

SPECIAL
Microdermabrasion
Chemical Peel
\$100.00
Reg. \$250.00
LIMITED TIME ONLY

Dr. Steve Ahmed
Open Saturdays
• 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
1700 FM 700
264-1900

Slaton Insurance Agency
267-2398
Call For A Quote Today!

205 W. 15th

FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP

Vicki Slaton

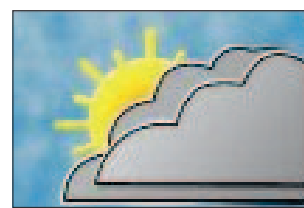
Tax Associates
Specializing in Income Tax
Sam Castro
406 Runnels
(432) 264-6134
(432) 264-8813

BIG SPRING

HERALD

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 19, 2007



VOLUME 103, NUMBER 16

COPYRIGHT 2007

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

Fires get close scrutiny

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Investigators with the Big Spring Fire Marshal's office are investigating a pair of suspicious fires reported during the weekend — at the same residence.

According to Fire Marshal Carl Condray, firefighters were called to a home in the 1100 block of Wood at approximately 3:30 p.m. Friday.



Condray

"Firefighters had the fire out within 10 to 15 minutes of arriving on the scene," said Condray. "The fire damage was mainly confined to one room in the home, which wasn't occupied at the time. It's not an abandoned home, but no one was living there at the time of the fire. Smoke damage was reported through the majority of the home, however, and was moderate."

Condray said the fire department was called to the home a second time Sunday evening.

"The call came in at 6:10 p.m. and firefighters

See **FIRES**, Page 3A



These finned-fellows got a new home Tuesday morning, as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department deposited approximately 1,500 winter trout in Comanche Trail Lake. City officials say they hope the new stock of fish will draw more anglers to the local lake.

Courtesy photo

Wind energy pacts set for BSISD, CISD

School districts stand to profit

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Last-minute tax limitation agreements will be the major point of business for Big Spring and Coahoma school trustees this week.

Big Spring public school trustees are expected to give their approval to

a tax limitation agreement with a wind energy company when they hold a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

The Coahoma school board will consider a similar agreement, plus cam-

See **FACTS**, Page 3A

United Way effort falls short of goal

Officials mum on allocation amounts until agencies notified

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County officials are closing the books on what they concede was a less-than-stellar campaign this year.

Directors learned during their Tuesday meeting that the drive, to this point, has received pledges totaling \$240,625, well short of this year's goal of \$305,000.

"Unfortunately, we fell short of our goal and I can't really tell you what the reasons were," said Jesse Mendoza, UW vice president and chairman of this year's campaign. "Pledges were just down this year all across the board."

Director Tim Yeats said this year's campaign was hurt by the sudden resignation of former Executive Director Cynthia Scott during a crucial phase.

"There was a lot of work that needed to be done between the campaigns that didn't get done," Yeats said. "This is not a

"I'm still hopeful we'll at least cross the \$250,000 mark. In that respect, I still feel it was a successful year."

—Jesse Mendoza,
United Way vice president

complaint against the job anyone did. We were just short-handed at the worst time."

While the drive didn't cross the \$300,000 mark, it was almost equal with the 2004 and 2005 campaigns, directors said.

"I'm still hopeful we'll at least cross the \$250,000 mark," Mendoza said. "In that respect, I still feel it was a successful year."

Directors also determined the allotments to be paid to the 15 agencies served by the United Way during the meeting, but declined to reveal those amounts until the agencies are informed in writing.

See **UW**, Page 3A

Burglary conviction nets Big Spring man 15-year term

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man received a 15-year sentence this week in 118th District Court after being convicted on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Adolfo Garza, 25, was found

guilty by a jury Monday on a charge of burglary of a habitation, stemming from a break in at a local apartment complex, according to Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

"He broke into an apartment at the Ponderosa Apartments

and stole some items," said Wilkerson. "He was identified by the apartment owner as being the one she saw around the apartment, and he (Garza) confessed to it."

Garza was indicted on the second-degree felony — punishable by two to 20 years in a state

prison — in August.

According to Wilkerson, the jury delivered the heavy sentence after learning of Garza's numerous convictions for auto thefts.

"He had six prior auto thefts that he had been convicted of, and the jury, having heard that,

found him guilty and assessed a term of 15 years for burglary of a habitation," said Wilkerson.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@big-springherald.com

INDEX

Classified 5-7B

Features 7A

Obituaries 2A

Opinion 4A

Sports 1-4B



Find us online at:
www.bigspringherald.com

To reach us:

Please call 263-7331. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you miss your paper, please call (432) 263-7335 before 7 p.m. weekdays and noon Sunday.

CALENDARS AVAILABLE



See Page 8A

ULTRA SOFT WEDDING

NEW YORK (AP) — Here comes the bride, all dressed in white ... two-ply, extra soft toilet paper.

Lovebirds Jennifer Cannon and Doy Nichols of Lexington, Ky., plan to get hitched Wednesday in a public restroom. She'll be wearing a gown fashioned from glue, tape and Charmin Ultra Soft and Ultra Strong toilet tissue.

The intricately detailed dress was designed by Hanah Kim, winner of the 2007 Toilet Paper Wedding Dress Contest, sponsored by Cheap-Chic-Weddings.com. The ceremony will take place in Times Square at the Charmin Restrooms — free public restrooms.

5 Shopping Days Til Christmas

SANTA, PLEASE BRING ME EARPLUGS!



H&R Block

Tommy Richmond

1512 Gregg

263-1931



408 E. FM 700
Big Spring, TX 79720
432-714-4886



Kim Pollard
432-213-2842

Kelly Myrick
432-466-1178

Donna Love
432-935-3870

Leslie Stevens
432-213-0909

NEW LISTINGS



5201 E. Midway Rd.



2712 Cindy Lane



2513 Central Dr.



719 Craigmont Court

Sports

BIG
SPRING HERALD

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

Page 1B
Wednesday, December 19, 2007

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 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 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 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

Eules Trinity 30, Plano 27, 2OT

Converse Judson 28, Galena Park North Shore 7

Final

Eules 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

Final

Celina (15-0) vs. China Spring (14-1), TBD

See BRIEFS, Page 3B

No. 15 Buffs cruise past Red Devils

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

ROSCOE — Welcome a state-ranked team to the Crossroads region. The Forsan Buffaloes were named the 15th-ranked squad in Division I, Class 1A boys basketball by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches this week.

The Buffs traveled to play Division II, Class 1A's fifth-ranked Rankin Red Devils Tuesday night, coming away with a decisive victory, 51-34.

Rankin becomes the third top 20 team in Div. II, Class 1A the Buffs have knocked off this season, extending Forsan's overall record to 10-1.

"Defensively we played really well," said Forsan Head Coach Terry McDonald. "We were able

to come up with 19 steals that led to some easy transition baskets."

Adam Bailey poured in 28 points for the Buffs and collected 14 rebounds. Center Blake Grantham finished with nine points and nine boards for the Buffs.

Forsan will play at home Friday night, hosting Trent at 6:30 p.m.

Forsan 14 12 15 10—51
Rankin 10 4 12 8—34

Forsan (10-1): Jeremy Robbins 4, Adam Bailey 28, Cameron Parker 4, Alex Huckabee 2, Nathan Atkerson 4, Blake Grantham 9.

Rankin (0-1): Shane Smith 1, Chase Epley 5, Garret Avalos 11, Jacob Schmitz 17.

Lady Buffs 44,
Rankin 36

Judging by the first period, it would appear Forsan's Lady Buffaloes were completely out-

matched by Rankin's Lady Red Devils. Rankin punished the Lady Buffs in the opening stanza, grabbing a 17-2 lead.

The ever resilient Lady Buffs, led by Amanda Longorio, who had 14 points and 11 boards, battled back in the second period, cutting the margin to nine by the intermission, 27-18.

Lady Buffs Head Coach Robert Hillger said his squad knew what they had to do in the second half.

"We came out slow, but fought hard to stay within reach at the half," said Hillger. "In the locker room, we set a goal to hold Rankin to 8 points in each of the final two quarters. We stepped it up and held them to 9 total for the entire second half."

The Lady Buffs outscored Rankin 26-9 in the second half, moving their record to 6-7 on the

year.

Sandi Golleher added 12 points and six rebounds and Tori Gauer scored nine. The Lady Buffs also play Trent this Friday prior to varsity boys action.

Forsan 2 16 16 10—44
Rankin 17 10 2 7—36

Forsan (6-7): Sandi Golleher 12, Amanda Longorio 12, Tori Gauer 9, Alyx Pappajohn 4, Faith Belew 3, Charlene Stanley 2.

Rankin: Halle Davis 22, Whitney Black 6, Lauren Lindsey 6, Rebekah Potter 2.

Notes: In junior varsity action, the boys and girls teams both turned in wins, keeping its perfect records alive.

The JV boys improved to 6-0 as they defeated Trent JV, 36-6, while the girls knocked off the Rankin JV ladies, 33-19, for their 10th win of the season.

Bulldogs rip through Merkel, 68-59

Coahoma girls outlast Merkel for 10-point victory

Herald Staff Report

MERKEL — It's been a monumental season for coaches in the Crossroads region. Already, the 2007-2008 basketball season has produced a 300th win for Forsan's Terry McDonald and a 400th win for Howard College's Earl Diddle.

Coahoma Bulldogs coach and Athletic Director Kim Nichols joined the ranks of coaches reaching career milestones Tuesday night in Merkel. The Bulldogs defeated Merkel, 68-59, marking Nichols' 400th career victory.

"It's all about the kids. I don't want it to be made too much of a big deal," Nichols said. "The kids deserve the glory for this. It's just nice to get a win to open the district season."

It appeared Nichols would easily pick up his 400th win in the first half, as the Bulldogs dominated Merkel, leading by as many as 20 points. However, the Badgers made Coahoma sweat a little before they surrendered the loss.

Trailing 42-27 at intermission, the Badgers outscored Coahoma 32-26 in the second half. Although Merkel consistently cut into the Bulldogs' lead, they never quite got within striking distance of overtaking Coahoma.

"We knew they would make a run at us," Nichols said. "That's usually what happened. We did a good job of holding them off and maintaining our advantage."

The Bulldogs had four players reach double figures with Colter Morgan and Logan Stone leading the way with 14 points apiece. Brothers Jovi and Josh Paniagua each scored 11 as did junior post

Cody Sheppard. Matthew Tatum had six points, but grabbed 12 rebounds.

Nichols credited the emergence of the Coahoma backcourt's ability to shoot the long ball for earning the Bulldogs their first district win. Coahoma's guards combined to make seven 3-pointers against Merkel.

"I've known all along that we had the ability to make shots from outside, but this was the first game that we made a lot of them," Nichols said. "That's big for us because it keeps our opponents honest. It doesn't allow them to double team Cody and Colter and frees them up in the post."

As usual, the interior of the Bulldogs' defense threw a block party with the 6-7 Morgan swatting six shots and the 6-6 Sheppard rejecting three.

The Bulldogs wrap up play before the Christmas break with their second district game Friday. Coahoma tips off at 8 p.m. against Hawley, which is also 1-0 in District 5-2A play.

"Hawley lost a lot of players from last year's team, but we can't look past anyone in district," Nichols said. "They're probably more guard oriented than any other team we've faced this season. There could be nothing better than going into the Christmas break 2-0."

Bulldogettes 47,
Merkel 37

Coahoma's Bulldogettes might have never trailed in Tuesday night's victory at the Merkel Lady Badgers, but they never

See COAHOMA, Page 3B



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma's Jovi Paniagua looks to pass past a Stanton Buffaloes defender in action from Dec. 1. The Bulldogs won their District 5-2A opener Friday night against Merkel, 68-59.

Stars shine bright: Dallas with eleven Pro Bowlers

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Forget the standings. The real star power of the Dallas Cowboys was revealed in the list of Pro Bowl selections.

Sure, Terrell Owens made the cut Tuesday, as did Jessica Simpson's new squeeze, Tony Romo. Reliable tight end Jason Witten — remember his long gain without a helmet earlier this season? — and hulking left tackle Flozell Adams were picked, too.

But, get this: Dallas had 11 honorees, matching the franchise record set back in the days when Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith already had won a Super Bowl.

The Cowboys not only had the most selections of any team in the league, they had three more than the headed-toward-perfection New England Patriots.

One of Dallas' picks isn't even

a starter. And don't be surprised if at least one more member of "America's Team" makes it to Honolulu for the Feb. 10 game. Actually, a few more could go as four players were told they are first alternates.

"Wow," coach Wade Phillips said. Then, borrowing the trademark line of singer-songwriter Robert Earl Keen, he added: "The road goes on forever and the party never ends."

Fan voting certainly helped, as did the fact the Cowboys were 12-1 when rival teams and coaches cast their ballots. Regardless, the announcement made for a nice bit of celebration during a week that's otherwise been filled with talk of Roy Williams' suspension, Romo's love life and bruised hand, and whether the team is starting another December swoon.

See PRO BOWL, Page 3B



AP photo

Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten runs away from two Philadelphia Eagles' defenders Sunday in Philadelphia. Witten was one of 11 Cowboys named to the NFC's roster for the Pro Bowl.

Obituaries

Ina Allen Jones

Ina Allen Jones, 105, of Stanton died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at her residence. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Glenda Janette Nichols Brown

Glenda Janette Nichols Brown, 54, of Ackerly died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-4-14-16-20
Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-0-3-3. Sum It Up: 15.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-8-9. Sum It Up: 17

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds around 10 mph.

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

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

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

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Colder. Lows around 20.

Sunday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

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

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 30.

Christmas day...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Take Note

• 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. 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.

Letters To Santa

**Will Be Published In The
Thursday, Dec. 20 Edition
Of The Big Spring Herald**



**Walls Coveralls
Wide Selection**

**Howard County Feed
& Supply**

701 E. 2nd 267-6411

BIG SPRING HERALD

www.BigSpringHerald.com
Big Sky, Big Heart, Big Spring

432-263-7331

(Main Switchboard)

432-264-7205 (Fax)

Missed Your Paper:

432-263-7335

(Mon.-Fri. 8a.m.-7p.m.
Sun. 8a.m.-noon)

Ron Midkiff
John A. Moseley
Rick Nunez
Robert Smith
Tony Hernandez

Publisher... Ext. 250
Managing Editor... Ext. 230
Advertising Manager... Ext. 229
Circulation Manager... Ext. 244
Production Manager... Ext. 256

The Big Spring Herald is a member of The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Texas Press Association, West Texas Press Association, Texas Daily Newspaper Association, The Associated Press.

Published afternoons Mon. thru Fri. and Sunday mornings, except Christmas Day. All materials copyrighted.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Periodicals postage paid at Big Spring, Texas.

USPS 1431-48 USPS 0055-940 ISSN 0746-6811
BY THE MONTH HOME DELIVERY: \$8.65 monthly; \$93.42 yearly (includes 10% discount). MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$12.50 monthly Howard & Martin Counties; \$13.25 elsewhere.

Police blotter

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

- **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 67, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on a local citation.
- **FRANCISCO OLIVAREZ**, 19, of 2602 Carleton, was arrested Tuesday on 10 local warrants and two local citations.
- **ABLE LOZANO TORRES**, 19, of 1408 S. Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on two local citations.
- **JESUS BUSTAMANTE JR.**, 28, of 605 S. Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- **TERRORISTIC THREATS** was reported in the 200 block of Airbase Road.
- **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.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.
- **HECTOR LOPEZ JR.**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of contempt of child support.
 - **TREYCEE L. FAIRMAN**, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSD on a charge of violation of parole - blue warrant.
 - **LANA KAY KIRKHAM**, 37, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - **JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON**, 45, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSD on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 900 block of Willia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 10th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1300 block of Boykin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.

Christmas Countdown!

Need **A Little** Help With **Christmas** Money?

**Come See Us for The Cash
You Deserve!**

*Come See Us for
Christmas Loans*

**Glasscock
County Bank**

Lobby Hours:
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Monday-Friday
333 N. Main St.
Garden City, TX 79756
Member F.D.I.C.

TRIM YOUR TREE WITH LOTS
OF GIFTS
SEE US FOR YOUR HOLIDAY
LOANS up to \$1140

- NO CREDIT CHECK - GUARANTEED LOANS ON YOUR CLEAR CAR TITLE (Car must be licensed & running. We must be able to verify income & address)
- NO TITLE? We also offer:
- SIGNATURE & STARTER LOANS

Come in and see
Mary Ann Fitzgibbons and Brenda Hernandez
For your INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Western Finance

1901 B Gregg Street
268-9090

Open Saturdays thru Dec. 22
9am-1pm

**Money Doesn't
Grow on Trees...**

Midwest Finance

Loans From **\$100 To
\$1000**

Phone Applications Welcome
Se Habla Espanol

Manager **Stephanie Norton**
Assistant **Jennie Jimenez**

600 Gregg 263-1353



**LOAN
SUN COMPANY**

220 Main Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
(432) 263-1138

Loans From
\$100.00 to \$1114.29

Phone Applications Welcome
Se habla espanol

****Subject to our Liberal Lending Requirements****

**SPECIAL
Microdermabrasion
Chemical Peel**

\$100.00 REG. \$250.00
(LIMITED TIME ONLY)

Dr. Steve Ahmed

Open Saturdays • 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1700 FM 700

264-1900

Family of 'Baby Grace' visits Texas to learn of child's last days

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press Writer

SPRING — Her hands shaking and eyes tearing up, the paternal grandmother of the toddler known as "Baby Grace" stood outside the suburban Houston home Tuesday where authorities say the little girl was beaten to death.

