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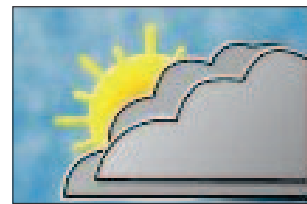
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Trout fishin' time

TPWD stocking Comanche Trail Park Lake today

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Trout fishing, anyone? That's the question officials with the city of Big Spring will be asking, as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department prepare to stock Comanche Trail lake with approximately 3,000 winter trout today.



According to Debbie Wegman, director of the city's Convention and Visitors Bureau, the idea to have the winter variety of the fish came from a local minister.

"I was in Leadership Big Spring with Ken McIntosh, the minister of First Christian Church," said Wegman. "He told me about some of the trout fishing he had done in the Fort Worth area, and we both wondered if it would be popular here in the Big Spring area."

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Stephen Correira, who serves with the local Salvation Army, adds a skateboard to a bag of toys early Tuesday morning during distribution of gifts collected through the annual Angel Tree program. Nearly 500 area seniors and children will receive gifts through the program this holiday season.

Incumbents re-up for office again

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Two more incumbents filed for re-election this week, as officials with the local political parties race to prepare for the March primaries.

According to Democratic Party Chairman Ro Gore, incumbent Precinct 1 County Commissioner Emma Brown filed to run in the March election, setting up a showdown between herself and fellow Democrat Yolanda Mendoza.

Mendoza ran against Brown four years ago only to lose her bid during the primaries. The race has yet to draw a Republican candidate.

Howard County Constable Bill Holden also filed to run for re-election on the Democratic ticket, according to Gore. Holden has yet to draw a challenger for either the March or November elections.

The race for the Precinct 3 seat on the Howard County Commissioner's Court has garnered three candidates thus far, as Winston Paschal Odom, Dick Dubose and Jimmie Wayne Long have



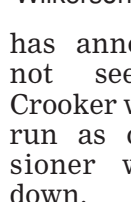
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Incumbent Bill Crooker has announced he will not seek re-election. Crooker will end a 40-year run as county commissioner when he steps down.

The race for sheriff is also shaping up into a worthy contest, as Charles Gary Morgan announced his candidacy

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St. Mary's concert to benefit Northside Community Center

By **LINDA HILL**

Special to the Herald

The Northside Community Center will be the beneficiary of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church annual Advent Offerings Concert Series.

Set for Thursday at 12:05 p.m.,

the concert will feature the Lone Star Brass Quintet of the Midland-Odessa Symphony and the Bauer Magnet Elementary School Fourth Grade Handbell Choir which will be under the direction of Susan Dawes.

There is no admission charge

for the concerts but those attending can offer contributions to benefit the community center at the door.

The Lone Star Brass will perform a solo section of traditional music of the season, and will join with the Bauer choir in

playing "O Come, All Ye Faithful." The handbell choir will also be featured in an additional solo piece.

St. Mary's Advent Offerings and Eastertide Offerings concert are given each year to benefit community organizations.

The concert will be approximately 30 minutes in length and a light lunch will be provided by St. Mary's immediately following.

St. Mary's is located at 10th Street and Goliad in Big Spring.

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SANTA COPS ON PATROL

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. (AP) — Happy holidays. Now pull over to the side of the road.

Motorists may be in for a surprise if they spot flashing red lights in their rearview mirrors in this Sacramento suburb during the holiday season.

Police are stopping law-abiding motorists and rewarding their good driving with \$5 Starbucks gift cards.

A traffic officer came up with the idea to "promote the holiday spirit and enhance goodwill between the traffic unit and the motoring public," Sgt. Tim Curran said.

Local businesses donated money to buy the gift cards.

JAPAN OFFICIAL: UFOs EXIST

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's air force has never spotted a UFO, but the country's top government spokesman said Tuesday he "definitely" believes they exist.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Nobutaka Machimura was speaking to reporters in response to demands lodged by an opposition lawmaker for an inquiry into "frequent reports of UFO sightings."

The government said in an official reply that it had "not confirmed sightings of unidentified flying objects believed to be from outer space."

Still, "I definitely believe they exist," Machimura said as reporters erupted in laughter.

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads region varsity sports weekly calendar

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

TODAY

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Rankin, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys and girls basketball at Merkel, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Forsan boys and girls basketball vs. Trent, 5 p.m.

Coahoma boys and girls basketball vs. Hawley, 6:30 p.m.

Lady Steers softball team holding fund raiser at Pizza Inn

The Big Spring Lady Steers Lady Steers Booster Club will be holding a fundraiser for the softball team Thursday at the Pizza Inn.

The Pizza Inn Doughnation Drive begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. Pizza Inn will donate 10 percent of the night's profit to the softball team.

Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

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

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

Texas Schoolboy playoff results and pairings

CLASS 5A DIVISION I Semifinals
Eulless Trinity 30, Plano 27, 2OT
Converse Judson 28, Galena Park North Shore 7

Final
Eulless Trinity (14-1) vs. Converse Judson (11-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome

DIVISION II Semifinals
Pflugerville 20, Abilene 14
Katy 66, SA Madison 21

Final
Pflugerville (12-3) vs. Katy (15-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome

CLASS 4A DIVISION I Final
Rosenberg Lamar 20, Copperas Cove 14

DIVISION II Semifinals
Highland Park 42, Everman 13
Lake Travis 49, Dayton 13

Final
Highland Park (15-0) vs. Lake Travis (14-1), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Waco's Floyd Casey Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I Final
Liberty Hill 38, Gilmer 13

DIVISION II Semifinals
Celina 33, Snyder 7
China Spring 37, Cuero 14

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Lady Steers come up short against Snyder



Big Spring's Crystal Woodson (54) battles Snyder defenders for a rebound as teammates Linzee Yarbar (far left) and Porsha White (far right) move in to assist in Steer Gym Tuesday night. The Lady Steers lost 47-32.

HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring's Lady Steers closed out the first half of the season with their strongest performance to date Tuesday night.

Big Spring kept up with Snyder's Lady Tigers for three periods, however, it only takes one lopsided frame of play to decide a basketball game.

Snyder used a dominant second period to grab a 14-point lead at intermission and held off a Big Spring run in the third period for a 47-32 win. Lady Steers' Head Coach Randal Petty was encouraged by Big Spring's improved performance.

"We played even with them in the second half and were in the game after the first period. Things got away from us in the second, but we

played a much better game," Petty said. "We didn't turn the ball over against the press as much. We just had some very inopportune turnovers in the second period that cost us the game."

The Lady Steers were down by five points after the first period and were outscored by just one point in the second half. Both areas show significant improvement for a Lady Steers' squad struggling to pick up its first win of the season.

"I like the way we're headed," Petty said. "We entered the season with a long way to go from where we need to be. Things are getting better, though."

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Steers hold off Tigers' comeback bid

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

SNYDER — It doesn't matter what level of competition you're playing on. Bringing an end to a losing streak in basketball is a relieving thing. Just ask the Big Spring Steers.

After winning seven games in a row, the Steers went on a 4-game slide that plummeted their record to 7-5. However, the Steers picked up their eighth victory of the season Monday night in Snyder, holding off a late charge by the Snyder Tigers for a 69-63 win.

Big Spring Head Coach Marcus Morris noted how much it meant to end the losing streak, especially since the Steers won't play again for 10 days.

"It feels good for all of us to go into the Christmas break with a win," Morris said with a sigh of relief. "It was good to get that four-game losing streak over with as well. We were playing up as far as competition, but it doesn't matter if you're playing the Boston Celtics, you want to try and beat them."

With the score tied at 29 coming out of intermission, Snyder hit a jumper to take the lead on its first possession of the second half. However, that was the last time the Tigers held an advantage in the game.

The Steers began forcing several turnovers with its defense, setting up easy baskets in transition. Big Spring went on a 15-2 run, jumping out to a 44-31 lead with 3:58 left in the third period.

However, Snyder put together a 13-6 run of its own to bring the score to 50-44, heading into the final frame. Snyder consistently kept within three points of the Steers throughout the fourth period, but could never overcome that mark.

As the Tigers began to intentionally foul to send the Steers to

the free throw line, Big Spring's advantage in athleticism began to show. Leading 66-63 with 26 seconds remaining, Big Spring's Jason Walker hit the first, but missed the second of one-and-one free throw attempts. However, Lance Gross came down with the offensive rebound and was immediately fouled.

The foul appeared to pay off for Snyder as Gross missed the front end of the one-and-one attempt and the Tigers scrambled for the rebound. Unfortunately for the Tigers, the couldn't get a shot to fall and Darius McCalister nabbed the board and was immediately fouled with just three seconds left. McCalister nailed both of his free throws as icing on the cake in the Steers' win.

The Steers used a balanced scoring attack to thwart the Tigers.

"We moved the ball better tonight than we have all season," Morris said. "There was more of a flow to our offense. I was impressed. We were an improved ball club."

The Steers won't hit the hardwood again until Dec. 27, when they travel to Fredericksburg for a tournament.

"We're going down for the Hill Country for this tournament. The players should like it," commented Morris. "We'll get to play four games over two days. It's a good mix of teams in the tournament. There are teams from Houston and San Antonio and there are both public and private schools."

"We're going to be playing up in competition again if we win a game or two," Morris said. "Hopefully, we'll get to run into one of those teams with an established tradition. The competition will only make us better."

