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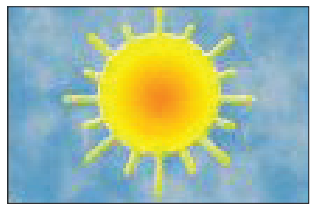


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Never forgotten

POW/MIA flag flies over courthouse memorial

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Features Writer

A neglected memorial dedicated to U.S. veterans of armed conflicts from World War I to Korea gained a little attention this morning.

More than 30 people gathered at the east side of the Howard County Courthouse by the memorial for a sunrise ceremony commemorating Veteran's Day.

And for the first time, according to event organizer Kenneth "Stretch" Dunn,

the official POW/MIA flag — prisoner of war/missing in action — was raised over the memorial to fly in the light, West Texas breeze.

"Long may it fly, long may it wave that we will all remember those who served, those who didn't make it back and those who made the ultimate sacrifice," Dunn said.

Vietnam veterans Mike Tarpley, who served in the U.S. Army, and John Pil-

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
U.S. Marine Corps veteran John Pilgram hoists the POW/MIA flag above the Veterans Memorial at the Howard County Courthouse this morning. The event was one of several Veterans Day activities going on in the area today.

Court OKs cameras for patrol cars

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners approved a pair of new vehicles for the sheriff's department Monday after Sheriff-elect Stan Parker informed the court video recording devices in at least two cruisers aren't operational, falling short of federal requirements.



Parker

Parker asked commissioners to allow for the addition of digital video camera systems in the pair of patrol vehicles the court had already planned to purchase, which would cost approximately \$6,000 per vehicle.

"Some of the equipment has become obsolete, so we'd like to start looking at replacing some of these items along with the vehicles," said Parker. "The biggest cost on this is the camera system, which are about \$6,000 each. The video systems they are currently using use the VHS

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Longterm care residents aided by Silver Bells project

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

For most of us, Christmas is a time of joy, giving and receiving gifts, experiencing bright colors, wonderful music, celebrating the birth of Christ and spending time with family and friends.

But for some people, Christmas can be a lonely time, when gifts are few, with little opportunity of taking part in the activities most of us take for granted.

"Sometimes family members live in other states. Sometimes they are estranged from their fam-

ily. Sometimes they have no family," said Cindy Oglesby, managing local ombudsman of the Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

"Some 3,000 residents living in the Permian Basin long term care facilities spend the holidays alone and feel forgotten," she added.

As an ombudsman or ad-

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Oglesby

Overdue library books equal theft

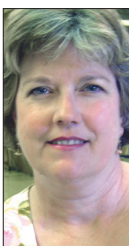
By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Area residents with overdue books from the Howard County Library could find themselves in hot water, as library officials say they may begin treating them as thefts as early as December.

County Librarian Hollis McCright told county commissioners Monday morning unreturned items — rang-

ing from books to DVDs — could be treated as a Class C misdemeanor.

"We're looking at doing that this year, probably starting Dec. 1," said McCright. "We'll be using those letters to let them know if you don't bring your stuff back, we're going to go to court and file



McCright

theft charges, because that's what it is. If they don't return it, they are denying services to the people who want to check that book out."

McCright said she's discussed the matter with County Attorney Mike Thomas, and is preparing to take the matter to the city courts as well.

"Our fines are 25 cents per day for

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Hangar 25 memberships

Hangar 25 Air Museum is offering 10 percent off during its annual membership drive. The special offer runs until Jan. 1. The museum highlights Big Spring's role in aviation, honors veterans and holds various activities — many of them youth-related.

One-year memberships, with the 10 percent discount, are student, \$13.50; individual, \$27; family, \$54; sponsor, \$90; supporting, \$225; patron, \$450; and founder, \$900. Checks or money orders may be made to Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Drive, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 264-1999.

Health center meeting

Officials with the Howard County Indigent Care office will hold a community luncheon Wednesday at noon in the county library to introduce the new County Health Center project.

Officials will be on hand to discuss plans for the facility, while Irene Dominguez, director of indigent health services for the county, is expected to announce the newly hired project director. For more information, call 264-2219. Once open, the health center will provide basic health care services to county residents, regardless of their ability to pay, according to Dominguez.

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Lady Buffs return solid core

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — Forsan's Lady Buffs return to the hardwood tonight as the 2008 season gets under way in Colorado City with a 6:30 p.m. tip off.

Once again calling the shots is Head Coach Robert Hillger who is entering his fourth season with Forsan. Hillger said he is excited about the new season and has high expectations for this year's team.

"I expect us to compete very well in our district," said Hillger. "If we can stay healthy we should be able to do some good things. We have

eight kids returning and expect to have some solid play from a few that are moving up from junior varsity."

The Lady Buffs will play in District 7-A this year, chasing the title against McCamey, Stanton and Iraan.

McCamey took the bi-district championship last year and Hillger says they are the early favorite.

Forsan has not made the playoffs since the 2006 season when the Lady Buffs lost to Wink, 53-35, in the first round of the playoffs. However, with the nucleus of last years squad returning, experience could be a big factor in the team's success in 2008.

Leading the team are seniors Tori Gauer, Faith Belew, Sandi Golleher, Shelby McDonald, Tessa Kandrick and Charlene Stanley. They are joined by juniors Amanda Longorio, Brittany Roemer, Kesley Jones and Shelby Jones. Miranda Park is the only returning sophomore on the squad.

Longorio led the team with 14 points and nine rebounds a game last season. Gauer averaged six points and three steals, while Golleher also had six points and six boards a game.

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HERALD file photo/Jonathan Hull

Forsan guard Miranda Park fights for a ball in action from Feb. 12. Park and the Lady Buffs start the 2008-2009 basketball season in Colorado City tonight.

Leaving Lubbock?

Leach isn't interested in taking other jobs

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Mike Leach's success this year at unbeaten No. 2 Texas Tech will probably bring offers from bigtime programs on the lookout for new coaches.

Leach said Monday he isn't paying "any attention" to his name being tossed around midseason for jobs like Washington or Tennessee.

"Playing OU is enough of a handful without worrying about any of that," the coach said about the Red Raiders' showdown with No. 5 Oklahoma for the Big 12 South title Nov. 22.

Texas Tech, which hasn't beaten Texas and Oklahoma in the same season under Leach, remained at No. 2 in the rankings for a second week and the Red Raiders are one of five unbeaten teams in the country.

The ranking is the highest ever for the program. The Red Raiders winning streak is 12 straight, best in the nation and in school history. Texas Tech is 10-0 for the first time since 1938.

Leach has two years remaining on a five-year contract and is making \$1.75 million this season.

His boss, athletic director Gerald Myers, declined to comment Monday about Leach's contract other than to say discussions about an extension will wait until after the season.

If Texas Tech plays its way into the national championship game those discussions would be in January

Most coaches don't go below four or five years remaining on their contracts before they get an extension.

Next season Leach will receive \$1.85 million with a \$800,000 bonus if he finishes the 2009 season; the contract's final year ups his pay to \$2.15 million with a \$200,000 bonus if he completes the 2010 season.

If he stays at Texas Tech, that is.

Leach's name has surfaced for openings in recent years at places like Arkansas and UCLA but he stayed put. Now, officials at Tennessee and Washington could come calling.

Phillip Fulmer is being forced out after 17 years as Tennessee's coach, a run that included a national championship and a 150-51 record with the Vols. Tyrone Willingham, who was fired late

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Bulldogettes tip off tonight



HERALD file photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma Bulldogettes guard Shelbi Paige looks the pass in action from Feb. 1. The Bulldogettes begin the 2008-2009 basketball season tonight with a road game at Christoval.

Texans stung by worst loss of season

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans were so bad in an embarrassing 41-13 loss to Baltimore that fans flooded local talk radio shows Monday morning calling for coach Gary Kubiak to be fired.

This was supposed to be the year for the Texans to contend for a playoff spot. Instead they look headed for another dreadful finish and high draft pick.

The Texans are 3-6 and two of their wins came against

teams that were winless at the time. Things won't get any easier, with four of their last seven games coming against teams that made last year's playoffs.

Kubiak led the team to a 6-10 record in his first season and Houston was 8-8 last year. Simply matching the record from year one might be a stretch with the schedule ahead, which includes Indianapolis, Tennessee and Chicago.

Sunday's 28-point loss was Houston's worst defeat since a

40-7 loss to the Patriots in its 2-14 season of 2006. The Texans set a season-high with 10 penalties for 76 yards and their four turnovers are tied for tops this season.

The 10 penalties were double their previous season-high. The Ravens got five first downs from penalties alone.

Quarterback Sage Rosenfels has six interceptions and a pair of lost fumbles in 2½ games. He's Houston's quarterback for at least the next two to three weeks while Matt Schaub recovers from a knee

injury.

Kubiak took much of the blame for the loss in his post game comments, but receiver Andre Johnson said the players have to be responsible for their mistakes.

"They can't go out and play the game for us," Johnson said of the coaches. "We have to go out there and play the game. All they do is call the plays, so you can't really sit here and say it was his (Kubiak's) fault. It's not his fault at all."

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No margin of error

Cowboys can reach goals, but can't make mistakes

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys can't win as many games as they did last year. They probably won't repeat as division champs, either.

Yet coach Wade Phillips reminded the Cowboys on Monday they can still accomplish the rest of their goals, even the really big one.

All their 5-4 start has really cost them is a margin of error.

The Cowboys go to Washington on Sunday night knowing they'll almost certainly make the playoffs if they win their final seven games, probably even if they go 6-1. But they can't lose many more than that, and they'd really make things tough on themselves by losing to teams like the Redskins, who are ahead of them in the division and conference.

"You got to get on a run in this league," Phillips said. "We were able to last year. This year, we started out on a run then didn't keep it going. But we've got a chance to come back and win some games."

The roster is virtually the same as the one widely picked to win the NFC, then started 3-0. So the real question is whether Dallas can get back to that level after a 2-4 skid. It sure helps that Tony Romo and other important injured players are coming back and that they had a bye last week, which gave them time to clear their heads and fix their mistakes.

"There's a clean slate," tight end Jason Witten said. "Really, that's the way you have to look at it."

The Cowboys were 8-1 this time last year, on their way to being an NFC-best 13-3 and the conference's

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Sports in brief

Crossroads high school football playoffs schedule Friday

Class A, Division I bi-district
Stanton vs. Van Horn, 7:30 p.m., Pecos
Six-man Division I bi-district
Garden City vs. Ira, 7:30 p.m., Lenora
Six-man Division II bi-district
Sands vs. Dawson, 7:30 p.m., Lamesa

Saturday
Class 4A, Division II bi-district
Big Spring vs. Canyon, 5 p.m., Wolfforth

Big Spring playoff T-shirt orders need to be made by Wednesday

Anyone interested in buying Big Spring Steers football T-shirts acknowledging the Steers entrance into the 2008 state playoffs needs to place an order with Denise Carillo by 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Cost is \$15 for short sleeve and \$17 for long sleeve. Available sizes range from youth medium to adult 4XL. Contact Denise by calling 816-1685.