Having traveled more than 1,300 miles from Mentor, Ohio, Sheryl Sawyers and her son, Robert Sawyers, the girl's father, silently stared for a few minutes into the home's front yard through a closed gate.

"Obviously there's not much to see," Sheryl Sawyers said outside the home, where 2-year-old Riley Ann Sawyers lived for about two months with her mother, Kimberly Dawn Trenor, and her stepfather, Royce Clyde Zeigler II. The couple have been charged with capital murder in her death.

The Sawyers then met privately with neighbors, hoping to learn more about the little girl's last days, said Laura DePledge, the family's attorney.

"It's part of the grieving

process," DePledge said of the Sawyers' two-day trip from their home in suburban Cleveland to Houston and Galveston. "It's certainly to help them move along in the healing process."

The Sawyers declined to talk with reporters.

On Monday they took a boat trip to the small island where Riley's body was discovered on Oct. 29 in Galveston Bay. A low tide prevented them from reaching the island and visit a 4-foot-tall wooden cross that was placed near the spot where the little girl was found.

They also visited Monday with state and federal investigators, thanking them for their work on the case and giving them framed photo collages of Riley, DePledge said.

The Sawyers also walked in an area along the Galveston Causeway where investigators believe Riley's body was thrown into the bay.

"It was a very, very difficult time for them," DePledge said of the visit to the causeway.

Neighbors gave the Sawyers two boxes containing cards, stuffed ani-

mals and other gifts that had been left at a makeshift memorial in front of the home.

"We knew this community loved her. There is nothing anybody could have done to prevent this," DePledge said.

Zeigler, 24, and Trenor, 19, are accused in the July torture and fatal beating of the child. Trenor told police the assault was a discipline session gone awry, because the toddler didn't remember to say "please," and "yes, sir" to her stepfather. Zeigler's attorney has denied this account.

Authorities say Zeigler and Trenor then stuffed the little body in a plastic container and hid it inside a storage shed at the house for up to two months before dumping it in Galveston Bay.

Riley's identity was a mystery for weeks after the container was found by a fisherman.

A call from Sheryl Sawyers led investigators to Trenor and Zeigler after Sawyers saw a police artist's rendering of the murdered girl.

Lois Gibson, the sketch artist, gave the Sawyers copies of her sketches.

With Illinois site chosen, pressure builds to make FutureGen plant work

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Decades after Texas outdueled Illinois for a multibillion-dollar science project that went nowhere, the Land of Lincoln is getting its revenge as the chosen home of a futuristic power plant developers hope will be virtually pollution-free.

The big question now: Will

this experiment, again heavily subsidized by U.S. taxpayers, do what the infamous supercollider didn't and actually work?

FutureGen, as the plant has been dubbed, is a public-private venture years in the making aimed at designing and testing technology to turn coal into a

gas that can be stripped of hydrogen, which then would be burned to produce electricity. Carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas created during the process, would be captured, then injected underground for ostensibly permanent storage.

The FutureGen Alliance, a consortium of 12 U.S. and for-

eign energy companies, announced Tuesday that it chose Mattoon, Ill., as the site of the plant over nearby Tuscola and the Texas towns of Jewett and Penwell.

At Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, John Mead thinks FutureGen is a can't-miss.

"I think there's a pretty high confidence that these concepts can be turned into successful engineered processes," said Mead, chief of the school's Coal Research Center. "We're pushing technologies. But I think the understanding of science is there and we're gaining experiences every day."

FIRES

Continued from Page 1A

arrived on the scene at 6:12 p.m.," said Condray. "It took them about 15 to 20 minutes to bring the fire under control and

they were on the scene until 9 p.m. This time around, fire damage was extensive and spread throughout the home."

Condray said it's not uncommon for a fire to rekindle, but that's not the case with this particular incident.

"In a fire investigation, we

begin by making sure all of the documentation is done correctly," said Condray. "Then we look at any accidental causes, such as candles or electrical wiring, trying to determine if any criminal activity took place. Once accidental causes have been ruled out, we begin a

criminal investigation into the fire.

"All accidental causes have been ruled out in these fires and the investigation into it is under way. We have also determined the second fire was not a rekindle of the first. That's as much detail as I can release at

this time."

Condray said no injuries were reported as a result of the fires.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

UW

Continued from Page 1A

ing within the next few days.

Agencies helped by the United Way include the

Red Cross, Boys Club, Boy Scouts, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Humane Society, Girl Scouts, Isaiah 58, North Side Community Center,

Salvation Army, West Side Community Center, West Side Day Care Center, Victim Services and the YMCA.

Officers for the coming year were elected during the meeting. Mendoza

will become president, succeeding Franklin Weber, while Yeats will become first vice president and chair the 2008 campaign. Other new officers are Eve Nieto, second vice president, Kim

Howell, secretary and John Scott, treasurer.

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

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Virginia Hilario Bustamante, 51, died Sunday. Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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.

FACTS

Continued from Page 1A

pus renovation plans, when they meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the administration board room.

Big Spring ISD Superintendent Michael Downes said the tax limitation agreement with Invenergy Co. was scheduled for a board meeting earlier this month, but was delayed while state comptroller's representatives examined the plan.

School districts are in a rush to get these agreements on the books before the year ends so that they take effect as soon as possible.

In Big Spring's case, the agreement with Invenergy calls for the company to pay full val-

uation the first two years, then have its tax valuation capped at \$30 million for the following eight years.

A benefit for BSISD is that it will receive 40 cents of every tax dollar saving the company receives during the agreement, which could mean almost \$4 million for the district, Downes said.

And it's money the district can keep, he added.

"Normally, an increase in local funds leads to a decrease in state funds," he said. "This agreement, however, is exempt from that."

The only other business item on the BSISD agenda is personnel matters.

Coahoma trustees will consider a similar tax valuation agreement with Iberdrola Energy during their Thursday meeting.

The agreement is similar in structure to BSISD's, with the exception that Coahoma will agree to a \$10 million tax limitation with Iberdrola.

CISD Superintendent Jerry Johnson said the wind energy company's payments to the school district could total up to \$7 million over the life of the agreement.

Johnson added that the money could help finance additional renovation projects.

"We had several alternate projects that were part of the original bond

that we had to pull because of rising construction costs," Johnson said. "We are going to look at possibly putting some of those projects back in Thursday night."

Those additional projects include a new ceiling and grid for the junior high classrooms, lights for the junior high gym and a parking lot northeast of the junior high, Johnson said.

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

Be Dazzle Christmas & Gift Alley Sale

New Owner
Open Mon.-Sat. 10am to 6pm
Located in the Imperial Shopping Center
@3211 W. Wadley #18

Check out our Stocking Stuffer Shelf or take a stroll down Gift Alley and pick out that special gift.

20% Off*

* Bring in this ad for 20% off any regular priced item - One Coupon per visit - Not valid for Lay-Always. Expires 12/22/07

ald.com.

CINEMARK
The Best Seat in Town

CINEMA 4

1801 East FM 700 (432) 263-2232

ADULT MATINEE BEFORE 6PM \$4.00 / ADULT SEAT / CHILD / \$4.00

- ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) 5:00 PM 7:30 PM
- ENCHANTED (PG) 4:40 PM 7:10 PM
- THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13) 4:30 PM 7:00 PM
- I AM LEGEND (PG-13) 4:50 PM 7:20 PM

VALID 12/17/07 THRU 12/20/07
ADVANCE TICKET SALES • NO PASSES-NO SUPERSAVERS
Showtimes available at cinemark.com

Holiday Gifts Galore!

Susie's South 5/40 Forty Confections

West Texas' Favorite Candy & Gift Store

Specializing In Quality Corporate Gifts
Reflecting Your Company's Image

Special Occasions * Party Favors

Midland Delivery * Nationwide Shipping

Plaza Oaks Shopping Center - Wadley at Garfield - Midland
570-4040
shop online: www.susiesouthforty.com Open Mon.-Sat. 10-5:30

A LASIK Deal Like No Other!

\$1999

Featuring the latest in bladeless technology

1-800-251-0074

Dr. Alan Smith, M.D.
Odessa-Midland Texas

INTRALASE LADARVISION
The New Shape of Vision

In Observation of the Christmas Holiday, The Big Spring Herald Will Observe The following deadline schedule:

Publication Date:

Classifieds Deadline:	Retail Deadline:
Monday, December 24 Fri., Dec. 21 - 11:59 AM	Friday, Dec. 21, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, December 25	No Publication
Wednesday, December 26 Dec. 21 - 11:59 AM	Friday, Dec. 21 12:00 PM
Thursday, December 27 Dec. 26 - 11:59 AM	Wednesday, Dec. 26 - 9:00 AM

MAUCTIONS
and Services Unlimited

1009 W Industrial Midland
432-683-2262
or
432-349-6890

33463

Let us be your Santa!
We have beautiful gift baskets for everyone on your list.
Corporate gifts available.
Delivery & Shipping available

Gift Baskets Emporium
432-683-4737
1606 N. Big Spring
Open Mon. - Fri. 10-6 • Sat. 10-2
www.giftbasketsemporium.net

BIG SPRING COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
(Formerly Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union)

Now Serving People Who Live, Work, Worship Or Go To School In Howard County.

MON.-FRI.: 9 AM-5 PM
www.bigspringgov.org

432-263-1361
Fax: 432-263-5916

503 E. FM 700

32783

PRO BOWL

Continued from Page 1B

"We got our juices flowing again," Phillips said. "I got a real feeling that we got back as a team, (got) over losing the game. Boom! We're excited about our team, our players, man, were excited for each other. You know, you get that feeling — that's the team part of it, even though it's individuals making it."

Of all the players who made it from both leagues, one name really stands out: Sean Taylor.

The slain Washington Redskins safety was having a great year before being fatally wounded in a shooting at his home in Miami three weeks ago. His memory was honored with his selection.

Perhaps the NFC will take the honor a step further and open the game with 10 players on the field, as the Redskins did in their first game after his death.

"It is well-deserved," Washington center Casey Rabach said. "If he would have been able to finish the season, he would have been in there. It just shows the respect everybody around the league had for him and what a great player he was."

Taylor is believed to be the second person elected posthumously to an all-star game in a major American professional sports league. Philadelphia Flyers goalie Pelle Lindbergh was voted by fans to start in the 1986 NHL All-Star game after he was killed in an automobile accident on Nov. 11, 1985.

Taylor led the NFC with five interceptions at the time of his death, even though he had missed the previous two games because of a knee injury. He also was leading the Pro Bowl voting among fans at the time.

Tom Brady and Randy Moss were among the eight players chosen from unbeaten New England. Linebacker Mike Vrabel was picked for the first time in his 11-year career.

The Pats and Cowboys each have seven starters, although that includes a kicker for Dallas.

Among the anomalies: Zero players chosen from the entire NFC South and no members of the 10-4 Jacksonville Jaguars. The last time the Jags were shut out was 1995, their

expansion year.

Detroit and the New York Jets also failed to place a single member on the all-star squads.

Green Bay, tied with Dallas at the top of the NFC, had four players on the team, including Brett Favre, who will start at quarterback (ahead of Romo). It is the ninth Pro Bowl for the 38-year-old Favre, his first since 2003.

San Diego, like New England, had eight players chosen. Minnesota was second in the NFC with seven, including rookie Adrian Peterson, who leads the conference in rushing.

Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning of Indianapolis was picked as Brady's backup.

Four other Colts made it, including safety Bob Sanders, receiver Reggie Wayne and center Jeff Saturday as starters. Running back Joseph Addai rounds out the crew.

Jared Allen of Kansas City, suspended for the first two games of the season after multiple drunken driving convictions, will be a starting defensive end for the AFC.

Albert Haynesworth of Tennessee, suspended for five games last season after stomping on the head of Dallas' Andre Gurode during a game, made the AFC team at defensive tackle. He will play against Gurode, the starting center for the NFC.

Dallas' other picks includes only one defensive starter, linebacker DeMarcus Ware; left tackle Flozell Adams and right guard Leonard Davis. The pick of Davis shows the Cowboys knew what they were doing when they gave him a \$16 million signing bonus.

Speaking of reserves, running back Marion Barber backs up Julius Jones in Dallas, but he was still voted among the league's best.

Any chance of a promotion, coach Phillips?

"I think he's excited where he is," Phillips said. "It says a great deal about him. But it says more about how he plays once he gets in the game and gets an opportunity to play."

Williams, Dallas' hard-hitting safety who is in jeopardy of missing the next game because of too many "horse-collar" tackles, has made four straight Pro Bowls.

COAHOMA

Continued from Page 1B

quite put Merkel away either.

Coahoma led by 13 points on three different occasions, however, Merkel kept battling back by the end of each period.

"We never quite put them away," Bulldogettes Head Coach Chris Sumrall said. "We kept getting comfortable leads, but couldn't stop them from getting back into the game."

The game truly got uncomfortable for the Bulldogettes in the final stanza. Merkel pulled within seven points of Coahoma midway through the fourth period. However, Christie

Rich hit a 3-pointer, putting the Bulldogettes up by 10. From there, Coahoma simply took care of the ball and held onto the 10-point margin.

"Christie's 3-point shot was big for us," Sumrall said. "She and Laci Sterling played a huge role for us offensively. They really powered our offense for the win."

Rich scored a game-high 18 points for Coahoma, including 10 points in the fourth quarter. Laci Sterling chipped in 12 points and Janice Gonzalez scored eight.

Sumrall also credited Hilari White with coming off the bench and playing some crucial minutes.

"Hilari played a big role for us in the win," Sumrall said. "She gave us some quality minutes

when we needed them."

The win improves Coahoma's record to 3-0 in district play and 14-3 overall. Coahoma wraps up the first half of its season Friday night, hosting Hawley at 6:30 p.m.

"Going 4-0 in district is the most important thing for us right now," Sumrall said. "We got a huge win over Merkel. We needed a win like this one. We beat a really good team by double digits. We need to keep that momentum going into the break."

After the break, the Bulldogettes take part in Slaton's West Texas Invitational, beginning

Dec. 27. Sumrall explains there are teams competing in the tourney that will provide a good test for Coahoma.

"We need to play some of the teams we could possibly match up with in that tournament," Sumrall said. "There are some real quality teams in there and we need to face some good teams right now."

Coahoma 14 12 9 12—47
Merkel 11 10 7 9—37
Coahoma (3-0, 14-3): Laci Sterling 12, Janice Gonzalez 8, Hilari White 3, Christie Rich 18, Heather Sheppard 6.
Merkel: Hood 8, Vella 2, Szazo 16, New 6, Keith 4, Smallridge 1.

su | do | ku

© Puzzles by Pappocom

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

		9			3	8		
	4		1				9	
2		3				6		1
1				3			2	
				6	8	4		
	8			5				7
8		5				2		6
	6				5		3	
		2	9			7		

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Pinpoint Defense

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 10 4

♥ J 3 2

♦ K 10 7 5 4 3

♣ 5

WEST

♠ A K 6

♥ A K 10 9

♦ A 9 6 2

♣ 8 3

EAST

♠ J 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 7 6 5 4

♦ —

♣ 9 6 2

SOUTH

♠ 7 5

♥ 8

♦ Q J 8

♣ A K Q J 10 7 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Dble 1 ♦ 1 ♠

3 ♣ Dble Pass 3 ♠

Pass 4 ♥ Pass Pass

5 ♣ Dble

Opening lead — king of spades.

This deal occurred in the final of the McConnell Cup teams, which was won by a U.S./Russian aggregation at the 2006 world bridge championships in Verona, Italy.

Both Souths ended up in five clubs doubled following a highly competitive auction that saw both Easts reach four hearts after having bid spades initially in response to their partner's takeout double.

At the table where the auction

shown took place, West started by leading the king of spades, then switched to the king of hearts. East followed low to both leads, whereupon West continued with the heart ace. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and conceded two tricks to the ace of diamonds and ace of spades to go down two, -300.

At the other table, the East-West defense was far more accurate, extracting the maximum penalty possible. West, Debbie Rosenberg, started with the king of hearts, on which her partner, JoAnna Stansby, dropped the queen! Since Stansby had bid hearts, and since the jack of hearts was in dummy, it was clear that her play of the queen was an attempt to get her partner to switch her attentions elsewhere.

It did not take Rosenberg long to work out what her partner wanted her to do. Accordingly, she cashed the ace of diamonds, Stansby showing out, and continued with the nine — a suit-preference signal asking for a spade return. After East ruffed, her spade return to Rosenberg's king was followed by another diamond ruff, and a spade to the ace constituted the defense's sixth and final trick.

The result of plus 800 gave Rosenberg-Stansby's team a net gain of 500 points — 10 IMPs — on the deal.

©2007 King Features Syndicate Inc.

BEST SALE
OF THE
SEASON



TWO DAYS ONLY

Friday, Dec. 21, & Saturday, Dec. 22
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. & 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

20% OFF
YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE
Jazzy's

1712 Gregg

714-4626

V ALID 12-21-07 AND 12-22-07



- Sales up to 50% OFF
- Buy One Get One 1/2 OFF
- Special Doorbuster Savings

Jazzy's

1712 Gregg

www.jazzysboutique.com

714-4626

THE CLASSIFIEDS THAT CLICK

They're fast....
They're convenient....
They're updated every day....
They're our on-line classified listings.

