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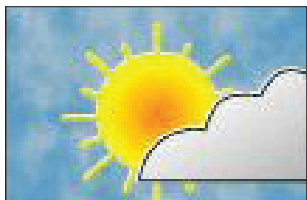
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City mulls sign ban

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The future of electronic billboards in the city of Big Spring could be anything but certain, as the city council looks at possibly placing a 90-day moratorium on permit applications for the popular medium during its Tuesday meeting.

The council is expected to vote on an emergency reading of an ordinance imposing a moratorium on applications and permitting for billboard signs in order to allow for review and consideration of new regulations imposed on the signs by the Texas Transportation Commission.



Sjögren

If approved, the moratorium would begin Wednesday and reach into the first part of February, according to city officials.

Tuesday's consideration of the electronic billboards won't be the first time the council has approached the issue, having passed a 180-day moratorium on their use during it's May 13 meeting earlier this year.

City Attorney Linda Sjögren said any decision made concerning the signs would have no effect on ones that were erected before the May moratorium.

Questions concerning the LED billboards was

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Parade draws large crowd

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Santa Claus came to town Saturday — and more than 1,000 people were on hand to greet him.

Crowds, lined three or four deep the length of Gregg Street, welcomed Santa and a host of

other holiday revelers during the 23rd annual *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas Parade Saturday evening.

Led by the Big Spring Police Department's color guard and grand marshals Bill and Joyce Crooker, more than 40 entries paraded north on Gregg Street during the Herald's "Christmas

gift to the community."

Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home's float won the \$100 Best in Show award. Wal-Mart took home the \$75 Mayor's Award and The Circuit Riders won the \$50 Grand Marshal's Award. The Howard County

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Clockwise, from top: Santa Claus waves to the crowd; a Big Spring High School band member jazzes up his saxophone with lights; and the Texas State Veterans Home float was named best in show.



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Carpenter to sign latest book

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With more than 150 writing awards in a journalism career that has spanned more than six decades thus far, local resident Marj Carpenter will present her book — "To the Ends of the Earth" and "A Little Bit Farther" — during a book signing Tuesday at the Heritage Museum.

Carpenter, who was

selected as the winner of the 2007-2008 David Steele Distinguished Writer Award (DWA) by the Presbyterian Writers Guild earlier this year, is one of the Crossroads area's most noteworthy authors.

A native Texan, Carpenter first worked as a reporter at age 15 for *The Mercedes Enterprise*. One of her early assignments

was a press conference with Eleanor Roosevelt, where she was by far the youngest reporter. Carpenter eventually interviewed seven U.S. presidents and served on the First Amendment Congress under Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

In 1962, Carpenter

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Obituaries

James Long

James (Jim) Long, 82, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sharon Wiese, pastor, officiating. He was born May 5, 1926 in the Knott Community, northwest of Big Spring, to Jimmie and Ben Long. He married Bonnie M. Thompson Dec. 11, 1953 in Big Spring.

Jim worked as a cowboy for Lester Foster in Sterling City and then for J. C. Reed Cattle Company in Martin County. He then started working on the pipeline gang for Cosden Pipeline, now known as Alon USA Pipeline, in October 1956. He worked as an electrician and pipeline foreman before becoming superintendent, retiring in 1989.

He was a member of Local 826, International Union of Operating Engineers, the 25-year club at Cosden, and the Big Spring Country Club, where he served on the board of directors. He was also a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Long of Big Spring; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Alma Long of Big Spring; a sister and brother-in-law, Joy and B. W. Henderson of Whitney; five nieces and nephews, Lynn Rollins and wife, Jann, Janet Marie King and husband, Ron, Russell Long and wife, JoAnn, Russeline Long and husband, John Wauheckon and Linda Driver; and special friends, Keith and Becky Crane of Big Spring. The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720 or to a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Gene Robertson

This world lost a special angel when Gene Robertson, 72, of Midland went home to his heavenly Father on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at his residence. Gene was born Sept. 6, 1936, in Vivian, La. to Travis and Georgia Robertson. Left to miss him and mourn our loss is his wife: Brenda Weatherby Robertson of Midland; daughter: Jeanie Coor and her husband Kurt of Big Spring; step-son: the Rev. John Conger and his wife Candra of Odessa; step-daughter: Rebekah Overton of Big Spring; brother: Rex Robertson and his wife June of Kermit; sister: Barbara Festavan of Vivian, La.; and several nieces and nephews.

Gene was “Papa” to Mason, Braxton and Sydni Coor. He was “Pappy” to Brenda’s grandbabies, Courtney Overton, Brittian, Mackenzie, Cayson Conger, and Destinee McDonald.

After serving in the U. S. Air Force from 1954 until 1974, he made his home in Coahoma where he owned Coahoma Hot Oil Service and the Coahoma Café. He later worked for Parker and Parsley. After retirement, he moved to Lake Brownwood in 2003, and to Midland this year to be closer to his family. Gene loved the grandbabies, and his strength in fighting off cancer for eight years is a testament of his will to live.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife: Barbara; one brother: Pete Robertson; and two sisters: Sybil Croft and Billie Robertson. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. John Conger officiating. Burial will be at the Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

“When I need strength I think of your smiles” Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Faye Harry

Faye Harry, 94, of North Richland Hills, formerly of Ackerly, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, in North Richland Hills. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Donnavan Silvas

Donnavan J. Silvas, 1, of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2008 in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring.

Ruby Honea

Ruby L. Honea, 73, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2008 in a Lubbock hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON II, 50, of 407 Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESUS TARIN, 48, of 1907 S. Main St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- JESUS BUSTAMANTE, 67, of 605 S. Nolan, was arrested Sunday on four local capias warrants and a charge of theft.
- BENITO TORRES, 26, of 613 N.E. 10th St., 26, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault – family violence.
- JOSE MELENDEZ, 25, of 711 S. Aylesford, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid with an accident.
- JOHNNY TREVINO, 18, of 3607 Hamilton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest.
- ERICA OCHOA, 29, of 1515 E. 17th St., was arrested Monday on a local warrant and charges of parole revocation and driving while license invalid.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1900 block of Winston.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 500 block of Scurry.
- ASSAULT OF A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 900 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY – FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1600 block of 11th Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 600 block of 10th Street.
 - in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- ACCIDENT INVOLVING DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Young.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Gregg Street.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 900 block of Gregg Street.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson Road.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff’s report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.
- JUAN BARRERA, 52, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of revocation of probation and imposition of sentence.
 - CHRISTOPHER JACKSON, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole.
 - FERNANDO APOLINA RODRIGUEZ, 17, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or retention, resisting arrest, search or transportation and disorderly conduct – language.
 - ADALBERTO EDDIE DELEON, 46, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a chare of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
 - VICTOR HUGO AVILA-SANCHEZ, 31, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of no driver’s license.
 - TIMOTHY JOE FLORES, 33, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid.
 - ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE III, 48, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of theft and public intoxication.
 - TABYTHA NIKOLE GARCIA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - VICTOR MANUEL CASTILLO, 36, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
 - JULIAN CHAVEZ, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of accident involving damage to a vehicle.
 - RICKY JAY EDWARDS, 48, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence.

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector’s Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice office for lunch and its monthly meeting. For more information, call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of W. First Street in Forsan. Call was cancelled.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Morrison. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of N. Broadway in Coahoma. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reeported in the 100 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Parkway and Wasson Road. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Petus Road. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Circle. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 200 block of N. Channing.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Pettus Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Miller B Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

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News in brief

Big bucks bailout for Big 3 carmakers would come with strict provisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bailout plan for the failing U.S. auto industry could include a Cabinet-level oversight board and a provision to withdraw the money if the overseers decide the companies are failing to take steps to overhaul themselves.

The plan would draw the emergency aid from an existing loan program meant to help the automakers build fuel-efficient vehicles. The size of the package hasn't been finalized, but it is expected to be about \$15 billion, several congressional aides said.

It would create a board composed of Cabinet secretaries from the departments of Treasury, Energy, Labor, Commerce and Transportation plus the Environmental Protection Agency administrator to oversee a broad auto industry restructuring. A congressional aide outlined the emerging measure on condition of anonymity because it is not yet completed.

In return for the money, the carmakers would have to agree to terms similar to those placed on banks that receive funds under the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout: to limit their top executives' pay packages, cease paying dividends, give the government a chunk of future gains and guarantee that taxpayers would be reimbursed before any other shareholders, the aide said.

The bill under discussion would place the special investigator overseeing the bank rescue in charge of keeping tabs on the auto bailout.

Pakistani troops seize camp used by extremists blamed in Mumbai attacks

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Security forces raided a camp used by militants blamed for the Mumbai attacks and arrested more than a dozen people in Pakistan's first known response to the assault, militants and an intelligence official said Monday.

The identities of those arrested was not immediately known, but Dawn newspaper reported one of them was Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, an alleged militant named by India as one of the masterminds of the attacks on Mumbai. The report could not be immediately verified.

U.S. and Indian suspicions that Pakistan-based militants carried out and plotted the attacks have sharply raised tensions between South Asia's only nuclear-armed nations.

Pakistan's civilian government is under intense international pressure to crack down on the extremists and demonstrate they have no links to its shadowy intelli-

gence agencies.

New Delhi says the Mumbai siege was carried out and plotted by militants belonging to Laskhar-e-Taiba, a Pakistani group accused of other attacks on Indian soil.

Obama says economic recovery won't be instant, focuses on plan to get it moving again

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama wants to make something very clear: The economy is not going to immediately recover when he takes his oath of office, but he has a plan to get the country moving.

Obama introduced a recovery plan "equal to the task" that would be the largest public works spending program since the interstate highway system was build a half-century ago.

"We've got to provide a blood infusion to the patient right now to make sure that the patient is stabilized. And that means that we can't worry short term about the deficit. We've got to make sure that the economic stimulus plan is large enough to get the economy moving," Obama said during an interview that aired Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Twice during the opening moments of his most extensive interview since winning the presidency on Nov. 4, the president-elect said the economic situation "is going to get worse before it gets better," an unspoken plea with voters to have patience with the incoming administration.

The economic indicators have darkened since Obama's election, and Friday's report that 533,000 jobs were lost in November was the worst performance in more than 30 years. Unemployment stands at 6.7 percent, retailers are reporting weak holiday sales and the credit markets have yet to recover from the freeze that led Congress to approve a \$700 billion bailout before the election.

World markets surge on global stimulus hopes

LONDON (AP) — European and Asian stock markets surged Monday after Wall Street's rebound on Friday as investors took heart from new plans to bolster growth around the world.

