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West side to feel water pinch

Crews uncertain how long service to be interrupted

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Residents on the west end of Big Spring will find themselves with little or no water after 10 a.m. Friday, as the city water utilities department will be repairing two water main leaks.

Water won't be available from the intersection of W. 16th Street and FM 700 north to W. Seventh Street and Andree and west to Elm Street. The area includes the "bird" streets such as Wren, Robin, Canary, Avion, etc., as well as Willa, Creighton, Lorilla, Frazier, Mesquite, Wright, Mobile, Lindbergh and other streets in that vicinity.

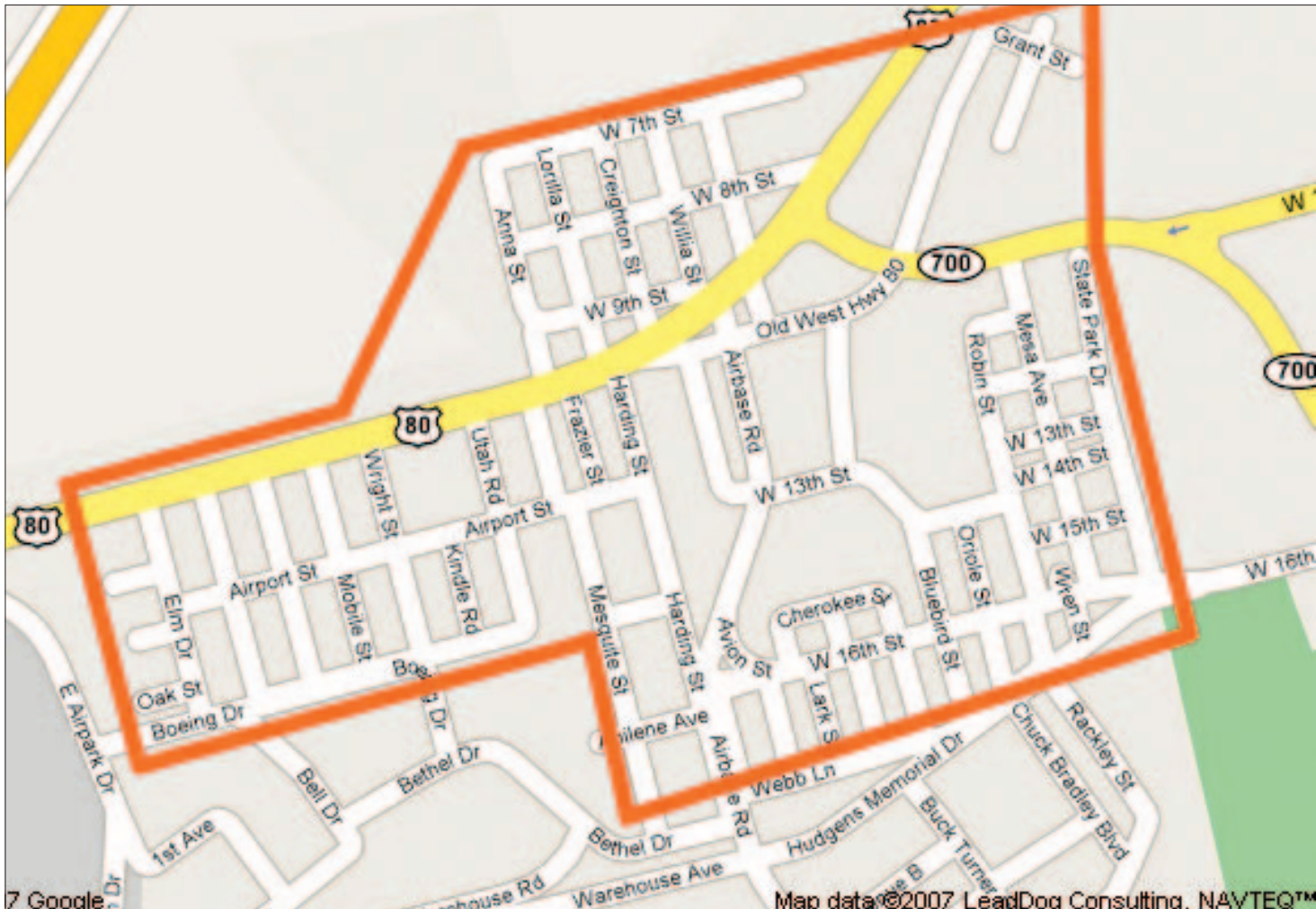
"We won't know what we are getting into until we dig it up, so we really don't know how long this will take."

— Jim Piper

Also included are Old Highway 80, Grant and Peach streets.

McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark will not be without water, as that area is on a different system,

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Sports

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads region varsity sports weekly calendar

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

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 fundraiser set at Pizza Inn

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

The Pizza Inn Dough-nation 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 subvarsity basketball games for the 2007-08 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

2007-2008 NCAA Division I-A college bowl schedule

THURSDAY

Poinsettia Bowl
 At San Diego
 Payout: \$750,000
 Utah (8-4) vs. Navy (8-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

FRIDAY

New Orleans Bowl
 Payout: \$325,000
 Florida Atlantic (7-5) vs. Memphis (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

SATURDAY

Papajohns.com Bowl
 At Birmingham, Ala.
 Payout: \$300,000
 Cincinnati (9-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-5), Noon (ESPN2)

New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
 Payout: \$750,000
 New Mexico (8-4) vs. Nevada (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Las Vegas Bowl
 Payout: \$1 million
 BYU (10-2) vs. UCLA (6-6), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

SUNDAY

Hawaii Bowl
 At Honolulu
 Payout: \$750,000
 East Carolina (7-5) vs. Boise State (10-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

WEDNESDAY

Motor City Bowl
 At Detroit
 Payout: \$750,000
 Central Michigan (8-5) vs. Purdue (7-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

DEC. 27

Holiday Bowl
 At San Diego
 Payout: \$2.25 million
 Arizona State (10-2) vs. Texas (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

DEC. 28

Champs Sports Bowl
 At Orlando, Fla.
 Payout: \$2.125 million
 Boston College (10-3) vs. Michigan State (7-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

 See **BRIEFS**, Page 2B

Parcells spurns Falcons, headed for Miami

 By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Sports Writer

DAVIE, Fla. — Bill Parcells has a home in South Florida. He's about to have a job there, too.

Parcells and Miami owner Wayne Huizenga agreed Wednesday on a four-year contract to be the Dolphins' vice president of football operations, according to ESPN, which employs the two-time Super Bowl-winning coach as an analyst.

The move was swift and somewhat surprising. Parcells entered Wednesday on the cusp of accepting the job of rebuilding the Atlanta Falcons, then rebuked them in the afternoon — having apparently struck a deal with Miami.

The Dolphins declined comment, only saying no contract has been signed, and no one at Huizenga's business office was authorized to comment when reached Wednesday evening by The Associated Press.

Miami's players were also caught off-stride by the news,

which broke after they finished practice.

"I don't know anything," defensive end Jason Taylor said.

So, for the second time in less than a week, an off-field story is dominating the conversation at Miami's training complex.

The first revelation came last Friday: Huizenga had been in talks about selling the team to two real estate developers for about \$1.1 billion, although it seems that deal has since unraveled and there's no immediate plans by the owner to sell even a portion of the franchise.

And now this: Parcells, who previously coached the Giants, Patriots, Jets and Cowboys, is apparently set to return to the NFL.

"Really?" defensive lineman Vonnie Holliday said when told by The AP about Parcells' apparent interest in the Dolphins. "You can't control it. But somebody like the Big Tuna, regardless of who's in the front office or who's not, brings a lot of respect and a lot of credibility with him."

Holidays start with bowl season

It's the most wonderful time of the year.

And with no offense intended, I'm not necessarily talking about Christmas.

Although, it is definitely a part of the reason this time of year feels so special to me.

For me, the holiday season begins tonight with the first college bowl game taking place.

Sure, it's only Utah vs. Navy, but I will watch.

Say what you will about the need for a playoff in Division I-A college football. There is still something magical about the bowl season. Something that drives me to look forward to it every year.

No matter the matchup, I will try to watch every single bowl game. I'll even sit down for the New Orleans Bowl, which is quite possibly the worst game of the holiday season featuring Florida Atlantic and Memphis.

Why will I watch? There are great reasons to watch every game. There are great storylines surrounding every matchup.

Some teams struggled to even get to .500 in order to qualify for the bowl games (UCLA, Memphis). Some squads probably deserve to be in a more illustrious bowl (Cincinnati, Boise St.). Others become almost sentimental favorites to root for (Navy, Florida Atlantic).

Over the next three weeks, I will use some space to highlight every bowl matchup. Six games are on tap through Wednesday. There are reasons to check out each one. Look for a coaching legend on the sidelines Friday and watch a team that could be the next BCS Buster — like Hawaii this year and Boise St. last year — for the 2008 season.

Poinsettia Bowl Utah (8-4) vs. Navy (8-4) 8 p.m. today (ESPN)

Last bowl appearance: Utah 25, Tulsa 13 (2006 Armed Forces); Boston College 25, Navy 24 (2006 Meineke Car Care).

Synopsis: Like watching triple-option offensive attacks? Not many college teams still use the run-heavy offense, but the Navy Midshipmen are still one of the few that do. And they run it better than anyone else in the country.

Navy averages more than 350 yards a game on the ground and has been tops in the NCAA in rushing offense in four of the last five seasons. However, Navy plays its first game in six years without Paul Johnson as its head coach.

Johnson left to take the job at Georgia Tech after six successful seasons, leading Navy to five consecutive bowl games in that

time.

The Midshipmen spread their rushing attempts around with seven players averaging at least 35 yards a game. Their leading rusher also leads the nation in the longest name department — Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada. Luckily all I have to do is write the quarterback's name and not attempt pronouncing it.

Utah's Utes have won six straight bowl games — the second-longest bowl winning streak in the nation behind only Boston College. They finished the regular season winning seven of their last eight games behind a superior defense and kicking game.

Kicker Louis Sakoda is one of the best in the country and a difference maker.

Prediction: Utah 27, Navy 24 — Interesting enough, the Midshipmen are also the worst passing team in the country and Utah allows only 130 rushing yards a game.

Defensive back Steve Tate leads the Utes in tackles and will figure in heavily in Utah's attempt to contain the option threat. Although, Navy hasn't scored less than 24 points this season.