Steers playoff tickets available at ATC Thursday and Friday

Tickets for the Big Spring Steers' playoff game Saturday in Wolfforth can be purchased beforehand at the Athletic Training Center Thursday and Friday.

Student tickets are \$2 and adults are \$7. All tickets sold at the gate cost \$7.

Big Spring is the home team for the game so all fans should sit on the side of Tiger Stadium with the bigger press box.

Registration for Big Spring Youth Basketball have begun

The YMCA has begun accepting sign-ups for the Big

Spring Youth Basketball League for boys and girls through Dec. 1.

Divisions of play include separate boys and girls teams in grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

Games are scheduled to begin Jan. 10. Practices begin the week of Dec. 8.

A coaches meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2. Teams will be formed following this meeting.

The registration fee is \$50 and includes a reversible mesh jersey, injury assistance and a participation award at the end of the season.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Chicano Golf Association holding meeting Monday

Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is holding a meeting to elect new officers for 2009 at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Montelongo's Body Shop.

Obituaries

Larry E. Huff

Larry Eugene Huff, 51, of St. Joseph, Mo., died Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008.

Larry was born April 7, 1957, in Cameron, Mo.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Verna Noggler, and a sister, Betty Lou Huff.

Survivors include five brothers, Vernon and Billy Joe Huff of St. Joseph; Mike (Karen) Huff of Dallas, Dennis Noggler and Daniel (Stacey) Noggler of Big Spring; and two sisters, Sherl Harden of Sugar Creek, Mo., and Ann Marie (Wayne) Sample of Dearborn, Mo.

Services will be held Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008, at 11 a.m. at Poland-Thompson Chapel in Cameron, Mo.

Burial will follow at Wamsley Cemetery in Cameron, Mo.

Online condolences may be left at: www.polandthompson.com

Rick Sanford

Rick Sanford, 53, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 10, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Private family services will be at a later date.

He was born July 7, 1955, in Loraine to Flora and Franklin Sanford. He grew up in Loraine and spent most of his life in Fort Worth. He was a carpenter.

He is survived by one daughter, Jessica Payen of Colorado City; one son, Jason Sanford of Colorado City; four grandchildren; and 10 brothers and sisters.

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

Police blotter

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

- THOMAS DEL BOLTON, 26, of 114 Colorado St., was arrested Monday on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid.

- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, of 423 Westover Road, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

- THEFT was reported: in the 600 block of Sixth Street.

- in the 200 block of 12th Street.

- in the 200 block of FM 700.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 400 block of Hillside.

- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson.

- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 900 block of Fourth Street.

Take Note

- The Department of Health will be giving flu shots from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Wednesday. Cost is \$10 unless you have Medicaid or Medicare. The Health Department is located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B. If you have questions, call 263-9775.

- AARP Drivers Safety Program offers "one very good deal" this month for its safety-conscious members. Members can bring a friend or spouse to a drivers safety classroom course for \$10. By bringing someone with them to the classes, both can attend for \$10. Both class attendees will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the course. The course will be held Friday, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Ave. Call 267-1628 to register.

- 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. 11th Place. For information, call Accolade Home Care in Big Spring at 264-1164.

- 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.

- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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.

- 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.

CHANGING DATES

- The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- For dates and times, contact Ramona Blessingane at 263-9748.

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.

- Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

- The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073.






- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

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

- The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

Your Local Weather

Wed 11/12	Thu 11/13	Fri 11/14	Sat 11/15	Sun 11/16
 74/44	 79/48	 72/42	 57/34	 65/39
Mainly sunny. High 74F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- 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.

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

- 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.

- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.

- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.

- 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.

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SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

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

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. 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.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-17-25-28. Bonus Ball: 26.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-7-15-24.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-0-6. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-1-3. Sum it Up: 4.

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Warner rallies Cardinals past 49ers



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Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner acknowledges the crowd as he leaves the field after an NFL game against the San Francisco 49ers Monday in Glendale, Ariz. The Cardinals won 29-24.

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals accomplished something they hadn't done since the team moved to the desert 20 years ago.

They won on Monday night. So what if it was a struggle down to the wire? This victory felt just fine to a franchise that has had oh-so-little to cheer about for decades.

Kurt Warner's ageless arm and an improbable goal-line stand at the finish saved the Cardinals from an ugly loss on a national stage.

The Cardinals stopped Michael Robinson up the middle from the 2-yard line as the game ended to preserve a 29-24 victory over San Francisco.

"That was definitely one of the most frustrating losses I can remember in my 15 or 16 years playing football," 49ers center Eric Heitmann said.

The Arizona players were just as stunned as about every 49ers fan that Frank Gore didn't get the ball for that last carry.

"I told Frank after the game, he's their best player," Arizona defensive back Adrian Wilson said. "In that situation, you've got to demand the ball. To have him as a wideout, to me, that's not their best play."

San Francisco interim coach Mike Singletary said the play was called by offensive coordinator Mike Martz.

"I think Coach Martz felt that there would be a cavity inside, so he made the call," Singletary said. "So you've got to live with the result."

Who made the game-saving tackle?

"We all did," defensive tackle Darnell Dockett said.

Singletary said his team could have "done a heck of a lot better job" managing the final seconds.

Warner finished 32-of-42 for 328 yards and three touchdowns without an interception in Arizona's sixth consecutive home victory, fourth this season.

The NFC West-leading Cardinals (6-3) never led until Karlos Dansby's 34-yard interception return set up Warner's 5-yard TD pass to Anquan Boldin with 4:16 to play.

San Francisco (2-7) had two chances after that.

The first ended on Wilson's diving interception of Shaun Hill's pass. The second was much more nerve-racking for the home team and exasperating for the 49ers, who lost their sixth in a row.

Hill's 14-yard pass to Jason Hill moved it to the Arizona 1. With the last few seconds ticking off, Gore was pushed by a defensive player as he ran around left end, then stumbled to the ground just outside the 2.

After officials reviewed the play to make sure Gore was down by contact, the 49ers handed off to the fullback Robinson, who was stuffed nowhere near the goal line.

Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt stressed the positives, including the goal-line stand.

"We found a way to win a tough game, which is something you have to do," he said.

The Cardinals won on Monday night for the first time in six tries since they moved to the desert and opened a four-game lead in the NFC West. The other three teams in the division — San Francisco, Seattle and St. Louis — are all 2-7.

Allen Rossum returned the opening kickoff 104 yards for a touchdown and the 49ers never trailed until Arizona's late score.

Shaun Hill, replacing the benched J.T. O'Sullivan for his

third career start in seven NFL seasons, threw for two touchdowns in the first half but lost a fumble and threw two interceptions in the second. He finished 19-of-40 for 217 yards.

Rossum, who left the Seattle game two weeks ago with a hamstring injury, showed no ill effects on the opening kickoff. He caught the ball four yards deep in the end zone, then ran upfield and darted to his left, going untouched yards for a touchdown.

It was his fifth career kickoff return for a score and was just one yard short of the team record.

Tight end Vernon Davis, sent to the locker room by interim coach Mike Singletary's two weeks ago during a loss to Seattle, caught an 18-yard pass over the back of Wilson for a touchdown with 29 seconds left in the half to give San Francisco a 21-13 lead.

The 49ers had gone ahead 14-3 on Josh Morgan's juggling catch of Hill's 31-yard touchdown pass with 14:13 left in the half.

That's when Arizona's vaunted offense finally got in gear. Warner's 46-yard pass — at least 50 yards in the air — to Steve Breaston set up a 13-yard TD pass to Boldin that cut the lead to 14-10. Neil Rackers' second field goal of the half, from 33 yards, made it 14-13.

But the 49ers went 77 yards in 14 plays for their final first-half touchdown. The crucial play came on third-and-11 from the San Francisco 22 when Shaun Hill kept the ball, had his helmet ripped off but still got the final two yards of a 12-yard gain for the first down.

Notes: For the first time this season, the roof at University of Phoenix Stadium was open. ... Aeneas Williams was added to the Cardinals Ring of Honor at halftime.

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Kubiak bristled at questions concerning his players taking up for him amid outside criticism.

"I'm not concerned about that," he said. "I'm concerned about how we play. My job is to get them in a better position to play better and do a better job on the football field. We didn't do that (Sunday) and that starts with me. So our concern will be strictly on our football."

Cornerback Dunta Robinson was upset when told fans want Kubiak fired.

"Kubiak wants to win and he wants to win bad," Robinson said. "Kubiak is doing his job. Maybe you ought to look at some things around him, but you can't look at him. There's not a player in this locker room that doesn't want to win for Kubiak, including myself. We just have to figure out a way to get that done. Maybe it starts with us, maybe it starts somewhere else. But we have to get it done."

His endorsement of defensive coordinator Richard Smith wasn't as

passionate. When told Smith was also taking heat and asked if he felt for him, Robinson shrugged his shoulders and said: "It is what it is. As players, we're going to go back and we're going to go out and work hard and practice hard and get the job done."

Robinson called Sunday's performance disappointing and embarrassing. He said some things he saw when watching game film were shocking.

"Just all the mental errors we had and guys not being able to line up right," he said. "You have to wonder why that is. And it happened the whole game. It happened with smart players. It happened with players who have been in this league a long time."

Despite the recent problems, Kubiak remains optimistic about this season.

"I think we're all struggling right now (but) to say that you lose confidence, I don't know about that," he said. "I can only speak for myself, but I've been doing this long enough that I've had plenty of disappointing days. You learn to battle through things."

district and make a solid run to return to the post-season.

After tonight's game with the Lady Wolves, the Lady Buffs host Rankin at Buffalo Gym at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

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Hillger said with his main core of starters all back this season he expects to make a splash in the

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last month after the Huskies lost their ninth consecutive game, was ousted because he failed to restore Washington to national prominence.

Leach's pass-happy offense has proved effective in the years since he came to Tech in 2000. The coach with a law degree and a penchant for all things pirate related has taken the Red Raiders to bowl games every year.

Now, with back-to-back wins — 39-33 over then-No. 1 Texas and 56-20 over then-eighth Oklahoma State, the fervor for Leach and the Red

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and 3-4 in the NFC; nine teams are .500 or better in conference play.

Thus, it's no surprise that lines like "backs against the wall" and "must-win game" are being thrown around in the locker room.

"As a group, we understand the challenges," Witten said. "I don't think there's one thing you say, 'Oh, if we do this, we're going to be a better team.' I think collectively we can do it as a team."

There's also not much dwelling on how Dallas got into this predicament.