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring Steers guard Lance Gross goes up over a Snyder Tigers player in Big Spring's 69-63 win Tuesday night in Snyder.

Dirk returns to MVP form in Mavs' win

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Dwight Howard has been on a tear this season, playing "at an MVP-type of level," according to Mavericks coach Avery Johnson.

Yet, Dirk Nowitzki is still the reigning MVP, and he reminded Howard and Johnson of it Monday night.

Nowitzki scored 11 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter, including a surprisingly rare 3-pointer and a pair of free throws in the closing seconds to help send Dallas past Howard and the Orlando Magic 111-108.

"He was tremendous — but, you know, we've had a lot of people be tremendous against us," Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy said. "Dirk's a great player, but everybody can score on us."

The Magic fell to 12-4 on the road, with the other defeats com-

ing at San Antonio, Phoenix and Milwaukee. The Mavericks won for the fifth time in six games.

"I think we're taking a step in the right direction," said Nowitzki, who has cracked 30 points in three of his last seven games. He also had 11 rebounds and four assists.

Howard had been doing whatever he wanted lately, putting together consecutive 30-point, 15-rebound outings. He scored 11 of the Magic's first 13 points in this game and had 16 after one quarter, showing off his thunderous dunks, high-arching floaters and even a bank shot.

Then Johnson challenged center Erick Dampier to make things tougher on Howard. Johnson also gave Dampier help by often sending a second defender over. Plus, the guards worked harder to keep the ball from getting to the big man.

It all worked to perfection as

Howard went from 6-of-8 in the first quarter to 3-of-8 the rest of the way, scoring only six points over the final three quarters. He actually was shut out in the second and fourth quarters. As if that wasn't bad enough, Howard cut the side of his right hand on one of his few baskets, a standard-shaking alley oop.

"We just stuck with the game plan," said Dampier, who had eight points, seven rebounds and two blocks. "We just wanted to limit his touches and contest his shots."

Despite Nowitzki's success and Howard's struggles, this game was still decided in the final seconds.

The Magic played from behind most of the night, but never folded, not even after a nifty stretch by Nowitzki put the Mavs up 93-85 midway through the fourth. Their final rally began with a basket by Hedo Turkoglu that

trimmed Dallas' lead to 105-101, then a 3 by J.J. Redick got Orlando within 107-104.

Orlando's Jameer Nelson trimmed it to 107-106 with a pair of free throws with 7.4 seconds left, then Nowitzki answered with a phenom from the line to stretch the lead back to 109-106.

The Magic thought they'd tied it at 109 when Keith Bogans nailed a long jumper over Nowitzki's outstretched arm with 3.5 seconds left, but officials correctly ruled that his right toe was on the 3-point line, keeping Dallas ahead by a point.

"I thought it was a 3," Nowitzki said. "I didn't see his feet because I was trying to contest it. I'd say it was a little bit of a break. In this league, you've got to have a little luck, too."

Dallas' Jerry Stackhouse made a pair of free throws to stretch

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Obituaries

Dessie Burkham Wheat



Dessie Burkham Wheat of Mesquite, Big Spring and Weatherford, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at Doctors Hospital in Dallas, with a loving family surrounding her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Fearney (Col. J.F.) Wheat; a son, Walter Lee Wheat; a grandson, Lawrence Reagan Wheat; her parents, Samuel Marvin "Sank" Burkham and Pearl Esther McCullough Burkham; a brother, Woodroe Boss Burkham; and asister, Dortha B. Simmons.

She was born July 3, 1913, at Hagensport in Franklin County, and when a year old, traveled with her parents by wagon and team and rail to West Texas. She attended school in Big Spring and the Centerpoint Community.

Dessie accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior when a girl, first being baptized in the stock tank by her Papa and once again when the traveling minister came to the community to perform services. At age 11, her Papa took her to town, introduced her to the bank president and said she was reliable and would be conducting business for him when he could not leave the farm. She also drove her sisters to school in a small buggy and cracked the whip to let rattlesnakes know they were coming and once to frighten older boys away.

She met and dated her future husband when she was 14, and five years later they were married in Durant, Okla., on Dec 29, 1930. Following marriage they returned to Dallas.

During the Great Depression, the couple moved from Dallas to Oklahoma briefly while James and his father worked for the WPA building Clayton Lake, leaving his bride alone five days a week a mile from his father's home. The West Texas bride eventually learned the life of living in a woods and stream environment.

They returned to Dallas in 1935. She assisted him in building an auction house and furniture business. They purchased a historic home in 1947 in Mesquite now known as Hill High Farm, the Wheat Home.

In 1955, they moved once again to Big Spring where James had a new and used furniture business. While there they were members of the First Baptist Church and the Big Spring Country Club.

James retired in 1972, having sold the business to their son, Walter, and the couple returned to Dallas County. He died the same year.

A woman of great character, integrity and strength, she appreciated beauty and elegance. She deeply loved her family, home and friends. No work was too difficult to make others feel welcome and comfortable at Hill High Farm. She particularly enjoyed opening the home for heritage tours, concerts, club meetings and church groups. She loved travel, collecting antiques, playing bridge and shopping at Neiman's.

She was a member of the Mesquite Womans Club and book and bridge clubs.

A fifth generation Texan whose fraternal grandfathers settled in Northeast Texas by 1820 and helped in forming the Republic of Texas and joining the United States, Dessie was a member of the Hiram Bennett Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

She returned to Mesquite from Weatherford in 2003 following hip surgery. She fell once again in June of this year and had been a resident of Christian Care Center in Mesquite, until her recent illness. She was a member of Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas.

Dessie is survived by her daughters, Eunice Wheat Futrell of Mesquite and Sue Wheat Hicks of Santa Fe; daughter-in-law, Frances Reagan Wheat of Midland; four grandsons, James David Futrell of Mesquite, Joseph Lee Hipp and wife, Melinda, of San Antonio, John Wheat Futrell and wife, Sherry, of Mesquite and Charles Wheat Hicks and wife, Robin, of Tulsa, Okla.; four granddaughters, Dessie Denise ZitzEvancih of Weatherford, Mary Futrell Jovicich and husband, Stan, of Dallas, Carilyn Sue Hipp of Weatherford and Elise Wheat Kail and husband, Shane, of Midland; a step-granddaughter, Deborah Hicks Albright and husband, Glen, of Frisco; nine great-grandchildren, David Chad Futrell of Dallas, Chelsie Elite Futrell of Dallas, Samantha and Sloan Kail, Anna Dessie ZitzEvancih, Katharine King, John Adam and James Henry Jovicich and Steven Campbell Futrell; one brother, A.C. Burkham and wife, Marie, of Carlsband, N.M.; sisters, Bertha Hancock of Brownfield, Velma "Bill" Skinner of Lubbock and Tommy Ora Weisz of San Angelo; many nieces and nephews; sister-in-law Ruby Burkham of Loving, N.M.; brother-in-law, Hurchel Wheat and wife, Peggy, of Denison; and sister-in-law Austa Wheat Hamby of Marshfield, Mo.

The family wishes to express appreciation to all those giving Dessie loving care, especially to her caregiver Rosetta Williams.

Services will be held at Anderson-Clayton Funeral Home in Mesquite at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007. Family visitation will be at the funeral home Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Burial will be beside her beloved husband at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

In lieu of floral tributes, friends may wish to give to their favorite charity, the Alzheimers Association of Dallas or Christian Care Center Hospice Service in Mesquite. Friends wishing to express words and remembrance of Dessie to her family on the web may use do so at www.andersonclaytonbros.com.

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Virginia Hilario Bustamante



Virginia Hilario Bustamante, 51, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 11, 1956, in Big Spring to Ofelia and Ascension Hilario Sr. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a homemaker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Elias Bustamante Jr. of Big Spring; two sons, Eric H. Bustamante and his wife, Maria San Roma, of Rogers, Ark., and Elias Bustamante III of Big Spring; two daughters, Erica Delbosquez and her husband, Chris, and Priscilla B. Tapia and her husband, Lance, all of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Derek H. Bustamante and Darren H. Bustamante, both of Rogers, Ark., and Bethany Delbosquez, Candace Delbosquez and Candan Tapia, all of Big Spring; her mother, Ofelia Galan of Big Spring; 12 sisters, Ester Calderon, Estella Hilario, Marylou Villareal, Norma Juarez, Sarah Rivera, Isabel Martinez, Cecilia Hyden, Diana Rodriguez and JoAnne Hilario, all of Big Spring, Yolanda Moran of San Antonio, Rosemary Gutierrez of Lovington, N.M., and Sally Correa of Amarillo; two brothers, Ascencion Hilario Jr. and Sammy Hilario, both of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

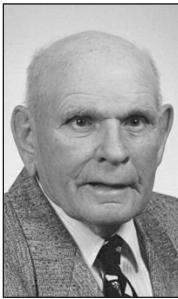
She was preceded in death by her father, Ascension Hilario Sr., and one sister, Mary H. Martinez.

Pallbearers will be Chris Martinez, Abel Martinez, Ben T. Gonzales, Jacob Marquez, Christopher Bustamante and Oscar Bustamante Jr.

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

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Carl Coleman



Carl Coleman, 94, of Big Spring died on Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born on Nov. 7, 1913, in Philcampbell, Ala., and married Maxine Smith on Dec. 24, 1939, in Big Spring.

