

Body found near Coahoma

Sheriff suspects homicide; few clues found at scene

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The body of an unidentified male was recovered north of Coahoma Thursday afternoon, the apparent victim of a homicide.

Found in a ravine approximately five miles north of Coahoma on Highway 820, the body hadn't been there a long time, Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker said.

"Just guessing at this point, I'd say the body has been here three or four days," said Walker. "It



Walker

appears to be a male, in his early to mid 20s." Walker said the body was discovered around noon Thursday by a passer-by who called their employer. The employer met sheriff's deputies at the scene.

"It's just coincidental that he stopped and happened to look over the

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Law enforcement officials, aided by representatives of Myers and Smith Funeral Home, carry the body of an unidentified male out of a ravine north of Coahoma Thursday afternoon.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Vehicle chase, fire lead to man's arrest

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A local man was arrested Thursday evening on several charges after a high speed chase with law enforcement ended with a vehicle fire approximately five miles west of Big Spring.

Troy M. Allen, 47, was arrested and charged with failure to

register as a sex offender, evading arrest and possession/transportation of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

"A deputy attempted to pull Allen over on a simple traffic violation when he attempted to flee," said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker. "He took off across fields and everything

else trying to get away from the deputy.

"At some point near FM 2599 and the North Service Road, the vehicle caught fire, at which time Allen decided to ditch the car and try to get away on foot. He was captured by a deputy moments later."

Walker said the reason Allen's car caught fire might

shed some light on why the local man decided to attempt to outrun law enforcement.

"We're not sure whether or not he was actually cooking it in the car, but he had the components for a methamphetamine lab in the vehicle," said Walker.

"Nobody really knows at this point since the vehicle burned

to the ground. We're also waiting to find out if he's on parole at this time. This isn't the first time he's faced these types of drug charges."

Walker said Allen, is currently in the custody of the Howard County Jail, and is being housed in Dickens County.

No injuries were reported as a result of the vehicle fire.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Big Spring High School student Hannah Weber, left, receives a savings bond from Donald Scheiber, deputy commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter, Thursday afternoon. Weber placed second in the VFW's Voice of Democracy speech contest.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Savings bonds were presented to Forsan High School students Cayley Eggleston and Justin Epley on Thursday, as FHS speech teacher Jan Sims looks on. Eggleston and Epley placed first and third, respectively, in the VFW's Voice of Democracy speech contest.

Time running out to reserve tickets for chamber banquet

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Monday is the last opportunity to purchase tickets for this year's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held Thursday, Jan. 18, in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The event promises to be entertaining. Featured speaker Tumbleweed Smith will provide humor through excerpts from his syndicated radio show, *The Sound of Texas*. Smith has been doing the popular radio show for more than 35 years and has met many interesting characters. He brings them — or at least their voices — to the stage in a colorful way.

One of the highlights of the banquet is the presentation of the Man and Woman of the Year awards. Each year, two individuals are selected from a list of nominees — volunteers and community leaders who gone above and beyond in help-



ValVerde

ing make the community a better, more interesting place to live. Banquet-goers will also hear from Chamber volunteers and witness the exchange of the gavel between outgoing president Virginia Belew and incoming president Lee George.

And there will be supper, too. The whole thing gets under way at 6:30 p.m. with the meal and ceremonies to start at 7 p.m. It's all for the price of \$22 per person, but tickets have to be reserved no later than Monday.

"There will not be any tickets available at the door of the event," confirmed ValVerde.

Tickets can only be purchased at the Chamber office, located at 215 W. Third Street.

There is another way to purchase tickets for the

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Area students excel in speech contest

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Practice made perfect — or perfect enough — for Cayley Eggleston.

Eggleston, a senior at Forsan High School, won first place in the Voice of Democracy Speech Contest sponsored by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

She won a \$200 savings bond and the right to advance to regional and state competition in the VFW contest. Winners at the state level com-

pete for a chance at a \$30,000 savings bond and a free trip to Washington D.C.

Second place in the local contest went to Big Spring High School's Hannah Weber, while Justin Epley of Forsan placed third. They received savings bonds worth \$100 and \$75, respectively.

Eggleston, Epley and other students in the Forsan High School speech class used the group approach during the contest, FHS Speech Teacher Jan Sims said.

"This was a class project for us,"

Sims said. "We selected the best four ... and we sent in the written and recorded speeches."

Eggleston said taking top honors was a bit of a shock.

"I was surprised that I won," she said. "I went in a totally different direction from the other people in my class, so I wasn't expecting to have one of the top speeches."

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VALENTINES FOR TROOPS

Hangar 25 Air Museum will hold its first-ever Valentines for Troops Youth Support Initiative, which will give area youth the chance to make Valentine's Day cards and videos for troops stationed in combat zones.

The event will be held the next two Saturdays — Jan. 13 and Jan. 20 — from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the museum.

Individuals, schools, scouting or other youth groups unable to attend are encouraged to make cards at home and send them to the museum.

All items will be mailed Jan. 22. For more information, contact the museum at 264-1999.

Cold, wet days are forecast

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Temperatures are expected to plunge this weekend as an arctic cold front makes its way through this area.

National Weather Service officials have issued a winter weather message for the Permian Basin and eastern New Mexico, warning of below-freezing temperatures and the possibility of freezing rain over parts of the area.

An arctic air mass is on schedule to move into this area late tonight or early Saturday, sending temperatures down to the mid 20s. Numerous shows

and freezing rain are likely in the evening hours.

The cold snap will not budge for at least the duration of the weekend. High temperatures Saturday and Sunday are not expected to exceed the 30s, and a chance for freezing rain is in the forecast for both days.

The frigid weather is expected to linger through much of the coming week, with high temperatures gradually reaching the upper 40s by Thursday, NWS officials predict.

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Obituaries

H.D. "Doyle" Fowler



H.D. "Doyle" Fowler, 86, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park with Royce Clay officiating.

Doyle was born, Oct. 1, 1920, in Ryan, Okla. to Bessie and Homer Fowler. He graduated from high school at South Lockett in Vernon.

Doyle attended Durham Business College in Fort Worth. He was unable to serve in the Army because of his stiff left arm due to osteomyelitis at the age of 9. However, he served his country working for North American Aviation from 1942 until 1944, building B-54 bombers.

Doyle married Sue Lunsford on Nov. 24, 1945, in Shamrock. They lived in Vernon where he owned Fowlers Garage. Doyle sold the garage and then worked for Reno Oil Company.

They moved to Sand Springs where he was employed by Cosden Refinery for 25 years. Doyle continued to be a pumper for Cosden Refinery when he was transferred to Ackerly. He announced football games at Ackerly and built scoreboards for both the football field and basketball court.

Doyle sang in the Cosden Chorus for years and led singing at the Ackerly Church of Christ and the Vealmoor Church of Christ. As a side job, and because of his dad, he wrote insurance for Germania Insurance Company for 37 years.

Doyle suffered a stroke and had been a resident at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the last four years. He had been a resident of Howard County since 1956. Doyle was a member of the Coahoma Lions Club and the 14th & Main Church of Christ.

Doyle is survived by his wife, Sue Fowler of Big Spring; two daughters, Joy Fowler of Big Spring and Linda Francis and her husband, Pete of Andrews; two grandchildren, Jeff Francis and his wife, Kim of Round Rock and Jennifer Francis of Irving; one sister, Peggy Jean Adams Amarillo; and several nieces and nephews.

Doyle was preceded in death by three children, Clifton Dale Fowler, Kendall Mack Fowler and Paula Sue Fowler; one sister, Vivian Dale Fowler.