"Nothing you can do about it now," Thomas said. "That's why I say, 'Hey, let's start this thing over. It's a seven-game stretch. Let's play ball.'"

Dallas practiced without pads Monday and with Romo under center again. Phillips said he saw more zip on the ball, an indication the quarterback is getting a better feel for throwing with a small splint covering the broken pinkie on his throwing hand. That injury kept him out for three games. Dallas went 1-2, but was 1-2 in the last three games he played.

Raiders seems at an all-time high.

His quirky ways — and now his unbeaten season — have endeared him and his team to a loyal following in West Texas.

But Leach's wall-in approach to player availability to media is about as restrictive as any in the country and might not fly at bigger programs.

Even standout players can be insulated from reporters for weeks at a time.

Leach claims the policy minimizes distractions and players stay better focused. He picks players he thinks can handle the media exposure.

"We're tighter than some places and we're more generous than some places," Leach said last week. "Then we have to make decisions and so

that's what we do. We're diligent about calling media back the best we can and other places don't do that."

How, though, would his media policy play in, say, Knoxville, a bigtime Southeastern Conference program where Tennessee fans are accustomed to hearing from players regularly?

"That'd be very interesting," said quarterback Graham Harrell, a contender for the Heisman Trophy along with favorite receiver Michael Crabtree. "He'd keep his players limited in their availability. I think he feels that winning football games is going to make you a lot more popular than having his players" available for interviews. "I feel that's his philosophy ... and that's what he's going to stick with."

Left guard Kyle Kosier looks likely to return, as does cornerback Terence Newman. The only question mark is rookie running back Felix Jones.

"We thought he may be able to practice today, but wasn't able to," Phillips said. "He's still rehabbing. So we'll just kind of go from there."

The message coming from the locker room seems to be that they're not counting on Romo, Kosier and Newman to fix all that ails the club — but having them back surely can't hurt.

"It's going to give us a chance to make more plays and if you make more plays, you're going to have a better chance to win," Phillips said.

Phillips also noted how quickly things can change.

He can use his own team as an example in how they've gone from 3-0 to 5-4. Buffalo has gone from 4-0 to 5-4. On the up side, Miami has gone from 2-4 to 5-4, Baltimore from 2-3 to 6-3, Atlanta from 2-2 to 6-3 and the New York Jets from 1-2 to 6-3.

"Three or four weeks from now, there will be big changes," Phillips said. "So, we'll see where we are."

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West Texas Centers celebrating World Kindness Week

Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers for MHMR's 15 Mental Health Clinics will act as outposts for the Center's weeklong celebration of World Kindness Week.

The non-profit Random Acts of Kindness Foundation was formed in 1995 as an outreach program to inspire people to practice kindness by providing ideas, guidance and resources to others through its website: www.actsofkindness.org.

World Kindness Week is celebrated Nov. 10-16. It has been proven that acts of kindness improve one's mental and physical health, said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO.

West Texas Centers will bring the international group's message home to West Texas by sponsoring daily activities, including punch and goodies in the clinic lobby Friday.

Each goody bag will include a list of kind tips and sweet sayings that can be used to spread kindness.

Mental Health clinics can be found at: 215 NW First, Andrews; 211 N. Main, Lamesa; 702 Hobbs Hwy, Seminole; 411 S. Avenue C, Post; 319 Runnels, Big Spring; 505 Chestnut, Colorado City; 1401 Hailey, Ste C-1, Sweetwater; 700 Daggett, No. 4, Pecos; 126 State, Winters; 909 25th Street, Ste 102, Snyder; 502 W. Broadway, Brownfield; 809 S. Burlison, McCamey; 1200 N. Main, Monahans; 203 E. Halley, Kermit; and 412 W. Fifth, Denver City.

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West Texas Centers for MHMR provides mental health and mental retardation services to consumers in 23 rural counties in West Texas.

Texas briefs

Identification unknown of woman whose body was found in Ike debris

GALVESTON (AP) — Authorities say they are stumped in their efforts to identify the body of a woman who possibly was washed from the Bolivar Peninsula into Chambers County by Hurricane Ike.

The Houston Chronicle reports in its online edition Monday that authorities say the woman has been ruled out as being one of the 13 people from Bolivar who are still missing.

Sheriff Joe LaRive says no one from Chambers County was listed as missing after the storm.

Authorities believe she drowned. The Jefferson County medical examiner discovered during an autopsy that the woman had surgery in which a metal plate was implanted with four screws just below her right knee.

Authorities have determined the woman was 30 to 50 years old with brown or blond hair.

Texas House panel studies response to hurricane

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas should seek reforms of federal programs that provide the majority of disaster funding to speed up assistance to the state's hurricane victims, officials said.

A slate of elected officials, public utility executives, educators and community advocates testified to a Texas House committee Monday about lessons learned during Hurricane Ike and its aftermath at the first of four public hearings examining the response to the Sept. 13 storm.

The Stafford Act, which controls many federal disaster recovery programs and the statute governing federal

Community Development Block Grant funds, which help low-income, uninsured homeowners rebuild their homes, are among the laws that should be reviewed. Revising these laws will enable temporary waivers of rules that delay getting federal dollars so those who need them most, said U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, in a story for the Houston Chronicle's Monday online edition.

San Patricio County Jail's staffing shortage means shorter stay for nonviolent offenders

SINTON (AP) — Understaffing at the San Patricio County Jail is forcing authorities to reduce the jail time nonviolent offenders serve in order to meet a state mandate, officials said.

The state standard is one jailer for every 48 prisoners and the 236-bed facility is having trouble meeting that after at least 17 jailers have quit and gone to other facilities.

As a result, officials said the jail must either move prisoners to other counties or turn prisoners away, to comply with an order Thursday from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

Sheriff Leroy Moody told San Patricio County commissioners during a meeting Monday that he had dropped the jail numbers to 186, though the facility routinely has 230 prisoners, which is near capacity.

"I will take assault and family violence and I can put a drunk in the tank for four hours to sober up," Moody said. "But I can't take anything else. I will take them (Class C misdemeanors) until the maximum count, then we will magistrate them and get them out on bond. Cs are what cities put in jail for traffic fines and stuff like that. They need to be punished, but the major crimes have to come first," the Corpus Christi-Caller Times reported Tuesday.

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gram, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, hoisted the U.S. flag and Texas flag, followed by the POW/MIA flag.

VAMC Chaplain Dean Thomas was the guest speaker.

Wreaths were laid at the memorial by World War II veterans J.L. Stevens, Elmer Dickens and Bill King.

King, who served in the North African campaign and was a prisoner

of war during World War II, laid the POW/MIA wreath. Veteran Bruce Parker assisted King.

Pilgram read a self-written poem about prisoners of war and Mike Tarpley played "Taps" to end the 30-minute program.

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tape, which is obsolete. You can't buy VCRs anymore and we're having a hard time finding tapes.

"Also, two of the systems are currently non-functional. They have two that are currently down and two on the blink, and we can't get them repaired. These systems are required by federal law because of racial profiling. These cars

would come fully equipped and all we'd have to do is add a radio and decals."

With VHS-based camera systems in the existing patrol cars, Parker said the transition is going to become more important with each passing day.

"It's going to be an ongoing problem," said Parker. "As these units go down, we're going to have to replace them. And that's why I wanted to propose we go ahead and add them to the cost of the cars now."

Commissioners asked

Parker and Chief Deputy Mark Hall if there might be grant money available to help with the cost of the video equipment, but according to Hall, grant money for law enforcement agencies is hard to come by.

"Most of the grants for law enforcement can be used for what you need, not just for video equipment. However, it's very hard to get," said Hall. "It would greatly benefit us to have a grant writer if we're going to try to get them."

The pair of new vehicles — which will cost the county approximately \$64,070 — won't be the traditional Fords and Chevrolets used in the past, however, as commissioners gave the sheriff's office the go-ahead to purchase Dodge Chargers.

"Is that Charger working out OK?" County Judge Mark Barr asked HCSO Deputy Dean Restelli. "Do you like it?"

Restelli, who is the lone deputy driving the new Charger patrol vehicle,

said he liked the vehicle and was pleased with the way it has performed.

According to Parker, the addition of the two new Chargers will allow the sheriff's office to stop using a pair of pickups currently being employed for patrol duties, and devote them to less hazardous means.

"They will be going to the jail or some other non-patrol function. I'm not necessarily saying we have to get rid of them at this moment," said Parker. "We could use one for the work

program, and depending on how that goes, we may need to use both of them for it."

According to Parker, the video camera systems will be installed by the dealership, with the vehicles expected to be delivered to the county within 90 days.

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LIBRARY

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books, books on tape and books on CD," said McCright. "Overdue videos are \$1 per day ... I feel like these fees are in line with other libraries. Some people think they don't have to return items, and we go through a procedure where we send notice to them, but many of them move and don't leave a forwarding address. There's really not much of a way

for us to recover those items.

"We go through Judge Kathryn Wiseman (justice of the peace), and I'm looking at getting with the city so we can file theft of services charges, as well. In some instances I have signed letters where they had more than \$200 in items out. If they have five books out and they are \$30 each, that's \$150 right there. And if they are overdue, our fines max out at \$10. It can add up pretty quickly,

and some of our books are more expensive, and some of them are less."

Commissioners also voted unanimously to approve the library's schedule of fees for the coming year, which contain only minor changes from last year, according to McCright.

"The only change is we now have the capability on our public access computers to burn CDs," said McCright. "We purchase the CDs and sell them for \$1. We might make a couple

of pennies on them, but it won't be a major source of income for the library.

"Also, in the event an item is lost, we have an \$8 non-refundable processing fee. That covers the charges for covering the book, bar-coding them and the supplies associated with that."

McCright said the library will also have electronics equipment for rent in the coming year.

"We do have some equipment available for rent

now. We have an overhead projector, a screen and a computer projector," said McCright. "We require a deposit of \$20, which is refunded. The fee on each of those items is between \$10 and \$20 a day."

For more information on services provided by the library, call 264-2260.

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SILVER BELLS

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vocate for those in nursing homes, Oglesby wants to see that they, too, have a bright Christmas experience.

The Silver Bells project asks residents throughout the Permian Basin to purchase new clothing and other items which will then be given to long term care residents for Christmas.

Suggested items include sweat suits, thermal socks, black and white classic DVD movies, large print crossword puzzle books, checkers, Yahtze games, gloves and T-shirts.

Of course, those who would rather give a monetary donation rather than purchase gifts are welcome to do so.

"With donations, we are able to provide a large item for the activity department so all of the residents can enjoy it. In the past we've provided foot spas, karaoke machines, even bread machines," Oglesby said.

"Now you might wonder why a bread machine would make any sense but for many of the residents the smell of baking bread brings back wonderful memories. And, the bread tastes good, so it's like an activity within an activity."