For details on placing or answering a classified ad, see our Web site:
www.bigspringherald.com, or call:
432-263-7331.

BIG SPRING HERALD

710 SCURRY
BIG SPRING

EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

Ron Midkiff
Publisher

John A. Moseley
Managing Editor

Bill McClellan
News Editor

OUR VIEWS

Howard County's children are still facing challenges

Statewide, maternal and infant health statistics are improving, as more women are receiving prenatal care, infant mortality is improving and teen births are continuing to decline, according to a new report by the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities. The report, "The State of Texas Children 2007," provides the latest look at the well-being of children in every county in Texas.

In Howard County, the proportion of women receiving little or no prenatal care has remained stable since 2002. As of 2004, 157 babies (or 33.8 percent of all births) were born to women who received little or no prenatal care, ranking the county 214th of Texas' 254 counties.

In Howard County, the infant mortality rate has remained stable since 2000. As of 2004, two babies died prematurely, ranking Howard County 107th of 254 counties. Statewide, infant mortality has increased by 8.6 percent since 2000.

In Howard County, the rate of babies born to teens declined by 22 percent since 2000. In 2004, 104 babies were born to Howard County teens, ranking Howard County 214th of the 254 counties. However, Texas still has the highest teen birth rate in the country. Statewide, births to teens ages 13-19 have declined by 10.3 percent since 2000.

Other findings for Howard County included:

- 25.9 percent of Howard County children live in poverty, ranking Howard County 172nd. The child poverty rate has decreased by 8 percent in Howard County since 2000.

- The proportion of Howard County's total population living in poverty has decreased by 6 percent since 2000, ranking Howard County 199th. As of 2004, 5,545 people, or 19.9 percent of the population, live in poverty.

- The death rate for Howard County children ages 1 to 14 increased 7 percent. There were two deaths in 2005, ranking Howard County 197th.

- The rate of violent deaths for teens ages 15-19 declined 79 percent, with one death in 2005. Howard County ranks 150th.

While improvement in many of the statistical areas are good, it's clear we still have much to do as a community.

We need to make sure women qualifying for CHIP programs get prenatal care and that their children receive the health care they deserve.

We need to stress the importance of education, encouraging students to stay in school and avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the county's public school systems and Howard College.

And we can work together as a community to help improve and diversify our local economy — benefiting all of the county's residents.

One thing is for certain, when children are raised in poverty, their chances for future success are far shorter than those from middle income families.

We here at the *Herald* believe all of Howard County's children deserve the lives we want for our own sons and daughters.

They are, after all, our future.

LETTER POLICIES

- The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.
- Limit your letters to no more than 300 words.
- Sign your letter.
- Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as a street address for verification purposes.
- We reserve the right to edit for style and clarity.
- We reserve the right to limit publication to one letter per 30-day period per author.
- Letters that are unsigned or do not include a telephone number or address will not be considered.
- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. They can also be e-mailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we create much more of what You desire, Lord.

Amen

Latino-American History 102: Two cities

Which came first, the Spanish conquistadors or the British colonists? Jamestown or St. Augustine? The Spanish language or the English language? Hernando De Soto or Lewis and Clark?

Figuring out the answer to all those questions is much easier than the old puzzle about whether the chicken or the egg came first. Nevertheless, if your education is based on U.S. history books and school curricula, perhaps finding those answers is not as easy as it should be.

It all depends on when you begin counting American history. If you begin with the British, as most historians have chosen to do, you omit almost a century of Spanish exploration and colonization of North America.

And perhaps that's why there is so much apprehension regarding Latinos and their language in this country nowadays. Many Americans simply don't know that Latinos have a very long history of planting language and cultural roots in what is now U.S. territory. Latinos also have a huge record of very positive and unappreciated contributions to American society.

In the interest of reawakening perhaps-lost knowledge and reminding my fellow Americans that Latinos should not be assumed to be illegal immigrants or even foreigners, this column occasionally will rewind to the

past to fill the gaps in the history books and the classrooms and to explain why Latinos have many reasons to be proud Americans.

American history books make us feel proud of the courage, determination and exploration feats of Lewis and Clark, who led the first American overland expedition from the East to the Pacific coast and back from 1804 to 1806. But those same books generally ignore the fact that 250 years earlier, Spanish conquistadors explored both U.S. coasts and most of the Southeast and Southwest.

For example, in 1539 Hernando De Soto and his men sailed from Cuba and came north to explore the territory that later became Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana.

De Soto was buried in the Mississippi River in 1542, long before the British arrived in Jamestown, Va.

When you go to Jamestown, you are struck immediately by the town's nickname. It's a blatant distortion of history, but they call it "America's Birthplace." While visiting the site of the first British fort, you are told tactfully that you are visiting the first permanent British settlement in the territory that later became the United States, but they neglect to tell you that there were other non-British settlements before Jamestown was born in 1607. Unless you go with your own education, you are misled into believing that you are walking through the grounds of America's oldest city.

Of course, there is only one problem with that: St. Augustine,

Fla., was established by Spanish explorers in 1565, almost 42 years earlier. In fact, the first Europeans to land on what is now U.S. territory were the men led by Juan Ponce de Leon, who sought the Fountain of Youth in Florida in 1513. Ponce de Leon didn't stay in Florida, but Pedro Menendez de Aviles and his men came back to settle St. Augustine in 1565.

It was the Menendez de Aviles delegation that held America's first Thanksgiving, an event cited recently in the first part of this occasional series on Latino-American history.

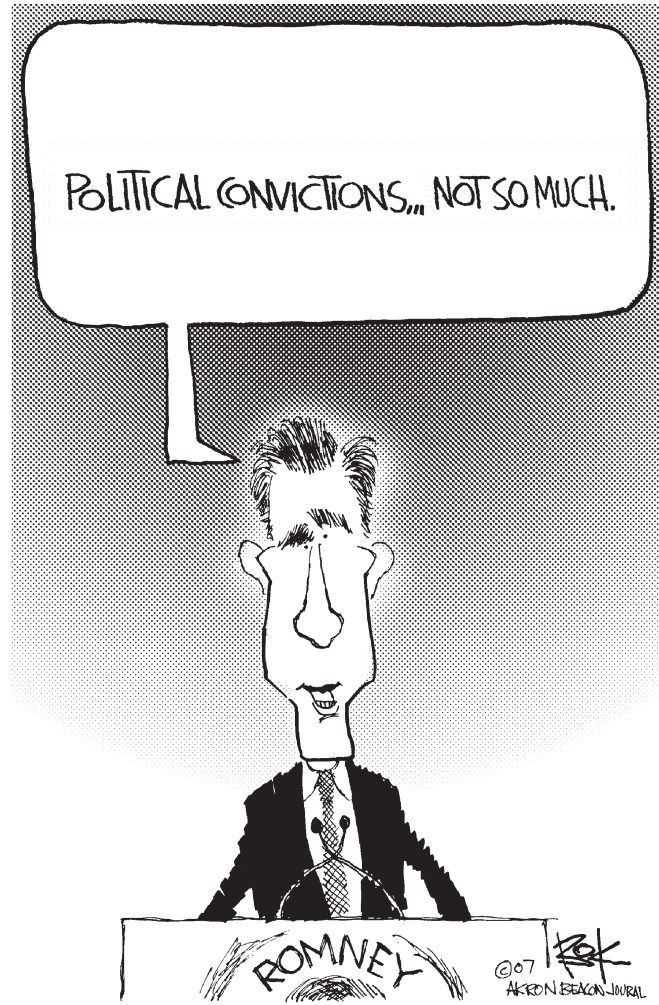
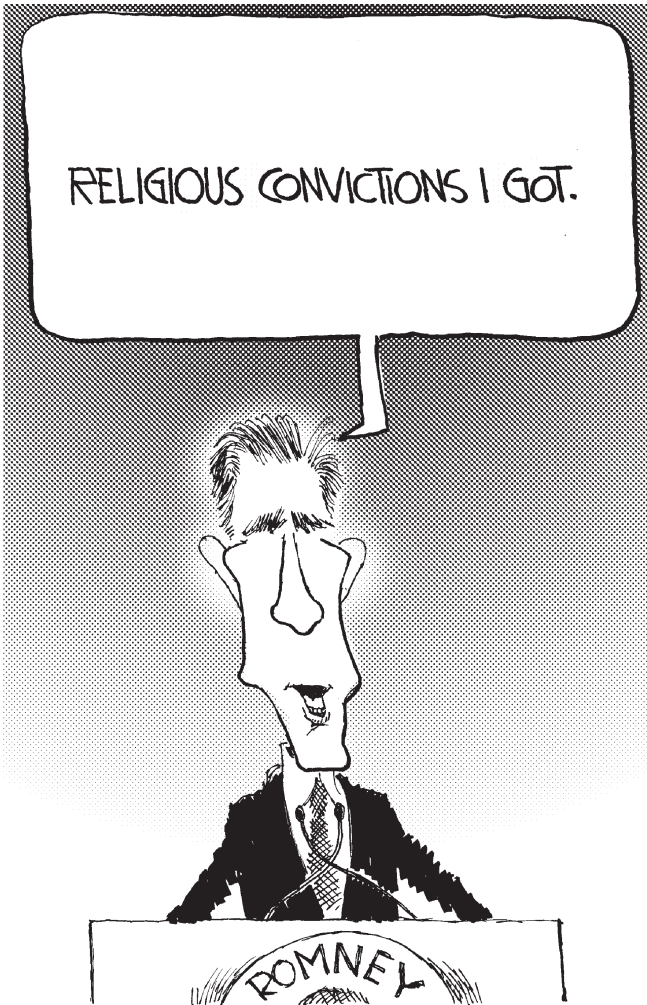
I know; American history only tells us about the Thanksgiving celebrated in the Plymouth, Mass., colony in 1621. But in 1565, Spanish priests celebrated the first mass on U.S. soil, and the conquistadors shared a Thanksgiving feast with the natives.

In May, President Bush and the queen of England went to Jamestown to celebrate the settlement's 400th anniversary. It made a lot of headlines. But there were few headlines when St. Augustine celebrated its 442nd anniversary in September.

When I visited St. Augustine this summer, I had a chance to interview Harry Metz, the official historian at the Fountain of Youth National Archaeological Park. "So what's with Jamestown claiming that it is America's birthplace?" I asked him.

"We tell a joke around here," he chuckled. "When they were building Jamestown, we were going through urban renewal."

COPYRIGHT 2007 CREATORS SYNDICATE INC.



The reason for all the seasons

This week, for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, the sun ends its slow retreat to the south. For the next six months, our days will be no shorter, our nights will be no longer.

Slowly over the next few weeks, it will be apparent to all of us that the bringer of warmth, light and life has ended its escape from our world and has begun its slow return.

We can look forward to ever-lengthening days for the next half of the year, through the spring equinox on March 20 and until our summer solstice on June 21, the longest day and shortest night of our year in 2008.

We call it the winter solstice. Inhabitants of the southern half of our planet call the same day the summer solstice. For them, the days have reached their longest and the nights will start to grow deeper, with the sun appearing farther to the north, escaping their world while migrating toward ours. Their summer will start this week, the same week our winter begins, and all of us will mark three months until the start of our spring and their fall.

This biannual division of the seasons has been known and noted by peoples everywhere for untold millennia. The builders of

Stonehenge knew all this and marked its significance precisely by building the giant stone calendar and earthworks that date to more than 4,000 years ago. Many other ancient civilizations also knew and appreciated the importance of the seasons for dozens of centuries before any religion claimed them as their holidays.

Observing the position of the sun on the horizon at the start and end of each day, noting its highest position overhead and learning that these movements bring predictable changes in the habits of prey, predators, crops and wildlife, literally meant the difference between life and death for everyone who lived for many thousands of years before the current era. It's no mystery that so many religions celebrate major holidays coincident with the changes in seasons.

We're accustomed to having fresh fruits on our table all year-round, along with every other type of crop, produce, fish, meat and fowl. Those luxuries come to us by way of a worldwide supply chain and the diesel fuel and kerosene that powers it. Trucks and ships and trains and jet planes make it possible to buy roses in Minneapolis in February.

Those advances and countless more have come about because people noticed the way the world really works, then figured out how to adapt to it and, later on, how to make it adapt to us. Watching the predictable path of the sun across

the sky is the most universally obvious example of how humans used their brains to make life better. Knowing when to harvest, when to move the herd, when to plant and when to fish or hunt meant life itself to all people everywhere, until just very recently in the history of our species.

Just a few centuries ago, great minds and careful observers including Kepler, Galileo and Copernicus quantified and made sense of nature's mechanics. They helped end eons of superstitious imaginings about how the sun, Earth, moon and stars moved or didn't. The reason for the seasons was confirmed: the motion of the Earth around the sun, and the angle of Earth's tilt on its axis, explained it all. This could be verified and measured by anyone who cared to do so, and it did not depend on belief, tradition, magic or a higher authority.

So there is a reason for this season and all seasons, as there has been since the since the Earth was formed, long before there were people around to notice it. Now that we're here to observe it, to give it names and to understand why it happens — even if some of us associate it with religious belief — doesn't change the timeless fact that our planet's orbit around the sun is the reason for all seasons.

Mike Sullivan is a freelance writer from Carrollton. He can be reached by e-mail at newspaper-columnist@mac.com.

Twenty FSU players could be suspended

Seminoles preparing to play Music City Bowl without key members

By BRENT KALLESTAD
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — An academic cheating scandal could leave Florida State without as many as 25 players for its Music City Bowl game against Kentucky on New Year's Eve, coach Bobby Bowden said Tuesday.

It was the latest off-field blow to a once-proud program trying to regain its footing as a national power.

"We have some players not traveling for one reason and some for another, including those who are ineligible for the bowl because of academic issues," Bowden said in a statement released by the university.

"Kentucky would be a

tough opponent when we are at full strength so clearly this will make things more difficult. Our staff is in the process of determining what adjustments we must make for the game."

Many of the players who won't be going to Nashville could also be ruled ineligible for some games next season for their connection to a cheating scandal earlier this year.

Federal privacy laws prohibit the school from releasing names.

"We don't know what that number is going to end up being exactly, but we know that's a rough figure," assistant athletic director Rob Wilson said Tuesday. "It's an issue where we're being extra

cautious."

Bowden also said he would not use any players redshirted this season in the bowl game. The Seminoles (7-5) finished the regular season unranked for a third straight year.

Previously, Bowden had not answered questions on the scandal that resulted in one full-time academic adviser, Brenda Monk, and a student tutor losing their jobs this summer.

Athletic director Dave Hart Jr., and several of his assistants also left in recent months, although those changes weren't directly related to the present investigation of academic wrongdoing by the school and NCAA.

The university reported

its findings in a letter to the NCAA in September after a six-month investigation by the school revealed at least 23 athletes in various sports were interviewed in regard to cheating on an online music history exam.

At least two football players already have been penalized for their involvement. Defensive end Kevin McNeil missed the season and wide receiver Joslin Shaw missed the first four games.

It was already a year where the program was distracted with off-field troubles.

Police used a Taser on linebacker Geno Hayes after a 2 a.m. altercation with officers outside a

local nightclub in September. Fullback Joe Surratt was charged with a felony in the same incident.

Xavier Lee, who briefly won the starting quarterback job, was suspended for two games midway through the season, reportedly for academic reasons.

Although athletes from other sports at Florida State are involved in the academic wrongdoing, the football suspensions are the latest in a series of disappointments for Bowden, who signed a one-year extension last week to coach his 33rd season next fall.

Bowden, 78, is working under a contractual arrangement where his successor, Jimbo Fisher,

who will be at his side as offensive coordinator for up to three years.

Fisher, 42, was hired in January to replace Bowden's youngest son, Jeff, who was replaced after six unproductive years as his dad's offensive coordinator. Bowden then replaced the entire offensive staff after the 2006 season.

Listen to Jonathan Hull deliver the Big Spring Herald Sports Page Monday through Friday at 7:05 a.m. only on KBYG 1400 AM.

BRIEFS

Continued from Page 1B

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, Brownwood's Gordon 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

SIX MAN DIVISION I

Final
Richland Springs 98, Rule 54

DIVISION II Final

Matador Motley County 44, Woodson 38

Big Spring Pack & Ship
Your Wrapping, Packing, and Shipping Solution

Don't Let Your Holiday Gifts Arrive Late.

Bring This AD in for 5% off

UPS Ground Shipping !!!

Now Open
Mon-Fri. 8:30Am To 6:00Pm Sat. 9:00Am To 3:00Pm

808 Gregg St
(432) 599-8018

*** Gift Wrapping**

- * Pick Up Service
- * Printing Services
- * .08 Copies
- * Color Copying
- * Photo and Doc. Scanning
- * Office Supplies
- * Stationery
- * One Hour Business Cards

*** Faxing/ Send and Receiving**

- * World Wide Tracking
- * Gift Baskets
- * Web Design
- * Graphic Designing
- * Logos
- * Advertising Design
- * Marketing Supplies

Free Shipping Supplies ! !
bigspringpackandship.com

FREE to the public!
Weight loss and stop smoking clinical hypnotherapy

Your treatment is free. It is paid for with public funding and provided by New Life Clinics, a state registered, non-profit clinic.

The choice is yours; you may be safely hypnotized to stop smoking and/or to begin losing as much weight as you desire. Stress relief is also included.

During this relaxing 2-hour clinic, everyone will be treated as a group by a Board Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist. You remain in control at all times. It's safe and comfortable.