Carl played football at Abilene Christian College and was captain of the team in 1938. He came to Big Spring in 1939 as an assistant coach and then moved away for 10 years, coaching in Andrews, McCamey, Stamford and Pecos, returning to Big Spring in 1949 as head coach and athletic director at Big Spring High School. He served in this capacity until 1955 when he joined his father-in-law in Smith & Coleman Oil Company. He bought the business from his father and owned and operated it until he sold it in 1982. Carl also farmed for many years.

He was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ, having served as a deacon for over 20 years.

He was honored at Abilene Christian University by being named to the Hall of Fame and also had an athletic meeting room named after him. He also was honored by being inducted into the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame. While he was coaching, he served as a director of the Texas High School Coaches Association for two years.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Coleman of Big Spring; three daughters, Kay Wilson and Sue Lane and her husband, Kenneth, all of Big Spring, and Gayle Butts and her husband, Howard, of Midland; seven grandchildren, D'Carlton Mata of Big Spring, Tony Lane of Abilene, Wendi Jenkins and her husband, Richard, of Big Spring, and Kenye Kay Trantum and her husband, Derek, Devin Butts, Britton Butts and Brennan Butts, all of Midland; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Natalie Peurifoy and Eadie Faulkner; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Dolores Gonzales, Eliseo Torres and Lana Brewer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Elizabeth Coleman, and nine brothers and sisters.

The family suggest memorials be made to the 14th and Main Church of Christ Youth Group, 1401 Main Street, Big Spring 79720 or to Home Hospice, 111 East Seventh Street, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Evelyn Ray Love Dennis

Evelyn Ray Love Dennis, 78, of Big Spring died on Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of First Assembly of God, and the Rev. Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Victory Center, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at the funeral home.

She was born on Aug. 14, 1929, in Howard County and married Troy Love. He preceded her in death in 1985. She then married Burl Dennis on May 10, 1997.

Evelyn had worked for the City of Big Spring and at State National Bank before moving from Big Spring. She returned to Big Spring in 1994. She was a member of the First Assembly of God.

Survivors include her husband, Burl Dennis of Big Spring; one son, Dan Love and wife, Carla, of Odessa; two granddaughters, Dana Love of Lewisville and Amber Ruse and husband, Chris, of Odessa; three great-granddaughters, Temple, Maydee and Madison; one stepdaughter, Merlee Walter and husband, Jonathan, of Cedar Park; two step-grandchild, Justin McWethy and Moriah Walter; one sister, Merle Haney of Big Spring; one niece, Gina Franke and husband, Don, of Coahoma; one nephew, Stanley Haney and wife, Ileen, of Luther; a special cousin, Laverne Atwell of Big Spring; and many more relatives and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Curtis and M.H. Ray; one son, Lindy, in 1975; and three grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Home Hospice for the loving care provided to Evelyn and her family.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh, Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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Gilberto S. Recio



Gilberto S. Recio, 62, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at his residence. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born Feb. 20, 1945, in Corpus Christi to Eloisa and Lolo Recio. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1960, coming from Corpus Christi. He had worked for Price Construction as a heavy equipment operator. He had also worked for the Big Spring Independent School District and had owned the Ninth Street Grocery Store. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a Vietnam veteran, serving in the Army's Fourth Infantry Division. He received the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Louisa Marquez Recio of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Sarah Marquez of Big Spring; three brothers, Lolo Recio, Roy Recio, and Nick Recio, all of Dallas; three sisters, Eloisa Abreo of Big Spring, Nancy Gonzales and Lydia Recio, both of Dallas; four step-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Gloria Recio, and two step-sons, Mike Marquez and Eugene Marquez.

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the lead back to three, but Orlando still had one last chance to tie it — a long, running 3-pointer from the right sideline by Keyon Dooling as time expired. The arena got real quiet as everyone watched the ball float toward the rim, but it banged between the iron and the backboard and popped out.

“You wouldn’t take that shot normally, but at the end of the game, I thought we gave ourselves a chance,” Dooling said.

After Howard dominated

early, Nowitzki came back with seven straight points in a stretch that began right after Howard checked into the game following a rest. Nowitzki took over again midway through the fourth, following a tough one-hander with an open 3-pointer. While he’s known for his long-range shot, it was his first 3-pointer in four games and just his 19th in 25 this season. Maybe that’s why he let out a ferocious celebratory punch.

“I don’t know why my 3 ball is not going in,” Nowitzki said. “That’s something I’ll continue to shoot when it’s there. Hopefully as the season progresses I can make enough at a higher percentage.”

Stackhouse scored 21 points. Josh Howard added 19 points and six rebounds, and Devin Harris had 15 points and nine assists.

“We don’t guard anybody,” Van Gundy said.

Turkoglu scored 26, half coming in the fourth quarter. Rashard Lewis had 15 points and eight rebounds, and Nelson had 13 points and five assists.

Notes: Orlando has made more than 50 percent of its shots in the last two games, but lost both. ... Dallas has won eight of 10 against Orlando. ... The Mavericks sent second-year swingman Maurice Ager to the Tulsa 66ers of the NBA Development League, a step

backward for the former first-round pick who started three games this season. “He needs minutes and I don’t have any minutes for him,” Johnson said.

Suns 100, Spurs 95

In San Antonio, Grant Hill had 22 points and Phoenix handed San Antonio its first home loss of the season.

Leandro Barbosa added 18 points for the Suns. Tim Duncan led the Spurs with a season-high 36 points and 17 rebounds in his second game back since sitting out four with a sprained ankle, and Manu Ginobili added 18 points.

The Spurs were without Tony Parker, who sat out his third straight game with a sprained left ankle.

Cavaliers 104, Bucks 99, 2OT

In Cleveland, Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored Cleveland’s first six points in the second overtime and LeBron James, who became the youngest player to score 9,000 career points earlier in the game, scored 31 points.

James played 51 of 58 minutes.

Michael Redd, who led Milwaukee with 22 points, played 54 minutes while Mo Williams played 51.

2007 NCAA Bowl Schedule

Date	Bowl	Matchup	Time (TV)
Dec. 20	Poinsettia Bowl	Utah vs. Navy	9 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 21	New Orleans Bowl	Florida Atl.vs. Memphis	8 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dec. 22	PapaJohns.com Bowl	Cincinnati vs. Southern Miss	1 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dec. 22	New Mexico Bowl	New Mexico vs. Nevada	4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 22	Las Vegas Bowl	BYU vs. UCLA	8 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 23	Hawaii Bowl	East Carolina vs. Boise State	8 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 26	Motor City Bowl	Central Michigan vs. Purdue	7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 27	Holiday Bowl	Arizona State vs. Texas	8 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 28	Champ Sports Bowl	Boston College vs. Michigan St.	5 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 28	Emerald Bowl	Maryland vs. Oregon State	8 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 28	Texas Bowl	TCU vs. Houston	8 p.m. (NFL)
Dec. 29	Meineke Bowl	Connecticut vs. Wake Forest	1 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 29	Liberty Bowl	Mississippi State vs. UCF	4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 29	Alamo Bowl	Penn State vs. Texas A&M	8 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 30	Independence Bowl	Colorado vs. Alabama	8 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 31	Armed Forces Bowl	California vs. Air Force	12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 31	Sun Bowl	South Florida vs. Oregon	2 p.m. (CBS)
Dec. 31	Humanitarian Bowl	Fresno State vs. Georgia Tech	2 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dec. 31	Music City Bowl	Florida State vs. Kentucky	4 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 31	Chick-fil-A Bowl	Clemson vs. Auburn	7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 31	Insight Bowl	Indiana vs. Oklahoma State	7:30 p.m. (NFL)
Jan. 1	Outback Bowl	Wisconsin vs. Tennessee	11 a.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 1	Cotton Bowl	Missouri vs. Arkansas	11:30 a.m. (FOX)
Jan. 1	Capital One Bowl	Michigan vs. Florida	1 p.m. (ABC)
Jan. 1	Gator Bowl	Virginia vs. Texas Tech	1 p.m. (CBS)
Jan. 1	Rose Bowl	Southern California vs. Illinois	5 p.m. (ABC)
Jan. 1	Sugar Bowl	Hawaii vs. Georgia	8:30 p.m. (FOX)
Jan. 2	Fiesta Bowl	West Virginia vs. Oklahoma	8 p.m. (FOX)
Jan. 3	Orange Bowl	Kansas vs. Virginia Tech	8 p.m. (FOX)
Jan. 5	International Bowl	Rutgers vs. Ball State	Noon (ESPN2)
Jan. 6	GMAC Bowl	Tulsa vs. Bowling Green	8 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 7	National Championship	Ohio State vs. LSU	8 p.m. (FOX)

BRIEFS

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Final
Celina (15-0) vs. China Spring (14-1), TBD
CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Final
Farmersville 27, Tatum 24, OT
DIVISION II
Semifinals
Canadian 17, Cisco 6
Elysian Fields 46, Altair Rice 3
Final
Canadian (15-1) vs. Elysian Fields (14-1), 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Gordon Brownwood’s Wood Stadium
CLASS 1A
DIVISION I
Final
Alto 22, Seymour 0
DIVISION II
Semifinals
Munday 47, Sundown 0
Bremond 31, Maud 20
Final
Munday (14-0) vs. Bremond (12-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Stephenville’s Tarleton Memorial Stadium

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Petty credited Kenzie Hunt for leading Big Spring’s offensive attack. Hunt made three 3-pointers in the contest.