Most people believe the facility should provide residents with those type items, but that's frequently not the case, Oglesby said.

"We help fill in the gaps to provide a better quality of life. This also helps the

staff because having the residents happy is enjoyable for them, too," she noted.

Most residents on Medicaid are allowed only \$60 a month, and that money is used for needs such as hair appointments, an occasional trip to a restaurant or movie with other residents, and doesn't go far, Oglesby said.

"We try to provide extras for the residents, many of whom or not elderly. People forget sometimes that these facilities also care for victims of accidents

and those with a disability," Oglesby said.

Those interested in giving to the Silver Bells project — yes, Big Spring long term care facilities are part of the program — may bring their donations to the Big Spring Herald at 710 Scurry between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They should be unwrapped but bagged, and marked "Silver Bells Project." Those wanting to send monetary donations can mail a check or money order to The Silver Bells Project, P.O. Box

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OUR VIEWS

Remember forever our veterans

Eighty-nine years ago today, Armistice Day was celebrated for the first time. Then, as now, there was a great cause for the observation. At that time, World War I had ended a year earlier and there was hope that "the war to end all wars" would indeed be just that.

Sadly, that was not the case. Time and time again, America's men and women have been called to duty in defense of their land... in defense of the freedoms our ancestors fought to gain and preserve ... in defense of our American way of life.

Today, our armed forces continue to be embroiled in the war on terrorism, seeking to bring an end to the doctrine of fear.

After World War II and the Korean Conflict ended, then-president Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill in 1954 that changed the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day and established as the purpose of the holiday the honoring of veterans from every American conflict.

In 1968, Congress passed a law allowing Veterans Day to be celebrated on the fourth Monday of October. Strong emotional protest by veterans and their supporters prompted Congress to change Veterans Day back to its original date of Nov. 11 in 1978.

Veterans Day is a difficult time for many in that they have to deal with the loss of friends and family. Often, the observance brings back harsh memories of times veterans themselves would prefer not to remember.

But for all of us, let us never forget that our freedoms have been fought and paid for many times over through the blood, sweat and tears of millions of American men and women who stepped proudly to the line when called.

Veterans Day is more than a fly over or the playing of Taps or the laying of a wreath on a memorial. It is the time we pause to remember ... and to give thanks ... to those men and women who serve their country in both war and peace.

As has become tradition, we will pause on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month ... and offer our most sincere thanks for sacrifices made yesterday, today and tomorrow.

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Testing the new president

Vice-president-elect Joe Biden issued a prescient warning in the last days of the presidential campaign: If Barack Obama were elected president, he would be tested by a major international crisis soon after taking office. Biden was wrong about one thing: The test has come even before President-elect Obama is sworn in.

Within hours of Obama's impressive victory, another new leader, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, warned that Russia would deploy short-range missiles capable of hitting NATO territory if the new American president goes ahead to build a missile defense system to protect Europe. It's unclear where a President Obama will come down on this issue. He's been on both sides during the campaign.

The idea of an anti-missile defense system, of course, is not new. The United States has been working on an anti-missile system to protect our territory since the Reagan administration. The Strategic Defense Initiative — often derisively dismissed as "Star Wars" by its critics — fundamentally changed the way the U.S. approached the idea of nuclear war.

Through much of the Cold War, the United States based its defense almost entirely on a good offense: mutually assured destruction (MAD). We would have so many

weapons that the Soviets would realize that an attack on us would be suicidal. If they launched a surprise nuclear attack on us, enough of our missiles would survive to retaliate against them, and annihilation would be the fate of both sides.

But Reagan changed the equation. Essentially abandoning the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which allowed the Soviets and the U.S. to set up anti-missile systems to protect only their two capitals, Reagan announced he would explore building a defense shield to protect the entire country.

Some 20 years later, U.S. technology in this area has advanced to the point that we are capable of deploying a limited system to protect our allies. Last year, the U.S. announced that negotiations were under way with some of our friends in Europe to deploy anti-missile systems on their territory. For some of those allies, the primary threat they fear is a nuclear-armed Iran. Although, Poland, with whom we've now signed an agreement, also fears a newly belligerent Russia. But the Bush administration has been at pains to reassure an insecure Russia that any American-deployed system would be purely defensive — a so-called "hit-to-kill" strategy in which a missile's technology would not even include explosives but would rely on intercepting a nuclear missile before it hit its target.

Russia has now made it clear to the incoming president: Move ahead with deploying 10 interceptor missiles in Poland and a radar system in the Czech Republic and we will deploy short-ranged missiles

near Poland. So what will our new president do? The last time Russia flexed its considerable muscle by invading Georgia, candidate Obama at first acted as if both sides were equally to blame. He later righted himself, condemning Russia as the aggressor.

But those were just words — after all, the only thing a candidate has at his disposal. On Jan. 20, President Obama will have to take action. As Abe Greenwald, my fellow blogger at Commentary magazine's Contentions wryly noted, "In Russia, we now witness ice-cold realism at its most intractable. This is an enemy that advances when we blink."

President-elect Obama is busy with preparations for the transition to his new office. But the Russians won't wait — and neither will our enemies.

Obama must signal that there will be no major shifts in American foreign or defense policy, irrespective of all the campaign rhetoric about change. He could do so by quickly announcing his picks for secretaries of state and defense. I doubt Colin Powell wants another term at state, but perhaps he would view defense as a new challenge. At the very least, such a choice would inform Russia that despite partisan wrangling in election years, the United States remains committed to protecting our allies and ourselves, and a President Obama has no plans to change that.

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Climbing back from calamity

Enough celebrating. It's time for recriminations!

Of course, like all Americans, I wish President-elect Barack Obama well and hope his presidency is a success. Obama's campaign was impressive in many ways. Yet his election seems less an endorsement of his political beliefs — whatever they are — than a rejection, root and branch, of President Bush.

There's no question that Bush wrecked the Republican Party. In 2000, when he was elected, Republicans had 50 senators and a 10-seat edge in the House. He will go out behind the biggest Democratic presidential win since LBJ, with Republicans clinging to 40 Senate seats (as this went to press) and facing a 79-seat Democratic advantage in the House.

The GOP has been wrecked by presidents before. The question is whether Bush is Nixon or Hoover.

When Herbert Hoover was swept into the White House with 58 percent of the vote in 1928, Republicans held a 56-39 lead in the Senate and a whopping 267-163 advantage in the House. (Each chamber had one independent at the time, and Congress was smaller because there were only 48 states.)

Unlike Bush, Hoover lost re-election. His term was so disastrous that Democrats flipped Congress in just four years, taking over the Senate, 60-35, and the House with an incredible 310-117 margin. It would be 14 years before Republicans regained control of Congress and 20 years before they again held the presidency.

Richard M. Nixon's political

legacy was not quite so calamitous. Like Bush, Nixon won a three-way election for his first term by a razor-thin margin.

He came to power facing solid Democratic majorities in Congress: Democrats had 57 senators and a 53-seat edge in the House.

Eight years later, when Jimmy Carter beat Gerald R. Ford, those numbers ballooned. Democrats emerged from the Nixon years with 61 Senate seats and a 145-seat advantage in the House.

After Nixon's disgrace, however, it took only four years for Republicans to recapture the White House and the Senate. The House, meanwhile, stayed Democratic for 18 more years.

While the numbers at the end of Hoover's and Nixon's terms were similar, the damage they inflicted on the GOP was very different.

Hoover presided over the splintering of an electoral coalition that was never reassembled. He won the presidency with an alliance of prohibitionists, business boosters and isolationists. He described his platform as one of "rugged individualism." When Republicans returned to power a generation later, they were a different party.

In contrast, the consequences of Nixon's failures were largely personal.

He was permanently disgraced, but his electoral coalition — social conservatives, anti-communists and free-marketeers — survived and even flourished once his ghost disappeared.

What will be the legacy of Bushism? Republicans are in bad shape, but they are better off than they were in either 1933 or 1977, at least by the numbers.

And there is still some hope that the GOP remains a viable governing party. The environment will never again be as hostile for Repub-

licans or as fertile for Democrats.

After all, John McCain was saddled with two unpopular wars, a burst housing bubble, the highest gas prices in history, and an outgoing president with sub-30 percent approval ratings. The media worked tirelessly against him. Obama outspun him 2-to-1.

And yet McCain was actually leading in the polls until Lehman Bros. Holdings Inc. collapsed in September, triggering the mother of all financial panics. Even with that anvil around his neck, McCain lost by only six points.

On the other hand, what's left of the Republican coalition that Bush rode to power? Bush campaigned as a center-right unifier who would be a good-government reformer. He governed as a pork-barrel cronyist who eagerly expanded the government in pursuit of political advantage.

And as for Iraq and Afghanistan — leaving aside any value judgments — wars always foster political peril for the party that prosecutes them. As Winston Churchill bitterly observed: "The shadow of victory is disillusion. The reaction from extreme effort is prostration. The aftermath even of successful war is long and bitter."

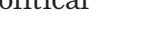
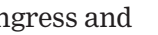
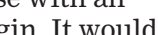
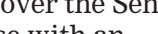
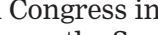
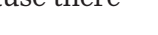
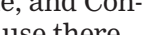
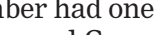
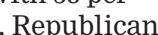
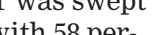
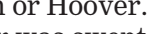
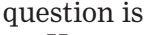
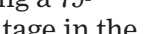
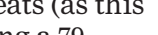
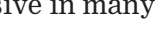
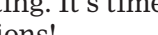
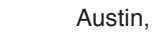
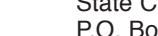
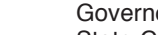
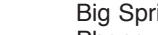
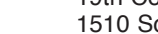
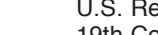
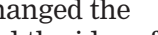
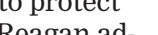
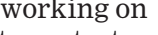
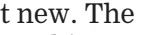
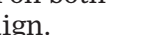
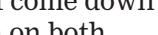
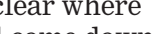
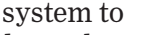
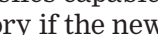
As a result, Bush left nearly every segment of his coalition — from the social conservatives to the fiscal conservatives, from the hawks to the realists — unhappy to the point of mutiny.

It is unclear whether they will be united again or, as Republican rugged individualism did apres Hoover, dissolve into nothingness.

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Buffalo Tales



Last home game awards were presented Friday night. Selected by the cheerleaders, Mr. Buffalo was Jeffrey Carey and Buffalo Gal was Haylie Bureson.

Football sweetheart was Charlene Stanley and band beau was Clay Lockhart. Band sweetheart was Tessa Kendrick. Senior band members were recognized at the game and all seniors were recognized in a ceremony preceding the game.

