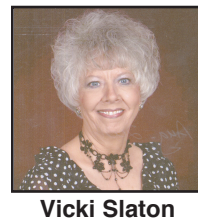




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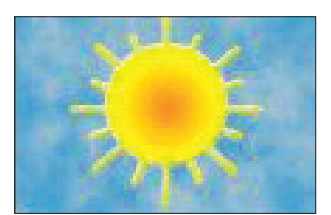


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## Art tour

Local artists to showcase work here Saturday

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Local artists will be showcased during the first-ever Christmas Studio Art Tour, hosted by the Big Spring Art Association Saturday.

The tour will feature several local studios that are generally not open to the public, BSAA member Doris Vieregge said.

Studios participating are:

- Brushworks: Kay Smith
- The Grey Wolf Gallery: Doris Vieregge (pottery, fused glass, dichroic glass jewelry) and Ruby Bruns (hand painted silks)
- Displays of Splendor:

See **TOUR**, Page 3A



Kay Smith poses among some paintings at the Heritage Museum, where the Big Spring Art Association membership show is on display. Saturday, BSAA will host a tour throughout Big Spring.

## Spreading the Word

Bible classes in need of funding assistance

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

One of the longest running Bible Classes in Texas is asking your help.

Members of Howard County Bible Class Inc., whose members support Bible classes in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan high schools, is hoping to raise approximately \$46,000 to maintain the program.

**"Our goal is to reach 10 percent of students in Howard County schools, and we're very close to that."**

—Murray Murphy, chairman of the Bible Class board

"That money will be used to provide teacher's salary and the necessary supplies," said Murray Murphy, chairman of the Bible Class board. "We receive money from foundations, but the bulk of our money comes from private donations and from area churches."

See **BIBLE FUND**, Page 3A

## City, KBSB talk trash

E-waste collection planned Saturday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Area residents with old DVD players, computers and other electronics will have the chance to help the environment Saturday, when Keep Big Spring Beautiful and the city of Big

Spring team up for the fourth annual e-waste collection day. According to Todd Darden, assistant city manager, the volunteer effort will be targeting electronic products that have reached the end of their useful lives, such as old com-



Darden

puters and monitors, cable television converter boxes and fax machines. "It's one of the fastest-growing segments of waste in this country, and we need to turn our attention toward recycling those items instead

See **E-WASTE**, Page 3A



## Boys and Girls Club hopes to win \$10,000

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Officials with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Big Spring could be just a click away from a \$10,000 donation, but they need area residents to show their online support to get it.

According to Sonnet Hildebrand, director of the local Boys and Girls Club, the local charity is taking part in a contest sponsored by Wells Fargo that could land the organization some big bucks.

"It's part of the Wells Fargo

Someday Stories contest," said Hildebrand. "It's so easy to participate. Just go to the Web site at [www.wellsfargo.com/somedaycontest/bgca](http://www.wellsfargo.com/somedaycontest/bgca) before Monday. You have to fill in a code box and enter your e-mail address and 79720 for the Big Spring

ZIP code. They are tracking the votes by the ZIP code. Once the system verifies your information — which only takes a minute or so — it will take you to a page where you can listen to the stories."

Hildebrand said the contest re-

quires would-be critics to listen to stories and then cast their ballot for their favorite.

"You have to vote for a story to get the opportunity to vote for the charity of your choice," said

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### Honors Seminar Series

Howard College is presenting the Phi Theta Kappa 2008 Honors Seminar Series, The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges, and Consequences.

The series of four lectures will be scheduled one per evening on the Howard College campus. They are recorded via live satellite and facilitated by Howard College.

The first is Lessons from Abroad: Opportunities in a Borderless World, featuring Dr. Richard Heinzl.

It will be held at 6 p.m. this evening in the Hall Center on the Howard College campus. Admission is free.

### Dine Out Day Friday

Carlos Restaurant, located at 308 N.W. Third, is this week's Dine Out Restaurant assisting the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.



Proceeds from Friday's sales at Carlos will benefit United Way.

You can also send a tax deductible donation to United Way of Big Spring, P.O. Box 24, Big Spring 79721, or call 267-5201 for more information.

### WTO funds available

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### FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL PREVIEW

## Area roundup: Garden City, Stanton playing with a lot on the line Friday

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

There is still much on the line for two Crossroads area football teams heading into the final regular season game Friday.

While the Stanton Buffaloes (5-4, 4-0) have clinched a spot in the postseason out of District 7-A, they have the opportunity to win a district title. However, standing in their way is a West Texas giant as the Buffs travel to Sundown to take on the Roughnecks in a 7-A Championship game.

Garden City (8-2, 2-1) had their chance to win a Six-man Division I, District 8 title, but fell to Fort Davis. Still, the Bearcats can make the playoffs but must topple longtime rival Rankin in Garden City Friday.

Meanwhile, two other Crossroads squads — the Sands Mustangs and Grady Wildcats — know their postseason fate.

Grady (6-3, 2-2) suffered losses to O'Donnell and Ira earlier this season, knocking the Wildcats out of playoff contention. They'll

show their pride vs. Spur (5-4, 2-2) at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Lenorah.

Sands (6-3, 2-1), on the other hand, has benefitted from dropping into Division II and has locked up its first postseason berth since 2002. The Mustangs get a chance to fine tune before starting their postseason run against Grandfalls-Royalty (0-8, 0-3) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Grandfalls.

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Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City running back Cole Schwartz (34) attempts to run through the tackle of two Water Valley defenders last week in Water Valley. The Bearcats scored 90 points in a blowout of Water Valley and face Rankin Friday for a playoff spot.

## Happy ending?

Buff try to go out on a positive note

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

With the playoffs out of reach, the Forsan Buffaloes (1-8, 0-4) are playing for pride in their final game of the season as they host Tahoka (2-7, 1-3) Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

It may be cliché, but it is exactly how the Buffs and Head Coach Tommy Thompson feel about their team and this season.

"You hear that saying a lot — playing for pride," said Thompson, "but it is very fitting for us because we feel like we are much better than our record shows. In the end, it really does come down to your pride as a team and wanting to show everyone how you are truly capable of playing."

Friday's game is also significant for the Buffs, as they will have 16 seniors playing their last game at Buffalo Stadium. Forsan will honor these athletes, and all other seniors participating in extra-curricular, fall activities, in a pre-game ceremony.

But, despite all the incentives, winning this game won't be easy.

Tahoka still has something to play for but needs some help if they want to grab the third and final playoff spot available in District 7-A.

Sundown (4-0) and Stanton (4-0) have the top two spots wrapped up tight. They will play for the district championship in Sundown Friday night.

Seagraves (2-2) currently holds steady in third, and with a win over Plains (1-3), move into the postseason. However, several other scenarios could play out if Tahoka can pull out a win in Forsan and Plains beats Seagraves, leaving the final spot wide open for now.

Thompson said his ballclub is not concerned with all the mathematical possibilities

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring receiver Zamir Linton beats a San Angelo Lake View defender to the corner in the Steers' 42-32 victory last week. The Steers host Hereford to finish the regular season at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium with a spot in the playoffs still in question.

## Early playoff

Win eases Steers postseason path

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Although the points system used as a tiebreaker in high school football can be confusing, Big Spring's Steers can avoid the complexity by accomplishing one not-so-simple achievement.

Big Spring (5-4, 2-2) must pick up a win against its newest rival, the Hereford Whitefaces (3-6, 1-3).

"This is almost like playing Andrews or Sweetwater for us, especially this time of year," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "We've played them a lot in the playoffs and this game itself is like an early playoff game. The players are familiar with Hereford. It's a big game and a big rivalry even though they aren't that close on the map."

Of course, plenty is on the line for the Whitefaces as well. All they need to do is win by at least 3 points in order to make the postseason.

If Big Spring should lose this game, Lake View, who the Steers defeated 42-32 last week in San Angelo, must also lose to Frenship. If the Chiefs are able to upset the Tigers and Big Spring falls as well, the Steers would be eliminated from the postseason.

See STEERS, Page 2B

## Coahoma's last chance for a District 7-2A win

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Playing for pride is all some teams have left to do this football season.

Count Coahoma's Bulldogs among those officially eliminated from playoff contention. However, the Bulldogs (4-5, 0-4) have an opportunity to end their season on a high note as they travel to San Angelo to take on the Grape Creek Eagles (4-5, 1-3) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

After starting the season 4-0, with each win coming against opponents from Class A, the

Bulldogs have since dropped five straight, including four losses in District 7-2A play. However, Coahoma wasn't exactly far from having its season go in a different direction.

The Bulldogs have been frustrated by close losses. They opened the district season with a 29-22 loss to Jim Ned's Indians, who are facing Ballinger for the district title Friday. Jim Ned scored the winning touchdown with 2:55 seconds left in the game.

Two weeks later, the Bulldogs appeared to be on their way to their first district win of the sea-

son, leading rival Colorado City 28-20 with less than two minutes to play.

The Wolves pulled off a remarkable comeback, scoring three touchdowns in the final 1:46 for a 40-28 victory.

Coahoma continued to fall short of chalking up its first league win last week against Wall. The Bulldogs trailed 28-12 late in the fourth quarter, but made an attempt at a Colorado City-like comeback. Unfortunately, time ran out for the Bulldogs and Wall escaped with a 28-24 victory, bringing an end to any postseason hopes

Coahoma might have been clinging to.

Unlike the Bulldogs, the Eagles still has an outside shot at the postseason, but will need to defeat Coahoma and some help from a tiebreaker if they're to get in. Also, Wall will have to upset Colorado City.

Grape Creek has also been plagued by several close losses in District 7-2A. The Eagles came up 3 points short against Colorado City to open league play and lost to Jim Ned by 1 last week.

Their only district win came via a 32-30 win over Wall.

### CROSSROADS FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD WEEK 10

Hereford  
(3-6, 1-3)  
at  
Big Spring  
(5-4, 2-2)

Stanton  
(5-4, 4-0)  
at  
Sundown  
(7-2, 4-0)

Coahoma  
(4-5, 0-4)  
at  
Grape Creek  
(4-5, 1-3)

Tahoka  
(1-3, 2-7)  
at  
Forsan  
(0-4, 1-8)

Spur  
(5-4, 2-2)  
at  
Grady  
(6-3, 2-2)

Rankin  
(5-4, 2-1)  
at  
Garden City  
(8-2, 2-1)

Sands  
(6-3, 2-1)  
at  
Grandfalls  
(0-8, 0-3)



## Obituaries

### Charoon Kucera



Charoon Kucera, 66, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Thailand.