The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was up 168.70 points, or 4.2 percent, at 4,218.07, while Germany's DAX was 242.97 points, or 5.6 percent, higher at 4,624.44. The CAC-40 in France rose 174.33 points, or 5.8 percent, to 3,162.34.

Earlier, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index jumped 1,198.78 points, or 8.7 percent, to 15,044.87 — its highest close in

be put on hold."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is expected to award bids for a number of vehicles and machinery, including five police sedans; two quarter-ton pickups; deck mowers; as well as sanitation and sewer jet vehicles. The council is also expected to give permission to re-bid a tower maintenance contract for it's radio tower.

Also on the agenda, the council will consider approval of an agreement with National Development Council for

consulting services for economic development.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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seven weeks — while Japan's Nikkei 225 average jumped 411.54 points, or 5.2 percent, to 8,329.05.

The gains came despite Friday's news that American employers cut 533,000 jobs in November — the most in 34 years — as investors appeared to signal their support for growth-promoting measures around the world.

On Friday, the Dow Jones industrials rose 3.1 percent to 8,635.42, and the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 3.7 percent to 876.07.

Futures pointed to further gains on Wall Street, with Dow futures up 181 points, or 2.1 percent, at 8,793 and S&P futures up 22.40 points, or 2.6 percent, at 894.80.

"The hour is darkest before the dawn and while the economic backdrop is absolutely dire, policy makers have now moved to an aggressively accommodative stance," said Jeremy Batstone-Carr.

Chinese officials were reportedly meeting this week to discuss possible new steps to expand the \$586 billion of stimulus already planned, while in Washington, a bailout of ailing U.S. automakers appeared to be falling into place.

President-elect Obama says workers staging sit-in in Chicago factory are 'absolutely right'

CHICAGO (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama is weighing in on behalf of workers staging a sit-in on the factory floor of their former Chicago employer to protest abruptly losing their jobs last week.

Obama told a news conference Sunday that Republic Windows and Doors should follow through on its commitments to the 200 workers, who say they won't leave the plant until they are assured they'll receive their severance and vacation pay.

"The workers who are asking for the benefits and payments that they have earned, I think they're absolutely right and understand that what's happening to them is reflective of what's happening across this economy," Obama said.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan also said her office was investigating the company, which has not commented on the sit-in.

To their amazement, the workers have become a national symbol for thousands of employees laid off nationwide as the economy continues to sour.

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first brought to the court by Sjogren in April, when she informed the council a new state law would allow the signs on Texas highways. However, each municipality would have the right to allow or disallow the signs within their boundaries.

Mayor Russ McEwen inquired how possible changes in the law concerning billboards might impact existing signs in

the city limits, such as the ones located at the local truck stop near the intersection of Highway 87 and Interstate Highway 20.

"But this would not have anything to do with the gigantic billboards that were put up on N. U.S. Highway 87?" asked McEwen.

Sjogren said any changes to the city code concerning billboards would not be retroactive.

"They're already up," said Sjogren with a smile. "So we're only going forward. New permits would

Baptist Church was presented a first-place plaque.

"It was a wonderful experience," said Rick Nunez, parade coordinator. "I have to say this is one of the best, if not the best,

the Associated Church Press Community Service Award for her follow-up stories on Estes.

Over the years, Carpenter won awards from the Associated Press, the Associated Church Press, the Texas Press, the Georgia and Kentucky Press Women and the National Federation of Press Women, which she served as president for two years.

In 1982 she became the only religion writer ever named Communicator of Achievement by the organization.

The late George Cornell

Christmas parades we've had."

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of the Associated Press called Carpenter "the best of the religion hacks." And Ann Rodgers of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* says, "We trust Marj because she has a built-in baloney filter."

The signing is slated from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. For more information, call 267-8255.

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OTHER VIEWS

U.S., Mexico must focus on drug war

President-elect Barack Obama’s new national security team has no end of challenges before it, but here’s one that’s both very close to home and very easy to overlook: the war on drugs.

The war is expensive for us — the federal and state governments spend about \$50 billion a year combating drug abuse and incarcerating dealers and users — but it is becoming increasingly deadly for our neighbors.

In the past year, some 4,000 Mexican citizens have died in drug-related killings, most of them in battles for control of drug shipments to the United States. Mexico not only produces heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana, but it also is the shipment point for most of the drugs smuggled into the United States from other countries.

Powerfully corrupt and ruthless drug organizations battling for dominance of the illegal drug trade and money-laundering continue to spread domestic terror in Mexico. Nightmares continue with unabated brutality.

Decapitated and burned bodies have been left in the streets with menacing notes. Children and college-student bystanders have died in brazen public killings. Cities including Tijuana, Ciudad Juarez, Nuevo Laredo and Reynosa on the Mexican side of 2,000-mile U.S. border have been painfully scarred.

And all of this — to say nothing of like tragedies here at home — to feed the habits of drug users in the United States. Perhaps Obama’s national security team finally will rethink three decades of drug war futility. The focus must be on reducing demand, which means treating drug users instead of locking them up for years, and making drug treatment programs available to everyone who asks.

Two events in recent weeks should shock people on both sides of the border, even those calloused by decades of drug violence and corruption.

—Armando Rodriguez, a crime reporter for El Diario de Juarez in Ciudad Juarez, was fatally gunned down Nov. 13 outside his home as he was preparing to take his daughter to school. He recently had started working out of the Mexican newspaper’s bureau across the border in El Paso, Texas, after receiving death threats.

—The Mexican government arrested its own former drug czar, Noe Ramirez, and accused him of taking some \$450,000 in bribes from drug lords for passing them secret information about drug investigations. Ramirez was among seven Mexican federal officials arrested in a crackdown ordered by Mexican President Felipe Calderon.

The Committee to Protect Journalists reports that 24 journalists in Mexico, including Rodriguez, have been killed since 2000 and that seven were slain because of their investigations. Five Mexican journalists have been killed this year alone.

Drug cartels have stifled the news media with threats and violence. Editors of Mexican newspapers and American journalists working there speak privately about how they have withheld inflammatory information or withdrawn reporters from stories for fear of violent reprisals. But many journalists, like Rodriguez, have refused to be cowed.

In Mexico, the word la mordida — literally, “the little bite” — is used to describe the petty briberies that grease the system or avoid the law. Ramirez, the former drug czar, and some of his former colleagues are accused of turning the little bite into a gigantic mouthful.

President Calderon has been forced to send Mexican military troops to the border and to other cities across the nation to restore order and jolt local authorities. The reaction: even more violence as two major drug cartels battle for dominance.

America’s war on drug is linked inextricably with Mexico’s, and that makes it a national security issue of the first order. Obama said little about the war on drugs during his campaign, except to express general support for more drug treatment and more enlightened sentencing guidelines.

He should order his new national security team into the breach. Yes, there’s the Palestinian question and Afghanistan and Iraq and Korea and other international hot spots. But the war on drugs is being fought, and lost, very close to home.

THE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

What the Obama cult factor portends

The cult mystique of Barack Obama continues while his fawning supporters blindly accept every move he makes, proving their support for him in the general election was not based as much on policy as personality. This could play right into Obama’s hands if, as I believe, he does have major change on his mind.

From a policy standpoint, Obama’s campaign was fueled — initially, at least — by his unequivocal stance against the Iraq war. He was the only credible candidate (excluding such buffoons as Dennis Kucinich) who maintained from the outset that he opposed the war.

Apart from his charisma and superior organizational operation, especially in the caucus states, his opposition to the war might have been the single most important factor contributing to his defeat of Hillary Clinton. Clinton, thinking she was the inevitable nominee, presumably believed she could sporadically assume the role of hawk with impunity looking to the general election. By the time Hillary was done posturing back and forth on the war, no one could be sure what her position really was, other than that she would say what she needed to say, consistency be damned, to best preserve her presidential viability.

Obama shrewdly capitalized on Hillary’s ambivalence, parlaying his opposition to the war to his maximum advantage. Given the nation’s Bush fatigue — no matter how unjustified from a broad historical perspective — and Bush’s very low approval ratings, it only made sense for Democratic presidential aspirants to make themselves the anti-Bush.

Because the Iraq war was perceived as Bush’s greatest sin and

almost all other sins flowed from Iraq or were somehow conflated with it — Abu Ghraib, rendition, waterboarding, Halliburton, NSA surveillance, Halliburton, Gitmo, etc. — Obama was uniquely positioned to be the anti-Bush.

Obama seized on all this specifically — condemning the entire laundry list of “sins” and expressly promising to reverse the whole lot of them, beginning with Iraq. As an added bonus, he was also the anti-Bush in terms of personality. He was smooth, articulate, calm (the anti-cowboy) and possessed the trappings of intellectualism and elitism.

Obama also assured us that he would put an end to the alleged inequities of Bush’s tax policy, which was falsely billed as skewed toward the wealthy and against the sainted “middle class.” And, like most Democrats of the modern era, Obama pretended he could pull off the magic trick of balancing the budget while punitively taxing the producers and increasing spending on every imaginable item on the Democratic welfare wish list.

Liberals complained when conservatives invoked Obama’s alliances with unsavory characters and demanded we focus on policy. But when we tried to pin Obama down on how he could balance the budget while stifling growth and increasing spending exponentially or how he could avoid the disastrous consequences of a precipitous withdrawal of our troops from Iraq, we got nothing but media-enabled stonewalling.

Although Obama certainly articulated policies that were contrary to the status quo under President Bush, many of his supporters didn’t care or weren’t the slightest bit informed about the specifics of his policies. They were just swept up in his personality cult and nebulous promises of hope and change.

So it should be no surprise that Obama’s series of head-spinning

reversals so far have been met not with outrage from his supporters (fringe leftists excepted), but with glib rationalizations.

His newfound vacillation about Gitmo and NSA surveillance, his flip-flop on withdrawing from Iraq in 16 months, and his announced Cabinet appointments — particularly Gates and Clinton — are not being criticized as betrayals, but lauded as evidence that he is open-minded, adaptable, wise and, of course, presidential.

He’s facing nary a shred of accountability for his anticipatory breaches of campaign promises. His flock is just happy that he will be implementing these policies — not President Bush.

All of this says so many things about our electorate and the coming climate for the Obama presidency, but I’ll just leave you with two quick ones. First, it shows that most of the hatred for Bush was not based on his policies, but on the eight-year hate-filled propaganda campaign against him.

It also shows that there’s no telling what Obama might be able to get away with in office, especially now that he has the cover of a few “moderate” appointments.

There’s a method to Obama’s madness of continuing Bush’s policies that are designed to bring the war to a peaceful and honorable conclusion, even if Obama is revealing his campaign deceit in the process. This will help create the climate for him to usher in his radical domestic agenda, from a new New Deal — on steroids — to nationalized health care to the Fairness Doctrine.