Last year, the Midshipmen lost to Boston College courtesy of a late field goal, allowing BC to extend its bowl game win streak. A similar result could be in order for Navy this season with Sakoda ready to win a game for Utah with his leg at any moment.

New Orleans Bowl Memphis (7-5) vs. Fla. Atl. (7-5) 7 p.m. Friday (ESPN2)

Last bowl appearance: Memphis 38, Akron 31 (2005 Motor City); Florida Atlantic is making its first bowl appearance.

Synopsis: Very few realize former Miami Hurricanes coach Howard Schnellenberger took over the upstart Florida Atlantic Owls football program in 2001. Quietly, Schnellenberger has taken this team to the top of the Sun Belt Conference and into its first bowl game in school history.

Memphis has an explosive offense led by senior quarterback Martin Hankins.

Memphis started the season 2-4 and had to overcome the tragic death of one of its players in midseason.

The Tigers responded by winning five of their last six games, including a 55-52 triple-overtime victory of SMU to close out the regular season.

Prediction: Florida Atlantic 35, Memphis 34 — The Owls live off turnovers. They lead the nation in turnover margin with 19 interceptions and 14 fumble recoveries this season. Offensively, they don't turn the ball over at all.

... If you're a free agent out there, that might draw you in."

When the Falcons announced Parcells turned them down — while also releasing that he was in negotiations with the Dolphins — several Miami players were playing cards and dominoes in the locker room.

"We met with him this morning to complete the contract. At that time, we were made aware by Parcells that he was considering a revised offer from the Miami Dolphins," Falcons owner Arthur Blank said. "He later informed us that he would not be signing a contract with us."

Many Dolphins immediately turned their attention to the television, seeking more information. Clearly, the mere mention of Parcells coming to Miami created an immediate buzz.

"I have a lot of respect for what he's been able to do in other places and I'd expect, if he did come in here, for him to do the same," Holliday said. "I don't know what's going to happen upstairs. I have no idea. I have a

lot of respect for (GM) Randy Mueller, as well. But my interest is in what's best for this team and getting us in the right direction."

With his team mired in the longest playoff drought in franchise history — six years and counting — Huizenga has long sought different ways of doing exactly that. If that contract gets signed, bringing in the 66-year-old Parcells might wind up being the latest big Huizenga move.

In January 2004, he hired Miami's greatest player, Dan Marino, as senior vice president of football operations, a job created just for him. Marino resigned from the loosely defined role 22 days later, saying he didn't want to change his lifestyle.

Later that year, Huizenga hired coach Nick Saban away from LSU; he lasted only two seasons in Miami before bolting after the 2006 campaign to return to college football at Alabama.

"Bill Parcells," Holliday said, pausing and smiling. "That's a big name."


 MCT photo
 Navy Midshipmen quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada turns an option run up into the middle of the Army defense in action earlier this season. Navy plays Utah at 8 p.m. tonight in the Poinsettia Bowl to kickoff the college bowl season.

Neither team plays in a very good conference and neither has victories over a quality team. However, the Owls gave South Florida a scare when the Bulls were ranked in the top five. Memphis is 0-2 against the Sun Belt Conference this season. The Owls went 5-1 on their way to a Sun Belt title.

The 73-year-old Schnellenberger shows he can still build a program from the ground up.

Papajohns.com Bowl So. Miss (7-5) vs. Cincinnati (9-3) Noon Saturday (ESPN2)

Last bowl appearance: Southern Miss 28, Ohio 7 (2006 GMAC); Cincinnati 27, Western Michigan 24 (2006 International)

Synopsis: After Florida, Cincinnati's Bearcats are, in my opinion, the best three-loss football team in the country. That puts them ahead of BCS qualifier Illinois, Clemson, Texas and Wisconsin.

The Bearcats were just 16 points from finishing the season undefeated. They lost by four

point to Louisville, seven to Pitt and five to West Virginia.

Cincinnati features several of the best players no one has ever heard of, including quarterback Ben Mauk, who finished ninth in the nation in passing efficiency. Also, defensive end Anthony Hoke has twice recorded three sacks in a game on his way to a 12-sack season.

Cincinnati also boasts one of the game's hottest coaching names in Brian Kelly.

It's not a question of if Kelly will someday coach one of the nation's elite programs, but rather when and where he'll take over.

Southern Miss won't have that familiarity at head coach. The administration just all but kicked out Jeff Bower, who ran the program for 17 years. In doing so, the Golden Eagles alienated their most infamous alum, Brett Favre.

 See **BOWLS**, Page 2B

Obituaries

Nannie Lee Walker



Nannie Lee Walker, 94, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with her grandson, the Rev. Rex Rainey, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 25, 1913, in Prescott, Ark., and married Shirley Walker on April 28, 1931, in Coahoma. He preceded her in death on July 13, 2001.

Mrs. Walker came to Big Spring in 1928 with her family, B.F and Linnie Tubb. She was a homemaker and her grandchildren were the delight of her life. She was active member in First Baptist Church and a member of the Adult Senior Choir.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Shirlene and Gorman Rainey, and one son and daughter-in-law, Royce and Linda Walker, all of Big Spring; six grandchildren and their spouses, Doby and Kasi Walker, Wendy and Cary Brown, Cole and Katie Walker and Rex and Anecia Rainey, all of Big Spring, Russ and Janet Rainey of North Richland Hills and Kent and Cherri Rainey of Coahoma; greatgrandchildren, Kodi Dixon and wife, Ivy, of Midland, Kaci Beth Walker of Austin, Amber Wooldridge and husband, Tyrel, and MaLinda Walker, all of Big Spring, Lindsey Brown of San Antonio, Cody Weston Brown of Houston, Elizabeth Louise Wheeler and Garrett Lee Wheeler, both of Big Spring, Cash Dylan Walker and Colby Royce Walker, both of Big Spring, Joshua Rainey and wife, Krissy, of Aubry, Jordan Rainey and wife, Jennifer, of Guam, Jeremy Rainey of Big Spring, Clint Rainey and wife, Chandler, of Galveston and Taylor Rainey and Reagan Rainey, both of Coahoma; great-great-grandchildren, Conner Lee Dixon and Tucker Lee Dixon, both of Midland, Kenzi Jayde Wooldridge of Big Spring, Paige Rainey and Garrett Rainey, both of Aubry, Sidney Rainey, Kaila Rainey and Jaxon Rainey, all of Guam, and Jarrod Rainey of Austin.

Mrs. Walker was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and two sisters.

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

Paid obituary

Ina Allen Jones



Ina Allen Jones, 105, of Stanton passed away Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Stanton with the Rev. David Harp officiating.

The family will receive friends Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born March 13, 1902, to Tilmon and Lovie Allen, in Palmer and married Paul K. Jones on April 15, 1938, in Odessa. He preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 1979.

Mrs. Jones graduated from Rice High School in 1918. She attended college at North Texas State in Denton and taught school in Corsicana, Rice and other surrounding schools. She then attended Sul Ross State College, graduating Aug. 22, 1936, with a bachelor of science degree. She was a homemaker and retired math and English teacher. Mrs. Jones loved spending the winters in South Texas, living in Weslaco for 22 years. She enjoyed traveling and visiting new places and experiencing life. At the age of 100 years, she took her first motorcycle ride. She also loved being with her family and friends. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanton.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, John Calvin and Patsy Jones and Paul Allen and Carolyn Jones, all of Stanton; six grandchildren, John Clayborn Jones and his wife, Sonya, and Michael Jones, all of Stanton, Jennifer Key and her husband, Larry, of Las Vegas, Nev., Paula Jones of Lubbock, Cody Lee Jones and his wife, Diana, of Amarillo and Stephanie Asher and her husband, Scott, of Lubbock; seven great-grandchildren, Kesley, Haley and John Kelly Jones, all of Stanton, Courtney, Caitlyn and Chase Key, all of Las Vegas, Nev., and Brandon Jones of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church Music Department, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782 or to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 13-16-28-34-37
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize: \$26,886.
Winning ticket sold in: El Paso.

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Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 14-16-34-49-50-53
Number matching six of six: none.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-6-8-4. Sum It Up: 20.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-6-1. Sum It Up: 8.

REMEMBER! Find It In Big Spring First!

Janette Brown



Janette Brown, 54, of Ackerly died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at the Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating and the Rev. Clifton Igo assisting. Interment will follow at Ackerly Cemetery.

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

She was born Oct. 2, 1953, in Big Spring and married Terry Brown on Jan. 13, 1974, in Knott.

Janette was a lifelong resident of Ackerly and worked in the business office at Sands CISD for 24 years. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and enjoyed playing the piano and going to movies. She got great pleasure in helping others. Janette was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Terry Brown of Ackerly; her daughter and son-in-law, D'Nae and Cody Reyna of Lubbock; her son, Billy Brown of Austin; her mother, June Nichols of Knott; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Bruce and Terri Nichols of Ackerly, Keith and Gwen Nichols of Lamesa and Martin and Lesli Nichols of Knott; one sister, Ann Nichols of Midland; four grandchildren, Colten and Ashlyn Acevedo and Lauren and Madison Reyna, all of Lubbock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert M. Nichols, on Dec. 19, 2005.

Pallbearers will be Michael Nichols, Patrick Nichols, Steven Nichols, Garrett Nichols, Dustin Baker and Wayne Blount.

The family suggests memorials be made to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, 810 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720 or to the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 3463, Big Spring 79721-3463.

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

Paid obituary

Steve Evrard



Steve Evrard, 36, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring with the Rev. Joel Miller and the Rev. Dwayne Wheat officiating. Military honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 10, 1971, in Riverside, Calif. He graduated from Perris High School in Perris, Calif., in 1990, and then served in the U.S. Navy from 1990 until 1994. He moved to Big Spring in 2001 from Colorado City. He had served on the police departments of Big Spring, Colorado City, Memphis and Winters. He married Tanya Everett Oct. 11, 2004, in Las Vegas, Nev. He went to Iraq in August of 2006. He was a security professional providing security for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during destruction of unexploded ordnance and munitions.

He is survived by his wife, Tanya Evrard of Big Spring; his mother, Margaret Evrard of Moreno Valley, Calif.; one brother, William Evrard of Arlington; and his pet and companion, Trixie.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Evrard. The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Police Association, Blue Santa Program, 400 East Fourth Street, Big Spring 79720.

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

Weather

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night — Increasing clouds. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest 15 to 20 mph after midnight.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Much colder. Highs in the mid 40s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s.