The annual Veteran's Day assembly was held Tuesday. Ernie Boyd, former World War II POW was the guest speaker. Carol Hanes sang the National Anthem, and a roll call of veterans related to students was made.

The Forsan Junior High Buffaloes battled the Bulldogs from Tahoka Thursday night and came out on top 50-16. The scoring started early in the first with Brendan Roman taking it for 11 yards for the touch-down. The extra points were added

by Copeland Riddell. Brendan kept the scoring rolling with an 80-yard run for another TD and Blaise Coffman added the extra points with a three yard scamper.

The Buffs continued to take it to the Bulldogs with Max Pappajohn scoring on a 60-yard run for a touch-down, Marcus Cervantes sprinted around the end on a 65-yard run for another six points, Max Pappajohn added six more as he bulldozed the Tahoka secondary, and Heagan Rodriguez zipped in on a 15-yard touch-down followed by Trevin Cherry with the extra points.

The Buffalo defense shut down the Bulldog offense with a true team effort. Coach Breitschopf's game plan was too much for Tahoka to handle with big hits from Marcus Cervantes, Trevor Burchett, Dalton Ellison, Max Pappajohn, Cowboy Sheets and a host of others Buffaloes.

Special teams play was highlighted by Brendan Roman on a 72-yard punt

return and a seventh grade kick-off team that shut down the Bulldog's returns. Some of the highlights from the kick-off team were the big hits of Cowboy Sheets and Andrew Ellison.

The Buffalo team was consistently supported by two of the best managers in football, Miranda Jennings and Kayla Tilley. Referees said "they were the best they had ever seen."

The Buffs end their season with a record of eight wins and one loss.

Student Council will be collecting cell phones and ink cartridges for another week as well as hats for the Shane Brue Look Good, Feel Good room and the Lubbock Cancer Center. Please send donations to Mrs. Sims' room at school.

The Lady Buffs open their basketball season with Colorado City on Nov. 11, and will play at home Nov. 14. Junior high will open its season Nov. 17.

The six weeks ended Friday and report cards will go out this week.

Be happy now

Later will never be soon enough

Have you ever made the comment: "I'll be happy when ..."

I've heard comments like this all my life and I must admit the concept is interesting; however, we convince ourselves that life will be better at another time, then in our minds, we set what the time will be, such as after we have children. Then we



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are frustrated that the kids aren't old enough and we'll be more content when they are. After that, we're frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage.

We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together, or when we get a nicer car, or when we are able to go on a nice vacation or when we retire.

The truth is there's no better time to be happy than right now. If not now, when?

Our lives will always be filled with challenges. It's best to admit this and decide to be happy anyway. Happiness is a mind set; it's a deliberate act or decision.

It's been said that the key to happiness is having dreams and the key to having dreams is making them come true. Don't count the days, make the days count. We must treasure every moment that we have and double our treasure by sharing it with someone special, special enough to spend our time with.

And remember that time waits for no one. We must stop waiting until our car or home is paid off, or until we get a new car or home or until our kids leave the house or until we go back to school or until we finish school. We must not wait until we lose or gain 10 pounds or get married or divorced or have kids or retire. We must stop waiting

until summer or spring or winter or fall. There is no better time than right now to be happy.

Happiness is a journey, not a destination. So we must work like we don't need money, love like we've never been hurt, and dance like no one's watching. Every positive thing in our life represents a single unique blessing. Every negative thing in our life has the opportunity to become a double blessing. For when we turn a negative into a positive, we gain twice. We are no longer burdened with the negative situation, and in addition to that we are strengthened by a new positive force.

Heal a strained relationship and not only do we lose an enemy, we also gain a friend. If we turn weaknesses into strengths we are no longer held back by the weakness but we are pushed forward by the strength.

Every negative situation carries its own energy. When we turn that energy around, the effort involved brings a double reward. The weaknesses, liabilities, nuisances and troubles are no cause for despair. They are assets, conveniences, joys and riches waiting to be manifested through our efforts.

We must not seek to merely get rid of the negative things in our lives. Instead, we must transform their energy into something of real positive value.

It's been said that the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Those who believe that life is beautiful and worth living will, in that belief, make it come true. For those who love life will discover that life will love them back.

Look to the future with optimism and thoughts of happiness and success remembering that is where you will spend the rest of your life.

Someone once said, "Life is not a rehearsal so we must enjoy it as we live it."

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Bird Poop: A junco encounters a window

By the time she drove to work, the dust had begun to rise in the northwest. Trying to hold her skirt down and hair in place, the woman had difficulty in opening the glass door. Once inside, she looked back at the darkening, brown sky.

Through-out the morning, the wind created discordant sounds with the door's weather-stripping. The rising cacophony was nature's symphony at its worst. As clients huddled at home rather than chancing the fury of the gritty gusts, the woman used this idle time to catch up on paperwork.

Shortly after her afternoon break, the sky lightened to a beige and the wind lessened. Hoping that the duster had exhausted itself, she looked up from her desk upon hearing a muffled noise. Not seeing anything outside the window, she decided to check anyway. Approaching the large pane of glass, she was startled to see a colorful bird lying in the neatly clipped ground cover.

As she tried to open the door, she realized the wind had once again increased in strength. Barely able to get outside without the gusts slamming and breaking the glass, the woman hurried to the downed bird. Kneeling, she noticed the bird's eyes were closed but it was breathing. Although it did not move when lifted, the

woman was determined to give it a chance.

With one hand holding the bird and the other grasping the door, she managed to squeeze between the door jam and the partially opened entry. When a stronger gust of wind suddenly closed the door for her, she was thankful she and the bird were inside.

"In this weather?" was my response to the caller who said she would bring a bird immediately. Her drive from Midland would take 45 minutes on a calm day. When I asked the woman if she knew what she had, she replied that although it was stockier than a sparrow, it was close in overall length and height. The end of her description included a black hood and an almond colored bill.

When she arrived, we had already tentatively guessed it was a junco. Glancing in the box at the bird confirmed our thinking. Then we had to figure out which one. Since the birds are known to interbreed when their flocks merge with other juncos, we told the woman we would call as soon as we had a positive identification.

"Do you think it will live?" was the woman's final question. After placing the non-responsive junco in a warm, quiet environment, we told her we hoped it would have the same recovery as others we had seen. Bird strikes on reflecting glass were common. Some died immediately with broken necks. Others flew away, only to die later. We had also seen those that recovered fully after hours of seeming in a deep coma.



Only time and nature could determine the outcome.

While juncos were often called sparrows or finches, this bird's prominent black hood that covered its head, throat, and breast was unmistakable. With its rusty back, white belly, and pinkish brown sides, the bird was definitely an Oregon junco. White outer tail feathers and reddish-brown feet completed its colorful decoration.

Having possibly migrated from the edge of forests as far away as Alaska and Canada, the junco had chosen Texas rather than New Mexico, Arizona, or northern Mexico. Some years residents and visitors to the Guadalupe and Davis Mountains had reported seeing such flocks. With fall storms driving them southward, the juncos were seeking brushy areas, farm and ranch land, canyons and hills. Even our scrubby juniper, the pines and oaks of neighborhoods, were

acceptable to the travelers.

Since the remaining daylight was minimal, we duplicated what the bird would be experiencing with its biological rhythm concerning day and night. With the light of another dawn, we hoped the junco would respond by awakening naturally.

After my morning cup of coffee, I decided to face the outcome for our visitor. Quietly entering the room for its special accommodations, I was relieved to see it alive and pecking at the seeds we had offered. Later, we would tempt it with freshly thawed crickets.

Another night spent with us and the Oregon junco was ready for release. With the dense junipers and a canopy created by numerous mesquites, our side yard, with its bird feeder, offered a new beginning. The oaks in front and back yards offered a staging area for its further journey. Upon hearing of its departure, the woman was excited to know that her efforts would lend to another season when the colorful character would sing and twitter, with tail spread, to father another generation.

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♣ 7

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♥ K J 10
♦ A K 4 3
♣ K 6 5 2

The bidding:
South 1 NT West Pass North 2 NT East Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — two of spades.

There are exceptions to almost every rule in bridge, and the only way to spot them beforehand is to evaluate each new situation as it arises. It doesn't help to see the winning play once the error has been made.

Take this case where West leads the deuce of spades against three notrump. Declarer plays dummy's eight, and it is East's turn. If East follows the customary practice of playing the third-hand high by putting up the queen, South will have no trouble scoring nine tricks.

After taking the queen with the

king, declarer attacks clubs, conceding a trick to East's queen. Assuming East returns a spade (no other return is any more effective), the best the defenders can do is to score two spades, a club and the ace of hearts, since dummy's jack of spades becomes a second stopper in the suit.

If East stops to consider his play at trick one more carefully, he should realize that the correct choice is not the queen, but the seven (encouraging a continuation). This apparent violation of the "third-hand high" principle leaves declarer in a hopeless position. No matter how he continues, he cannot avoid the loss of a club, a heart and three spades.

To find the winning defense, East should reason that declarer's hand must include either the ace or king of spades. This conclusion is reached by adding dummy's points to his own, which leaves just 22 points for his partner and South to hold. Since South would not have continued to three notrump with only 15 points, West cannot have the A-K of spades.

Next, since West is marked with four spades by his opening lead, declarer has only two spades. If South has the K-x (or A-K), a trick can be gained by withholding the queen. If declarer happens to have A-x, East cannot prevent South from acquiring a second spade stopper regardless of what he plays at trick one.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

On this Veterans Day in the U.S. and Remembrance Day in Canada, the moon transit from Aries, the sign of the warrior, to Taurus, the sign of the earth. This fitting astrological phenomenon reminds us to honor the soldiers, living and passed, who gave of their life energy to fight for the principles of their country.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not the best at following the rules now and some of your choices could actually offend those in authority. But you're fun and you make people laugh, so they may just let you slide.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Avoid situations that seem too easy. Where there's nothing to be lost, there's nothing to be gained. You're better off chasing your impossible dream than signing up for supposedly easy money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are those experts who will tell you exactly what you want to hear. Not you. You're in this to learn. You're strong and able to listen to an objective view, though it won't go down quite as easy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What's supposed to be small seems very big, and what was supposed to be easy is fraught with vivid, silly and spooky obstacles. Everyone falls down the rabbit hole sometimes. You will awaken from this dream.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your mood lightens and your path brightens. It appears that a new friend is the cause of this levity, although that is not actually so. The real reason is that you're ready for the turn and so it comes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not far off course; however, you have drifted a bit and may not be sure how to get back. Ask around — you will get exactly the feedback you need to improve your sense of direction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're happy because you think interesting thoughts — ideas pop in that astound and humor you. It's wonderful to be so amused by your own mind, and a loved one is equally delighted when you share.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Usually a task seems impossible until you

break it down into small chunks. But now, it's the small chunks that make it seem impossible. Try not to get caught in the minutiae of things. It may even be better to act without thinking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Proactive moves ensure that you are in charge of your schedule. Make plans to spend time with the people you enjoy being around; otherwise your time gets eaten up in unplanned ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Mental practice is as important as physical practice. The philosophical becomes tangible. You will see examples of thought turning into reality, and as a result you may choose to think slightly differently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be working on creating a happy inner life, which has everything to do with the way you choose to feel about yourself. Reflection, contemplation and self-discipline will ultimately lead to illumination.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is congruence between what you think, what you say and what you do. This makes life simple, and it's much easier to find what you need (and you won't need much) when life is simple.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Does he love me? He was born 9/17/60 and I was born 6/14/69. We've been together for three years and he doesn't want to get married.

