

Fans will be able to watch Wildcats at Texas Bowl

Local Kansas State University fans will be able to watch the K-State Wildcats and the Rutgers Scarlet Knights do battle in the inaugural Texas Bowl in Houston's Reliant Stadium on Dec. 28.

Those that have NFL will be able to watch. Apparently that isn't the case across the state. In fact, our own Sen. Pat Roberts talked with National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell, urging him to permit Kansans to watch the televised coverage of what could be one whale of a bowl game.

A news release from the senator leads one to believe Kansans won't be able to watch the game. We don't know what area or areas of the state the senator is referring to, but out here we are already popping the corn, chilling the refreshments, cleaning off the grill and getting ready for the showdown.

If you have friends in areas of the state that won't be able to watch the game, invite them out, much like you would pheasant hunters to experience some of the advantages of small, rural town life. It's not often we can brag about having something they don't.

In a news release from Sen. Roberts, he says: "Every Kansan should be able to cheer on their team, be it the Wildcats, the Jayhawks or the Shockers. This issue is symptomatic of a long-running dispute between the NFL Network and certain cable providers.

"While I hope the parties can come to a long-term mutually acceptable resolution, I do not believe K-State fans should be kept from seeing the Texas Bowl simply because they subscribe to a particular cable company."

Maybe the NFL Network might find it in their heart to give Wildcats fans, without cable service, a Christmas gift in the form of relaxing whatever hold it has on that exclusive, so they can watch the game, too.

We were in hopes as the Kansas Jayhawks' season rolled on that they, also, would end up in a bowl game. But that hope didn't materialize. It would have

been nice and would have been a feather in the state's cap if both of its major universities were to appear in bowl games in closing weeks of 2006.

Oh, yes, we would be remiss if we did not point out that Sen. Roberts is a graduate of Kansas State University. But we would bet that most Kansans, regardless of university allegiance, would like to see the game.

And, jokingly, if Sen. Roberts' clout isn't enough, maybe a call to another powerful K-State grad, who also now teaches a course at the university, would be in order. That's Gen. Richard Myers (Ret.), former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He could park the military at the doorstep of the NFL Network.

Strange, but we had never given any thought to the possibility that many Kansans, apparently, won't be able to watch this particular bowl game.

Not many people gave the Wildcats' new head coach, Ron Prince, any chance of getting his team to a bowl game in this, his first season. But he did!

And we'll be watching it.

While on the topic of sports, how long are we going to put up with the behavior of NBA teams that literally battle it out on the court with fists and kicks and knockdowns, and NFL players who choose to spit in another player's face in response to happenings on the field? The spitter was badboy Terrell Owens, and the wild brawl involved the Knicks and the Nuggets.

Fines are nearing \$1 million for the NBA brawl, along with suspensions of up to 15-20 games. That's still not stiff enough, but it's a start.

Stuff like this is what gives professional sports a bad name.

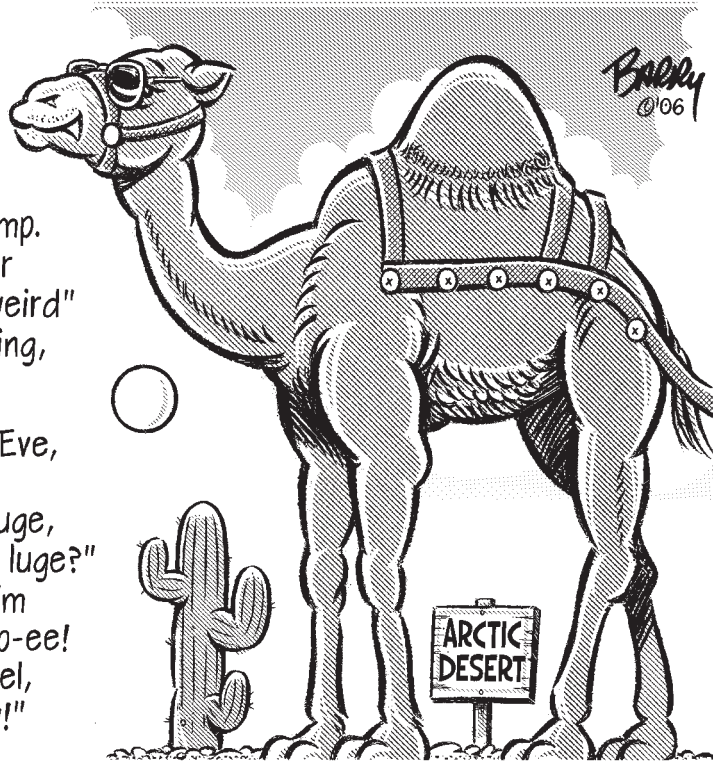
These are not — repeat NOT — role models. They are multimillionaire brats.

