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Six Bearcats are named to all-state six-man team

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## Family, friends fondly recall Big Spring soldier

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

The war in Iraq has claimed one of Big Spring's own.

U.S. Army Spec. Robert J. "R.J." Volker, 21, died Wednesday when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. Two other soldiers traveling with Volker were injured in the incident.

Volker was a life-long resident of Big Spring and a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School, where he played French horn in the band.

"He was a very fine young man," BSHS Band Director Rocky Harris recalled. "He was just outstanding for us ... We have great memories of him and were very touched by his

*"He was always in and out of our house when he was growing up. He was just a good kid ... playful, lively. He enjoyed things."*

—Adrian Ayala, family friend

loss. We definitely feel for his family."

Volker also had a brief flirtation with sports.

"He tried to play football, until he realized he was smaller than everyone else out there," said his mother, Melissa.

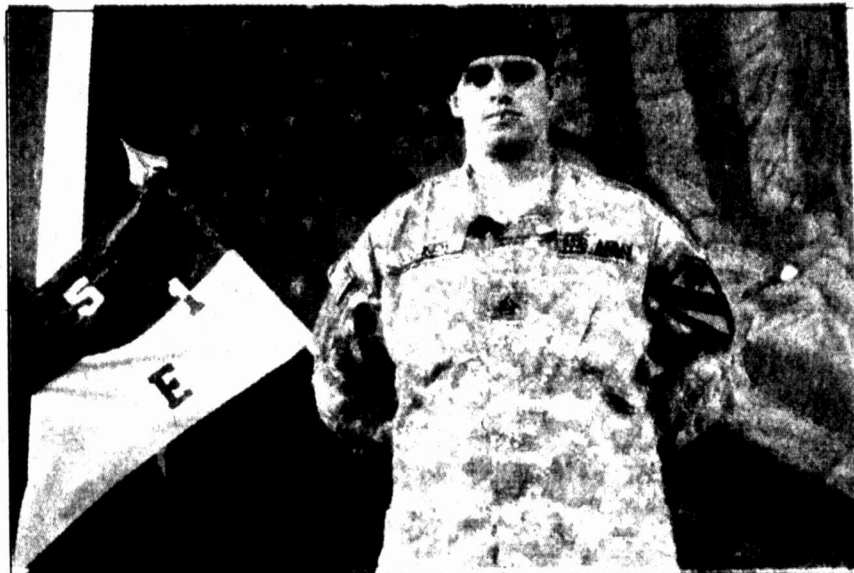
"R.J." was remembered as a young man who enjoyed having

fun, but also had a serious, caring side. That sense of caring is one factor that led him to Iraq, his mother said.

"He was always in and out of our house when he was growing up," said family friend Adrian Ayala. "He was just a good kid ... playful, lively. He enjoyed things."

Melissa Volker said her son joined the service soon after his younger brother, Johnathan, enlisted into the Navy in September 2005.

"Three days (after Johnathan enlisted), R.J. told me to go with him because he was joining the Army," Melissa said. "He just couldn't let his little brother go without him."



Courtesy photo  
U.S. Army Spec. Robert J. "R.J." Volker of Big Spring was killed in Iraq Wednesday when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device.

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## Fiery crash leaves two men dead

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A four-vehicle traffic accident near the 163 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20 claimed the lives of two men and sent a third to a Midland hospital in critical condition Thursday morning.

Michael Eugene Sharp, 52, of Missouri, and Timothy Edward Hill, 51, of Odessa were both pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, which occurred approximately two miles east of Stanton.

According to Department of Public Safety Trooper John Barton, Hill was traveling east on Interstate Highway 20 in an AT&T work truck at the time of the accident, which happened at approximately 9 a.m.

"Traffic was slowing down because we had a

vehicle further down the roadway that had lost its load, and there were some individuals out there picking up the load," said Barton. "The

truck belonging to Wild West Express was slowing down, at which time the driver stated he felt an explosion behind him.

"That impact forced his truck into the back of the AT&T truck, which forced it into the back of a third truck, owned by United Parcel Service (UPS), basically sandwiching the AT&T truck between two semis."

To complicate matters further, attempts to extricate Sharp — who was driving a Hogan Company tractor trailer



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Firefighters take a breather after putting out a fire in the tractor trailer on the left following a four-vehicle accident near the 163 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20 Thursday morning. Two people were killed and one listed in critical condition following the accident.

— had to contend with fire and smoke pouring out of the rear of the Wild West Express truck.

Barton said a third man — a passenger in the Hogan Company truck that slammed into the

back of the Wild West Express tractor trailer — was either ejected from the truck or had made his

way out when rescue crews arrived, and was See CRASH, Page 3A

## Search yields no body, but some evidence

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials have called it quits on excavations at a Big Spring home in hopes of finding the body of a missing Big Spring man.

Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Everett said the search, which began with the execution of a search warrant by the Texas Rangers Tuesday and was completed Wednesday,

turned up evidence — but no body.

"Some evidence was uncovered during the search, but I can't comment on exactly what was found," said Everett. "It has been sent to the lab for analysis. That's all I can tell you."

According to family members, Bobby Marquez Jr. has been missing approximately eight years, and was believed to have been buried beneath a concrete slab at a home in the 1000 block

*"We're hoping law enforcement has enough evidence now to make a case and can make an arrest so the person who did this can get what they deserve."*

—Raul Marquez, uncle of the missing man



of Northwest Second Street.

While law enforcement officials are remaining tight-lipped about what evidence was found during the search, the suspect-

ed victim's uncle Raul Marquez said he believes a piece of jewelry belonging to his nephew was recovered.

"I don't know for sure, but I

have heard they found a necklace," said Marquez. "There's some speculation at this point that it may be the same necklace that Bobby was wearing in the picture we gave Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker for his missing person report. We're still waiting to hear the results of the tests."

Everett said the investigation into Marquez's disappearance has been ongoing between sev-

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**SANTA TRACKER?**

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Updates on Santa's Christmas preparations and climactic sleigh ride will be just a phone call away this weekend.

A Silicon Valley firm that specializes in voice recognition and mobile search technology set up the free service. Callers merely dial the number 1-800-555-8355, and say "Santa" to hear the latest from the North Pole. The phone service will begin tracking Santa's journey across the United States beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, no matter the time zone.

The reports are customized for all 50 states; the system determines which recording to play based on area codes.

**ABILENE: NO SMOKING**

ABILENE (AP) — The Abilene City Council unanimously approved a citywide smoking ban Thursday following three hours of discussion.

The ban begins Jan. 3 and prohibits smoking in bars, restaurants, bingo parlors, city parks, the county jail and at outdoor public events. Smokers can't light up within 20 feet of buildings.

Smoking is OK in private clubs operated by nonprofit organizations that are staffed by volunteers, as well as in some hotel rooms.

About 30 people, most of them opposed to the ban, addressed the council during the meeting.

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Obituaries

Udell Lea Taylor

Udell Lea Taylor, 86, of Odessa, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring. Private family services will be held at a later date in Oklahoma. He was born on Feb. 2, 1920, to Allen and Opal Taylor in Bradley, Okla. He had been in Big Spring for the past three weeks. He worked as a Caser with the oil industry. Survivors include his son, Mike Taylor of Mineola, a brother, Winston and his wife, Sue Taylor of Stephenville. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Antonia Salinas

Antonia Salinas, 76, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

SPC Robert James "R. J." Volker

SPC Robert James "R.J." Volker, 21, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, while serving in Iraq. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH IS giving away 19 10-inch particleboard pews. Pews must be picked up by early January. If interested, please call 432-263-3382 or 432-263-1444.

• HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS, part of the Big Spring Heritage Series, are available for the holiday season; however, only a few remain. Sales of the ornaments supports community history and the museum. For information, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999 or come by 1911 Apron Drive.

• THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

• CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them.

To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free.

Call 264-0771 for more information.

• THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

• HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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Police blotter

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

- JACOB FERRO, 26, of 508 S. Abrams, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of unlawful restraint.
- NORA ANN FLORES, 35, of 1901 Martin Luther King Boulevard, was arrested Thursday on a Howard County warrant.
- ROBBIN BARNES, 17, of East Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Thursday on charges of burglary of a vehicle and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- JOANNA HIDROGO, 24, of 2708 Hernandez, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 200 block of Marcy.
  - in the 1500 block of Stadium.
  - in the 3300 block of FM 700.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 2100 block of 25th Street.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
  - in the 600 block of Bucknell.
  - in the 1900 block of 25th Street.
- ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported:
  - in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
  - in the 2600 block of Warehouse Road.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 36 inmates at the time of this report.
- GRACIE LEAL, 35, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- JACOB ANDREW FERRO, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawful restraint.
- NORA ANN FLORES, 35, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported near the 163 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 163 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service was refused.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at 263-0027, ext. 236 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**TODAY**  
• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27**  
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.  
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.  
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 28**  
• 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. Call 267-6479.  
• Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 29**  
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.  
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.  
• 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.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 30**  
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph after midnight.