She was born Oct. 14, 1942, in Thailand. She married Don Kucera July 4, 1972, in Thailand. They came to Big Spring in 1973, where she worked at Big Spring Dress, and later at Wall's. She was a Buddhist.

She is survived by her husband, Don Kucera of Big Spring; and one son, Chadvalit Chaichinda of Kingswood.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Take Note

• Coahoma Elementary PTA will be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. this evening. The cost of the shots are \$30; nasal mist is also \$30. Anyone can register and pay online in advance at <https://www.flubusters.net/ClinicList.aspx>.

• Coahoma Elementary will host a Star Party from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. this evening. Hot chocolate and popcorn will be available and a free telescope will be given away. Everyone is invited.

• Interested in medieval history? Would you like to learn more about the Crusades? Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, members of Carrefour Hold, a local membership of the Kingdom of Levant, will be hosting a Harvest Festival at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St. There will be displays of various arts of the time period as well as fighting events such as experimental unarmored combat, knife, ax and spear competition, and archery. There will also be classes in Lucet braiding and drop spinning. A lecture on the Crusades will be held in the afternoon. This event is free to the public.

• Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Canterbury South. Please contact Jennifer Mendez at 263-1238 or leave a message.

• Confidential memory screenings are being offered by Accolade Home Care as part of National Memory Screening Day, a national initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA). They will be held from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at Room 214 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. For information, call Accolade Home Care in Big Spring at 264-1164.

• The Eagles Lodge will offer chelos burritos from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, for \$8 per plate (includes drink and dessert). Takeouts will be available.

• Big Spring High School sweatshirts and hoodies are available by calling Denise Carrillo at 816-1685. Sweatshirts are \$20 each; hoodies are \$25.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• A fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for Sheena Hill, who lost most of her possessions in a recent house fire. Mail donations to Big Spring Education Employees FCU, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720 or call 263-8393.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

## Police blotter

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

- DAMIAN LUJAN, 23, of 1014 S. Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance — more than three grams, less than 28 grams.
- SASHA HICKMAN, 20, of 614 Ridgelea, was arrested Wednesday on four local warrants.
- APRIL EDWARDS, 44, of 2511 Chanute, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea.
- in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

## Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.
- JON PROCTOR, 31, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.
- JEREMY GOMEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- DANIEL LEE JAURIGUE, 59, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- EDRIAN PATRICK HOUSTON, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- MARTIN A. MORA, 31, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- ROSALYN DENISE YOUNG, 38, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of N. Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of Dallas. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of W. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support Groups

**THURSDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

## Your Local Weather

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## Bulletin Board

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**TODAY**  
• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.  
• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.  
• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

**FRIDAY**  
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.  
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.  
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
• 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.  
• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.  
• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.  
• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.  
• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.  
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.  
• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacients meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.  
• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.  
• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

**TUESDAY**  
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice office for lunch and its monthly meeting. For more information, call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.  
• 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.

**WEDNESDAY**  
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-19-23-25. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-1-3-3. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-4-4. Sum-it-Up: 8.

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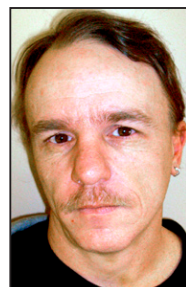
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## STEERS

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However, if Lake View is defeated, the Steers can lose by as many as 13 points and still qualify for the postseason. If Big Spring falls to Hereford by exactly 14 points, then the Chiefs and Steers would flip a coin for that final postseason spot. Anything more than 14 eliminates the Steers from contention and Lake View and Hereford would advance.

Confused? Maybe you won't have to be.

"We can avoid all of this confusion by winning Friday night," Ritchey said. "This is the biggest game of the season for us and for Hereford as well. We're going to have to show up and execute and not leave our chances in the hands of a tiebreaker or coin flip."

Big Spring has lost five straight games to Hereford, including two bi-district playoff games. The Steers last win over the Whitefaces was in 2004, when Big Spring pulled out a 15-14 overtime victory.

The Whitefaces have defeated

the Steers twice in each of the last two seasons, topping them once in the regular season and then again in the postseason. Friday will be the first time the two schools meet on the gridiron as district foes.

Both squads have been plagued by injuries this season. Each has lost its top running back, but both could be on the field Friday.

Monte Anderson returned to the Steers last week after missing the previous three games. The first time Anderson touched the ball vs. Lake View, he took it around right end for a 52-yard touchdown. He finished the game with 185 yards on 16 carries.

It's unclear if Hereford's top back Nathan Losolla will be ready to go against Big Spring. However, the Whitefaces did have some luck running the ball vs. Plainview last week as Jose Uvalle stepped in and gained 85 yards on 12 carries.

Regardless of who takes the handoffs, Hereford's offense is based around the individual giving the back the ball. Quarterback J.P. Bridwell is rumored to

### District 4-4A Football Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Frenship	4-0	9-0
Cooper	3-1	5-4
Lake View	2-2	5-4
<b>Big Spring</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>5-4</b>
Hereford	1-3	3-6
Plainview	0-4	2-7

**Week 10 schedule: Hereford at Big Spring, Lake View at Frenship, Cooper at Plainview.**

be getting some looks from Texas Tech to play at the next level. For the season, Bridwell is 163-of-273, throwing for 2,056 yards and 13 touchdowns with nine interceptions.

By far, the Steers will be faced with the most pass-oriented offense they have faced in the District 4-4A season as Hereford averages more than 33 attempts per game.

"We've got to show them different looks," Ritchey said. "A team that can throw the ball like they can, then they usually know what type of scheme you're

going to throw at them. So we'll need to show one thing and switch to another. We've also got to respect the run, though. They've got a good back who might be back for this game and he's definitely a threat."

Hereford has also been short a couple of its top receivers in the past two weeks, but Chase Yosten has proven to be a reliable target throughout the season for Bridwell, catching eight scores on the season, including one last week in the Whitefaces' 28-21 win over Plainview.

It's hard to imagine any team having suffered more injuries than the Steers have this season. At one point, Big Spring was missing as many as 10 players, including seven starters, from its lineup. However, last week was the first time Big Spring was completely healthy.

The results for an offense that had been struggling for several weeks was significant as the Steers racked up close to 500 yards.

"Offensively, we are very good completely healthy," raved Ritchey. "Defensively, we didn't

play as well last week as we had the week before. I don't know if it was the chemistry, but we didn't play our best. On offense, we've got several players who can take the ball the distance every time they touch it. We've just got a lot of speed. I'd really hate to have to defense us because of our speed all over the field. We've got a good team with everybody healthy and I think we'll only get better."

Should the Steers qualify for the postseason, their first round opponent would be Dumas, Canyon or Canyon Randall, depending the results of the games played in District 3-4A beginning tonight.

Ritchey isn't looking too far ahead quite yet.

"We've seen film on several of those team and all three of them defeated Hereford this season," Ritchey said. "We're not too concerned with who we play yet. We've still got to earn our playoff spot first, then we'll start looking at who we will be facing."

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## AREA

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### Rankin at Garden City

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Bearcats rebounded from a devastating 54-33 loss two weeks ago at the hands of district champion and sixth-ranked Fort Davis last week. The Bearcats trashed Water Valley, 90-44, setting up a matchup with a longtime rival — the Rankin Red Devils (5-4, 2-1).

The winner of the contest moves into postseason play as the district's second and last playoff team, leaving the loser to wonder what might have been.

Obviously, that's something that has not escaped Bearcats Head Coach Vance Jones' attention.

"This is a really big game every year and it usually ends up deciding the playoff picture one way or another," Jones said. "These two teams have been playing each other for a long time. It goes all the way back to when they were playing 11-man. The two schools are close and a lot of the kids are neighbors. Well, their ranches touch anyway, and they have always been going against each other in one sport or another since they were small."

The only other blemish on the record of Garden City this year

was an opening season loss to second-ranked Abbott, 57-14.

"That first game of the year showed us what it takes to be a good football team and we really think if a couple of things go differently against Fort Davis we could have won that game. This week's game against Rankin is just like a playoff game," Jones continued. "The winner is in the playoffs and the loser isn't. You can't get much simpler than that."

In the Red Devils, the Bearcats can expect a to see a banged up team that has fought its way to two consecutive wins over Water Valley and Sterling City after losing the district-opener to Fort Davis.

Austin Dupriest manages the Red Devils offense with Jorge Castillo leading the rushing attack. Castillo and Jacob Schmitz account for a majority of the receptions. Last week against the Sterling City, the duo combined for six catches for 115 yards.

"We expect this to be a fight," Jones said. "These two teams always play each other hard. You throw in the win-or-go-home part of it and both teams are going to be fighting to get the win. It's just going to come down to who wants it more."

### Stanton at Sundown

STANTON — There probably weren't many in the Crossroads

### District 7-A Football Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Sundown	4-0	7-2
<b>Stanton</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>5-4</b>
Seagraves	2-2	4-5
Plains	2-2	6-3
Tahoka	1-3	2-7
Forsan	0-4	1-8

**Week 10 schedule: Stanton at Sundown, Tahoka at Forsan, Seagraves at Plains.**

area thinking Stanton would be in the position it is now after opening the season 0-4.

The Buffs have fought back to win four of their past five contests, though, with the only loss coming at the hands of No. 3 Iraan.

Stanton put together its most impressive performance of the season last week, pounding Plains 33-16. The Buffs ran the ball an incredible 86 times for 444 yards.

Three different Buffs topped the century mark running the football in the contest. Robbie Noland led all rushers with 182 yards on 45 carries. Tyler Fulton churned out 130 yards on 25 carries, while Nathan Nix toted the ball 12 times for 110 yards.

Noland has topped 100 yards rushing in seven consecutive



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

**Stanton running back Robbie Noland rushes for part of his 182-yard performance last week against Plains. The Buffs travel to Sundown Friday to take on the Roughnecks in what amounts to the District 7-A Championship game.**

games. In that span, he has accounted for 1,127 yards and 12 touchdowns on 207 carries.

The Buffs will need similar ball control if they hope to beat Sundown Friday. Although, Sundown will also be trying to control the ball with their stud running back John Heffley, who

has 736 yards on 96 carries. The Roughnecks also have a dual-threat at quarterback with Jason Durham, who has more than 1,300 yards passing and 19 touchdowns. Durham's favorite target is Ryan Waygood, who has totaled 496 receiving yards on 25 receptions.