Pallbearers will be Pete Francis, Jeff Francis, Steve Green, Carlos Payen, Dr. Robert Sears and Robert H. "Bob" Moore. Honorary pallbearers will be all staff and residents at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The family suggests memorials to the Tipton Children's Home, P.O. Box 350, Tipton, Okla. 73570.

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

Paid obituary

James Thomas "J.T." Langley



James Thomas "J.T." Langley, 89, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007. A graveside funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at the Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall, Chaplain with Odyssey Health Care, officiating.

J.T. was born June 23, 1917, in Clyde but moved to Big Spring soon after. He married Marguerite Marie Smith on July 18, 1945, in Lockhart. She preceded him in death on July 15, 2003.

They celebrated almost 60 years of marriage before her death in 2003. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and served until December 1945. After the war, he and Rite returned to Big Spring to pursue a life of farming and ranching which he continued his entire life. He is survived by two daughters, Rita Kay Duncan and husband, Jim and Jamie Anderson Owen and husband, Mark and five grandchildren, Leigh, Kristen and Ashley Duncan and Jason and James Anderson.

In addition to his parents, Lavertie and William Langley, and wife, Rite, J.T. was preceded in death by five brothers, Leonard, Louie, Cleatus, Vernon, and Billy and two sisters, Clara Mae Smith and Geneva Reagan.

The family suggests memorials be made to the donors' favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Joseph Smith

Joseph Smith, 60, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

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Police blotter

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

- WILLIAM JAY MCNEW, 48, of 1615 Lark, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- SANTIAGO ALVEAR, 23, of 609 Bell, was arrested Wednesday on charges of public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and evading arrest.
- ANDRES ALVEAR, 27, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Wednesday on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- REYES RAMIREZ, 20, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Wednesday on charges of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage, resisting arrest and hindering an investigation.
- EMILIO RAMIREZ, 18, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Wednesday on charges of public intoxication, resisting arrest and evading arrest.
- ULTIMINIO DIAZ-FRANCISCO, 43, of Mexico, was arrested Thursday and held for immigration.
- ATANACIO MARTINEZ-RODRIGUEZ, 33, of Mexico, was arrested Thursday and held for immigration.
- ENEDINO RAMIREZ-VICUNA, 24, of Mexico, was arrested Thursday and held for immigration.
- BEATRIZ JUAREZ-HERNANDEZ, 21, of Mexico, was arrested Thursday and held for immigration.
- NGOZI AUGUSTINE, 32, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1900 block of Simler.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
 - in the 700 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 100 block of Third Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.
- KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL ZANE GAMBOL, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance, displaying an expired motor vehicle registration, no valid inspection certificate and failure to report change of address.
- SANTIAGO ALVEAR, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- JON WELDON CLUCK, 21, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.
- REYES RAMIREZ III, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and hindering apprehension or prosecution.
- EMILIO RAMIREZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, resisting arrest, search or transportation and hindering apprehension or prosecution.
- TROY M. ALLEN, 47, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of sex offender failure to comply, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and possession/transporting chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of Seventh Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

TODAY
• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY
• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

• 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library.

Weather

Tonight...Cloudy. Numerous showers and freezing rain likely in the evening...Then light freezing rain likely after midnight. Much colder. Lows in the mid 20s. Northeast winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Saturday...Cloudy with freezing rain likely. Much colder. Highs in the lower 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with freezing rain likely. Lows in the mid 20s. Northeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Light freezing rain likely and chance of rain in the morning...Then a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 30s. Northeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 19. Martin Luther King Jr day...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 17.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 19.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-12-16-27. Bonus Ball: 21.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$250,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-8-10-16.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-9-8

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Law challenged by teacher accused of filming students

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas law designed to combat high-tech Peeping Toms is under scrutiny from a high school teacher accused of videotaping a girls wrestling match for sexual pleasure.

Attorneys for David Ware, a speech and drama teacher in suburban Dallas, are the latest to challenge the 2001 law aimed at protecting people from ultra-small cameras that can peek into dressing rooms or up women's skirts. Critics say the statute is overly broad and often misapplied.

Ware, who also coaches girls softball, is expected to turn himself in to Grand Prairie police this weekend on charges of improper visual recording. Police said Ware, 28, captured about two hours of video at an all-day wrestling tournament Saturday, often zooming in on the girls' crotches.

His attorney, Scott Palmer, said Ware was simply interested in wrestling. But he said the larger issue is a wide-ranging law that, if fully enforced, would jail Dallas Cowboys fans for taking pictures of the team's sultry cheerleaders from the stands.

"How do you draw the line?" said Palmer, adding he has not seen the video. "If you go to a Cowboys game and take a close-up shot of their cleavage, are you committing the same offense because you think that has sex appeal? Apparently you are under this statute."

Under the law, filming a

person without their consent for sexual arousal is a state jail felony. The statute makes no definition of age, nor distinguishes between filming in public or private.

But Grand Prairie Sgt. John Brimmer said the students in the video are younger than Cowboys cheerleaders — and that Ware was much closer than the stands at Texas Stadium. He said the video, which he said also included boys wrestling, made officers suspicious that he was doing more than filming a wrestling match.

"This was more than accidental footage of the genital areas," Brimmer said. "It appeared to be a purposeful act of zooming in."

Retail sales rise in December at fastest rate in 5 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail sales rose in December at the strongest pace in five months, indicating that the all-important holiday shopping season turned out better than original reports indicated.

The Commerce Department said Friday that retail sales increased 0.9 percent last month, the strongest showing since a 1.4 percent increase in July.

The increase was better than the 0.7 percent advance that economists had forecast and provided evidence that consumer spending was ending the year on a firmer footing than initially thought.

The government report presented a firmer tone to spending than initial

reports from the nation's big chain retail stores. They complained that holiday sales had fallen below expectations as mild winter weather depressed sales of winter clothing.

For all of 2006, retail sales rose by 6 percent, a solid showing but down from a 6.9 percent increase in 2005.

That slowdown reflected the fact that consumer spending, after a sizzling start to the year, slowed in the spring and remained at lower levels for the rest of the year as Americans were battered by soaring gasoline prices, rising interest rates and a cooling housing market.

Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity.

New spending limit poses challenge for Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — Despite a record budget surplus, Texas lawmakers adopted a state spending limit on Thursday that will limit their access to money to pay for property tax relief, teacher pay raises or 80,000 new students expected to enroll in public schools over the next two years.

The Legislative Budget Board, led by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, is required to adopt a spending limit every two years that parallels the predicted growth of the state economy. They agreed Tuesday on a limit based on 13.1 percent over the last two

year budget. About \$14 billion in property tax relief, passed last year under court order, will cause total state spending to surge, surpassing the spending limit by about \$4 billion.

That means that unless lawmakers find a way to exceed the constitutional cap, they'll have to cut \$4 billion from last year's spending levels and scrap any new spending on school enrollment growth, Medicaid caseload growth and money that was promised last year for teacher pay raises and other new school initiatives.

"We're always looking at ways to cut government, but that's a large number," Dewhurst said. He said he's also committed to saving about \$6 billion to pay for the property tax relief again in two years.

Lawmakers could choose to exceed the cap with a majority vote, or propose a constitutional amendment with a two-thirds vote. A constitutional amendment would still need a public vote.

The vote will be tough for fiscal conservatives as lawmakers are forced to choose between abiding by the spending constraints or voting to bust the cap.

The budget is the only bill the Legislature is legally required to pass in the 140-day session.

McCain defends Bush's Iraq plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain defended President Bush's Iraq plan on Friday as a diffi-

cult but necessary move, parting company with lawmakers questioning the wisdom of the military build up.

"I believe that together these moves will give the Iraqis and Americans the best chance of success," said McCain, R-Ariz., a leading presidential contender for 2008.