Saturday...Cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow in the morning...Then a chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 Percent.

Saturday night...Cloudy. Chance of rain and snow in the evening...Then a slight chance of snow after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 50. Northwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the west in the afternoon.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Christmas day...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 12-23-29-31 Bonus Ball: 30.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-6-23-35.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-3-2.

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## HOWARD HAWKLINES

**W**ow! How time flies when you're having fun! There have been so many fun things going on at Howard College over the last few weeks as we prepare for the holidays and Christmas break ... and now I can't believe it's already here. It's hard to imagine that Christmas is just around the bend and 2007 is knocking at our door.

It's great to be on a college campus during this time of year, experiencing the enthusiasm of the students. Well,

maybe enthusiasm is a strong word as they were preparing for finals, but at the same time they were excited about the holidays and returning home and seeing their families and friends.

They've worked hard and can now experience a well-deserved break. With another semester under their belt, they are one step closer to achieving their educational goals.

This last year full of "60th year celebration" activities brought Howard College even closer to our friends and families as we were able to reminisce about the past, celebrate some very special people in our Howard College family and set our sights on new goals for the year to come.



CINDY SMITH

And while we have some great things in store for you during 2007, the holidays also present us with a great opportunity to review our year passing and make sure our priorities are where they should be.

We know our number one priority and that is to provide a high quality educational experience for any student who wants to take advantage of the opportunity to increase their knowledge.

Howard College is about you, the learner. We are about supporting our students, both

young and old, as they pursue their dreams. You are important to us and we want you to know, especially at this time of year, how grateful we are to have you as a part of the Howard College family.

Howard College is also about you, the community. We are thankful for the support we receive each and every day throughout the year.

You have helped us chart our journey of success by working hand in hand with us on many projects.

The Vaughn Grisham Conference, just one example, was a noteworthy success, thanks to the active involvement of many community members and organizations. Events such as this would not be possible

without the cooperation and collaboration of our community partners.

We are truly blessed to have such great relationships.

The communities continue to give to Howard College and support us and our students in all that we do. In return, we pledge the gift of education to you. We will continue to place you, the student, and you, the community, as our highest priority and will strive to meet your ever changing educational needs. Great things are still to come! Until next time — always remember: Education, For Learning, For Earning, For Life!

Cindy Smith is the director of information at Howard College.



Emergency rescue officials work to free an Odessa man from his AT&T work truck following an accident near the 163 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. The man was pronounced dead at the scene.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## CRASH

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taken to Midland Memorial Hospital in critical condition.

According to reports from the DPS Regional Office in Midland, the passenger was listed in stable condition as of

Friday morning.

"No other injuries have been reported," said Barton. "We've checked with the drivers of the other vehicles involved in the crash and as far as we know they are OK."

Emergency response teams from the Big Spring Fire Department, Stanton Fire Department, Howard County Sheriff's

Office, Martin County Sheriff's Office and DPS were among the agencies responding to the accident.

Traffic was diverted to both the south and north service roads for several hours following the accident as emergency officials and Texas Department of Transportation crews

removed debris and vehicles from the eastbound lane of Interstate Highway 20.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

## SOLDIER

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After completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Volker completed combat engineer school before shipping overseas in October of this year.

He was assigned to the First Calvary Division. His duties included finding IEDs and snipers.

"He just missed this one," Melissa Volker said of the incident that took

her son's life. The other two passengers in Volker's vehicle were injured — one critically — but both were expected to survive.

His mother said Volker realized the controversial nature of the war in Iraq, but believed in the cause which eventually took his life.

"He did not like being there. We called it 'the catbox.' Every time I talked to him, I asked him if he cleaned the catbox," she said. "But he was protecting a people ... who

had been beaten up and bullied for a long time. My son always tried to help people. He heard the cry (in Iraq), so he went to help."

Volker is also survived by his wife, Martha, and his father, Robert. Funeral services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)

## SEARCH

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eral local and state law enforcement agencies for a number of years.

"For several years the Texas Rangers, Howard County Sheriff's Office and BSPD have worked together, attempting to determine the whereabouts of Marquez," Everett said. "This search warrant was a result of credible information received by law enforcement during this investigation. The information led officers to believe Marquez is deceased and his remains may have once been at this location."

Marquez said he and the rest of his family had hoped for some closure with the search.

"We had really hoped they would find his body," said Marquez. "We're hoping law enforcement has enough evidence now to make a case and can make an arrest so the person who did this can get what they deserve. We'll just continue to wait at this point."

The residence being

sought is located at 1008 Northwest Second Street, and owned by Priscilla Juarez, according to the Howard County Tax Office.

Everett said the investigation into Marquez's disappearance will continue.

"We will continue to follow any and all leads in this case," said Everett.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

## We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

## This week we salute:

• While we admit we have a few reservations — much the same as some parents and teachers — we applaud Big Spring Independent School District for its ambitions plan to provide laptops for all high school students and teachers.

• Leadership Big Spring graduates Patsy Edmonds, Debbie Wegman, Ken McIntosh, Lauri Phillips, Rebecca Pritchett, Darren Byrd, Donna Gannaway, Kara Smith, Sylvia Miramontes, Ralph Rollins, Patsy Rodriguez, Janie Rodriguez, Pete Busky, Katherine McGee and Justin Myers. Way to go!

• Moore Development For Big Spring directors for their prudent decision not to keep a lobbyist on the payroll at \$30,000 for the coming year. It may have been a good move when Big Spring was facing possible closure of the state hospital and West Texas Centers for MHRM, but it appears that threat has passed, at least for now.

• The Big Spring Symphony and Midland Festival Ballet for bringing "The Nutcracker" to the Municipal Auditorium and for conductor Dr. Keith Graumann for taking it on. Great job, folks!

• The Salvation Army on another successful Angel Tree program, providing presents to needy children and senior citizens, and, of course, to everyone who took the time to help with the vast project. You've brought smiles to faces that otherwise may have held frowns this Christmas. May you be blessed.

• Big Spring Junior High students who visited nursing homes this week handing out Christmas cards. What a wonderful act of caring. You and your teachers should be proud!

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we relax with You today, Lord.

Amen

## Dallas man out to 'Stop Hillary'

The book of Job in the Bible opens when Satan enters the presence of the Lord in heaven. The devil had been roaming the earth, searching for a mere mortal to tempt and torment. The Lord offered a sacrifice to Satan. "Have you considered my servant Job?" the Almighty asked.

"There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil," He said (Job 1:8).

Job's trials and tribulations at the hands of Satan contain a political lesson for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.), as she considers running for the presidency. The strength of Hillary's character and her potential candidacy can, and should, be measured by the strength of her opposition—especially this early in the race. Just as God offered Job as a worthy adversary to withstand the devil's challenges, those opposing Hillary's presidential aspirations ironically, validate her and her chances.

Hillary is the real deal. She's not the debutante at the ball, a gullible girl needing a gallant suitor. She's been a mainstay in American politics for a generation now, from a congressional staffer during the impeachment proceedings against Richard Nixon to a U.S. Senator with her own political portfolio.

Hillary has more than a snowball's chance in hell of winning the Democratic nomination for president for 2008. Otherwise, people like Dallas businessman Richard Collins wouldn't be investing his own money — some

\$80,000 so far — in organizing "Stop Her Now," a tax-exempt "527" advocacy organization not regulated by the Federal Election Commission, to crush Hillary's candidacy before she decides whether to run.

Before the horses are even on the track, Collins' new Web site, www.stophernow.com, is up and running. The Web site is a funky concoction of the serious, the satirical, and a spoof of a la all-things-Hillary. It's also a too-conspicuous ploy for contributions, from the wealthy and the working class, from conservatives and independents, from anyone with a few bucks to spare, to thwart the senator's presidential ambitions and to countervail her long list of liberal donors.

Why legitimize losers? Only probable winners generate the political splash that cash brings. In the name recognition game, any mention is good news, and Hillary is a name brand unto herself. Hate her; love her; fear her. She needs no last name. Hillary is in American politics, and it doesn't depend on what your definition of "is" is. Fellow Democrats, and Republicans, should not discount her as a formidable opponent, a seasoned politician begot of many years of calculated campaigning for her spouse.