Only one two-hour group session is needed for desirable results. Many stop smoking immediately and/or reduce two to three clothing sizes within six weeks after treatment.

A reservation is not needed. Simply sign in at least 30 minutes early, meet your group hypnotist, and be treated. Adults only.

New Life Clinics™ relies on public support to continually provide free treatment to many in need. If you can, a modest \$5 donation is appreciated.

Mon, Jan 14th @ 7:30 p.m.
The Midland Center,
105 N. Main. St., MIDLAND

Tues, Jan 15th @ 7:30 p.m.
Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipping Dr.
BIG SPRING

Wed, Jan 16th @ 7:30 p.m.
Odessa College, in the Electronics Tech Bldg, Rm 130 (near Globe Theater off Shakespeare Rd.), ODESSA

More info: (800) 274-3589
www.newlifeclinics.org

Best Selection, Best Prices, Best Deals

*** CARS ***

2002 Ford Mustang Coupe 2D - Stk# H087A
Was \$9,995...NOW \$8,995

2005 Dodge Neon SXT Sedan 4D - Stk# H082A
Was \$10,495...NOW \$9,495

2005 Chrysler Sebring Coupe - Stk# H098
Was \$12,995...NOW \$10,495

2006 Chevrolet Cobalt LS Sedan 4D - Stk# H231
Was \$11,495...NOW \$10,495

2006 Chevrolet Cobalt LS Sedan 4D - Stk# H254
Was \$12,495...NOW \$11,495

2006 Chevrolet Cobalt LS Sedan 4D - Stk# H247
Was \$12,995...NOW \$11,995

2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser Touring - Stk# H102
Was \$13,495...NOW \$11,495

2006 Chevrolet Cobalt LS Coupe - Stk# H132
Was \$12,995...NOW \$11,495

2006 Chevrolet Malibu LT Sedan - Stk# H146
Was \$12,995...NOW \$12,495

2007 Saturn Ion 2 Sedan 4D - Stk# H212
Was \$13,495...NOW \$12,495

2007 Saturn Ion 2 Sedan 4D - Stk# H211
Was \$13,995...NOW \$12,995

2006 Chevrolet Malibu LT Sedan - Stk# H204 & H203
Was \$14,495...NOW \$13,495

2007 Chevrolet Cobalt LT Coupe 2D - Stk# H233
Was \$14,495...NOW \$13,495

2006 Chevrolet Malibu LT Sedan 4D - Stk# H204
Was \$14,495...NOW \$13,495

2003 Chevrolet S10 Pickup - Stk# H249
Was \$14,495...NOW \$13,495

2005 Chevrolet Impala LS Sedan 4D - Stk# H138A
Was \$14,495...NOW \$13,495

2006 Mazda 3 i Sedan 4D - Stk# H200
Was \$14,995...NOW \$13,995

2006 Chevrolet HHR LS Sport Wagon - Stk# H103
Was \$15,995...NOW \$13,995

2004 Honda Civic EX Coupe 2D - Stk# H177A
Was \$14,995...NOW \$13,995

2006 Pontiac Grand Prix Sedan 4D - Stk# H252
Was \$14,995...NOW \$13,995

2006 Chevrolet Impala LT Sedan 4D - Stk# H209
Was \$15,495...NOW \$14,495

2006 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H254
Was \$15,495...NOW \$14,495

2007 Pontiac Grand Prix Sedan 4D - Stk# 236
Was \$16,495...NOW \$15,495

2007 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H216
Was \$16,495...NOW \$15,495

2007 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H201
Was \$16,495...NOW \$15,495

2007 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H237
Was \$16,495...NOW \$15,495

2007 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H214
Was \$16,495...NOW \$15,495

2007 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H215
Was \$16,495...NOW \$15,495

2006 Chevrolet Impala LT Sedan - Stk# H129
Was \$17,495...NOW \$15,995

2007 Pontiac Grand Prix Sedan 4D - Stk# H179
Was \$16,995...NOW \$15,995

2006 Buick LaCrosse CXL Sedan - Stk# H019
Was \$18,495...NOW \$15,995

2007 Chevrolet Impala LT Sedan 4D - Stk# H208
Was \$17,495...NOW \$16,495

*** CARS ***

2007 Pontiac G6 GT Sedan 4D - Stk# H235
Was \$17,495...NOW \$16,495

2007 Buick LaCrosse CXL Sedan 4D - Stk# H241A
Was \$17,495...NOW \$16,495

2005 Ford Five Hundred Limited Sedan - Stk# H088
Was \$18,495...NOW \$16,495

2007 Buick LaCrosse CXL Sedan 4D - Stk# H213
Was \$17,995...NOW \$16,995

2006 Buick Lucerne CX Sedan - Stk# H058
Was \$20,995...NOW \$17,995

2004 Pontiac GTO Coupe - Stk# H089
Was \$21,495...NOW \$19,795

2007 Ford Mustang Convertible 2D - Stk# H238
Was \$21,995...NOW \$20,995

2006 Mazda RX-8 Coupe 4D - Stk# H070
Was \$27,995...NOW \$23,995

2006 Buick Lucerne CXL Sedan 4D - Stk# H020
Was \$25,495...NOW \$22,995

2007 Cadillac DTS Sedan 4D - Stk# H181
Was \$33,495...NOW \$32,495

2007 Cadillac DTS Sedan 4D - Stk# H202
Was \$33,495...NOW \$32,495

2007 Cadillac DTS Sedan - Stk# H143
Was \$40,995...NOW \$35,995

2007 Cadillac DTS Sedan - Stk# H145
Was \$40,995...NOW \$35,995

2005 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe 2D - Stk# H195
Was \$40,995...NOW \$39,995

*** TRUCKS ***

1999 Ford F150 Super Cab - Stk# H192A
Was \$9,495...NOW \$8,495

2000 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H227
Was \$10,995...NOW \$9,995

2002 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 - Stk# H93
Was \$13,995...NOW \$12,995

2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H191
Was \$14,300...NOW \$13,300

2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU HD - Stk# H095A
Was \$15,995...NOW \$13,995

2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H226
Was \$17,995...NOW \$16,995

2005 Nissan Titan SE Crew Cab - Stk# H170
Was \$20,995...NOW \$18,995

2006 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Pickup - Stk# H064
Was \$20,995...NOW \$18,995

2006 Dodge 1500 Pickup SB - Stk# H131
Was \$19,995...NOW \$17,495

2006 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H067
Was \$22,995...NOW \$20,495

2006 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Pickup - Stk# H074
Was \$23,995...NOW \$21,995

2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H242
Was \$22,995...NOW \$21,995

2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H245
Was \$22,995...NOW \$21,995

2006 Ford F150 Short Bed - Stk# H172A
Was \$24,995...NOW \$23,995

2006 Ford F150 SuperCrew 5 1/2" - Stk# H107
Was \$24,995...NOW \$23,995

2007 Ford F250 Superduty Crew Cab - Stk# H221
Was \$26,495...NOW \$23,495

*** TRUCKS ***

2006 GMC Sierra 1500 Pickup - Stk# H118
Was \$27,495...NOW \$24,495

*** VANS ***

2002 Oldsmobile Silhouette GL Ext. - Stk# H229
Was \$9,995...NOW \$8,995

2007 Chevrolet Uplander LS 4D - Stk# H180
Was \$19,995...NOW \$18,995

*** SUV's ***

2003 Saturn VUE - Stk# H124A
Was \$12,495...NOW \$11,495

2004 Ford Explorer 4D - Stk# H139
Was \$14,995...NOW \$13,995

2005 Chevrolet TrailBlazer - Stk# H251
Was \$15,495...NOW \$14,495

2005 Buick Rendezvous CX - Stk# H101
Was \$16,995...NOW \$15,495

2005 Hyundai Santa Fe GLS 4D - Stk# H137A
Was \$16,495...NOW \$15,495

2005 Buick Rendezvous CX 4D - Stk# H165A
Was \$16,495...NOW \$15,495

2006 Jeep Liberty 4D - Stk# H197
Was \$16,495...NOW \$15,495

2003 GMC Yukon XL 1500 - Stk# H111
Was \$18,495...NOW \$15,995

2006 Mitsubishi Endeavor LS 4D - Stk# H222
Was \$18,995...NOW \$17,995

2004 Chevrolet Tahoe - Stk# H120
Was \$19,995...NOW \$16,995

2007 Chevrolet Equinox 4D - Stk# H166
Was \$12,995...NOW \$18,995

2006 Chevrolet TrailBlazer - Stk# H239
Was \$19,495...NOW \$18,495

2006 Pontiac Torrent 4D - Stk# H160
Was \$20,495...NOW \$19,495

2005 Ford Explorer Sport Trac - Stk# H105
Was \$19,995...NOW \$18,995

2006 Chevrolet Equinox AWD - Stk# H106
Was \$20,995...NOW \$17,495

2007 Chevrolet Equinox - Stk# H141
Was \$21,495...NOW \$19,495

2004 Chevrolet Tahoe 4D - Stk# H159
Was \$21,495...NOW \$20,495

2002 Land Rover Range Rover - Stk# H240
Was \$20,995...NOW \$19,995

2004 Chevrolet Tahoe 4D - Stk# H161
Was \$25,495...NOW \$24,495

2007 Jeep Wrangler - Stk# H219
Was \$25,495...NOW \$24,495

2006 Chevrolet Avalanche 1500 - Stk# H150
Was \$26,495...NOW \$26,995

2005 GMC Yukon - Stk# H253
Was \$27,995...NOW \$27,995

2007 Cadillac SRX - Stk# H140
Was \$33,995...NOW \$32,995

2007 Chevrolet Tahoe 4D - Stk# H165
Was \$36,495...NOW \$35,495

2007 Chevrolet Tahoe 4D - Stk# H205
Was \$40,995...NOW \$39,995

2007 Cadillac Escalade - Stk# H243
Was \$44,995...NOW \$43,995

2007 Cadillac Escalade 4D - Stk# H164
Was \$48,995...NOW \$48,995

POLLARD
Chevrolet - Buick - Cadillac

1501 E. 4th
267-7421

EXTRA!

The Big Spring Herald Delivery Deadlines Are:
Weekdays by 6 p.m. & Sunday Edition Deadline is 12 AM Sunday

If your paper is not delivered by these deadlines, please call our Circulation Dept. at 432-263-7335. Our Customer Service Rep will help you with your delivery.

**Customer Service hours are Weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

EXTRA!

BIG SPRING HERALD

710 Scurry

263-7331

www.bigspringherald.com

Business Opportunity

COKE/ M&M ROUTE- Do You Earn \$100K/yr?
Locations in Big Spring,
\$0 Down Fin. avail.
800-367-6709 ext. 366

Cemetery Lots

SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$ on monuments/
markers. We deliver to all
cemetaries. Little Red Barn
across from Mt. Olive Ceme-
tery. Mt Olive Monuments.
432-264-7722.

SPECIAL SALE. Two grave
spaces for the price of one.
Pay-out plan available. \$50.00
Down. The Little Red Barn
across from Mt. Olive Ceme-
tery. 432-264-7722.

Educational**AMAZING OPPORTUNITY!**

Train for a new career in
Medical Assisting,
Medical Office Specializing, or
Computer Business Systems!
Call now for more information!
800-497-1557

Southeastern Career Institute
Westwood Village
Shopping Center
4320 West Illinois, Suite A
Midland, TX 79703

Help Wanted

PART-TIME 3:30-7:30pm posi-
tion. Jack & Jill, 1708 Nolan.

Gill's Fried Chicken looking
for Management positions and
Cooks. Experience a plus.
Competitive wages. Benefits
package includes health, vision
& dental. Apply in person, 2100
S. Gregg. No phone calls.

Help Wanted

**Pediatric Private
Duty Nurses needed
for Immediate
Openings!!**

- *Benefits
- *Mileage paid
- *Competitive Wages
- *Sign-On Bonus!!

Call Kristi Young, RN
@ **1-800-887-2235**
or fax resume to
432-550-1717 today!

9139

**Maintenance/ Electronics/
Electrician Positions**

The Colorado River Municipal
Water District has openings for
Maintenance Workers in Big
Spring. A CDL license and me-
chanical experience are help-
ful. CRMWD has an opening
for an Electronics Technician
and also an Electrician. Elec-
tronic and/or Electrical experi-
ence required.

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

Help Wanted

**Ameri-Tech Building
Systems**

**DRUG FREE
WORK PLACE**

Immediate openings!!!**Quality Control Manager**

Seeking a mature,
responsible individual!
Candidate must be
highly motivated to handle
and able to work without
supervision for our fast paced
growing manufacturing
business.

Must have experience in
building or construction; man-
agement experience a plus!
Competitive pay with a full
range of benefits.

EOA

Fax resume to:
Jamie White

936-598-6359

or apply online

www.ameritechbuildings.com

302

**ADON/
MSD
Coordinator**

LTC facility in LAMESA seeks
experienced individual with
State license. TILE Certification
a plus! Competitive salary and
benefits. EOE. Fax cover letter
& resume, with salary history to
Marcie Pruitt, (972)739-6699,
or send via email to:
mpruitt@

seniorlivingemail.com

DUNCAN DISPOSAL - Now
hiring a driver for the Coahoma
area. Need at least a Class B
CDL. Experience Preferred for a
driver's position. Please
come by the Duncan Disposal
office at 8220 West Hwy 80,
Midland, TX- just east of the
airport to apply in person. Must
be able to pass mandatory
DOT and corporate drug test-
ing requirements. No phone
calls please. The job includes
40+ hours weekly Mon- Fri.,
with some Sat. mornings. An
hourly rate with benefits pack-
age is available. Equal Oppor-
tunity Employer.

Help Wanted**ARE YOU A GO GETTER?**

Would you like to make good
money? Well come join own
team!!!!!!!!!!

Health Insurance, 401K, mile-
age reimbursement, sick leave,
vacation time available.

Contact or pick up application
Sweetwater Reporter
112 West 3rd.

Sweetwater, TX 79556

325-236-6677

or e-mail resume to

advertising710@suddenlink-

mail.com

or Contact

District Advertising Manager

Rick Nunez

432-816-1550

COMFORT INN needs house-

keeping from 9:00-3:00. Above

Competitive pay. Apply at Front

Desk @ 2990 East I-20. No

phone calls please.

DAY'S INN needs House-

keeping. Apply at Front Office

@ 2701 South Gregg Street.

DESERT TANKS, LLC is look-

ing for experienced Welders.

Apply in person at 1305 E. Air-

park Drive. Good Pay, Bene-

fits, Pre-Employment drug test

required, no phone calls.

FARM HAND Wanted! Experi-

ence only apply. Call after 7:00

p.m. (432)684-5418.

FULL-TIME Child Care posi-

tions available. Jack & Jill,

1708 Nolan.

HIRING IMMEDIATELY for

Night Watchman. Must have a

clean background check, reli-

able transportation, and a valid

driver's license. Retirees wel-

come to apply. Call

719-523-3194 after 2pm.

HOUSEKEEPING NEEDED.

Competitive pay and paid holi-

days & vacation. Pick up appli-

cation at Holiday Inn Express,

1109 N. Aylesford Street.

Kinder Hearts Home Health,

PLLC

FT LVNs Needed

in Big Spring

866-778-5778 or

www.kinderhearts.com

westtexas.com



We are currently seeking an RN field and HCA field in the Big Spring area. It is an honor to care for our employees & to serve our patients. We offer competitive salaries, benefit pkgs, supportive work environment, tuition asst and online CE courses. Opportunities for advancement are offered to all who work hard with a great attitude. Happiness & joy are cornerstones of our workplace.

Prefer an RN with 1 year Home Healthcare experience.

Please call our office at:

432-264-1164 Email: GolleherV@Fms-Regional.com

8651

**HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST II -
RECRUITING OFFICER**

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Wallace Unit, Colorado City**

Salary \$2,664.33 per month. For more infor-
mation, minimum qualifications, and application pro-
cedures, visit the Texas Department of Criminal
Justice website at www.tdcj.state.tx.us.

Click on Employment and Job Search. Applications
will be accepted until 5 p.m.
on January 2, 2008.

An equal opportunity employer.

8260

**You say you didn't notice
until it was too late to do
anything about it?**

Probably, if you aren't checking the Public Notices columns
of this newspaper regularly.

Public Notices are required by state law to protect your rights
and to help you function more effectively as a citizen. Access
to information about what government agencies are doing is
what makes the American the most powerful citizen in the
world.

The Public Notices give you access to information you
need...about plans for major land use changes...about where
roads will go...whose land will be condemned...how your tax
dollars will be spent...about court actions that could be impor-
tant to you, or just plain interesting.

Whether you know them as Public Notices or as "the legals",
it pays you to check the Public Notice columns in this news-
paper each issue. What you don't know might cost you!

Fiber Glass Systems

STAR • SMITH • FIBERCAST

Fiber Glass Systems, a division of National Oilwell Varco,
has an immediate opening for a Quality Control Manager at
our Big Spring, TX facility. Fiber Glass Systems is a leading
manufacturer of fiberglass pipe and fittings for the oil and
chemical industry.

The successful candidate will actively maintain and
improve our existing ISO 9001 quality system, direct mul-
tiple shift QC inspectors, audit and report on manufactur-
ing processes, and offer solutions for product and process
improvements. A technical degree and/or ISO 9001 qual-
ity management experience is preferred.

