annie: I've never written to an advice column, but the letter from "John in Florida" hit too close to home. John said

he knew his heavy drinking was very selfish and how much it would hurt his family if he died.

I am a lot like John. I am a very heavy drinker, and alcohol is the only thing that keeps me going. To be honest, I am hoping it will shorten my life. If it weren't for my family, I wouldn't make any pretense at living. They're all that matters to me.

My family doesn't know the extent of my drinking. I have a job, which I absolutely hate, but it provides insurance and a good income. I'm worried if I ever sought help it would make it hard for me to find another job or get insurance. I don't know what to do, so I do nothing. I am a very private person and the idea of group meetings like AA and being publicly identified as an alcoholic are abhorrent to me. Any other suggestions? — Sara

Dear Sara: The fact that you are asking us for help means you are trying to find a way out. While all AA meetings are anonymous and confidential, the main objective is to get help. If you would be uncomfortable at a face-to-face meeting, here are some online resources: Alcoholics Anonymous (aa-intergroup.org); Smart Recovery (smartrecovery.org); and Women for Sobriety (womenforsobriety.org). You can find more resources through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (samhsa.gov) at 1-800-662-HELP (1-800-662-4357). Good luck.

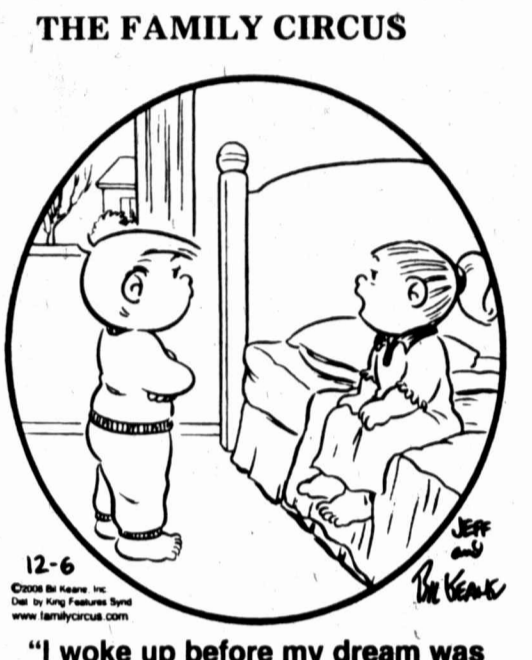
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9:30	The Nine (CC)	The Nine (CC)	Don Francisco Presenta	Becker (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	Decisiones	Medium (CC)	Sex and-City	Update/Israel	To Be Announced	Holiday MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Miracle on 34th Street	Most Amazing Videos	Las Vegas (CC)	Comicview (CC)	Life Derek	Memphis at Tennessee	Philadelphia 76ers at	Movie: H.G.
10:30	News (CC)	News	Primer Impacto	70s Show	News	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	My Boys	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Cocoon (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Alias (CC)	Comicview (CC)	Jamie Foxx	Quite Frankly With Smith	Chicago Bulls SportsCenter	Movie: H.G.
11:30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill	Letterman Late Late	¡Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night	10 Items-Less	N. McBride	Sign Off	Extreme Engineering	Movie: Cocoon (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Alias (CC)	Comicview (CC)	Jamie Foxx	Quite Frankly With Smith	Chicago Bulls SportsCenter	Movie: H.G.
12:30	AM News (CC)	Mercury Media	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids	Show The Insider	Pagado	Conan O'Brien	Dumber (CC)	Update/Israel	John Hagee	MythBusters (CC)	MXC Game Head	Alias (CC)	Comicview (CC)	Proud Family Sister, Sister	National Finals - Seventh	NFL Live	NBA Fastbreak	Twilight Zone



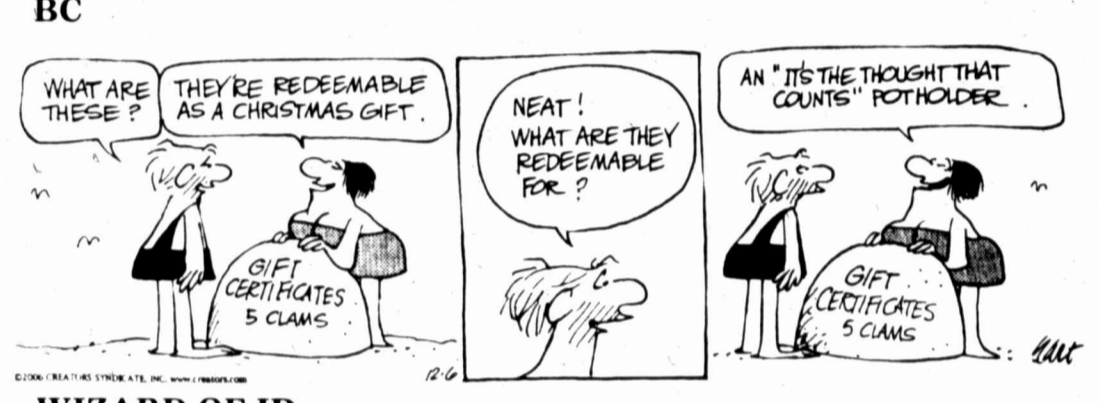
"LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, MOM... NOW YOU CAN REALLY CALL IT AN UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE."