Collins' Web site reeks of the familiar, and a so-way-last-generation stench of Texas-style, Texas-sized good ole' boy chauvinism about a potential Hillary candidacy. Playing the gender card is the only way to dismiss her, to handicap Hillary outright. It's the Madonna-whore complex redux.

It's the virgin/vixen stereotyping of women, 21st Century style, although it's too reminiscent of Clayton Williams' remarks about rape — "as long as it's inevitable, you might as well lie back and

enjoy it" — in the 1990 governor's race with Ann Richards. Right before she beat him.

We can be victims, a role that Hillary parlayed with aplomb, from wronged spouse to a successful Senate bid in New York, post-Monica Lewinsky debacle. We can be villains, as man-hating feminists, but the little lady can't be a victor in her own right. We expect American professional women to keep their boardroom personas out of the bedroom.

Her opponents cast her as "radical" and "liberal," but what Hillary hates know and secretly fear that is that her views reflect the majority of Americans, especially after these mid-term elections.

She may not be warm and cuddly on the campaign trail, but Hillary successfully speaks the language of Norman Rockwell's America. Working moms need childcare options for their children; she says, "It takes a village." Families need affordable health care. We need to reduce the number of abortions in this country; let's find a "common ground." Hillary voted for the war in Iraq; now she has doubts, but so do many independents and conservatives. She reflects the current national consciousness.

Hillary's adversaries state her case better than she can. Their existence proves and improves her odds, should she run.

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## Christmas Eve takes a bad turn

It was the night before Christmas when the president, asleep in his bed, was awakened by a soft yet strangely irritating voice saying: "Wake up, Mr. President. Wake up before it's too late." The president sat up. "What? Is that you, Condi?"

"No. It is the Ghost of Christmas Past, Present and Future."

And there, at the foot of his bed, stood a small old man with thinning white hair and a broad smile that was strangely irritating. "You look just like Jimmy Carter," the president said.

"Everybody says that. However, I really am the Ghost of Christmas Past, Present, etcetera. I've come to give you a look at your life. Come with me."

So saying, the spirit whisked the president away to a scene that looked remarkably like the White House Christmas party of 2001.

A hunched, beefy man with a permanent sneer etched on his lips was giving a toast: "To unfinished business, Mr. President. Today Afghanistan, tomorrow the Arab world."

"Here! Here!" the other guests joined in. "To the greatest world leader since Alexander the Great," said a fierce-looking black woman with laser-like eyes. "You shouldn't compare me to people in the Bible, Condi," said the object of the toast. "It sounds sacrilegious. I appreciate the thought, though. Say, do we have enough troops to invade both Afghanistan and

Iraq?"

"Goodness gracious yes, Mr. President," said a man who looked like a small-town banker. "We have scads more troops than we need, by golly."

"It'll be a cakewalk," said one of the other guests. "A slam dunk," said another.

"All right then," said the president. "Let the good times roll."

At that the ghost grabbed the president by the arm again and took him to a different room, a different time. It was the Oval Office.

"This is Christmas present, Mr. President," the ghost said. A solemn group of grim old people gathered around the president's desk and the leader, patrician but slick, was saying:

"You've screwed up royally, Junior. You didn't get bin Laden, you didn't find Weapons of Mass Destruction and you put us in the middle of a war in which we don't have a side. No wonder the American people have lost confidence in you."

"That's just because of the press."

"The fact remains that public support for the war has eroded to a point where we don't think the situation can be saved."

"Not saved?"

"No," said an elderly man with a crew cut. "We propose a series of initiatives that has no chance of working but will make you look as though you're trying all the options. When they fail you can blame the Iraqis and walk out of the door backwards."

"But I don't want to walk out backwards. I want to win."

At that, the group broke into a roar of laughter. "Did you hear

that?" said a middle-aged woman with a broad, friendly face. "He wants to win. As my friend Antonin Scalia might say: 'And I want to play shortstop for the New York Yankees.'"

They were still laughing when the ghost took him by the arm again and said: "And now to Christmas future." It was a small room, lit by a single naked light bulb. In the center of it a man in a hooded gown, wires attached to his outstretched arms, stood on a stool. A bearded figure in a turban came in and tore the hood away. "My God," said the president. "It's Dick Cheney. And the guy in the turban. Is that...can that be..."

"Yes Mr. President. It's Osama bin Laden. He's now the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Cheney is being tried for war crimes."

"How could this have happened? All I ever wanted was to bring democracy to the Middle East."

"Unfortunately you succeeded. This is the result."

"Oh Spirit, what can I do to avoid this? Anything?"

"Buy Jimmy Carter's new book and read it. He makes some pretty good suggestions. But we have to go now. I'm off the clock in 15 minutes." The next thing the president knew he was back in his bed, drenched in sweat. It was Christmas Day.

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# Church News

## United Country Heart of the City Realtors

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### Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members invite you to worship with them at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services this Christmas Eve will be at 11 a.m. only with no evening service. A nursery will be provided.

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas.

For more information or a ride to Church call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

### First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will have a full schedule of activities on Christmas Eve. The Rev. Dr. Shane Brue will deliver the last of his Christmas Wishes advent sermons. At both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services of worship he will speak on peace, a special request sermon for this holy day, while the candle in honor of our troops continues to burn.

At 6 p.m. the traditional Christmas Eve Communion Service will begin as families and friends from far and near come together to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Church offices will remain closed through Tuesday, Dec. 26. There will be no noon Bible Study and luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 27. The Children's Day Out Program will remain closed through the holidays, reopening Jan. 10.

The youth ministry will cash in on all their great fundraisers by leaving on

a ski trip to Winter Park, Colo., Dec. 27. We pray for their trip and a safe journey home.

The Senior Adult Ministry (SAM), will usher in 2007 with a New Year's Day brunch in Garrett Hall beginning at 9 a.m. Jan. 1.

The staff and congregation of First United Methodist Church wish each and everyone a happy and holy Christmas season.

### Christ's Community Fellowship

Christ's Community Fellowship wants to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and to remember to keep Christ in Christmas. Thank you to everyone that contributed toys to the many people we are able to help through the food bank. There will be many happy faces come Christmas morning. We will have regular services Christmas Sunday at 10 a.m. and 11a.m. The food bank will be closed Monday.

It will reopen Dec. 26 at regular hours. Have a blessed holiday season and attend the church of your choice.

### St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at one service only, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Fr. Liggett's sermon topic for Sunday is "Mary and Elizabeth."

St. Mary's Christmas Eve service is Sunday at

9:30 p.m. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow the evening's service. Fr. Liggett's sermon topic will be "The Tears of God."

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at [www.stmarys-bst.org](http://www.stmarys-bst.org)

St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

### North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

A candlelight service of Holy Communion will be held at 5 p.m. Dec. 24. Everyone is invited to attend as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ. The service will include Christmas carols and a short devotional. This is a special time of reflection and renewal of the spirit of Christmas. This is an open communion and anyone who professes Christ as their savior may participate. The Christ candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted, thus completing the four-week preparation for the holy event of Christ's birth.

The regular Sunday morning worship services will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages at 10:30 a.m.

The Angel Food Ministries will be taking orders at the church at 2702 North Birdwell Lane Jan. 5 and Jan. 12 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Orders must be paid for with cash at the time they are placed. There will be no

orders accepted after 6 p.m. Jan. 12. Check the Web site at [www.angelfoodministriesofbigspring.com](http://www.angelfoodministriesofbigspring.com) for more information.

As we end this year and begin 2007, we wish all our friends and families the best that life can provide.

As long as you keep Jesus in your heart and share that love He gives to you with others, you will be blessed.

### Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

Elder Steve Clark, of Comanche, will be the visiting minister for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. worship service at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Visitors are always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Bible study and prayer meeting are scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

You may call John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4067 or Dennis Walker at 264-1363 for more information on these services.

### Friends of Unity

Friends of Unity will not meet this week.

The Center is located in the Downtown Railroad Plaza at the beginning of South Main Street. For more information call 263-6311 or 267-8783.

### First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20) at worship service Sunday.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten starts at 10:35 a.m.

The annual Christmas Live Candlelight Service will be held at 6 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring all their family and guests to

this very special and meaningful service. Communion will also be served. Members may also retrieve their memorial poinsettias at this time.

Everyone is reminded to bring non-perishable food

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The ACLU has threatened to sue a school in Colorado for permitting "Jingle Bells" to be sung, because it makes some students uncomfortable. In New York City public schools, menorahs and Islamic symbols are acceptable, but not nativity scenes. Teachers in Sacramento have been forbidden to use the word "Christmas" in the classroom.