The Lady Steers return to action at 2 p.m. Dec. 27, playing in the West Texas Invitational in Slaton. They open play against Dumas.

It will be the last action Big Spring will see before starting District 4-4A play against Plainview in Steer Gym Jan. 4.

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♥	K 10 7 4	♥	6 5
♦	K Q 8	♦	10 6 3
♣	A Q 5	♣	K 9
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	K 5	♠	8 4
♥	8 2	♥	A Q J 9 3
♦	9 7 5 4	♦	A J 2
♣	J 10 8 6 3	♣	7 4 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ 1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass
3 ♥ 4 ♥
Opening lead — king of spades.

At times, a skillful declarer may make a play that, to the less-experienced player, would seem to make no sense. But after the play proves successful, subsequent analysis discloses that had he adopted the more obvious approach, the contract would have failed.

Consider declarer’s sequence of plays on today’s deal. East overtook the king of spades with the ace at trick one, then played the queen and jack, South ruffing the third spade

high as West discarded a club. After drawing trumps in two rounds, declarer cashed the K-Q-A of diamonds and led a club. When West followed low, South put up the ace instead of attempting a finesse, then crossed to his hand with a trump and led another club to the queen.

East took the queen with the king, but had to return a spade, allowing declarer to discard a club as he ruffed in dummy. As a result, South made his game, losing only two spades and a club.

To the casual observer, it might seem that South had handled the club suit in a bizarre fashion, and then got lucky at the end. But in fact what happened was by design, not by accident.

As the play progressed, South learned that East had started with precisely six spades, two hearts and at least three diamonds. Therefore, he could not have been dealt more than two clubs. If East happened to hold the K-x of clubs and South took a first-round finesse, East would win and return a club, after which another club loser could not be avoided.

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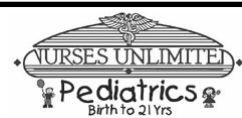
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Jupiter changes his attitude as he enters the constellation of Capricorn. What do the god of the gods and the sea goat have in common? They both have an affinity for wealth, privilege and the highest position. While the definition of success varies from person to person, one thing's certain: We're each thirsty for our own.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Not long ago, it was you who needed guidance, but now you're giving it to others. Be the patient parent to those who look up to you. They may forget their manners. It doesn't mean they love you any less. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). What are these giddy butterflies in your stomach all about? Romance is in the air. No need to wait until the weekend to enjoy a night out on the town. You're in the party mood tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Money is on your mind, and it's finally clear to you how you can improve your overall picture. Spend some time looking at the books. An adjustment in your financial plan will be easy to stick with.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone dear to you seems to have the power to raise your heart rate. Actually, you're the only one with this power. It's important to recognize that you can decide to be affected — or not.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're bound for stardom in that you are driven to become the best at what you do. However, you're not ready to handle a lot of attention just yet, so play it low key. Keep learning.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've worked hard over the last two weeks, and it's now time to decide how you're going to play. Health Tip: Bring

others into your health-and-fitness plans. Your physical and mental wellbeing will improve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Accidental good luck is featured. Still, the responsibility is on you to make the most of it! Bonus: The thing that is the most fun will also make everyone the most money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You accomplish precisely what you believe you can. It may be very effective to spend more time visualizing your desired outcome and hyping yourself up. Move only when you're moved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There will be no free pass today, and you'll be glad for this. Hard work forces you to confront (and ultimately fall deeply in love with) the essence of who you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You radiate warmth and sensitivity. Those who need extra care are attracted to the vibration. Among those who come near may be an ex-love. This relationship can blossom into a reliable friendship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Creativity is so important to your frame of mind. Working with two or three excellent idea-oriented people will get you feeling on top of the world. Tonight, you collect on what was owed to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's true that you were born with unique talents, but you're now focused on that which you can only cultivate through learning. The discipline required helps you make the most of those things that come easily to you.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: Jupiter enters Capricorn, where he makes the rewards of success tangible. Want to see your stately profile on Mt. Rushmore or your mug on the side of a bus? What will you need to do to make your dreams a reality?

Capricorn answers: persistence, ambition, tenacity, discipline and applying down-to-earth steps to long-term goals. If all of this sounds like a lot of hard work, consider the alternative: Some of the hardest work is persisting in a job or pursuit that undervalues our greater potential. Capricorn is an odd creature — the sea goat who climbs mountains while remembering the waters he came from. Success is being recognized in our communities while staying connected to our emotional and spiritual sources. Capricorn lives to create a great work — an opus. Alchemists call the opus a spiritual achievement from the soul's perspective, like turning a corner on an old familiar pattern and dignifying it with a creation that esteems our truth. We can practically hear the angels applauding! As Jupiter transits Capricorn, the greater success is feeling on purpose, aligning who we truly are with the face we show the world.

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CELEBRITY PROFILES: Life is a splendid adventure for Katie Holmes — and every other Sagittarian, for that matter. Blessed with good humor and faith in the best possible outcome, no other sign will throw caution to the wind as easily. Who would blame her? Katie's romance is a fairytale, but that doesn't preclude a hunger to broaden her world, a need that gets stronger this year.

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Obituaries

Jesusita Carmona Noveron

Jesusita Carmona Noveron, 73, of McCamey died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at the McCamey Hospital. Wake services will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at the Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home Chapel in McCamey. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at the Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home Chapel in McCamey. Burial will be in the Resthaven Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Mrs. Noveron was born Feb. 16, 1934, in Happy. She was a homemaker and a Catholic. She married Taide Noveron on Aug. 1, 1960, in Tarzan. She was preceded in death by her parents, Francisco and Elvira Carmona, and a brother, Manuel Yanez.

She is survived by her husband, Taide Noveron of McCamey; a son, Placencio "Roy" Carmona and his wife, Karan, of Balch Springs; three grandchildren, Roy Anthony Carmona of Universal City, Texas, Christopher J. Carmona of Balch Springs and Mariah Dawn Carmona of Balch Springs; and a brother, Ramon Arista of Crane.

Margaret Elwell

Margaret Elwell, 92, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007, at her residence. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at the Winnemucca Cemetery in Winnemucca, Nev.

She was born May 28, 1915, in Guthrie, Okla., to Myrtle Bruner Snell and Charles Clifton Snell. She was the head librarian at the public library in Winnemucca, Nev., from 1950 until 1980, moving to Chicago and then to San Diego, Calif., where she lived for 20 years, moving to Big Spring in 2006. She was a member of the East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Lillian Bohannon and her husband, Earl, of Big Spring; four sons, Fred Bryant Elwell and his wife, Elaine, of Toule, Utah, Dana Elwell of Sun Valley, Nev., Don Elwell of Big Spring and Joseph Elwell and his wife, Krystal, of Chicago; 17 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Fredrick B. Elwell, and one daughter, Kathleen Elwell Dubert.

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

John P. 'Johnny' Miller

John P. Miller, 84, of Homosassa, Fla., died Nov. 19, 2007.

Born Aug. 14, 1923, in Big Spring to Chester and Bobbie Nall Miller, he was a 1940 graduate of Big Spring High School. He attended the University of Texas until 1942 when he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and became a pilot in China during World War II. He was discharged in 1946 as a captain and returned to UT, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

In 1948 he joined General Electric in Schenectady, N.Y., and held various management positions in marketing and sales in the steam and gas turbine division. He retired to Florida in 1985.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas D. and Brenda Miller of Charlotte, N.C.; a daughterand son-in-law, Philis M. and John Sarto of Pawleys Island, S.C.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Miller was laid to rest in Homosassa, Fla., next to his predeceased wife, the former Mary Frances Miller.

Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Edith Davie

Edith Davie, 85, of Big Spring died Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born February 2, 1922, in Mitchell County to Dennie Burns Davie and Byron Shannon Davie. She came to Big Spring in 1950 from Mitchell County. She was a waitress and a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

She is survived by one brother, Victor Davie of Hollywood, Calif.; one nephew; three nieces; and a number of cousins.

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

A CHRISTMAS MELODRAMA "Rollin' in Dough in Mistletoe or ... Don't Crack Jingle Bell Rock" will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria. The entire staff will participate in the production.

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TROUT

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"I called the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and got us on the list for winter trout. It may sound uncommon at first, but they actually stock several lakes in this area, including Midland and Odessa."

Wegman said stocking the lake isn't free, but Texas Parks and Wildlife did help ease the financial burden.

"We ordered 2,000 fish at 91 cents each," said Wegman. "So the bill comes to right at \$1,800. However, Texas Parks and Wildlife is giving us an additional 1,000 fish, so we're certainly coming out ahead."

With the fish set to be delivered to their new home in Comanche Trail Lake this morning, Wegman said there's just one ingredient left for the equation.

"We just need people to catch them," said Wegman with a laugh. "This particular species of trout won't survive the weather this summer, so the challenge here is to encourage people to get out there and catch them before then."

"I've talked to Ken, and he's talked to officials with the Wal-Mart Supercenter to make sure they have the correct bait and items to catch the winter trout. Now we just have to sit back and see how the people in Big Spring react to the

prospect of catching winter trout."

Wegman said the entire 3,000 fish won't be delivered all at one time.

"Half the fish are expected to be delivered today, while the other half is expected to be in the lake Wednesday, Jan. 9," said Wegman. "We hope everyone will come out and catch all the trout they want."