— Tom Dreiling, publisher, Norton Telegram

Christmas Song (circa 2042)

Clancy, the humpback camel, had a very massive hump, and if you ever saw it, you would say it's quite a lump. All of the North Pole reindeer used to laugh and call him "weird" — they doubted global warming, it was nothing to be feared.

Then one sweltry Christmas Eve, Santa came to say, "Clancy, with your hump so huge, won't you tow my sun-baked luge?" Then all the reindeer loved him and they shouted out "Whoop-ee!" — Clancy, the humpback camel, you'll make ice free his-tor-y!"



NEWS ITEM: SCIENTISTS SAY POLAR ICE WILL DISAPPEAR IN 35 YEARS...

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



Christmas time is here! Honestly, I don't know what happened to 2006. It has been a blur. Each year seems to go faster the older I get.

But I can sure remember the Christmases of my past. As a boy I

recall laying in bed on Christmas Eve, trying to will myself to fall asleep. My head was filled with the thought of ripping gift wrap from the presents under the tree with my name on a tag. It sounds crazy but I would imagine being at



The Bible has in it 8,566,488 letters, 810,677 words, 81,175 verses, 1,180 chapters and 66 books. The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm. The shortest and middle chapter is the 117th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118th Psalm. The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah, verse 1, and contains 18 letters. The word "and" occurs 46,627 times; the word "Lord" 1,866 times. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 18th chapter of II Kings are alike. The longest verse is Esther 8:9. The shortest verse is John 11:35. In Ezra 7:21 are all the letters of the alphabet except the letter "j". The finest piece of reading is Acts 26th chapter. The name of God is not found in Esther. The Bible contains knowledge, wisdom, the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of the sinner and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable. It contains light to guide you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. God was 2,500 years in getting ready to write the Bible; 1,800 years writing it; and has been 1,000 years fulfilling it. The word "boy" occurs in the Bible three times and the word "girl" two times. Christ is the key to the entire book. Forty men were employed in the making. It was written by doctors, farmers, fishermen, kings, shepherds, old, young, rich, poor, learned and unlearned. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass and the soldier's sword. Do not neglect your Bible. It is a mine of wealth and health to the soul and a river of pleasure. It is given to you in this life and will be opened to you at the judgment and it is established forever. If you want a crown of rejoicing when Jesus returns to earth again, read your Bible and lead lost souls to Christ and you will have a rich reward when He comes. II Timothy 2:15 is the key that will unlock the sacred book to you.

Read, hear, keep, what it contains and you will always be happy and prosperous. -Revelation 1:3

Hangin' With Marge

Sometimes Horrible Things That Happen Can Be Good

By Margaret Bucholtz



Some of you will remember the lady that fell on the curb in front of the post office years ago. Several cars circled the block about three times to see when the lady was that was lying in the gutter. Others sit in their cars to see when the lady would get up, or you might have remembered seeing my daughter lightly kicking this lady saying, "Get up mom, people are looking."

Whatever you remembered I want to tell you that for the last 10 years I have walked on a foot that can't feel if I have touched the ground and also have had a large lump on my shin.

A few weeks ago I was to work at the newspaper and that morning getting dressed seemed to be a chore. I had three outfits on and finally only settled on the one I was wearing as I was going to make Kurt late to work if I didn't get out to the pickup.

The morning was a foggy morning and the sidewalks were a little darker color than usual, but they weren't wet.

I hurried out the door with my

somewhat heavy purse and a cup of coffee as I went down the steps. Just as I reached the bottom and planted my foot on the rubber mat my foot slid out from under me and down I went.

As I fell I twisted my bad ankle and heard a horrendous pop. I thought (Oh no, not again.). Kurt immediately got out of the pickup

to help me up. I was covered with mud and spilled coffee.

However for the first time I could feel my foot. By the next day the lump was gone and I could finally walk without pain. What a blessing that fall was and it had a double whammy as no one saw it but Kurt.

War history record since World War II

Letter to the Editor:

Subject: "War History"

History teaches that nations that start to lose wars continue to lose wars, quite commonly. Concerning the U.S.A., we have the following record since World War II to wit:

- 1) Korean War — stale-mate.
- 2) Bay of Pigs — defeat.
- 3) Viet Nam — defeat.
- 4) Somalia — defeat.
- 5) Lebanon Marine Barracks — defeat.
- 6) Drug war — defeat.
- 7) Mexican border war — losing.
- 8) Pornography war — lost.

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- 9) Afghanistan war — not yet won.
 - 10) Iraq — not won
- Has America grown to accept the "taste of defeat"?? What say you??

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P.S. "Those who forget history are condemned to re-live it." (Santayana)

Corollary — People never learn the "lessons of history!" "History repeats itself!"

GOD SAYS

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

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