Sunday — Sunny. Highs around 50.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows around 30.

Monday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s.

Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Christmas Day — Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 50s.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

Take Note

• A Christmas melodrama "Rollin' in Dough in Mistletoe or ... Don't Crack Jingle Bell Rock" will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria. The entire staff will participate in the production. Tickets will be sold at the door or by contacting the school office at 394-4323. The event is a fund-raiser for the PTA/Elementary School.



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TODAY

- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Rannels.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

- Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- **ANGELA CARREON**, 22, of 1905 Wasson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of harboring a runaway.

- **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

- **TERRORISTIC THREAT** was reported in the 200 block of Airbase Road.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of 25th Street.

- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Third Street.

- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:

- in the 1200 block of Sycamore.

- in the 1700 block of Scurry.

- in the 3200 block of Eighth Street.

- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RUBEN ALVAREZ**, 19, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

- **MARSHA DIANNE CARTER**, 31, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft.

- **RAY JOHN-MANUEL ZAPATA**, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for burglary of a building.

- **TODD RAY KUYKENDALL**, 38, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **STEVEN ANTHONY SILLETTI**, 17, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, bondsman off bond for burglary of a building (six counts) and bondsman off bond for burglary of a habitation (two counts).

- **HENRY VERNON BACKES III**, 43, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700. Service refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

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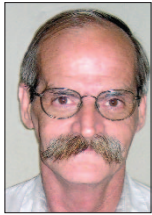
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BOWLS

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Prediction: Cincinnati 34, Southern Miss 20 — Frankly, Cincinnati out-matches the Golden Eagles in every aspect. Most importantly, the Bearcats have two intangibles in their favor — they don't turn the ball over and, at the same time, force a large amount of turnovers. Southern Miss' biggest hope is to get powerful running back Damion Fletcher started early, keeping Cincinnati's balanced offense off the field.

New Mexico Bowl Nevada (6-6) vs. New Mexico (8-4) 3:30 p.m. Saturday (ESPN)
Last bowl appearance: Miami 21, Nevada 20 (2006 MPC Computers); San Jose St. 20, New Mexico 12 (2006 New Mexico)

Synopsis: Aren't bowl games supposed to take place on a neutral field? Well nobody informed the officials of the New Mexico Bowl that unwritten rule. Much in the tradition of the much more acclaimed Rose Bowl, which routinely selects USC to play pseudo-home game, the second-year bowl has picked the New Mexico Lobos to play on its home field at University Stadium in Albuquerque. Last season, it didn't matter as the Lobos lost to San Jose St. This year, New Mexico is a better team with a 5-1 home record.

However, don't let Nevada's .500 record fool you. The Wolfpack lost to last year's BCS Buster Boise St. by two points in triple overtime. Then, for

an encore, Nevada almost kept undefeated and BCS bound Hawaii from attending the Orange Bowl, falling 28-26 due to a Hawaii game-winning field goal with 11 seconds left.

Nevada freshman quarterback Colin Kaepernick is a college football star in the making. He fits the pistol offense perfectly, showing adept ability with his arm and legs. Kaepernick finished fifth in the nation in passing efficiency and 38th in total offense.

Prediction: Nevada 31, New Mexico 27 — Home field advantage ends up not making a difference.

New Mexico has a feisty defense, but its never seen an offensive attack like Nevada's. This is Kaepernick's stage and I don't think he'll disappoint the national audience.

Las Vegas Bowl UCLA (6-6) vs. BYU (10-2) 7 p.m. Saturday (ESPN)
Last bowl appearance: Florida St. 44, UCLA 27 (2006 Emerald); BYU 38, Oregon 8 (2006 Las Vegas)

Synopsis: The Las Vegas Bowl is becoming to BYU what the Holiday Bowl used to be. BYU has made 11 appearances in the Holiday Bowl, including seven straight from 1978-1984.

This marks BYU's third-consecutive trip to Las Vegas for an annual matchup with a Pac-10 opponent.

Don't be fooled by UCLA's 6-6 record. The Bruins aren't really that good. Not to mention, they just fired Coach Karl Dorrell.

Former University of Colorado Coach Rick Neuheisel could be named Dorrell's succes-

sor any day, though. Neuheisel is considered an offensive genius and will have to work some magic to turn around whatever it is the Bruins have been playing.

UCLA does boast three defensive players that will be playing on Sundays next year — end Bruce Davis and safeties Dennis Keyes and Chris Horton.

BYU, sticking to its tradition, remains one of the most volatile offenses in the country. The Cougars are one of the leading candidates to be a BCS busting team in the 2008 season.

Prediction: BYU 32, UCLA 14 — The Bruins defeated UCLA in the second week of the season, 27-17. However, this is a different Cougars team, now.

BYU was coping with the loss of several seniors from last season's squad, but recovered to roll off nine straight victories. Sophomore quarterback Max Hall is the latest Cougar to emerge at the position, much like Ty Detmer, John Beck and Steve Young before him.

UCLA lacks the offensive fire power to compete with BYU and as soon as this game turns into a shootout, it's over for the Bruins. The only thing they do well offensively is run the football and that's the only thing BYU defends well.

The only reason the Cougars won't score into the high 30s or 40s is because the Bruins do defend well against the pass.

Hawaii Bowl Boise St. (10-2) vs. East Carolina (7-5) 7 p.m. Sunday (ESPN)
Last bowl appearance: Boise St. 43, Oklahoma 42

(2006 Fiesta); South Florida 24, ECU 7 (2006 Papajohns.com)

Synopsis: Who could ever forget the showing Boise State's Broncos put on in last season's Fiesta Bowl against Oklahoma?

Outside of the 2006 National Championship between Texas and USC, the Broncos and Sooners had the greatest bowl game I've ever seen played. The game forever immortalized the hook-and-ladder and statue of liberty plays.

This season, Boise St. serves as a great example to what one loss can do to a team in Division I-A, or FBS, college football. Were it not for a 39-27 loss to Hawaii in the last game of the season, the Broncos might be headed back to another BCS bowl.

This game features two of the better running backs in the country that happen to also share the same last name — Boise St.'s Ian Johnson and ECU's Chris Johnson.

Ian made a name for himself last season's Fiesta Bowl by first running in the winning 2-point conversion and then by proposing his girlfriend, who happened to be a Broncos' cheerleader, on national television. Could a better script be written?

Chris is hoping the national stage can be a catapult to making a name for him. If there are faster running backs in the nation, then they are few and far between. Once he's in the open field, few defensive backs have a chance of catching him.

Stopping their opponents' run game is priority for both defenses.

Prediction: Boise St. 49, ECU 28 — Expect both Johnsons to top 100 yards rushing and to

score at least one touchdown.

However, Boise St. does a better job at defending the run than ECU does. Also, the Broncos can throw the ball more effectively with the very efficient Taylor Tharp at quarterback.

Motor City Bowl Purdue (7-5) vs. Central Michigan (8-5) 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (ESPN)

Last bowl appearance: Maryland 24, Purdue 7 (2006 Champs Sports); Central Michigan 31, Middle Tennessee St. 14 (2006 Motor City)

Synopsis: BYU and UCLA aren't the only two teams playing a rematch this bowl season. Purdue's Boilermakers defeated Central Michigan's Chippewas 45-22 in the third week of the season.

Everyone knows that Tim Tebow ran for 1,000 yards and threw for 3,000 yards this season. What most people don't realize is he isn't the only quarterback to accomplish that feat this season.

The Chippewas Dan LeFevour is a true dual threat, throwing for 3,360 yards and rushing for 1,008 yards. Lefevour torched Purdue for 364 yards in the air the first time they met, however, the Boilermakers completely took away his ability to run the football.

Purdue features a stellar quarterback of its own. Senior Curtis Painter has thrown for 3,300 yards this season. However, Purdue has lost its last three games and finished Big 10 play 3-5.

Prediction: CMU 45, Purdue 41 — This could be one of the higher scoring games in the bowl season. CMU will be more competitive in this meeting than the first one and have the ability to beat Purdue.

It all centers on LeFevour's ability to run and pass the ball effectively. The Chippewas definitely come in the hotter team. Purdue represents what has been an utterly disappointing season for the Big 10 conference.

BRIEFS

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Lot 4, Block 90; Lots 2, 3 and 4 Block 91; Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 96; Lot 1, Block 97; all appearing in the plat of the Original Town of Big Spring

The property is commonly known as the Big Spring Independent School District Runnels Junior High School site and located at 200 East Tenth Street, Big Spring, Texas.

Interested parties may contact BSISD Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3620, to arrange for inspection of the premises and for review of the sales contract and Special Warranty Deed.

This property houses buildings that are known to contain asbestos and/or asbestos containing material. A copy of BSISD'S Asbestos Management Plan setting forth the location and identity of all known hazardous materials will be provided to bidders upon request. Bidders will be required to assume by contract all current and future responsibilities, costs, abatements, and liabilities of all hazardous materials.

Interested bidders may obtain a bid packet from Sandra Waggoner, at the office of the Big Spring Independent School District's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648. The bid packet contains: a full legal description of the Property, bid instructions and the District's "Contract of Sale." Bidders shall return a completed "Contract of Sale," with the required earnest money, in a sealed envelope marker "Real Property Bid," to office of the Big Spring Independent School District's Business Office, 708 East

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

In today's handful of celestial occurrences, Mercury enters Capricorn, immediately

chatting up Jupiter for major social networking. Talk with the "right" people who know how to get where

you're headed. Pluto and the sun combine forceful, driven energies. The next rung of the success ladder is in reach. Stick out your hand, and you'll feel it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Push yourself to do the very thing you don't want to do. This is how you get the self-discipline required in order to be who you want to be. A Leo has hot tips.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't need much. As long as loved ones are close, all is right in your world. And when the arguing starts, that's when you really feel at home. Enjoy the quirks of your clan — they're true originals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you're aiming to win a heart, a sale or a stamp of approval, once size does not fit all. You need a catered and personal approach. Be ready to adjust at the slightest indication that it's not working.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Letter writing and e-mail are exceptionally lucky. There's an

opportunity to associate with someone creative, interesting and possibly famous. You also might date someone you once considered out of your league.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll probably never see yourself the way other people do. But try. A little objectivity goes a long way toward promoting your cause and improving your talents.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your sophistication can be intimidating. You should know that someone who looks up to you doesn't even know what you're talking about half of the time. Take care to explain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're trying out new social circles. Be wary of having to show that you belong. Anyone who judges you by the car you drive is not worthy of you. Lucky move tonight: read. (Readers are leaders.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Plan your strategy carefully. The professional gains you've been hoping for are well within your reach. Leave nothing to chance — your power is in the specifics.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Oh, the tangled web one weaves trying to please everyone! Since you can't, just be honest. Respond to the needs of others with an open heart, but give your own needs the top priority.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make a gesture to clear the tension between you and a loved one. When your personal

life is handled, you'll be relaxed enough to see and take advantage of a financial opportunity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Keep up that sunny attitude even as you travel through some dense cloud cover. It's hard to be the classiest one around, but you'll be rewarded for your effort to continually take the high road.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The changes you've been trying to make for months now can finally be implemented. Colleagues are particularly receptive to your requests. Be diplomatic, and you'll see results as early as the start of next week.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am graduating from college in two months. I can make a decision about everything else in my life, but I am utterly lost when it comes to choosing a career direction. Do the stars offer any guidance? I was born Dec. 1, 1983."