According to TPWD officials, the state agency will stock upwards of 275,000 hatchery-reared rainbow trout at about 120 sites across the state between now and March. Many of the fish stockings will be conducted at small community fishing lakes, state park lakes and popular river tail-races offering easy angling access.

The state agency has been stocking rainbow trout each winter since the 1970s, providing Texans a simple and economical opportunity to go fishing, according to TPWD officials.

A valid Texas freshwater fishing package is required to fish for trout. Youth ages 16 and younger are exempt from the fishing package requirement. For more information on fishing requirements and laws, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us on the Web.

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two weeks ago, pitting him against former Big Spring Police Department officer Stan Parker, who filed for the office Monday.

Both Morgan and Parker will be running on the Republican ticket.

Incumbent Dale Walker said this week he plans to run for re-election, but hasn't yet filed. Walker has run as a Democrat in both of his past elections.

County Attorney Mike Thomas has also filed for re-election with the Democratic Party, according to Gore. Thomas drew his first opponent in local attorney Joshua Hamby, who filed to run on the Republican ticket according to Margarita Durand-Hollis, party chairman.

Howard County Tax Collector and Assessor Kathy Sayles and Justice of the Peace Bennie Green both filed for re-election on the Republican ticket, accord-

ing to Durand-Hollis. Neither race has garnered and opponent.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson reported this week he has filed to run for re-election with the state's Republican office. Wilkerson has not yet drawn a challenger.

The deadline to file to run in the March primaries is Jan. 2. For more information on filing, contact your party's chairman.

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Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-9-27-30. Bonus Ball: 32. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$325,000

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-9-17-19-26. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$24,900. Winning tickets sold in: Houston.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-6-4. Sum It Up: 25.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-0-7. Sum It Up: 11.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night ...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday ...Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Friday ...Partly cloudy. Highs around 70.

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

Saturday ...Partly cloudy. Much colder. Highs in the upper 40s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in mid 20s. Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Virginia Hilario Bustamante, 51, died Sunday. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Edith Davie, 85, died Friday. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Margaret Elwell, 92, died Saturday. Graveside services will be at 10:30 AM Thursday at the Winnemucca Cemetery in Winnemucca, Nevada.

Gilberto S. Recio, 62, died Sunday. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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OUR VIEWS

What better place to buy your gifts than right here?

The holiday season has reached the critical stage with about a week's worth of shopping days left before Christmas. There's perhaps no better time of the year in Big Spring, the surrounding area or anywhere else for that matter.

With so little time remaining for people to pick up those last-minute gifts, the pace in local stores is going to be getting a little frantic in some cases.

What we've found, though, is that there's no better place to shop for Christmas than right here in Big Spring, regardless of how little time there is left to shop.

Yes, we know we've written that in this space before, but we're still convinced it's true.

Remember, Big Spring is literally dotted with interesting stores — from the downtown area to Scurry and Main streets, to the mall and all along Gregg Street and FM 700, there are a wide variety of gift purchasing opportunities.

From the latest item to hit the stores to antiques and hand-crafted items, you'll find just about everything you need right at home. As we have noted before, shoppers are limited only by their imagination.

Now, we would never begin to tell people they shouldn't shop out of town. That would be foolish.

However, we will ask that you check Big Spring first because the money you spend with a local merchant makes a difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors.

Come to think of it, if you've by chance already shopped out of town and still can't find what you're looking for and are forced to go to "Plan B," we hope you'll be sure that "Plan B" involves shopping here at home.

Dollars spent with local merchants wind up being spent with other Big Spring or Howard County merchants ... turning over three, four, five or more times. And that rollover effect simply can't be created when you buy out of town or on the Internet.

In other words, the bottom line remains the same: If you do your best to shop at home, chances are you'll make it a very Merry Christmas for us all.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not ask for You to do things our way, Lord, but for us to do things Your way.

Amen

Iran news disappointing to some

So it turns out that Iran, that evil remnant of the Persian Empire, has been out of the nuclear weapons business since 2003. That at least is what the new National Intelligence Estimate (the consensus opinion of all U.S. spy agencies) is saying.

You are free to take that with a grain of salt, of course. In 2005, the same bunch said, with "high confidence," that "Iran currently is determined to develop nuclear weapons despite its international obligation and international pressure...." Now they're saying: "Never mind."

They claim their confidence in the Estimate is even higher this time around, because their methods and their sources are much better. That could be.

It has been my experience that intelligence agencies have a tendency to exaggerate threats to the national security, not minimize them. Who's going to fund a security agency lavishly if the agency is telling them there's no security threat to worry about?

All of this is to the good — one less country we have to invade. (Don't tell Dick Cheney. He was so looking forward to a Christmas bombing.)

It's kind of bad news too though or at least, as Sen. Joseph Biden put it, "extremely troubling."

"Here in October," said Biden, "President Bush raised the specter of World War III with Iran

because, as he said, its pursuit of a nuclear weapon — months after he'd been told by our intelligence community it's likely that Iran had halted its weapons program as far back as 2003.

"And after all we've been through, for this president to knowingly disregard or once again misrepresent intelligence about the issue of war and peace, I find it outrageous."

But didn't President Bush, when asked about that very thing, say that he had received the intelligence assessment only the week before.

"That's not believable," burst out Biden. "I refuse to believe that. If that's true, he has the most incompetent staff in...modern American history and he's one of the most incompetent presidents in modern American history."

That's what you like about Biden; he talks good sense. I do think he let Mr. Bush off a little easy, however. George W. Bush is one of the most incompetent presidents in all of American history.

The new estimate did little to change the dialogue in the presidential primary contests.

The Republican candidates, most of whom seem to be running for Toughest Kid on the Block, still huffed and puffed about the threat posed by Iran and beat their chests a lot.

The Democrats continued to beat on President Bush, although they were careful to take time out to beat also on Hillary Clinton for her support of the resolution that declared an Iranian military unit a terrorist group.

"We have a real division here,"

said John Edwards, "I mean among the Democratic candidates; there's only one that voted for this resolution. And this is exactly what Bush and Cheney wanted."

And Barak Obama weighed in with: "What I've been consistent about was that this saber-rattling was a repetition of Iraq, a war I opposed and that we needed to oppose George Bush again. We can't keep on giving him the benefit of the doubt, knowing the ways in which they manipulate intelligence."

All in all, it was a pretty good day for Democrats, if you don't count Hillary Clinton.

Perhaps the most encouraging assessment buried in the document was the assertion: "Tehran's decisions are guided by a cost-benefit approach rather than a rush to a weapon irrespective of the political, economic and military costs."

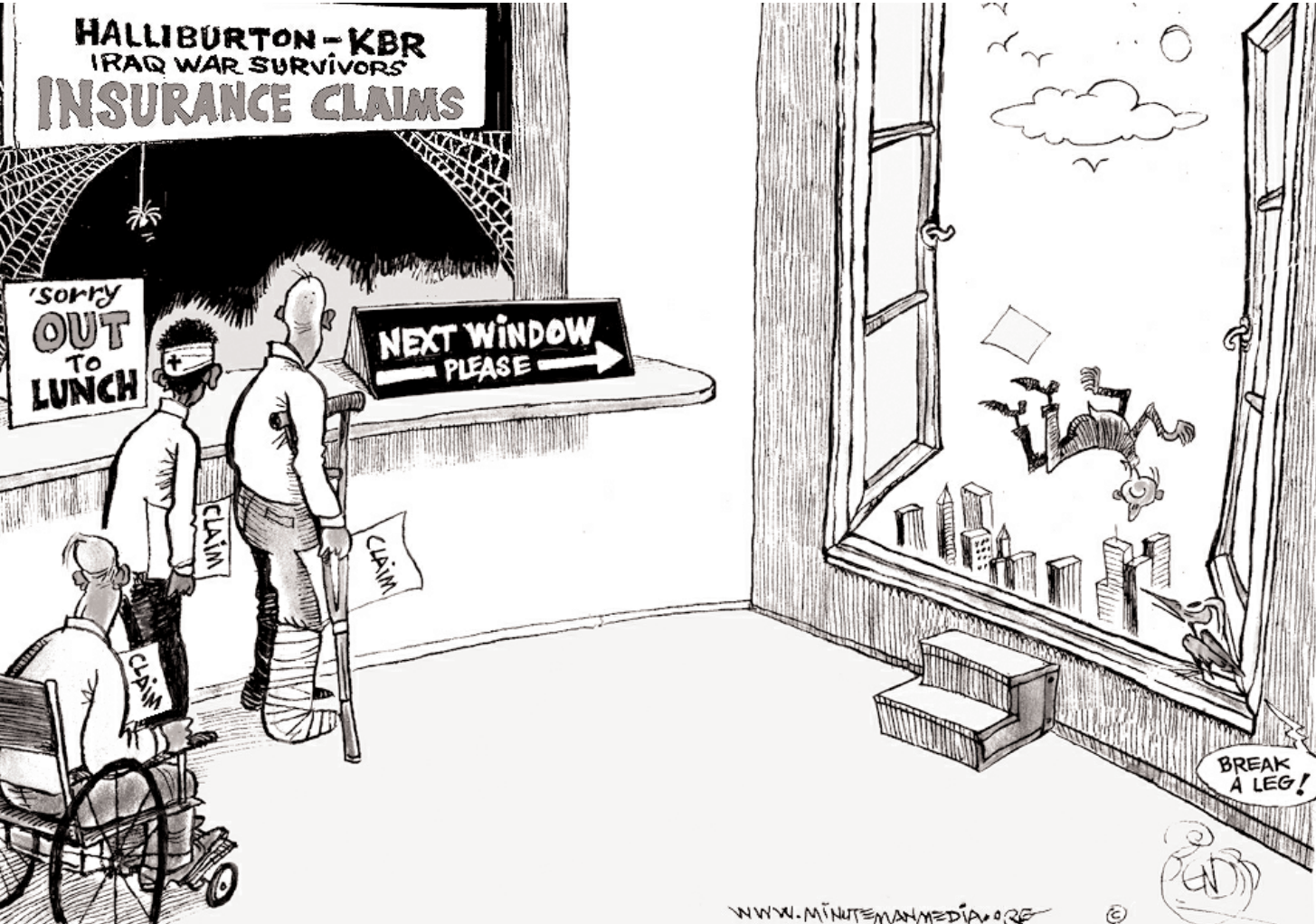
In other words, even though their President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad seems crazy, they are not crazy. And, given the retaliatory power of the United States, it would take a crazy country to attack us with a nuclear weapon.