Illinois state government employees have been forbidden to say "Merry Christmas" on the job.

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Sunday Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M.

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# N. Korea nuclear talks end without agreement

By BO-MI LIM

Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — The first talks on North Korea's nuclear program since the communist nation tested an atomic device ended Friday without an agreement on disarmament or a date for further negotiations.

Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, the U.S. envoy to the talks, said negotiations would resume in "weeks, not months."

During five days of meetings in Beijing, negotiators said Pyongyang refused to talk about its nuclear weapons program, and instead stuck to its demand that the U.S. remove financial restrictions it has imposed on the regime.

Hill said it appeared North Korea had not given its negotiators any authority to discuss

anything but the financial issue.

"Clearly, negotiators ought to come armed with some instructions to negotiate," he said Friday evening.

Hill insisted the talks would not be left in limbo for another 13 months, and that Washington remained committed to resolving the issue in the six-nation format.

"We have to make progress — we should have made that progress this week," he said.

North Korea's envoy said the communist nation would bolster its atomic arsenal in response to U.S. pressure.

"The U.S. is taking a tactic of both dialogue and pressure, and carrots and sticks," Kim Kye Gwan told reporters. "We are responding with dialogue and a shield, and by a shield we are

saying we will further improve our deterrent."

After five days of negotiations, the delegates merely reaffirmed a September 2005 joint statement — the only one ever reached at the talks — in which the North pledged to disarm in exchange for security guarantees and aid, Chinese envoy Wu Dawei said.

The North had ended its 13-month boycott of the talks — which include China, Japan, Russia and South Korea — after the U.S. agreed to discuss its campaign to isolate the communist nation from the international financial system for alleged financial crimes, including counterfeiting and money laundering.

Separate talks this week on that issue in Beijing failed to bridge differences between the

sides.

"We have requested the U.S. to release the sanctions first and then go into a discussion on substantive issues for the implementation" of the September 2005 agreement, Kim said.

"How can (North Korea) go into such an important discussion on halting the nuclear facilities and also giving up the deterrent which is aimed at safeguarding our sovereignty under such pressure from the United States?" Kim asked.

Even when it takes up the nuclear issue, Kim said the North would not yet talk about dismantling the bombs it has already made. But he promised the North would not launch a nuclear attack or sell its technology.

"Since we are already a proud

nuclear state, we have already announced that we will not threaten other countries with nuclear (weapons) and fully live up to our responsibility of preventing proliferation," Kim said.

China's Wu said the six countries agreed to meet again "at the earliest opportunity."

"North Korea lost a very important opportunity," said Japanese envoy Kenichiro Sasae. "We find the North Korean attitude extremely regrettable."

Sasae said Pyongyang risked further isolation from the international community if it did not change its stance.

Associated Press reporters Audra Ang, Burt Herman and Mari Yamaguchi contributed to this report.

# Judge: Iran partly responsible for 1996 attack

By MATT APUZZO

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Iranian government is partly to blame for a 1996 terrorist attack that killed 19 Americans in Saudi Arabia, a federal judge ruled Friday.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth allows the families of the victims of the Khobar Towers bombing to seek \$254 million in compensation from the conservative Islamic regime in Tehran.

Though intelligence officials have suspected a link between the Tehran government and the Saudi wing of Hezbollah, which the FBI has accused of carrying out the bombing, Friday's ruling is the first time a branch of the U.S. government has officially blamed Iran for the deaths of Americans in the bombings.

"This court takes note of plaintiffs' courage and steadfastness in pursuing this litigation and their efforts to take action to deter more tragic suffering of innocent Americans at the hands

of terrorists," Lamberth wrote.

Lamberth relied heavily on testimony by former FBI Director Louis Freeh.

Two Iranian government security agencies and senior members of the Iranian government itself provided funding, training and logistical help to terrorists who carried out the attack on a dormitory that housed U.S. Air Force pilots and staff in Saudi Arabia, Freeh testified.

Lamberth had previously ruled that a survivor of the blast could seek compensation from Iran but Friday's ruling is the first time a court has said Iran was to blame for the deaths. The lawsuit was brought by the families of 17 of the 19 people killed in the attack.

Thaddeus C. Fennig, whose son was killed in the explosion, was pleased by the opinion.

"It shows this is not forgotten," Fennig said. "Once in a while, for some reason or another, this comes up with people and many of them don't even remember it any more."



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### Texas scaling back social services privatization

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas is scaling back an ambitious plan to privatize its social services eligibility system, slashing the contract with a private company by more than \$350 million and limiting the role of the contractor's employees, the state's health and human services chief announced.

The Thursday announcement follows nearly a year of complaints from lawmakers, gubernatorial candidates and advocates for poor families and marks a major change in an experiment that was being closely watched by other states.

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### CHURCH

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to donate to less fortunate families during the holiday season. These items are to be placed in the grocery basket in the Narthex.

**First Presbyterian Church** is located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth.

#### St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry Street. The pastor is Wayne Frost.

Sunday, worship services are at 9 a.m. Sunday school and Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m. Christmas Eve Worship

services are at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Christmas Day worship services are at 10 a.m. You are encouraged to worship with us on this special day.

The "Bait of Satan" videos and discussion continues in the Parish Hall each Sunday.

The Wednesday noon ladies Bible study that meets at St. Paul Lutheran each week is beginning a new study. Beth Moore's study of "The Patriarchs" will begin Jan. 10.

Workbooks for the study can be ordered through the church office. Call 267-7163 for information or to sign up for the class. Childcare will be provided.

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Christmas Eve day service will be held at 10 a.m. There will be no evening service that day.

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Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the four of spades. South wins with the king and returns the seven, which you cover with the ten. North takes the queen and shifts to the jack of hearts. How would you play so as to ensure the contract against any distribution of the North-South cards?

**West**  
♠ J 10 9 5 3  
♥ A 10 8  
♦ 7  
♣ 8 6 5 4

**East**  
♠ 6 2  
♥ K 9 5  
♦ A K J 10 3  
♣ A K Q

2. You are declarer with the West hand at the ambitious contract of Seven Hearts, and North leads the queen of spades. Assuming the trumps are divided 2-2, how would you play the hand?

**West**  
♠ A 10  
♥ A Q 10 7 4  
♦ A K J 10 9  
♣ A

**East**  
♠ 9 7 6 3  
♥ K J 9 8  
♦ 7 2  
♣ Q 10 5

1. The only way you can be 100 percent certain of the contract is to play dummy's king and your ace on North's jack of hearts! Now lead the jack of spades to force out the ace, establishing two spade tricks in your hand.

Let's assume North makes the neutral return of a club. You win with the queen and lead a low heart to your

eight. Regardless of how the opponents defend, they cannot stop you from reaching your hand with either the eight or ten of hearts, so you are certain to score two spades, two hearts, two diamonds and three clubs to come to nine tricks.

If you adopt any other line of play, you might make the contract, but you cannot be sure of it. The extraordinary play of the K-A of hearts at trick three removes all doubt about the outcome.

2. Take the ace of spades, cash the A-K of hearts, lead a diamond from dummy and finesse the nine. If the nine wins, enter dummy with a trump and repeat the finesse. If the diamonds are divided 3-3 or 4-2, you make the contract by discarding three spades from dummy and ruffing the ten of spades.

It would be wrong to cash the A-K of diamonds, planning to ruff a diamond in dummy. Unless the queen fell under the A-K, it would then be impossible to avoid a spade loser.

Cashing the A-K of diamonds wins only when the queen falls on the first or second round — less than a 20 percent chance. A first-round finesse against the queen offers nearly a 50 percent chance of success. Note that it would be wrong to cash the ace first and then try the finesse, since you could no longer make the slam if South started with four diamonds to the queen.

#### Ex-cop's video shows how to fool drug officers

TYLER (AP) — A one-time Texas drug agent described by a former boss as perhaps the best narcotics officer in the country plans to begin selling a video that shows people how to conceal their drugs and fool police.

Barry Cooper, who once worked for police departments in Gladewater and Big Sandy and the Permian Basin Drug Task Force, plans to launch a Web site next week where he will sell his video, "Never Get Busted Again," the Tyler Morning Telegraph reported in its online edition Thursday.


A promotional video says Cooper will show viewers how to "conceal their stash," "avoid narcotics profiling" and "fool canines every time."

News of the video has angered authorities, including Richard Sanders, an agent with the Tyler Drug Enforcement Agency.


Sanders said he plans to investigate whether the video violates any laws.