Conservatives and moderates better snap out of their complacency, and the grass roots better gear up for war, or this whirlwind will come and go before we know what hit us.

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Silver lining in the downturn

It’s time we ‘fess up: Nobody has any idea how to get us out of the economic mess we’re in. The Big Three automakers were on Capitol Hill again this week begging for a bailout. Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson is considering direct federal intervention into the mortgage market by subsidizing new loans at very low interest rates. The stock market continues its roller coaster ride, down hundreds of points one day, up hundreds the next. Meanwhile, President-elect Obama waits on the sideline with a financial team made up mostly of old Clinton hands, well respected but with only the traditional federal spending stimulus solution in their bag of fixes. No wonder most Americans are holding onto their wallets.

I’ve long been an advocate that Americans should save more and spend less on stuff they don’t need, especially when it’s paid for on high-interest credit cards. And a Christmas shopping trip this week to my local mall suggests a lot of people are doing just that.

Spending on Black Friday was up — 7 percent, according to early estimates — but by the following Tuesday, the Northern Virginia mall I visited was nearly empty. In past years, I’ve found plenty of company, but this time the stores were nearly deserted. Clerks stood around talking to each other, and

there seemed to be fewer salespeople even in the high-end stores. The guy playing the piano in Nordstrom looked lonely; the barista at Starbucks seemed bored with no customers waiting to pay several bucks for a caffeine concoction. Sure, there were big sales signs and lots of tinsel decorations, but it hardly seemed like the holiday season.

Conventional wisdom says this is a bad thing. America’s economy, after all, runs on consumer spending. If people aren’t buying cars and washing machines, or even new cell phones and Blu-ray players, workers will lose jobs; we’ll suffer a longer recession; and life will be more difficult for everyone.

But what if this short-term medicine, bitter though it may be, actually makes people behave more responsibly? Maybe those missing shoppers will pay down their credit card or home equity debt if they spend less on gifts this year. Maybe parents will decide that putting away money for college is better than buying their children that Wii set they’ve been begging for.

Maybe kids will discover that the newest electronic gadget isn’t half as much fun as the real thing. Maybe they’ll even decide that throwing a real football in the park is better than watching some digitized Tony Romo complete a pass on their game screen. Who knows, a little financial belt-tightening could result in real-life belt-tightening as kids get off the couch and play off those extra pounds they’ve put on in the digital age.

I know elected officials — especially the new Democratic crew about

to flood Washington — want Americans to get out there and spend. But we may be smarter than our politicians. It is not such a bad thing that everyone is looking to pare back their lifestyles. The path we were on was simply unsustainable in the long run.

Those bigger houses most of us couldn’t really afford required more energy to heat and cool, and many of the lots they were built on were farther away from where we worked, requiring longer commutes and more gasoline. We had fewer hours to enjoy our homes because we worked and commuted more hours to pay for them. Worse, we spent less time with our kids and spouses. Do we really want to continue this vicious cycle, buying more but having less time to enjoy what we have?

I don’t claim to know what will happen to the economy over the next year — and surely the news right now doesn’t look promising. But I do think that if we take better control of our own lives and redirect our individual priorities, we’ll be better off in the future. Who knows, scaled-back holiday spending could remind us what the season is all about. Giving of ourselves is more important than handing out store-bought goodies. Time spent with loved ones may be the best gift of all.

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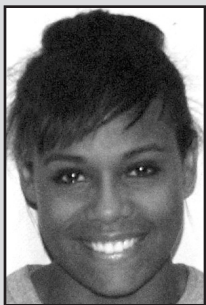


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HERALD SPORTS HONOR ROLL

Desiree Anderson

Big Spring sophomore forward Anderson led the Lady Steers to a third-place finish at the Kristen Corbin Classic in Andrews over the weekend.



Anderson

She scored 11 points in the Lady Steers' second win over Paducah in three days. Freshman Cerbi Ritchey made a noteworthy basket as well, scoring her only two points of the game Saturday with 45 seconds left to play. Turns out the bucket was the game-winner for Big Spring as the Lady Steers topped Paducah, 31-30.

Tyrone Clemons

Big Spring senior guard Clemons hit some big buckets down the stretch in the Steers' 1-point loss to 10th-ranked Paducah Friday at the Gym Bice Classic in Andrews. He gave the Steers a chance to win the game, hitting three treys late in the game as well as an offensive rebound and putback to pull the Steers within 1 with 21 seconds to play. Clemons scored 12 in the Steers' first win of the season Saturday over Crane, 68-27.

Jeremy Robbins

Forsan senior guard Robbins led the Buffs to a championship performance at the Bearkat Booster Club Klassic in Garden City this weekend. Robbins posted double-doubles in both the semifinals and finals of the Klassic. Saturday, Robbins scored 14 points and pulled down 13 rebounds in Forsan's 42-29 victory over Grady.



Robbins

Braden Griffin

Coahoma guard Griffin was named Most Valuable Player of the 23rd Annual Coahoma Invitational Saturday as he led the Bulldogs to the tournament's title. He scored 15 points in the finals as the Bulldogs topped Wall, 51-45. Teammates Josh Paniagua and Cody Sheppard were each named to the All-Tournament squad.

Morgan Schwartz

Garden City girls basketball The Lady Bearkats cruised to a championship at the Bearkat Booster Club Klassic in Garden City this weekend and Schwartz led the way. She scored a game-high 11 points in the title game, which the Lady 'Kats won 24-13 over Christoval. Schwartz also played a significant role in the defending of Christoval's Lauren Holt, who is a high touted girls basketball player being recruiting to play by Angelo State University. Schwartz and Co. held Holt to a mere five points in the final.

Each week the Herald recognizes area athletes for achievements in their particular sport. This week's list features area stars from the various basketball tournaments played around the area this past weekend.

Bulldogs defend turf
Coahoma tops Wall in Invitational final

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald COAHOMA — If the finals of the 23rd annual Coahoma Invitational Basketball tournament are any indication as to how competitive District 7-2A will be this year, then get ready for a thrilling season once league play begins in January. The Wall Hawks and Coahoma Bulldogs put on a back-and-forth affair with host Coahoma

pulling out the 51-45 win. “After a game like this we had better be ready for a war the next two times we play them.” Head Coach Kim Nichols said after the game. “Both teams played hard. We knew that it was going to be this kind of game though.” Coahoma took charge early, fashioning a 13-10 advantage after one quarter of play. However, the Hawks outscored the Bulldogs 12-9 in the second

to even the score at 22 heading into the locker room. The Bulldogs came out of the break looking to end the contest, as the host quickly opened up a 10-point margin late in the third quarter, thanks in large part to the hot shooting of senior Braden Griffin. Griffin, who was 3-of-6 for the night from behind the three-point arc, scored eight of his

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Lady Steers claim 3rd in Andrews

Herald Staff Report

ANDREWS — Big Spring's Lady Steers played a second thriller in three days vs. the Paducah Lady Dragons Saturday at the Kristen Corbin Classic in Andrews. However, the result was similar as the Lady Steers got a late bucket to pull out a close win, 31-30. Thursday, the Lady Steers opened the tournament, topping Paducah, 40-38, after trailing by 10 points going into the fourth quarter. However, it was the Lady Steers trying to stave off a comeback Saturday. The Lady Dragons got into a 16-5 hole after the first period, but fought back and held a 1-point lead late in the game. Big Spring, which had trouble executing its offense in the second and third periods, finally performed an inbounds play to perfection. Cerbi Ritchey got freed up from a screen, opening an easy opportunity for a layup with 45 seconds left to play. It was Ritchey's only points of the game. Paducah never got a clean shot at the other end. “We gained a lot of confidence from winning two out of three at this tournament,” said Big Spring Head Coach Mike Warren. “We need to learn how to extend a lead once we get one. We're young and still don't have the maturity for that yet. We have get down in our offense and execute more consistently. We're playing very well defensively, though.”

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Linzee Yarbar attempts to get past an Andrews defender to the basket in action from Mustang Arena in Andrews Friday. The Lady Steers finished third in the Kristen Corbin Classic this weekend after defeating Paducah, 31-30, Saturday.

CHS girls fall in final to Idalou

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor COAHOMA — There's a lot of pride that goes into winning a tournament, but the overall goal is finding a way to play several games in a short period of time in order to help a team gain experience. Coahoma's Bulldogettes picked up valuable experience

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Steers pick up 1st win of season

Herald Staff Report

ANDREWS — Big Spring's Steers finally got over the winless hump Saturday, crushing the Crane Golden Cranes, 68-27, in the seventh-place game of the Gym Bice Classic in Andrews. Big Spring's defense drove Crane crazy as the Steers held their opponent to just four points after the first period and 12 in the first half, allowing Big Spring to coast in the second to an easy victory. The win came after the Steers fell one-point shy of claiming its first victory of the season Friday in a 65-64 loss to 10th-ranked Paducah. Jerrell Williams scored a game-high 16 points, while Matt Ritchey (14) and Tyrone Clemons (12) also scored in double figures. Last season, the Steers won the Bice Classic, but lost a good part of its scoring force to graduation. Big Spring is also still trying to develop its chemistry as several players on the team just joined a little more than a week ago due to a three-round run in the football playoffs. Big Spring's record improves to 1-6, but the Steers will have a tough challenge Tuesday if they want to develop their first win streak of the season. Abilene Wylie pays a visit to Steer Gym at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Wylie will be at full force with its football team now done after being ousted by Prosper 39-38 in double overtime Saturday in the Class 3A state semifinals.

Forsan routs Grady, claims title at Bearkat Klassic

Herald Staff Report

GARDEN CITY — Forsan's Buffaloes completed a championship run at the Bearkat Booster Club Klassic Saturday in Garden City with a 42-29 rout of Crossroads rival Grady. The Buffs kicked into high gear in the second period after

finishing the opening stanza down by 1. Forsan outscored the Wildcats 15-5 in the second frame, taking a 9-point advantage into the intermission, 26-17. Forsan extended its lead in the fourth, coming away with the 13-point victory. It's the second

time the Buffs have defeated Grady this season with the first win occurring by four points in both teams' first game of the 2008-2009 season. Forsan senior guard Jeremy Robbins was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after posting a double-double in

the semifinals and finals. Saturday, Robbins had 14 points and 13 rebounds. Nathan Atkerson was also named to the All-Tournament team.