# Sexual assault charge leads to arrest

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man turned himself in to law enforcement officials Tuesday after a warrant was issued for his arrest on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Jon Proctor, 31, of 1804 Dixie, turned himself in at the Big Spring Police Department without incident, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD.

"The warrant stems from an incident that occurred on or about Sept. 26 of this year," said Everett. "The assault — which allegedly happened in the eastern portion of Big Spring — was reported Sept. 29 by the victim, which is a 14-year-old female."

Everett declined to comment on the nature of the assault, citing the investigation is ongoing.

Proctor was transferred to the Howard County Jail Wednesday.

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## State briefs

### Police seeking suspects after man dies in shootout

AUSTIN (AP) — Police are looking for two suspects after an early morning shootout in which officers killed a man who was firing an AK-47 assault rifle at them.

Police say the shootout happened before dawn Thursday after a short pursuit of the vehicle suspected in an earlier shooting that injured two men.

Police Chief Art Acevedo tells the Austin American-Statesman that the two men who were shot in the earlier shooting are hospitalized in stable condition.

According to police, there were four other people in the car with the suspect who was killed. Acevedo says police have two of them in custody but that the other two remain at large.

Officials say seven schools near the site of the shooting and chase were closed for the day as a precaution.

### Paroled burglar set to die Thursday for strangling Fort Worth man during home burglary

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Renee Harris Toliver remembers her uncle as a 65-year-old mentally ill man living with her grandmother until the woman's own health problems confined her to a nursing home, leaving Otis Flake home alone.

That left Flake and other elderly people in the near downtown Fort Worth

neighborhood vulnerable to the likes of Elkie Lee Taylor, a paroled burglar, who was spotted with a buddy leaving Flake's home. A woman who knew Flake found the front door to the home open, the house ransacked and Flake dead.

"He was an animal who preyed on the weakest of people," Toliver, now an assistant federal prosecutor, said this week of Taylor. "He was an ex-con basically preying on them at will."

Taylor, 46, was set to die Thursday evening for Flake's April 1993 slaying.

He would be the 15th Texas inmate executed this year and the first of six scheduled for lethal injection this month in the nation's most active capital punishment state.

### 4-year-old found safe, police arrest suspect

DALLAS (AP) — A 4-year-old girl was rescued by police Wednesday night, hours after they say a man who allegedly stabbed her mother kidnapped the child in his ex-girlfriend's car.

Police had issued an Amber Alert for Yareli Nava who they said was taken by 26-year-old Cipriano Tinoco Wednesday afternoon after he surprised his ex-girlfriend as she was putting Yareli in the vehicle.

Late Wednesday, police in undercover cars helped arrest Tinoco after he allegedly "rammed a police car with the child inside

but the child was not hurt," Lt. Robert Hinton said. Police used a Taser on Tinoco, who was taken to a hospital for treatment.

The abduction began when the girl's mother discovered Tinoco hiding inside her car and she was stabbed in a fight with Tinoco, said Hinton, commander of the Dallas police youth services section.

### Obama taps UTB's president for his transition team, report says

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama has looked to South Texas where he selected University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College President Juliet V. Garcia to join his transition team, officials said.

Garcia, the first Mexican-American to head a four-year U.S. university, will serve as one of the president-elect's advisors.

"I consider public service to be our highest calling; so I am greatly honored to have been invited to take part in the historic transition of our young democracy," Garcia said in a written statement to The Brownsville Herald, the newspaper reported Wednesday in an online story.

UTB-TSC's Jose Bocanegra, who lectures on American political institutions and economic and public policy, said that Garcia, "will be an advocate for the area."

Obama and Garcia have met. Obama visited UTB-TSC in February during his campaign. Also that day, he surprised revelers at the annual Sombrero Festival.

## TOUR

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Sheree Moates (oils, watercolors and numerous mediums)

• Schooler Photography: Bruce and Belle Schooler (photography, watercolors and oils)

• A Touch of Color Gallery: Linda Rupard (oils, watercolors, photography and jewelry)

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• Howard College Art Department

• Posey Cotton Office: Adam Hernandez portraits, Jean Money watercolors and oils — Arlys Scott (watercolor and oils),

Meghan Bias (oils) and several other artists showing their work.

• Heritage Museum, where the BSAA Membership Show will be on display.

The tour will be conducted from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday and is free to the public. Light refreshments will be served at the various studios.

Tour maps are available at Heritage Museum, Warren Chiropractic, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, American State Bank, Dr. Bruce Cox's office, Displays of Splendor and the Big Spring Herald.

Some of the participating artists market their work nationally and internationally, but seldom show their work locally, Viereg-

ge said.

"We have so many good artists here ... and a lot people don't know about them," she said.

"That's what this tour is all about — to get the word out and let the public see what we have here."

For additional information, call Vieregge at 267-7961.

## BIBLE FUND

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Bible classes have been taught continuously in Big Spring since 1939, making the program one of the longest-running of its kind in the state.

Money raised will support six total classes — three at Big Spring, two at Forsan and one at Coahoma.

Dr. Bill Welsh teaches in Big Spring, the Rev. Dwayne Wheat instructs in Coahoma and the Rev. Craig Felty teaches in Forsan.

"Our goal is to reach 10 percent of students in Howard County schools, and we're very close to that," Murphy said.

In order for the course to meet state guidelines, it is offered as a humanities course that focuses on Old

and New Testament history. Theology is not discussed, Murphy said.

"This course gives students an historical perspective into the Bible," Murphy said. "Our purpose is not to teach Christianity, but to give these students a good base of knowledge about the Bible ... The class is non-denominational in nature."

The only thing provided by the school district is

the classroom. All other expenses must come from outside sources.

In addition to providing operating expenses for the classes, board members are in the process of developing scholarships for students interested in the study of religion.

And none of it is possible without donations, Murphy said.

"We have many Sunday school classes in the area

that send us monthly donations," Murphy said. "But the real backbone of the organization is the \$15 or \$20 donations from individuals. This could not happen without the fine folks of Howard County."

Donations should be mailed to P.O. box 2609, Big Spring 79721. For more information, contact Murphy at 263-1176.

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### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Charoon Kucera, 66, died Wednesday. Memorial Services will be at a later date in Thailand.

## E-WASTE

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of increasing the burden on our landfills," said Darden.

Electronic items, Darden said, must be handled differently from other waste items because their components can cause damage to the environment. Those special handling requirements have strained the budgets and resources of waste-disposal personnel throughout the state, he

added.

"Some people aren't aware of how much lead is actually contained in a computer monitor," said Darden. "Also, things like cell phone batteries and other electronic items can contain very hazardous materials, so they need to be handled differently."

Keep Big Spring Beautiful and the city will set up a collection point Saturday at the corner of E. First Street and Johnson — from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Among the items that will be collected are batteries

(excluding car and truck batteries), computer components, including cables, parts and components, keyboards, modems, printers, scanners and networking hardware; phone and PDA-related items such as cell batteries, pagers, voicemail and answering machine systems, video cameras and citizen band radio hardware.

No televisions or television screens will be accepted, according to e-waste pamphlets.

Darden said statistics show more than 1.5 million

new computers are bought annually in Texas, with less than 175,000 of the old units being recycled.

"That leaves more than 1.3 million old computers that can be assumed to be either stored or sent to landfills every year (in the state)," Darden said. "That's a lot."

People disposing of their old computers are urged to either remove or destroy the hard drives before turning the units over for collection.

For more information on the e-waste collection,

contact Debbie Wegman or Bobby McDonald at 263-1234.

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## CONTEST

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Hildebrand. "To do that, simply select the story you're interested in hearing. Once the story begins playing, a vote button will appear in the upper left-hand corner of the screen.

"Click the button and a small box will ask you for the charity you would like to support. Then you just click on Boys and Girls Club of America. That's all it takes to show your support for the organization and the children of Big Spring."

The ZIP code that garners the most votes can win up to \$10,000, according to Hildebrand.

"The top vote-getter will receive \$10,000. The second and third place clubs will receive \$5,000, while the fourth and fifth place groups will receive \$2,500," said Hildebrand. "It only takes a few minutes to go online and complete the process, and the money will help children right here in our community."

For more information, contact Hildebrand at 264-0455.

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### AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

The presidential election has focused on Joe The Plumber. Candidates play tug-of-war with him. The media kicks him back and forth like a political football. Interviews and reviews catapult him into a symbol of good for some and evil for others. He has received far more than his allotted fifteen minutes of fame.

I wonder about Joe The Plumber. I wonder about his real identity. Is he Joe The Christian? Is he Joe The Sinner? Is he Joe The Hurting? Maybe he is Joe The Good Neighbor. What about Joe The Faithful?

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# Romo returns for bye-week practice

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Tony Romo was back under center at practice Wednesday, once again zipping passes to Terrell Owens.

Expect him to be doing so the next time the Dallas Cowboys play, too.

Romo's return from a broken pinkie on his throwing hand is coming along as expected. The clunky cast he wore the last three weeks has been replaced by a small splint covering only the pinkie. It's as much for support as protection, and he wasn't even wearing it between a walkthrough and a practice Wednesday afternoon.

"It's still not all the way healed, but it's getting there," Romo said. "I can definitely grip the ball much better."

Romo was hurt during a loss to Arizona on Oct. 12. He practiced a little that week and tried to play in the following game, but realized during warmups that his bulky bandage prevented him from properly controlling the ball and sat out ever since.

Dallas went 1-2 without Romo, scoring no more than 14 points with Brad Johnson and Brooks Bollinger running the offense. The Cowboys scored at least 24 all six games that Romo played.

Romo also has the NFL's third-best passer rating and averages the third-most yards passing per game. His 14 touchdown passes are sixth best, even after missing three games.

However, the Cowboys were only 1-2 in his last three starts. So the notion his return will cure all that ails them might not be accurate.

"I don't think it's a matter of him coming in and trying to be Superman and really saving this team," Owens said. "We have more than enough capable guys in the locker room to make plays for him"

Still, Romo's return is a source of optimism for a team that's gone from preseason Super Bowl favorites to last place in the NFC East. Even team owner Jerry Jones has said Dallas (5-4) needs to aim for just making the playoffs.

Romo also thinks he's figured out some things during his time off.

"I'm not going to tell you what they are, but I think this team is going to have its best football in front of it," he said.