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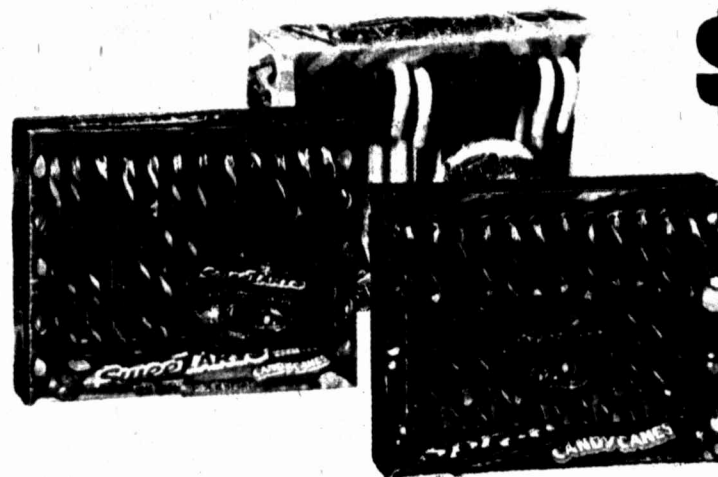


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## IN BRIEF

### Sterling Doty named to Conf. U.S.A. team

The grandson of Jack and Mildred Doty of Coahoma, Sterling Doty, was named to the first team offensive line for Conference USA.

Doty, a senior for the Houston Cougars football team, was voted as the best center in the conference and was on the watch list for the Rimington Award.

Having recently graduated, Doty is currently working on his Master's Degree and practicing for the Cougars upcoming Liberty Bowl game against the South Carolina Gamecocks.

The game is scheduled for Dec. 29 and will be televised on ESPN at 4:30 p.m.

### Big Spring Steers' freshman update

The first half of the Big Spring freshman boy's basketball season has come to an end and the Steers stand at 7-3 going into the holidays.

The team will return to action on Jan. 2, at the Steer Gym when Lubbock Cooper comes to town. Game time is subject to change, but tip off is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

### Owls play tonight in New Orleans Bowl

Rice University will be making its first bowl appearance since 1961 tonight when they play Troy, the Sun Belt Conference Champions, in the New Orleans Bowl.

Rice (7-5, 6-2 C-USA) made a stunning turnaround from last year's 1-10 season, winning seven of its last eight games after an 0-4 start.

### Longhorns prepare for Alamo Bowl

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy has been cleared to play in the Alamo Bowl, school officials said Thursday night. McCoy's status had been in doubt after suffering a severely pinched nerve in his neck in the final minute of a 12-7 loss to Texas A&M on Nov. 24.

### Packers and Favre defeat Vikings

In an otherwise ugly performance, Brett Favre mustered a little late-game magic and left Lambeau Field a winner again. Who knows if he'll be back for more? Favre set up a game-winning 44-yard field goal by Dave Rayner with 1:34 left and the Green Bay Packers beat the Minnesota Vikings 9-7.

### Class 5A high school football playoffs

**DIVISION I STATE FINAL**  
Southlake Carroll (15-0) vs. Austin Westlake (12-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome.

**DIVISION II STATE FINAL**  
Cypress Falls (12-3) vs. Cedar Hill (15-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome.

# Area football players earn All-State

## Garden City trio earns first team

MIKE GRIMES  
Sports Editor

The Six-Man Division I Coaches Association All-State football team was announced this week and six Garden City Bearkats were listed as either first or second team members.

The Bearkats, the No. 1 ranked team in the state before the playoff bye week in the computer generated Six-Man rankings, landed two players on the first team offense and one on the first team defense.

Sam Long, a senior tight end for the 'Kats, was joined by fellow classmate Taylor Niehues — a wide receiver, as the two players selected to the offensive side of the ball and Colton Schwartz was the lone defender on the squad.

Schwartz was the Defensive MVP in District I and he led the Bearkats on defense by making 157 tackles — 25 of which were stops for a



Garden City's Colton Schwartz shows the tackling form that led him to the All-State Six-Man football team.

loss — four interceptions and three fumble recoveries on the season. The district was Bearkat running back Bo Eggemeyer, a second team All-State performer.

Eggemeyer rushed for 1,971 yards and 33 touchdowns this season. He not only led the district champions in rushing as a junior, but he also set a Garden City school record when he rushed for 289 yards in a game against Rankin.

The Bearkats were undefeated at 11-0 before an upset loss to Meadow ended their season prematurely.

The following players received First Team offensive awards:

Quarterback: J.T. Spitzer, Rule (Sr.)  
Spreadback: Garrett Avalos, Rankin (Sr.)  
Running back: Michael Arrington, Blum (Sr.)  
Running back: Stacey Wpmack, Trinidad (Sr.)  
Fullback: Adrian Sanchez, Meadow (Sr.)  
Tight end: Sam Long, Garden City (Sr.)  
Tight end: Eddie Green, Calvert (Sr.)  
Center: Ty Clark, Rule (Sr.)  
Wide receiver: Taylor Niehues, Garden City (Sr.)  
Wide receiver: Mark Williams, Richland Springs (Sr.)  
Utility back: C.J. Saucedo, Rule (Sr.)  
Special teams: Cantrell

Kinney, Calvert (So.)  
Kicker: Darius Kimberling, Happy (Sr.)

The following players received First Team defensive awards:

Noseguard: Julian Menchaca, Rule (Sr.)  
Lineman: Patrick Couch, Richland Springs (Sr.)  
Lineman: Jadon Morgan, Rankin (Sr.)  
Lineman: John Moses, Throckmorton (Sr.)  
Linebacker: Colton Morgan, Garden City (Sr.)  
Linebacker: Brad Russell, Abbott (Sr.)  
Cornerback: D.J. Hubbard, Trinidad (Sr.)  
Cornerback: Nathan Howard, May (So.)  
Safety: Kade Kittley, Rule (Sr.)  
Safety: Kelton Thomas, Calvert (So.)  
Utility player: Levi Hardcastle, Blum (Sr.)  
Punter: Lane Hutchins, Water Valley (Sr.)

The following local players were honored with a second team selection:

Quarterback: Evan Jansa, Garden City (Sr.)  
Running back: Bo Eggemeyer, Garden City (Sr.)  
Cornerback: Cade Halfman, Garden City (Sr.)

# No. 19 BYU destroys Oregon in Las Vegas Bowl

By DOUG ALDEN  
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Rebuilding BYU didn't take long for coach Bronco Mendenhall.

The No. 19 Cougars completed Mendenhall's second season by beating

Oregon 38-8 in the Las Vegas Bowl, extending their winning streak to 10 straight and giving BYU an even higher standard to meet next fall.

"This is the next step in our evolution to being a great program," Mendenhall

said. "This team won't be satisfied with just this."

Neither will Mendenhall, whose determination to restore Brigham Young has rubbed off on his players. The Cougars (11-2) finished with a winning record for the first

time in five years and won a bowl game for the first time since the 1996 season.

He will be missing some key parts from this year's team — namely quarterback John Beck, running back Curtis Brown and tight end Jonny

Harline — but Mendenhall's message won't change. He wants BYU to be like BYU used to be.

The Cougars looked as good Thursday as some of the BYU teams of old, gaining 548 yards and shutting out the Ducks (7-6)

through three quarters.

Beck passed for 375 yards and two touchdowns and Brown ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns. Harline had nine catches for 181 yards and a TD and was MVP for the Cougars.

# Knight poised to tie Dean Smith

And become Division I's winningest coach

By BETSY BLANEY  
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Bob Knight talks to his son every day about coaching.

It isn't always about offense, defense or even recruiting. Sometimes it's about dealing with a particular player or the media.

But one topic they discussed last season surprised Pat Knight, who will take over at Texas Tech whenever his father retires.

"Believe it or not, my use of language," said the younger Knight, noting the irony of the conversation given his father's penchant for spewing expletives. "He just brought it up."

Pat Knight will be beside his father Saturday, his first chance to tie Dean Smith as the all-time winningest Division I coach with 879 victories. Texas Tech (9-3) plays at home against Bucknell (5-5).

Since his father arrived at Tech in 2001, Pat Knight has been taking notes, literally. Bob Knight suggested his son keep a notebook and jot down coaching tidbits and inspirational fodder to motivate players.

"I think it really started when I played for him at Indiana," said Pat Knight, who played for the Hoosiers from 1991-95. "But it's been even better being a coach."

It's not all sweetness, though. Sometimes their discussions turn into head-butting sessions.

"It gets heated at times but at least we get all our ideas on the table," Pat Knight said. "We each want to get our point across."

The senior Knight downplayed

the help he gives his son, other assistants and players.

"I just teach them the little I know and hope it helps them become better," Bob Knight said.

Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers, who brought Knight to West Texas after he was fired from Indiana University, said the father and son work well together.

Bob Knight's knowledge has been amassed through 41 years of coaching. During that time he's won three national championships, 11 Big Ten titles and an Olympic gold medal in 1984. Earlier this month he took over the No. 2 spot on the victory list from Kentucky legend Adolph Rupp, who held the No. 1 spot for 25 years until Smith topped him in 1997.

Knight has garnered headlines for his accomplishments and for his volatile temper. His disdain for reporters, the media in general, is well-known. He's talked about that, too, Pat Knight said.

"It's amazing the different aspects he talks to me about," like "dealing with the press better than he has," the younger Knight said.

Side-by-side on the bench, there have been moments when Pat Knight bounds up just after his father when he looks as if he's about to unleash his well-known temper. Pat Knight tries to calm him, the son said.

"You got to," Pat Knight said. "If I didn't do it, no telling what would happen."

Some say the time at Tech is a second chance for father and son to spend time together. Before



Texas Tech coach Bob Knight instructs his team as his son and assistant coach Pat Knight peers around him during a Red Raider basketball game earlier this year.

his divorce in 1986, Bob Knight was often on the road.

"It's a great opportunity to have a relationship with his kids, a second opportunity, and in a different way, too," said Steve Downing, who played for Knight at Indiana and is an associate athletic director at Tech. "I don't think you can put a price on that type of relationship."

When Bob Knight was in his mid-30s, he gave thought to coaching only another four years. Now he says he doesn't know how much longer he'll go on, though he joked recently he's not nearly done at age 66 and "may be incapable of doing anything else."

"I'll probably coach till I'm 90," he said.

That mind-set is fine with Pat Knight, who graduated from

Indiana five years before his father was fired in September 2000 for what school officials called a violation of a zero-tolerance behavior policy.

Bob Knight has agreed to a contract extension at Tech through the 2010-11 season.

"The more years he spends, the more beneficial it is to me because I get to learn, and I'm not in a hurry," he said. "I don't have an ego trying to push him out the door."

Bob Knight's exit from coaching probably won't end his interest in Tech basketball. He has said he'll stay in Lubbock, and Pat Knight said he'll avail himself of his father's experience.

"I'd be dumb not to," he said, "and like it or not, you need people like him around to be successful."



# Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

## BIRDIES AND BOGIES

### These guys aren't that bad

What is it about the other ball sports — baseball, football and basketball — that breeds bad-mannered men doing ill-tempered things like going into the stands after the fans and stomping on an opponent's head?

But in our sport, where honor carries the day and competitors call penalties on themselves, the waters are calm.

Golf's only candidate for the Wall of Shame is poor John Daly, whose sins are minor by comparison to the bone-breakers in other sports. He smokes on camera, divorced his newest wife as soon as she got out of jail, eats too many Oreos and, in one of those "what-was-he-thinking" moves, named his second daughter Sierra after his drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, Sierra Tucson.

In golf, the well-mannered sport, even the bad boys aren't that bad.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Cox News Service

*"Most people work all their life to be able to retire and play golf. I've played golf all my life to retire and go to work."*

— JACK NICKLAUS,  
golfing legend on retirement

## GOLF SPOKEN HERE

### 'Muscle back'

A design feature in golf club manufacturing that produces a type of iron head with extra material on the back of the head.

## SCHEDULE

### MEN PGA TOUR

- Mercedes-Benz Championship, Jan. 4-7, Kapalua Resort, The Plantation Course, Kapalua, Hawaii.
- Sony Open in Hawaii, Jan. 11-14, Waialae Country Club, Honolulu.

### CHAMPIONS TOUR

- Wendy's Champions Skins Game, Jan. 13-14, Wailea Resort, Gold Course, Wailea, Hawaii.
- MasterCard Championship, Jan. 19-21, Hualalai Golf Club, Kahuku, Hawaii.

### PGA EUROPEAN TOUR

- Joburg Open, Jan. 11-14, Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Abu Dhabi Golf Championship, Jan. 18-21, Abu Dhabi Golf Club, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

### NATIONWIDE TOUR

- Panama Championship, Jan. 25-28, Panama City Golf Club, Panama City, Panama.
- Jacob's Creek Open, Feb. 15-18, Kooyonga Golf Club, Adelaide, Australia.

### WOMEN LPGA TOUR

- Women's World Cup of Golf, Jan. 19-21, Gary Player Country Club, Sun City, South Africa.
- SBS Open at Turtle Bay, Feb. 15-17, Turtle Bay Resort, Palmer Course, Kahuku, Hawaii.

## ASK THE PRO

**Q:** I've had a wager with my archenemy (best friend, actually) as to who is the most famous athlete in the world. He says it's still Michael Jordan; I say it's Tiger Woods. Who's right?

—John, Middlefield, Conn.

**A:** That's a tough one because it depends on what criteria you use. Soccer is the world's most popular sport (it's called football outside the United States), so that might make someone like soccer star David Beckham the most well-known. Or you could use money as your yardstick, which makes it Tiger Woods,

the world's highest-paid athlete, earning \$87 million in 2006.

For the first time in 13 years, Michael Jordan is not the fans' favorite male athlete, according to an online poll conducted by Harris Interactive. More than 2,000 respondents chose Woods as the most popular male, knocking Jordan out of the top spot for the first time since the survey was introduced in 1993.

But in my opinion, the real bellwether of influence and recognition is The New York Times business section, a venue so filled with serious pith and moment that sports

figures are seldom referenced.

So you know Tiger Woods is the biggest thing around when he was mentioned last month in the same article with dynamo deal maker Kirk Kerkorian, a major investor in GM who is selling his stock holdings in the company. Woods was described as being instrumental in launching a new car model, an SUV called the Buick Enclave, hoped to be the savior of the company.

So forget about Tiger vs. Phil; this is Tiger vs. Kirk. (To Ask the Pro a question about golf, e-mail him at: T.J.Insider@aol.com.)

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

# 3 Kinds of slices

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### 1. The Right-to-Right

The ball starts to the right of your target (left for left-handers) and then inexorably moves more to the right until it disappears from sight. Of all the slices, this one can leave the playing field the quickest.

Ninety percent of new golfers aim to the right, and they attempt to pull the ball back to the target by spinning their shoulders. Aim far enough to the right and the shoulders spin so violently that the clubface is trapped behind your body, causing it to be open at impact. Thus the ball shoots to the right of target then cuts even farther right.



The Right-to-Right



The Boomerang

### 2. The Boomerang

Since the ball is flying so far right, you open your stance, aiming to the left of the target. The ball now starts way left and slices back toward the target. This is a baby boomer. Aiming more left to accommodate your baby boomer will work until, in an effort to hit it too hard, you square the clubface to the path with an aggressive over-the-top move of the shoulders. The result is a pull way left of target. (In the family of slices, the pull is the first cousin to the slice.)

To correct the pull, you introduce a chicken-winged left arm that opens the face even more at impact, causing a bigger slice that finishes to the right of the target. This is the adult boomer.

To fix this you aim even more left, employing more chicken wing and causing the mother of all boomerangs, the nuclear boomer that starts way left and exits right. In left-to-right crosswinds, it covers more territory than Lewis and Clark.

### 3. The Flare

Sick of this score wrecker, you now listen to the advice of your playing buddies, who tell you you're aiming way left. So you aim in the general direction of the target, but still employ your old friend the chicken wing. Aided by the open face at impact, the ball starts in the general direction of the target then spins to the right, which moves it off target enough to give you problems.

Hit enough flares and you'll subconsciously open your stance to start the ball more left, causing a reintroduction of the baby boomer. And so the cycle goes.

Next week: How to fix your slice.

## THE GOLF DOCTOR

### Put it where the sun shines

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) impacts many people in the northern United States, some suffering so acutely that it interrupts the normal flow of life. The symptoms of SAD include:

- Depression during the fall or winter months
- Changes in sleeping and eating habits
- Persistent sad, anxious or "empty" mood
- Loss of pleasure in activities once enjoyed
- Depression subsides in the spring and summer months
- Symptoms have occurred in the past two years, with no nonseasonal depression episodes
- Seasonal episodes substantially outnumber nonseasonal depression episodes
- You crave sugary or starchy foods

But SAD is rare in areas with a lot of sunshine, such as Florida and Arizona, so the best remedy (in my opinion) is to take one or more vacations where the sun shines. Plus, throw in some golf so you can lose a bit of weight and ready your game for the spring, all while you go through your daily "sun therapy."

For more information on SAD, consult "Winter Blues: Everything You Need to Know to Beat Seasonal Affective Disorder" by Norman Rosenthal, MD.



## GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

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The percent increase in prize money for the 2007 LPGA season. Next season the LPGA schedule will include a minimum of 35 events with prize money totaling \$54.3 million — that's an average purse of \$1.55 million.

# 2

The percentage by which carrying around an extra 100 pounds in the trunk of your car can decrease your gas mileage. So if you carry around a 50-pound golf bag in your trunk, you could be costing yourself about 1 percent in fuel consumption.

## TEENING OFF

### Women and golf: a bright future

Things certainly have changed for women in golf over the last 40 years. Back in the dark ages, when a woman was on the driving range, the guys would think, "What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?" And it wasn't unusual to see a sign over the pro shop door reading, "No women or dogs allowed."

I experienced this anti-woman atmosphere firsthand not too many years ago when I was invited to play a very exclusive, private golf course. I asked if I could bring my assistant, also a PGA professional, and got an OK. I neglected to tell them she was female.

When we arrived we went directly into the grill room to have a sandwich. The manager pulled me aside and explained that no women were allowed in the clubhouse, and while I could eat, she couldn't. So she and I decided to dine on a couple of packs of peanut butter crackers I'd brought with us, which we ate, to make our point, sitting on the steps of the clubhouse with our tour bags next to us, in full view of everyone.

Prejudice is never in style, but while you can't un-ring the bell, most of these wrongs have been righted today. Let's look at the stats:

If you're an average female golfer, you're 42 years old, with a median household income of \$68,265. You play 15 rounds of golf a year and spend \$650 annually on golf.

The lower your handicap, the higher your income. If your handicap is a single digit, you average \$147,000 per year in income.

If you can break 80 for 18 holes, you're better than 99 percent of women golfers. If you break 90, you're better than 93 percent of women.

These statistics are a bright sign for women's golf, but the disappointing news is that one out of every two women gives up golf after about two years.

A survey done by the National Golf Foundation revealed that the majority of women listed "hitting the ball better" and knowing the "ins and outs" of golf as major factors that would encourage them to stay in the game.

Next week we'll explore some of these "ins and outs" and see how easy they are to make part of your golf routine.

## True champ joins Champions Tour

One of the greatest players ever, Seve's game has disappeared in recent years due to a bad back and some bad instruction that didn't fit his playing style.

Seve paints pictures in his mind when he plays; he needs to image the shot, feel it, then execute without thinking about a lot of swing mechanics. Unfortunately, he went to a teacher who paralyzed him with a numbing array of details, something no "feel" player can survive.

How great was Seve Ballesteros? He was first on the European Tour Order of Merit six times, winning eight tournaments in a row in 1978. Ballesteros won three Open Championships and two Masters with 89 wins worldwide.

In a tribute to his consistency, he won at least one tournament in each of 17 straight years. Between 1986 and 1989, Ballesteros spent 60 weeks at No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking.



BALLESTEROS

## DON'T MISS IT

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Tiger Woods' fame and influence can be reflected in his earnings, which rose to \$87 million in 2006.



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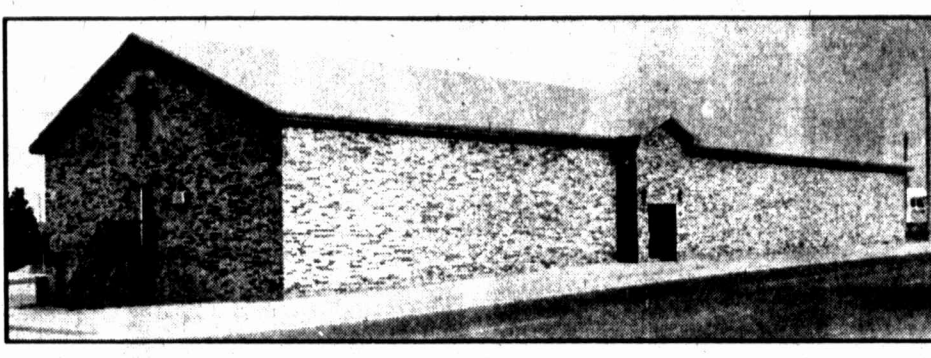
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The Colorado River Municipal Water District has openings for Maintenance Workers in Big Spring, Snyder, Stanton, Midland and Odessa.

A CDL license and mechanical experience are helpful. District benefits include paid vacation and holidays, sick leave, retirement plan, and group insurance. EOE. Applications are required to be considered for employment and are available at the District's office, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas or by calling 432-267-6341.

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Legals

**ADVERTISMENT FOR PROPOSALS**

The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed proposals until 4:00 P.M., January 10, 2007, for the following area:  
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Specifications and proposal documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3620. Proposals will be received in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District until the above listed date and time. Proposals received after the above deadline will be returned unopened. Proposals will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on January 18, 2007, at 5:15 P.M., at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.  
#5189 December 22 & 29, 2007

**AMERICAN SELF STORAGE**  
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, American Self Storage which is located at 3314 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, December 23, 2006, at American Self Storage. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property may be sold item by item or in batches, or by the space. All sales are subject to Texas State Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of:  
Tenant: Bobby Brumley  
Consisting of: Furniture, household  
#5197 December 15 & 22, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

December 19, 2006  
An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Big Spring Amending Chapter 18, Article 5 of the Code of Ordinances, Entitled, "Stop Intersections"  
**Big Spring City Code Article 5, Entitled Stop Intersections, Section 18-133 "Add Stop Signs on 6th Street at Scurry changing Intersection to a 4-Way" (Stop signs presently on Scurry).**  
#5201 December 22 & 24, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

December 20, 2006  
An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Big Spring Amending Chapter 18, Article 5 of the Code of Ordinances, Entitled, "Stop Intersections"  
**Big Spring City Code Article 5, Entitled Stop Intersections, by adding to Section 18-133 "Add Stop Signs on 6th Street at Circle changing Intersection to 4-Way" (Stop signs presently on Circle).**  
#5202 December 22 & 24, 2006

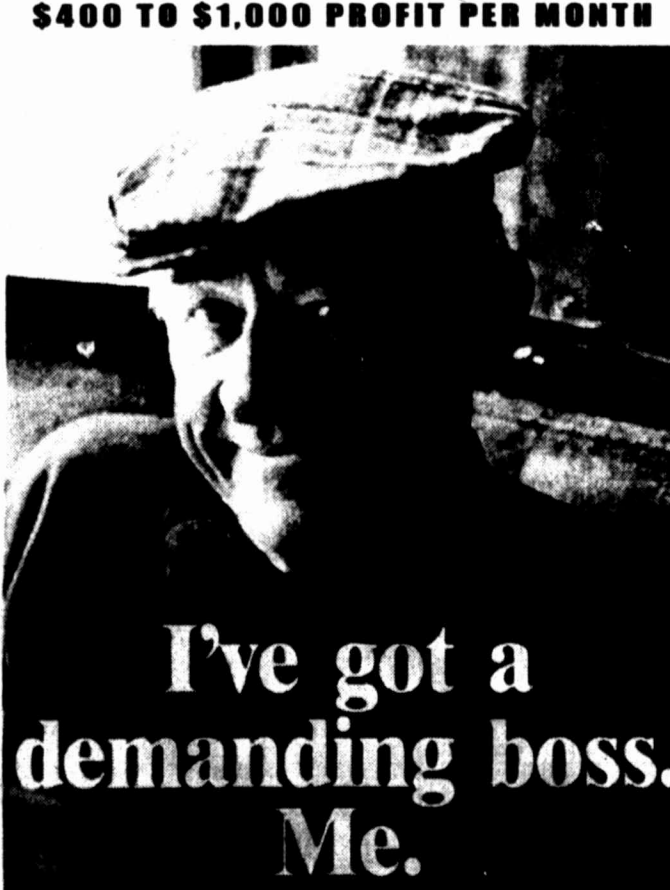
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6 PM	News (CC)	News	Hondas de Amor	King of the Hill	News Entertainment	Vida de Blanco	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond	John Hage	News-Letter	Dirty Jobs		CSI: Crime Scene Investigator	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) Access	Han, Montana That's-Raven	Interruption Breakdown	NBA	Heroes (CC)
7 PM	Entertainment	Funniest Home Videos	La Faa Mas Bella	Justice (CC)	Home for the Holidays	Marina	Identity (CC)	King King	Update/Israel Alan Granger	Wash. Week NOW (CC)	Everest: Beyond the Limit	Movie: Prancer	CSI: Crime Scene Investigator	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Pat & Friends (CC)	Han, Montana Zack & Cody	College Football	NBA Basketball	Doctor Who (CC)
8 PM	St. Jude's Children's Hospital	20/20 (CC)	Mundo de Fieras	Trading Spouses	Cose to Home (CC)	Amor Mio Amores	Las Vegas (CC)	Movie: Overboard	Light of the Southwest	Christmas at Baylor (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigator	Movie: Ocean's		The Ultimate Christmas	R.I. Carriers New Orleans	Philadelphia 76ers at	Doctor Who (CC)
9 PM			Casos de la Vida Real	Becker (CC) Friends (CC)	NUMB3RS (CC)	Decisiones	Law & Order (CC)			Mr. Christmas (CC)	I Shouldn't Be Alive	15 Movie: The Wolf Man (CC)	Most Amazing Videos	Eleven (CC)	One Night The Parkers	Present Zack & Cody	Bowl - Rice vs. Troy	Boston Celtics NBA	Stargate SG-1 (CC)
10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show	Late Show	Not-Telemundo Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show	The Nightmare	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Stunt Junkies: Go Big	45 Movie: Creature From the Black Lagoon (CC)	Disorderly Con	05 Movie: A Perfect Day (CC)	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Zack & Cody That's-Raven		Basketball: Washington	Doctor Who (CC)
11 PM	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Incognito	King of the Hill Malcolm-Md.	Letterman Late Late Show	Laura 'Al Rojo Vivo'	Late Night	Before Christmas	Global Force In-Crosshairs	Sign Off	Everest: Beyond the Limit	MXC Game Head			In Living Color In Living Color	Han, Montana Kim Possible	With Smith Madden Nation	Wizards at Phoenix Suns (CC)	Doctor Who (CC)
12 AM	Live (CC) News (CC)	Live (CC) Paid Program	Guereya y Algo	My Wife-Kids Malcolm-Md.	The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien Apex	Family Guy Futurama	Update/Israel CCM Ministries		Man vs. Wild (CC)	Lagoon (CC) Movie: The Fly	Inside the UFC Rattlesnake	12:05 Movie: Heat (CC)	BET After Dark (CC)	Proud Family Sister, Sister	College Football	SportsCenter (CC)	SCFI Investigates