Has anyone ever told you that you have a gift for gab? That when anyone needs a pick-me-up, they seek you? Has anyone ever mentioned that you have a funny way of making just about everyone feel comfortable, especially people from different cultures or nationalities? You're a super Sagittarian, with not one but five planets in Sagittarius. At first, a blinking light went off in my head as I thought: PR, PR, PR! It banks on all

the aforementioned, and you'd be excellent at it. But then I got to thinking, wow, you'd be excellent at other things, too — a foreign ambassador, book publishing, international travel, trade and social activism. The world is your oyster, and that's the Sagittarian conundrum. The only way to approach the rest of your life is ask: "What's important to me right now?" Identify your strengths and values as you are. Those will superpower your dreams.

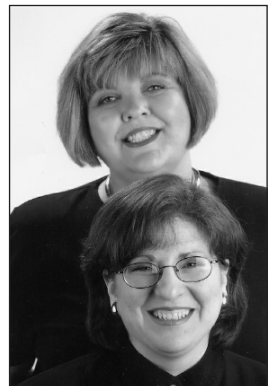
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Rock 'n' roll icon and Sagittarian Keith Richards is a colorful bloke, but who knew he was a pirate? Johnny Depp modeled his "Pirates" role after Keith, who eventually showed up as himself in "Pirates 3." The archetypal pirate is certainly an aspect of Sagittarius: part explorer, part traveling salesman. As a jack o' all trades Sag, Richards could raid booty elsewhere but found it in rock 'n' roll.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." To write to her, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 23-year-old mother and I'm depressed all the time. I can't sleep, I can't eat and I'm mad at myself for taking it out on everyone I know. I thought it was because of being around my 7-month-old daughter so much, so I went back to work, but now I only feel worse. I worry about her until I get home.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

I'm losing my mind. I've even started to think how I could end it all. My boyfriend of almost four years has tried to help, but I think he's getting tired of it. I can't talk to anyone I know about what's going on because they will judge me as a bad person and try to take away my baby. I have no insurance. What can I do? — Miserable in Kentucky

Dear Kentucky: The birth of a child can create hormonal fluctuations that cause post-partum depression. No one will judge you if you get help. The important thing is that you recognize you are depressed and want to get better. First talk to your gynecologist. Then check out your local hospital psychiatry departments and outpatient clinics, and university and medical school programs. If your job offers an employee assistance program, make an appointment to speak to someone. You can also try the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (dbsalliance.org) at 1-800-826-3632. In the meantime, exercise. It can lift depression and you can do it for free. Please get help. Your daughter deserves a healthy mother.

Dear Annie: I have two sets of antique English china. Even after researching the value of

the sets, I didn't have a clear picture of how much they were worth. One of my two daughters-in-law liked one particular set, and I told her she could have it when I was ready to clear out my china cabinet.

Since then, I've discovered that the set she wants is quite valuable. The second set doesn't appear to be worth as much. Now I'm worried that by giving the more valuable china to one daughter-in-law, it will seem like I'm showing favoritism.

I can't go back on my word, but I don't want to hurt the feelings of my other daughter-in-law. I'm upset and not sure how to handle it. — Ready to Break All the Dishes in California

Dear Dishes: This situation calls for complete disclosure. Invite both daughters-in-law to your home. Tell them Daughter-in-Law A has asked for China Blue and you said she could have it. However, since then, you have discovered that China Blue appears to be worth more than China Sea, although you aren't certain. If the difference in value turns out to be substantial, you might offer to give a second heirloom to the other daughter-in-law, but whatever you do, make the arrangements in front of both of them, be sure they agree, and then put it in writing.

Dear Annie: Thank you for proving you are human after all. The majority of your answers and suggestions are right on, but your answer to "W.W." about wearing a wristwatch made for a good laugh. You said right-handed people wear watches on their left wrist and vice versa.

First, hardly any watches made these days require winding. But a left-handed person wearing a watch on the right wrist would need to

be a contortionist to set the time. A more logical answer would seem to be a combination of doing whatever with their dominant hand while checking the time on the other arm. — Kaneohe, Hawaii

Dear Kaneohe: Quite a few readers wanted to know if we were contortionists, and we have to admit, we tried winding a standard watch on our right wrist with our left hand and thought about joining the circus. Most left-handed readers said they simply remove the watch when they have to wind or set it. But actually, we were thinking of watches specifically made for left-handed people that have the winding mechanism on the left side of the watch. Anyone who is interested can find them on the Internet.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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News in brief

Kerrey apologizes to Obama for insult in raising Muslim heritage

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Former Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey has apologized to Barack Obama for any unintentional insult he committed by raising the Democratic presidential candidate's Muslim heritage while endorsing rival candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Kerrey sent a letter to Obama on Wednesday, lauding the Illinois senator's qualifications to be president and saying that he never meant to harm his candidacy. Kerrey told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that he sent the letter on his own and had not spoken to Clinton or her campaign about the comments he made Sunday in Iowa.

"What I found myself getting into in Iowa — and it was my own fault — it was the wrong moment to do it and it was insulting," Kerrey told the AP. "I meant no disrespect at all."

Obama spokesman Bill Burton said the senator accepted Kerrey's apology, sent to the campaign in the mail and via e-mail.

While announcing his support for Clinton on Sunday, Kerrey told The Washington Post in an interview that while he hopes Clinton is the nominee, he would like Obama to have a role — especially because of his ability to reach out to black youth and Muslims around the world.

Study: Uninsured cancer patients nearly twice as likely to die within 5 years as insured

ATLANTA (AP) — Uninsured cancer patients are nearly twice as likely to die within five years as those with private coverage, according to the first national study of its kind and one that sheds light on troubling health care obstacles.

People without health insurance are less likely to get recommended cancer screening tests, the study also found,

confirming earlier research. And when these patients finally do get diagnosed, their cancer is likely to have spread.

The research by scientists with the American Cancer Society offers important context for the national discussion about health care reform, experts say — even though the uninsured are believed to account for just a fraction of U.S. cancer deaths.

An Associated Press analysis suggests it is around 4 percent.

Those dealing with cancer and inadequate insurance weren't surprised by the findings.

"I would just like for something to be done to help someone else, so they don't have to go through what we went through," said Peggy Hicks.

Despite signs, suicidal soldier not taken out of Iraq

SANFORD, N.C. (AP) — Pfc. Jason Scheuerman nailed a suicide note to his barracks closet in Iraq, stepped inside and shot himself.

"Maybe finally I can get some peace," said the 20-year-old, misspelling "finally" but writing in a neat hand.

His parents didn't find out about the note for well over a year, and only then when it showed up in a government envelope in his father's rural North Carolina mailbox.

The one-page missive was among hundreds of pages of documents the soldier's family obtained and shared with The Associated Press after battling a military bureaucracy they feel didn't want to answer their questions, especially this: Why did Jason Scheuerman have to die?

What the soldier's father, Chris, would learn about his son's final days would lead the retired Special Forces commando, who teaches at Fort Bragg, to take on the very institution he's spent his life serving — and ultimately prompt an investigation by the Army Inspector General's office.

Take Note

- Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

- St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

- All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

Christmas Decorating Contest winners

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Charles W. Lusk, 1300 Virginia, Reason for the Season Postcard
Abel Cruz Jr., 1711 S. Monticello, O Holy Night
Howard and Janie Shivers, 902 Baylor, Shimmery Wonderland – BEST OF THE BEST
Randy and Katy McKinney, 1314 Monmouth, Merry Christmas Ya'll
Franklin Jenkins, 2702 Cindy Lane, A Santa's Sweet Treat
Robert and Stacy Austin, 2614 Lynn Dr., A Beary Merry Christmas
Bruce and Martha Myers, 2225 Lynn Dr., Multi-Colored Christmas
Chuck and Cindy Breyman, 3106 Mountain Shadow, Silent Night, Holy Night
Buster and Susie Gartman, 2608 Alamesa, Joy to the World
Charles and Marian Buzbee, 1504 Mesquite, All American Christmas
Erlinda Flores, 1213 W. Sixth, Simply Christmas
Arnold and Gwen Collins, 806 San Antonio, Homemade Christmas

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Stan and Sue Partee, 711 Belvedere
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punishable with 180 days to two years in prison," said Wilkerson. "However, these were the first felony charges for the young man. The court felt it had to send a strong message as to the seriousness of this behavior, and I feel like the sentence reflects that."

Also indicted was Steven Silletti, 17, who drew true-bills from the grand jury on two counts of burglary of a habitation, one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and the rest for burglary of a building.

A third suspect in the string of burglaries — Robert Pearson, 20, of 904 Nolan — was also indicted in November on three counts of burglary of a habitation, a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Most of the indictments spring from a rash of burglaries that occurred in September and October of this year, according to Wilkerson, who said the cases began falling into place fairly quickly prior to the indictments.

"The three were caught under suspicious circumstances ... and as the investigation continued, evidence surfaced con-

necting them to other offenses," Wilkerson said. "I feel like that this was a very substantial operation."

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, Clark and Silletti were arrested thanks to ramped-up surveillance by law enforcement officials.

"Due to the surge in burglaries in the city, the street crimes unit and patrol division have been increasing their presence in the business areas that have been affected," Everett explained shortly after Clark and Silletti were arrested. "Just after midnight, these officers

contacted two male subjects in an area where numerous burglaries had occurred. The two subjects were on foot, and when detained, officers found them in possession of drug paraphernalia and evidence that they may have been involved in the burglaries. The subjects were then taken into custody."

