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Witnesses and police stand outside a residence in the 1400 block of Virginia Saturday in reference to a shooting. According to authorities, a woman in a vehicle was shot in the chest in the 1300 block of E. Fourth. She was released following treatment at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Man sought in connection with shooting

*Male suspect said to be armed and dangerous*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man is wanted in connection with a Saturday afternoon shooting that left one woman injured. Big Spring Police Department officers responded to 1407 Virginia just after 1 p.m. Saturday. Upon arrival at the scene, they found 17-year-old Tracey Juarez suffering from a chest wound. In a news release, BSPD Sgt. Tony Everett said Juarez was apparently wounded after she and friends got into an altercation with another man. “Officers found that Juarez was with several subjects who were involved in a disturbance in the 1300 block of E. Fourth that began



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## Salvation Army readies for Christmas Eve dinner

HERALD Staff Report

Area homebound residents who want to take advantage of the Salvation Army’s Christmas Eve dinner have until Tuesday to reserve a plate, not today, as was earlier reported. Salvation Army officials said this morning that residents who want Wednesday’s meal delivered to their homes have until 4 p.m. Tuesday to let the Corps’ office know.

Volunteers will be delivering the meals between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Anyone who would like to help prepare or deliver meals is asked to show up at the Salvation Army building about 9 a.m. Wednesday. “We don’t turn away volunteers around here. There’s always something that needs doing,” said Paula Lafler, Salvation Army social worker. The meal is open to the commu-

nity and will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Corps’ office, 811 W. Fifth St. “It’s always nice to get to sit down with people in the community and enjoy a meal. It makes all the hard work leading up to it worthwhile,” said Lafler. There is no charge, and the meal is open to anyone in the community. To place a takeout order or for more information, call 267-8239.

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## Executives paid very well, despite business failures

By **FRANK BASS**  
and **RITA BEAMISH**  
Associated Press Writers  
Banks that have their

hands out in Washington this year were handing out multimillion-dollar rewards to their executives last year. The 116 banks that so far have received taxpayer dollars to boost them through the economic crisis gave their top tier of executives nearly \$1.6 billion in salaries, bonuses and other benefits in 2007, an Associated Press analysis found. That amount, spread among the 600 highest paid bank executives, would cover the bailout money given to 53 of the banks that have shared the \$188 billion that Washington has doled

out in rescue packages so far. Some banks trimmed their executive compensation in the face of faltering performance that foreshadowed the current economic crisis, but they still granted multimillion-dollar packages. Benefits included cash bonuses, stock options, personal use of company jets and chauffeurs, home security, country club memberships and professional money management, the AP review of federal securities documents found. Such bonuses amount to a bribe for execu-

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Firefighters with the Big Spring Fire Department drag several smoldering objects out of a cellar behind a home located at the intersection of Caylor and Sixth Street early Saturday afternoon. According to officials at the scene, the fire destroyed some property in the cellar and structure’s door, but no injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

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## Johnson ready for final college game vs. TCU

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — He used to be known more for crocheting than running.

That only piqued everyone's interest in Ian Johnson — his quirks, his idiosyncrasies that helped him become the face of the Boise State football program as running back became his forte.

Whether it was his proficiency for scoring touchdowns or Johnson's famous national-television proposal to his cheerleader girlfriend following the Fiesta Bowl two years ago, the Broncos' football program became synonymous with its starting run-

ning back.

Now after what seems like a decade chewing up the Boise's blue turf, Johnson is about to play his final game for the Broncos in Tuesday night's Poinsettia Bowl against No. 11 TCU.

"Ian obviously is the poster child at Boise State," said quarterback Kellen Moore. "He'll probably be that for quite a long time after this ... a guy who's been a great example of Boise State football, on and off the field."

That face of the program is still there, his engaging personality, thoughtful speech and wide smile. But he's no longer the star that fin-

ished eighth in the Heisman Trophy voting as a sophomore.

Johnson is now a role player, a part-time running back, part-time special teams standout. It's not due to a diminishment of his talent, but because the Broncos have taken a different course with their offense, necessitated by a young offensive line that can't consistently open the holes Johnson sprinted through and into fame two years ago.

So he splits carries with shifty youngsters Jeremy Avery and D.J. Harper. Johnson didn't record a 100-yard rushing game until the regular season finale against Fresno State

when Johnson popped for 128 yards, his best day since the middle of the 2007 season.

It sounds stunning that Johnson, who ran for 1,713 yards and 25 touchdowns as a sophomore, averaged only 61.5 yards as a senior. But Johnson understood the offensive change that was needed if Boise State was to reach its potential with an inexperienced offensive line and a redshirt freshman at quarterback.

"The coaches knew I understood because I've been here for a while, I'm the old dog. I could see the

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## Destiny in hand

*Cowboys need win over Philadelphia to clinch wild card*

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Say this about the 2008 Dallas Cowboys: They sure do make things interesting.

A season that began with Super Bowl hype, then seemed lost because of sloppy play, injuries and infighting, was salvaged enough for Dallas to go into Saturday night's game against the Baltimore Ravens on the verge of a wild-card berth.

Getting an extra boost from the emotionally charged atmosphere of the final game at Texas Stadium, the Cowboys jumped ahead with an early touchdown — only to end up losing 33-24.

Thus, more drama — even on Sunday, when Dallas wasn't playing.

The Cowboys (9-6) needed the right combination of wins and losses to remain alive and got all they could ask for. Now, if Dallas wins the finale next Sunday at Philadelphia, a wild card is all theirs.

"It's all just part of a full season," quarterback Tony Romo said. "We've got to find a way to grind it out and get into the tournament. If you get in, you have a chance. It's a matter of doing the things it takes to get you in position. We obviously need a little help now."

While Romo talked, the never-a-



AP photo/Matt Slocum

**Baltimore Ravens fullback Le'Ron McClain (33) looks at Dallas Cowboys cornerback Terence Newman (41) as he runs the ball 82 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter in their NFL game Saturday in Irving. Baltimore won, 33-24, leaving Dallas shy of clinching a playoff spot heading into the final week of the season.**

dull-moment theme played out around them in the locker room. Terrell Owens was munching on popcorn and team owner Jerry Jones kept repeating his own words while professing the job security of head coach Wade Phillips and offensive coordinator Jason Garrett.

"I don't have any inclination about any coaching changes. None. None.

... I don't see that as an issue," Jones said. "It just doesn't make any sense."

Asked whether things might change if Dallas misses the playoffs, Jones said, "Let's try again (with this staff) if we don't make it. Seriously."

"I mean, you don't think for one minute that Bill Parcells Jr. is going to come in here and do any good do

you?" Jones continued. "Think about it. Think about it. ... This is exactly how I feel right now, and it's not that fragile. It's just not that fragile."

After challenging reporters to "look at how many people change and then how many end up winning the Super Bowl," then questioning the logic of

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AP photo/John Russell

**Tennessee Titans running back Chris Johnson, right, celebrates with guard Jake Scott after Johnson scored a touchdown on a 21-yard run against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the third quarter of an NFL game in Nashville Sunday. The Titans wrapped up home-field advantage in the AFC playoffs with the win.**

## Titans, Giants wrap up home-field advantage

The Associated Press

Tennessee and the New York Giants wrapped up home-field advantage throughout the playoffs by showing everyone what has made them the best in their conferences this season.

The Titans sacked Ben Roethlisberger five times in a 31-14 rout of Pittsburgh and the Giants ran for 301 yards in a 34-28 overtime win against Carolina on Sunday.

Roethlisberger tried to engineer another comeback for the Steelers, but Michael Griffin came up with his second interception of the day, returning it 83 yards for a touchdown with 16 seconds left.

In Nashville, Tenn., the Titans (13-2), who came into the game with the third-best defense in the AFC, forced Pittsburgh (11-4) into four turnovers that they turned into 21 points. When it was over, Bulluck celebrated by stomping on a Terrible Towel.

In Sunday's other NFL games, it was: New Orleans 42, Detroit 7; Atlanta 24, Minnesota 17; Buffalo 30, Denver 23; San Diego 41, Tampa Bay 24; Miami 38, Kansas City 31; New England 47, Arizona 7; Seattle 13, N.Y. Jets 3; San Francisco 17, St. Louis 16; Washington 10, Philadelphia 3; Cincinnati 14, Cleveland 0; and Oakland 27, Houston 16.