"I woke up before my dream was over. It must be a two-parter."



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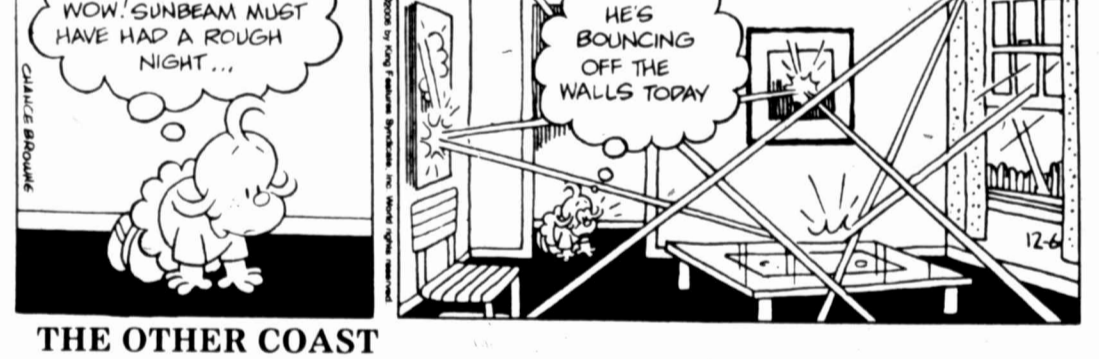
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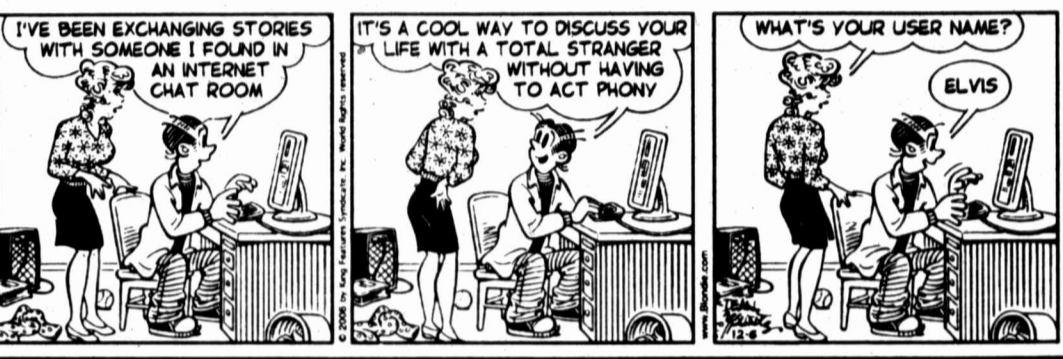
THE LADY AT THE FRONT DESK SAID SHE'D UPGRADED OUR ROOM... WHAT FROM, A COFFIN?



HOW WUZ TH' CARD GAME, PAW? MIXED RESULTS!!... LOST ALL MY MONEY, KEPT ALL MY TEETH!!



YOU REALLY LIKE MISS BUKLEY, DON'T YOU, ZERO? I LOVE HER... WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER FOR A DATE? OH, I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER... I'D LIKE TO MARRY HER, THOUGH



I'VE BEEN EXCHANGING STORIES WITH SOMEONE I FOUND IN AN INTERNET CHAT ROOM... IT'S A COOL WAY TO DISCUSS YOUR LIFE WITH A TOTAL STRANGER WITHOUT HAVING TO ACT PHONY... WHAT'S YOUR USER NAME? ELVIS

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 2006. There are 25 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 6, 1889, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans.

On this date:

In 1790, Congress moved from New York to Philadelphia.

In 1884, Army engineers completed construction of the Washington Monument.

In 1921, British and Irish representatives signed a treaty in London providing for creation of an Irish Free State a year later on the same date.

In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as President Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.

In 1947, Everglades

National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Truman.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV-3 blew up on the launch pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1969, a free concert by The Rolling Stones at the Altamont Speedway in Livermore, Calif., was marred by the deaths of four people, including one who was stabbed by a Hell's Angel.

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

In 1982, 11 soldiers and six civilians were killed when an Irish National Liberation Army bomb exploded in a pub in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland.