McCain also took a shot at Democrats who say the United States must bring some troops home within four to six months.

"Those who advocate such a policy have a right, even an obligation, to join the debate on this issue. But I believe these individuals also have a responsibility to tell us what they believe are the consequences of withdrawal in Iraq," he said. "We were able to walk away from Vietnam. If we walk away from Iraq, we'll be back, possibly in the context of a wider war in the world's most volatile region."

McCain spoke at the Senate Armed Services Committee, where Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spent a second day on Capitol Hill defending the president's strategy.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and the panel's new chairman, said that deepening America's commitment in Iraq would be a grave mistake.

Bush wants to add 21,500 more U.S. troops to the 132,000 already there.

"Increasing the number of U.S. forces in Iraq is flawed strategy because it is based on a flawed premise that there is a military solution to the violence and instability in Iraq, when what is needed is a political solution among the Iraqi leaders and factions," Levin said.

Repeating an admission that Bush made in his nationally televised address on Wednesday, Gates told the senators, "Mistakes certainly have been made by the United States in Iraq. However we got to this moment, the stakes now are incalculable."

Bush sought support for his new Iraq military build up in telephone calls to Jordan's King Abdullah II and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak

Also, it was revealed Friday that Bush will meet at the White House next Tuesday with the new U.N. secretary-general, Ban Ki-moon.

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Rudy Noble, 54, died Monday. Memorial Services were at 11:00 AM Friday at Cornerstone Church.

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edge of the viaduct and found the body lying face down," the sheriff said.

Walker said the body was found in underwear and a T-shirt, with signs of trauma, indicating a brutal assault.

"There are a lot of markings and bruises on the body, from head to toe," said Walker. "So there was definitely an assault involved. To what extent and how those injuries occurred, we're not sure yet. The body was wearing underwear, which was down to his knees, and a white T-

shirt. "We're not sure whether there was a sexual assault. When we find something like this, that's certainly the first thing that crosses our minds, but we don't see any sign of it here. The medical examiner will have to determine that, however."

A search of the crime scene turned up only minimal evidence, according to Walker.

"We did find some bedding material, like a blanket, that was laying beside the body," said Walker. "It has been recovered as evidence. There was another piece of clothing lying about 30 feet from the body, but

that's about it. There really wasn't much there.

"In a case like this, we always treat it as a homicide until we learn otherwise," he added. "That way we protect the evidence. But this doesn't, in my mind, appear to be anything other than a homicide."

Justice of the Peace Benny Green pronounced the man dead and the body has been taken to Lubbock for autopsy, according to Walker.

"There was no identification on the body," said

Walker. "We still have a lot to do as far as our investigation is concerned."

The body doesn't match any recent missing person reports in Howard County or Big Spring, according to Walker, making the man's identity as much a mystery as the cause of his death.

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BANQUET

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event, that has drawn the interest of member businesses over the past several years.

Businesses purchase a table, which the employees decorate with items promoting that business.

"The idea behind the tables is for businesses to decorate them with all kinds of goodies and try to entice the banquet-goers to sit at their table," said ValVerde. "Competition between the businesses gets pretty fierce each year. They want people to sit at their tables so they can show them what their business has to offer."

ValVerde said businesses interested in decorating tables or participating in the annual banquet can get more information by calling 263-7641.

The night's master of ceremonies will be Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon.

Sponsors for the banquet are Alon USA, H-E-B, State National Bank and Wells Fargo.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Big Spring native Robin Hoover on receiving the Mexican Humane Rights Award. Though it's a bit belated because he received the award in December, we're proud to add the reverend to this week's list.

- Former Howard County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett on a job well done and Mark Hall, who was selected to take over the position.

- Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show officials and participants on another fine show. We believe programs like 4-H and FFA help mold young men and women in a positive way.

- The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3188 on raising than \$6,500 for the West Texas Centers for MHRM Children in Need Fund through their annual chili cook-off. Hats off, too, to everyone who contributed.

- Voice of Democracy winners, first place, Cayley Eggleston, of Forsan High School; second, Hannah Weber of Big Spring High School; and third, Justin Epley of Forsan High School. And, Patriot's Pen Essay Contest winners Joshua Smith, Miranda Rodriguez and Will Currie — all from Big Spring Junior High — who placed first through third respectively. The local Veterans of Foreign Wars post puts on these contests each year and we salute their interest in our youth as well.

- Retired Major League Baseball umpire Larry Barnett on his visit to the Big Spring VA Medical Center this week. He does it because he loves veterans and enjoys making them happy. There are no better reasons we can think of.

- Big Spring High School journalism students, whose yearbook "El Rodeo" earned a gold medal award from Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Another great job by the students of Leland Mallett.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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Waiting for Bush to save the day

The most naive sentence in the English language is: It couldn't get any worse. That's an argument many who have protested the war give for getting out of Iraq — that nothing could be worse than 3,000 U.S. troops killed as the Iraq insurgency has grown stronger.

There is something worse: Some 3,000 U.S. troops dead, followed by the collapse of the Iraqi government, thousands of Sunni Arabs dead, Iraqis who worked with the coalition forces assassinated and their families butchered, and thousands more refugees swarming across the Middle East. Something worse would be 3,000-plus troops dead after a defeat that has emboldened jihadists, who want to kill Americans, and have become convinced that if they do, the United States won't fight back — not for long, anyway.

The worst of it is: Defeat in Iraq is assured, if that's what Americans choose. Yes, the Bush administration has made horrible mistakes — start with too few troops — that have cost American lives. It also can be said, however, that the antiwar movement has stoked the insurgency by showing that civilian and military casualties could lead to troop withdrawal — and that has increased the coalition's death toll and made it harder for the coalition to succeed.

When Canon Andrew White, now the Anglican vicar of Baghdad, wrote his book "Iraq: Searching for Hope" (Continuum) in 2005, he looked at the six criteria for a just war as defined by

Christian doctrine and concluded that the war was justified. One criterion, "reasonable hope of success," he wrote, was "by far the easiest of six criteria to satisfy. There was never any serious doubt that the coalition would be victorious." It is heartbreaking to read those words today.

I asked White about that statement over the phone Wednesday. He responded, "We have to face up to the fact that we won the war," but the coalition didn't follow-up "correctly."

White was anxious. We spoke before President Bush gave his speech Wednesday and he told me, "I'm waiting for your president to say something, to try to save the day."

To those who want U.S. and British troops to pull out of Iraq, White had this to say: "We can't just pull out. If we pulled out, there would be even more bloodshed and total civil war."

White is no gung-ho supporter of the U.S.-led coalition. He faults the coalition's failure to secure Iraq's borders early on, believes de-Baathification turned Sunnis into insurgents and berates the coalition's failure to work with Sunni and Shiite religious leaders. He has seen Iraq spiral downward and friends die because of those mistakes.

White thinks Bush should do what many Bush critics have suggested: that is, Bush should put "huge pressure on the Iraqis" to change — which means threatening to pull out U.S. troops if Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki fails to shape up his government.

There's a contradiction in that argument, especially because White also said that al-Maliki doesn't care if American troops leave. The phone connection was tenuous and the timber of White's voice was affected by multiple

sclerosis. Most of all, he is troubled by "the hell" brought upon the majority of Iraqis — "and we cannot just walk away from it."

White is skeptical that "the surge" of U.S. troops necessarily will help. Me, too. More troops can only make a difference if the military brass allows U.S. troops to hold areas they have cleared, a change Bush signaled last night. Also, Bush's proposed spending increases on Iraq reconstruction could give Iraqis a stake in this regime's success.