Everett said the pair later confessed to taking part in the burglaries, helping investigators clear a number of recent break-ins.

"They were interviewed

and both confessed their involvement," said Everett. "These arrests cleared two residential burglaries, a stolen vehicle and seven business burglaries."

Silletti is expected to go to trial Jan. 7, according to Wilkerson.

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WATER

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said Jim Piper, distribution and collection superintendent for the city.

He said there is no way to tell in advance how long residents will be without water.

"We won't know what we are getting into until we dig it up, so we really don't know how long this will take," said Piper,

who added that in addition to the repairs, three valves will be installed along W. Highway 80.

"We won't go home until we get the water going again, though. We always stay until it's done," he said.

The work was originally scheduled to be done last Saturday, Piper said, but a break in another area forced city crews to change their plans.

Anyone having questions can call Piper's office at 264-2594.



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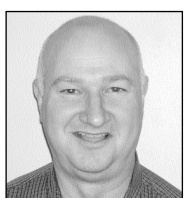
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AN ENCOURAGING WORD


By Eddy Pitchford

Let me share some basic lessons about giving Christmas gifts: Do not give a gift to impress people. Do not give a gift you cannot afford to buy. Do not give a gift because you desire a gift in return. Do not give a gift as a repayment for having been given a gift.

Let me share some basic lessons about the giving of Christ: Jesus was given; He was not loaned. Jesus cannot be bought but must be accepted. Jesus is a gift for every day of the year. Jesus is the gift that keeps giving. Jesus gives joy to hearts that are hurting. Jesus gives forgiveness to people that obey. Jesus gives peace to families that honor Him.

Let me share some basic reminders about the holidays: People may ask for fancy things but they really need faithfulness. People may be with other people yet still be lonely. People may open presents from Santa but they really need the presence of God. People do not need gifts from you as much as they need you.

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OUR VIEWS

Share the magic of Big Spring's Festival of Lights

Something magical has happened at Comanche Trail Park again this holiday season with the 11th annual Festival of Lights. There's no doubt the Festival of Lights is now a tradition and a major attraction for Big Spring during the Christmas season.

In fact, even though some of the displays are still not in operation — thanks to inclement weather which struck just before the opening — thousands of visitors have already toured the Festival of Lights.

The giant poinsettias, arranged around and reflected in the waters of the historic Big Spring and those lining the dam along U.S. 87 grab the eye, but they are just a few of the attractions at this year's new and improved Festival of Lights.

In fact, long-time visitors will notice a few changes this year.

"The main attraction this year will be recognizing our military," Festival of Lights President Pat Simmons said. "There is a huge U.S. flag, with more than 1,000 lights, in the diorama area (adjacent to the community center)."

This holiday season, as in recent years, numerous businesses, civic groups and individuals have again been invited to take part in decorating for the festival and they've come through with even more magnificent efforts than ever before.

The festival will continue through Dec. 31. Remember, admission is free, but donations from visitors are gratefully accepted — making it possible to not only maintain the displays, but expand them each year.

Be sure to take a few moments this holiday season, pack up the family or a few friends and take a tour through the park and enjoy the almost magical display volunteers have created.

We're convinced you'll be pleased with what you see and glad you took the time.

As we've noted before — every year for almost a decade, in fact — we always find the tour well worth our time.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

If we'll just ask, Lord, You will always listen.

Amen

Different types of conservatism

Since its emergence as a dominant political force in the '80s, the religious right has been a favorite whipping boy of the mainstream media and political left and a sometimes embarrassment to certain conservative elitists. Yet neither group of critics can deny the electoral power Christian conservatives have wielded.

The group's uncompromising commitment to protecting life and defending America's traditional institutions has been instrumental in beating back the left's relentless assault on our culture. Without its grassroots contributions, we'd be seeing a lot more Ruth Bader Ginsbergs and a lot fewer Antonin Scalias.

But this primary campaign season, because of the competing resumes and platforms of various Republican presidential candidates and the complex interplay of religion and politics that has emerged, I am concerned that Christian conservatives could lose sight of the big picture of conservatism, all of whose principles are vitally important for this nation.

In my view, there's no perfect GOP candidate, but all of the viable Republican candidates are immeasurably preferable to their Democratic counterparts, and we should all support the eventual Republican nominee. But not all Christian conservatives agree.

The venerable Dr. James Dobson, for example, has said he couldn't support Rudy Giuliani.

Rudy is not my first choice either, but he's a strong, capable leader who will fervently protect our national security.

I pray he'll honor his pledge to appoint constitutionalist judges. Rudy is a far safer bet on life than any Democratic candidate.

Next, speculation exists that some evangelicals wouldn't support Mitt Romney because of his Mormonism. While I believe there

are greater differences between Mormonism and mainstream Christianity than some assume, I will certainly support Romney if he is nominated. Again, my reservations concern his recent flips on social issues and how they bear on his authenticity. But if Mitt is the man he presents himself to be, he could make an extraordinary president. If not, he'll still be head and shoulders above the unapologetic socialists on the other ticket.

Some Christian conservatives have criticized Fred Thompson for refusing to endorse a federal ban on abortion. I understand the concern but believe a legitimate conservative (and pro-life) case can be made for Fred's position.

Thompson is an inveterate advocate of federalism and state's rights, and his view that the abortion issue should be left to the states as before Roe squares with conservative principles.

But I confess, my main anxiety about Christian conservatives is their seeming willingness to turn a blind eye to Christian pastor Mike Huckabee's decidedly liberal instincts and either his acceptance of or desire to pander to politically correct conventional wisdom.

We get mixed signals on his tax policy, with critics saying he was a big taxer in Arkansas and defenders pointing to his support of the Fair Tax.

He has exhibited a Jimmy Carteresque naivete on foreign policy issues, suggesting we can solve our problems with other nations solely with better diplomacy — as if tyrants and terrorist regimes respond to Golden Rule treatment.

He parrots the Democrat propaganda that President Bush did not extend a hand of bipartisanship to Democrats in his first term or since.

He has boarded the left's global-warming train. He's an economic populist who seems to favor yet more state involvement in health care. His record on clemencies is troubling. And, he has nanny-state tendencies, from federal smoking bans to advocating a federal clear-

inghouse to promote the arts in education. Big government conservatism is oxymoronic.

Don't get me wrong. I think Huckabee is a genuine Christian leader and a decent man whom I'll support, if he's nominated. But I think that on many political issues, he sounds a lot more like a liberal theologian and politician than a conservative one.

Liberal ones invariably translate Jesus's heart for the poor as a mandate for massive wealth redistribution, as if state-coerced transfers of other people's money are acts of Christian compassion. There is nothing compassionate about sapping the human spirit to the detriment of all.

Let's remember that Reagan conservatism, from start to finish, is consonant with Christian values. Abortion may well be the most important issue, but it is not the only one.

Christian conservatives must promote other conservative principles, without which this nation would never have flourished, much less been the freest, strongest and noblest nation in world history.

We must redouble our commitment to free enterprise and fierce opposition to statism, which will destroy the spirit and reality of liberty as surely as abortion destroys babies in the womb. We must defend our borders, safeguard our national security, promote the unique American culture, shrink government spending and regulation, and reduce the federal tax burden.

Finally, as Christian conservatives, let's remember that politics is not the only avenue for championing our values and positively affecting the culture.

I know purists will disagree, but it won't serve our cause to let the perfect be the enemy of the good.

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Muddying up the Democratic waters

Bill Shaheen was clearly wrong. The Hillary Clinton supporter and husband of former Governor of New Hampshire Jeanne Shaheen ignited a firestorm by suggesting that Barack Obama's open admission of drug use in his youth could be ammunition for the Republicans in a general election. In case you missed it, what he said was that Obama's candor "could open the door" to further questions from those mean old Republicans. "It'll be, 'When was the last time? Did you ever give drugs to anyone? Did you sell them to anyone?' It's hard to overcome."

The short answer is: No, it's not. See George W. Bush. When he was young and crazy, he's said enough times to make it a mantra, he was young and crazy. More than that he would not say, lest he serve as a bad role model for kids, and more than that no one ever demanded.

The problem with Shaheen's comments, though, is not simply that they were wrong or unauthorized, or that they forced Hillary herself to repudiate him and them. He hurt the candidate he was trying to help. He helped the candidate he was trying to hurt. He

made Hillary look desperate. He made Barack into her victim. He commanded attention he didn't deserve, hadn't earned and that his comments didn't merit.

Why? Why does anyone really care what a volunteer who is best known for being somebody's husband has to say about what the Republicans would do in a general election?

It's a reflection of what politics has come to that nothing either candidate said or did in the last two days commanded near the attention that Shaheen's unauthorized comments did. What politics has come to is a slugfest, and if the candidates themselves aren't throwing the punches, the press is willing to cover anybody who does, in whatever form they're thrown. If Billy Shaheen had given a two-hour speech on all the things he likes about Hillary Clinton, no one would have written a word about it. Who cares, we would have said.

But throwing a punch at Obama? Now that's news.

The press is desperate to turn this into an ugly war, even if they have to use sucker punches by nobodies to do it.

Of course, it's true that Obama's people seized on the remarks, seeing in them an opportunity to portray their opponent as desperate, and as acting in a way inconsis-

tent with her own prior statements. Why wouldn't they? This is how the game gets played. If politics has become a business in which the fact of an attack gets more coverage than its substance or merits, why not look for an opportunity to brand your opponent as an assailant? Volunteers, including "officials of state campaigns," are what we in politics call "loose cannons." Many of them have titles, titles being a dime a dozen in politics. They say lots of things. But they don't deserve the press's attention, or the country's.

When a loose cannon takes a bad shot, it shouldn't be enough to start a war. It shouldn't be the story of the day, the apology becoming the story of the next day. This is why people hate politics. And they're half right. It isn't politics they should hate, but what those of us in the media have done to turn it into a combat sport in which only the punches get attention. If a nobody throws a punch and we all ignore it, it's not a punch. It's a tree falling in a forest that no one sees.

In a campaign that's likely to go on as long as this one, we'll all be stuck in the swamp by the time it's over if we're not careful.

Billy who? Forget him.

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Bullitt is back

Super stealth, super fast, 2008 Bullitt Mustang set to arrive

This is one of the coolest cars I have driven all year — and that's saying a lot, especially when you factor in that I had the chance to spend time behind the wheel of the Mustang GT500.