So we really don't have to bomb Iran; not now, probably not ever. They're not going to attack us.

Sorry Dick. Why don't you go out and shoot some little birds? Or a lawyer. That'll cheer you up.

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Call it a 'citizen's minefield'

My state, Connecticut, may not actually be (or ever have been) the Insurance Capital of America, but it's close. And for employees that's been a good thing. It's indoor work, reasonably steady, and provides somewhat transferable job skills. The pay isn't great but the benefits are.

Within the community, insurance companies tend to occupy nice big taxable buildings and offer a dense cluster of employees to support neighborhood restaurants, stores, service shops, printers, and other segments of downtown life. OK, so sometimes they pack up and move away, but so do auto plants.

If only these outfits were as benign toward their customers. But the job of insurers, like all business, is to make money for stockholders and CEOs. The more, the better.

The traditional ways to accomplish this are to jack up premiums, stiff victims, and turn down high-risk applicants in the first place. It's an age-old ritual.

Working to hold that ritual within civilized bounds, more or less, are 50 state insurance departments, beefed up by their attorneys general. The feds even show up once in a while. But all too

often, that state commissioner himself is from the industry, torn between loyalty to his old and future trade and his sworn duty to protect consumers. Sometimes one side wins, sometimes the other.

Almost always winning in the end, however, are the companies. Travelers, Phoenix and Aetna all reported remarkable earnings increases in recent months. And joined at the hip with these shady corporate profits are the endless pay increases for their CEOs. They even have a knack for claiming raises when their stock prices are going down. It's an art form.

One way to protect these tasty profits, naturally, is to restrain trade. Since a large portion of insurance is placed through brokers, there is always that lurking temptation for kickbacks. Marsh & McLennan, the nation's largest broker, spends a lot of time in court and otherwise sparring with regulators on this issue. Win some, lose some. The companies constantly explore what they can get away with; the states can only nibble away at shady practices, keeping the companies a little bit honest.

Some recent industry revelations include discovering that the quality ranking of doctors published by CIGNA was actually just a list of the cheapest docs, not the best. Can't imagine why CIGNA wanted us to go to them. Another solid corporate citizen, WellCare, sent false instructions to pharmacists

saying that various prescriptions for Medicaid patients weren't covered. Wrong! The state Department of Social Services caught up with that one. It also found Anthem and HealthNet playing a similar deceptive game.

Over in the property-casualty arena it is common practice for insurers to offer victims much less than the real replacement cost of their house or car as described in the policy. Since the cost of rebuilding is considerably squishier than the amount on a doctor or pharmacy bill, there's lots more room for finagling. Not to mention the cleverly managed evils of pernicious delay in responding to claimants.

And if there should be a real disaster — say a Katrina or a Florida hurricane — federal help will go straightaway to the companies, rarely to the victims. Meanwhile the companies continue to fight tooth and nail to deny responsibility for as many claims as possible.

So as shoppers we're stuck, but if you can find a mutual insurance company (owned by its customers), they're a better bet. Not surprisingly, the few of these that remain are gradually being taken public by their greedy CEOs at great profit for themselves.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

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Bird Poop:

Captive hawk made most of well-fed mice



Courtesy photo

Flaring its rusty colored tail after having been captive inside a horse trailer for a week, the red-tailed hawk resented being handled. Because of the efforts of volunteers at South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, the bird of prey was able to be returned to nature.

Laura on Life:

What I want for Christmas...

Did you ever notice that there is a season for plumbers? It's called the Holiday season. It never fails. I don't know if it's because of the increased number of guests that need to use your toilet or that December is the time for all humans to shed hair. But whatever the reason, nearly every holiday season, I have trouble with my drains.

I love the holiday season with all of its ups and downs, and I usually have a lot more ups than downs (especially with my drains). However, I could use a little help during this time of year since there are so many things that need to be done.

For example, I love to shop for gifts, but I don't like to wrap them. You can't give a naked gift, though. It's just not done. So I need some help wrapping. Does Merry Maids do that?

I would love to buy a "wow!" gift for each person on my list. The problem is that "wow!" gifts usually cost a lot and I never seem to have enough money to get exactly the right thing for everyone. Of course, I also want to put something in the Toys for Tots bin and con-

tribute to the "Angel Tree" and put a little something in that hanging red pot next to the guy making that incessant ringing bell noise in front of every department store. I figure if I pay him, he'll stop ringing the darn bell. He doesn't play nice, though.

I love to eat Christmas cookies. The smell of anise and chocolate chip cookies brings back so many wonderful memories. But I burn at least 50 percent of everything I bake and that smell is not very nostalgic. Now, because of my incompetence, my kids' memories will be that of burnt cookie dough. I may have started a whole new tradition. My great-great-grandchildren will probably burn a batch of cookies every year in memory of me.

I'm not exactly a creative cook either, but my turkey and stuffing usually come out moderately decent. What I wouldn't give for the skills of Julia Childs, though. To be able to put on a spread that deserves a standing ovation is a long-term dream of mine. Instead, my cooking tends to result in loose fillings, a cracked cap, or the evacuation of some child's two front teeth. I've always related well to that popular holiday favorite: "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth."

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LAURA
SNYDER

Thinking it would fly as her truck approached, the woman swerved in a wide arc when she realized the bird was not going to move from the side of the road. As she slowed to make a U-turn, her thoughts were on how she could pick up such a large raptor. The old saddle blanket that had bounced around in the bed of the pickup would have to do.

When she stopped across the road from the bird, its statuesque appearance, augmented by its colorful tail, reminded her of the others she had seen. For some reason this bird's broad wings were held close to its side as it stared unknowingly.

Quietly shutting the truck's door, she tried to make as little noise as possible as she crossed the road. Looking down at the hawk before covering it with the blanket,

she noticed a small amount of blood on one wing. On the same side, the bird's eye was dilated and unmoving.

Once home, the woman decided to protect the hawk from varmints by placing it in a horse trailer. Out-of-the-weather in her barn, the bird would be contained and hopefully could recover from its probable confrontation with a passing vehicle.

"Can't stand to see anything hurt," was my introduction by phone to a very caring, yet uninformed individual who would go to great lengths to save wildlife. When I asked her how long she had the hawk and what was she feeding it, she replied, "A week. The vet said to give it high protein dog food."

At least the woman could not see me shudder over the fact that she had been feeding a carnivorous bird of prey a daily diet suitable for the family pet. "The hawk is a lot better. In fact, it tries to fly from one end of the trailer to the other," she bragged. Afraid it would