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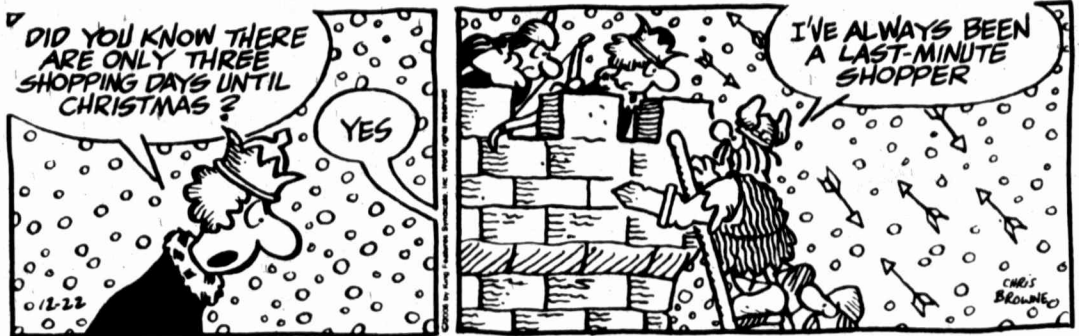
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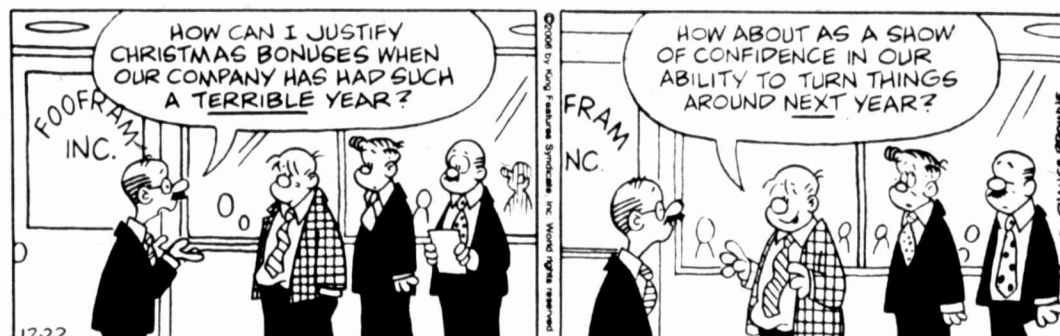
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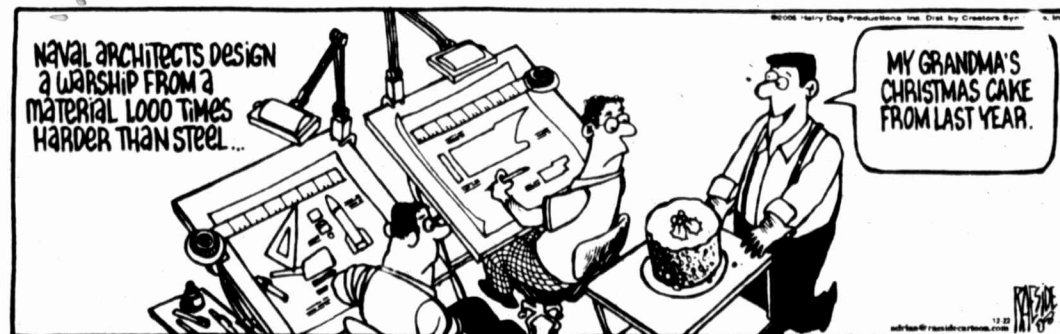
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 2006. There are nine days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 22, 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brigadier General Anthony C. McAuliffe rejected the Germans' demand that the Americans surrender, writing "Nuts!" in his official reply.

On this date: In 1775, Esek Hopkins was appointed the commander in chief of the Continental Navy.

In 1808, Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C Minor and Symphony No. 6 in F Major had their world premieres in Vienna, Austria.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln: "I beg to

present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

In 1963, an official 30-day mourning period following the assassination of President Kennedy came to an end.

In 1984, New York City resident Bernhard Goetz shot and wounded four youths on a Manhattan subway, claiming they were about to rob him.

In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising.

In 1991, the body of Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, an American hostage murdered by his captors, was found dumped along a highway in Lebanon.

Today's Birthdays: Lady Bird Johnson is 94. Former House Speaker Jim Wright is 84. Actor Hector Elizondo

is 70. Country singer Red Steagall is 68. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Steve Carlton is 62. ABC News correspondent Diane Sawyer is 61. Baseball All-Star Steve Garvey is 58. Singer Robin Gibb is 57. Golfer Jan Stephenson is 55. Actress BernNadette Stanis is 53. Rapper Luther Campbell is 46. Country singer-musician Chuck Mead (BR549) is 46. Actor Ralph Fiennes is 44. Actress Lauralee Bell is 38. Actress Dina Meyer is 38. Actress Heather Donahue is 32. Actor Chris Carmack is 26.

Thought for Today: "A thousand probabilities do not make one fact." —Italian proverb.

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Answer to previous puzzle

PLUG	ALLOT	AMMO
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1 Direct elsewhere

6 Amassed

11 An NCO

14 Fred's first partner

15 Missouri Indian

16 Early start?

17 Violin parts

18 Boy's toy

20 African antelope

21 Price

23 Not as cordial

24 Cologne's water

26 Castro predecessor

27 Pump grade

29 Seinfeld character

30 Patterned cloth

31 Meg Ryan ex

32 Kermit's home

35 Macbeth witches' word

36 Myanmar, formerly

37 Aid partner

38 Dict. entry

39 Safaris, for example

40 Monastery

41 They dissemble

42 Tough spot

43 Attendance stat

46 In the area

47 Farm cooperative

48 Ford role

49 Crooklyn director

52 Dental work

54 Notices

56 Slapstick prop

57 Very odd

58 Bunch of soldiers

59 Annapolis grad.

60 Econometrician's numbers

61 The Godfather character

8 Scale notes

9 Self-centeredness

10 Struck out

11 Eddies

12 Welcome warmly

13 Livy's land

19 Place of honor

22 United

25 Welcome warmly

26 House supports

27 Makes a choice

28 Satiated

29 Tupperware sounds

31 Paper portion

32 Failure, so to speak

33 Honk

34 Eye annoyance

36 Bit of bling

37 Incantation starter

39 Exciting sensations

40 Bothers

41 Director Riefenstahl

42 Closest star

43 Visibly awed

44 UCLA athlete

45 Vaults

46 Theater areas

48 Tantrum

50 Ian Fleming alma mater

51 Glimpse

53 Author Levin

55 Any PGA member

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