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Lady Bearkats shut down Christoval for championship

Herald Staff Report

GARDEN CITY — In a highly-anticipated final on the girls' side of the Bearkat Booster Club Klassic, Class A, Division I's 12th-ranked Christoval Lady Cougars met up with Class A, Division II's No. 12 squad, the Garden City Lady Bearkats. It was no contest though, as the Lady 'Kats played superior defense in a 24-13 win over the Lady Cougars. Christoval is led by 6-2 post Lauren Holt, who is the daughter of former NFL player Pierce Holt and has been recruited to play

college ball at Angelo State University. Christoval's star was shut down, though, as the Lady 'Kats held her to five points. The Cougars were shut out in the first period. Instead, it was Garden City's post shining in the contest. Morgan Schwartz scored a game-high 11 points and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The Lady 'Kats host Bronte at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday with the boys hitting the hardwood at 8 p.m.

Christoval 0 6 4 3—13
Garden City 5 6 5 8—24
Christoval - Holt 5. Garden City - Mo. Schwartz 11.

Guarantee Game
GC JV 27, Jesus Chapel 18
Garden City JV 4 12 6 5—27
EP Jesus Chapel 8 2 4 4—18
GC JV - A. Ramirez 4, Hughes 4, Hirt 4, Cook 4. EP Jesus Chapel - Johnson 6.

Consolation Final
Grady 48, Rankin 28
Grady 11 13 13 11—48
Rankin 9 7 6 6—28
Grady - Dyck 17, Robinson 13. Rankin - Avalos 8.

Third-place Game
McCamery 50, Forsan 36
McCamery 17 8 13 12—50
Forsan 8 9 10 9—36
McCamery - K. Wiley 12, M. Mesa 18. Forsan - Gauer 10, Golleher 11.



Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City's Morgan Schwartz (top right) goes up for two points as Christoval's Lauren Holt (4) defends Saturday at the Bearkat Booster Club Klassic in Garden City. Schwartz led the Lady 'Kats to a tourney title.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a little out of place, but that's OK. If you feel like a round peg in a square hole, consider yourself lucky. You can come out of this situation much more easily than all of those square pegs in square holes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're really not feeling very social, as there are things in your life that require your undivided attention. Visitors, however well meaning, can seem like a distraction. Your true friends will understand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even though your concentration is strong and your body able, you still may not be able to accomplish everything on your list. Cut it in half so you can slow down and feel like a winner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Listen to people from all walks of life. You'll be enriched by the funny things that little kids might say or the strange story someone at work shares. Your preconceived notions blow down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love doesn't have to be a heavy feeling. You can deepen your relationships by being spontaneous, fun and of the moment. Make some snappy, whimsical decisions and invite a few others along.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The scale of things matters very little now. Don't let the enormity of a

task keep you from striving for it. You're just as likely to succeed with a small task as you are with a big one.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Cancer. About once a month my moods get extreme. I yell at my husband and am very on edge. Things seem true that later I don't know for sure are true or not. Things seem important and later I don't know why they were. I really do feel crazy. I guess it's hormonal, though I don't know what to do about it."

You moonchildren are a sensitive and complicated breed. Ruled by the ever-changing moon, Cancer's mood changes seem more frequent than other signs. This is nothing to feel badly about and perhaps you should start seeing it as a gift. People who are not as connected to their feelings admire the easy access you have to these internal wells of emotion. As you grow in maturity you will learn how to focus your feelings and make them work for you to help you attract what you want. Anyhow, there are a lot of positive aspects to being so passionately immersed in your reality of the moment, even though you know that in the next moment those may change. To increase your ability to control and utilize your emotional swings, be sure to get plenty of exercise and eat right all month long. Proper fitness helps you keep your feelings on the positive side.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am not a small woman. I weigh close to 200 pounds, and at 5 feet 4 inches, I am solidly built.

My family is full of stocky individuals, so I don't know why I'm afraid to tell my parents about a guy I am dating while away at university.

"Roger" is extremely smart, funny, physically strong, personable, works in social work and is getting a Ph.D. in education.

He's handsome and treats me like a princess. I think I could fall in love with him. The problem is, he's upward of 300 pounds, and at 6 feet 4 inches, is a massive human being.

He's the same size as my boss, a man my family refers to as "Jabba the Hutt." I don't want my family to judge my significant other based on something as superficial as weight, but I know my grandmother will say something nasty about his body.

I think he's a thing of beauty. Roger and I are not dating exclusively. I broke up with my last boyfriend six months ago, and I'm not sure I am ready for another serious relationship so soon. However, things seem to be going well and I don't want to keep my mother out of the loop in my dating life.

Should I state upfront that he's a large man or just not bring it up unless she asks? — Not Afraid of a Little Fat

Dear Not Afraid: If you're in college, you're an adult and your dating choices are your own. That means if you choose someone your parents are prejudiced against, you have to be willing to stand up to their disapproval until they get to know him.

For now, tell your parents you are dating a great guy. If the relationship becomes serious, you can e-mail them a photo of the two of you and then let the chips fall where they may.

Not Exactly Sweet 16

Dear Margo: I'm 16 years old and don't feel that my mother and I have good communication skills with each other.

It seems like every time we talk whatever I say goes in one ear and out the other, but I have to listen to my mom tell me to grow up, lose weight, clean my room, etc.

It's incredibly awkward trying to talk to my dad about anything because his hearing is going. I know I should be patient, but he's not exactly patient with me.

I was grounded because I got a D in math class and it seriously wasn't my fault. Basically, I can't talk to my parents. I've tried writing on paper; I've tried e-mail;

I've tried everything. Even worse, my mom put a parental block on the computer. I feel incredibly paranoid. OK, I was looking at stuff I shouldn't have been, but it wasn't at their personal things. And my brother's a brat. He argues with EVERYBODY and gets his way constantly.

If he wants a friend over, he complains and whines, then gives Mom nasty looks until she finally caves. If I do anything like that I get grounded in a second. My parents tell me I'm worse because I scream.

I don't scream. I go in my room and don't come out for several hours. That's not screaming. I just don't know what to do about my family, Margo. I'm stuck.— Teen in West Virginia

Dear Teen: Sixteen is a tough age for kids and their parents. It's good that you understand the value of communication, but unfortunately you can't achieve it. There's an old saying that the older you get, the smarter your parents become.

I hope this is so in your case. In the meantime, to calm things down, you might try to lose a little weight, clean up your room and bring that D up to a C. As for retreating to your room for hours, granted, that is not screaming, but it is passive aggressive.

I am guessing if you make an effort your parents will seem much more reasonable to you. — Margo, cooperatively

When Gum Earns Opprobrium

Dear Margo: Maybe I'm getting too old (61), but when did it become socially acceptable for adult men and women to chew gum with their mouths open and constantly "crack" their gum?

I can understand a person indulging himself or herself in an activity better suited to a 10-year-old in the privacy of one's home — but not in public sitting behind someone at the movies, standing in line at the supermarket, or at the office.

If I turn and ask the person to please knock off the popping noise, the response is angry looks or verbal abuse about how it is a free country.

I find this rude. Does that make me an oddball? Granted, there are many things going on in the world these days that are more significant, but the sound effects from gum are driving me nuts. — Cotton In My Ears

Dear Cot: Actually, according to traditional etiquette, it has never been socially acceptable to chew gum in public, let alone treat it like bubble gum and crack it. (Though I will say it is satisfying and something I occasionally do when I am by myself.)

I am either too inhibited or too hidebound by early training to even chew gum in public, though I see a lot of it around. (Sometimes ex-smokers substitute gum.)

I am not surprised you get an earful when you ask the gum-snappers to knock it off; they don't think they're doing anything wrong. As to your query, it is a free country, those people are rude, and you're not an oddball ... just someone with a more finely

tuned social sense than some others. — Margo, traditionally.

What To Do with an Incriminating E-mail that Wasn't Meant for You

Dear Margo: This morning I was checking my e-mail and found a message from my father-in-law. It began "Dear Anne" — not my name and not his wife's name. It went on to say that he "had a good time yesterday, hoped she did, too, and has been thinking of (Anne) all day."

My immediate reaction was to feel stunned and a little queasy. I know my husband's parents have had marital problems in the past, but I thought they had established a peaceful, if not entirely fulfilling, marriage. My mother-in-law suffers from major depression, and while she is on medication, I know it has a huge effect on my father-in-law.

I am not sure what to do now. Should I delete this e-mail like it never happened? Do I tell my husband about it? He is much closer to his father than his mother, so this would crush him. Maybe I am making a big deal out of nothing and it was just a harmless e-mail between friends. Help! — Needing Advice Dear Need:

Oh, yes, the errant e-mail. I, too, have lived through this, as have many people I know. I suspect more people have hit "send" and embarrassed themselves than we will ever know. Given what you've written, I would forget about your f-i-l's message, delete it and mention nothing to your husband.

There is not anything to be gained by telling. I am guessing it was not a "harmless" e-mail and that Anne is supplying what your mother-in-law cannot, but let this be their secret. — Margo, compassionately

Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall. How Can I Be 50?

Dear Margo: My best friend has a problem with men. She thinks they can't stop falling for her. They're always flirting with her, she says, but she doesn't acknowledge the wildly flirtatious things she does to attract their attention.

Recently, one of the city's wealthy bachelors pressed up against her and asked for more. She was shocked, as she didn't know what "more" meant, so she says. "Helen" has been married for 10 years and has kids, and this behavior troubles her husband.

Not long ago, I gave her a list of things I've witnessed over 20 years, including flirting with my own husband. (When he didn't go for it, she called him the sensitive type, insinuating he was gay!) I can see beyond her problem, and she is actually smart and a lot of fun to be with. But recently she scolded me for making her feel "insecure about her innocent behavior" when she "was just trying to be nice." Our friendship suffered.