Atlanta also clinched a playoff spot, but if the Falcons (10-5) are going to make it to the Super Bowl, they may have to beat one or both of the teams that needed overtime to settle the NFC's top seed.

In East Rutherford, N.J., the Giants (12-3) fell behind 28-20 in the fourth quarter, but Eli Manning led a tying touchdown drive with 3:21 left, tossing a slant to Domenik Hixon for the tying 2-point conversion after Brandon Jacobs barreled into the end zone from a yard out.

"Disappointing would be putting it mildly," Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme said. "The road to the Super Bowl goes through New York. We had a chance."

Jacobs powered into the end zone again in overtime, winning the game with 9:57 left. Derrick Ward ran for a career-high 215 yards kept the Giants in the game on a cold, blustery night.

The loss spoiled a record-tying, four-touchdown performance by Panthers running back DeAngelo Williams, who put Carolina up with a 30-yard TD run 2 minutes into the final quarter. He also scored on runs of 13, 5 and 1 yards.

Carolina (11-4) can clinch the NFC South and the No. 2 seed with a win at New Orleans.

The Panthers had a chance to win in regulation but the swirling wind at Giants Stadium pushed John Kasey's 50-yard field-goal attempt wide left.

"The only message we sent tonight is this team is getting that swagger back that we had last year at the end of the season," Antonio Pierce said. "We're going to fight for 60 minutes, overtime, cold weather, being down."



# Obituaries

## Opal Blackshear



Edith Opal Blackshear, 90, Big Spring went to be with her Lord on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008, at her home surrounded by children, grandchildren and friends. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with her grandsons Shane Blackshear, pastor of Nexus Community Church of Brownwood and Lt. Col Frederick (Hodges) Viccellio, USAF, England presiding. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Blackshear was born Dec. 25, 1917, in White Wright. She married her sweetheart and soul mate H.C. (Horace) Blackshear Aug. 6, 1932, in Madill, Okla. He preceded her in death after 65 years of marriage July 26, 1997. "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" John 13:15. She was a charter member of College Baptist Church. She will be spending her Christmas birthday with her husband whom she missed so dearly, and is at rest with her Savior for eternity.

Mrs. Blackshear lived in Howard County since 1952, coming from Pampa. She was a housewife and homemaker who worked alongside her husband operating Hillside Mobile Home Park and Sales for a number of years until their retirement in the 90s. There was no greater joy than that she found when surrounded by her loved ones. Her family was her greatest treasure.

She was a loving and devoted wife, Momma, Granny, sister, aunt and friend. "All because two people fell in love." She is survived by two sons and their wives, Bobby and Barbara Blackshear and Tim and Terri Blackshear, both of Big Spring; a son, Dealy Blackshear of Big Spring; a daughter, Barbara Conaway of Spring and daughter Debra Wallace of Big Spring; one brother, Carrel Bishop of Farmersville; four sisters, Orene Blackshear and Wynona Phillips of Farmersville, Marie Moore of Waco and Evelyn Johnson of Houston. Thirteen grandchildren will forever cherish the memories of their times with Granny. Natalie McDonald, Mike and Danny Conaway, Kerrie Raffles, Becky McGuire, Cathy Viccellio, Cass and Cameron Blackshear, Tania, Wendie and Whitney Wallace, and Shane and Timmi Blackshear; 34 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. One "special daughter" who cared for and loved Granny for over three years, Bertie "Bee" Hawkins and her husband Fred of Big Spring. She is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by twin sons, Fletcher Harold and E.C. Carol Blackshear; two grandsons, David Kevin Blackshear and James "Pete" McDonald; one great-granddaughter, Christine Ann McDonald; her parents, Dealy Fletcher and Minnie Bishop; three brothers, Clyde Bishop, Clifford Bishop and Woodroe Bishop; and two sisters, Effie Ragsdale and Ethel Key.

Pallbearers will be Fred Hawkins, Cam Blackshear, Cass Blackshear, Mike Conaway, Danny Conaway, Shane Blackshear and Frederick (Hodges) Viccellio.

Granddaughter Laney Wallace will sing one of her favorite hymns, "Amazing Grace," in celebration of Granny's life.

The family suggest memorials be made to College Baptist Church; c/o Building Fund, 1104 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

## Lola Graves



Lola Graves, 80, of Stanton, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2008, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel with the Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stanton, officiating.

Lola was born Oct. 7, 1928, in Lamesa.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Harold Graves of Stanton; son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Sissy Graves of Stanton; daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Wayne Barber of Greenwood; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, S.F. and Letha Goolsby of Knott; three sisters; one brother and one great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Hospice Inpatient Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital, 2200 West Illinois, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Corinne F. Smith

Corinne F. Smith, 75, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, in a local nursing home. No services are planned at this time.

She was born Nov. 20, 1933, in Detroit, Mich. She had worked as a licensed practical nurse for a number of years, and then as a secretary in the insurance business. She came to Big Spring in 2003.

Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl King of Big Spring; one sister; and one granddaughter.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Ivino Valdez

Ivino Valdez, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008, in San Angelo. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Jay Jarmes

Jay Jarmes, 68, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Sunday:

- ANTONIO GARCIA, 20, 1208 Wood, was arrested on nine capias warrants.
- GUADALUPE HINOJOS, 35, 2611 Hunter, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- CHRISTOVAL MORENO, 49, 1700 Lancaster, was arrested on two local warrants.
- EDDI MONTEMAYOR, 20, 1002 N. Main, was arrested on a charge of assault by contact.
- AGGRAVATEDE ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 300 block of Owens.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of Linda.
- THEFT OVER \$50/UNDER \$500 was reported in the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup>.

# Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's office reported the following activity over the weekend (note: officials reported 64 prisoners in the county jail):

- BLAKE EDWARD LAMB, 21, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- VICTORIA HANABASS, 19, was arrested by deputies on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- MICHAEL PAUL HOGAN, 37, was arrested by deputies on a charge of no valid driver's license.
- JUAN MARCOS PAYEN, 30, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ABNER HOLLIS SHELLMAN, 63, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of tampering with physical evidence and possession of marijuana.
- GAYLAN KRISTOPHER HANDING, 26, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of purchasing or furnishing alcohol for a minor.
- MARISSA LEE TEICHMAN, 27, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of purchasing or furnishing alcohol for a minor.
- JANIE LEA JONES, 23, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of purchasing or furnishing alcohol for a minor.
- TONY RANDALL PARTEE, 49, was arrested by deputies on a violation of parole warrant.
- ABRAHAM YANEZ, 40, was arrested by deputies on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELIAS ESTANISLANDO HOLGUIN, 23, was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license, no insurance, unsecured child and probation violation for burglary of a habitation.
- STACY LYNN PENDLETON, 33, was arrested by deputies on a charge of public intoxication.

# Take Note

- Donnavan J. Silvas, 1, of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2008, in a local hospital. The parents are in need of help with burial expenses. All donations can be made at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring.
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| <b>69/39</b><br>Considerable cloudiness. Warmer. High 69F. Winds SSW at 15 to 25 mph. | <b>64/40</b><br>Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s. | <b>68/43</b><br>Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s. | <b>72/41</b><br>Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s. | <b>60/33</b><br>Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s. |

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# Bulletin Board

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

### TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

# Fire/EMS

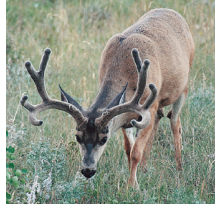
The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. 17<sup>th</sup>. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Lynn. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 8700 block of Gilliam Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of Davis Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of W. Fourth. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of W. Eighth. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of March. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of W. Sixth. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported at the 2900 block of Old Highway 80.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the 174 mile marker of Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1200 block of E. 17<sup>th</sup>. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Jennings. One person was transported to SMMC.

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COWBOYS

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spending millions on a coach just because of his reputation (like, say, Parcells) or because of his success in college (like, say, Jimmy Johnson), Jones went back to the repeat-speak: “That is not a consideration, just not a consideration.”

Phillips and Garrett certainly wouldn’t want their fate decided by the Ravens game.

Garrett’s offense was out of whack the first three quarters, racking up more punts (six) than first downs (five). Baltimore had Romo fooled with a blitz scheme that sent someone at Romo without being blocked nearly every time he dropped back. The pressure forced bad decisions and bad throws, some coming even on the plays when his protection held up.