Salary is negotiable and dependent on individual skills and
experience. FGS offers a highly competitive compensation
package which includes: Salary, Generous bonus package,
up to 150% company matching to 401(k) plan, medical,
dental, and disability insurance, as well as paid holidays
and vacation.

Resumes may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to: Ryan
Walker, Human Resources Administrator; PO Box 1831,
Big Spring TX 79720 (Phone) 432-263-1291 (Fax) 432-263-
1293 (E-mail) Ryan.Walker@nov.com.

9132

Customer Service

**Warm.
Focused.
Optimistic.**



That's how I shine with customers.

Your diligence and passion for the customer cause are clear. And just the kind of
stuff that puts the Star in StarTek. We're one of the fastest growing business
process management companies in the world, and we deliver the most admired
standard of care - to customers and you. Join a team where a drive for results,
enthusiasm, and hard work are compensated by a good dose of fun. Our state-of-
the-art inbound customer call center in Big Spring, TX has the following reward-
ing opportunities:

**Customer Service Agents &
Bilingual Customer Service Agents**

We also offer:

- Outstanding Advancement Opportunities
- Flexible Work Schedules
- Medical, Dental and Vision Plans
- Life Insurance
- Paid Holidays and Time Off
- 401(K) with Generous Employee Match
- Business Casual Work Setting
- Incentive Pay Program
- Team Contests, Events & Prizes
- Great Training & Development
- **Bilingual Candidates receive 90-day sign-on bonus & premium hourly rate**

We're seeking intelligent and optimistic people to resolve customer issues with
finesse. To qualify, you must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school
diploma or GED. Customer service or retail experience a plus.

CLASSES START JANUARY 7

It's time to shine. Apply today at www.startek.com/careers or apply at 501
Birdwell Lane, Suite 30, Big Spring, TX or call 432-264-2700.

StarTek
Business Process Outsourcing

Equal Opportunity Employer

CAREERS ARE JUST MORE FUN HERE!



BORDER STATES
Supply Chain Solutions

Warehouse Associate/Delivery Driver

Border States Electric, is seeking an individual for
our warehouse. Electrical systems, product knowl-
edge, and prior warehouse distribution experience
preferred. Must be at least 21 years old and able
to drive and to pass a forklift certification.

We offer very competitive pay & benefits.

Apply in person at 3202 IS-20 E, Big Spring or

email: tmajors@border-states.com

EOE/Drug Free Workplace

9262

Western Container Corp.

How would you like to spend the rest of your career
in a true team-based work environment where no
time clock exist, hourly members make the final
decision on new hire offers, and a rule book that
simply states "4 things that matter" - Personal
Responsibility, Adult Behavior, Integrity, and Mutual
Respect.

We are the world-class manufacturer of Pet Coca-
Cola bottles in North America and we are currently
seeking applicants for Entry level positions.

- Ability to work 12 hour rotational shifts
- High school diploma or GED

Benefits:

- 9 paid holidays
- Paid vacations
- Health benefits
- 401k retirement plan

**Apply at:
1600 1st Street
Big Spring, TX 79720**

Between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday thru Friday

30677

BUSINESSES & SERVICES

\$54.60 Per Month
Call 263-7331 to place your ad today!!



AC & HEATING JOHNSON AC, HEATING & SHEET METAL • Servicing all heaters central & wall • Duct work - all sheet metal work • Registers & Grills We Carry All Heating Parts & Filters, Belts 1408 E. 4th 263-2980	HEATING & AC Crossroads Refrigeration Air Conditioning, Heating & Ice Machines We service all makes and models! Cell: (432) 270-0501 24 Hour Service TACLA26711C	AIR CONDITIONING WARREN REFRIGERATION AIR-HEAT-ICE NEW CUSTOMER SPECIAL 10% Off Labor (Limited Time) Loran Warren NATE Certified Service Technician Licensed and Insured TACLA26337C CALL (432) 263-5144	AUTO CARE G & M Auto Care Locally Owned & Operated Service 1972 263-1091 George & Mary 900 E. 3rd St. Big Spring	AUTO PARTS A Modern Auto Dismantler WESTEX Since 1947 • 14 Acres of dismantled vehicles • 20,000 sq. ft. of Warehouse storage • Specialize in late model quality auto parts • Foreign and domestic parts for cars, trucks, mini-vans, 4x4 and sports utility vehicles Hrs. 8 a.m.-5:30 Wk/day 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Sat. 1511 Hwy 350 • (432) 263-5000	BED LINERS C & D Truck Accessories 2706 N. HWY 87 432-263-3600 Rhino Linings THE SPRAYED-ON LINER
BUILDINGS CD Metal Construction Custom Metal Bldgs. • Overhead Doors Concrete • Fences (Pipe, Chain Link) • Roofing Clay Parker Office: 432-353-4580 Cell: 432-466-3586 Fully Insured Free Estimates CDMetalConstruction@yahoo.com	CATERING Tee's Catering <i>A Taste of Elegance</i> Big Spring's only Catering Company • Menu Design • Now Booking Your Holiday Events • Corporate Events To 750 Call Theresa Andrews at 432-264-0579 Call 432-599-1689	CONCRETE J. T. Builders Remodeling • Drywall Ceramic Tile • Electrical Plumbing • Roofing Brick & Concrete Work Driveways • Sidewalks Fireplaces • Stucco Swimming Pool Decks JOHNNY TALAMANTEZ (432) 213-0882 Cell (432) 935-6310 Res.	CONCRETE All Types Concrete Work Block & Brick Repair Trenching & Tractor Service & Landscaping Campbell Concrete Contractors Call Tommy Campbell Concrete Contractor (432) 466-0623 2006 Runnels (432) 935-3644 Big Spring, TX 79720	CONCRETE MARQUEZ FENCE CO. All types of fences, tile fence & repairs. Concrete work, carports, stucco work All work guaranteed. Free Estimates Benny Marquez-Owner 267-5714	
CONCRETE STUCCO DRIVEWAYS SIDEWALKS BLOCK FENCES Chico and Sons Concrete (432) 466-0573 (432) 816-6561 621 Sgt. Paredez Fred Rubio Big Spring, TX 79720	YOUR AD PUT YOUR AD HERE CALL 263-7331 Herald Classifieds HERALD	ENTERTAINMENT "The Place" Mix Beverages Open 7 Days A Week 6:00 pm-2:00 am Tue-Texas Hold'em Poker "Free" Thur - Karaoke Fri. & Sat. - D.J. Come Join us for fun, dancing, singing, poker, pool. 1800 N. Birdwell 432-267-9232	FENCES Quality Fence Co. Jimmy Marquez-Owner Finest In Fencing Wood & Chainlink Free Estimates 432-267-3349	FENCES CHAINLINK METAL • CEDAR DOG KENNELS ORNAMENTAL IRON B & M Fence Co. COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL GET OUR PRICE & COMPARE FREE ESTIMATES ROBERT MARQUEZ 263-1613 • 1-800-525-1389 1006 Lamesa Hwy. • Big Spring	HOME INSPECTION Langley Home Inspections & Services "Serving All Of West Texas" Weldon Langley Office (432) 550-4799 Mobile (432) 425-8171 WL Inspections@aol.com TREC#5680
HOME IMPROVEMENT R S HOME REPAIR Custom Wood Decks, Remodel, Carpenter, Painting, Plumbing, Minor Electrical FREE ESTIMATES Garage door repair, Appliances installed 816-3030	HOME IMPROVEMENT L & R Construction Painting, Dry Wall, Tape & Bedding, Texture, Repairs, Remodeling, Addition, Tile & More. 432-213-5540	HOME IMPROVEMENT J & J's Handyman Service (FREE ESTIMATES) Want Christmas Lights Up? YOU GOT IT! Tile, Remodeling, Painting, Carpentry, Drywall, Garage Doors, and Home Repairs Jay Flores Sr. (Owner) 264-6412 (Home) 816-2437 (Cell)	HOME IMPROVEMENT Gibbs Remodeling New home Construction • Room Additions Dry Wall Hanging & Finishing Ceramic Tile • Installation & Repair All Remodel Needs Of Any Room In Your Home. Call 263-8285	HOME IMPROVEMENT ENTRY DOORS/ GARAGE DOORS/OPENERS Remodeling • Contractor Repaired/Remodeled Refinishing Kitchen & Bath Specialist BOB'S CUSTOM WOODWORK 409 E. 3RD 267-5811	HOME IMPROVEMENT HANDY DAD SERVICES Residential and Commercial Custom tile work, painting, texturing, sheetrock, small remodeling projects, and tree trimming. No Job Too Small CALL 432-208-8096
HOUSE LEVELING Safe Co. House Leveling Pier • Beam Slab Foundation 40 Yrs. Experience FREE ESTIMATES 325-728-9394	INTERNET SERVICES Westex Telecom High Speed DSL OR Dial-Up Internet Access Local Customer Service 268-8800	JANITORIAL Breathe-EZ Cleaning Service Lowest Prices, Outstanding Service, Insured! Office, Homes, Restaurants, Make Ready's, Floor Care All Types, Air Ducts, Carpets (Dry & Extraction), Pressure Washing & Much More! 1-866-843-1837	LANDSCAPING We Dig And Move Trees, Lot Clearing. Call Us For Your Landscaping Needs Decker Farm Supply & Nursery Stanton • 756-3444	LAWN SERVICE LAWN & MAINTENANCE CARE Fall Clean-up, and tree trimming. FREE ESTIMATES CALL ARRON (325) 644-2017 OR CELL (432) 967-1220	LAWN SERVICE Gary Lee Mowing, Tilling Tree Trimming Trim Hedges Hydromulching Fescue Grass Clean Flower Beds Call 432-264-0299
LAWN SERVICE AAA CUTTING EDGE INC. Est. 1997 Fall Cleanup Mowing, Edging, Weedeating Flower Bed Maintenance Free Estimates 432-816-9639 432-853-1013	LAWN SERVICE FALL CLEANUP HAULING • TILLING TREE TRIMMING • ODD JOBS CALL 267-5460 CELL 816-6150 Scoggin Lawn Service	NAIL SALON Pro Spa Nail Salon Pedicure: \$21.99 Manicure: \$11.99 Full Set: \$20.00 & up Refill: \$13.99 & up SPECIAL Solar Nails: \$29.00 111 E. Marcy Dr. Ste 110 (432) 263-6245 (Next To Wal-Mart)	OFFICE CLEANING Vera's Janitorial Just in time for the holidays. Evening Office Cleaning Great References Call 432-466-1640 After 5 pm leave message	OIL FIELD LC Sandblasting Inc. Tank cleaning, trailers, pipe, high pressure steamer, painting, coating, fiberglass repair, tank batteries, antique cars, brick, graffiti removal. NO JOB TOO BIG OR SMALL 432-213-3399	PEST CONTROL Southwestern A-1 Pest Control SOUTHWESTERN Since 1954 (432) 263 - 0441 Max F. Moore 2008 Birdwell Lane swalpc.com New Website mm@swalpc.com Check It Out !!
RENTALS VENTURA COMPANY 432-267-2655 Houses • Storages Commercial Buildings For rent/sale Reduced 606 State \$10,000 Reduced 1402 Main - \$18,500 w/\$5,000 Down 1003, 1011 E. 11th	GARAGE SALE HAVING A GARAGE SALE CALL 263-7331 Herald Classifieds HERALD	ROOFING "A NAME YOU CAN TRUST" CONTACT: JEFF DENTON 1-806-239-0241 BURR SETTLES (432) 935-9118 TOLL FREE: 1-888-548-1669 - Locally Owned And Operated - Insurance Claims Specialist - Licensed And Bonded For Your Protection - FREE ESTIMATES	ROOFING JOHNNY FLORES ROOFING Shingles, Hot Tar & Gravel. All type of repairs! Work Guaranteed. Specializing in Hot Tar Roofs and Doctor of Repairs! Free Estimates!! Big Spring & Surrounding Areas. 267-1110	WEB/PRINT Big Spring Pack & Ship Your Wrapping, Packing, and Shipping Solution *No waiting Lines *Lots of help * More Shipping Choices FedEx DHL Free Shipping Supplies with all carriers !! Pickup Service, Moving/Packaging Supplies Copying Services, Faxing, Photo and Doc. Scanning, Office Supplies, Full Service Printing Marketing Supplies, Ad Design, Web Design. (432) 599-8018 808 Gregg St. Big Spring, TX 79720 bigspringpackandship.com	WEB DESIGNS Bond Web Designs web designing and hosting www.bondwebs.com Lane Bond 2605 Ann Drive Big Spring, TX 79720 (432) 263-4033 (432) 213-0391 cell lane@bondwebs.com
YOUR AD PUT YOUR AD HERE CALL 263-7331 Herald Classifieds HERALD	SCHOOL Maranatha Baptist Academy School Age Pre • 4-5 K-12 • A.C.E. Home Schooling Individualized Tutoring Available 903 Johnson 263-7696	YOUR AD PUT YOUR AD HERE CALL 263-7331 Herald Classifieds HERALD	SIDING Four Seasons Insulation & Siding Specializing In Wall Insulation Thermal Replacement Windows & Siding Call 264-8610	WINDOW TINT C & D Truck Accessories 2706 N. HWY 87 432-263-3600 Solar Gaurd Window Tint 5 year limited warranty	

5 Easy Ways To Place Your Ad In The Big Spring Herald Classifieds!

1

By Phone...
263-7331

2

By Fax...
264-7205

3

In Person...
710 Scurry

4

By e-mail...
classifieds@
BigSpringHerald.com

5

By Mail...
P.O. Box 1431



HERALD

Miscellaneous

BRAND NAME 2-pc queen pillowtop mattress sets. NEW \$150. BEAUTIFUL CHERRY dining table & chairs. Great for holiday. No scratches. \$225. 806-549-3110.

DURA-SUEDE SOFA and love seat, never used, neutral color \$545. NEW KING/CAL KING 3 pc pillowtop mattress set, warr., \$275. 806-549-3110.

HUGE FORMAL 11 pc, double pedestal dining table, 2 leaves, 6 cushioned chairs, hutch/buffet, estate quality. HAVEN'T USED, list \$4196, Sell \$1995, 806-549-3110.

On the Farm

BEARLESS WHEAT Seed for sale. Cleanded and sacked. \$9.00 per bag. Call (432)268-3084.

HORSE QUALITY net-wrapped coastal 4x6 rounds. \$70.00 delivered, 17 bale minimum. (254)977-4196.

NEW MAHINDRA Tractors are located at 6011 East Hwy 80, Midland TX, (Take Exit 144, off I-20, Located North Service Rd. of Business 20.) Full service dealer. Hours 8am-7pm Monday-Friday, Saturday 8am-12noon. Low interest rates and long term financing available. Cultivate your dreams. The Tractor that out weighs, out lifts and out performs the competition. www.beenettractors.com

Pets

AKC REGISTERED Golden Retriever puppies. \$300. Ready before Christmas. First shots. Call (432)267-7884.

Real Estate for Rent

BEAUTIFUL GARDEN COURTYARD

- Swimming Pool
- Private Patios
- Carports
- Appliances
- Most Utilities Paid
- Senior Citizens Discount
- 1 & 2 Bedroom Unfurnished

PARKHILL TERRACE



800 W. Marcy Drive
263-5555 267-5444

LOVELY NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLEX

- Swimming Pool
- Carports,
- Most Utilities Paid,
- Senior Citizen Discounts
- 1 & 2 Bedrooms & 1 or 2 Baths Unfurnished

KENTWOOD APARTMENTS

1904 East 25th Street
267-5444
263-5555

South Plains Apts
Efficiency, 1 & 2 Bdrms

- New Appliances & Fixtures
- Dish Network w/300+ Channels Incl 34 Latino
- Hi-speed Wireless Internet
- Picnic/BBQ Area
- New Laundry & Vending

3304 W. Hwy. 80
(432) 714-4840

\$280/MO! BUY a 3 bed, 2 bath! 5% dn, 20 yrs, 8% apr! For listings 800-544-6258 x F086.

1 BDRM for \$300. a month @ 902 East 12th. Call 432-267-7380.

1206 EAST 11th Place. 3 Bedroom 2 bath, 2 car garage, CH/A, living/ dining room. \$950.00 Month plus deposit. No HUD. No Bills Paid. (432)267-2296.

1734 PURDUE 3 Bdr, 2 bath, CH/A, Tile floors, Large Kitchen and living area. \$770.00 month, \$595.00 deposit. Call 432-816-1330 after 4:00 p.m.

BARCELONA APARTMENTS

\$299 MOVE IN SPECIAL + APPLICATION & SECURITY DEP.

538 Westover

ALL BILLS PAID

263-1252

Housing Assistance Accepted

Real Estate for Rent

2 Thru 6 Bedroom Homes. Pool, 24 hour maintenance, Central Heat and Air, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, furnished. Washer/ dryer connections. (432)263-3461 -Tom.

611 RIDGELEA- 3 Bdr, 1 bath, carport, CH/A, pergo floors. \$560. Month, \$395. deposit. Call 432-816-1330 after 4:00 p.m.

DOWNTOWN 1 bedroom, Spacious Duplex. Ceiling fan, Central Heat. From \$285.00 One person. Non smoking premises or pets. Credit report qualification. McDonald/Broker 432-270-0707.

FURNISHED APT. extended stay hotel. Weekly \$245.00 plus tax, monthly \$700.00 and up. Microwave and fridge. Call 1-800-677-8175.