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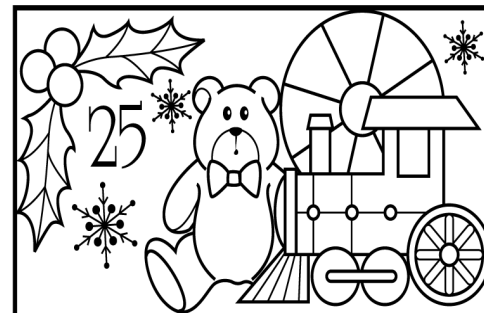
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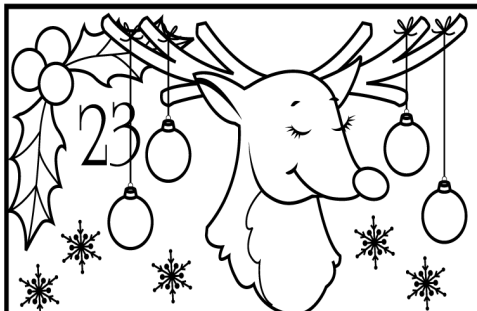
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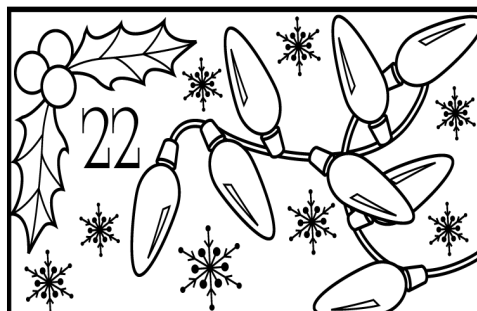
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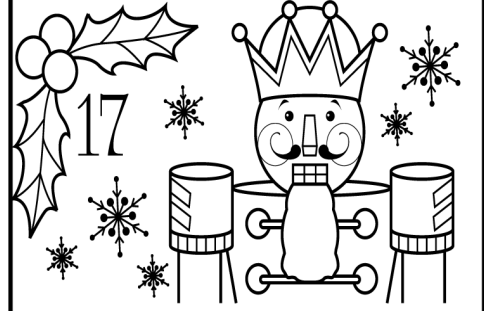
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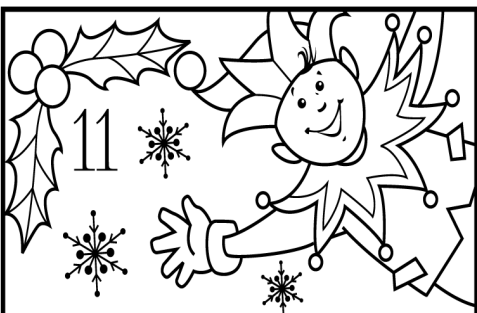
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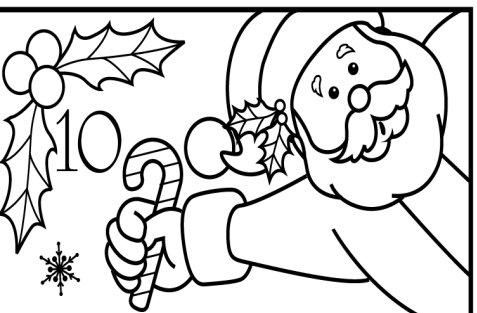
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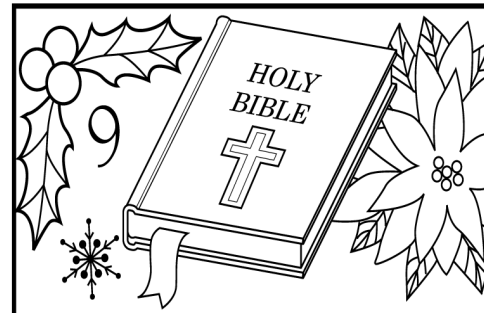
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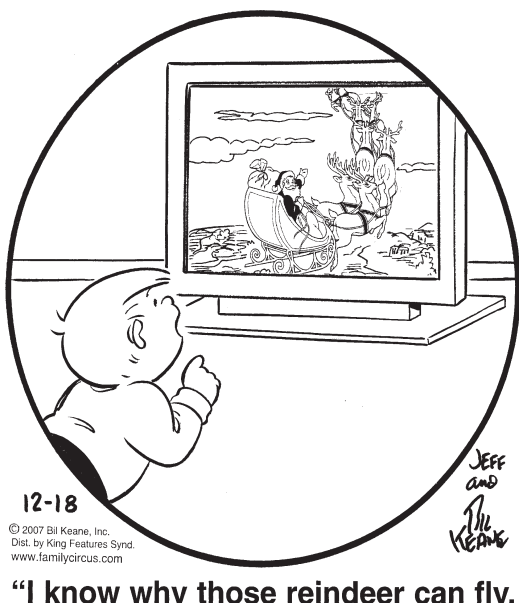
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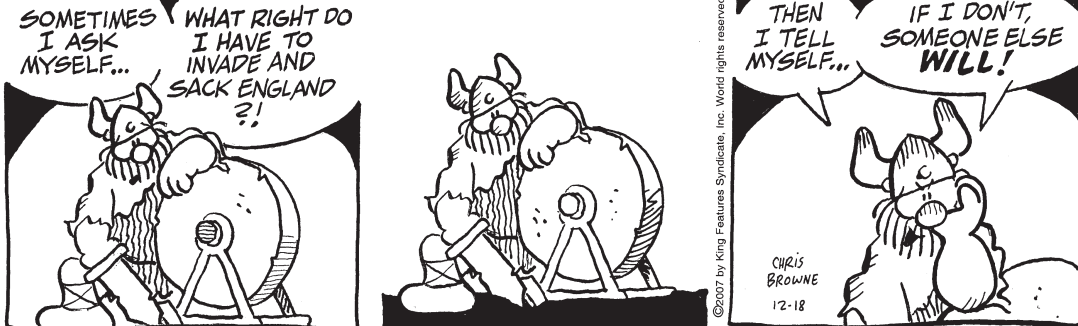
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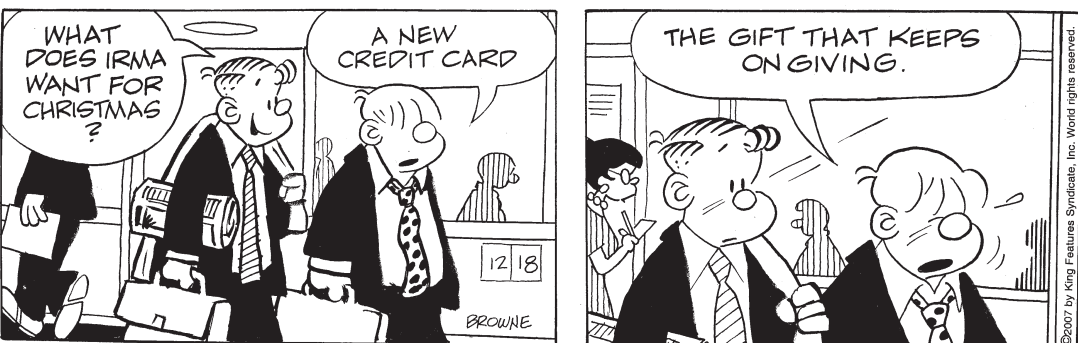
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2007. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 18, 1944, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans (Korematsu v. United States), but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained (Ex parte Endo).

On this date:

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive

ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.)

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went on line. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)

In 1969, Britain's Parliament permanently abolished the death penalty for murder.

In 1972, the United States began heavy bombing of North Vietnamese targets during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 11 days later.)

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76.

In 1987, Ivan F. Boesky was sentenced to three years in prison for his role in a major Wall Street insider-trading scandal. (Boesky served about two years of his sentence).

Birthdays:

Television writer-producer Hal Kanter is 89. Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 80. Actor

Roger Smith is 75. Blues musician Lonnie Brooks is 74. Rock singer-musician Keith Richards is 64. Writer-director Alan Rudolph is 64. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 61. Blues artist Ron Piazza is 60. Movie director Gillian Armstrong is 57. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 57. Rock musician Elliot Easton is 54. Actor Ray Liotta is 52. Actor Brad Pitt is 44. Country singer Tracy Byrd is 41. Actress Rachel Griffiths is 39. Singer Alejandro Sanz is 39. Country/rap singer Cowboy Troy is 37. Rapper DMX is 37. Tennis player Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is 36.

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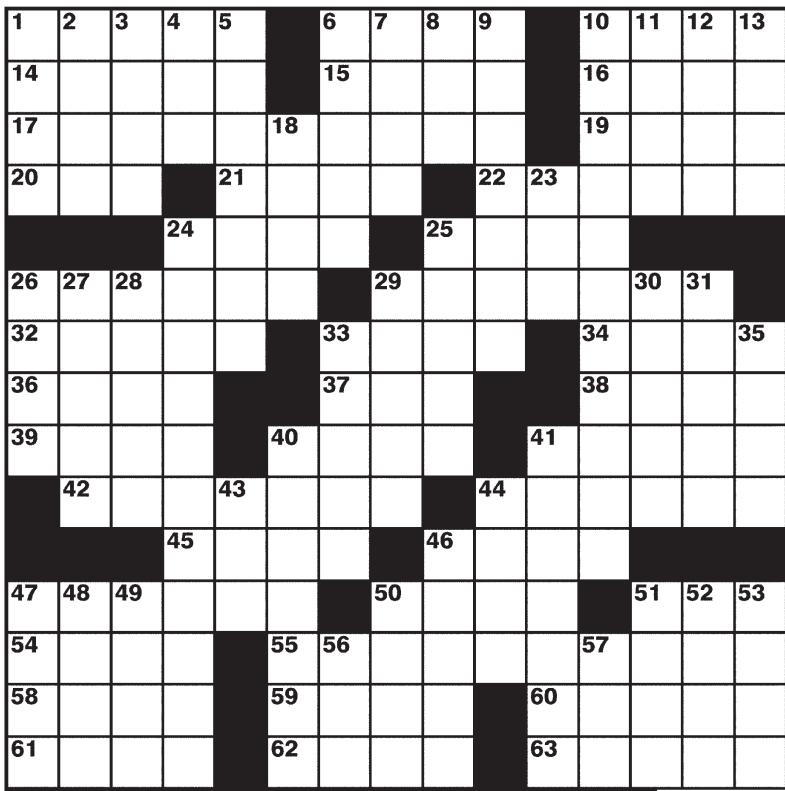
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- 6 Alphabet intro
- 10 Corn holders
- 14 Same-old
- 15 Window section
- 16 Biblical paradise
- 17 Obstructing progress, informally
- 19 Ship of 1492
- 20 Toward the stern
- 21 Electrical unit
- 22 For all audiences, as a movie
- 24 Violin holder
- 25 "Wish you ___ here"
- 26 Author Louisa May
- 29 Rooted for
- 32 Worth
- 33 Parts of socks
- 34 Get ready, casually
- 36 Computer image
- 37 Misfortune
- 38 Tiny quantity
- 39 Fender-bender result
- 40 Invoice
- 41 Passover feast
- 42 Excavates further
- 44 Kitchen gadgets
- 45 "American Beauty" flower
- 46 Stubborn animal
- 47 Floor covering
- 50 Look for
- 51 Sighs of relief

DOWN

- 54 Region
- 55 Qualify for a team
- 58 Docking site
- 59 Just (slightly)
- 60 Sports complex
- 61 Pretzel topper
- 62 Butterfly catchers
- 63 Delicious
- 9 Thermometer markings
- 10 Object displayed on a 1 Across
- 11 Garfield dog
- 12 Road curve
- 13 Unforeseen problem
- 18 In need of directions
- 23 "___ we there yet?"
- 24 Analogous thing
- 25 Roulette device
- 26 Eager
- 27 Secured, as a skate
- 28 Exact copy
- 29 Chills down
- 30 Wear down
- 31 Discourage

- 33 String for packing
- 35 Golfers' goals
- 40 Bridegroom's attendant
- 41 Formal head covering
- 43 "The Raven" author
- 44 Song for two
- 46 Track events
- 47 Toothpaste-tube tops
- 48 Opera solo
- 49 Fishing-line holder
- 50 Variety-show segment
- 51 High cards
- 52 Pursue
- 53 Remain
- 56 "Honest" president
- 57 Historic time



LAURA

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That kid's mother must've been a lousy cook, too.