Things finally clicked in the fourth quarter and the offense began stacking up big plays. That’s when the defense allowed even bigger ones. On the final two handoffs to an opposing running back, the Ravens tied the record for the longest run by a foe in the 313-game, 38-season history of Texas Stadium, then broke that record. Willis McGahee went 77 yards, then Le’Ron McClain went 82.

“Devastating,” linebacker Greg Ellis said. “It was like, ‘What the heck?’ You’re talking about back-to-back.”

Plays at the end always get the most attention, but they’re never the only ones that doom a team.

In this game, it was also Romo’s risky interception when he should’ve been playing it safe just before halftime; Romo overthrowing Miles Austin for what would’ve been a long touchdown early in the third quarter; Ken Hamlin failing to wrap up a fumble he was all over; Baltimore’s fake field goal that led to a touchdown; and rookie Tashard Choice bobbling out of bounds a third-down option pitch, forcing Dallas to settle for a field goal early in the fourth quarter.

“As a whole, we stunk it up,” Owens said.

The loss drops Dallas to 1-2 in December. That guarantees a 12th straight season without a winning record in this pivotal month. It also could mean a 12th straight season without a playoff win, stretching what is easily the longest drought in club history.

JOHNSON

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writing on the wall,” Johnson said. “The (offensive) line we had in 2006 was one where we were going to run the ball, we don’t care what you line up in we’re just going to do it.”

But there’s still one more goal for Johnson — the Western Athletic Conference all-time record for rushing touchdowns, a mark he currently shares with Marshall Faulk.

Johnson still speaks in awe of standing on the sidelines last month in the home finale against Fresno State and hearing fans chant “I-an! I-an!” trying to persuade coach Chris Petersen into giving Johnson one more goal line-carry and a chance at tying Faulk’s mark of 57 TDs.

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## Where'd the bailout money go? \$350 billion later, banks won't say how they're spending it

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's something any bank would demand to know before handing out a loan: Where's the money going? But after receiving billions in aid from U.S. taxpayers, the nation's largest banks say they can't track exactly how they're spending the money or they simply refuse to discuss it.

"We've lent some of it. We've not lent some of it. We've not given any accounting of, 'Here's how we're doing it,'" said Thomas Kelly, a spokesman for JPMorgan Chase, which received \$25 billion in emergency bailout money. "We have not disclosed that to the public. We're declining to."

The Associated Press contacted 21 banks that received at least \$1 billion in government money and asked four questions: How much has been spent? What was it spent on? How much is being held in savings, and what's the plan for the rest?

None of the banks provided specific answers. "We're not providing dollar-in, dollar-out tracking," said Barry Koling, a spokesman for Atlanta, Ga.-based SunTrust Banks Inc., which got \$3.5 billion in taxpayer dollars.

## World stock markets mostly lower as economic worries overshadow US auto bailout

HONG KONG (AP) — World stock markets were mostly lower Monday as a U.S. pledge to rescue its troubled carmakers failed to ease deep concerns that the global slump was hurting company profits.

The plan announced Friday to extend General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC \$17.4 billion in loans brought a measure of relief to some investors, staving off bankruptcies that would have surely deepened the recession in the world's largest economy.

But early gains in Asia soon faded amid trenchant

worries about the U.S. and global outlook, as well as shrinking demand for Asian-made products like cars and electronics that keep the region's economies growing, analysts said. In Japan, new figures showed a record 26.7 percent plunge in exports last month compared to a year ago.

With demand drying up, Toyota Motor Corp. slashed its profit forecast Monday for the fiscal year to the barely break-even point. Meanwhile, tech companies saw heavy selling after Taiwan's Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., world's largest contract electronics maker, announced plans to cut jobs and its chairman suggested the worst of the downturn was yet to come.

"The big question about what's going to happen with the big U.S. automakers has been settled for now," said D. Gorton, research analyst at Louis Capital Markets in Hong Kong. "But investors are still wondering what's going to happen with the U.S. and ... when the U.S. economy is going to recover."

## Obama internal report expected to explain staff's contact with Blagojevich, including Emanuel

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama's review of his staff's contacts with Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich did not include records of conversations taped by federal prosecutors, a Democratic official said.

Obama will release his report by Tuesday explaining his staff's discussions with Blagojevich and the governor's aides about appointing Obama's Senate successor, according to a Democratic official who requested anonymity because the report is not yet public.

Incoming White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel contacted Blagojevich's office about the appointment, according to a source close to the governor who requested anonymity because the person is not authorized to speak on the matter. Blagojevich believed Emanuel was advocating Obama friend

Valerie Jarrett for the Senate seat so he would not have to compete with her for Obama's attention in the White House, the source said.

It was not known whether Emanuel, a Chicago-area congressman, spoke to Blagojevich, his chief of staff, or both, or why the governor believed Emanuel was pushing Jarrett for the job, the source said.

It's also not known if any of those discussions are included in tapes investigators began making of Blagojevich's conversations in October. A federal complaint charging the governor with seeking cash and favors for Obama's vacant Senate seat doesn't cite conversations with Emanuel or others on the transition staff.

## Shoppers find deep discounts but retailers see bleakness during last holiday shopping weekend

CHICAGO (AP) — The deals were there and, by most accounts, so were the shoppers. But at the close of the final holiday shopping weekend, consumers confessed they were still nervous about buyingtype:bold,italic;

"This is going to be a poor Christmas," said Dee Dobbins, a 31-year-old from Goldsboro, N.C., who finished her holiday shopping with money she'd received from her recent graduation from North Carolina State University. "At least I had it, because I don't know what I would have done."

From flagship department stores to main street shops, consumers found packed parking lots, massive markdowns and extended hours — in some places, around-the-clock shopping — as merchants hope to salvage one of the worst shopping seasons in decades, brought on by the recession and growing economic uncertainty.

For those willing to spend, the deals abounded.

In Miami, Ana Solis bought T-shirts from the Disney Store featuring Kermit the Frog and Tigger. One shirt — original price \$24.99 — was marked down to \$7.99 before another 40 percent discount.

## SHOOTING

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when a subject identified as Orlando Montanez began starting trouble with

the subjects."

Testimony from the scene indicates that Montanez, 27, of Big Spring, fired three to six shots at the vehicle Juarez was occupying. No one else was injured in the incident and Juarez was later transported to Scenic Mountain

Medical Center, where she was treated and released.

An arrest warrant has been issued charging Montanez with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Everett said Montanez is considered to be armed and dangerous. Anyone

with information on his whereabouts is urged to contact the police department at 264-2550.

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

## PAY

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tives "to get them to do the jobs for which they are well paid in the first place," said Rep. Barney Frank, the Massachusetts Democrat who chairs the House Financial Services committee.

"Most of us sign on to do jobs, and we do them best we can," said Frank. "We're told that some of the most highly paid people in executive positions are different. They need extra money to be motivated!"

The AP review of annual reports that the banks file with the Securities and Exchange Commission found that the average paid to each of the banks' top executives was \$2.6 million in salary, bonuses and benefits.

Among other findings: — Lloyd Blankfein, president and chief executive of Goldman Sachs, took home nearly \$54 million in compensation last year. The company's top five executives received a total of \$242 million.

This year, Goldman's seven top-paid executives will work for their base salaries of \$600,000, with no stock or cash

bonuses, the company said. Last spring, before Wall Street's staggering losses and layoffs mushroomed, Goldman described its pay plan as essential to retain and motivate executives "whose efforts and judgments are vital to our continued success, by setting their compensation at appropriate and competitive levels." Goldman spokesman Ed Canada declined to comment beyond that written report.

The New York-based company, after gains last year, on Dec. 16 reported its first quarterly loss since it went public in 1999. It received \$10 billion in taxpayer money on Oct. 28.

— Even where banks cut back on pay, some executives were left with seven- or eight-figure compensation that most people can only dream about. Richard D. Fairbank, the chairman of Capital One Financial Corp., took a \$1 million hit in compensation after his company had a disappointing year, but still got \$17 million in stock options. The McLean, Va.-based company received \$3.56 billion in bailout money on Nov. 14.

— John A. Thain, chief executive of Merrill

Lynch, topped all corporate bank bosses with \$83 million in earnings last year. Thain, a former chief operating officer for Goldman Sachs, came to Merrill Lynch in December 2007, avoiding the blame for a year in which Merrill lost \$7.8 billion. Since he began work late in the year, he earned \$57,692 in salary, a \$15 million signing bonus and an additional \$68 million in stock options.

Like Goldman, Merrill tapped taxpayers for \$10 billion on Oct. 28.