NICE BRICK Office Building at 2000 South Birdwell Lane, 3300 sq. feet, with 11 Offices and ample parking. \$1500 Per month. Please Contact Lucy 432-263-5000.

OFFICE SPACE- 4 Rooms Very nice. High Traffic. Plenty head-in parking. 307 Union Street. Call Mr. Bill Chrane (432)213-0426.

RUSTIC RANCH style split level, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, plus detached workshop/garage, city acreage w/view. \$475., Non smoke or pets. Grounds maintenance, excellent credit history required. McDonald Broker 432-270-0707.

THE OFFICE Building, 710 Gregg Street, for lease, excellent space for a medical doctor or lab available, also have individual offices starting @ \$250. per month with bills paid. Call (432)770-5656 or (432)517-0038. Broker/ Owner.

Real Estate for Sale

2 Thru 6 Bedroom Brick Homes. No Down Payment. Owner Financing. Bad Credit OK. 6 Month warranty. Call Maria (432)263-3461.

2810 CORONADO Ave. 2700 sq feet, 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 3 living areas, fireplace, dishwasher, sprinkler system. \$150K. Call 432-816-4029 or 816-5397.

32 CITY Lots for Sale By Owner. \$750.00 Cash or \$1,000.00 with \$100.00 Down. Payments \$100.00 per month. Call (432)689-2429.

4059 VICKY. Completely remodeled, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, 2 car garage. Granite countertop & new appliances, new tile & carpet. Call (432)263-0786, (432)935-3726.

6-1/2 ACRES CISD, with water well, duplex rentals. Call 432-517-0642 for more info.

901 NORTH West 2nd Street. 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living areas, w/guest house, huge lot. Needs work. \$10,000 O.B.O. Call 432-264-1148.

BEAUTIFUL- CUSTOM Built 2002 home on 9 acres. 4/5 Bdrm, 3.5 bath, inground pool, 1200 sq. ft. Storage/shed, horse stalls. Price Reduced. Call 361-492-0270.

DISNEY AREA Stay 7 Days 6 Nights 2 adult Disney tickets. Paid \$750.00 will sell for \$249.00 Good for one year (915)233-2017.

FORECLOSURE 3 bd, 2 ba Only \$35,300! Must see! For listings 800-544-6258 ext. F906.

OWNER WILL finance 508 State. EZ Terms. Low Down. Low monthly. Contact 512-573-3556.

ONE BEDROOM, one bath, with garage and carport. Fenced backyard. Owner will finance with \$1,900 down, \$290. month. Call (512)321-3333. (512)940-5200, (432)631-8100.

OWNER FINANCE TOUGH CREDIT OK ONLY 2% DOWN 3726 Adams, 3 bed, 1 1/2 bath, CH/A. \$53,900. Recorded info. 432-687-2696.

OWNER FINANCE, \$5000 down. 1901 Morrison. Call (432) 264-9907.

OWNER FINANCED Houses for Sale. 1413 Sycamore and 508 State. Easy Terms. Call Reagan at 432-634-6818.

Services Offered

NO DSL? No Cable? No Problem! Get Hughes Net satellite technology to bring high-speed always-on Internet to places DSL and Cable can't reach. \$100 Rebate! 888-813-7402.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Saturn in Virgo's retrograde almost goes unnoticed today, quietly sandwiched

between the week's solar events. But that string of to-do lists, projects to complete and health exams to schedule catches our eye. Over the next few months, we'll find time to finish the dangling details held in the balance of our life structures.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's no such thing as having too much fun. Today's amusements will make wonderful conversational material for the many social obligations you'll be attending in the near future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your inclination is first to be nice. Nice works for you in most cases — but not all. Woe to the person who inspires you to go with your second inclination — to get your way, period.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Multitasking is like a sport to you now. You feel so productive doing a million things at once. Tonight, you react to loved ones in ways that surprise even you. Chalk it up to learning.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've done a pretty good job being you. Spoiling yourself a little

bit won't cause you to go all soft. In fact, saying yes to your own needs is the most healing thing you can do right now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You luck out in the love department. Don't just chalk it up as a fluke — your winning streak stretches through the next three days. Tonight, you have fun finding things to do that don't involve a lot of money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've got a whodunit on your hands. There are several suspects, but don't jump to conclusions until you do some thorough investigating. The answer isn't so obvious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're becoming aware of new internal stirrings, developing fascinations and consciousness-expanding pursuits. Your "aha" moment is just around the corner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life is a bit like a 3D poster now. Look deeply into a flat part. Change your position, and blur your eyes so that you no longer see the distinctions between things. A new image or way of viewing things pops out at you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have an effect on people. You make them feel a certain way. Get in touch with exactly what that effect is and what that feeling feels like. Ask pointed questions and get candid answers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The quickest way to your goal is to let

others know that it's in their interest to promote your interest. A close encounter with someone powerful revs your engine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Life flows simply when you're operating alone. But having an easy time is not the point now. Working with others brings enriching challenges — the kind you didn't know you needed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You do what you want. Let others run their own show, too. Loved ones will be drawn to you because they feel free around you. Tonight, your mind is like a magic wand. Watch where you zing that thing!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "This is going to be the biggest year of my life. I was born Nov. 18, 1949, and I am retiring, my house is selling, and I'm moving to another state to be with him. He is born Sept. 20, 1946. Gosh, is this all going to work out? I'm a little anxious."

Congratulations on your achievements! Jupiter, the planet associated with luck and prosperity, is very active in your chart right now, lighting it up like a pinball machine, and you'll be happy to know the score goes higher yet in 2008. But even happy change is stressful. You're a cautious Scorpio who likes to stick in one place before carefully making a considered move, so I suspect all these

prospects happening at once are rattling you. Psychologists say that the stress of retirement is almost as stressful as a personal injury, let alone a new relationship in a new state. It might be interesting for you to document these changes — via video, pictures or journaling. You can emotionally process the experience and create a keepsake. Your Virgo is attentive to your every need. With his moon in Cancer, he will do everything in his power to make you feel cared for and comfortable.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Brad Pitt wasn't always a humanitarian and social activist, although that is an innate part of his Sagittarian-sun destiny. Prior to Angie, building his professional career was his main MO. That's because four Capricorn planets — his moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars — upstaged his solo sun. Planetary contacts in Angie's chart revealed Brad's humanitarianism. Aw, love does complete us!

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.

© 2007 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

Annie's Mailbox ® : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: After 10 years of trying to make my marriage work, I finally could not take the verbal and mental abuse any longer. When a friend overheard one of my husband's tirades, she offered me a place to stay, a job, a car and an airline ticket. I took two suitcases and left. A month later, he called and said his leukemia, diagnosed a year ago, was now terminal and death was imminent. I



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

went home. He had lied. I packed and left again with no intention of returning — ever.

Now, six months later, his illness requires chemotherapy and he is on disability. I'm sorry he is ill, but I cannot go back. No one understands my position. I am accused of being a terrible person for "leaving him when he's sick," but I am safe and trying to tend to my own recovery.

The problem? My friend, the one who got me out of that situation, has now decided that if I won't talk to my ex, she will, because after all, he's dying and needs support. Annie, does cancer automatically wipe out the fact that this man almost destroyed me? She can't understand why I am furious. Am I wrong to demand her loyalty? If she wants to spend hours on the phone with him, fine, leave me out of it,

but she says she doesn't want to go behind my back. I don't get it. — We'll All Die Sometime

Dear Friend: Your relationship with your ex is entirely different from your friend's and she does not carry around all your negative baggage. The fact that he's dying has made her feel sorry for him, and her sympathetic nature is one of the reasons she helped when you needed her. If your friend wants to call your ex, that's her business. She should not, however, carry on these conversations when you are within hearing distance. That is disrespectful to you. Tell her we said so.

Dear Annie: Every year for Christmas, we use a picture of our family taken on vacation and put it on our Christmas cards. This year, our 22-year-old daughter's live-in boyfriend, "Ed," is in the picture. Normally, we print on the photo, "The Smith Family — John, Jane, Jenny and Justin." How do I include Ed in the wording this year? Thanks. — Bewildered Dad

Dear Dad: This is what the inside of cards is for — to write personal messages and family news. The people to whom you regularly send Christmas cards will spot Ed as a new face. If you feel it is necessary to caption the photograph, try "The Smith Family — John, Jane, Jenny, Ed Jones and Justin." Or

"The Smith Family — John, Jane, Jenny, Justin and Jenny's friend Ed Jones." Wordy, but descriptive.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Can't Breathe In My Own Home," who married a smoker.

I have been a smoker most of my life. He has an addiction and such problems do not magically disappear. She has stuck with him for 31 years, but now she is whining because he could not quit when she expected him to. She should not have married him to begin with.

Have they ever thought about making a place outside the home where he could smoke comfortably? I am not saying it is good for him to smoke. I am just being realistic. If he decides to quit, he should talk to his doctor about new medications, but the decision must be his, not hers. Preaching to him will not help. I will step off my soapbox now. — J.

Dear J.: We agree that if you can't stand the smoke, you shouldn't marry the smoker, but people often make promises they can't keep and you can't turn back the clock. We hope he is willing to check out some stop-smoking programs — for his health as well as hers.

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.

© 2007 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

su|do|ku

© Puzzles by Pappocom

ANSWERS

5	1	9	4	6	3	8	7	2
6	4	8	1	7	2	5	9	3
2	7	3	5	9	8	6	4	1
1	5	6	7	3	9	4	2	8
3	2	7	6	8	4	1	5	9
9	8	4	2	5	1	3	6	7
8	9	5	3	4	7	2	1	6
7	6	1	8	2	5	9	3	4
4	3	2	9	1	6	7	8	5

GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk?

Recycle your unwanted items!

Call 263-7331 today.

A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

Soldier charged as ringleader in rape caught in legal fray

By RYAN LENZ

Associated Press Writer

They were convicted one after another — four U.S. soldiers who helped gang rape a 14-year-old Iraqi girl before a fifth among them allegedly killed her and her family in a drug-fueled daze.

In exchange for leniency, each struck deals to testify against the charismatic and troubled private who allegedly killed the family and planted in them the idea of raping the girl.

But the case against former Army Pvt. Steven D. Green, of Midland, Texas, has dragged slowly forward in the 18 months since the allegations surfaced. It's a pace, military legal experts note, that bears stark contrast to swift prosecutions of nearly every other crime to come from Iraq and

Afghanistan.

Defense attorneys and federal prosecutors have fought each other on the reach of federal courts into military affairs, the access civilian attorneys have to classified military evidence and, most recently, what constitutes enough time to prepare for trial.

Judge Thomas Russell only Tuesday set an April 13, 2009, date for trial, in an order entered in Paducah, Ky.

Some legal experts say the delays and infighting suggest challenges ahead in trying the last chapter of what many regard as the worst atrocity committed by U.S. military personnel in Iraq.

"You've got some very smart people trying a type of case that they normally don't," said Charles Rose, a law professor at

Stetson University and former deputy military judge advocate. "Federal criminal courts are designed for paper-driven cases. They don't do violations of the laws of war."

Unlike his co-accused, Green, 22, is the only soldier charged in civilian court for the March 2006 slayings, where he faces a possible death sentence if convicted.

Green pleaded not guilty in November 2006 to charges of rape and murder.

Four Fort Campbell, Ky.-based 101st Airborne Division soldiers have since been convicted for their roles in targeting the girl from a checkpoint near Mahmoudiya, a village 20 miles south of Baghdad, and helping rape and kill her. They were given sentences in court-martial ranging from five to 110

years under agreements with prosecutors.

At the core of Green's trial is the law used to charge him in U.S. District Court.

The Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act allows prosecutors to try military personnel in federal court if they no longer are in the service and are charged for a crime punishable by a year in prison.

Described as a catchall for the military, the law is used rarely and never before on a high-profile case.

But the law has dissolved Green's chances of receiving a comparable sentence to the rest if he is convicted, attorneys have argued. Each soldier was charged identically, but those convicted in the military have a chance for parole in 10 years no matter the sentence.

Green faces a minimum life sentence if found guilty, and a maximum death sentence.

While legal experts say disparity in sentencing is not unusual, Green's attorneys have argued there is a fundamental issue of fairness that is lost by the government's insistence on trying Green outside of the reaches of the military.

Assistant U.S. District Attorney Marisa Ford has in the past declined to comment on the case. A telephone message from The Associated Press seeking comment was left Tuesday at her Louisville, Ky., office.

Green, who was also a member of the 101st, had been honorably discharged from the military with antisocial personality disorder when he was arrested by U.S. marshals in June.

Congress expands FOIA to allow access to more governmental records

By LAURIE KELLMAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Congress on Tuesday struck back at the Bush administration's trend toward secrecy since the 2001 terrorist attacks, passing legislation to toughen the Freedom of Information Act and increasing penalties on agencies that don't comply.

The White House would not say whether President Bush will sign the legislation, which unanimously passed the House by voice vote Tuesday a few days after it sailed through the Senate. Without Bush's signature, the bill would become law during the congressional recess that begins next week.

It would be the first makeover of the FOIA in a decade, among other things bringing nonproprietary information held by government contractors under the law. The legislation also is aimed at reversing an order by former Attorney General John Ashcroft in the wake of the attacks, in which he instructed agencies to lean against

releasing information when there was uncertainty about how doing so would affect national security.

The overwhelming congressional support for the legislation owes in part to administration allies who successfully insisted on stripping out language explicitly reversing Ashcroft's order.

That victory, said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., is evidence that "we'll continue to try to balance national security with the vital interests of open government."

With or without the Ashcroft provision, the rewritten version that cleared Congress Tuesday will have the intended effect of reversal.

"No matter who is the next president, he will have to run a government that is more open than in the past," if the bill becomes law, Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt, said on the Senate floor.

Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Judiciary Committee, had attempted to pass versions of the open government bill in earlier sessions of Congress.

Jazzy's "simply beautiful things"

Custom X-mas Hair Bows

1712 S. Gregg (432) 714-4626

Slaton Insurance Agency

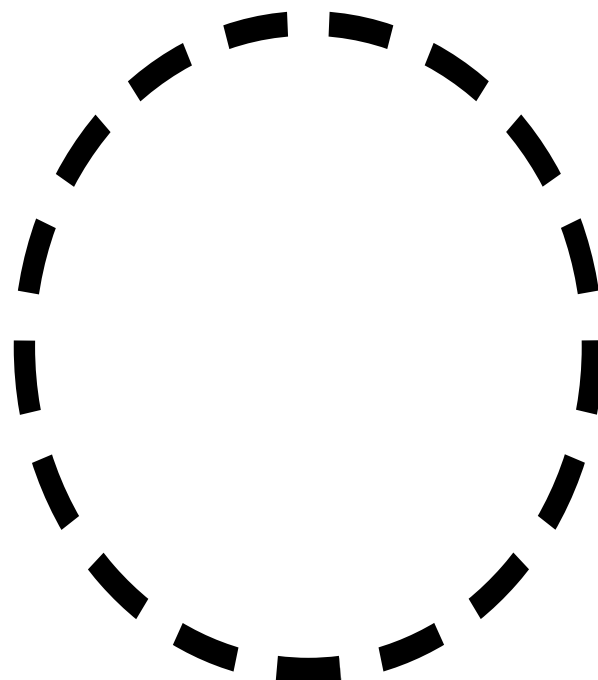
FARMERS®

AFFINITY DISCOUNT ON AUTO INS.
For Educators, Engineers, Firefighters,
Law Enforcement Officers,
Physicians and Scientists

Vicki Slaton

205 W. 15th (432) 267-2398

PUT YOUR
COFFEE CUP
RIGHT HERE.



NOW TRY
TURNING THE
PAGE.

Don't you wish your advertising could stop consumers that effectively? Let's face it, most of the time it gets lost in the shuffle.

It takes a certain ingenuity to stand out in a crowd. You've got to be provocative. Unpredictable. A little smarter than the next guy. And you've got to have a real feel for the medium you're working in.

We put those talents to work for our advertisers everyday...and at no extra cost. It works for them. And, you'll have to admit, it just worked for you!

**BIG
SPRING HERALD**

*Let us be your advertising specialists.
Call today!*

432-263-7331

Snyder
IRON & METAL
Snyder, Texas

208 N. Old Post Rd.
Snyder, Texas 79549

Monday - Friday
8:30 - 5:30

Aluminum Cans - 60¢ Lb.

★ **We Buy Scrap Cars** ★

Top Prices Paid For

ALL Recyclable Metals

Call For Current Pricing

325-573-6862

*To All Our
Good Neighbors
At Christmas*

**Big Spring Community Federal
Credit Union**

Invites everyone to share the season at our
Christmas Open House
Wednesday, Dec. 19th
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Homemade soup, sandwiches,
and lots of goodies will be served.

503 E. FM 700

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Students accused in beating deaths of deer

IRAAN (AP) — Four high school students in this small West Texas town have been accused in the beating deaths of two deer trapped on a baseball field on campus, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says.

An investigation into the deaths began after the deer were found dead on the baseball field on Dec. 7.

Each student — three juniors and one sophomore at Iraan High School whose ages range from 15 to 17 — was cited Friday on a charge of hunting deer with illegal means and hunting deer in closed season, said Capt. Scott Davis of Texas Parks and Wildlife. He said that the closed-season charge was filed because the incident allegedly happened at night, when hunting is not allowed.

Both charges are Class C misdemeanors punishable by a fine up to \$500.