In September 2004, White began to ask every Iraqi he met, "Given how dangerous and anarchic Iraq is now, don't you wish the war had never happened?" While he had posed the question then to invite a "yes," no Iraqi gave that answer.

"Now they tell me it's worse than under Saddam," White told me. That doesn't mean it can't get worse. You can call the whole war a giant mistake and still appreciate why the United States needs to stick around.

If you think the world hated America for going into Iraq, imagine how the world will look at an America that flees an imploding nation. The world won't see an America — as war opponents like to see themselves — that is virtuous and realistic. They will see wholesale bloodshed, an ally that cannot be trusted and an army that doesn't know how to win.

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Stand up against the surge now

The purpose of this old-fashioned newspaper crusade to stop the war is not to make George W. Bush look like the dumbest president ever. People have done dumber things. What were they thinking when they bought into the Bay of Pigs fiasco? How dumb was the Egypt-Suez war? How massively stupid was the entire war in Vietnam? Even at that, the challenge with this misbegotten adventure is that WE simply cannot let it continue.

It is not a matter of whether we will lose or we are losing. We have lost. Gen. John P. Abizaad, until recently the senior commander in the Middle East, insists that the answer to our problems there is not military. "You have to internationalize the problem. You have to attack it diplomatically, geo-strategically," he said.

His assessment is supported by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., the senior American commander in Iraq, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who only recommend releasing forces with a clear definition of the goals for the additional troops.

Bush's call for a "surge" or "escalation" also goes against the Iraq Study Group. Talk is that the White House has planned to do anything but what the group suggested after months of investigation and proposals based on much

broader strategic implications.

About the only politician out there besides Bush actively calling for a surge is Sen. John McCain. In a recent opinion piece, he wrote: "The presence of additional coalition forces would allow the Iraqi government to do what it cannot accomplish today on its own — impose its rule throughout the country. ... By surging troops and bringing security to Baghdad and other areas, we will give the Iraqis the best possible chance to succeed." But with all due respect to the senator from Arizona, that ship has long since sailed.

A surge is not acceptable to the people in this country — we have voted overwhelmingly against this war in polls (about 80 percent of the public is against escalation, and a recent Military Times poll shows only 38 percent of active military want more troops sent) and at the polls. We know this is wrong. The people understand, the people have the right to make this decision, and the people have the obligation to make sure our will is implemented.

Congress must work for the people in the resolution of this fiasco. Ted Kennedy's proposal to control the money and tighten oversight is a welcome first step. And if Republicans want to continue to rubber-stamp this administration's idiotic "plans" and go against the will of the people, they should be thrown out as soon as possible, to join their recent colleagues.

Anyone who wants to talk knowledgeably about our Iraq mis-

adventure should pick up Rajiv Chandrasekaran's "Imperial Life in the Emerald City: Inside Iraq's Green Zone." It's like reading a horror novel. You just want to put your face down and moan: How could we have let this happen? How could we have been so stupid?

As *The Washington Post's* review notes, Chandrasekaran's book "methodically documents the baffling ineptitude that dominated U.S. attempts to influence Iraq's fiendish politics, rebuild the electrical grid, privatize the economy, run the oil industry, recruit expert staff or instill a modicum of normalcy to the lives of Iraqis."

We are the people who run this country. We are the deciders. And every single day, every single one of us needs to step outside and take some action to help stop this war. Raise hell. Think of something to make the ridiculous look ridiculous. Make our troops know we're for them and trying to get them out of there. Hit the streets to protest Bush's proposed surge. If you can, go to the peace march in Washington on Jan. 27. We need people in the streets, banging pots and pans and demanding, "Stop it, now!"

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Fr. James Liggett's sermon topic for Sunday is "Water into Wine."

The Episcopal Church Women will meet on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in the library.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

The Angel Food Ministries of North Birdwell Lane UMC delivery day for this month will be Jan. 27. All orders must be picked up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The doors will be locked promptly at 1 p.m. If you find you cannot pick up your order at the designated time, please arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. Otherwise it will be donated.

As the Angel Food Ministry continues to grow, the needs of the church facility become more evident. Currently, a larger parking area is being developed. We have additional property donated for our use to the south of the church. It now needs to be cleared and paved. Our building also needs to be expanded to accommodate the number of people involved in this ministry as well as other growing needs of the church. If you have resources available and would like to help with these projects, please call the Rev. Joel Miller at 267-4082.

Regular meetings and services have resumed following the holidays. An administrative council meeting has been called for Sunday, Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m. All church members, in addition to officers, are encouraged to attend.

Regular worship services are held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school classes are at 10:30 a.m. Bible study continues the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. with the disciple study of the Old Testament.

Jacque Mauch leads the United Methodist Women's group on the second and fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

You are invited to attend any of these services. If you have a church home please attend each Sunday. If you are looking for a home, North Birdwell UMC will welcome you with open hearts, open minds and open doors. The church is located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, Dr. Shane Brue will continue his sermon series on Family First. This week's lesson is entitled "Image of God; Male." Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes at 9:45.

Monday is the deadline for signing up for the new Beth Moore Bible Study entitled "The Prophet

Former 'rocker' to perform at First Christian Church

Former nightclub singer Frankie Valens will be ministering through music with his wife Phyllis, a concert pianist, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Christian Church.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Frankie Valens, whose signature song was a remake of the Drifter's "This Magic Moment," performed in nightclubs and venues during the late 1960s and early 1970s. He also had hits with "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" and "She Cried." He was also an extra in the movies "Ice Castles" and "Every Which Way But Loose."

Phyllis Valens is an accomplished concert pianist who has written children's music for more than 20 years.

She also writes some of the music the couple sings.

They traveled full-time in their gospel music ministry for seven years before coming off the road in 1997 to assist churches with their music programs. They have since resumed their concert ministry and perform for churches, the



Frankie and Phyllis Valens will be providing music ministry at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Christian Church in Big Spring.

Salvation Army, prisons and other locations to share their love of God and his message.

Their music varies from classical to contemporary, southern gospel to traditional. Solos,

duets, concert piano numbers, hand-signing and skits are featured.

There is no charge; a love offering will be received.

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad.

Daniel." Learn of Lives of Integrity and Words of Prophecy at weekly meetings scheduled for 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. through April 11. Please register at the church office. Books are \$15. There is still a possibility of an evening class; check the office for information.

Kid's Club will resume Tuesday, Jan. 16 after school.

Project Light classes, sponsored by the Hispanic Ministry at First Methodist, are held at 6 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and 6 p.m. Thursdays. These classes concentrate on teaching English as a second language. For further information, contact the church at 267-6394 and ask for Agustin Ypina.

Looking ahead, the Children's Choir will resume practice Sunday, Feb. 11, and the Senior Adult Ministry "SAM" is planning a trip to Midland Community Theatre to see "Beauty and the Beast" Sunday, Feb. 18.

If you don't have a church home we have a special place for you at First United Methodist Church, in downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry streets.

Friends of Unity

As the study of "Consciousness in Transition" by Joel S. Goldsmith continues, the facilitator, the Rev. Jim Sims, allows time for questions and comments. The meeting time for this group is at noon Tuesday. The 1 p.m. Sunday gath-

ering has a new format. Friends are taking turns presenting the message. The New Year 2007 has been designated the Year of Greater Peace and Friends are honoring that.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from John 2:1-11 at worship service Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten starts at 10:35 a.m.

The session will have an officers retreat from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Coahoma Presbyterian Church. On Monday, the Encourager's Support Group meets at 6 p.m. The Men's Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. Wednesday and at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. that same day, the youth meet. Wednesday evening Bible study is at 5:17 p.m. followed by choir practice at 6 p.m. Plans are also being made for the Presbyterian Women's Meeting to be held on Jan. 23. It is entitled "Celebration of Women."