The AP review comes amid sharp questions about the banks' commitment to the goals of the Troubled Asset Relief Program, a law designed to buy bad mortgages and other troubled assets. Last month, the Bush administration changed the program's goals, instructing the Treasury Department to pump tax dollars directly into banks to prevent wide economic collapse.

The program set restrictions on some executive compensation for participating banks, but did not limit salaries and bonuses unless they had the effect of encouraging excessive risk to

the institution. Banks were barred from giving golden parachutes to departing executives and deducting some executive pay for tax purposes. Some banks are forgoing bonuses and restricting other compensation.

The records detailing last year's pay packages show that personal financial advice was among the executive perks. Wells Fargo of San Francisco, which took \$25 billion in taxpayer bailout money, gave its top executives up to \$20,000 each to pay financial planners.

At Bank of New York Mellon Corp., chief executive Robert P. Kelly's stipend for financial planning services came to \$66,748, on top of his \$975,000 salary and \$7.5 million bonus. His car and driver cost \$178,879. Kelly also received \$846,000 in relocation expenses, including help selling his home in Pittsburgh and purchasing one in Manhattan, the company said.

Goldman Sachs, paying as much as \$233,000 for an executive's car and driver, told its shareholders that financial counseling and

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Obama's Cabinet should help the nation kick bad energy habits

Dominated by lobbyists for the oil industry, the task force Vice President Dick Cheney convened early in the Bush presidency laid the groundwork for the administration's dangerously antiquated approach to meeting the nation's energy needs.

Its core recommendation — to open more federal land to oil, coal and natural-gas development — largely led officials for the next eight years to ignore conservation efforts and the need to develop clean, alternative energy.

Carbon emissions that cause global warming rose. Serious efforts at curbing the nation's reliance on fossil fuels largely froze. And good-faith efforts at convincing policy makers of the error of their ways were ignored or silenced.

Finally, though, the winds are changing. This week, President-elect Barack Obama named his top energy and environmental team. And fortunately, its members signaled their intention to reshape the nation's energy market so it can kick its dependence on unstable, U.S.-hating, oil-rich countries. They spoke of the urgency to invest in green technology and infrastructure projects to help rejuvenate the economy. And they promised that science — not political expediency — will drive their efforts.

What a relief. A NASA scientist who sounded warnings about climate change got censured by the Bush administration. Pleas from 60 leading researchers asking the administration to stop suppressing scientific knowledge for political purposes went nowhere.

Science, not politics, should drive the nation's energy policy under Nobel-prize-winning physicist Steven Chu, tapped by Obama to lead the Department of Energy. As director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Chu has argued for controlling greenhouse-gas emissions. He researched solar and biofuel alternatives.

Obama's pick to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, Lisa Jackson, helped New Jersey limit carbon emissions in her role as that state's environmental regulator. She's an engineer.

Nancy Sutley, selected to steer the White House Council on Environmental Quality, led efforts to improve water and air quality as Los Angeles' top energy and environment official.

And Carol Browner, who fought air pollution as EPA chief in the Clinton administration, should help Obama steer his agenda through a political minefield as his energy czar.

But there's the rub for the incoming administration. No one questions its earnestness in wanting to help reduce carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050; its wanting to train millions of workers to install solar panels and build rail systems and plug-in hybrid cars; and its wish to pass green legislation that will show the world the U.S. is ready to lead on reducing carbon emissions globally.

But most everyone in Washington knows the breadth of its ambition will trigger explosions, planted by short-sighted businesses and government opponents wary of what it will do to their profits and long-held positions of power. Its cost and complexity also should present challenges.

It will fall to Browner — an old hand at navigating tripwires from her days running Florida's Department of Environmental Regulation — Obama and the rest of his team to get Washington to accept enough of their science-driven agenda to make a difference.

THE ORLANDO SENTINEL (FLA.)

# Trust breaks, system collapses

The shocking story of Bernard Madoff and his alleged \$50 billion Ponzi scheme have implications that go well beyond the wealthy individuals and charities who were bilked of their money. As in all such scandals, this one involves a betrayal of trust. And trust ultimately is what allows economies, large and small, to function. Without it, our entire system of money would collapse.

What Madoff is alleged to have done is to create an upside-down pyramid in which he paid his investors phony “profits” from new investors’ capital, while skimming off most of the money for himself. The scheme works only so long as new investors can be found to continue making payments to earlier investors, or until someone discovers the chicanery. In Madoff's case, his own children blew the whistle when they realized what he was doing.

Still, you wonder: How could so many savvy people be duped by the oldest trick in the book? Madoff's investors weren't naifs. They were some of the most astute investors around, including other billionaires who had made their own money largely by being meticulously careful in how they chose to invest. But they trusted Madoff because many of them knew him personally.

Madoff was no fly-by-night

snake oil salesman. He lived and worked in the community. He was involved in the same charities as his investors. He was a co-religionist who, his investors believed, shared the same values and commitment to a strong code of ethics that would insure against deception and thievery. And so, investors handed over millions of dollars to a man they thought they knew and could trust, without doing due diligence.

“What fools,” you say? “I'd never hand over my money without checking the guy out.” But in fact, we do hand over our money, figuratively and literally, every day without hesitating. And we do so because we trust individuals, institutions, and our government. Trust is what makes the economic world go round.

In an important new book, “The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of the World,” Niall Ferguson explains it this way: “When an American exchanges his goods or his labor for a fistful of dollars, he is essentially trusting (Treasury secretary) Hank Paulson (and by implication the Chairman of the Federal Reserve System, Ben Bernanke) not to ‘manufacture so many of these things that they end up being worth no more than the paper they are printed on. Money is a matter of belief, even faith: belief in the person paying us; belief in the person issuing the money he uses or the institution that honors his checks or transfers. Money is trust inscribed.”

And once trust breaks down, the system itself collapses. What is worrisome in today's troubled

economy is that trust seems to be dissolving before our eyes. Why have banks stopped lending? Why are people pulling their money out of the stock market, driving down the Dow and NASDAQ? Why are people afraid to buy houses?

It all boils down to trust. Banks don't trust that debtors — companies, individuals, even other banks — will pay back the money they lend, so they stop lending. Investors don't trust that companies will be able to earn profits in the near future, so they stop investing.

Ordinary people don't trust that the home they buy will be worth what they paid for it in a year or even a few months, so they hesitate buying.

This breakdown in trust feeds on itself. Distrust becomes self-perpetuating and contagious.

The challenge will be how best to restore trust — and to do so in ways that do not jeopardize freedom or the efficiencies of the market.

As Ferguson's book illustrates, larcenies like the Madoff scheme or stock and real estate bubbles like the ones we've experienced over the last decade are nothing new and will, no doubt, occur again.

But if we are to live and prosper in communities that extend beyond our immediate family members we must fall back on mutual trust, even when it sometimes fails us.

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# What's in a middle Name?

When I first heard that Barack Obama said he had decided to include his middle name, “Hussein,” in his swearing-in ceremony, I wondered whether the satirical Web site ScrappleFace had tricked the mainstream media.

Surely, after Obama's acolytes scolded commentators for using Barack's Muslim-sounding middle name during the campaign, the president-elect himself wouldn't so quickly reverse course. But, in fact, he did.

In an exclusive interview with the Chicago Tribune, Obama said he'll use his full name in the ceremony like every other president.

I have no problem with that, as far as it goes. But Obama went further. He's not using his middle name simply because it's his middle name, but as part of a deliberate strategy to “reboot America's image” among the world's Muslims. He also plans to deliver a major speech in an Islamic capital, possibly within the first 100 days of his presidency.

Why, you might ask, is all this necessary?

Simple: because of President Bush's myriad sins against Muslims since 9/11. The Associated Press reports, as if imparting objective fact, “The U.S. image globally has taken a deep hit during President George W. Bush's two terms in office, primarily because of opposition to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, harsh interrogation of prisoners, the indefinite detention of terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and mistreatment of inmates at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.”

What is an objective fact is that Obama is communicating that

very message. In elaborating, he says we must employ a new diplomacy, which would emphasize inclusiveness and tolerance, as well as an unflinching stand against terrorism. In other words, American diplomacy under President Bush has been intolerant and noninclusive.

This is just a rehashing of the tired Democratic talking point that Bush is a go-it-alone unilateralist who didn't build a broad international coalition to join our invasion against Iraq.