Neither Davis nor Iraan-Sheffield Superintendent Kevin Allen would say what objects were used in the beating.

"The deer were in a location, a baseball field, where the deer could not escape," Allen said in a story for Wednesday's edition of the San Angelo Standard-Times. "And the boys, and I don't know if all the boys actually were involved in this, but they beat the deer to death."

The district is awaiting legal interpretation of the education code before deciding on any punishment, but Allen said that there have been "preliminary meetings with the parents that something is going to happen."

"We're very surprised that these kids would do something like this," Allen said. "These are good kids."

Sketch of unidentified teen released

LUBBOCK (AP) — Investigators trying to identify a teenage boy found dead nearly two years ago in a wooded ravine outside of Lubbock released a forensic sketch Tuesday of what the victim may have looked like.

The teenager's body was found near the intersection of FM 835 and FM 3020 on Dec. 29, 2005, by a motorist who had pulled over to make a cell phone call.

A forensic artist used the skull and other physical

characteristics to craft a drawing of the teen's face, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Lisa Block.

The teenager is believed to be black or of mixed ethnicity, between 12 to 19 years old and between about 5-foot-6 and 5-foot-9. He was wearing a white short-sleeved T-shirt, large size gray sweat pants, size 36-38 underwear and white socks. He didn't have shoes, DPS said.

The teen's lower canine teeth are rotated inward, facing his incisors, and his upper canines are still baby teeth. He also had had six lumbar vertebrae, an uncommon characteristic he and his family may not know about, officials said.

The Texas Rangers and Lubbock County investigators say the teenager might be from Lubbock, another part of Texas or another state.

A DNA profile of the teen on file with law enforcement can help identify him if a relative is found. Submitting DNA for the case is free, but must be done through law enforcement.

Settlement reached in second BP civil trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A settlement was reached Tuesday in the second civil trial involving injuries in the deadly explosion at BP's Texas City refinery.

The trial over the 2005 accident — which killed 15 people, injured 170 and was the worst accident in the gas and chemical industry in almost 15 years — ended after nine days of testimony. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

BP PLC also settled in the midst of a September civil trial involving four injured workers. A month later, the oil giant agreed to plead guilty to a felony federal environmental crime, pay a \$50 million fine and serve three years on probation to settle a Justice Department blast probe.

Ernest Cannon, the plaintiffs' lead lawyer, said he was glad to have reached an accord for his clients but would have liked to take the case to a verdict.

"We're pleased to resolve these cases," BP spokesman Neil Chapman added.

Democrat Barrett wins spot in state House

DALLAS (AP) — Democrat Dan Barrett beat Republican Mark M. Shelton on Tuesday in a runoff to represent a conservative Fort Worth-area district in the state House of Representatives.

With all precincts reporting, the Texas Secretary of State's office reported in unofficial returns that Barrett got about 52 percent, or 5,365 votes, and Shelton got about 48 percent, with 4,913 votes.

Barrett will serve through 2008 to finish the term of state Rep. Anna Mowery, 76, a Republican who retired in August after serving 19 years.

Some had viewed the District 97 runoff as a preview of tough 2008 election battles that will determine the Texas House of Representatives' makeup and maybe the fate of Republican Speaker Tom Craddick.

Judge denies block of \$5 strip club fee

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge denied a request Tuesday from owners of nude entertainment clubs to temporarily block Texas' upcoming \$5-per-person strip club fee from taking effect.

Judge Scott Jenkins said he was not persuaded that there was "imminent irreparable harm," so he denied a temporary injunction request made by the Texas Entertainment Association and Karpod, Inc., owner of an Amarillo club.

Jenkins said he would rule on a future date on the state's motions to dismiss the clubs' lawsuit over the new fee. If he doesn't dismiss the case, it could proceed to trial.

The \$5 charge goes into effect Jan. 1. The clubs' first payments to the state are to be made in April.

Exelon to seek license for nuclear power plant

VICTORIA (AP) — Exelon Nuclear has chosen an 11,500-acre site in Victoria County in southeast Texas to pursue the possible construction of a nuclear power plant.

Exelon officials said Tuesday that the company will apply to the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission by September 2008 for a combined construction and operating license.

The Warrenville, Ill.-based company expects to spend \$23 million on the application process. Officials said submitting the application next year will allow the company to take advantage of tax credits and federal loan guarantees contained in the 2005 Energy Policy Act.

"From a financial and psychological standpoint, this is the biggest opportunity we've had in Victoria County since 1952," said Victoria Mayor Will Armstrong.



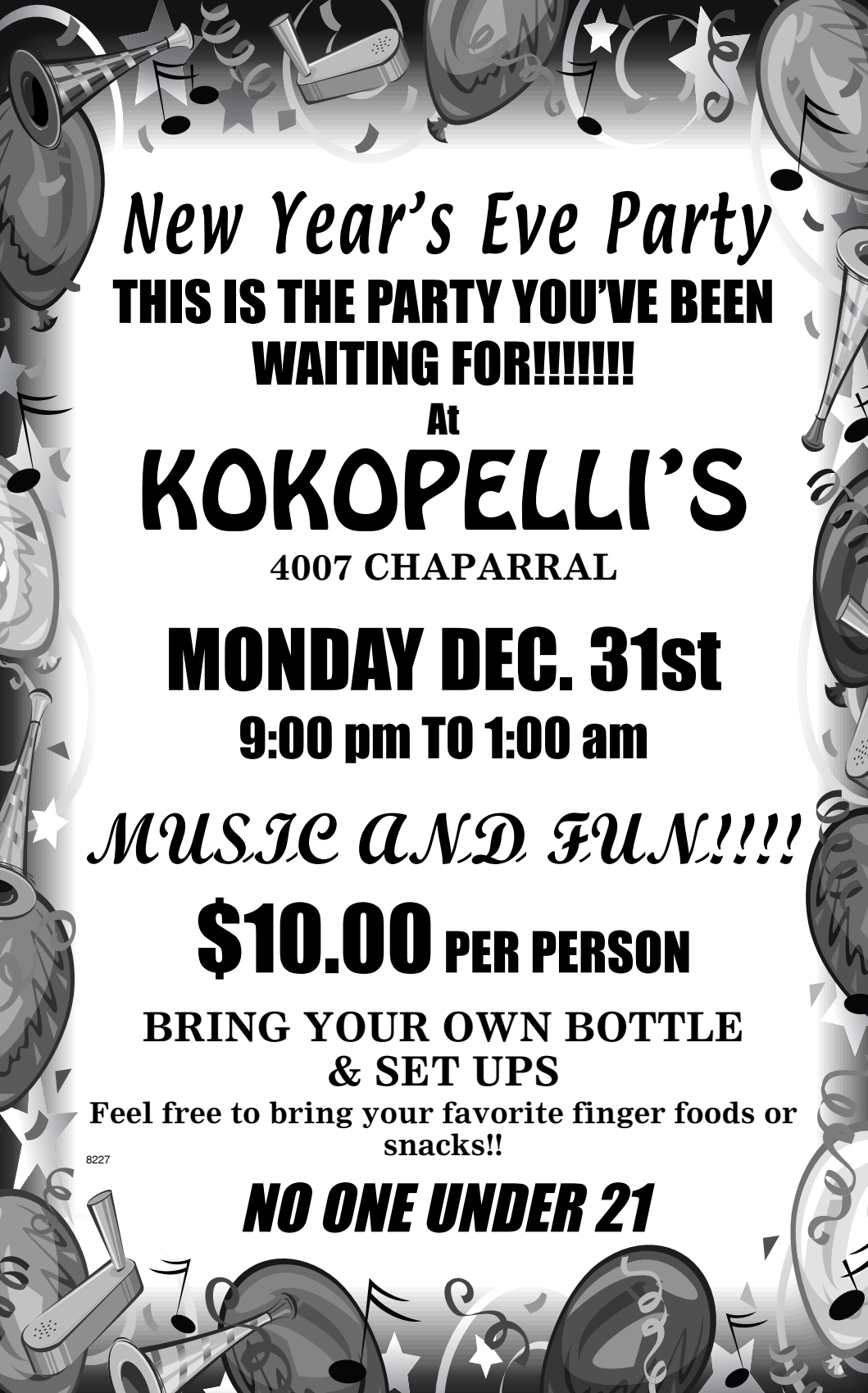
KIM L. BANGO, MD
Board Certified in Family Medicine

432-263-0500
1608 W. FM 700, Suite D
Big Spring, Texas



"Accepting New Patients"

Se Habla Espanol

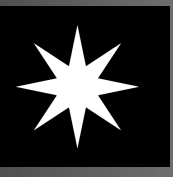


New Year's Eve Party
THIS IS THE PARTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!!!!!!
At
KOKOPELLI'S
4007 CHAPARRAL

MONDAY DEC. 31st
9:00 pm TO 1:00 am

MUSIC AND FUN!!!!
\$10.00 PER PERSON
BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE & SET UPS
Feel free to bring your favorite finger foods or snacks!!

NO ONE UNDER 21



Home Hospice
It's about living...

Your Hometown Choice

Hospice offers comfort and dignity until life's end and concentrates on the person, not the disease. The sooner you call, the sooner we can help.

(432) 264-7599
1-866-771-7599
www.homehospicewtx.com
Serving 19 West Texas Counties



Jonathan Morales,
RN/Rural Patient Care Coordinator
Serving Big Spring and Surrounding Areas

62 New Units Will Be Sold Regardless of Profit

BIG YEAR END SELL DOWN

Large Inventory
OF
2008 & 2007's

Rebates Up To
\$5,500
OR
0% APR*

Over 100 New Units To Choose From

Rebates & Dealer Discounts On All Models




BOB BROCK FORD

500 W. 4TH 267-7424



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Donald Scheiber, right, senior vice president of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, and Big Spring Junior High School Principal Colby Norman, left, presented awards to the top three finishers in the VFW's Patriot's Pen essay contest. Cassandra Kirk, second from right, placed first, Christopher Walters, center, was second and Justine Delacourt placed third.

Junior high school students ace VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Three local junior high school students earned top awards in an essay contest sponsored by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Cassandras Kirk, Christopher Walters and Justine Delatour, seventh graders at Big Spring Junior High, placed first through third, respectively, in the VFW's recent Patriot's Pen Essay Contest.

The nationwide contest gave students an opportunity to write essays giving their views on democracy with the prospect of winning cash prizes.

Kirk, who placed first, won \$100, while Walters and Delatour won \$75 and \$50,

respectively.

The students' efforts now advance to regional competition. Eventually, they hope to qualify for national competition and a chance to win a \$10,000 savings bond and an expense-paid trip to Washington D.C.

Entries were judged on how well they presented the theme of "Citizenship in America," with points awarded for knowledge of the theme, development and clarity of ideas, VFW officials said.

BSJH Principal Coby Norman said the contest provided a good civics lesson to students.

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

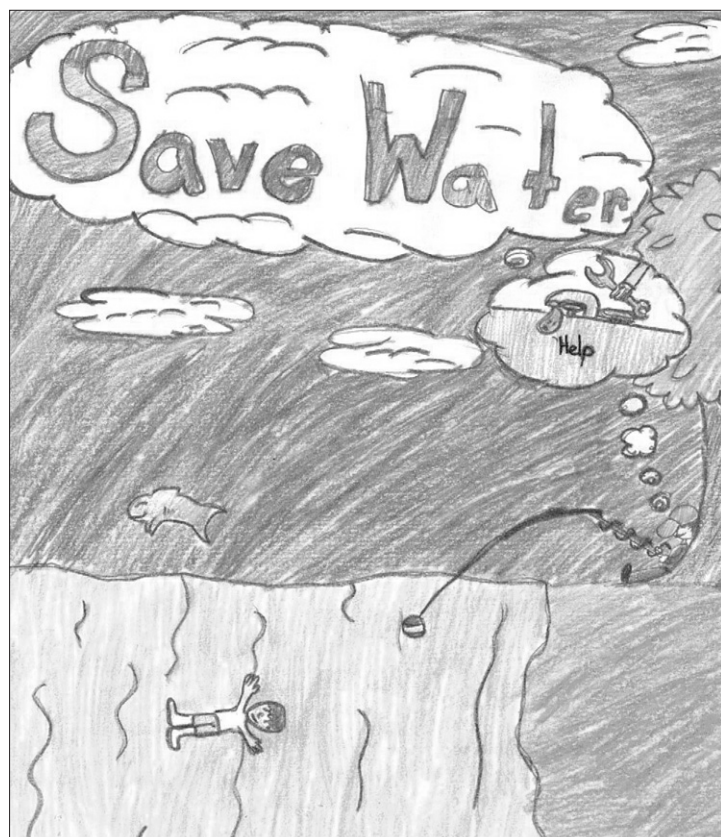
PBUWCD calendars available

The artwork of 13 area students is featured in the 2008 Water Conservation Calendar published by Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District.

Fourth and fifth graders from Elbow, Grady, Sands and Stanton elementary schools contributed to the calendar with artwork that depicts the importance of water as a precious resource.

Free copies of the colorful calendar are available at the Permian Basin UWCD office located at 101 N. St. Joseph Street in Stanton.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the calendar or other programs available through the water education cooperative at Permian Basin UWCD can contact Judy London at (806) 215-1650 or e-mail her at londonj@wind-



stream.net.

Presentations can be scheduled for classrooms,

home-school groups, civic, youth or other organizations.

Great Cabernet Savings for the Season



Simi
Boyle
Caymus
BN - Hall
Liberty School
Mt Veeder - 337
Sterling - Coppola
Vintage Ink - Avalon
Marques de Casa Concha
Stags Leap - Clos Du Bois
Franciscan - Estancia - Irony
Chateau Ste Michelle - Suenoe
Silver Oak - Root 1 - Traps Leap
Ness - Chateau St Jean - Markham
Blackstone - Robert Mondavi - Wente
Seyfer Peak - Block 50 - Smoking Loon
Climbing - Vendange - Plano - Argich Hill
Penny Lane - Messina Hoff - Greg Norman
Columbia Crest - Sebastiani - Kendall Jackson
Frei Bros - Charles Krug - Clayhouse - Penfolds
Dynamile - Wild Horse - Alexander Valley - Frey
Alice White - Black Box - Jacobs Creek - Chalk Hill
Killer Juice - Pepperwood Grove - Fish Eye - Bonterra
Lindemans - Rex Noliath - Barefoot - Alexander Valley
CK Mondavi - Castello Del Diablo - Festival 34 - J Lehr
Don Melchor - Little Pequin - Tal Bastard - Hook & Ladder
Parducci - Beringer Founders - Louis Martini - Rodney Strong
Twenty Bench - Becker - Almaden - Cellar No 8 - Red Diamond
Concannon - Wallo of Sonoma - Trinchero - Kenwood - Castle Rock
Cycles Adialator - Ravenwood - St Francis - Napa Valley - Meridian
Hayman Hill - Tetzer - Dancing Bull - Benziger - Souverain - Xenesis
Provenance - William Hill - Toasted Head - White Oak - Stonestreet - Duo
St Supery - Merryvale - Mirasou - Silverado - Markham - Chalene - Halo
Opus 1 - Edna Valley - Hawk Crest - Three Thieves - Woodbridge - Perfect 10
Sauvage - Moon Mountain - Sequoia Grove - Pine Ridge - Rays Station - Haak
Dariussh - The Shaw - Clos Du Val - Folie a Deux - Chimney Rock - Turning Leaf
Rutherford Hill - Cakebread - Duckhorn - Trelothen - Raymond - Quintessa - Honig
14 Hands - Rutherford Hill - Jewel - Cenay - Big Yellow - Carlo Rossi - Paso Creek
Montes - Natura - Peter Lehmann - Rameck - RFI Phillips - Ridge - Rolling - Wynn
Spellbound - Ste Senevieve - Sutter Home - Terrazas - Sister Creek - Veramonte - Wild Horse
Rombauer - Rosemount - Rubicon - Shafer - Sincerity - Texas Hills - Santa Rita - Wolf Blass

Save 10%
or more on all
Cabernets in Stock

Plus buy 6 bottles of wine
and save an additional 10%



Prices Good Thru Monday, December 24, 2007 At Your Neighborhood H-E-B Stores. Some items may not be available in all stores. Items not valid at Control Market. Due to the popularity of our Extra Low Prices Every Day, we reserve the right to limit quantities. Limit Rights Reserved. Printed on recycled paper. ©2007 H-E-B Food Stores, 08-1232CS



Dr. Sai Gundlapalli

Board Certified Anesthesiologist And
Pain Management Specialist

Comprehensive Pain Management For:

Acute And Chronic Back/Neck Pain
Auto And Work Related Pain
Pinched Nerve/Neuropathic Pain
Arthritic Pain

Other Pain Conditions Resulting From Disease & Injury

Now Also Accepting Blue Cross Blue Shield



We Make Life Better

Two Locations For Your Convenience

1501 W. 11th Ste 304
Big Spring, TX 79720
432-263-7246 (PAIN)

317 E. 5th. St.
Odessa, TX 79761
432-333-5200

29556



Bear Claw Sharpening Service

Open 9:00 - to - 5:00 Monday—Friday

Extended Hours 8:00 am to 8:00 pm thru Sat. Dec. 22

KNIVES MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

100 Airbase Rd., Big Spring Corner of West Hwy 80 & Airbase Rd. 267-4935



Now Open

TOTAL BODY FITNESS



Empowering Well Being & Optimal Health
Wellness and Spa Clinic

432-517-4203 • 432-213-0904
1407 SOUTH LANCASTER BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Featuring
Paramount selectorized machines, PACE
adjustable hydraulic equip. Powertec leverage
machines, Star Trac Cardio equip.