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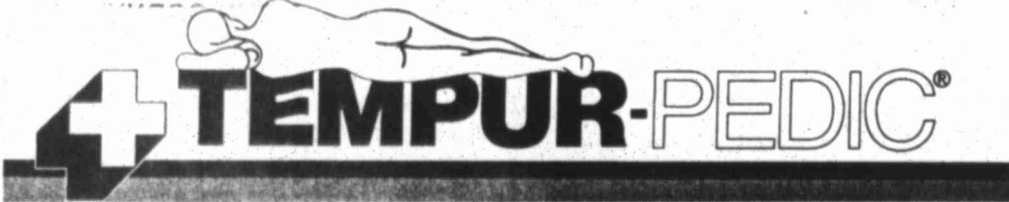
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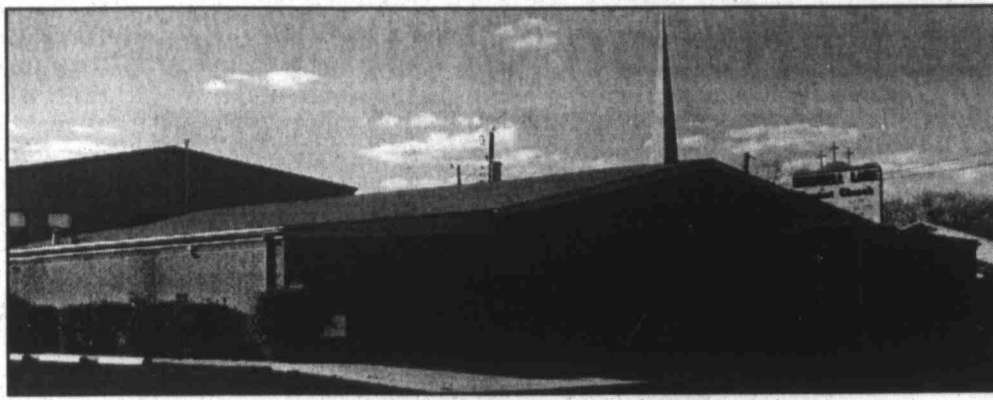
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IN BRIEF

Howard Hawks host Midland Saturday

The Howard College Hawks basketball squads will host the Midland College Chaparrals tomorrow, game times are at 5 p.m. for the women and 7 p.m. for the men.

This will be the WJCAC home opener for the Hawks. In an attempt to pack Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, everyone wearing RED will be admitted FREE.

Big Spring to host power lifting meet

On Feb. 10, the biggest powerlifting competition in West Texas will be held at the Athletic Training Center at Big Spring High School.

There will be over 300 athletes invited to compete in the meet.

On March 3, the high school girl's state regional meet will also be held at the ATC.

This Saturday the powerlifting team will be having a celebrity car hop at the Sonic on Greg Street from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

All parents and Big Spring Steer fans are asked to come out and support the powerlifting team.

Oklahoma State receives donation

Sherman Smith, a former fraternity brother of renowned Oklahoma State booster Boone Pickens, donated \$20 million to the university Thursday for a proposed indoor practice facility that will bear his name.

The proposed \$50 million multi-purpose indoor facility will be the size of a soccer field and have a 90-foot-high clearance. Many sports, including football, baseball, softball and track, will use the facility.

"This is a special gift serving Oklahoma State athletics," athletics director Mike Holder said.

Pickens donated \$165 million — the largest gift to an athletic program in NCAA history — last January toward the university's construction of an athletic village.



Kidd leads Nets with triple-double

Jason Kidd recorded his 82nd career triple-double, and the New Jersey Nets erased an 18-point deficit against Chicago for the second time in a week, beating the Bulls 86-83 on Thursday night.

Kidd had 23 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists for his seventh triple-double of the season. Vince Carter added 18 points for the Nets.

Eagles try to end Saints' feel-good story

By DAVE GOLDBERG

AP Football Writer

— Sean Payton is coach of the year. Drew Brees is the All-Pro quarterback.

Those honors are nice.

But they are nothing next to the possibilities that await the New Orleans Saints if they can beat Philadelphia at the Superdome on Saturday night. It would get them to the first championship game in the team's mostly dismal 40-season history, and move them one step from the Super Bowl a season after going 3-13 season during a Katrina-enforced exile.

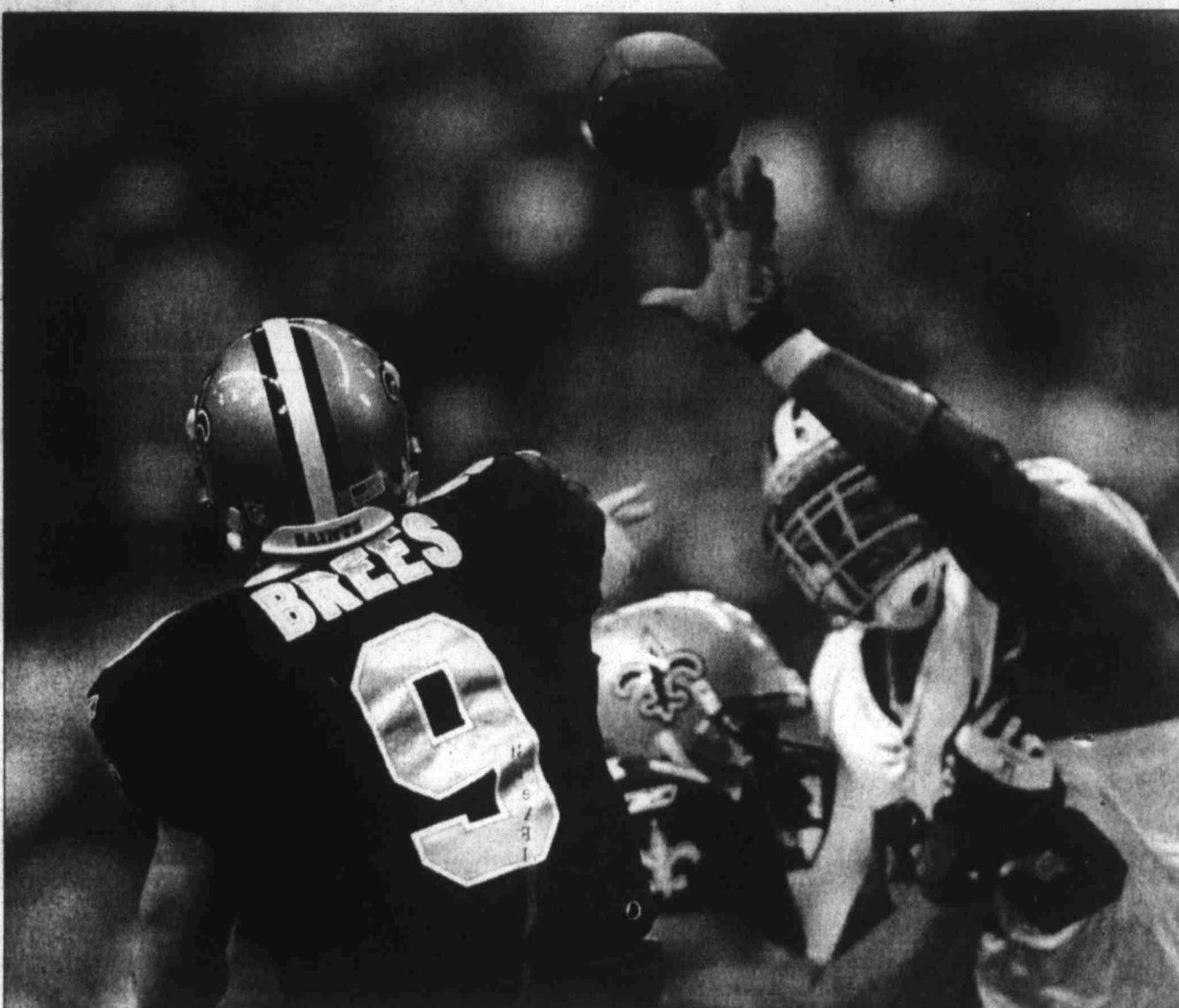
"We've beaten all the odds," says wide receiver Joe Horn, who is still bothered by a groin injury.