Democrats always have distorted the record on this issue. Bush tried tirelessly to talk our “Old Europe” allies into joining our coalition, but many declined because of their corrupt self-interests.

Democrats were aware of this and ignored it because Old Europe's recalcitrance provided a convenient cover for them to oppose the war they wanted to oppose but were forced to support because of overwhelming public opinion. Just as with their false charge that Bush didn't try a bipartisan approach with them on domestic policy, what Democrats really meant is that Bush pursued policies with which *they* couldn't agree — and thus he was unilateralist, intolerant and partisan.

To be more specific, what Democrats have been saying and Obama is now repeating is that President Bush has alienated America from the Muslim world by attacking Iraq without justification. They obviously believe Muslims have a right to be outraged at us and we need to make amends and show them we are decent people.

I don't care how many mind-numbed e-mail responses this generates, but we did have ample justification for invading Iraq, even apart from the WMD question, including Saddam's willful violation of 17 U.N. resolutions and postwar treaties.

But what is most troubling about Obama's plan to “reboot”

our image in the Muslim world is its unspoken premise that terrorism is fueled by our mistreatment of Muslims and that if we'd just be kinder to the Muslim world, terrorism would melt away. If you're skeptical, just research Obama's statements about the root causes of terrorism, which to him include poverty — the left's old economic determinism template. I wonder whether he plans to “spread the wealth” with them, as well. I'm sure a few extra mil would have deterred Osama.

But as I recall, America didn't start this war against Islamic terrorists, who had been waging war against us well before 9/11. We are not the ones whose places of worship and schools indoctrinate our children to hate nonbelievers. We're not the ones who treat our women like chattel, engage in honor killings of family members, target innocent civilians, or dance in the streets when innocents are murdered.

Obviously, it doesn't fit Obama's palette of predispositions to recognize that America was not wrong in liberating Iraq — something the self-styled compassionate left should be ashamed to have opposed on humanitarian reasons alone; that we do not torture enemy detainees (Abu Ghraib was not the rule, but an aberration); and that we do the opposite of mistreating prisoners at Gitmo.

It also may not occur to Obama that in any negotiations — his messiahship notwithstanding — it takes two to make a deal. But he may learn soon enough the hard way if Britain persists in balking on his request that they send more troops to Afghanistan and Iran keeps dissing him.

If Obama truly intends to advocate *for* America instead of reflexively blaming us first, he's in store for a quick comeuppance.

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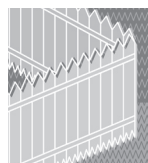
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# Nutrition Wise: Low sugar jam and jelly

**Q: Should I switch my family to low sugar jam and jelly?**

A: The answer may depend on how much jam and jelly you use. Each measured tablespoon contains about 50 calories and provides three teaspoons of sugar. Varieties labeled as “all-fruit spreads” contain only the natural sugar in the fruit and juice and provide about 40 calories and the equivalent of two teaspoons of sugar per tablespoon. Most jams labeled reduced-sugar are 50 percent lower in sugar, providing about 25 calories and a little less than a teaspoon and a half of sugar per tablespoon. They usually don’t contain sugar substitutes. Sugar-free jams or jellies use artificial sweeteners to replace all added sugar, bringing calories down to 10 per tablespoon with zero sugar. You can make the choice that works best for you and your family. Each little bit of excess sugar we cut helps, but the three teaspoons of added sugar in



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jelly poses less of a problem than the ten teaspoons of additional sugar in a can of a regular soft drink,

**Q: What is the current advice about using antioxidant supplements to protect against macular degeneration in the eyes?**

A: Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is a leading cause of vision loss as people age. In a recent analysis of studies, antioxidant supplements were not shown to prevent AMD even after 12 years of treatment. However, researchers do urge people who show early signs of macular degeneration or who have advanced AMD in one eye to take a supplement that matches the product used in the Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS), providing specific levels of vitamins C, E, beta-carotene and zinc. In the study, progression to advanced AMD decreased by 32 percent among people taking these supplements. In a recent study of AMD patients, more than a third of those likely to benefit from supplementation were either not using a product or were using an incorrect formulation or dosage. Note, however that people should get indi-

vidual advice from their eye doctors before beginning any supplement regimen. When it comes to reducing risk of getting AMD, we need more research, but some data suggest that a diet rich in carotenoid-containing vegetables may help, as may regularly including oily fish high in omega-3 fat.

**Q: Does diet have any effect on acne?**

A: Despite the long-held beliefs that chocolate or high-fat diets contribute to acne, according to experts, including those at the American Academy of Dermatologists, eating habits do not affect development or treatment of acne. Individuals who feel that certain foods aggravate their acne can simply choose to avoid those foods. For women and teenaged girls whose acne is related to polycystic ovarian syndrome, some interventions may help, including: weight loss, moderate physical activity and a healthy diet high in fiber from vegetables, fruits and whole grains. And, while there may not be a direct link between diet and acne, a nutrient-rich diet will nourish every part of your body, including your skin.

## Health Matters

### New treatment for depression

Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) is a new noninvasive treatment for patients who do not respond to medication.

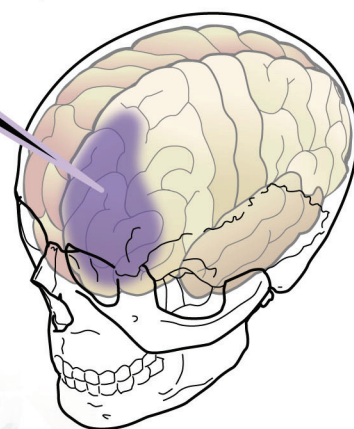
**Prefrontal cortex** controls positive mood; less active in depressed people

#### How TMS works

Uses electromagnetic energy to stimulate nerve cells in the brain

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- Up to 3,000 pulses a minute beamed through the skull
- Creates electromagnetic field on brain's surface that excites cells deep inside



**Repeated sessions**  
40 minutes daily for about a month seem to retrain neurons

**Other possible uses**  
Stroke rehabilitation, post-traumatic stress, panic disorders, fibromyalgia

Source: Mayo Clinic, Neuronetics.com, AP, Philadelphia Inquirer  
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## Cheesy Pasta with Spinach and Tomato

### American Institute for Cancer Research

When it's chilly and gray outside, what better way to warm up than with an eye-popping, warm-you-to-your-core pasta dish. This week's recipe combines whole-wheat pasta with Parmesan cheese, spinach and cherry tomatoes. It's comforting and easy to prepare.

Selecting whole-wheat pasta is important. After all, in its natural unrefined state, wheat is a powerhouse of nutrients. Thought to have originated in Asia, it has been consumed as food for more than 12,000 years. Wheat is generally considered the most important crop in the world. Not native to the Western Hemisphere, it was introduced in the late 15th century when Columbus sailed to the New World.

This nutrient-rich dish is further fortified with spinach – a vegetable that's currently enjoying a resurgence. In a Bon Appétit magazine poll in 2005, 56 percent of those who responded reported that spinach was their favorite vegetable. Of course, the leafy green vegetable first earned America's devotion in 1929, with the introduction of Popeye the Sailor Man. Popeye's creator was a vegetarian who wanted to make sure everyone knew the benefits of eating their veggies.

There are actually four types of spinach. These include savory (the type we commonly buy fresh), semi-savory (which features a somewhat curly leaf), smooth leaf and baby (a smaller and more tender variety). All are generally available in most food markets and, regardless of the type, pack a nutritional punch. Spinach is particularly rich in folate, potassium and vitamins A, C and K.

A few spoonfuls of grated cheese add bold flavor without overwhelming the fat or calorie content. Add just a sprinkling of toasted pine nuts to surprise the palette with an unexpected crunch and

earthy flavor.

**Cheesy Pasta with Spinach and Tomato**  
2 Tbsp. pine nuts  
2 Tbsp. olive oil  
1/2 cup red onion, coarsely chopped  
2 Tbsp. garlic, minced  
2 cups cherry tomatoes  
2 cups loosely packed fresh baby spinach  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
4 cups cooked whole-wheat macaroni  
2 Tbsp. freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
2 Tbsp. freshly grated Romano cheese  
Pinch of crushed red pepper, optional  
Pinch of dried basil, optional

Toast pine nuts in small pan on medium-low heat for a few minutes until they become fragrant and lightly

toasted, stirring frequently. Be careful to not over toast or burn. Set aside in small bowl.

In medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat olive oil until hot and then add onions. Sauté onions until lightly caramelized, then add garlic. Add tomatoes, toss with onions and garlic in pan to coat. When tomatoes begin to soften and burst, add spinach, and sauté until spinach is wilted. Season with salt and pepper.

While the pasta is still hot, add it to the spinach and tomato mixture. Add cheeses. Remove from heat and let dish sit for several minutes. Top with toasted pine nuts and season with red pepper flakes and basil, if using.

Makes 6 servings.



## Holy Trinity Catholic Parish 2008 Christmas Season Liturgical Celebration Schedule



### Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 p.m. Saint Thomas

9:00 p.m. Sacred Heart of Jesus

11:00 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary  
(Preceded by Christmas Carols at 10:30 p.m.)

### Christmas Day Mass

Thursday, December 25, 2008

10:00 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary

### New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 31, 2008

7:00 p.m. ~ Immaculate Heart Of Mary  
(Virgin Mary, Mary of God)

### New Year's Day Mass

January 1, 2009

10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart of Jesus  
(Virgin Mary, Mother of God)

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## YEAR IN REVIEW

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Wildly Expensive Green Card

Dear Margo: Here's a good one for you. A friend of mine, who moved here from England a year ago, found out that his immigration lawyer had not processed his paperwork correctly and he was told to leave the country. Well, he met this girl online, who is Hispanic, 38 years old and never married. He has been living with her — she found him the immigration lawyer — but wanted to break up before he found out about his status. She never told him any details about herself, then one day said, "Oh, I am pregnant." Then he found out that she is \$500,000 in debt, has bill collectors after her, and this guy has almost no money. Anyway, he married her in order to get his green card, they had the baby, and now she tells him he



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must stay with her 24/7 to feed the baby, change diapers, etc. To make things worse, they were married in Spanish and he has no idea what the notary said (notaries can marry people in Florida). Now the wife is asking the in-laws for money, and they have been giving it because she threatens not to let them see the baby. I told him to get out, but he says he would like professional advice. What should he do? — Dave S. in Florida

Dear Dave: That was one expensive green card. I think the professional advice your friend needs is that of a lawyer. My guess is that he could have the marriage annulled because he had no idea what was being said. Even if the consequence is returning to England, that would be better than being an indentured nanny. I will not add to your friend's misery by pointing out that it is foolish at best to marry someone about whom you know nothing and where the officiate is speaking a foreign language. This girl is also blackmailing his parents, which I believe to be against the law. And if I recall, there's a grandparents' law in Florida. Your friend also may have a case against his inept immigration lawyer. Suggest Legal Aid; it's free. — Margo, messily

**What To Do about a 7-Year-Old Bigot**

Dear Margo: I am the father of a beautiful, sweet, 7-year-old biracial girl. I am an African-American, and her mother is second-generation Italian-American. We live in a predominately white neighborhood, and my daughter attends a predominately white school. My daughter

advised us that a classmate was instructed by her parents to not socialize with her. The little girl has made it known to the classroom that she will not sit or play with my daughter; she even got up and moved in the cafeteria one day because my daughter sat next to her. My daughter is colorblind and too young to know what racism is. How should I handle this matter in your opinion? And how should I deal with the parents? — Somewhere in Texas

Dear Some: What a shame that parents teach prejudice to a youngster. It has been proved in many cultures that children, left to their own devices, do not demonstrate biased behavior. Kids just want to play together. (This is the raison d'être for the international organization Peace Games.) Because you already know how the parents of this classmate feel, I suggest asking someone at the school, perhaps the principal, to open a discussion with them pointing out that the attitude they are instilling in their daughter will not serve her well later and exclusion is something the school frowns upon. In the meantime, you will probably have to explain to your child that not everyone behaves well, and that there's nothing wrong with her. It's the other little girl who has the problem. — Margo, regretfully

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Save Money, See Better

(Family Features) Are you struggling to read the financial page of the newspaper...and it has nothing to do with the state of the economy? Do you find it hard to read the entrees on the menu at your favorite Italian restaurant, even though they include English descriptions? Or have you recently wondered if you could get some 'arm extenders' to lengthen the distance between your eyes and the reading material you're holding? If you're nearing 40 years old, you may be experiencing presbyopia. As you mature, your eyes' lenses gradually harden and lose their ability to change shape. As a result, it becomes difficult to read small print, computer text, or other close work such as sewing. Fortunately, the problem can be remedied by purchasing a pair of over-the-counter reading glasses that enlarge images so eyes can focus on objects up close. Dr. Ernest Sutcliffe is a board certified ophthalmologist from Wellesley, Mass. He says that while people over 40 should see an eye care professional once every two to three years to assess their overall eye health, they can obtain prescription quality reading glasses without a prescription - saving both time and money. "I recommend Magnivision over-the-counter reading glasses because they have lightweight, scratch-resistant lenses that reduce eye strain. They magnify images without distortion, allowing your eyes to focus on nearby objects." Drug stores, mass market retailers and supermarkets sell a wide variety of affordable over-the-counter reading glasses. The in-store display makes it easy to self-diagnose which magnification power is needed for your unique set of eyes. Those who prefer to have an optometrist diagnose the magnification power needed for their eyes may still utilize the affordable option of over-the-counter reading glasses. The doctor will give the patient a magnification number that can be found at the in-store display, which is usually in the pharmacy area. Doctor-recommended Magnivision brand reading glasses, for example, offer hundreds of fashionable styles that cost between \$15 and \$30. By comparison, prescription lens and frames can cost between \$50 and \$300. The affordability also allows people to purchase an extra pair or two to keep next to their favorite reading chair or in their desk drawer. And at such an affordable price, it may make is easier to swallow the news on the financial page of your newspaper that you will now be able to read with great clarity!

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). What a commotion you create, and without even trying! It has always been this way for you; always will be, too. The trick is to put yourself into a place where commotion is well received. Consider acting classes.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A trip to the mountains or time spent outdoors is where you meet the person who will introduce you to a future love or friend. When you see this coming to fruition, simply accept this person as they appear.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). To be at your most effective today indulge first in meeting your own needs. Family may be the most important thing on earth to you, but remember, in order to give excellent care you must first feed your own soul.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). For the next four days a lucrative opportunity may appear to be drying up. Use this downtime wisely; examine the path you have chosen so far. In a few short days your options will increase. Plant seeds wisely.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Good news arrives today. Let yourself dance to the Muzak at the shopping mall. Just smile at those who might gawk. You have reason to celebrate. You invite more good news into your life by freeing your spirit.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

unconventional path treaded by a loved one may seem a far cry from your old hopes and dreams for them. Remember that your original concern was for their happiness. You can still help. Find a new way to assist.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As the story goes, the Gypsies carry a horseshoe for protection from monsters. It must work; none have yet reported any such attack. Let your sincere confidence be your horseshoe. — You send any would-be monsters running.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You, creator of art, will receive inspiration today just outside your own front door. Keep your five senses open to the muses. The trick will be to recognize their voices in the background noise of modern living. Listen up.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are a star, as evidenced by your full calendar. Today, examine the force behind your gift. It is not by accident that you excel on stage. You teach great lessons from within your forum.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You think life is easier when your load is lighter. You are right. But only with 20/20 hindsight can one know what is light and what is heavy. In the meantime, do what you know to be right.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The small gesture of gifting a seemingly insignificant item to a neglected young person will be profoundly beneficial to this person's future. Many years ago your sign mate, Abraham Lincoln, was likewise gifted.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It is not enough to have good will alone. You have to put out the effort to make physical progress. You truly do care. A little sincerity goes a long way. Pick up the phone and call to check in.

**THE WINTER SOLSTICE AFTER PARTY**: As any socialite knows, the real party is a mere appetizer and the main course of fun is usually served up at the after party. Once the nerves have worn off, the loose and

lively action can commence. Many ancient cultures had such lavish and lengthy celebrations for winter solstice that by the following day the party would have been considered to be just getting underway!

The next week ushers in great revelry, so squeeze every drop of happiness you can get out of the holiday. Aries and Leo can make the most of it by getting gussied up, even when simply going to the grocery store or post office.