While it is true that she is beautiful and attracts attention for that alone (she was once a well-known model), she is in her 50s and her 20-something behavior is sometimes embarrassing. She flirts with waiters and anyone who is male. I guess my question is: What is the best answer when a friend with a problem asks for advice, when the truth I already offered was turned back on me? — Played Dear Margo and Got Burned in Wisconsin

Dear Played: Being flirtatious has become like a tic for your friend. She did it as a young model and never outgrew it. It is said that aging is particularly hard for models and movie stars because life was about their looks. Unfortunately your friend has not come to terms with the fact that she's now a middle-aged woman. Because you told her once what you thought the problem was and she was defensive, there is nothing more you can do. Should she ask you again, simply say you have not changed your mind from the last discussion and it may be something she should discuss with a therapist, not a friend. — Margo, self-protectively

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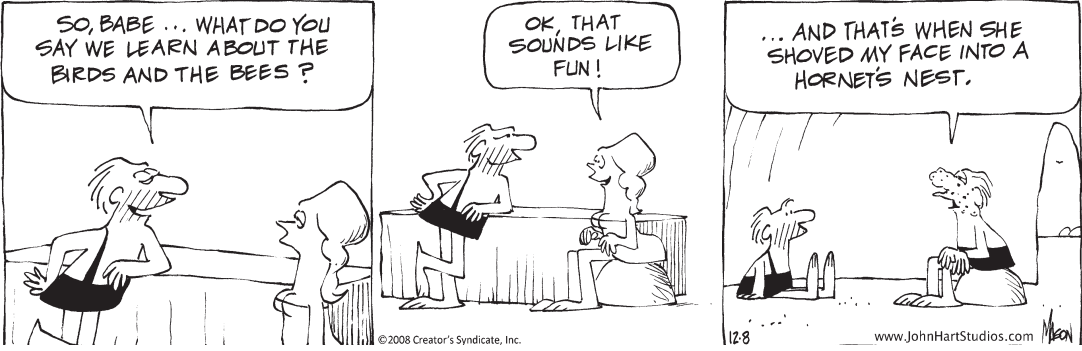
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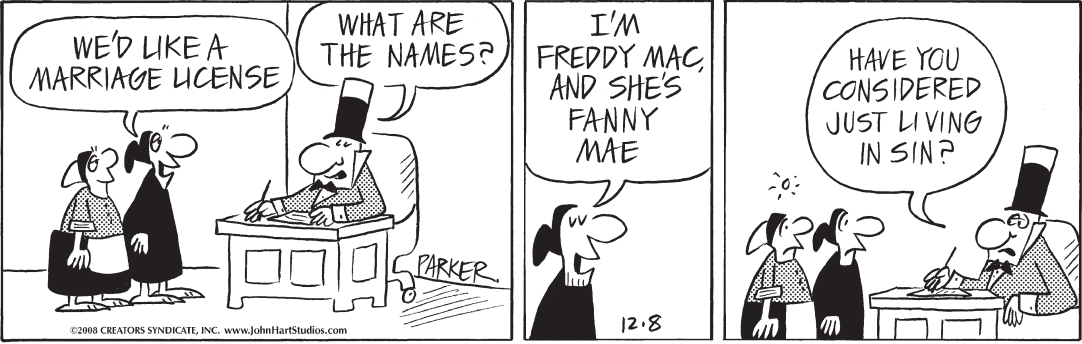


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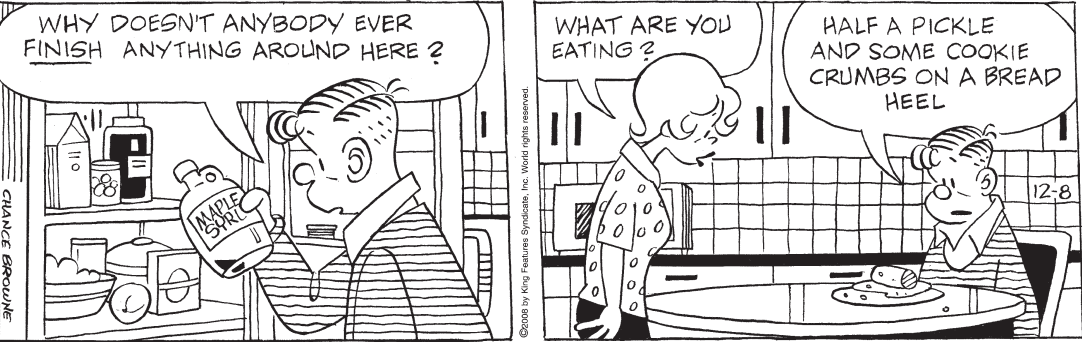
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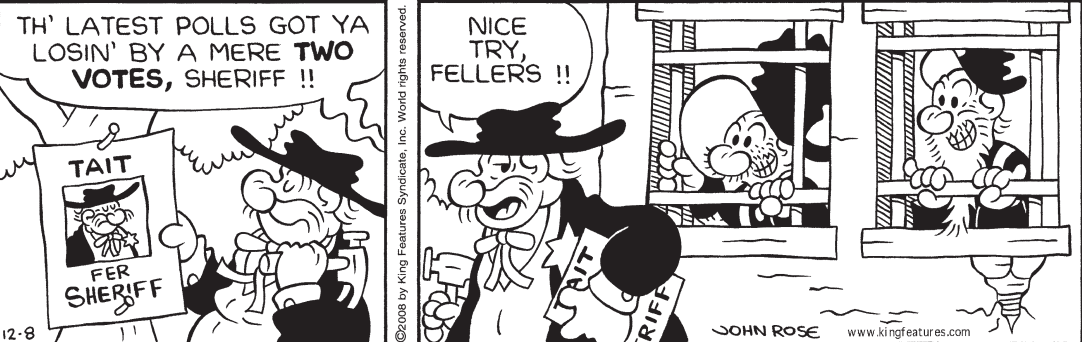
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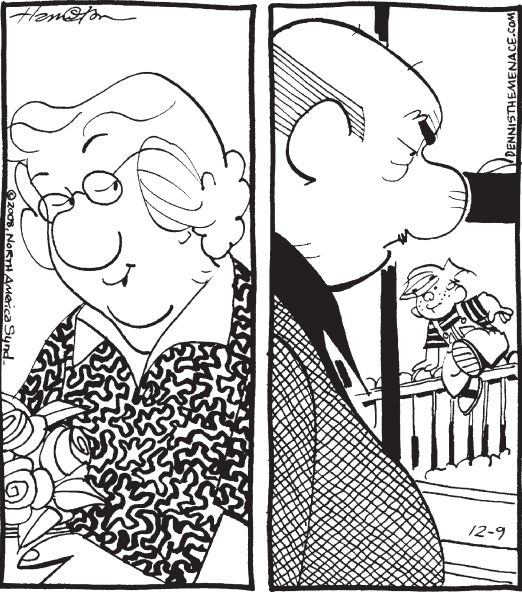


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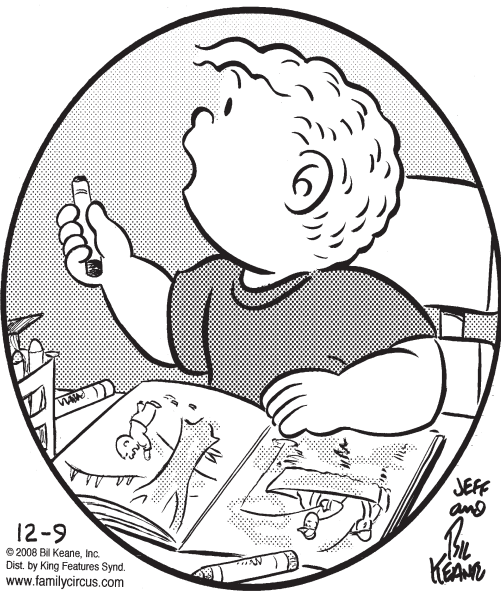
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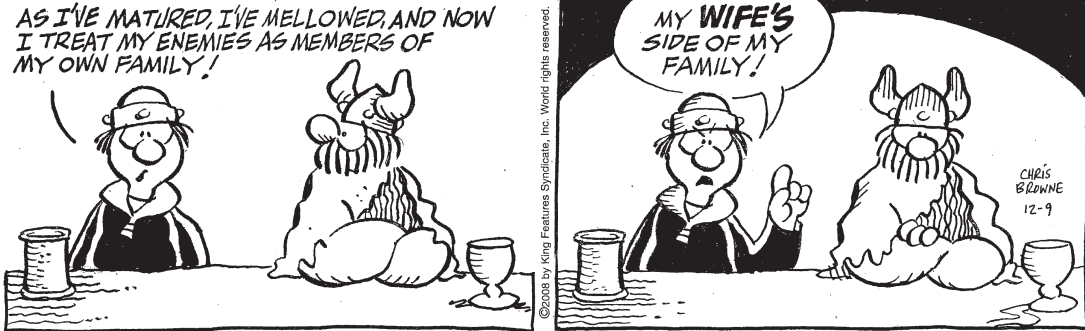
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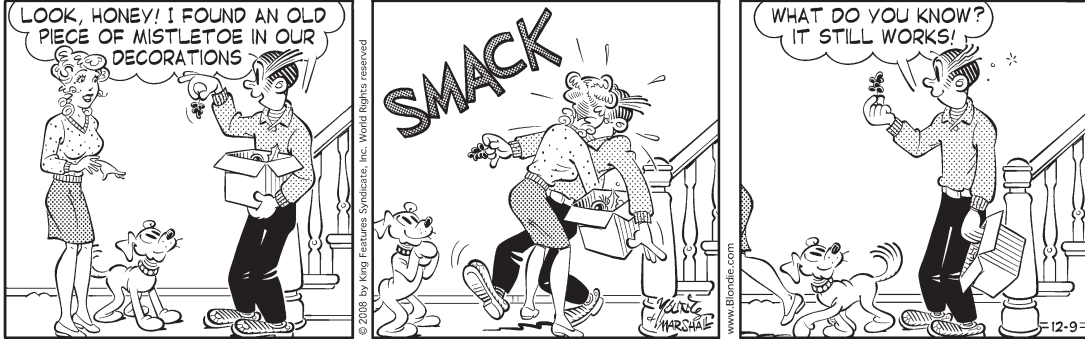


"Mommy, will you peel the stocking off this crayon?"