"No one outside this locker room was even thinking we'd have a chance to be where we are right now. It speaks volumes to the football players in this locker room, the camaraderie that we have here, the chemistry that coach Payton has definitely given us the opportunity to have."

The Saints (10-6) beat the Eagles (11-6) by 27-24 in New Orleans on Oct. 15 and are the second-seeded team in the NFC behind Chicago. The Bears play host to Seattle at 1 p.m. EST on Sunday in the other NFC game.

In the AFC semifinals, Indianapolis is at Baltimore at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, and New England is at San Diego at 4:30 on Sunday.

All those franchises have far more playoff experience than the Saints, who have only one post-season win in their history, a



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees throws around Dallas Cowboys defensive end Kenyon Coleman on the road to the Saint's division title. The team has followed Brees to the second seed in the NFC.

wild-card victory over St. Louis in January 2001. Born in 1967, they didn't even make the playoffs until 1987, and had the misfortune of having their only consistently good teams during the

late '80s and early '90s under the senior Jim Mora, a period when the NFC was loaded with power teams.

This year, they could benefit from the opposite — a paucity of

good teams in the conference.

Still, they drew the hottest NFC team in Philadelphia, winner of six straight, including a 23-20

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New York Yankees: We want the Rocket

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Now that they have Andy Pettitte, the New York Yankees want Roger Clemens, too.

"He's kind of like your perfect employee," general manager Brian Cashman said Thursday after welcoming Andy Pettitte back to Yankee Stadium.

Clemens pitched for the Yankees alongside Pettitte from 1999-2003, helping them win two World Series titles and four AL pennants. The pair spent the last three seasons with their hometown Houston Astros.

"If Roger is interested in coming to New York, I'd love to talk to him," Cashman said. "He came in here and not only delivered a huge performance on the field but had a major impact within the clubhouse."

New York hasn't reached the World Series since Clemens left. The Yankees traded Randy Johnson back to the Arizona Diamondbacks this week, and Cashman admitted the move put the rotation at risk.

Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young Award winner, is choosing among returning to the Astros, retiring or rejoining the Yankees or Boston Red Sox, his first major league team.

Clemens' agent, Randy Hendricks, says that if the Rocket pitches, he probably wouldn't start his season until May or June.

Pettitte has played golf with Clemens in recent weeks. He wouldn't say exactly what his buddy told him, but he dropped a few hints.

"After speaking with him, it sounds like that he probably wants to try to pitch. It's amazing to me that he still wants to pitch, but he does," Pettitte said, laughing. "He's like he's 20. So he's just got an unbelievable amount of energy."

Hendricks also thinks the 44-year-old right-hander will put off retirement once again.

"I think it is more than 50-50 that Roger will play in 2007, but for a shortened season," Hendricks said in a Q&A session

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Houston Astros' Roger Clemens pitches to the Detroit Tigers line-up during the early innings of the 2006 season. Clemens is once again trying to decide between playing for the Yankees, Red Sox or Astros in 2007.

Bonds apologizes to Sweeney for amphetamines controversy

By JANIE MCCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds came out publicly to make it clear his teammate and good friend Mark Sweeney had no involvement in the latest allegations against the San Francisco slugger.

He insists he didn't get any amphetamines from Sweeney. He also didn't deny using them.

According to a story in the New York Daily News, Bonds failed an amphetamines test last season — and the newspa-

per reported that Bonds initially attributed it to a substance he had taken from Sweeney's locker.

"He is both my teammate and my friend," Bonds said in a statement Thursday. "He did not give me anything whatsoever and has nothing to do with this matter, contrary to recent reports."

"I want to express my deepest apologies especially to Mark and his family as well as my other teammates, the San Francisco Giants organization and the fans."

That's all the Giants

star, shadowed by steroids allegations and only 22 home runs from breaking Hank Aaron's career home run record, said about the alleged positive drug test. Bonds has steadfastly denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

"Obviously, we're pleased that Barry has straightened this out," said Sweeney's agent, Barry Axelrod. Bonds' reported positive test could be another snag in contract negotiations

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Giants' Barry Bonds reacts after being thrown out on a double play in the second half of the 2006 season.



MCT photo/Stuart Robinson/Express Syndication
David Beckham celebrates his goal as England beat Ecuador 1-0 to advance to the quarterfinals in the World Cup, June 25, 2006 in Stuttgart, Germany.

Beckham set to invade America

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — David Beckham has conquered the rest of the world as the most recognized soccer player around. Now, he's beginning his march across America.

Taking the first step Thursday, Beckham announced a five-year deal to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy, starting this summer.

The Galaxy didn't say exactly what they'll pay him, but floated a figure of \$250 million in salary and commercial endorsements over the length of his contract. In other words, his move could be worth \$1 million a week.

"Beckham Comes to America" flashed on video screens outside Staples Center, owned by AEG, the sports and entertainment company that runs the Galaxy.

Beckham's first task? Converting football, baseball and basketball-crazed Americans into soccer fans.

"The main thing for me is to improve the soccer, to improve the standard, and to be part of history really because I think soccer can be a lot bigger in the U.S." Beckham said Friday morning on ABC's "Good Morning America."

That could be his biggest hurdle since the United States is the last — and largest — market where Beckham's cult of

personality has few believers.

"There are so many great sports in America," said Beckham, the 31-year-old former England captain. "There are so many kids that play baseball, American football, basketball. But soccer is huge all around the world apart from America, so that's where I want to make a difference with the kids."

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wild-card win over the New York Giants last week on David Akers' 38-yard field goal as time expired. All six wins have come with Jeff Garcia at quarterback in place of the injured Donovan McNabb and thanks to an enhanced running game featuring Brian Westbrook,

who rushed for a career-high 141 yards on 20 carries against the Giants.

"We've been doing it these last few weeks and we've gotten better and better," said Westbrook, who finished with 1,217 yards rushing in the regular season. "The offensive line has confidence in themselves and they have confidence in me."

They will face a two-headed running game from New Orleans, with

Deuce McAllister inside and Reggie Bush outside. Bush also is a receiving threat.

In any event, the Saints are a long way from 2005, when their season was over before it began because of the exile forced by the ravages of Hurricane Katrina.

"We're still digging, we're still fighting," Horn says. "Hopefully the light you see at the end of the tunnel will be that sunshine in Miami."

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with the Giants. The sides reached a preliminary agreement on a \$16 million, one-year contract Dec. 7, but the seven-time NL MVP still hasn't signed the deal or taken the mandatory physical that is part of the process.

"Last night was the first time we heard of this recent accusation against Barry Bonds," the Giants said in a statement. "Under Major League Baseball's collective bar-

gaining agreement with the Major League Baseball Players Association, clubs are not notified after a player receives a first positive test for amphetamines."

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice-president for labor relations, refused comment, according to spokesman Rich Levin.