The Bullitt is back. Well, the super stealth, super fast limited-edition 2008 Mustang Bullitt will actually begin arriving early next year.

But January is just around the corner — and, only 7,700 units will be sold. I highly recommend getting your order in now.

The release of the '08 Bullitt coincides with the 40th anniversary of the 1968 Steve McQueen film, which included one of the greatest car chase scenes in movie history.

While staying true to the spirit of the '68 movie car, the '08 version is loaded with the latest Ford Racing technology.

Powered by a 315-horsepower 4.6-liter V8 engine and mated to a five-speed Tremec 5-speed manual transmission, the new Bullitt lives up to its name.

I know there's a question a lot of Mustang enthusiasts are waiting to ask.

The answer is no, this isn't a Mustang GT with a special appearance package.

Engineers used the Mustang GT as a starting point, but the modifications go way beyond exterior cosmetics.

The engine calibration

is designed to increase throttle response and the redline has been boosted to 6,500 rpm to produce a top-end speed of 151 mph.

The engine also features the first use of an open-element air filter in a factory-produced, fuel-injected Mustang.

Inspired by Ford Racing,

the intake is tucked behind the driver side headlamp, mounted in an air box that was tooled up specifically for this car. To accommodate the box, the hood liner was extensively modified to provide a full seal to the air box, ensuring the engine is fed a steady diet of cooler air.

There's also the Tremec 5-speed transmission and major modifications to the suspension system — including new shocks and struts along with a tower-to-tower brace designed specifically for the Bullitt to add torsional and lateral stiffness to the chassis, which provides world class cornering.

Cosmetically, the Bullitt is very unique as designers did a great job in staying true to the original '68 movie car. When Warner Brothers filmed "Bullitt," it was in the days before paid product placement. As a result, the movie company removed all badging and logos from the Mustangs used in the film, providing a "stealth" appearance.

The '08 Bullitt mirrors the original inasmuch as the only visible identification is the "Bullitt"

ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE



The 2008 Ford Mustang Bullitt.

dropped into a gun-sight graphic in the center of the faux gas cap on the decklid.

Like the movie car, the '08 Bullitt is available in Dark Highland Green, which is exclusive to the Mustang Bullitt. Buyers can also opt for black.

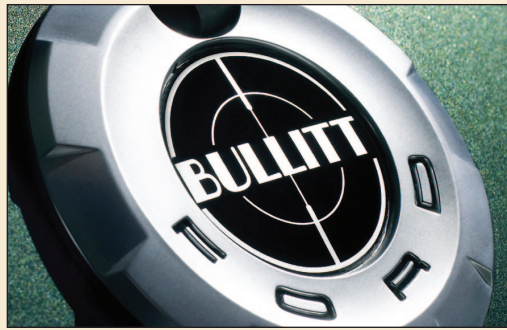
The interior is finished in Charcoal Black leather and satin metallic trim, with a hand-machined, aluminum swirl dash panel appliqué.

With a base price of \$31,075, the 2008 Mustang Bullitt is an absolute awesome vehicle and will no doubt be a hit with both driving enthusiasts and collectors. During my weeklong test drive, I also found it to be a fun car for everyday driving.

It goes without saying, but I highly recommend this car for a test drive.

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THE NUTS AND BOLTS



MODEL:
2008 Ford Mustang Bullitt
4-seat performance coupe
Rear-wheel drive
PRICE RANGE:
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ENGINE:
4.6-L V8 (315 hp/325 torque)
TRANSMISSION:
5-speed Tremec manual

EPA: 15 mpg city, 23 mpg highway
FUEL: Regular or premium unleaded
SUSPENSION: Independent MacPherson strut (front); link solid axle with coil springs (rear). New unique strut tower brace with unique sport-tuned shocks and struts.
BRAKES: ABS with traction control.
LENGTH: 188 in.
WHEELBASE: 107.1 inches
WIDTH: 73.9 inches
HEIGHT: 55.3 in.
TIRES: 18-inch with micro machined Euro-flange Bullitt wheels
SAFETY: Dual front airbags, seat-mounted side airbags, LATCH system, Ford's Personal Safety System, SecuriLock, Tire Pressure Monitoring system, remote keyless entry.
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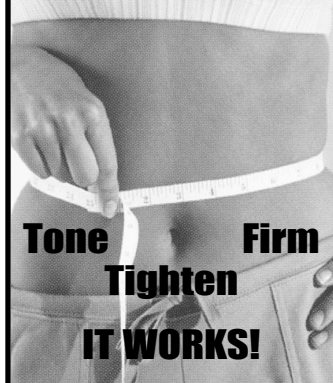
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News in brief

Man lost in Calif. mountains for 3 days with 3 kids says he overcame fear with faith

PARADISE, Calif. (AP) — A man who was lost in the mountains along with his three children for three days during a snowstorm said he was terrified they wouldn't make it out alive, but he remained strong for his children and relied on his faith.

Frederick Dominguez and the children, who vanished while looking for a Christmas tree, were rescued Wednesday by a helicopter from a snowy ravine, just as another storm was bearing down in the foothill region about 100 miles north of Sacramento.

"You just want your kids to be safe and you're just praying, 'God, keep my kids alive,'" Dominguez told reporters at Feather River Hospital in Paradise.

The rescue came as relatives and friends were starting to lose hope. One snowstorm had covered the family's tracks, and an even bigger storm was hours away from burying the four even deeper.

"I'm just amazed how well they did," Lisa Sams said after seeing her children and ex-husband for the first time since they went missing. "It was like butterflies in my stomach, like if you were going to go on a very first date."

Congress OKs bill that would flag gun buyers' mental problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress passed a long-stalled bill inspired by the Virginia Tech shootings that would more easily flag prospective gun buyers who have documented mental health problems. The measure also would help states with the cost.

Passage by voice votes in the House and Senate Wednesday came after months of negotiations between Senate Democrats and the lone Republican, Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, who had objected and delayed passage.

It was not immediately clear whether President Bush intended to sign, veto or ignore the bill. If Congress does not technically go out of session, as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has threatened, the bill would become law if Bush does not act within 10 days.

"This bill will make America safer without affecting the rights of a single law-abiding citizen," said the Senate's chief sponsor, New York Democrat Chuck Schumer.

CIA expected to quickly produce documents on destroyed terror suspect videotapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under a subpoena threat, the CIA is expected to quickly begin turning over to Congress documents related to the destruction of videotapes showing the harsh interrogation of two terror suspects.

The agency could begin producing the material as early as Thursday, according to senior intelligence

officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because of ongoing investigations into the destruction of the tapes in 2005.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, said Wednesday the CIA had agreed to turn over the documents sometime this week after he prepared subpoenas for former and current CIA officials and attorneys if they don't voluntarily come before the committee to testify about the tapes. The document request includes records related to the 9/11 Commission and to al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, whose attorneys were seeking interrogation videos.

The panel rejected a Bush administration request that it defer to an executive branch preliminary inquiry and has launched its own investigation into the videotape destruction.

Reyes wants acting CIA general counsel John Rizzo and Jose Rodriguez, the former head of the National Clandestine Service, to testify to the committee on Jan. 16. Rodriguez is the official who directed that the tapes, which document the interrogation of two al-Qaida suspects in 2002, be destroyed.

U.S. commander in N. Iraq says al-Qaida still able to stage attacks despite drop in violence

BAGHDAD (AP) — The top U.S. commander in northern Iraq warned Wednesday that al-Qaida in Iraq was still capable of staging spectacular attacks despite a 50 percent drop in bombings and other violence in his region.

Army Maj. Gen. Mark P. Hertling said al-Qaida in Iraq was being pushed north by the increased numbers of U.S. troops that surged into Baghdad over the summer and fall. The insurgents are also being flushed out of Anbar province by "awakening councils" — groups of Sunni Arab tribesmen the U.S. military has backed to help fight al-Qaida in Iraq and its allies.

"Many of them have transited our province" of Diyala, which has seen some of the worst violence in Iraq, he said. "There are still some very bad things happening in that province, but we are continuing to pursue al-Qaida so they don't find a safe haven anywhere."

He said al-Qaida extremists could still carry out attacks against infrastructure projects such as bridges.

"You know, there are going to be continued spectacular attacks," he said when asked about the bombing of a bridge across Mosul dam on Monday.

Aruba prosecutors to detail evidence against 3 in dismissed Natalee Holloway case

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) — Prosecutors on Thursday plan to divulge evidence they gathered over the last eight months against three young men who will not be charged in the disappearance of Natalee Holloway because it was not sufficient to charge any-

one.

Prosecutors will detail what they had touted as "new incriminating evidence" at a news conference at the Aruban prime minister's office, two days after they dismissed their case against the suspects — a Dutch college student and two Surinamese brothers.

The Aruban prosecutors say they still believe the trio were involved in the American teenager's disappearance, but cannot prove a crime was committed because her body was never recovered. They have said they focused on cell phone calls and text messages between the suspects.

On Wednesday, Holloway's family blamed mistakes by Aruban investigators for bringing the case to a dead end after more than two years of searching.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Requiem for a Small Slam

West dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9 8 5

♥ 7 3

♦ Q 9 5 4

♣ 8 6 2

WEST

♠ K 10 6 3 2

♥ 9 6

♦ J 7

♣ J 9 4 3

EAST

♠ A Q 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A K 10 8 6 2

♣ 10 5

SOUTH

♠ —

♥ A K Q J 10 5 4 2

♦ 3

♣ A K Q 7

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass Pass 1 ♦ 6 ♥

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

You sometimes have to close your

eyes and bid a slam with no guaran-

tee of making it, because there's no

good way of finding out what you

need to know. In most of these cases,

the slam is bid simply because you

feel you're a favorite to succeed.

Consider this deal where South

had to decide what to do after East

opened one diamond. He felt certain

he'd lose a diamond trick, so the

question was whether he'd also lose

a club trick.