Taurus and Virgo use astral energies to get back in touch with people who haven't been contacted for several months. Gemini and Libra get busy making plans for the new year and the immediate future falls into place. Cancer and Scorpio commemorate this special place in their lives with physical symbols. Sagittarius and Aquarius take a step into the unknown by spending time with those whose customs are foreign. Pisces and Capricorn are better off to concern themselves with their own fun instead of taking care of everyone else's needs without cessation.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES**: Happy birthday to "Idol" winner Jordin Sparks, who turns 19. In 2008, this successful Capricorn met the president and won an American Music Award. 2009 will prove to be another groundbreaking year for the rising star as she commits to new and diverse career goals. With five of her natal luminaries in Capricorn, Sparks cannot help but drive herself hard toward her accomplishments.

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High winds, cold temps sweep across much of Midwest as Pacific Northwest digs out

CHICAGO (AP) — Heavily bundled Midwesterners were shuffling quickly from place to place in a bid to spend as little time as possible outside in bone-chilling, subzero cold that was expected to last through Monday morning.

“It’s so cold, it feels like needles are pricking my eyes,” grumbled 19-year-old Ashley Sarpong of Chicago, a fur-lined hood pulled around her face Sunday as she crossed a wind-swept bridge that crossed the Chicago River. “This is the coldest I’ve felt all year.”

The big freeze was expected to last through Monday morning, the first full day of the official winter season, when wind chill advisories for the region were to expire.

Snowfall was scant after the frigid air mass rolled in, but ice and high winds whipped up snow along roadways and made driving hazardous for holiday travelers.

emergency exits as the plane burned.

Officials, witnesses say suspected US missile strike kills 8 in Pakistan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP) — Suspected U.S. missile strikes killed at least eight people Monday in volatile northwest Pakistan, officials and witnesses said.

Bakht Janan, a local security official, said an unmanned drone aircraft began circling over the village of Kari Khel around 3 a.m. and fired missiles at two vehicles several hours later. Witnesses told The Associated Press that one of the vehicles had been blasting away with an anti-aircraft gun at the drone.

Four people were killed as missiles hit the vehicle and an adjacent, fort-like house. Four others died and one was wounded in the second vehicle five miles (eight kilometers) away by dirt track.

Janan said an unexploded missile was found on the ground.

Federal investigators to examine skid marks, interview pilots for clues in Denver jet mishap

DENVER (AP) — Federal investigators planned to begin examining early Monday the burned carcass of a passenger jet that veered off a runway in Denver and caught fire, while technicians in Washington hoped to recover data from the plane’s two “black boxes.”

The twin-engine Boeing 737-500 was left in a shallow, snow-covered ravine where it came to rest after its aborted take-off Saturday at Denver International Airport.

National Transportation Safety Board officials wanted to make use of scarce daylight hours to examine the wreck, measure skid marks and then conduct their first interviews of the pilots.

Flight data and cockpit voice recorders were recovered and sent for examination to Washington, D.C. It appeared both were in good condition, the NTSB said Sunday.

The accident forced the 115 passengers and crew aboard Continental Airlines’ Flight 1404 to flee through

Official: 20 insurgent fighters killed in US-Afghan operation along Pakistan border

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A joint U.S.-Afghan operation along the border with Pakistan has killed about 20 insurgent fighters over the last month, an Afghan governor said Monday.

The Afghan and U.S. forces taking part in Operation Lion Heart are trying pressure militants along the border between Afghanistan’s Kunar province and the Bajur region in Pakistan.

Pakistani forces are conducting their own operation in Bajur in coordination with the U.S. and Afghan forces.

The Ministry of Defense said Monday that dozens of militants have been killed and wounded over the last month. A spokesman said he couldn’t give more precise numbers.

However, Kunar Gov. Sayed Fazeullah Wahidi said around 20 fighters have been killed over the last month, including two Arabs and two Pakistanis.

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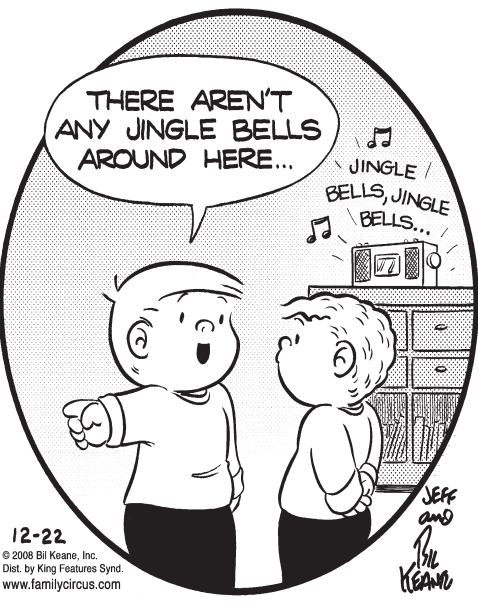


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| 10 :PM<br>:30 | News                                       | News                                       | Impacto            | TMZ                | Sin Senos          | El Cartel             |                     | Name                                     |                        | Christmas at Luther | Jesus-Com- plete       |                                                      | CSI: Crime Scn         | Law & Order         | Cole                          | Wizards                    |
| 11 :PM<br>:30 | Nightline                                  | Nightline                                  | Raymond            | Raymond            | El Cartel          |                       |                     |                                          |                        | Noah's Ark          |                        |                                                      | UFC 92 Countdown       | The Closer          | Hatchett                      | Suite Life                 |
| 12 :AM<br>:30 | Insider                                    | Insider                                    | King-Hill          | King-Hill          | Decisiones de      | Decisiones de         | Tonight Show        | Friends                                  | Israel                 | Charlie Rose        | Noah's Ark             |                                                      | CSI: NY                | Without a Trace     | Movie: Ride, John Witherspoon | Cory                       |
| 1 :AM<br>:30  | Jimmy Kim- mel Live                        | Jimmy Kim- mel Live                        | La Hora de la Risa | CI                 | Late Late Show     | Sex & Sex &           | Late Night          | Sex & Sex &                              | Uri Harel              | Smiley              | Jesus-Com- plete       | Movie: Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Teri Garr | Star Trek: Voyager     | Without a Trace     |                               | Replace                    |
|               | Extra                                      | Extra                                      | Amarte- Pecado     | RENO 911           | RENO 911           | Programa Pagado       | News                | Movie: Steel Magnolias, Shirley MacLaine | Cortes                 |                     | Jesus-Com- plete       |                                                      | Deep Space 9           | Cold Case           | The Deal                      | Emperor Dragon             |