"I don't comment on the drug program, and I've never heard Barry Bonds blame anybody for anything," Gene Orza, the union's chief operating officer, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

San Francisco's front office and fan base long have stood by Bonds through his off-the-field problems and injuries. So have his teammates, deciding in spring training last year to support him every step of the

way. "There are so many substances out there right now you don't know what you should take or what you should not," Giants shortstop Omar Vizquel said. "Right now, I'm afraid to take vitamins for the same reason. ... I don't know what the other guys do, and I don't really care."

"I tell the younger guys, but you don't need to be telling Barry Bonds and Mark Sweeney what they should take or what they should not."

There's a long history of amphetamines — or speed and more commonly called "greenies" in the baseball world — fueling generations of baseball players. Many turned to the stimulants for a way to get pepped up when their bodies couldn't do so on their own during a

long season.

The pills, widely used even until recently, helped with energy for day games following night games and other times when players were short on sleep, such as after a long cross-country flight.

Baseball banned the uppers for the first time starting last season. A player is not identified until after failing two amphetamines tests, which also results in a 25-game suspension. The first failed steroids test, by comparison, is a 50-game suspension.

A first amphetamines offense, however, does require six additional drug tests over the following six months.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig wouldn't address the report directly.

ROCKET

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Wednesday on the Houston Chronicle's Web site. "As I said, it will be for the Astros, Red Sox or Yankees. I don't think any team is really ahead."

"Obviously, Houston has the home-field advantage. One of the nice things during Roger's time playing for Houston has been how outstanding the fans have been.

One of the reasons he decided to play for the Astros was the large number of Houston fans who asked him to do so."

It's possible Clemens will wait to see what kind of starts the three teams get off to before making his decision. Cashman said that if Clemens decides to play, the Yankees would put on a "full-court press."

"I think people presuming or assuming that we're the lead dog in this race — I just don't think that that's fair," Cashman said. "Ultimately, he has a personal choice to make, and only he can make it."

Contract Bridge

Test Your Play

1. You are West defending against Three Notrump, South having bid one notrump (12 to 14 points) and North three notrump. You lead the four of spades, and South takes your partner's king with the ace. South then returns the nine of spades. Plan your defense.

North
 ♠ 8 3 2
 ♥ A J 8 7 5
 ♦ A 10
 ♣ Q 7 2

West
 ♠ J 7 5 4
 ♥ 9 6 3
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ A J 8 5

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the six of clubs, and you win South's eight with the jack. How would you play the hand?

West
 ♠ Q 10 8 3
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ A 10 9 2
 ♣ K J 7

East
 ♠ A J 9
 ♥ K J 10 9
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ 5 3 2

1. You shouldn't assume that South has lost his mind when he leads a spade; he's probably trying to put something over on you. For his play to make sense, he must have started with the A-Q-10-9. Furthermore, having disregarded dummy's hearts, declarer probably has the K-

Q. If these assumptions are correct, it would be fatal to duck the nine of spades, because South would then have nine tricks consisting of three spades, five hearts and a diamond.

You should therefore take the spade nine with the jack and shift to a club, but not just any old club. To give yourself the best chance, you should lead the jack of clubs, playing declarer for something like:

♠ A Q 10 9
 ♥ K Q 2
 ♦ Q 8 2
 ♣ 10 6 3

Such a holding would be consistent with his notrump bid and his spade play at trick two. Note that if you lead any club other than the jack at trick three, South makes the contract with proper play.

2. To ensure the contract beyond the shadow of a doubt, lead a diamond to the jack, play the nine of hearts and let it ride. Even if the finesse loses, you are certain of at least nine tricks — one spade, three hearts, four diamonds and a club. You cannot afford to take a spade finesse at trick two because South might win with the king and return a club, and you'd finish behind the eight ball if North started with the A-Q-10-x-x of clubs.

Note that the two-way heart finesse is taken against South, so it can lose only to North, who cannot harm you with any return.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The Scorpio moon was made for the weekend. You don't have to explore — the fun is about turning inward. The Scorpio lunar energy urges us to explore the layers of information that make people so compelling. Deconstruction is a pleasure now, as we can only really see how things are put together by taking them apart.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Spending less than you get is your pleasure now. You make a game out of being prudent. Anyway, it was never about what you wanted to buy — it's about what you want to be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you allow the past to haunt you, at least force it to use a friendly ghost. Memory can be a tyrant. Don't let it be! Coddle it into submission. Lead it to the tender side of life, and force it to look there.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Phone calls, urgent requests and special needs of loved ones decorate your morning. But why let external influences dictate the pace of your day? You're impor-

tant, too — don't forget it!
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Ruled by the changing moon, you sometimes find yourself running back and forth between grief and delight in the span of a few hours. Tonight is such a night. At least you're never boring.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may fantasize about being idle, but idleness isn't really for you. You're a worker, an adventurer and a worthy opponent. Little victories are a larger joy than enormous amounts of easy pleasure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're mastering the art of the deal. Something you thought was junk mail is worth pursuing further. Send in rebates, use your coupons and exercise your right to ask for a discount.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Give your two-weeks notice to a bad habit. Mark the quit date on your calendar. Loved ones somehow say all the wrong things when they're trying to be supportive. Therefore, don't tell them your plans. Let it be a surprise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your personality expands to fit whatever situation you're in. Evening brings intense conversation. Tomorrow you wake up with a new

idea of who you are.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It looks like the afternoon brings a relentless series of thankless tasks. However, this turns out to be untrue, as the evening — surprise, surprise — brings deeply felt thanks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In some way, you're feeling too advanced for your crowd. That's an understatement. You're like a college student working with kindergartners. Be patient while you look for bigger challenges.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Family or friends may ask for burdensome favors, such as covering for them when you know they're up to no good. Try not to get mixed up in the lies. Be evasive. Commit to nothing. Buy time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While making a plea for support, remember that what everyone cares about most is what's in it for them, not what's in it for you. Knowing this and catering to this side of human nature will help you create a win-win.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have a 16-year-old daughter, "Joni," who moved back into my home 18 months ago. She had been living with my sister for a while. Joni has always been stubborn, but overall, she's always been a good kid. We talk a lot. Since school started, however, I've begun to see a change in her.

Joni used to play a lot of sports, but not anymore. She recently got in trouble at school and just missed being expelled. Then, the other day, I was looking through her binder and found a letter to a friend. This is the third one I have read, and it's mostly normal teenage stuff, except she lied about her father, with whom we do not associate. She remembers him from when she was little, but hasn't spoken to him in many years.

I don't understand why she would lie about him. I don't want to ask Joni, because she will be upset that I read the letters. I know life hasn't been a bed of roses for either of us, yet she refuses to go to counseling. She resents me for the time she had to live with her aunt, and I don't blame her.

I have tried everything from buying her love, which got me nowhere but broke, to apologizing and explaining the circumstances and limited choices I had. I've also told her I can change the future, but not the past.

Joni is a smart young lady, but lacks self-esteem. I worry that if her bad attitude continues, she might get herself into a lot of trouble, especially at school, where she is out of chances. I don't know what to do. Please help. — Worried Mom in L.A.

Dear Worried: We wouldn't put much stock in what Joni says in her letters, but we urge you to stop snooping when there is nothing to justify it. If she finds out, your relationship may not recover. Joni no doubt harbors a lot of resentment that she was shunted off to her aunt, and if she is acting out, she really should be in counseling, whether she wants it or not. If she won't see her school counselor, talk to the principal

and ask that school counseling be mandated as a condition of her "almost expelled" status. Also, consider making an appointment with an outside professional for both of you.

Dear Annie: Is it appropriate to date a man who is separated? There is no hope of reconciliation with his wife, but I don't know how long a divorce will take. If not, how long after the divorce is it appropriate to begin dating him? — Just Wondering

Dear Wondering: If a couple is legally separated, dating is permissible. (It's NOT permissible if he tells you he's separated when, in fact, he is still living with his wife.) Once a couple is divorced, both spouses are absolutely fair game, no waiting period required.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from a mother who is worried about her 16-year-old daughter who is barely 4-feet-11 and looks 12 years old. Your advice was great.