South reasoned that if his partner

held the jack of clubs, the slam

would be laydown, and also that if

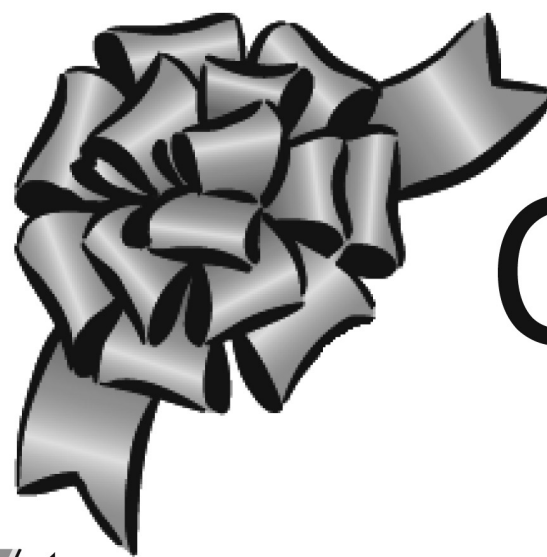
the North hand contained any four or more clubs, the odds would strongly favor not losing a club trick. Furthermore, if North had a singleton or doubleton club, the seven of clubs could probably be ruffed in dummy.

Accordingly, South leaped directly to six hearts. He naturally was disappointed to find partner with the one holding — three small clubs — that made the slam a shaky proposition. The outcome seemed to depend entirely on a 3-3 club division, a 36 percent chance that was not about to materialize, but he found a way to make the slam anyway.

After East won the first diamond trick, he played the ace of spades, ruffed by South. Declarer then cashed the ace of trumps before playing the A-K-Q of clubs. When East showed out but was unable to ruff, it was then a simple matter to trump the club seven with dummy's remaining heart and so bring home the slam.

It might seem that South took a very big chance when he failed to draw the only missing trump before playing his three top clubs, but his approach was well-reasoned. He was sure to succeed if the missing clubs were divided 3-3, but he would also get home safely if the clubs broke 4-2 or worse and the defender with the long clubs had the missing trump. If one of the high clubs did get ruffed, the contract was doomed regardless of how South played.

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6 :PM	News (CC)	Jeopardy!	Yo Amo a Juan	The Simpsons	News	12 Corazones	News	Raymond	Joe McGee	News-Lehrer	Man vs. Wild	"	CSI: Crime	Law & Order	Live (CC)	Han, Montana	College	College	Movie: A.I.
7 :PM	Duel (CC)	Duel (CC)	Amar sin	Smarter Than	CSI: Crime	Madre Luna	Clash of the	Friends (CC)	Update Israel	Arthur's Per-	Last One	Movie: Blazing	CSI: Crime	NBA	Movie: Go	Figure (CC)	Okla. St. vs.	Duke vs.	"
8 :PM	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Pasion	Don't Forget	CSI: Crime	Victoria	Name Is Earl	Movie: Monster-in-Law	Light of the	O Come All Ye	Last One	"	TNA IMPACT!	Lakers at	Loosed (CC)	That's-Raven	Gamenight	College	Movie: Showdown at
9 :PM	Big Shots (CC)	Big Shots (CC)	Aqui y Ahora	TMZ (CC)	Without a	Pecados	The Office	"	"	Craft in	Futureweapons	Mad Men	"	"	Keyshia Cole:	That's-Raven	Basketball:	Poinsettia Bowl	Area 51
10 :PM	News (CC)	News	Primer Impacto	Two-Half Men	News	Noticias	News	Sex and-City	Update Israel	Charlie Rose	"	Movie: National	MANswers	Basketball:	Hell Date	Zack & Cody	Oklahoma	Utah	Code Red: The
11 :PM	The Insider	Jimmy Kimmel	La Hora de la	Law & Order:	Letterman	Tarde	Decisions de	Movie: What	Betty Swann	Tavis Smiley	Last One	Lampoon's	MANswers	Nuggets	Jamie Foxx	Replacements	The Contender	"	Conspiracy
12 :AM	Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	Salome (SS)	Reno 911!	Show	Famosos	Late Night-	Movie: Lies	Update Israel	Sign Off	Last One	Mad Men	Action Sports	Inside the NBA	Comicview	Emperor New	The Bronx Is	(CC)	Twilight Zone
12 :30	News (CC)	Lighthouse	"	George Lopez	The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien	(CC)	Light-World	"	Standing	(CC)	Championships	(CC)	(CC)	American Drgn	NFL Live	"	"

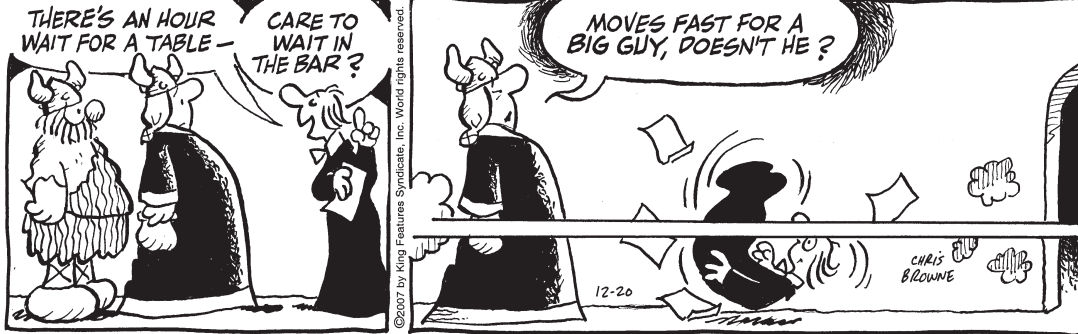
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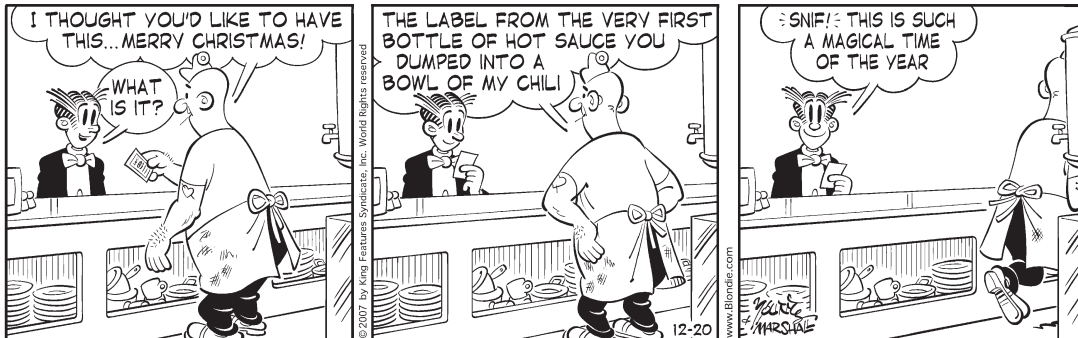
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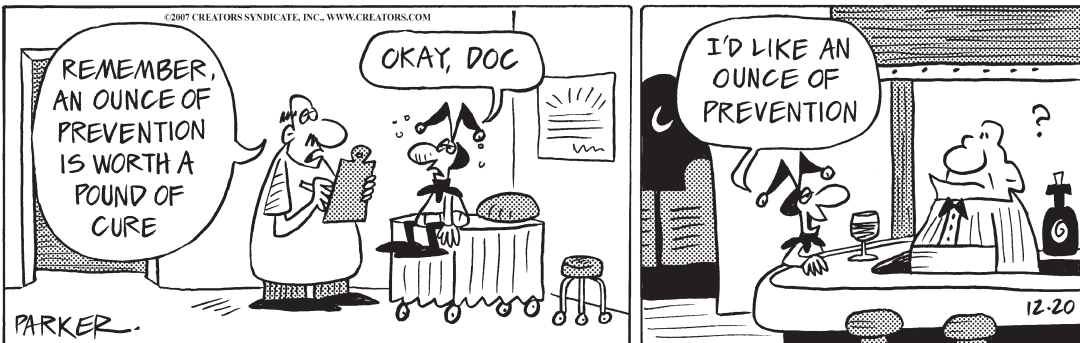
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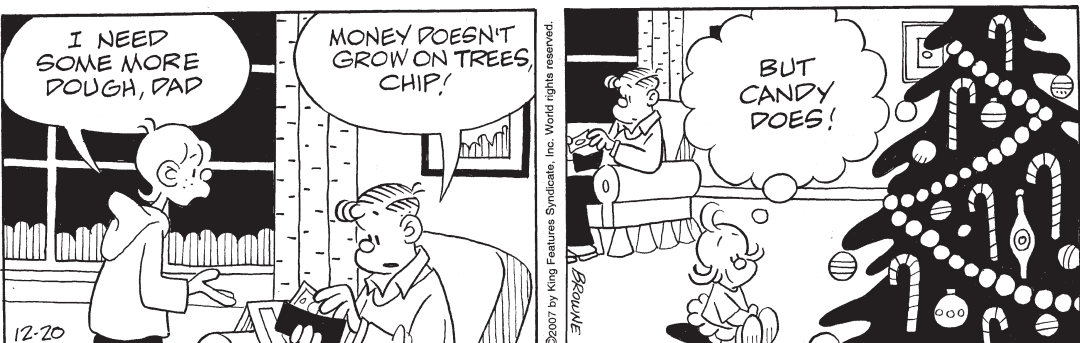
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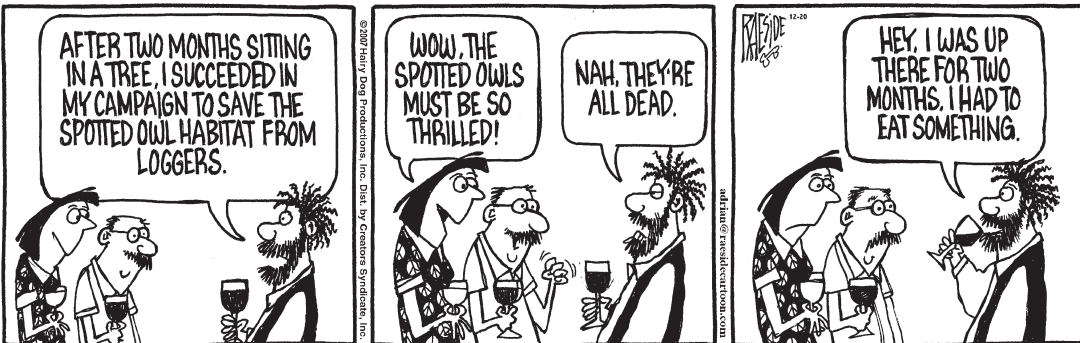
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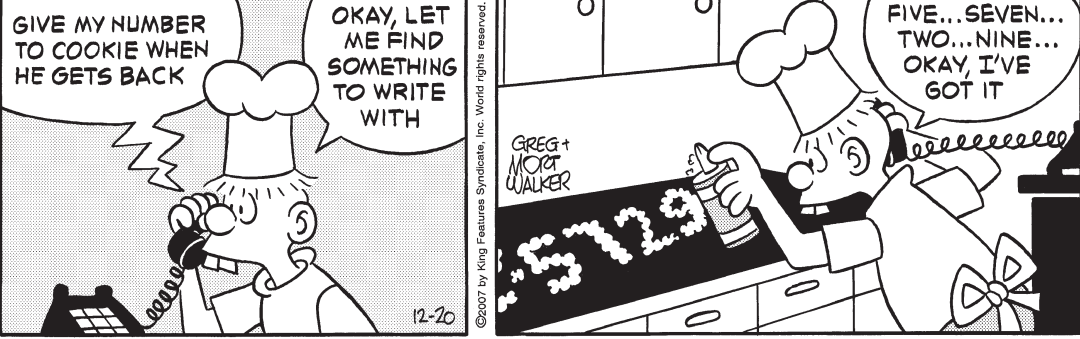
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 2007. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans.