I practically live at his house, but I have an apartment. I want to get rid of the apartment and move in with him and every time I mention it, he clams up. And I think we should get married, and he doesn't see why. He's been married before and feels like he got burned. Maybe I should break up with him. What do you think?"

Scorpio men can be so bluntly honest that you wish they had lied. You're a Gemini full of ideas and always moving forward. Will he move forward with you? It is possible. But if you ask him directly, all you'll get is resistance. After three years, things have settled into just the groove he prefers, no commitments and a girlfriend whenever and wherever he wants one. It doesn't mean he doesn't love you, it just means you're going to have to shake it up. Your instinct will be to talk it out — fight that instinct. He'll respond to action. Stop staying at his house. Go back to dating once a week. Get a structure in your life that isn't dependent on him. Date other people. By January, things favorably shift.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Demi Moore fascinates the public with her beauty, talent and taste in men. She has a solid friend in Bruce Willis, the father of her three children, and she has the heart of Ashton Kutcher, her husband who is 15 years younger than her.

Maybe it's the intensity in her natal chart, which has four luminaries in sexy Scorpio, that keeps this hot mama looking more beautiful with every role she takes.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband, "Mike," and I have been married two years. Shortly after we married, his retired parents moved about five hours away.

They visit once a month (for doctors appointments, etc.) and stay at least five days. They always stay with us.

My in-laws arrive unannounced, make long-distance calls on our house phone, rearrange our furniture, use our washer and dryer, and eat our food.

They smoke, come and go at all hours, and crank up the volume on the TV while we're trying to sleep. I have talked to Mike about this, but he says, "They're my parents. Where else would they go?"

They have other relatives in the area, including another son, and I don't know why they don't stay there or at a motel, which they certainly can afford.

I have tried ignoring them, being rude to them and even leaving the house for days at a time to avoid them. They have overstayed their welcome with me, and it's irritating to have to deal with overnight guests in our small home so frequently.

I would like to enjoy our own life, which is next to impossible with the

freeloading in-laws stuck in our faces every few weeks. I am getting close to snapping, and when I do, there will be a "for sale" sign in the yard. Any suggestions?

— Drowning in In-Laws

Dear Drowning: Mike needs to tell his parents

to back off. Having the in-laws over every month is extremely intrusive, and their behavior does not make them good guests.

Married couples need privacy. He also can point out that your work schedules make it stressful to have company so often, and that his brother might interpret their one-sided visits as favoritism. The important thing is that Mike takes your side and sets reasonable boundaries for his parents — and the sooner, the better.

Dear Annie: I am an older employee at a major corporation. Recently, a younger man was promoted to head my department.

We were all called to his office this afternoon for a brief meeting to discuss the departmental holiday dinner. After we



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went over the details, he said, "We're all going to put our names in a hat and draw for a gift exchange."

Some of the older employees are not in favor of this.

However, this young man is the one who will be handling our employee reviews and bonus recommendations. What should we do? — Confused and Concerned

Dear Confused: There is nothing wrong with an employee gift exchange if the amount spent is kept within reason. However, the new boss should take into consideration the fact that some employees may not wish to participate.

Two people should represent that faction and talk to this man, asking if those employees who do not wish to participate may be exempt from doing so.

Dear Annie: "Mom in Missouri" suggested putting a urinal in one of the stalls of the ladies room so little boys could use it safely. Lately, I have seen many family

restrooms at the zoo, the mall and the airport.

Some have smaller potties for little children, and some have a curtain that can be pulled for privacy between the toilet and other areas of the bathroom.

The "family" goes in one group at a time. It also is beneficial for changing clothing, etc. These bathrooms solve the problem of moms with boys and dads with daughters. — Practical

Dear Practical: Family bathrooms are a godsend for parents of young children of the opposite sex, but they still don't address the issue of young boys who are fascinated with using a urinal.

We hope some enterprising builder will eventually create a family bathroom that includes one.

Annie's Snippet for Veterans Day (Credit John F. Kennedy): "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

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What To Do with Your Couch Potato

Dear Margo: My husband and I have been married for three years. We are both military and in the same field. We have the same exact argument at least twice a month because he does not do his part at home.



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He is always "tired" from his long workday — the same one I have. I am also experiencing a high-risk pregnancy and was told by my doctor, in front of my husband, that I should cut back on my daily routine so as not to risk losing this baby — as I did our first one at 22 weeks.

It has been difficult because if I don't do everything it doesn't get done. This includes bills, housework, cooking, the dog, and I also go to school.

All he does after work is play video games and sleep. I can't even get him to look after his own dog. I feel like I am raising him instead of being married to him, and it's wearing me down.

After every argument he tells me, "I really am going to start helping out, babe." I even tried doing nothing to see if he would take the hint, but things just started to pile up and it got really gross.

I'm afraid that after the baby comes, if I still feel like I'm doing everything alone, I might as well be alone. — Married Single

Dear Mar: I think you've hit on a very effective approach: After the baby comes, if you still feel like you're doing everything alone, you might as well be alone.

Furthermore, tell him if he doesn't make good on his promise to "start helping out, babe," you'll have to think about whether you can be married to a man who chooses video games over pitching in to be a real partner, especially given the pregnancy.

If he still can't get with the program, play your trump card and invite him to move out for a trial separation. To call this man insensitive is to be generous. — Margo, distastefully

When Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Dear Margo: I have been married for 11 years. Four years into our marriage, my husband found out he is diabetic. He was told he needed to quit smoking and drinking or he would be dead in five years. Well, he is still here, but has not quit, let alone slowed down.

This has now put our relationship in a bind. The affection is gone. He says it is because of his "diabetes." He uses this as his excuse for everything. His sex drive is

nonexistent.

He has been given many pills to help him out, but still he does not want to have sex.

He has gone so far as taking the pill and then going to sleep, saying he "does not want to now." I feel so left out emotionally that I can sit and cry for hours over this. I talk to my girlfriend, and she tells me he will only change if he wants to. She has even said that if I were to have an affair, she would understand.

When do I say enough is enough? I need affection and I am deeply deprived of it. How do I get him to understand this? I don't want to be a widow at the

age of 40. — Dejected

Dear De: I suspect you will not be able to get him to understand this or much of anything. To put it another way, I think he understands your position but doesn't care — either from believing he is half-dead anyway (not true) from depression, or out of selfishness. I would seriously consider undoing the marriage. I do not believe people should live in misery if there's an alternative. The fact that he is still smoking and drinking says a lot. — Margo, pragmatically ***

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News in brief

Bush handing over power with grace

WASHINGTON (AP) — No matter how people remember President Bush's time in office, let there be no doubt about how he wants to end it: gracefully.

Never mind that Democrat Barack Obama spent all that time deriding Bush for "failed policies," or mocking him for hiding in an "undisclosed location" because he was too unpopular to show up with his party's own candidate, John McCain. This is transition time. Outgoing presidents support the new guy.

And on that front, Bush is going well beyond the minimum. He has embraced the role of statesman with such gusto that it has been hard to miss.

The result is that Bush's last image at the White

House will be one of a unanimous leader. Whether it will improve his legacy is another matter.

"This has been a very good moment late in his presidency, and, I think it's fair to say, much appreciated by the nation," said Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University, the home of Bush's planned presidential library.

Iraq's largest Shiite party faces tough choice for long-term partner: Iran or America

BAGHDAD (AP) — The fate of an agreement that would keep U.S. troops here for three more years rests with Iraq's largest Shiite party, which must choose between its two main partners: the United States and Iran.

Most lawmakers are waiting for that party, the Supreme Islamic Iraq Council, to take a position on the agreement, which parliament must approve by the end of the year. Only then will smaller groups, including Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's own Shiite party, commit to the deal or oppose it.

For the moment, all the parties are off the hook. Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said Monday that the government is still not satisfied and wants more talks on specifics.

But once both the Iraqi and American governments declare a draft final, it will be the moment of truth for the Supreme Council.

It will have to choose between the Shiite-dominated neighbor that nurtured it during Saddam Hussein's Sunni-dominated regime and a superpower that helped it spearhead the Shiite rise to power after ousting the dictator in 2003.

2 roadside bombs kill 3, wound 14 during rush hour in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — A pair of roadside bombs exploded in quick succession during the morning rush hour in east Baghdad on Tuesday, killing three people and wounding 14 others, police and hospital officials said.

One blast hit a truck delivering newspapers on Palestine Street in the predominantly Shiite eastern section of the Iraqi capital,

while the second bomb struck a line of newspaper vendors waiting nearby to collect the papers to supply neighborhood newsstands, police said.

It was not immediately clear how many people were killed in each blast but police and hospital officials said the total number of dead was three and that 14 were wounded.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the information.

Tuesday's bombings come a day after the deadliest attack in Baghdad in months — also during the morning rush hour — killed 31 people and wounded 71 others. In that attack, a suicide bomber struck a crowd that rushed to help schoolgirls trapped in a bus hit moments earlier by a roadside bomb.

Oil falls to near 18-month low at \$60 in Asia as optimism over China spending plan wears off

SINGAPORE (AP) — Oil prices fell to near an 18-month low of \$60 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as optimism waned that a huge Chinese spending plan will avert a prolonged slowdown in the global economy.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery was down \$1.84 to \$60.57 a barrel, after falling as low as \$60.29, in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange by midafternoon in Singapore. The contract overnight rose \$1.37 to settle at \$62.41.

Oil closed at \$60.77 on Nov. 6, the lowest price since March 2007, and has fallen about 59 percent since reaching a record \$147.27 in mid-July.

Oil prices and stock markets jumped Monday after China said it planned to spend \$586 billion in a bid to spur economic growth. But pessimism soon returned as investors focused again on a swooning U.S. economy, which faces its worst recession in decades.

Most Asian stock markets fell Tuesday, following the lead of the Dow Jones industrials average, which dropped 0.8 percent Monday. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index slid 3 percent Tuesday, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 2.9 percent and Australia's main index lost 3.6 percent.