The Cowboys will practice again Thursday, then have a three-day weekend. They'll return to the field Monday, then get back to their regular routine Wednesday.

"I suspect I'll be a little rusty this week in practice, but I also think that I will have felt like I've been

doing it a while by next week's game-time," Romo said. "I like to think that I am going to be playing at a decent level (against Washington). I just know I am excited to get back out there. I am excited to help this football team."

Since Romo went down, the Cowboys have added receiver Roy Williams. Their on-field relationship was supposed to begin Wednesday, but Williams missed practice dealing with a family issue. He's expected to return Thursday.

"We'll catch on really quickly," Romo said. "I like a lot of things he does."

Cornerback Terence Newman and left guard Kyle Kosier practiced Wednesday and are expected to play against Washington. So is rookie running back Felix Jones, although he was still working out with the training staff Wednesday.

Romo said he can do most everyday things with his hand now that he's gotten the cast off. He can't totally make a fist, though, the pinkie curling over but not totally closing.

"We don't know what is going to happen in two weeks," he said. "I do know I am going to use (the splint) and pretend like I have to use it (against Washington). If I don't, it's just a positive."

## FORSAN

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and they are certainly not looking to do anyone a favor.

"We do not intend to just roll over and die," Thompson said. "If Tahoka wants the win and a chance for the playoffs, they will have to earn it. We had high expectations at the beginning of the year that we didn't reach. We plan to get past some of our mistakes and finish very strong."

Forsan will look to bring pressure up the middle to disrupt the timing of Tahoka's spread offense. The Bulldogs have a

solid, young quarterback in Taylor Abell. Thompson said getting to him and forcing him to react will be the key to the Buffs defense.

When Forsan lines up on offense, they will face a 5-2 base defense and will try to establish the run early on to open up the passing game.

"We have a good game plan," said Thompson. "Now it comes down to game time execution. We have focused on the positives this week and the kids have been upbeat. If we can keep from hurting ourselves and just play solid for four full quarters, we will be in good shape in the end."

# sudoku

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# Texas Tech program gaining renown

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Friday night lights have ruled the football-loving landscape in West Texas for decades. This year, Saturday nights are the hot ticket.

No. 2 Texas Tech, often overshadowed even by the high school game, is now front and center on the college scene in pursuit of a national championship, basking in the highest ranking in the program's 83-year history. For the second week in a row, the Red Raiders (9-0) are getting

ready to play in prime time on a national television at home against a top-10 opponent.

The visit from No. 8 Oklahoma State (8-1) comes a week after then-No. 1 Texas fell 39-33 on a dramatic touchdown by Michael Crabtree with one second remaining. That win was an instant classic — and the biggest in Texas Tech history — but it took years for the Red Raiders to get in position for it.

This program on the plains in the heart of the world's biggest cotton patch has endured a few starts and

stops.

In the 1970s, Steve Sloan, with Bill Parcels on his staff, lifted Texas Tech to heights not seen again until now. When he left for Mississippi, a string of losing seasons followed until 1986, when the Red Raiders lured David McWilliams from the Texas staff and went 7-5 in their first bowl season since 1977. McWilliams wasn't around for the bowl game, though, because he decided to go back to his alma mater as head

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## The Economic Miracle of Israel

What does it mean to American investors?

Israel is a very small country — it is smaller by half than San Bernardino County in California. It would sink in Lake Michigan without a trace. It has barely 8 million citizens. It has been in existence for just 60 years. But it is an economic powerhouse.

### What are the facts?

**Steady Economic Growth.** Ever since its creation in 1948, Israel has been involved in bloody warfare virtually without surcease. There were three or four "formal" wars, each of which Israel's enemies promised to be a "war of extermination." To use their favorite phrase, they vowed to "wipe Israel off the map." Fortunately, none of this came to pass. Despite its small size and small population and being vulnerable from all sides, Israel has prevailed in all those wars. And it has survived the several "intifadas" imposed on it by the Palestinians. Despite that and despite gathering in millions of refugees from all over the world and despite having over one million Muslim Arab citizens, who do not serve in the military and who are openly hostile to their country, Israel has developed into an economic and industrial power that is admired in the world.

Impressive statistics can be cited. Here are just a few: Israel's gross domestic product (GDP) was over \$170 billion in 2006. That works out to a per-capita product of over \$20,000. It compares favorably with most long-established established European countries and approaches that of the United States. The United States is Israel's most important trading partner. In the most recent year for which reliable statistics are available, two-way trade amounted to about \$30 billion, representing a steady 10% yearly increase over the last several years. The principal exports from the United States include civilian aircraft, telecommunication equipment, semiconductors, and medical equipment. The two countries signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in 1985, and an Agricultural Trade Agreement (ATA) in 1996. Israel also has free-trade agreements with the E.U., Turkey, Jordan, and Mexico. Other free trade agreements are in negotiation.

Israel's main exports to the United States and the world at large are polished diamonds, electronic communication equipment, medical and scientific equipment, chemical products, agri-technology, and textiles.

**A World Leader in Many Fields.** In contrast to its Muslim enemies, who have virtually no indigenous industry, whose people are largely illiterate, but who have been blessed with natural riches through their almost limitless petroleum

resources, Israel has virtually no natural resources. Its principal resource is its people's brain power. Israel's universities and technical schools are world-class, most outstanding among them Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the Technion in Haifa, which is considered to be on the same level as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The energy and resourcefulness that have enabled Israel to absorb millions of immigrants and to convert a desolate land into one of green fields and modern cities are also reflected in Israel's economic development. Israel is a modern industrial state whose output encompasses some of the most advanced and sophisticated technology in the world. Its industry is concentrated in high technology and high-added-value products, based primarily on scientific and technological creativity and innovation.

Israel is a world leader in medical devices and medical electronics, military electronics, civilian and military aviation, agri-technology, telecommunications, computerized graphics, cellular telephones, microchip technology and voicemail technology, water technology and desalination, and many others. It has 31 desalination plants, including the largest in the world, located in Ashkelon. Warren Buffett, perhaps America's most astute investor has recently made a \$4.5 billion investment in an Israeli company. When asked why he chose Israel as his first investment outside of the United States, he replied, "Some Americans came looking for oil, so they didn't stay in Israel. We came looking for brains, so we stayed in Israel." Scores of Israeli stocks are traded on NASDAQ. Next to Canada, Israel is by far the most represented country on that exchange.

Domestic tranquility, a western legal system, the full infrastructure of transportation, communication and utilities, but primarily its educated and motivated population make Israel attractive to foreign investors and industry.

Virtually all major hi-tech U.S. companies have installations in Israel, either manufacturing plants or research laboratories or both. Such companies as IBM, Digital Equipment, Intel, National Semiconductor, Motorola and many others have established plants in the industrial parks mushrooming around the country's academic institutions.

Israel's economy is vibrant and growing, and offers countless investment opportunities in industry, agriculture, real estate, tourism, commerce, science and medical R&D, and much more. The opportunities that abound for domestic and foreign investors are almost limitless. What this small country has accomplished in just 60 years and against all odds is truly amazing. The emerging nations and "third world countries" should take the economy of Israel as an example and attempt to emulate it.

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**Community Christmas Parade**  
**5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6**  
Parade theme:  
**"Star Of Bethlehem"**  
Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 14th

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

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**PARADE RULES**

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- Floats should not exceed 55 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
- Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
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- Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
- For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

**2008 Christmas Parade Entry Form**

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Big Spring, TX 79721  
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## EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Deliberation, maturity and a steady hand

Barack Obama will be the 44th U.S. president. So declared American voters on Tuesday. This says much about the candidate in whom they invested such faith. It says even more about the American people.

It doesn't say that we are post-racial. It does say that the great American story — that any boy or girl of humble beginnings can become president of the United States — has turned out to be more than just another of those feel-good tales invoked to remind us of our ideals and of a common egalitarian vision that has come under such strain lately.

Obama, the biracial child of a white mother and a Kenyan father, raised by a single mother and his grandparents, restores a bit of that.

Yes, there were people who undoubtedly took race into account in voting for Obama. Those who would criticize this should wonder what it's like to have walked in the shoes of many of those casting their vote with that in mind on Tuesday.

But even for those walking in different shoes, remember, it wasn't that long ago that our cities were ablaze in racial conflict, that too many establishments carried white-only signs, that a Voting Rights Act had to be passed, that "states' rights" gave cover to the inequity of "separate but equal," and that the U.S. Supreme Court felt it necessary to say that state governments shouldn't be in the business of barring interracial marriage.

This is historic and, of course, pride had to have been a factor in the election.

But even if shifting demographics helped Obama, he also was likely elected by many people for whom skin color was, at best, a mere backdrop, an allegory for progress long evident.

It's not that they weren't aware that their votes were making history. It's that they viewed the history to be made as more important and Obama as the change agent to make that history.

Obama carries a heavy burden on this score. And this has to do with the shambles left him by the outgoing president, the unprecedented problems assailing the country and a system of governance that too often can't be distinguished from dysfunction. Naked self-interest helped along by special interest has corrupted too many of the nation's public policy decisions.

In the end, governance will matter more than the historical milestone achieved in Tuesday's election. With the electoral gains made by Democrats in Congress, hubris and a disinclination to listen to contrary views will beckon.

Obama, as the leader of his party, must resist. The nation's pressing problems — from the financial and housing crisis to global warming to two foreign wars waged simultaneously — will demand immediate attention come January.

Immediate, but not precipitous attention. There's a difference.

Fortunately, the maturity, deliberation and steady hand with which Obama waged his nearly two-year-long national campaign are promising signs for how he will govern.

It is said that Obama '08 remade how elections are waged. Our hope is that, as president, Obama remakes how the country is governed.

The last eight years were marked by far more pain and tumult than the country deserved. There was an opportunity after the Sept. 11 attacks for President Bush to forge a new American way, devoid of blind, partisan rancor.

Instead, he failed, even as problems of global proportions came to roost and the nation felt under siege.

Obama has a similar opportunity to unify the nation with a sense of common purpose and shared sacrifice.

He must seize it.

THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

## A NEW SENSE OF HOPE...

## Red, white and blue states

The onslaught has begun.

Since the announcement Tuesday night that Barack Obama would become our nation's 44th president, I've been inundated by a slew of e-mails, text messages and MySpace bulletins calling for everything from recounts to Armageddon itself.

Needless to say, some of my compadres are less than thrilled with Obama's election.