On this date:
In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I.

In 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union.

In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Ga., as Union Gen. William T. Sherman continued his "March to the Sea."

In 1945, the Office of Price Administration announced the end of tire rationing, effective Jan. 1, 1946.

In 1978, former White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman was released from prison after serving 18 months for his role in the Watergate cover-up.

In 1987, more than 4,300 people were killed when the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker Vector off Mindoro island.

In 1989, the United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

In 1999, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that homosexual couples were entitled to the same benefits and protections as wedded couples.

One year ago: Recently sworn-in Defense Secretary Robert Gates made an unannounced visit to Iraq.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Audrey Totter is 90. Comedian Charlie Callas is 80. Actor John Hillerman is 75.

Rock musician-music producer Bobby Colomby is 63. Rock musician Peter Criss is 62. Psychic/illusionist Uri Geller is 61. Producer

Dick Wolf ("Law & Order") is 61. Rock musician Alan Parsons is 58. Actress Jenny Agutter is 55. Actor Michael Badalucco is 53. Actress Blanche Baker is 51. Rock singer Billy Bragg is 50. Rock singer-musician Mike Watt (The Secondmen, Minutemen, FIREHOSE) is 50. Country singer Kris Tyler is 43. Rock singer Chris Robinson is 41. Actress Nicole deBoer is 37. Actor Jonah Hill is 24. Singer JoJo is 17.

Thought for Today: "I long ago came to the conclusion that all life is 6 to 5 against."
— Damon Runyon, American writer (1884-1946).
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Answer to previous puzzle

JIGS	LARA	STRAW
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BELOW	THE	HORIZON
END	HEED	RICES
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UNDER	THE	WEATHER
TOON	HORA	ROAST
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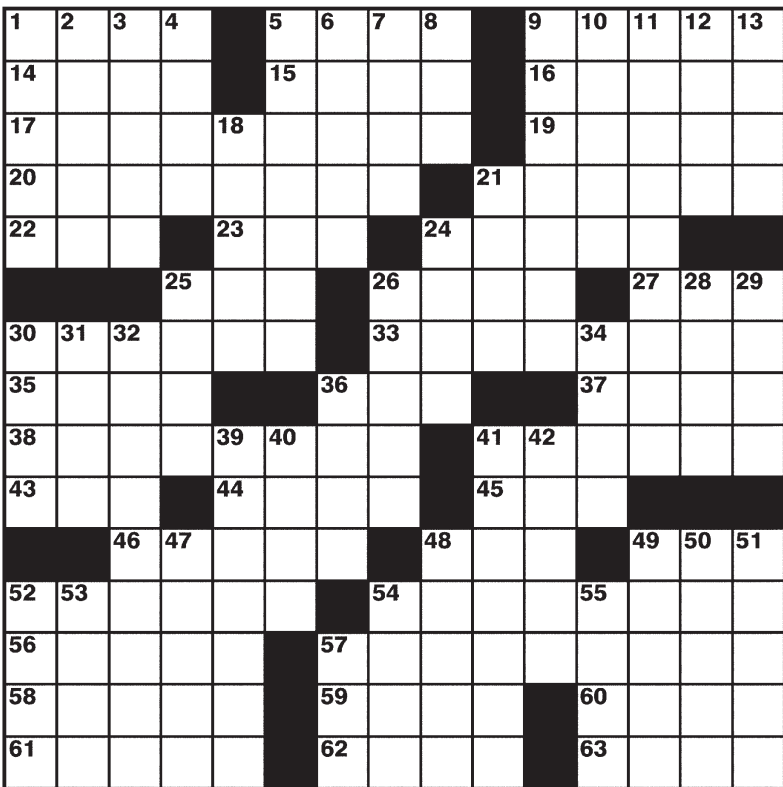
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ACROSS

- 1 Bundle of loot
- 5 Plus
- 9 They're all true
- 14 Hairspray mom
- 15 Burn a bit
- 16 Maui greeting
- 17 Highway warning sign
- 19 Is worthy
- 20 Introduces
- 21 Puts down on paper
- 22 All ready
- 23 CV
- 24 "___ evil, hear..."
- 25 One with a habit
- 26 "___ never work!"
- 27 Org. for Shaq
- 30 Political confrontation
- 33 Some suburbs
- 35 Green land
- 36 Atmosphere
- 37 Genie offering
- 38 Waiting-room reading
- 41 A lot
- 43 It means "a little"
- 44 "What For Love" (A Chorus line song)
- 45 Disencumber
- 46 Worn away
- 48 Cry out loud
- 49 Photo
- 52 Mystery writer Christie
- 54 Get near
- 56 Silver or Scout
- 57 Homeric subject
- 58 Computer key
- 59 Soothing plant
- 60 Susan on Desperate Housewives
- 61 High, flat hills
- 62 Warning from Mom
- 63 Lyric poems

DOWN

- 1 Lends a hand
- 2 Dote on
- 3 Dried out, perhaps
- 4 Chemists' spots
- 5 Silly
- 6 Resulted in
- 7 Is droopy
- 8 Cal. neighbor
- 9 Studs Lonigan creator
- 10 French actor Delon
- 11 Seed separator
- 12 You, of old
- 13 Be impertinent
- 18 Disprove
- 21 Water source
- 24 Cooking direction
- 25 Barrie barker
- 26 Covered with plants, perhaps
- 28 Tops
- 29 Pale gray
- 30 Bruce Willis ex
- 31 Big times
- 32 Generous natures
- 34 Inspired with wonder
- 36 Have ___ with (know well)
- 39 Stringed instruments
- 40 Notion
- 41 Type of plane
- 42 Zodiac sign
- 47 Floundering
- 48 Dish's companion
- 49 Touched clumsily
- 50 Phrase of concern
- 51 Rock of comedy
- 52 Throat-clearing sound
- 53 No longer here
- 54 Woody's son
- 55 Not taken in by
- 57 Abe's son



Washington fair spotlights work of future scientists

Special to the Herald

Students at Washington Elementary were in a scientific state of mind this week, as the school held its annual science fair competition.

The contest, which was organized by Washington teacher Shelly Burrow, featured a number of second, third and fourth grade students and science experiments of every shape and size.

"The judges had the hardest time with this," said Burrow. "Last year we had about 35 entries in the science fair, and this year we had more than 70, so it was a huge success in all manners. The students — with help from their parents — did a great job this year, and we're very proud of the end result."

In the Earth science category, Austin Riddle took first place, while fellow students Melanie Glass and Jacob Valdez took second and third, respectively.

The environmental category also drew a trio of winners, with Dustin Garcia taking first place honors, while Faith Pearson and Devynn Smith took second and third places, respectively.

In the plants category, Matilda Irving took top honors, with Cristian Gonzales coming in at second place and Bailee Fleet rounding things out in third.

Among the projects with a behavior theme, Rizpah Ellison won the first place

ribbon, while Veronica Nieto came in at second place. Third place honors went to a pair of students, as Brandon Chapel and Brandon Garcia tied.

By far the most popular category among competitors, the physics projects actually drew ties in all three top spots. Jimmy Roper and Brandi Flores took top honors with first place ribbons, while Devon Craven and Michael Klaus took second place and Chase Billings and Remy Colette rounded things out in third place.

Several second-grade students also participated in the competition, and although they weren't eligible to compete in the region wide contest, Burrow said their entries posed a most pleasant problem for the judges.

"We were very, very impressed with the work the second-grade students did on their projects," said Burrow.

As with the third and fourth grade students, physics was by far the most popular project theme among the second-grade students, with Rowan Colette taking first place honors. Hayley Jenkins garnered a second place ribbon, with Israel McClinton rounding out the category in third place.

Among the competitors in the chemistry category, J.R. Barton managed a first-place finish, with Dylan Cox and Gabriel Martinez taking second and third place ribbons,



Local resident Robbie Billings looks over some of the entries in this year's science fair competition at Washington Elementary Tuesday afternoon. Billings, who was there to support her grandchildren — Devon Craven, Brandon Chapel and Chase Billings — was one of many parents who took time to appreciate the different science projects developed by the school's second, third and fourth grade students.

respectively.

In the life category, young Lance Gonzales was the lone finisher with a first place ribbon, while Cierra Martinez also fin-

ished first in the behavior category.

Third and fourth grade competitors will move on to the regional contest, which is slated for March.

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Online survey open to students, parents

Herald Staff Report

Friday is the deadline for Big Spring Independent School District students, parents and teachers to participate in a national online survey.

"Speak Up" reports has influenced federal, state and local policy discussions on education and technology through Congressional briefings, reports for members of Congress, presentations to federal agencies and participation in national conferences, officials said.

BSISD will gain a voice in this national dialog along with other innovating and forward-looking districts. The results of the surveys are shared first with participating schools and districts so that they can use the data for planning and commu-

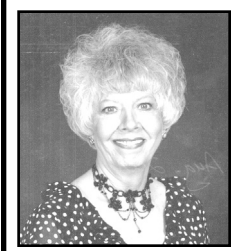
nity discussion.

Questions cover hot topics in education such as online learning, one-to-one computer initiatives, professional development, science and innovation, and 21st century workforce skills.

The survey only takes 15 minutes to complete and all responses are 100 percent confidential. No identification information is collected from students except gender and grade; no e-mail addresses are collected from any survey participants and individual data will not be shared with anyone.

To participate, simply go online at www.net-dayspeakup.org and enter the secret password (steers). The survey will be open for participation until Friday.

Surveys are available for all students in grades K through 12, their parents and teachers.



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