In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Dave Brubeck is 86. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 65. Actor James

Naughton is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Frankie Beverly (Maze) is 60. Former Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 58. Actress JoBeth Williams is 58. Actor Tom Hulce is 53. Actor Kin Shriner is 53. Talk show host Wil Shriner is 53. Actor Miles Chapin is 52. Rock musician Rick Buckley (The Jam) is 51. Comedian Steven Wright is 51. Country singer Bill Lloyd is 51. Singer Tish Hinojosa is 51. Rock musician Peter Buck (R.E.M.) is 50. Rock musician David Lovering (Pixies) is 45. Actress Janine Turner is 44. Rock musician Ben Watt (Everything But The Girl) is 44.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Just-baked
 - 6 Chowder morsel
 - 10 Old TV problem
 - 14 Must, informally
 - 15 Verdi heroine
 - 16 Not taped
 - 17 Exemplar of evil
 - 18 Noggin
 - 19 Sailed through
 - 20 Certain role-playing gamer
 - 23 "Stop that!"
 - 24 Ascot, for one
 - 25 In arrears
 - 28 Imitated
 - 30 Schuss, say
 - 33 Actor Bates
 - 34 Mill product
 - 35 Wrestling-match ender
 - 36 Frugal shopper's spot
 - 40 LAX screen datum
 - 41 Business as
 - 42 Poker starter
 - 43 Mutton hunk
 - 44 Gen. ___ E. Lee
 - 45 eBay customer
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 - 49 Team in last place
 - 55 Gi-wearer's sport
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- 1 NFL three-pointers
 - 2 Hope-Crosby title word
 - 3 Rebuke to Brutus
 - 4 On line, maybe
 - 5 "Just a sec!"
 - 6 Explorer John or Sebastian
 - 7 Creditor's claim
 - 8 Economist Smith
 - 9 Aquatic mammals
 - 10 Election-day list
 - 11 "Good work!"
 - 12 Anew
 - 13 Get hitched
 - 21 Wind up
 - 22 Move like a crab
 - 25 Cacophonous place
 - 26 Send sky-high
 - 27 "Goat" starts with one
 - 28 Taking one's cuts
 - 29 Thunder sound
 - 30 Shell out
 - 31 Kurta (Roots role)
 - 32 Part of ICBM
 - 34 Social rebuff
 - 37 Ear-related
 - 38 Set apart
 - 39 Imitated
 - 45 Quilting party
 - 46 "And how!"
 - 47 Faint from excitement
 - 48 Canary call
 - 49 Sugar serving
 - 50 Idyllic spot
 - 51 One in a million
 - 52 Tiny amount
 - 53 Y-sporting collegians
 - 54 Hourly charge
 - 55 Triangular sail
 - 58 Flier to Stockholm

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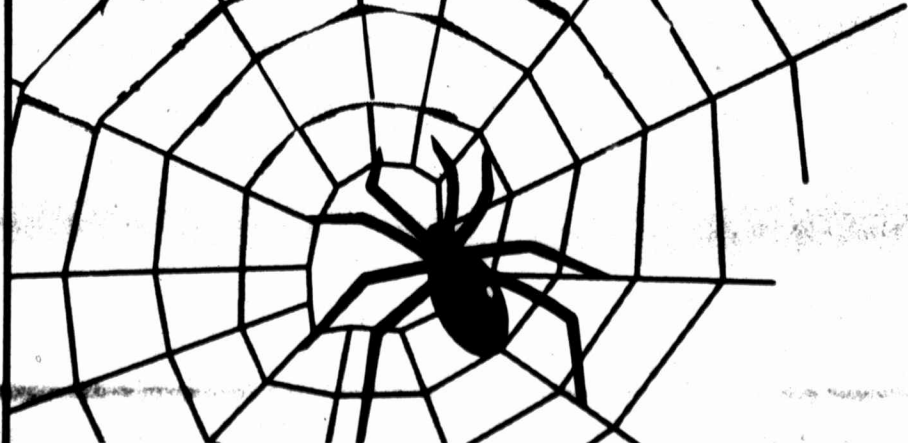
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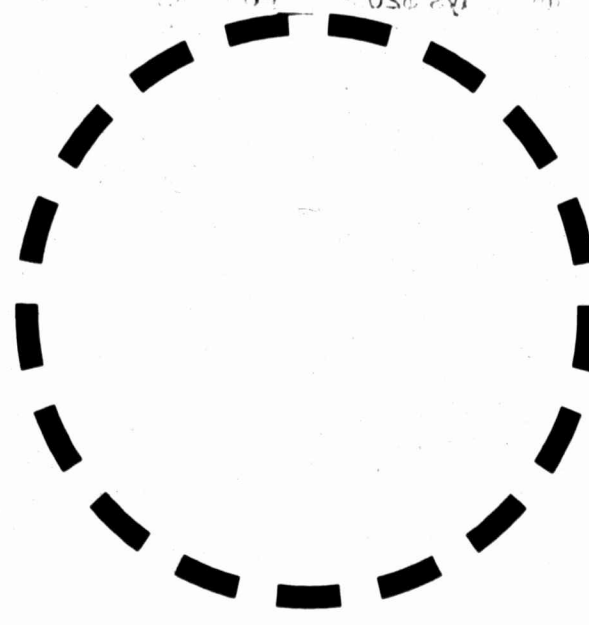
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