Of course, this doesn't necessarily come as a surprise, as the onslaught actually began almost two years ago, when Obama and Republican candidate John McCain began their trek to the polls that ended Tuesday. Propaganda labeling Obama a Muslim and McCain a senile old man has been swirling around like ticker-tape in a hurricane since the primaries, both sides looking to get a foothold over the other.

And in the end, America has its first African-American president.

While Obama's ethnicity certainly puts a spin on the presidential election, it's not necessarily surprising. Personally, I'd like to think we, as a society, have reached the point where we can elect a man based on his principles and platform, not the color of his skin.

However, what has been surprising for me is the alarmist attitude that seems to be sweeping across our nation like an evil tide, poisoning what is, without a doubt, a momentous and historic occasion.

Some people feel bitter or upset because of the race issue. Others are simply holding on to their alliance with McCain and the GOP, and feel a certain duty to rebuke the man who toppled their candidate. Others, well, they aren't going to be happy no matter who wins or loses, and simply look forward to having something to complain about for the next four years.

In the end, however, Americans should take a cue from McCain,

who conceded the race with an admirable level of style and class, congratulating his opponent and saying he was looking forward to working with him for the betterment of our nation.

Bear in mind, these two individuals have been bitter rivals for the past two years, with both camps digging into each candidates' past trying to find anything that could ruin their political hopes. It takes a lot of gumption to offer kind words after such a bumpy road, but that's what McCain did.

And, in essence, that's what we, as Americans and Texans, need to do at this point.

Regardless of which presidential candidate you supported, the contest — along with the bitter rivalry — is over, and those desperate feelings need to be quietly shot in the head, placed in a large burlap sack and buried in the sand to be forgotten for all time.

While I supported McCain through the election, I have to admit I have a new sense of hope with Obama ready to take over in the Oval Office. I suppose some of that is thanks to the acceptance speech given by the candidate shortly after he was announced the winner.

"If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," said Obama in the speech.

"It's the answer told by lines that stretched around schools and churches in numbers this nation has never seen; by people who waited three hours and four hours, many for the very first time in their lives, because they believed that this time must be different; that their voice could be that difference.

"It's the answer spoken by young and old, rich and poor, Democrat and Republican, black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, gay, straight, disabled and not disabled — Americans who sent a message to the world that we have never been a collection of Red States and Blue States: we are, and

always will be, the United States of America.

"It's the answer that led those who have been told for so long by so many to be cynical, and fearful and doubtful of what we can achieve to put their hands on the arc of history and bend it once more toward the hope of a better day. It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this day, in this election, at this defining moment, change has come to America."

Change. It's a word that evokes serious emotions in people, regardless of age, race or religion. It's met with cynicism by some and open arms by others. And while Americans certainly had change on their minds when they went to the polls Tuesday, our responsibility to this great nation doesn't end there. Casting a ballot was simply the first step.

Whether the change Obama speaks of will be for the better or the worse, no one really knows. However, each of us has a responsibility as Americans to put our difference of opinions aside and get behind our president-elect and offer him as much support as we can. State representatives, U.S. congressmen, senators... Left wing or right wing... White, black or Hispanic. We can't allow these differences to divide us any longer.

There will always be people out there hoping for the worst, if for no other reason than so they can deliver their "I told you so" speech. Never mind the fact it will be Americans as a whole that will suffer if their selfish little wish comes true.

In the end, it's time for us to start acting like Americans again. For lack of a better word, we're all family. We live together, in our little corner of the world, and what hurts one of us hurts all of us. And while family will certainly have its share of disagreements and squabbles, we still take care of our own, regardless of political views, race or religion.

There are no red states. There are no blue states. There are only red, white and blue states.

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THOMAS JENKINS

## Honey, I got you a job for Christmas

For Christmas this year, it's all about managing expectations

If America's mass-marketing machine has taught us anything, it's that it's never too early to start thinking about Christmas.

I've been hard at work on it for weeks. Hard at work convincing my family that this is the year for Christmas Lite. You know, Christmas without the trappings. Christmas without the gifts and the tree, the standing rib roast and the nice wine.

It's time to rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. Or at least, it's time to rediscover how to remain solvent through the holiday season as the world economy crashes around us.

I'm serious. Job security is a fantasy. The stock and housing markets are a wreck.

Kmart is pushing layaway as the best way to save for gifts of sweat-pants and Cheez Whiz.

I figure it's all about managing expectations.

I gather my family around and explain that this year is going to be different.

This year, it's home and hearth. (Well, except on Spare the Air days. Then no hearth.)

"Hey," I say. "What if we all make each other gifts? How about a plush sweater knitted from old fabric softener sheets? Or a casual bracelet made from an odd piece of rope? Or a nice rock?"

Maybe, I argue, we don't need gifts at all. "Remember the Whos, the ones down in Whoville? They had a heck of a Christmas - holding hands

and singing in the town square - even after the Grinch jacked all their stuff."

No, in fact, my campaign isn't going well. I talk and my wonderful wife and darling daughters give me that look — that look like I've sprouted a second head.

But I press on, taking a page from the business book. We've all watched the big-business types lay the bad news on the line. Cold, uncaring, unvarnished.

"Family, we face an incredibly challenging economic environment," I begin. "As we head into the fourth quarter there is very little clarity. The outlook is cloudy. There is no reason to believe our cash position will improve and every reason to believe it will deteriorate. It is what it is."

Bailey, 14, and Riley, 10, sit twirling their fingers beside their temples. My wife, Alice, switches on "Dancing with the Stars."

Yet I know I'm right. And you know I'm right, too.

A recent Gallup Poll says more than a third of Americans say they plan to spend less this Christmas than they did last Christmas, and I'm determined to be among them. Only 9 percent plan to spend more. (Always nice to hear from the bailed-out bankers in the crowd.) And the rest are just fooling themselves.

Poll numbers haven't looked this bad going into the crazy-holiday-spending-frenzy since 1991. Retailers are practically quaking, worrying that the vital holiday season is going to be a big bust.

And so I kick my campaign up a notch.

"Kids? What say we skip Christmas this year, so next year it will be twice as fun?"

"No?"  
I try deceit.

"Hmmm. Says here Santa got laid off."

"Daaaaaaaaaaaaaad."

And compromise. "I've got it! What if we combine Christmas and Thanksgiving this year?"

They're winter holidays, I argue, with a lot in common: family gathering, big meal, sports on TV, religious element. "We can call it Thanksmas," I say, "and we'll spend the day reflecting on how much stuff we already have and how we really don't need anything more."

The kids counter with "Christgiving." It would recognize the role of Christ, they say. And the role of giving, or better yet, receiving.

Like Ebenezer Scrooge shivering in the night, I'm left to visualize, to imagine Christmas 2008 as it might be.

I can almost see my girls, all pajama'd and giggly on Christmas morning. I smile warmly at Alice and hand her a small certificate.

"Hon," I coo. "You know that oil change you always wanted?"

I turn to our younger daughter. "And for you, Riley, that second round of orthodontia you've been dying for. That's right. More braces!"

"And Bailey. Look at you. In high school already. You know what I got you? A job. And the best thing? It's at 7-Eleven. They're open all night so you can go to school, get your homework done and then go to work."

Then it's down to the town square where we all join hands and sing.

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MIKE CASSIDY



# TCU, Utah play BCS elimination game tonight

By DOUG ALDEN  
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SALT LAKE CITY — Welcome to the BCS Buster playoffs. When No. 11 TCU visits No. 10 Utah on Thursday night, the winner is assured of staying alive for at least another week in the Bowl Championship Series sweepstakes. The loser can start making other postseason plans. "It's everything you want. It's what you coach for," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "Now we are in a situation where you see in three hours who can score one more point." Most other seasons, the focus on this game would be the Mountain West Conference

championship. The Utes (9-0, 5-0) and Horned Frogs (9-1, 6-0) are the only teams left without a league loss and the winner will have the inside track for the outright conference title. But both teams are also in the top 12 of the BCS, one of the qualifying benchmarks for the top tier of bowls. The series only hands out one berth to a non-BCS conference school, and with Boise State of the Western Athletic Conference still in contention, a loss at this point would end any hope. "It's like you have finals and then you've got vacation," Patterson said. "All you think about is you've got to get to

finals to get vacation. Vacation is the No. 1 priority, but you know what? Vacation is not going to be a lot of fun if you flunk all your finals." TCU hasn't flunked anything this season. The Horned Frogs' only loss was 35-10 to Oklahoma, which is respectable considering the sixth-ranked Sooners average almost 50 points per game. The only other team to hold Oklahoma to so few points was Texas in a 45-35 win for the Longhorns. The Frogs have already taken out one potential BCS Buster with a 32-7 win over BYU three weeks ago. TCU held BYU to just 297 yards of offense, including 23

yards rushing. "They're just tearing it up on defense. I don't know if I've seen a defense play as well as they have," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "You name it, they're doing it on defense. That is very impressive, what they've been able to do." Utah is the original BCS Buster and is trying to be the first school to sneak in one of the big-money games twice. TCU is trying to be the first to earn a berth despite losing a game. The speculation about who could be this year's BCS Buster has been building throughout the season, especially after TCU's win over BYU.

Although the BCS bylaws are complicated, Utah's route to getting there is simple. Stay unbeaten and the Utes, who are No. 8 in the BCS standings, can get the automatic berth. "We control what we can control. Go out and win football games and let the rest take care of itself," quarterback Bryan Johnson said. Utah is expecting Rice-Eccles Stadium to be packed Thursday night, despite a winter storm that hit Salt Lake City and covered the foothills above campus in white. Utah is encouraging fans to wear black and will hand out 35,000 black rally towels.