Former president led to court in handcuffs; arrest sought on corruption charges

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Former Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian on Tuesday was led from a prosecutor's office in handcuffs after being questioned for five hours on money-laundering allegations.

Taiwan television stations, which broadcast images of Chen being taken away, said that Chen arrived at Taipei district court, where a judge could order his detention.

Chen could be heard shouting, "This is a political persecution" and "Cheers for Taiwan," as he was being led away.

Chen said Monday night he believed his arrest was imminent. He linked it to attempts by newly installed Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou to placate China, following violent protests last week against a visiting Chinese envoy.

Chen, who has denied any wrongdoing, is an ardent supporter of Taiwanese independence, a cause decried by Beijing, which insists that Taiwan is part of Chinese territory. China has threatened war if the island moves to make its 59-year break with the mainland permanent.

Palin puzzled by late-campaign focus on wardrobe

WASILLA, Alaska (AP) — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin says she was puzzled by the amount of attention her wardrobe got at the end of her unsuccessful vice presidential run.

In an interview that aired on Fox News Channel on Monday, Palin said she neither wanted nor asked for the \$150,000-plus wardrobe the Republican Party bankrolled.

"I did not order the clothes. Did not ask for the clothes," Palin said. "I would have been happy to have worn my own clothes from Day One. But that is kind of an odd issue, an odd campaign issue as things were wrapping up there as to who ordered what and who demanded what."

Amid speculation she'll run for president in four years, Palin blamed Bush administration policies for the defeat last week of the GOP ticket and prayed she wouldn't miss "an open door" for her next political opportunity.

"I'm like, OK, God, if there is an open door for

me somewhere, this is what I always pray, I'm like, don't let me miss the open door," Palin said in a wide-ranging interview with Fox's Greta Van Susteren. "And if there is an open door in '12 or four years later, and if it is something that is going to be good for my family, for my state, for my nation, an opportunity for me, then I'll plow through that door."

Government wants to change course of forest experiments

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — For more than a decade, the federal government has spent millions of dollars pumping elevated levels of carbon dioxide into small groups of trees to test how forests will respond to global warming in the next 50 years.

Some scientists believe they are on the cusp of receiving key results from the time-consuming experiments.

The U.S. Department of Energy, however, which is funding the project, has told the scientists to chop down the trees, collect the data and move on to new research. That plan has upset some researchers who have spent years trying to understand how forests may help stave off global warming, and who want to keep the project going for at least a couple of more years.

"There has been an investment in these experiments and it's a shame we are going to walk away from that investment," said William Chameides, an atmospheric scientist at Duke University, where one of the experimental forests is located. "There is no question that ultimately we want to cut the trees down and analyze the soil. The question is whether now is the time to do it."

Ronald Neilson, a U.S. Forest Service bioclimatologist in Corvallis, Ore., said the experiments should continue because they still have potential to answer key questions about how rainfall and fertility affect how much carbon a forest will store long-term — essential to understanding how forests may soften the blow of climate change.

Heart surgery in 80-year-olds? Studies show that most are alive and thriving

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Eighty-year-olds with clogged arteries or leaky heart valves used to be sent home with a pat on the arm from their doctors and pills to try to ease their symptoms. Now more are getting open-heart surgery, with remarkable survival rates rivaling those of much younger people, new studies show.

Years ago, physicians "were told we were pushing the envelope" to operate on a 70-year-old, said Dr. Vincent Bufalino, a cardiologist at Loyola University in Chicago. But today "we have elderly folks who are extremely viable, mentally quite sharp," who want to decide for themselves whether to take the risk, he said.

Even 90-year-olds are having open-heart surgery, said Dr. Harlan Krumholz, a Yale University cardiologist who has researched older heart patients.

"Age itself shouldn't be an automatic exclusion," he said.

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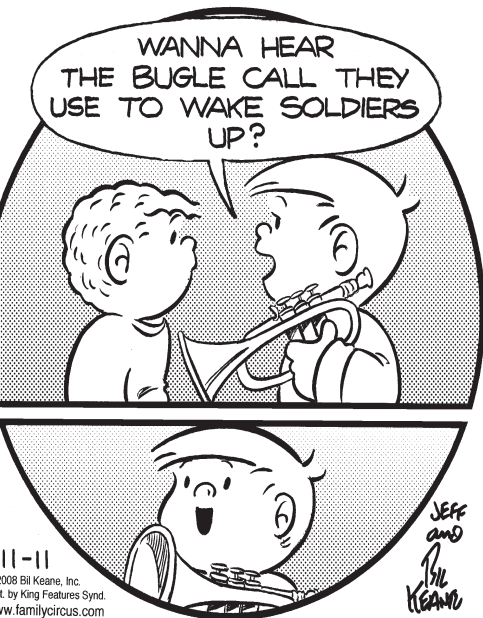
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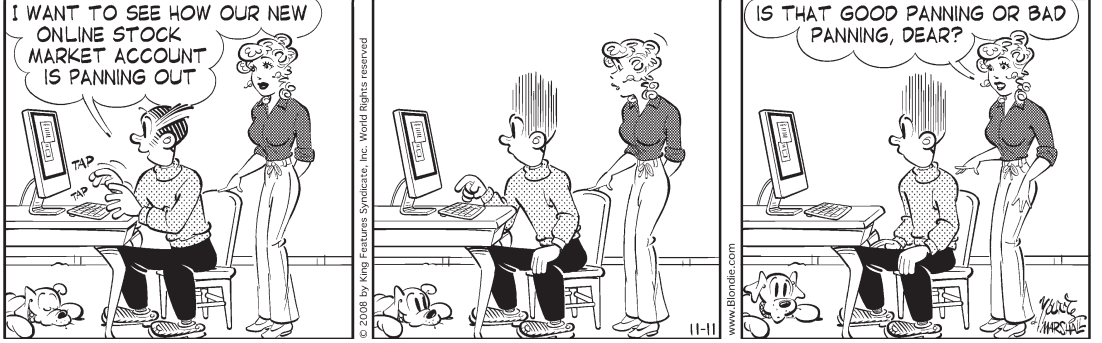


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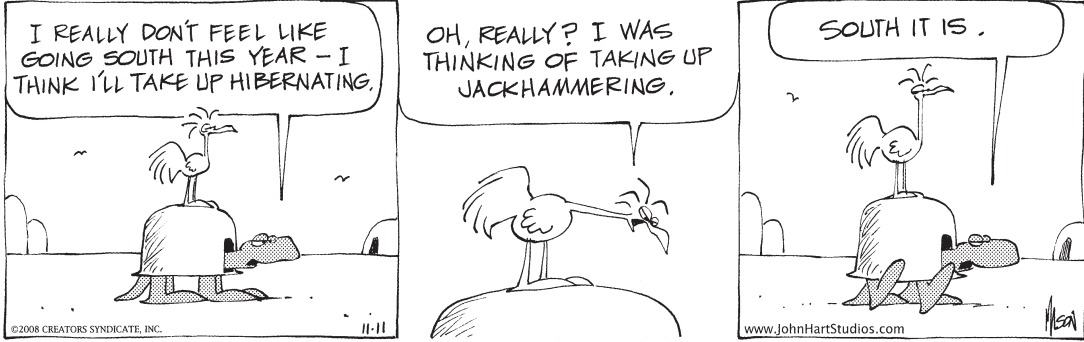
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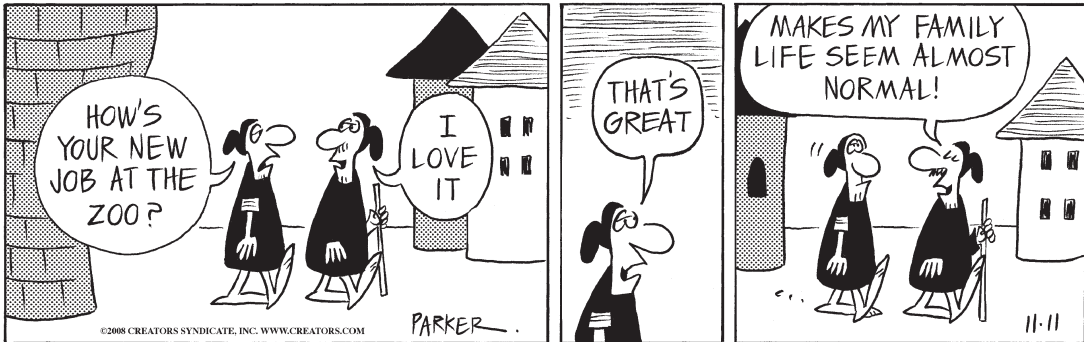
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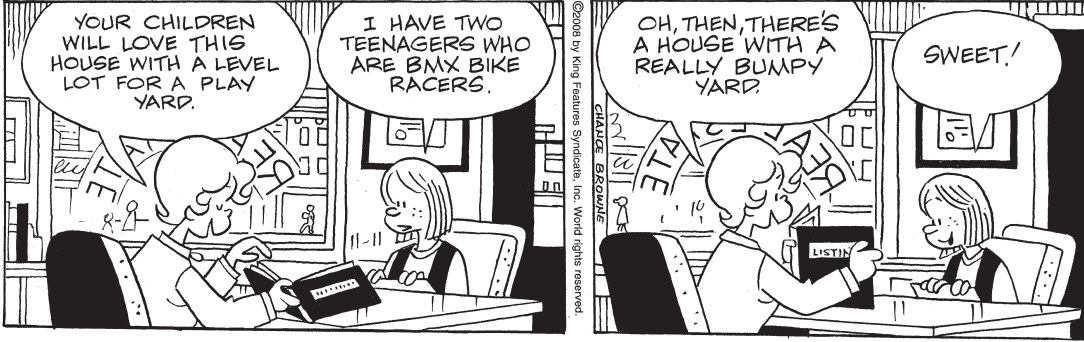
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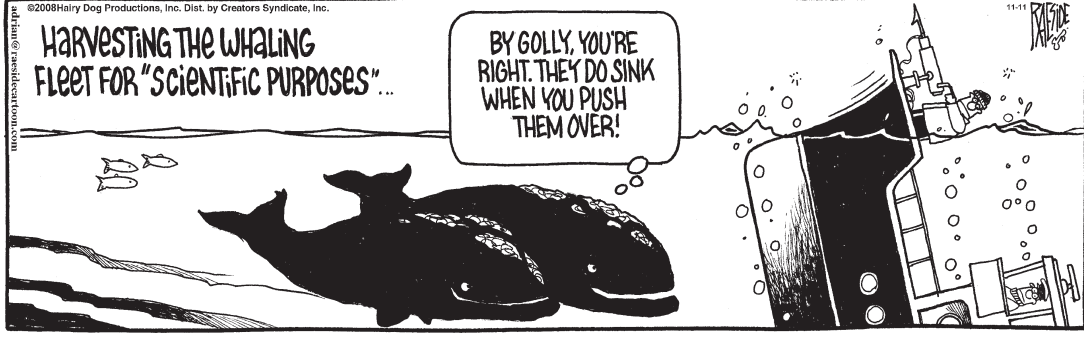
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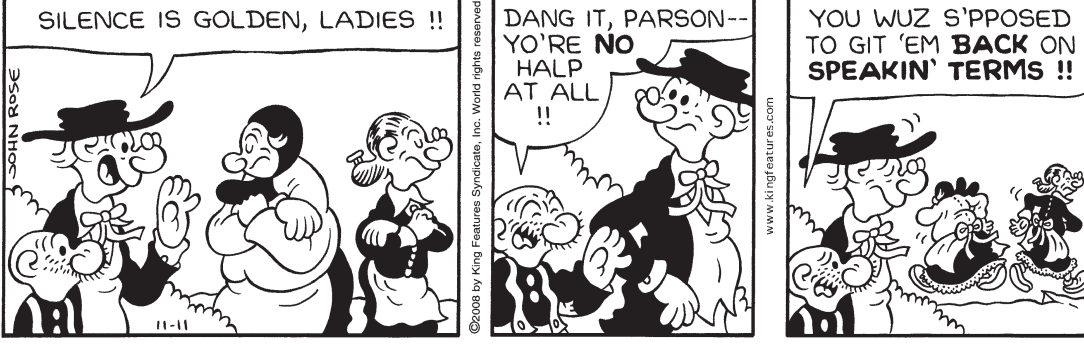
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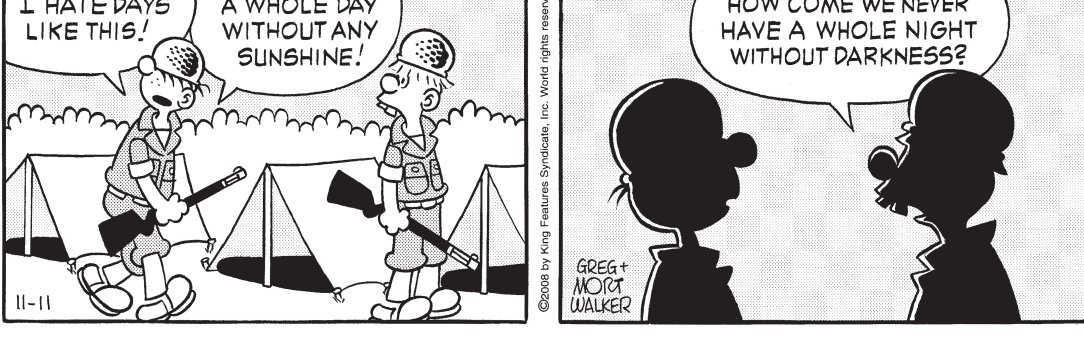
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 11, the 316th day of 2008. There are 50 days left in the year. This is Veterans Day in the U.S., Remembrance Day in Canada.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 11, 1918, fighting in World War I came to an end with the signing of an armistice between the Allies and Germany.