For Infrared Saunas

Corporate Plans • Family Plans

CALL FOR A FREE SAUNA SESSION

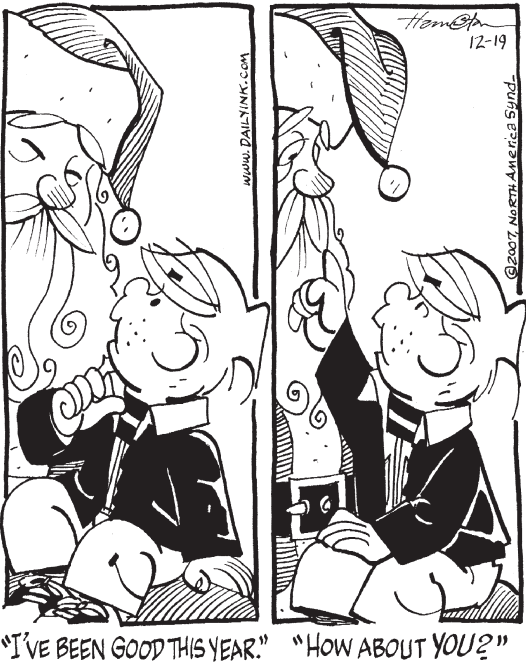
FREE
2-Day Trial
Membership

5026

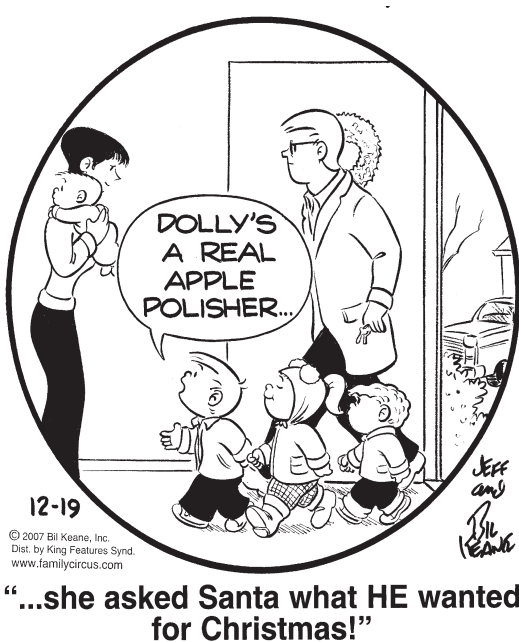
WEDNESDAY

	WFAA (2) Dallas	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPIKE (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28) Sports	ESPN (29) Sports	SCIFI (64) Science Fic.
6 :PM :30	News (CC) Entertainment	Jeopardy! Wheel-Fortune	Yo Amo a Juan	The Simpsons Two-Half Men	News Entertainment	12 Corazones	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	Dr. Swallow John Hagee	News-Lehrer	How It's Made How It's Made	"	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) Access	Han, Montana Zack & Cody	College Basketball: Memphis at Cincinnati	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Boston	Ghost Hunters (CC)
7 :PM :30	Duel (CC)	Duel (CC)	Amar sin Limites	Back to You 'Til Death	Frosty Returns	Madre Luna	Clash of the Choirs (CC)	Family Guy	Update Israel Rico Cortes	Wired Science (CC)	Rise of the Video Game	Movie: Firefox	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC)	Movie: Cast Away (CC)	Movie: For Da Love of Money (CC)	Movie: The Santa Clause	Memphis at Cincinnati	Detroit Pistons at Boston	Ghost Hunters (CC)
8 :PM :30	Why Guy Spd First Christmas	Private Practice	Pasion	Kitchen Nightmares	Criminal Minds (CC)	Victoria	"	House-Payne House-Payne	Light of the Southwest	Christmas With the Mormon	MythBusters (CC)	"	UFC Unleashed	"	"	"	Strongest Man Strongest Man	Celtics (CC) NBA	Ghost Hunters (CC)
9 :PM :30	Holiday Celebration	Holiday Celebration	Don Francisco Presenta	TMZ (CC) Raymond	CSI: NY (CC)	Pecados Ajenos	Journeymen (CC)	House-Payne House-Payne	"	Christmas at St. Olaf	Fearless Planet	"	MANswers MANswers	"	American Gangster	That's-Raven Life Derek	World's Strongest Man	Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks	Ghost Hunters (CC)
10 :PM :30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noiciero Univ.	Two-Half Men Raymond	News Late Show-	IA! Rojo Vivo! Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show	Sex and-City Sex and-City	Update Israel Dr. Young	Charlie Rose (CC)	Rise of the Video Game	Movie: Red Dawn (CC)	MANswers MANswers	Movie: Cast Away (CC)	Hell Date Hell Date	Zack & Cody Han, Montana	SportsCenter (CC)	at Dallas Mavericks	Movie: Lost Voyage (CC)
11 :PM :30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Letterman Late Late Show	Decisions	Late Night-Conan O'Brien	Frank TV Movie: The Cable Guy (CC)	CCM Ministries Charles Scott	Tavis Smiley Tavis Smiley	Rise of the Video Game	"	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC)	"	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Replacements Kim Possible	The Contender (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	"
12 :AM :30	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Marketing	Salome (SS)	"	Reno 911! George Lopez	The Insider	Programa	Update Israel Dell Sanchez	"	Sign Off	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Platoon Voyager	"	"	Movie: For Da Love of Money	Emperor New American Drgn	The Bronx Is Burning (CC)	NFL Live NBA Fastbreak	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone

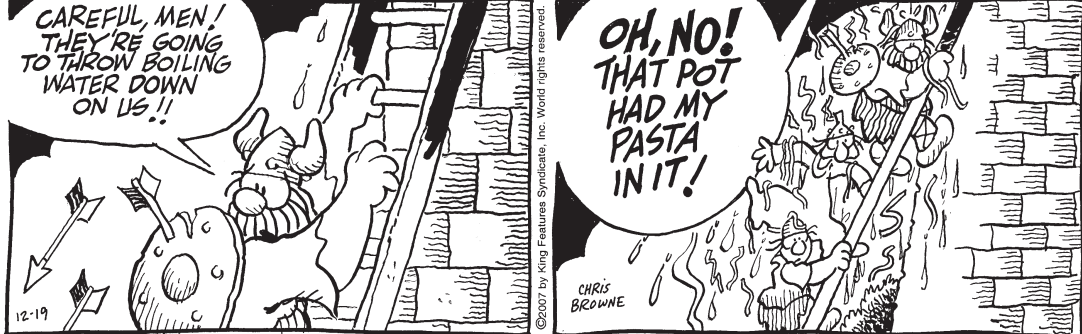
DENNIS THE MENACE



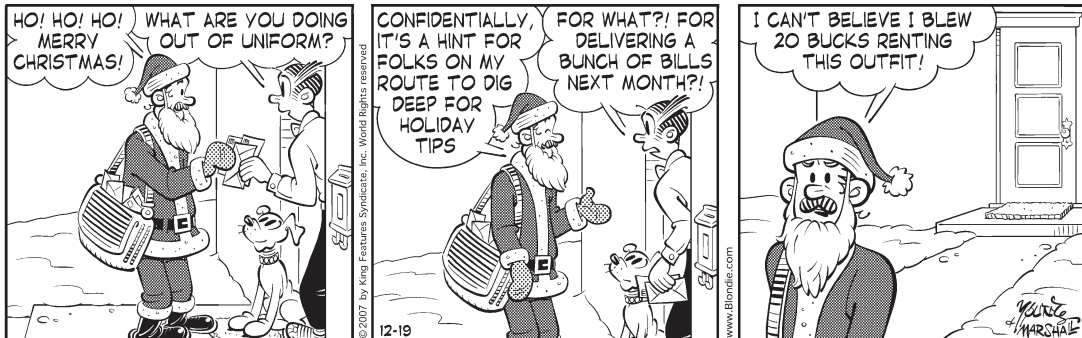
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



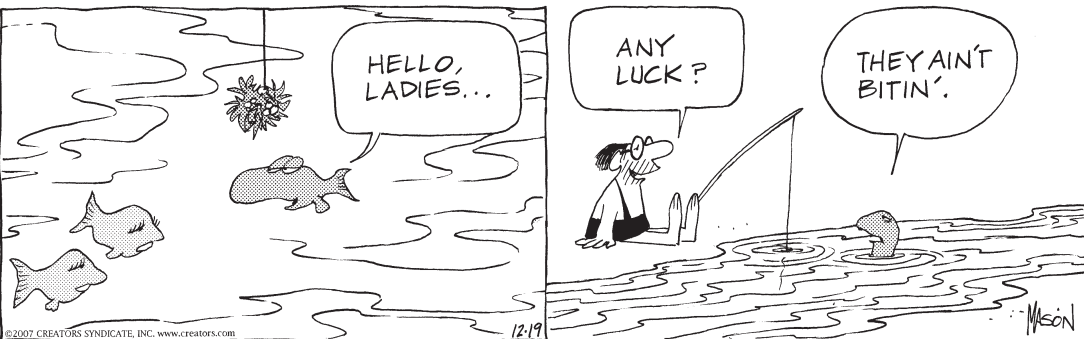
HAGAR



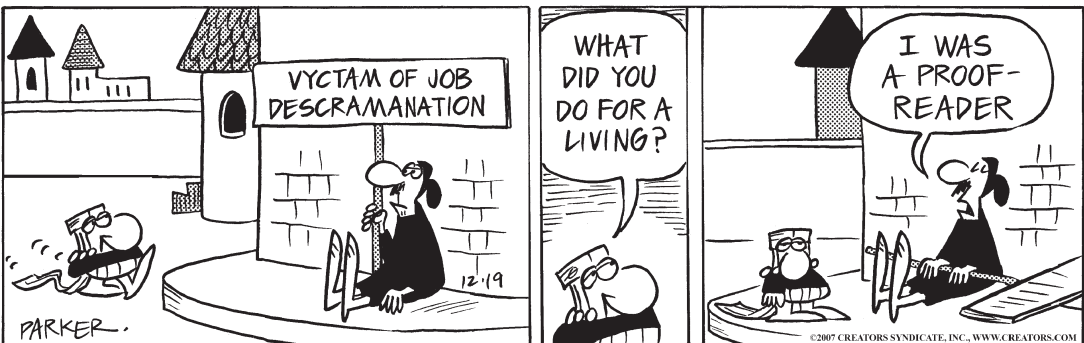
BLONDIE



BC



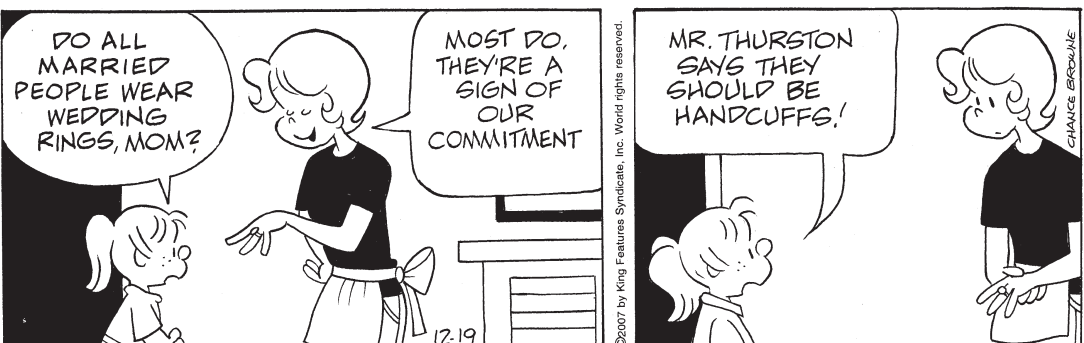
WIZARD OF ID



AGNES



HI AND LOIS



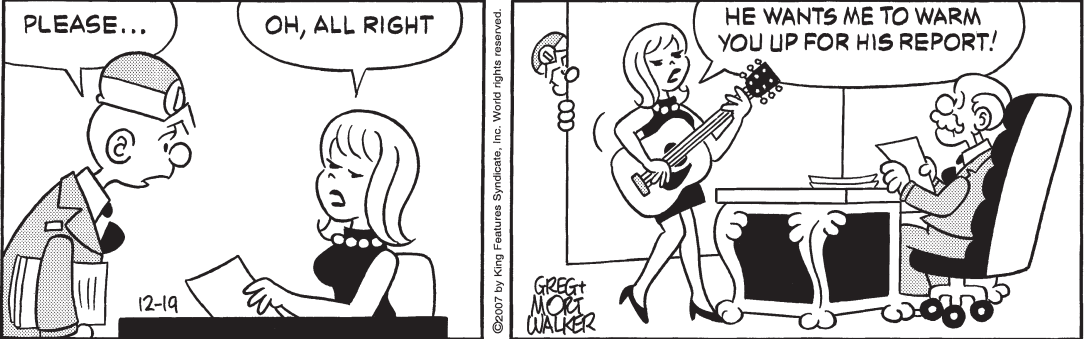
THE OTHER COAST



SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 2007. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 19, 1843, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England.

On this date:

In 1777, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pa., to camp for the winter.

In 1813, British forces captured Fort Niagara during the War of 1812.

In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Pa.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corporation began transmitting overseas with its Empire Service to Australia.

In 1946, war broke out in Indochina as troops under Ho Chi Minh launched

widespread attacks against the French.

In 1957, Meredith Willson's musical play "The Music Man," starring Robert Preston as charming con man Harold Hill, opened on Broadway.

In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

In 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States.

In 1986, Lawrence E. Walsh was appointed independent counsel to investigate the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1998, President Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice (he was later acquitted by the Senate).

Today's Birthdays: Singer-songwriter Charlie Ryan is 92. Country singer Little Jimmy Dickens is 87. Composer-lyricist Robert Sherman ("Mary Poppins") is 82. Actress Cicely Tyson is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer-musician Maurice White (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 66. Actor Tim Reid

is 63. Paleontologist Richard E. Leakey is 63. Rock singer Alvin Lee (Ten Years After) is 63. Actress Elaine Joyce is 62. Musician John McEuen is 62. Singer Janie Fricke is 60. Actor Mike Lookinland is 47. Actress Jennifer Beals is 44. Actor Scott Cohen is 43. Actor Robert MacNaughton is 41. Magician Criss Angel is 40. Rock musician Kevin Shepard is 39. Actress Kristy Swanson is 38. Actress Amy Locane is 36. Actress Rosa Blasi is 35. Actress Alyssa Milano is 35. Actor Jake Gyllenhaal is 27. Actress Marla Sokoloff is 27. Rapper Lady Sovereign is 22.

© 2007 The Associated Press.

Answer to previous puzzle	TABLE	ABCD	COBS
USUAL	PANE	EDEN	
NOTHELPING	NINA		
AFT	VOLT	RATEDG	
	CASE	WERE	
ALCOTT	CHEERED		
VALUE	TOES	PREP	
ICON	WOE	TOTA	
DENT	BILL	SEDER	
DEEPENS	DIGERS		
	ROSE	MULE	
CARPET	SEEK	AHS	
AREA	MAKETHECUT		
PIER	ABIT	ARENA	
SALT	NETS	TASTY	

Newsday Crossword

SUBTERRANEAN by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

- 1 Irish dances
- 5 Zhivago's love
- 9 Camel's backbreaker
- 14 Wrinkle remover
- 15 Top guns
- 16 Madrid art museum
- 17 Sun's position at twilight
- 20 Wind up
- 21 Take notice of
- 22 Reduces to bits
- 23 One on deck
- 25 Was really awful
- 27 Utah ski resort
- 29 Do something
- 30 Make a pick
- 33 Easily taken in
- 36 Hard work
- 38 Home to most
- 39 Out of sorts
- 42 Goofy or Daffy
- 43 Circle dance
- 44 Friars' fete
- 45 NBC show since '75
- 46 Sleep-stage acronym
- 47 It's typical
- 49 Basic principle
- 51 Mortar's mate
- 55 Jumbo
- 57 Salts' assents
- 59 Long, long time
- 60 Despicable
- 63 PC chip maker
- 64 Right-hand person
- 65 Copycat

DOWN

- 1 Agrees
- 2 Goddess of peace
- 3 Meir of Israel
- 4 ___Cone (icy confection)
- 5 Hidden, as ability
- 6 Feel sore
- 7 Swamp plants
- 8 Hibachi residue
- 9 Top-speed run
- 10 Bit of magic
- 11 Tear to the ground
- 12 Commotions
- 13 Took home the jackpot
- 18 Ahab, for one
- 19 Delphic prophet
- 24 Expert
- 26 Taipei's land
- 28 Not on the road
- 30 Worker-safety org.
- 31 Slapstick ammo
- 32 Lip-puckering
- 33 Bar snacks
- 34 Ever and ___
- 35 Inspirational figure
- 37 Francis Scott Key contraction
- 38 Molecule makeup

40 Bloggers' arena

- 41 Slap the cuffs on
- 46 Wine and dine
- 48 First game
- 49 Alder and elder
- 50 Quietly understood
- 52 Musical pace
- 53 Strides easily
- 54 Diary note
- 55 Late-night TV host
- 56 Voting no
- 58 Star Wars series sage
- 60 Trash holder
- 61 "Rumor" it . . .
- 62 Musical gift