## TECH

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coach. Texas Tech then settled for stability under Spike Dykes, who won nine games twice in 13 years but mostly went to lower-tier bowls. The exception was the 6-6 season of 1994, when the Red Raiders were trounced 55-14 by USC in the Cotton Bowl after five teams tied for first in the old Southwest Conference. Then came Mike Leach, the quirky coach who loves pirates and reads Winston Churchill. Save

for the dynamic passing offense that seems to break records every year, his resume through eight seasons looked a lot like that of Dykes — solid records, second-tier bowl bids. Until now. The win over the Longhorns snapped a personal five-game losing streak against Texas and was the first for Texas Tech against a No. 1 team in eight tries. Plus, Leach can say he's taken Tech to a bowl game every season, something Dykes didn't do. "Mike is ingenious in what he's doing," Dykes said of a man who had no Division I head coaching

experience when he was hired away from Oklahoma and had never played college football. "He's got a great mind. He's not a run-of-the-mill coach, as a lot of great coaches aren't." A good measure of the current success can be traced to the day Leach persuaded Crabtree to come to Lubbock. He won the Biletnikoff Award that goes to the nation's best receiver last year as a freshman. The winning touchdown against Texas was simply a superior play from a superior player — making the catch, slipping a tackle and tiptoeing along the sideline into the

end zone. "I think maybe the only thing in comparison would be Donny Anderson," said John Scovell, a Texas Tech regent who played alongside the former Green Bay Packers running back in the 1960s. "I really think he put Texas Tech on the map as far as the athletic program." Even if the Red Raiders were on the map, a lot of players couldn't find them. The modest-sized cities of Lubbock and Amarillo are the largest population centers for hundreds of miles, making it a harder sell for athletes from urban areas. Texas Tech also faces com-

petition for recruits, from Texas to Texas A&M to several major out-of-state programs. "Lubbock is a little bit unique because it's not a major metropolitan area," Dykes said. "It's sort of in the eyes of the beholder." The city sure is buzzing right now, though. Fans can't get enough of the slick reprints of the Lubbock newspaper's news and sports front pages from Sunday that chronicled the historic win over Texas. The tent city of Texas Tech students trying to get the best seats went up again Monday after it eventually surrounded the 53,000-seat stadium in the five days leading up to the Texas game. In some circles, talk about Texas Tech football eclipsed discussions leading up to Election Day. Still, it's not like there was never anything to talk about since Leach came to Texas Tech. His quarterbacks have three of the seven 5,000-yard passing seasons in NCAA history. The Red Raiders had the biggest bowl comeback ever two years ago, rallying from 31 points down to beat Minnesota 44-41 in overtime. "Mike Leach has done a tremendous job making all this work," said former Texas Tech center and

linebacker E.J. Holub, another NFL player. "It's just taken time to get things done." With Crabtree's arrival last season and Graham Harrell, a quarterback who understands Leach's offensive attack maybe better than others have, Leach is on the brink of something his city and school have never seen. "When you can get a quarterback and a receiver who are right at the best at their position, then you've created potentially another level," Sloan said. "You have extraordinary people who raise the level of the already good players. The other thing that happens is the team as a whole develops genuine confidence. That's more than confidence." Special seasons also have defining moments. That's what Crabtree provided. "Some of the kids' first perception of Texas Tech could be that Crabtree catch," Scovell said. "Certainly to have a breakout season, the things it does down the line have got incredible reach. It's probably unfair, but so much of the face of a university is athletics." It's a changing face at Texas Tech. "They've got a good sell," said Dykes, "and it's better now than it's ever been."

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Cards Speak for Themselves

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ K Q 10 3  
♥ A 9 7  
♦ A 6 2  
♣ A J 3  
**WEST**  
♠ J 8 6 5  
♥ 5  
♦ J 10 9 4  
♣ 7 6 5 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 2  
♥ J 10 8 6 3 2  
♦ 8 7 3  
♣ K 8 4  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A 9 7 4  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ K Q 5  
♣ Q 10 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 6 NT All Pass  
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.  
One of the indispensable adjuncts of good dummy play is the ability to count out a hand. In many deals, as the play proceeds, a stage is reached when the distribution of each opponent's hand can be established with absolute certainty. This advantage often makes the difference between the success or failure of the contract. The knack of counting out a hand is one that can be easily acquired. The recipe consists of two simple ingredients: the ability to count to 13,

and the will to do so. Take this case where South became declarer at six notrump as shown. He won the opening diamond lead and tried the club finesse, losing to the king. East returned a diamond, and declarer then cashed all his hearts, diamonds and clubs, leaving him with four spades in each hand. He had to win them all to make the contract. When South next led a low spade to dummy's king, West played the eight and East the deuce. Declarer now proceeded on the basis that the eight was either a singleton or would be followed by the jack, but when he cashed the queen of spades and East showed out, the slam went down the drain. West's falsecard was a fine piece of work, but it should not have succeeded. If South had kept track of the play more carefully, he would have known after the ninth trick that East started with six hearts (West had shown out on the second round of that suit), three diamonds and three clubs, and therefore at most one spade. West's clever play of the eight of spades then could not have deceived declarer, and the slam would have come rolling home.

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## News in brief

### Massachusetts scrambling to adapt to marijuana initiative

BOSTON (AP) — After Massachusetts voted to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana, top law enforcement officials are scrambling to figure out what they need to do to put the law into effect — despite their efforts to defeat it at the polls.

Attorney General Martha Coakley, who joined all 11 of the state's district attorneys in opposing the ballot question, said Wednesday she was working to determine exactly what it will require the legal system to do.

"Question 2's passage not only authorizes the decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana, but also establishes a parallel civil regulatory structure that does not currently exist," Coakley said in a written statement. "At this time, we are reviewing all of the implications of the new law and whether further clarification or guidance is needed."

Massachusetts becomes the 12th state in the country to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana. The measure passed Tuesday with 65 percent of voters supporting it and 35 percent opposed.

Under the state constitution, a ballot question approved by voters becomes law 30 days after an election.

The courts have defined the end of an election as the date on which the Governor's Council certifies voting results. That typically happens during the last week of November or the first week of December.

Until the new law takes effect, marijuana possession will still be considered a crime, Coakley warned.

Possession of small amounts of marijuana in the state is now punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a \$500 fine.

Once the new law takes effect, those caught with an ounce or less of pot will face a civil offense punishable by a \$100 fine. They will also have to forfeit the marijuana. Anyone under 18 will also have to give up the drug, but will face a stiffer, \$1,000 fine unless they complete a drug awareness program.

### Gay couples disappointed by California marriage ban

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor George Takei and longtime partner Brad Altman were the first to receive a marriage license in West Hollywood when a court cleared the way for gay marriage earlier this year.

Best known for his role as Mr. Sulu on "Star Trek," Takei on Wednesday was disappointed but philosophical about California voters' decision to yank that right by passing a constitutional amendment restricting marriage to heterosexual couples.

"There are going to be heartbreaks, setbacks and sacrifices to be made," he said, "but we will soldier on."

The passage of Proposition 8 stirred anger, protests, lawsuits and a deep sense of loss among gays in California. At least three legal challenges were filed by Wednesday night and others were being prepared, ban opponents said.

More than 1,000 people took to the streets against the ban in Los Angeles and West Hollywood, blocking traffic. Police said at least four people were detained.

Hundreds also gathered on the steps of San Francisco's City Hall. Some held candles and carried signs that read, "We all deserve the freedom to marry."

It was unclear what would happen to the estimated 18,000 gay and lesbian couples, many from other states, who married after same-sex marriage was legalized in California in June. California will still allow same-sex civil unions, which offer many of the legal trappings of marriage.

On the other side of the issue, supporters of the ban hailed the outcome of the vote.

"Government did not create marriage, and neither politicians nor legislators have the right to redefine its basic meaning," said Brian Brown, executive director of the National Organization for Marriage California.

"Common sense, and concern for the common good, trumped ideology, bigotry and power politics here in California," he said in a statement.

### Rural Arkansas championed foster, adoption ban

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Rural and evangelical voters propelled Arkansas to adopt one of the nation's few bans against unmarried couples becoming foster or adoptive parents.

Championed by religious conservatives and fueled by a pulpit campaign, the ban passed with the endorsement of 56.9 percent of the voters. Major support came from rural counties in southwest Arkansas, where about two-thirds of voters supported the measure.

Only Pulaski County, home to Little Rock, offered a strong 15,000-vote margin opposing the ban. Washington County, home to the University of Arkansas, rejected the ban by a margin of 2,300 votes out of 65,000 cast.

The result came as a surprise to opponents. Gov.

Mike Beebe had opposed the measure, citing a lack of foster homes in the state. Arkansas Families First had launched a series of television advertisements urging voters to reject the ban and a University of Arkansas poll showed 55 percent of the respondents opposed it.

"We were a little bit surprised, certainly by the margins," said Brett Kincaid, campaign director for Arkansas Families First. "We went in thinking we had a very good chance to beat this thing."

Though the measure bans unmarried couples from adopting and fostering children, the Arkansas Family Council portrayed it as a battle against a "gay agenda." The council relied on fliers and church sermons to buoy its cause.

"We went back to our grass-roots organization that we used to get the measure on the ballot in the first place," said Jerry Cox, the council's president. "That group worked very hard to distribute bulletin inserts in their churches and spread the word."

Exit polls conducted for The Associated Press showed the ban passed because of the support of residents who identified themselves as evangelical or born-again Christians.

Arkansas joins Utah, home to a large, conservative Mormon population, as the only states with bans against unmarried couples fostering or adopting children. Mississippi bans gay couples, but not single gays, from adopting children. Florida is the only state to completely ban gay adoption.

### Tropical Storm Paloma forms; may become hurricane

MIAMI (AP) — Forecasters say Tropical Storm Paloma off the coast of Nicaragua has winds reaching 45 mph and could strengthen into a hurricane by Friday.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami shows the storm could make landfall over Cuba as a hurricane.

The track shows it could weaken and continue toward the Bahamas. A tropical storm watch has been issued for parts of Honduras and Nicaragua, and several inches of rain are expected in those countries.

Forecasters say the storm is centered about 75 miles east-northeast of Cabo Gracias a Dios on the Nicaragua-Honduras border and may also hit the Cayman Islands.

Paloma is moving toward the north-northwest at about 7 mph.

It is expected to gradually turn toward the north, then to the northeast toward Cuba.

### Speculation swirls about Obama appointments; Emanuel new chief of staff

WASHINGTON (AP) — While President-elect Barack Obama enjoyed a few days with his family after a hard-fought election, speculation swirled in the nation's capital around potential administration appointees.

Obama pivoted quickly to begin filling out his team on Wednesday, selecting hard-charging Illinois Rep. Rahm Emanuel as White House chief of staff while aides stepped up the pace of transition work that had been cloaked in pre-election secrecy.

Several Democrats confirmed that Emanuel had been offered the job.

While it was not clear he had accepted, a rejection would amount to an unlikely public snub of the new president-elect within hours of an electoral college landslide.

Obama he has promised to hold a news conference later in the week.

As president-elect, he begins receiving highly classified briefings from top intelligence officials Thursday.