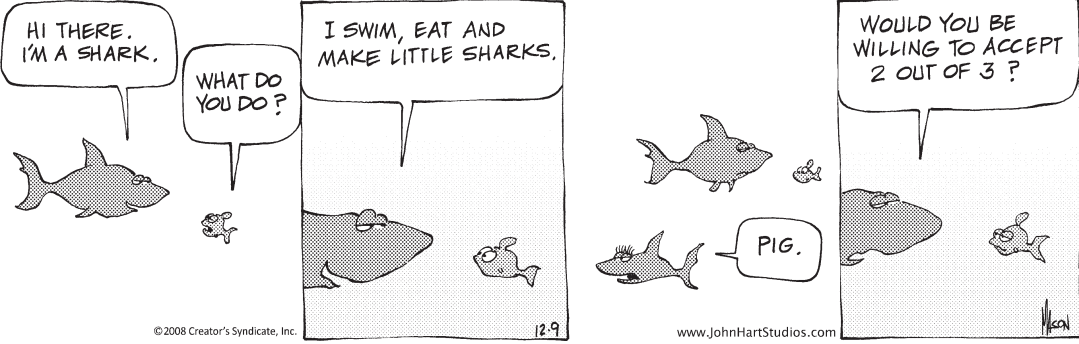
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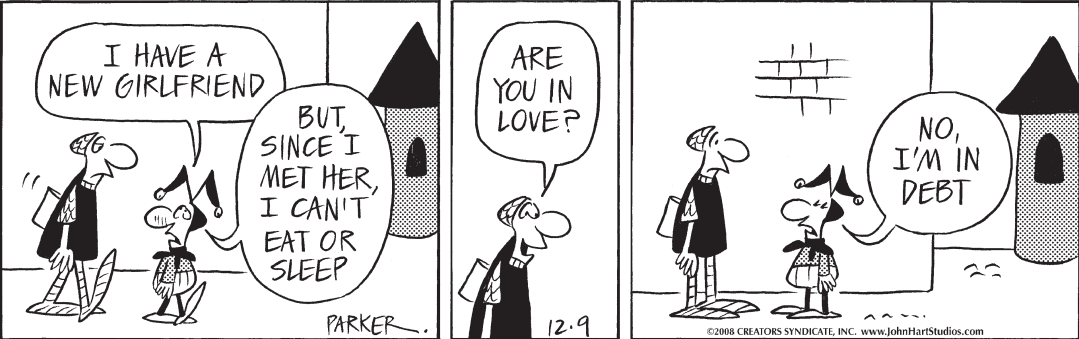
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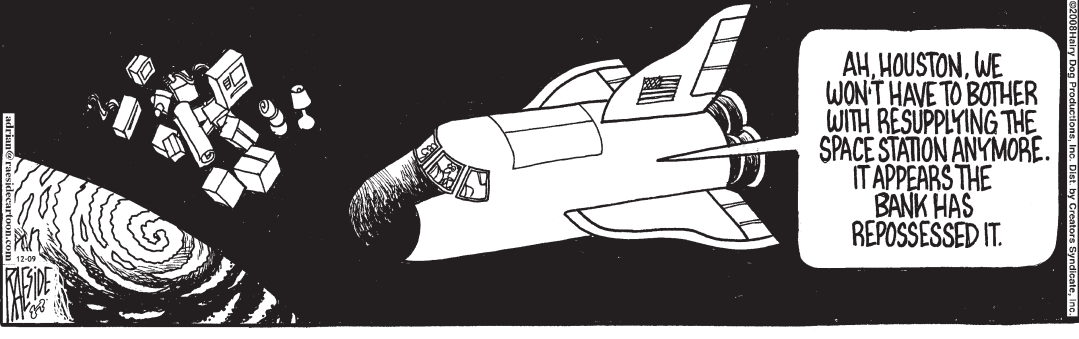
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 9, the 344th day of 2008. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Four hundred years ago, on Dec. 9, 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

On this date: In 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

In 1892, "Widowers' Houses," Bernard Shaw's first play, opened at the Royalty Theater in London.

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1941, China declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy.

In 1942, the Aram Khachaturian ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Saber Dance," was first performed by the Kirov Ballet.

In 1958, the anti-communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1965, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1987, the first Palestinian intifada, or uprising, began as riots broke out in Gaza and spread to the West Bank, triggering a strong Israeli counter-response.

In 1990, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential runoff by a landslide.

In 1992, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (The couple's divorce became final Aug. 28, 1996.)

One year ago: Republican presidential candidates sought to embrace Hispanics in a Spanish language debate in Coral Gables, Fla.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kirk Douglas is 92. Actor Dick Van Patten is 80. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 78. Actress Dame Judi Dench is 74. Actor Beau Bridges is 67. Jazz singer-musician Dan Hicks is 67. Football Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus is 66. Actor Michael Nouri is 63. Former Sen. Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., is 61. Singer Joan Armatrading is 58. Actor Michael Dorn is 56. Actor John Malkovich is 55. Country singer Sylvia is 52. Singer/game show host Donny Osmond is 51. Rock musician Nick Seymour (Crowded House) is 50. Comedian Mario Cantone is 49. Actor Joe Lando is 47. Actress Felicity Huffman is 46. Country

musician Jerry Hughes (Yankee Grey) is 43. Rock singer-musician Thomas Flowers (Oleander) is 41. Rock musician Brian Bell (Weezer) is 40. Rock singer-musician Jakob Dylan (Wallflowers) is 39. Country musician Brian Hayes (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 39. Actress Allison Smith is 39. Songwriter Kara DioGuardi is 38. Country singer David Kersh is 38. Rock musician Tre Cool (Green Day) is 36. Rapper Canibus is 34. Rock musician Eric Zamora (Save Ferris) is 32. Rock singer Imogen Heap is 31. Actor Jesse Metcalfe is 30. Actor Simon Helberg is 28.

Thought for Today: "Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties." — John Milton, English poet (1608-1674).

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- ACROSS**

1 On the ocean

6 Slow-cooked meal

10 Story line

14 Formal dances

15 Valentine-card word

16 Exist

17 Drought dangers

19 Sign of the future

20 Cleaning cloth

21 Adorable

22 Tall buildings

24 Talk back to

25 Penny

26 Gives rise to

29 Wetlands

32 Weekly earnings

33 Iowa crop

34 Lab-maze runners

36 Farmland unit

37 Select, with "for"

38 Creme-filled cookie

39 Chick's chirp

40 Actors' signals

41 Interrupt on the dance floor

42 Give an answer

44 Pioneers' vehicles

45 Stretched tight

46 100-yard race

47 "Drat!"

50 Clue

51 Biblical boat

54 Picnic site

55 Eat quickly

58 Skin-lotion ingredient

59 Italian coin
- 60 Wear down

61 Cuts branches from trees

62 Pre-Easter time

63 Feel instinctively
- DOWN**

1 Etc., for one

2 Gone With the Wind plantation

3 Counterfeit coin

4 Overhead railroads

5 Trash receptacles

6 Thin openings

7 Pulled apart

8 Night before

9 Cowboy movie
- 10 Move forcibly into, as a crowd

11 Green citrus fruit

12 Above

13 Change for a \$20 bill

18 Commotion

23 Light-switch settings

24 "No purchase necessary" contest

25 Golf-course vehicles

26 Make a trade

27 One walking back and forth

28 Think alike

29 Sulked

30 Keep an _____ the ground
- 31 Pub mug

33 Dracula's title

35 Male children

40 Give advice to

41 Royal residences

43 Golfer's goal

44 Decrease in strength

46 Piece of fairway turf

47 Whitish gemstone

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49 Fail to hold onto

50 Trumpet or bugle

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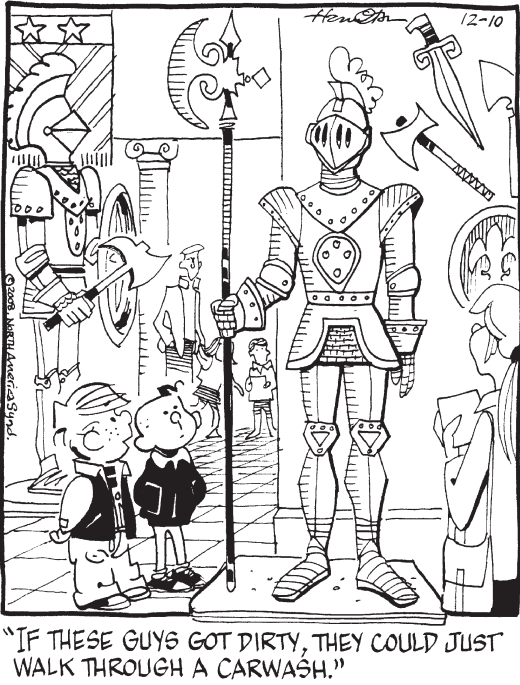
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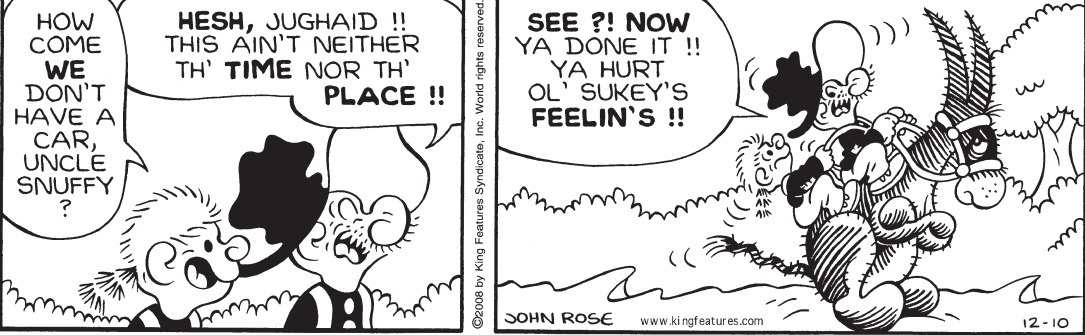
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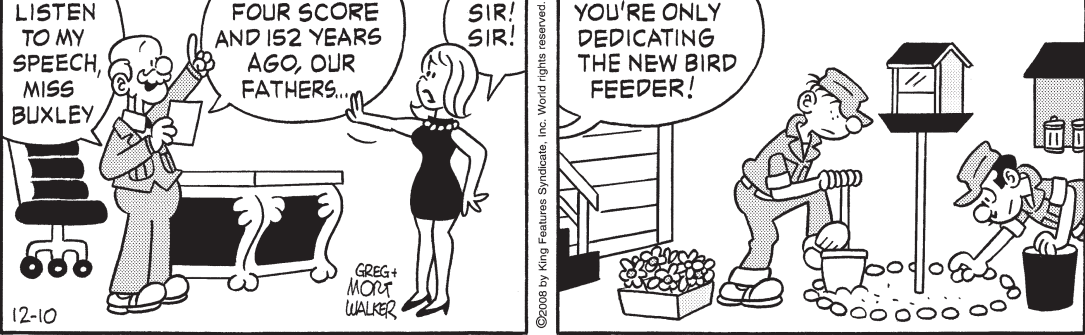
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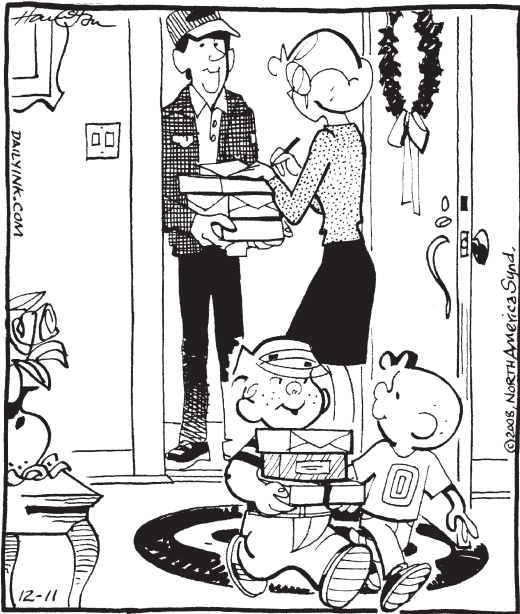
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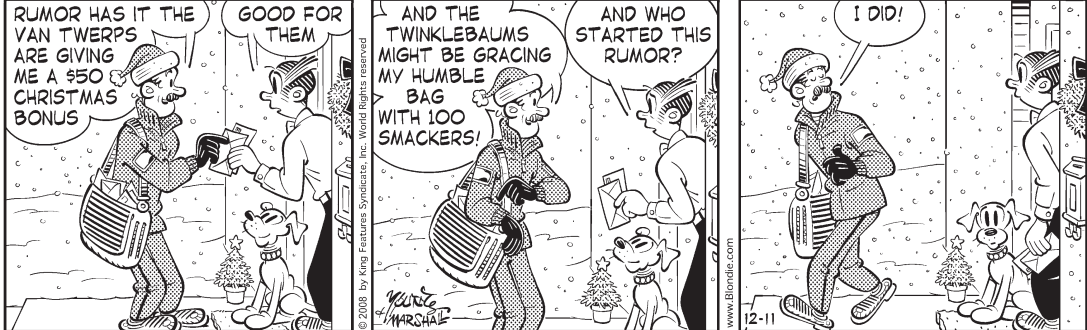
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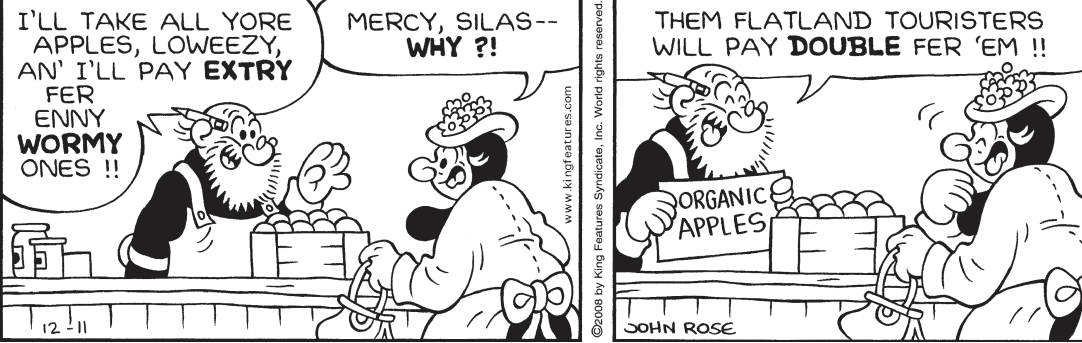
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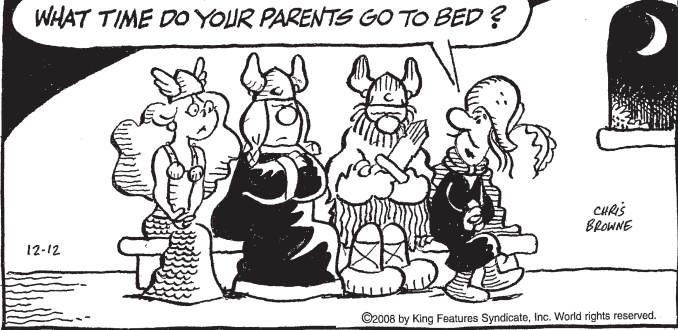