One thing that annoys me is that I can never find a large enough turkey at the grocery store. I need a 24-pound turkey for our large family, but the largest I can find is 18 pounds. Do two 12-pound turkeys have the same amount of meat as a 24-pounder? Even if they did, my cookbook doesn't tell me how to cook two 12-pounders. They assume that sane people only cook one turkey at a time.

The point is, I need certain things at the holiday season that I don't usually need. The number one thing is... time; time to finish all the cleaning chores that we women obsess about. Your carpet can have Koolaid stains on it all year long, but not during the holidays. As a result of all this cleaning, my hands are as dry as the Sahara in July. So I need lotion and rubber gloves.

Throughout all of this pre-holiday activity, I still need to type out my column, too. I need a few typists just to do that. Of course, my computer needs to work for that, and it tends to break down just when I am the busiest. My husband is a technological wizard, but he's too busy fixing other people's com-

puters to deal with my "little problems." I need some little, tiny, on-call, elf-nerds living inside of my laptop. They can fix it when it glitches. Maybe Santa has a few of those lying around.

I need folding chairs, folding tables, folded napkins and maybe even someone to fold the laundry. I wonder if the Wrapping Merry Maids would fold laundry too? Probably not.

Most of all, I need sleep, which being as exhausted as I am would almost certainly be possible if my true love was not also a sleep-talker.

When, on the 12th day of Christmas, he — my true love — asks what I want for Christmas this year, I'll tell him: *Twelve plumbers plumbing;*

*Eleven typers typing;
Ten lords a-sleeping;
Nine ladies baking;
Eight maids a-wrapping;
Seven hundred dollars;
Six teeth a-staying;
Five folding things;
Four calling nerds;
Three French chefs;
Two rubber gloves;
And a 24-pound turkey!*

If my true love will grant me these things for Christmas, I will never again ask him to fix my computer, wrap a present or take a plunger to our toilet.

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HAWK

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hurt itself, she took the effort to locate us.

Stressing that the bird needed its natural diet of rabbits, rats, mice, ground squirrels, even snakes, or a comparable substitute, she continued to defend the dog food. After she promised to bring the bird to us, the hawk was not delivered.

When I called the game warden for her county, he knew of her continued kindness for all animals. Concerned that the veterinarian had not advised contacting him or someone who is licensed to handle wild birds, the officer called the next day to say we would be getting the hawk.

Driving some 45 miles from the east, the woman delivered what she accurately described as a red-tailed hawk. Its signature coloration meant it was an adult. With its creamy white belly streaked with a brown cummerbund, it had the typical brown back mottled with occasional white feathers. Missing a toe, the hawk had healed from a previous injury. Holding its brown head erect, we could see the difference

in the affected eye. With no apparent broken bones in the injured wing, we felt with time the raptor might be released if its vision was restored.

Prior to meeting this woman, I had talked with the Lubbock wildlife center volunteer who handles all the birds of prey. Upon my describing the dog food diet prescribed by the veterinarian, she was surprised that a hawk would even eat it. "Are you putting me on?" was one of her comments.

Thanking the woman for bringing us the hawk, I added my personal opinion of the effects of the high protein formula, especially since every morning the plate had been cleaned. "You probably had the happiest mice of anyone in your county." Pointing out that rodents could easily jump or crawl through the openings in the side of the trailer, I added that while the mice were dining on the canned delicacy, the red-tailed hawk was snatching his daily fare, minus his one toe.

For nearly a month at South Plains in Lubbock, the red-tailed hawk only wanted to eat and roost. Fortunately, the bird's injured eye and bruised

wing healed. Becoming too fat because of inactivity, it was moved to the flight cage for exercise.

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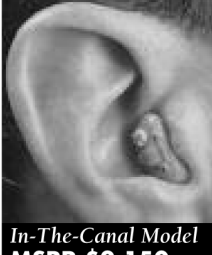
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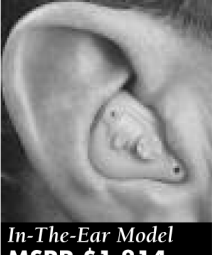
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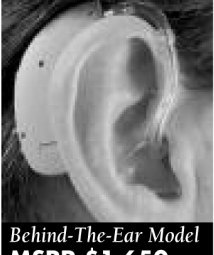
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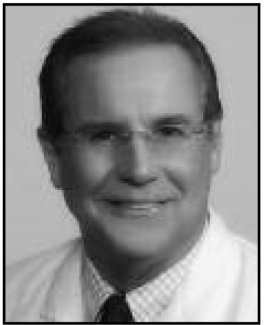
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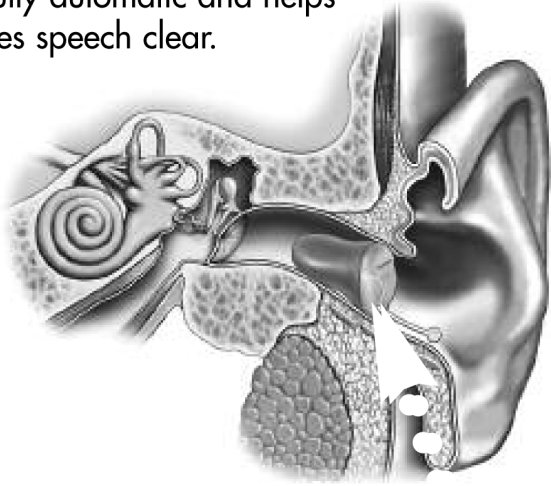
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Decision on
FutureGen site
expected today

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government and industry research project to learn ways to burn coal without emitting global warming gases is taking a major step forward Tuesday with an announcement on where the futuristic power plant will be built — in Texas or Illinois.

The \$1.8 billion program, called FutureGen, has been under increasing scrutiny in Congress. Some lawmakers have questioned its soaring cost — nearly double the \$950 million originally projected — and its long delays.

The FutureGen Alliance, a consortium of 12 U.S. and foreign energy companies, planned to announced the selection of one of four communities — Odessa and Jewett in Texas, Mattoon and Tuscola in Illinois — for the facility, which was first proposed eight years ago. It is supposed to be virtually pollution-free and produce both electricity and hydrogen. Its carbon dioxide, a leading greenhouse gas, is to be captured and buried.

Massive spending bill
could alter fence law

WASHINGTON (AP) — A massive spending bill Congress is expected to pass this week provides at least \$1.2 billion for construction of a border fence and border security equipment, but eases mandates on where fencing should be built, how it should look and how much to build.

The pending bill, which the House passed Monday night, would tweak a 2006 law mandating 700 miles of fencing on the U.S.-Mexico border that the Homeland Security Department has been racing to fulfill. The Senate was expected to consider the bill on Wednesday.

A provision sponsored by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, would modify the law that requires at least two layers of fencing and specifically spelled out where that fencing should be built in Texas, California, New Mexico and Arizona. But Hutchison's measure says the Homeland Security secretary should build fencing on no less than 700 miles of the southwest border where fencing "would be most practical and effective."

It also requires the secretary to complete 370 miles, "or other mileage" of fencing as the secretary determines is needed by Dec. 31, 2008.

State defends
strip club fee

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's new \$5 surcharge for strip club visitors will not violate the clubs' First Amendment free speech rights, state officials argued in a brief filed in advance of a court

hearing.

The new fee, which was approved this year by the Texas Legislature, is set to take effect on Jan. 1. It's expected to raise about \$44 million to be dispersed for sexual assault prevention programs and health care for the uninsured.

A state district judge was scheduled Tuesday to consider a request made by a group of strip clubs to delay the fee.

The Texas Entertainment Association and Karpod, Inc., the operator of an Amarillo club, sued Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and Comptroller Susan Combs earlier this month.

Komen foundation
files trademark suit

DALLAS (AP) — The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has filed a federal trademark lawsuit against Smithfield Foods, alleging the meat company's "Deli for the Cure" logo will confuse consumers.

The Komen foundation, which has licensed its "for the Cure" trademark to other companies, asked the court to stop Smithfield's Lean Generation brand from using the logo.

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