In offering the post of White House chief of staff to Emanuel, Obama turned to a fellow Chicago politician with a far different style from his own, a man known for his bluntness as well as his single-minded determination.

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# Odd moments on Obama campaign trail

By **CHRISTOPHER WILLS**  
Associated Press Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — It wasn't so long ago that Barack Obama himself considered the idea of a President Obama to be "hooley."

Four years later, he's headed for the White House, after a campaign that had more than its share of bizarre twists, unexpected controversies and the occasional stroke of bad luck.

A look back at some key moments:

## HERE'S LOOKING AT YOUTUBE

The Illinois senator's presidential campaign showed how it gained pop culture status when it inspired the "Obama Girl" video that became a hit on YouTube.

Millions of people watched a busty woman in a tight Obama T-shirt lip-synch such lyrics as "You're into border security, let's break this border between you and me."

Then another video came along to give Obama a different kind of boost. William of the Black Eyed Peas set an Obama speech to music and invited a red-carpetful of celebrities to sing along.

There was Scarlett Johansson purring, "We want change," and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar talking about blazing "a trail toward freedom." John Legend, Kate Walsh and Herbie Hancock declared, "Yes, we can."

Everything looked good for Obama, but then came a Clinton moment that shook things up. Her campaign mask seemed to crack briefly.

Asked by a sympathetic voter how she kept going in the grueling campaign, Clinton replied, "It's not easy. It's not easy." Tears welled in her eyes, and her voice grew hoarse.

It would be silly to think Clinton won New Hampshire solely because of that moment, but there's no doubt it helped.

## 'BITTER' REGRETS

Obama's worst gaffe of the campaign was his statement that some voters in depressed rural areas "get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them."

He made the comment at a private fundraiser. It went public thanks to a blogger with a tape recorder who was present. Once it was out, the remark reverberated across the country.

For many, it confirmed their beliefs that Obama didn't share their values, that he didn't understand their concerns and looked down on them.

Obama has called it his "biggest bonehead move." He said he was trying to say that those voters have a right to be frustrated because Democrats haven't addressed their cultural concerns.

Other Obama gaffes: saying he'd visited 57 states, brushing aside a female reporter by saying, "Hold on one second, sweetie," and complaining to an Iowa crowd about the cost of arugula at Whole Foods, even though Iowa doesn't have a Whole Foods store and arugula doesn't exactly make him sound down-to-earth.

## PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

Obama endured repeated questions about his patriotism. He's the son of an African man, sports a strange name and spent part of his childhood in Muslim Indonesia. Could he truly be a red-white-and-blue American?

Critics found lots of reasons to say no.

They produced a picture of him without his hand over his heart during the national anthem and claimed that he had refused to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

They accused him of dising the Stars and Stripes by refusing to wear a flag pin on his lapel — ignoring the fact that he did wear such pins occasionally and that other politicians often didn't wear one.

And they leaped on his wife's statement that, "For the first time in my adult life, I am really proud of my country."

Michelle Obama wound up explaining that she has always been proud of America and that her comment was about pride in the political process. Barack Obama began wearing a flag pin.

## Odds and ends

### Alaska man says he accidentally stole a car

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — A motorist confronted by a state trooper said he was stunned when the officer told him the car had been stolen.

Charles J. Schultz explained that he was driving his Chevy Cavalier and everything was fine. That's when the trooper informed Schultz that he was actually behind the wheel of a Ford Escort.

Police charged Schultz with auto theft, felony driving under the influence and misdemeanor drugs misconduct. Police said the 27-year-old's blood-alcohol content was .166, more than twice the legal limit.

Schultz swore he had no memory

of taking the wrong vehicle outside the club.

### Baby Obama born in South Florida

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Barack Obama may have a "funny name," as he once said — but it might just catch on among the nation's newborns.

A Florida couple became among the country's first to bestow it on their child, even before most had declared the Illinois senator the president-elect.

Sanjae Obama Fisher was born at 8 p.m. EST at Hollywood's Memorial Regional Hospital to Patrick and Sasha Hall Fisher.

A hospital spokeswoman says it

was the father's idea. But mom still got to watch the election, after 14 hours at the hospital.


### Bacon wins over Fries in tasty Colorado race

LOVELAND, Colo. (AP) — There was a tasty race for Colorado senate when voters got to choose between Bacon and Fries.

In the end, Bacon won.

Democrat incumbent Bob Bacon defeated Republican challenger Matt Fries on Tuesday 63 percent to 37 percent to represent the district that encompasses most of Larimer County in northern Colorado.

"I am so pleased that the voters appreciate the work that I have done," Bacon said



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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NUMBER 8461

APPLICATION WTG Gas Processing, L.P. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 8461, which would authorize continued operation of the East Vealmoor Gas Processing Facility located 16 miles north of Cohoma on Texas FM 846 in Howard County, Texas. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, organic compounds, carbon monoxide and particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 3, 2008. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Public Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: changes in emission factors. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process. After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act §

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon transiting from Pisces to Aries signifies a new chapter in your emotional life. It's a small, subtle and gentle change from the last lunar cycle to this one, but it's a change, nonetheless. Anyway, the most profound changes occur with similar consistency over time, like the tide on the beach wearing down the rocks into fine sand.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your curiosity is piqued. There are just as many interesting subjects around you as there were yesterday, but because your mind is so open, it's a whole new, fascinating world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As far as you're concerned, you're engaged in the passionate pursuit of your goals and ideals.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Although to others you might look a lot like a person sitting on a couch. They just don't know what's going on inside your head!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're the maker of your own rules and not someone who can be bossed around. Although, that might not stop someone from trying now. It's just that you're so attractive, everyone wants to get into your business.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in the mood to add some glitz and glamour to your scene. You love your old friends, though you might dip your toe into a different social arena to see what it's like. Right now you're widely accepted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your sense of humor is strong and you'll be giggling away at things that others don't seem to find the least bit funny. And it doesn't help for you to point out why you think it's hilarious, either. Enjoy yourself and pay them no mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's difficult to get away from business, even if you're not working today. While you're cleaning up around the house or visiting with family, ideas pop into your head that just might solve everything.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one is saying what they mean exactly, but that's fine by you. You know anyway, no words necessary. You're an expert at reading micro-gestures and taking every expression in context.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you feel pressured to make a big decision it is because someone stands to gain more from your answer than you do. Stall. Take a step back to see what's at stake. There's no need to be impulsive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You like to have a lot of space to roam, though you do realize that can seem threatening to a partner. You're willing to give a loved one plenty of freedom in hopes that this person will respond in reciprocity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The thing you want is not within your grasp, not at all. It's miles and leaps and bounds away, and that doesn't bother you in the least. In fact it makes the goal more desirable. You burn with ambition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You get a full

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

Big Spring Independent School District has contracted with Spring City Auction to sell the district's surplus property. The district's surplus property is sold at the following location throughout the year:

Spring City Auction 501 Birdwell Lane, Unit #1 Big Spring, TX 79720 You may check with Spring City Auction for the designated auction dates and times. #5651 February 5, May 6, August 7 and November 6, 2008

Request for Proposals

The Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) is requesting qualifications from membrane treatment equipment manufacturers for the delivery and support of membrane pilot units. Data from the pilot units will be utilized by the District and its consultant to design the Big Spring Water Reclamation Plant to be located west of the City of Big Spring Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Information regarding the packet containing pre-qualification requirements and membrane pilot testing protocol may be obtained without charge at the District's office located at 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, TX 79721. Proposals must be delivered to 400 East 24th Street/ P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, TX 79721, no later than 3:00 PM, on December 4, 2008. For questions or additional information please contact Chris Wingert, P.E. (CRMWD) via e-mail at cwingert@crmw.org or (432)267-6341 ext 303; or contact Ignacio Cadena, P.E. (Freese and Nichols, Inc.) at (817)735-7283 or via e-mail at ica@freese.com #5974 November 6, 13 & 20, 2008

range of emotion in a 48-hour period. There are moments that are electric and exciting juxtaposed by times when nothing at all is going on. Everything balances perfectly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Are relationships meant to change you deeply, or are they better when they accept you for who you are? It turns out that both dynamics are occurring for you. Love and acceptance are your catalysts for improvements.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Are you willing to go to the ends of the earth for your love? Don't bluff now, because you just may be asked to do so. Venus and Pluto are up to something profound in Sagittarius, the sign of adventure. The conjunction of these two cosmic heavy-hitters brings up the subject of soul mates and destiny. It feels like love is chosen for you by the fates, and you are merely a follower of their design. You may be inspired to sing a song to your object of desire like a wandering troubadour in days of yore, or make grand, risky or expensive romantic gestures for your one and only. And speaking of one and only, you may find yourself wondering if your love and you are made for one another, and therefore meant to be entwined forever and ever. The nature of romance will not be solved for anyone during this conjunction, which lasts from Nov. 9-14. However, hold tight because soon these questions will no longer seem pertinent. You love whom you love for the time that you love them, and that is a beautiful part of your development, end of story.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: With his sun and Mercury in private Scorpio, it couldn't have been easy for Nick Lachey to live with camera crews filming his every move as a "Newlywed" to Jessica Simpson. But Scorpio has also had a knack for keeping a sacred inner world, even while living in the public eye. Lachey's subsequent divorce and rise to success with a solo career is evidence of Scorpio powers of transformation.