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7 :30	Wife Swap	Billy Graham Special	Cuidado-Angel	You Smarter?	Frosty	Doña Bar-bara	Songs-Sea-son	Fam. Guy	Update	Wash Wk	Man vs. Wild	Movie: Han-nibal, Ray Liotta	UFC Un-leashed	Law & Order	Movie: Waist Deep, Larenz Tate	Suite Life	College Foot-ball: NCAA Division I Semifinal -- Teams TBA.	NBA Basket-ball: Hornets at Celtics
8 :PM	Supernanny	Supernanny	Fuego en la Sangre	Don't Forget	Frosty	El Rostro de Analia	Lipstick Jungle	Talladega Nights: Ricky Bobby	Light of the Southwest	Bill Moyers Journal	Survivorman		The Ultimate Fighter	Movie: Mis-sion: Impos-sible III, Ving Rhames	Suite Life			
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10 :PM	News	News	Impacto	Raymond	News	Noticias	News	Funniest Mov.	Church	Charlie Rose	Survivorman	Movie: Gremlins, Hoyt Axton	Jackass	Movie: Mission: Impossible 2, Thandie Newton	Hatchett	Suite Life	SportsCenter	
10 :30	Nightline	Nightline	Noticiario	King-Hill	Late Show	Titulares	Tonight Show	Sex & Sanchez	Cortes	Smiley	Man vs. Wild		Game Next MXC	Movie: Impos-sible 2, Thandie Newton	Hatchett	Montana		
11 :PM	Insider	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	Desmadru-gados	Law Order: CI	Late Late Show	Decisiones de Famosos	Late Night	Sex & McGee	Smiley	Update (Off Air)	Survivorman	Movie: Gremlins 2: The New Batch, John			Movie: Waist Deep, Larenz Tate	So Raven	Rodeo: 2008 PRCA National Fi-nals -- Ninth Round.	
12 :30	News	(-36) Wife Swap	Madre	Faith	Insider	Programa Pagado	News	Something's Gotta Give, Keanu Reeves	CCM				Movie: Afro Samurai, Ron Perlman	Movie: A Few Good Men, Demi		Replace Kim		SportsCenter
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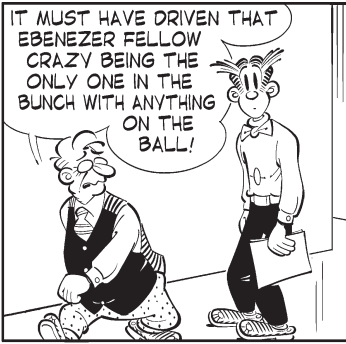
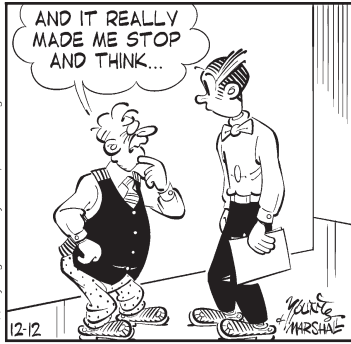
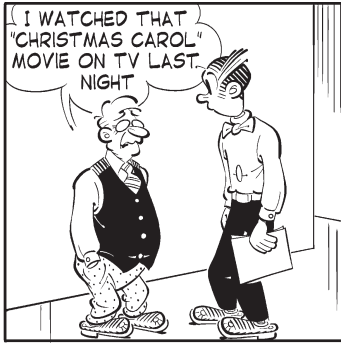
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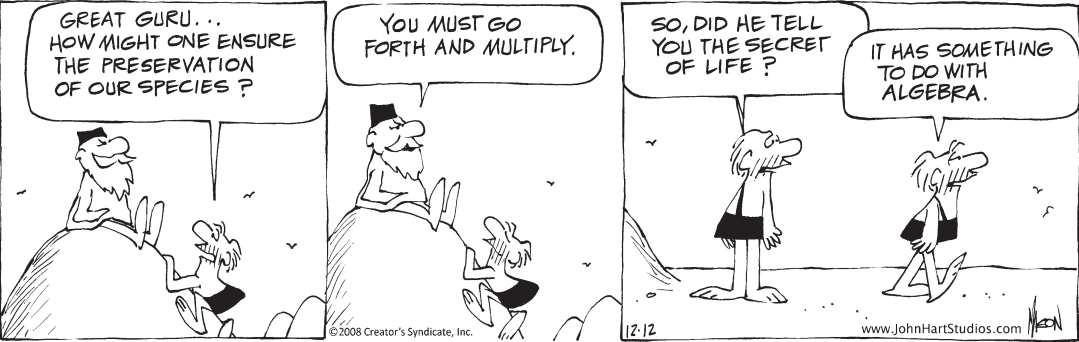
"So, how's the wife an' the elves?"

"How come these are all exactly the same?"

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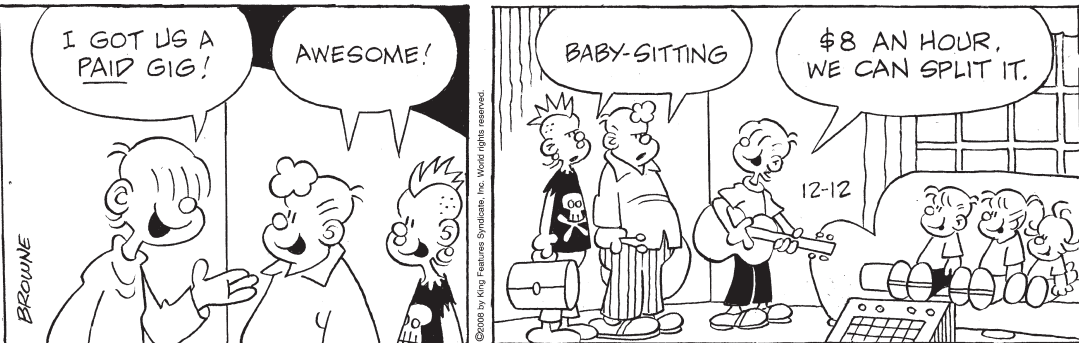
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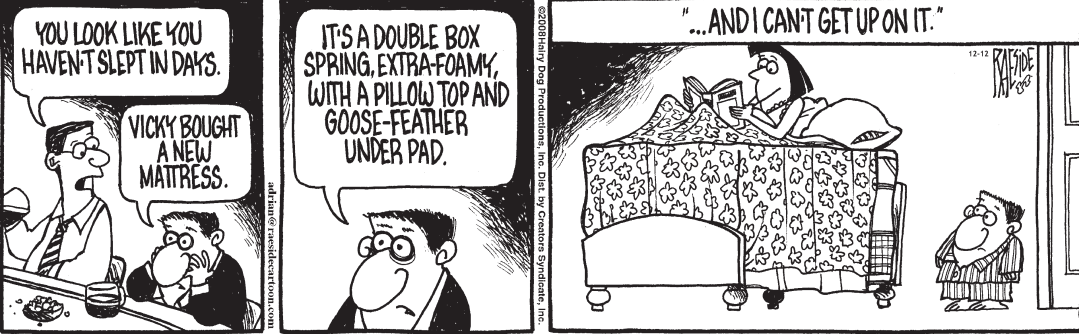
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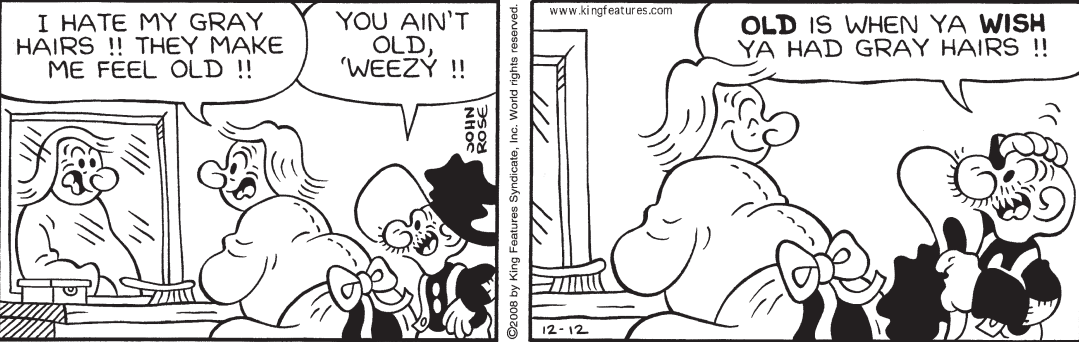
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 11, the 346th day of 2008. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

On this date:

In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1882, Boston's renamed Bijou Theatre, the first American playhouse to be lighted exclusively by electricity, gave its first performance, of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe, Or The Peer and the Peri."