I'm a petite 4-feet-11-inches myself, and it hasn't stopped me from having a successful life. I was the shortest person in my high school, but I was an honor student and active in extracurricular activities. I was the shortest gal in my college dorm, but I dated lots of intelligent, good-looking guys. I became an officer in the military, even though I was short, female and a minority. I'm now a leader in the business community.

My own 13-year-old daughter is short, but she's so darn cute and full of life that people think she's mature beyond her years. She's learned not to let it bother her. Tell the mom to let go of her own insecurities about her daughter and find ways to help her flourish. Her daughter will be just fine. — Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Hawaii: Obviously, scaling the heights of success has nothing to do with size. Congratulations.

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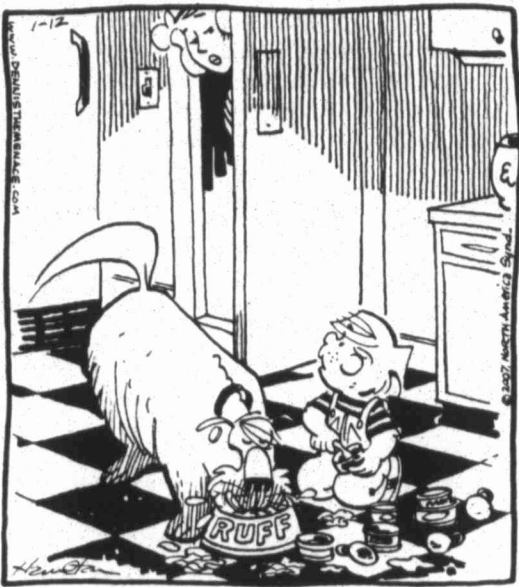
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7 PM	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	La Faa Mas Bella	Nanny 911 (CC)	Ghost Whisperer	Marina	1 vs. 100 (CC)	King King	Update/Israel Alan Granger	Wash. Week NOW (CC)	Proving Sharks	Movie: Rio Grande (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Movie: Under Siege (CC)	Beef: Series	Movie: Jump In! (CC)	All Rap	NBA Basketball:	Jake 2.0 (CC)
8 PM	Brothers and Sisters (CC)	Brothers and Sisters (CC)	Mundo de Fieras	Trading Spouses	Close to Home	Amor Mio Amores (CC)	Las Vegas (CC)	Movie: Clueless	Light of the Southwest	Generation	10 Deadliest Sharks (CC)	Movie: The Quiet Man (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	The Wire (CC)	Cory in House	Boxing: Friday Night Fights (CC)	Wizards at Home	Jake 2.0 (CC)	
9 PM	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Casos de la Vida Real	Becker (CC)	NUMB3RS (CC)	Decisiones	Law & Order (CC)			Science Investigators	10 Deadliest Sharks (CC)	Movie: The Quiet Man (CC)	Most Amazing Videos	Movie: Under Siege (CC)	Comicview	Zack & Cody That's-Raven	Cute Franky With Smith	Basketball: Rockets at	Jake 2.0 (CC)
10 PM	News (CC)	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Not-Telemundo Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show	10 Movie: Sugar & Spice (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Stunt Junkies	Disorderly Con.		Jamie Foxx That's-Raven	Zack & Cody That's-Raven	Outta Franky With Smith	Basketball: Rockets at	Stargate SG-1 (CC)	
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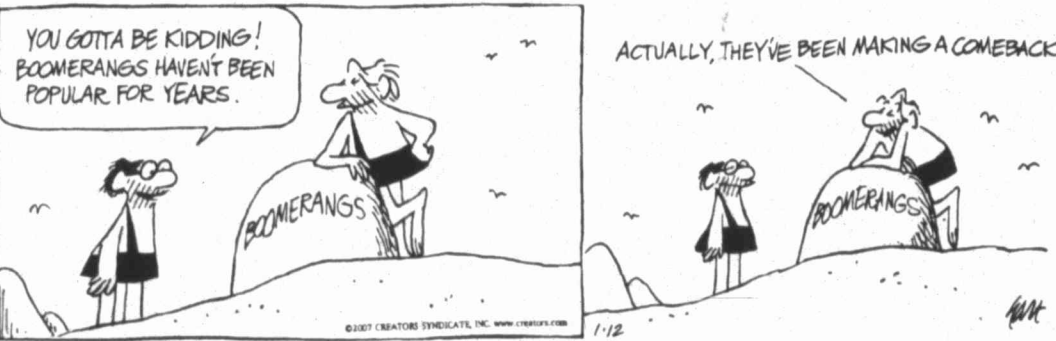
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2007. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On Jan. 12, 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a huge offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe.
- On this date: In 1519, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I died. In 1773, the first public museum in America was established, in Charleston, S.C. In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote. In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate. In 1942, President Roosevelt re-established the National War Labor Board. In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that states could not discriminate against law-

school applicants because of race.

In 1966, President Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. should stay in South Vietnam until Communist aggression there was ended.

In 1976, mystery writer Dame Agatha Christie died in Wallingford, England, at age 85.

In 1986, the shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz.

In 1987, Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite arrived in Lebanon on his latest mission to win the release of Western hostages; however, Waite ended up being taken captive himself.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Luise Rainer is 97. Country singer Ray Price is 81. Singer Glenn Yarbrough is 77. The Amazing Kreskin is 72. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 68. Former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier is 63. Singer-musician George Duke is 61. Rock musician Cynthia

Robinson (Sly and the Family Stone) is 61. Actor Anthony Andrews is 59. Movie director Wayne Wang is 58. Radio commentator Rush Limbaugh is 56. Actress Kirstie Alley is 56. Writer Walter Mosley is 55. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 55. Radio personality Howard Stern is 53. Rock musician Tom Ardolino (NRBQ) is 50. Broadcast journalist Christiane Amanpour is 49. Rock musician Charlie Gillingham (Counting Crows) is 47. Actor Oliver Platt is 47. Actor Olivier Martinez is 41. Rock singer Rob Zombie is 41.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Clear blue sky
- 6 Make even shorter, maybe
- 11 On holiday
- 14 River of Tours
- 15 What amo means
- 16 Off one's feed
- 17 Nervous feeling
- 19 Writer Rosten
- 20 They bear arms
- 21 Cool eyewear
- 23 Bind
- 24 Pastry prettifiers
- 25 Like some trousers
- 29 Boring speaker
- 32 Studio sign
- 33 Murphy's Law word
- 34 Mile fraction
- 37 Hand, slangily
- 38 Divas' deliveries
- 39 Actress Gershon
- 40 Polo Grounds great
- 41 Asylum seeker
- 42 Spherical bacteria
- 43 Tourney shockers
- 45 Fails in the clutch
- 46 Casts off
- 48 Ambulance chaser's advice
- 49 Othello's lieutenant
- 51 Pilate pardoned him
- 56 "Go on..."

- 57 Theater makeup
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- 62 For example
- 63 "My bad!"
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- 18 Speakeasy risk
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- 26 Mile or mil
- 27 Hot time in the Big Easy
- 28 Toned
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- 30 Horse coloring
- 31 Switch positions
- 33 Court order
- 35 In times past
- 36 Keynoter's spot
- 38 Toby filler
- 39 Nursery sound
- 41 Hands out
- 42 Not so dear
- 44 Orgs. with precincts
- 45 Smoke or salt
- 46 Oodles
- 47 Barbera's partner
- 48 Smart-alecky
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