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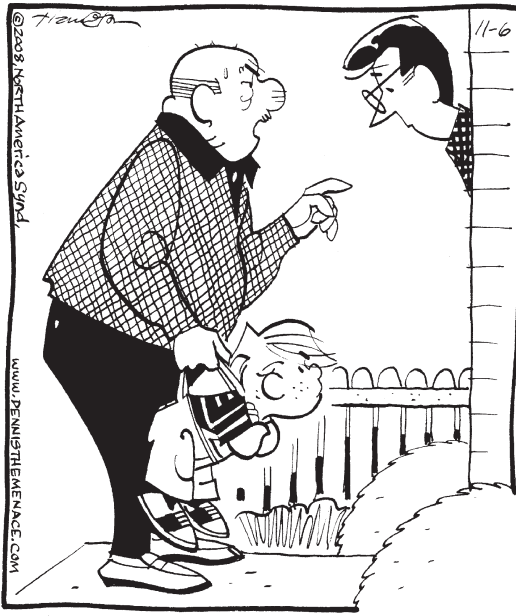
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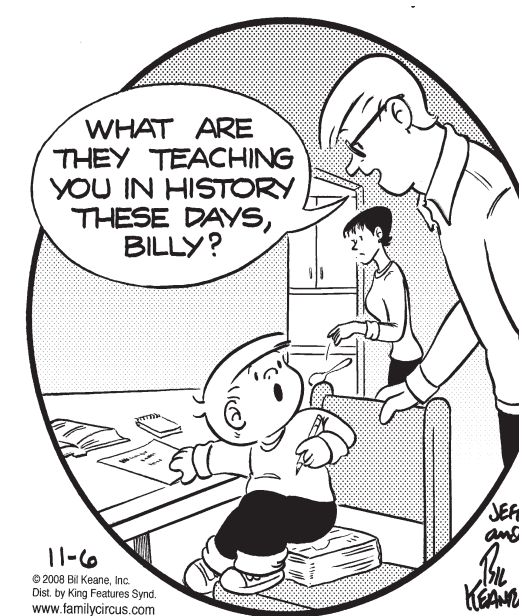
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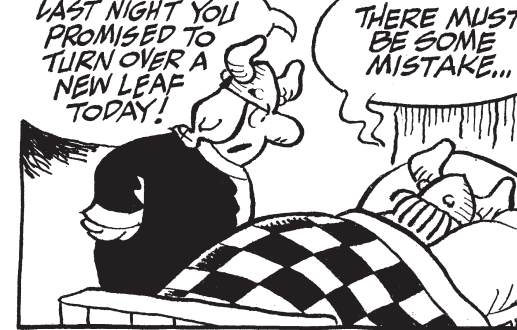
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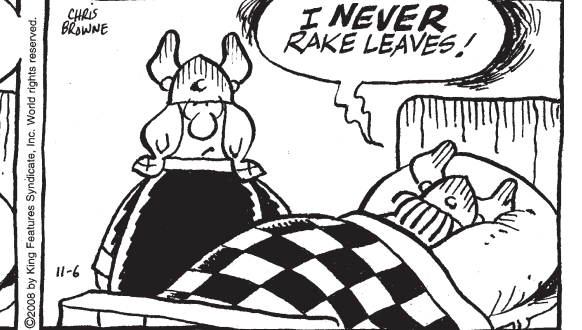


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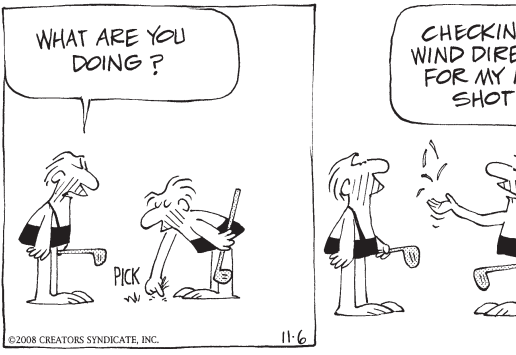
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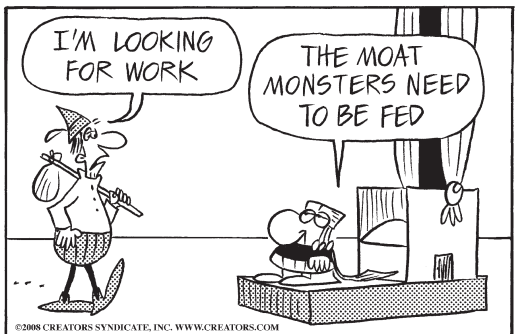
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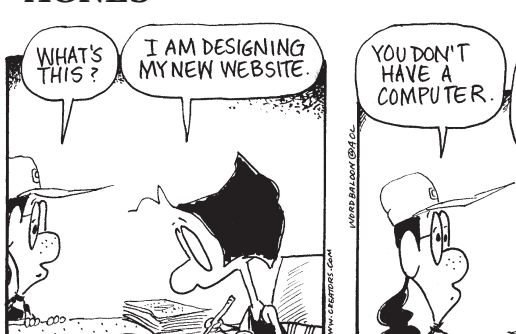
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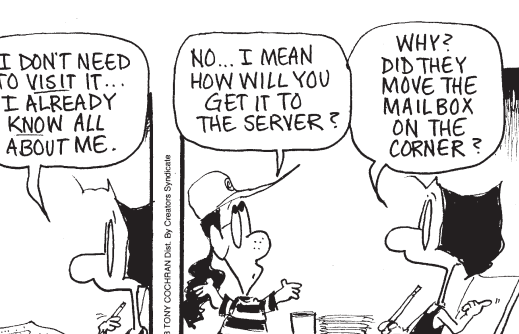
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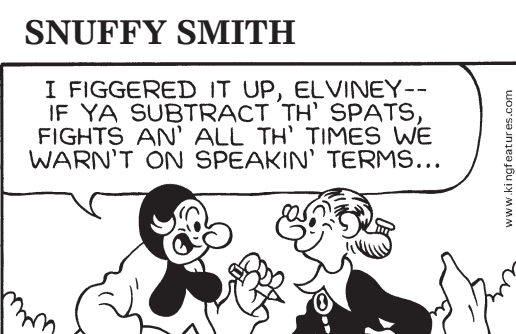
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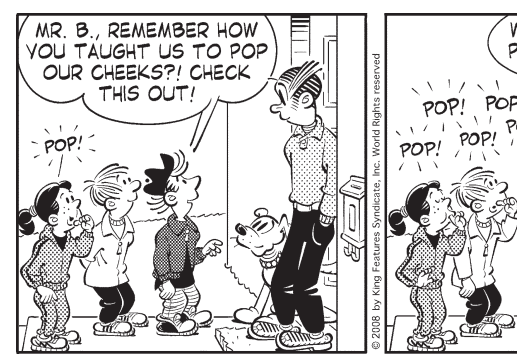
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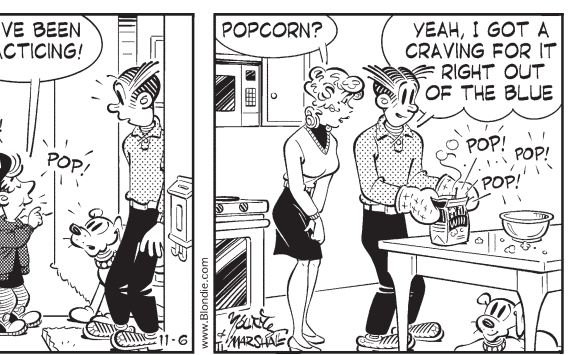
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 6, the 311th day of 2008. There are 55 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 6, 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln defeated three other candidates for the presidency: John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.

On this date:

In 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was elected to a six-year term of office.

In 1888, Benjamin Harrison won the presidential election, defeating incumbent Grover Cleveland with enough electoral votes, even though Cleveland led in the popular vote.

In 1893, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg, Russia, at age 53.

In 1900, President McKinley was re-elected, beating Democrat William Jennings Bryan.

In 1906, Republican Charles Evans Hughes was elected governor of New York, defeating newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Herbert Hoover's election victory over Democrat Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric wrap-around sign on the New York Times building.

In 1944, British official Lord Moyne was assassinated in Cairo, Egypt, by members of the Zionist Stern gang.

In 1956, President Eisenhower won re-election, defeating Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson.

In 1976, Benjamin L. Hooks was chosen to be the new executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, succeeding Roy Wilkins.

In 1977, 39 people were killed when an earthen dam burst, sending a wall of water through Toccoa Falls College in Georgia.

One year ago: 2007 became the deadliest year for U.S. troops in Iraq, with at least 853 military deaths. Six lawmakers were killed by a suicide bomber in northern Afghanistan during a visit to a sugar factory; 61 students also died as a result of the bombing and shots fired by guards.

Today's Birthdays: Director Mike Nichols is 77. Country singer Stonewall Jackson is 76. Singer Eugene Pitt (The Jive Five) is 71. Singer P.J. Proby is 70. Country singer Guy Clark is 67. Actress Sally Field is 62. Pop singer-musician Glenn Frey (The Eagles) is 60. Singer Rory Block is 59. Jazz musician Arturo Sandoval is 59. TV host Catherine Crier is 54. California's first lady, broadcast journalist Maria Shriver, is 53. Actress Lori Singer is 51. Actor Lance Kerwin is 48. Rock musician Paul Brindley (The Sundays) is 45. Rock singer Corey Glover is 44. Actor Peter DeLuise is 42. Actress Kelly Rutherford is 40. Actor Ethan Hawke is 38. Actress Thandie Newton is 36. Actress Zoe McLellan is 34. Actress Nicole Dubuc is 30. Actress Mercedes Kastner is 19.

Thought for Today: "No one is so eager to gain new experience as he who doesn't know how to make use of the old ones." -Ai Marie Ebner von Eschenbach, Austrian writer (1830-1916).

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Distorts
- Actress Merrill
- Implement
- Arcade name
- On \_\_\_ with (equal to)
- Inventor's middle name
- Tart sweets
- Poems of devotion
- "Texas Troubadour" of country music
- Verily
- Tree-ring meas.
- Combines
- Go Fish request
- Texas/Oklahoma border city
- Orlando author
- Dastardly doings
- Quebecker's color
- Japanese sash
- Celestial event
- Poetic time
- Dudley Do-Right's girlfriend
- David Copperfield character
- Family of lawmen
- Sites for strainers
- Fictional Hawkins
- Off-kilter
- Boxy vehicle
- Chalk-dust collector
- Director Kazan

DOWN

- Cartoonist Kelly
- Went wild for
- Stallone role
- Annual Aloha Stadium game
- Theological topic
- "Nuts!"
- Audiophile's accessory
- Mane area
- Powder rooms?
- Eastern ideal of '57
- Disney film
- Ignore the alarm
- Glaswegian gal
- Half of CD
- "What's the \_\_\_?"
- Period of effectiveness
- Apprehend
- Troy abductee
- Campus climbers
- Hedren of Marrie
- Solar-system centers
- Policy expert
- Gesture of reverence
- Ship of fuels
- Upbeat
- Comic-book shrieks
- PC display
- Was hospitable to
- Step on it
- Kind of cop
- Slur over
- Parking-ticket holder
- Like Narcissus
- Fabled ship
- Fly off the shelves
- New Age vocalist
- Mgr.'s helper
- Go on to say
- Okay, in Osaka

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ALSO	HEFTY	HILO
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BRIO	OTIS	VETO
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