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires, Argentina, announced they had thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1937, Italy announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United

States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1981, the U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

In 1983, Pope John Paul II visited a Lutheran church in Rome, the first visit by a Roman Catholic pontiff to a Protestant church in his own diocese.

In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

One year ago: Two car bombs in Algeria, including one targeting the U.N. refugee agency's offices, killed 37 people, 17 of them U.N. employees; Al-Qaida's self-styled North African branch claimed responsibility.

Today's Birthdays: American composer Elliott Carter is 100. Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 78. Actress Rita Moreno is 77. Former California state lawmaker Tom Hayden is 69. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 68. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 67. Actress Donna Mills is 66. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., is 65. Singer Brenda Lee is 64. Actress Lynda Day George is 64. Music producer Tony Brown is 62.

Actress Teri Garr is 60. Movie director Susan Seidelman is 56. Actress Bess Armstrong is 55. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 54. Rock musician Mike Mesaros (The Smithereens) is 51. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Mötley Crüe) is 50. Rock musician Darryl Jones (The Rolling Stones) is 47. Singer-musician Justin Currie (Del Amitri) is 44. Rock musician David Schools (Gov't Mule, Widespread Panic) is 44. Actor Gary Dourdan is 42. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique ("The Parkers") is 40. Rapper-actor Mos Def is 35. Actor Rider Strong is 29.

Thought for Today: "A technical objection is the first refuge of a scoundrel." — Heywood Broun, American journalist (1888-1939).

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Answer to previous puzzle												
BOISE	ANNO	SOBS										
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS

1 Airspeed measure

5 Backdrops for oaters

10 Some are soy-based

14 Canyon comeback

15 Kemper competitor

16 Hud Oscar winner

17 Start of a quote

19 Traffic-sign word

20 Send, as to a specialist

21 Satirical periodical

22 Mound stats

23 GI uniforms

24 Part 2 of quote

28 Candy shape

29 Salon sound

30 Japanese sport

33 Was fast . . . or wasn't

35 Tiger rival

39 Part 3 of quote

43 One of Africa's largest cities

44 Mongrel

45 Moore poem starter

46 Swedish import

49 Heads for the hills

51 End of quote

55 Like last year's styles

58 Bard's river

59 CBS series

60 Express one's views

62 Completely fill
- 63 Source of quote

66 Fruit drinks

67 Towel fabric

68 Hammer end

69 Digital readouts: Abbr.

70 Feed a fire

71 Is off
- DOWN

1 DC subway

2 Pined

3 Course creators

4 What remained in Pandora's box

5 Scratch

6 Shoebox letters

7 PAID, for one

8 Historical records

9 Turn blue

10 Construes

11 Mrs. Gandhi's father

12 Jeweler's measure

13 Post-blizzard mess

18 Bear in the sky

25 Pertaining to

26 Ground grain

27 Management level

28 Abrasive quality

30 [Not my error]

31 NATO member

32 Med. test

34 Where Columbia is: Abbr.

36 Informal refusal

37 __ fix
- 38 WSJ employees

40 Belly laugh

41 Dental tissue

42 Russian river

47 Wide ties

48 McQueen's Bullitt costar

50 Persian comment

51 Like some cavities

52 Get around

53 Expressed a preference

54 Film preceder

55 Edmonton NHLer

56 Inferior to

57 Cold temps

61 Water carrier

64 Indy quest

65 Scotch alternative

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"Idalou did a nice job. They're a very good team," said Coahoma Head Coach Randal Petty. "This game was a lot closer than the 10-point margin. Idalou did a

Kalea Neff led Coahoma with 12 points, while Kylie Gee posted

"We were struggling coming into this tournament," said Petty. "We had some tough losses this season and to get two wins gives us a lot of confidence. We also gained some much need-

Coahoma hosts Miles Friday at 6:30 p.m.

All-Tournament Team: Micah Thornton, Idalou, MVP; Melanie Beeler, Idalou; Jasmine Garcia, Idalou; Kylie Gee, Coahoma; Berkley Iden, Coahoma; Kalea Neff, Coahoma; Taylor Richey, Borden

County; Brittini Blagrove, Sands; Rachel Fleckenstein, Stanton; Kayla McKinney, Sweetwater; Morgan Ramirez, Lorenzo

Sweetwater 49, Ira 32
Sweetwater 5 13 20 11—49
Ira 7 6 9 10—32
Sweetwater - McKinney 13, Roberson 13.
Ira - Jones 8, Trotter 8.

Consolation Final
Borden County 54, Sands 46
 Borden County 16 9 12 17—54
 Sands 10 14 9 13—46
 Borden County - Richey 18, Key 18.
 Sands - Blagrave 24.

Third-place Game
Stanton 37, Lorenzo 33
 Stanton 7 6 13 11 --37
 Lorenzo 6 9 4 14 --33

Coahoma held tough, though, as the Bulldogs outscored Wall 14-9 in the last quarter to claim the title of their own tournament for the first time in 11 years, after finishing second three of the last four years.

The Bulldogs finished it off by matching the Hawks shot for shot down the stretch for the win.

Cameron Schooley led the Hawks, as the sophomore scored 10 in the loss while Justin

Walling hit the score sheet with eight.

Coahoma 13 9 15 14 - 51
Wall 10 12 14 9 - 45
Coahoma - Griffin 15, Josh Paniagua 11,
Jovi Paniagua 9, Isaac Garcia 6, Cody
Sheppard 6, Lane Douglas 4; Wall - Schooley
10, Walling 8, Reid Niehuus 6, L. Niehuus 6,
Kyler Conway 5, Brandon Willman 4, Dean
Beard 3, Scott Sheck 3
Three-pointers - Coahoma- Griffin (3),
Garcia, Jovi Paniagua; Wall - Walling (2),
Schooled (2), Beard, Conway

All-Tournament team: Braden Griffin, Coahoma, MVP; Josh Paniagua, Coahoma; Cody Sheppard, Coahoma; Kyle Conaway, Wall; Cameron Schooley, Wall; Reid Nihues, Wall; Seth Fry, Sands; Tyler Fulton, Stanton; Kylor Fine, Ira; Ismael Tavarez, Ira.

Steven Fields, Sweetwater

Sands 55, Stanton 54
Sands 16 12 15 12—55
Stanton 16 11 21 6—54
Sands - Gomez 17, Fry 16. Stanton -
Fulton 21, Sidle 17.

Consolation Final
Sweetwater 53, Midland High JV 45
 Midland High JV 14 10 10 11—45
 Sweetwater 13 13 14 13—53
 MHS JV - Merchant 10. Sweetwater -
 Campbell 16. Fields 14.

Third-place Game
Ira 52, Sands 45
 Ira 13 7 20 12—52
 Sands 13 6 10 16—45
 Ira - Fine 21, Tavarez 11. Sands - Fry 22.

Desiree score nine of her team-

“We played real well in the first period. It’s one of the best periods we’ve played this sea-

son," said Warren.

Bridgette Tuitt added 10 points in the victory.

The Lady Steers host Pecos at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Steer Gym.

“We’re going into that game

expecting to win," said Warren. "We've got to keep working on getting our offensive going, though."

Big Spring 16 4 3 8—31
Paducah 5 11 5 9—30
Big Spring — Desiree Anderson 11,

Bridgette Tuitt 10, Valerie Ross 4, Linzee
Yarbar 2, Cerbi Ritchey 2, Lauren Porras 2,
Crystal Woodson 1, Taylor Seaton 1.
Paducah — Stice 14, Slover 7, Hura 5,
Thomas 4

3-pointers: BS - None, Paducah - Stice 2.
Total fouls: BS 20, PHS 8. Fouled out:
None.

“We used some balanced scoring from all players and had a great defensive effort from the

The Buffs' game vs. Borden County scheduled for Tuesday was cancelled since the Coyotes will be participating in the Six-

man, Division II state title game Friday and are yet to hit the hardwood.

Forsan's girls, who finished fourth in the Bearkat Klassic, will play the Lady Coyotes at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Lady Buffs lost to new district-rival McCamey in the third-place game, 50-36.

Forsan 11 15 6 10—42
Grady 12 5 7 5—29
Forsan (7-0): Jeremy Robbins 14, Tristian Clay 9, Evan Burton 8, Nathan Atkinson 7, Alex Huckabee 4.
Grady: Dylan Cox 9, Shane Teague 9.

Jesus Chapel 66, Chrsit the King 32
 EP Jesus Chapel 13 19 21 13—66
 Lubbock CTK 10 10 9 5—32
 EP Jesus Chapel - Braum 16, Hands 16,
 Robinson 15. Lubbock CTK - Tyler 10.

Consolation Final
Christoval 39, McCamey 27
 McCamey 5 10 4 8—27
 Christoval 5 13 14 7—39
 McCamey - Walker 8. Christoval - Sorrells

Third-place Game
Garden City 29, Rankin 26
 Rankin 5 2 12 7—26
 Garden City 6 10 6 7—29
 Rankin - Schmitz 9. Garden City - Cole
 Schwartz 7, Hayden Halfmann 7.



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