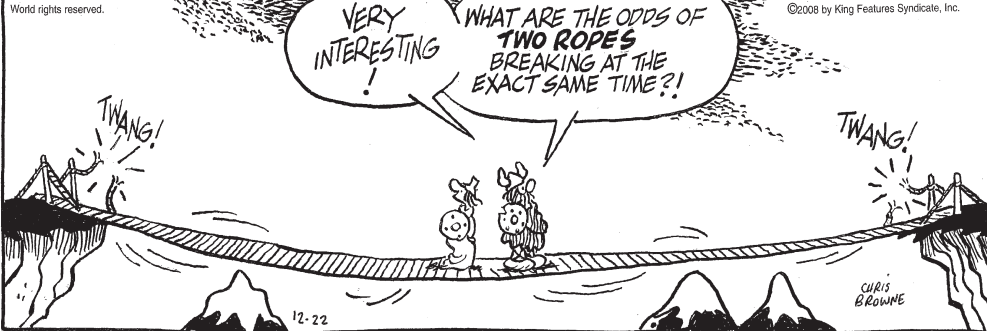
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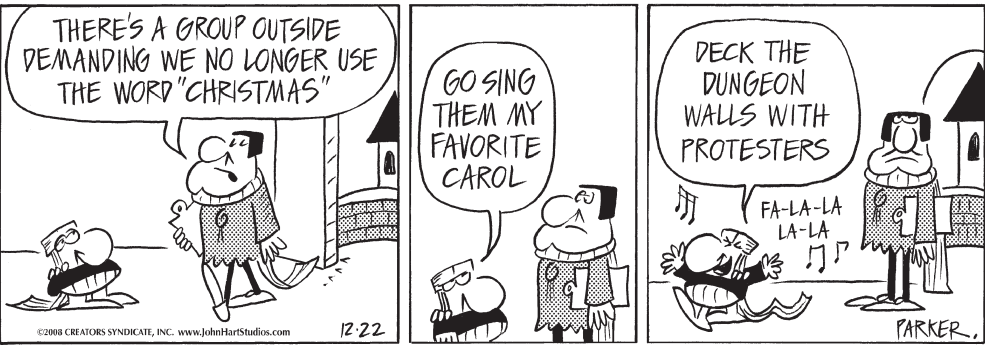
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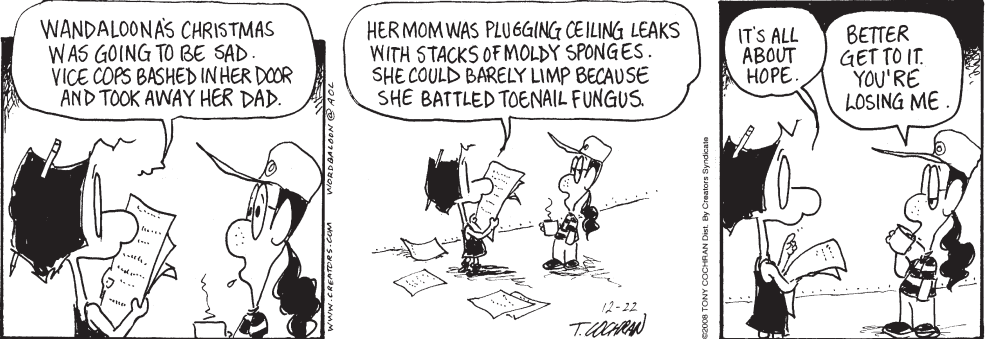
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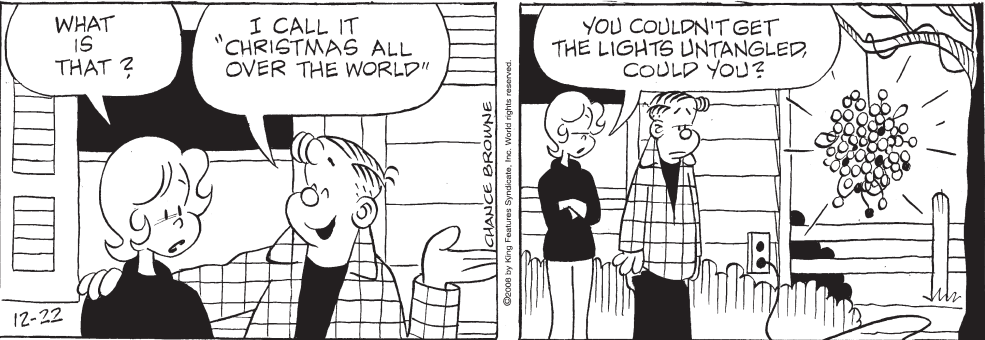
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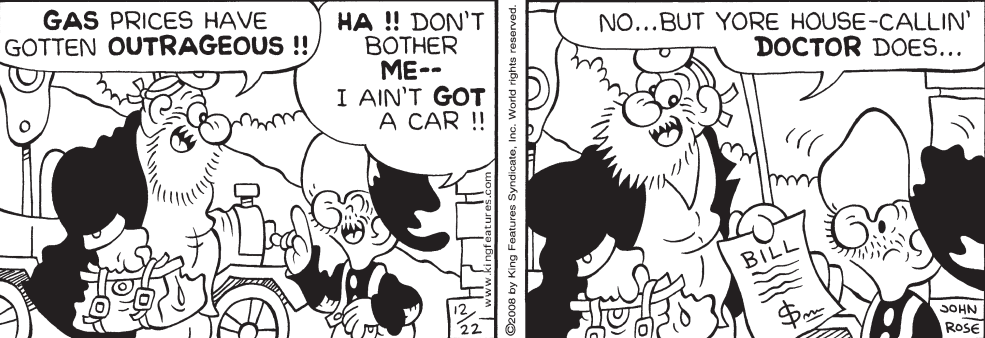
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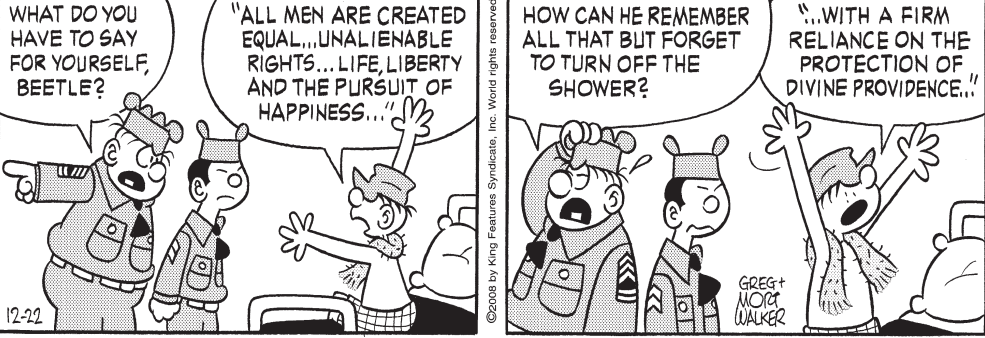
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 22, the 357th day of 2008. There are nine days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 22, 1858, opera composer Giacomo Puccini was born in Lucca, Italy.

On this date:

In 1775, Esek Hopkins was appointed the commander-in-chief of the Continental Navy.

In 1808, Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67, and Symphony No. 6 in F major, Op. 68, also known as the "Pastoral Symphony," had their world premieres in Vienna, Austria.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman wrote a message to President Abraham Lincoln which said in part: "I beg to present you as a Christmas-gift the city of Savannah."

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charg-

es of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

In 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brigadier General Anthony C. McAuliffe rejected a German demand for surrender, writing "Nuts!" in his official reply.

In 1968, Julie Nixon married David Eisenhower in a private ceremony in New York.

In 1977, three dozen people were killed when a 250-foot-high grain elevator at the Continental Grain Company plant in Westwego, La., exploded.

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

In 1988, Brazilian environmentalist Chico Mendes was shot and killed. (A rancher, Darly Alves da Silva, was sentenced in 1990 to 19 years in jail for ordering Mendes slain.)

In 2001, Richard C. Reid, a passenger on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami, tried to ignite explosives in his shoes, but was subdued by flight attendants and other passengers. (Reid is serving a life sentence.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Billingsley is 93. Former House Speaker Jim Wright is 86. Actor Hector Elizondo is 72. Country singer Red Steagall is 70. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Steve Carlton is 64. ABC News correspondent Diane Sawyer is 63. Rock singer-musician Rick Nielsen (Cheap Trick) is 62. Baseball All-Star Steve Garvey is 60. Singer Robin Gibb is 59. Golfer Jan Stephenson is 57. Actress BernNadette Stanis is 55. Rapper Luther Campbell is 48.

Thought for Today: "Anger makes dull men witty, but it keeps them poor."—Attributed to Queen Elizabeth I of England (1533-1603).

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Newsday Crossword

SO LONG by Gail Grabowski  
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- ACROSS

1 Burn slightly

5 Escapades

10 24-hr. cash sources

14 Very hard to find

15 High-tech message

16 Underground plant part

17 At the drop of \_

18 Answer a Help Wanted ad

19 Sandwich fish

20 Bowler's challenge

22 Hard to please

23 Did modeling work

24 Fireplace residue

25 Letters before tees

28 "Let's just skip it!"

32 College cheers

33 Classify

36 Convent resident

37 Military address: Abbr.

38 Light winds

39 Below-average grade

40 Flower-planting season: Abbr.

41 Talk-show hosts

42 Fairy-tale monster

43 Driver's license requirement

45 Surface luster

46 Ignited

47 Drive too fast

50 Track events

52 Replacement for a faulty component
- DOWN

1 Lobster relative

2 Laughing syllables

3 Mideast native

4 Does over, as a report

5 Jumps

56 Verbal exam

57 Bread ingredient

58 Laugh heartily

59 Not prerecorded

60 Awaken

61 A single time

62 Homeowner's document

63 Selected, with "for"

64 Look for

6 More than enough

7 Quick

8 Scottish garment

9 Sneaky

10 Painter or sculptor

11 Risky

12 Monastery resident

13 Remain

21 Ship's call for help

22 Trousers

25 Wipe the chalk from

26 Too sentimental

27 Sailor's time off

28 Sleep lightly

29 Mine rocks

30 Small-claims court participants
- 31 Leg joints

33 Upper limbs

34 Religious offshoot

35 Get a look at

38 Borscht vegetables

42 Seasoned vets

44 Gave a name to, as a book

45 "Wow!"

47 Water-pitcher part

48 Remote-control button

49 Made a mistake

50 Gelatin shaper

51 One of the Great Lakes

52 Sow's supper

53 Top-notch

54 Marathon, e.g.

55 Difficult journey

57 To and \_

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