On this date: In 1620, 41 Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower, anchored off Massachusetts, signed a compact calling for a "body politick." In 1831, former slave Nat Turner, who'd led a violent insurrection, was executed in Jerusalem, Va. In 1889, Washington became the 42nd state. In 1918, the Second Polish Republic declared its independence. In 1921, the remains of an unidentified American service member were interred in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in a ceremony presided over by President Harding. In 1966, Gemini 12 blasted off

from Cape Kennedy, Fla., with astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. aboard.

In 1968, the Republic of Maldives was declared.

In 1983, President Reagan became the first U.S. chief executive to address the Diet, Japan's national legislature.

In 1988, police in Sacramento, Calif., found the first of seven bodies buried on the grounds of a boardinghouse. Landlady Dorothea Puente was later charged in the deaths of nine people; she was convicted of three murders and sentenced to life in prison.

In 2004, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat died at a military hospital in Paris at age 75.

One year ago: President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said Pakistan would stick to its January schedule for parliamentary elections, but set no time limit on emergency rule. Marking his fifth Veterans Day since the invasion of Iraq.

Today's Birthdays: Dancer-choreographer Nicholas Royce is 83. Comedian Jonathan Winters is 83. Jazz singer-musician Mose Allison is 81. Author Carlos Fuentes is 80. Country singer Narvel Felts is 70. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., is 68. Rock singer-musician Vince Martell (Vanilla Fudge) is 63. Golfer Fuzzy Zoeller is 57. Pop singer-musician Paul Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 56. Rock singer-musician Andy Partridge (XTC) is 55. Singer Marshall Crenshaw is 55. Rock singer Dave Alvin is 53. Rock musician Ian Craig Marsh (Human League; Heaven 17) is 52. Actor Stanley Tucci is 48. Actress Demi Moore is 46. Actress Calista Flockhart is 44. Actor Philip McKeon is 44. Rock musician Scott Mercado is 44. TV personality Carson Kressley is 39. Actor David DeLuise is 37. Actor Adam Beach is 36. Actor Leonardo DiCaprio is 34. Rock musician Jonathan Pretus (Cowboy Mouth) is 27.

Thought for Today: "If you hate a person, you hate something in him that is part of yourself. What isn't part of ourselves doesn't disturb us." — Herman Hesse, German novelist (1877-1962).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

FOOTWORK by Gail Grabowski
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- ACROSS
- 1 Scottish caps
- 5 Like transparent fabric
- 10 Really impressed
- 14 Give off
- 15 Dallas native
- 16 Location
- 17 Toddler's taboo
- 18 Forgets to mention
- 19 Break sharply
- 20 Don't go to math, maybe
- 22 Constructed
- 23 Paid out
- 24 Dawn time, poetically
- 25 From Korea or Cambodia
- 27 Enjoys again, as a book
- 30 Clue
- 31 Piece of dinnerware
- 33 Clever one
- 34 Nation north of Mex.
- 35 Came down in icy pellets
- 37 Logger's tool
- 38 Cotton-gin inventor Whitney
- 39 Large crowd
- 40 Thin
- 41 Box-office success
- 43 Gave a speech
- 45 Drop in the mail
- 46 Dutch flower
- 48 Run out, as a subscription
- 50 Meet accidentally
- 54 "Goodness gracious!"
- 55 Havana native
- 56 Opera solo
- 57 Slice into cubes
- 58 Adjust to something new
- 59 ___ a soul (no one)
- 60 Witnessed
- 61 Takes a breather
- 62 Bullring shouts
- 6 Macho guy
- 7 Have life
- 8 Has lunch
- 9 MDs' aides
- 10 Promise confidently
- 11 Triumph easily
- 12 List-ending abbr.
- 13 Company div.
- 21 Tax expert, briefly
- 22 Not at all interested
- 24 Allot, with "out"
- 25 Theater walkway
- 26 Very slow speed
- 27 Interest charge
- 28 The South
- 29 Goblet part
- 30 Colors
- 31 Sassy
- 32 Was ahead
- 35 Glistened
- 36 Noisy
- 40 Choir voice
- 42 Reduce
- 43 Isn't fully vertical
- 44 Snapshot, for short
- 46 Marching-band instruments
- 47 Not appropriate
- 48 Boys
- 49 "I cannot tell ___"
- 50 Disrespectful
- 51 Verbal exam
- 52 Regal address
- 53 Utters
- 55 Garage occupant

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- November is National Native American History Month.
 - California has the largest population of Native Americans in the United States with more than 416,500 people.
- World Almanac for Kids

KID NEWS

Chatter Box

"I'm proud of being part Cherokee, and I think it's time all us Indians felt the same way."
— Country singer Loretta Lynn, on brainyquote.com



In The News

A book for fantasy fans

Christopher Paolini has always loved adventure stories. At 15, he decided to start writing them. The first two books in his "Inheritance" series, "Eragon" and "Eldest," have sold more than 15 million copies worldwide. The books chronicle the adventures of a boy named Eragon and his dragon Saphira as they battle evil in the land of Alagaësia.

TIME FOR KIDS

The author, now 24, recently finished writing the third book in the series, "Brisingr." The 784-page book hit bookstores this fall and sold more than half a million copies in the first 24 hours.

Time For Kids kid reporter Erin Wiens St. John caught up with Paolini in San Bruno, Calif., on his 10-city book tour.

TFK: What inspired you to write the series?

PAOLINI: Boredom, for one. I graduated from high school at 15. I was home schooled, and that let me move through the courses a little faster. I was living in Montana — I still live in Montana — out in the middle of nowhere. I wasn't in school, I didn't have a car, I didn't have a job, and I was reading a bunch of fantasy books. One day, I was thinking about all the books I read about dragons. I thought how neat it would be if I were in the woods and I found a dragon egg. So, I started asking myself: "Where would a dragon egg come from? Who might find a dragon egg out in the middle of nowhere? How might it get there? And since dragon eggs can't be very common, they must be very valuable, who else would be looking for the egg?" These questions helped to develop the entire story for me.

TFK: I understand that you plotted out the entire "Inheritance" series before you started writing. But as "Brisingr" unfolded, was there something that surprised you?

PAOLINI: I never thought that I was going to actually write the whole series. When I began "Eragon," I thought it was going to be a practice book for me, and that maybe my parents would read it, and if I was really lucky, maybe my sister would read it. And then the characters surprised me on numerous occasions. They've done things that I didn't expect, and that's always nice because it means (the story) is rolling on its own.

TFK: Did you face challenges writing "Brisingr"?

PAOLINI: As I began writing "Brisingr," there were a lot of distractions and I found myself having difficulty writing. In order to get over that, I left the computer and wrote a good third of the book by hand, using an ink-dip pen on parchment paper. The nib on the tip of an ink-dip pen is coated with iridium, which is a very, hard shiny metal. This makes the pen slide over the paper with very little friction. So, it's much easier to write very large amounts, which is what I'm doing.

TFK: Have you begun writing the fourth and final book in the "Inheritance" series?

PAOLINI: I haven't gotten very far with it yet, but I will be writing it as fast as possible. I think it's safe to say that the next book will continue Eragon and Saphira's adventures in the land of Alagaësia, and that there will be duels and dragons and battles and villains and romance and all the other good things a story needs.

— Erin Wiens St. John

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Cozy Cottage

Construct a faux gingerbread house

This festive corkboard cottage has a great selling point: While it's every bit as sweet as the classic cookie and candy model, it'll never get stale. This holiday season, try this great centerpiece idea from Family-Fun magazine

YOU WILL NEED

- Two 12-inch square cork panels (available at office supply stores)
- Ruler and pen
- Craft foam in various colors
- Craft knife
- Hot glue
- Pencils
- White puffy fabric paint and paintbrush
- Hole punch
- Craft glue

1. Draw the house shapes on the cork panels as shown. Cut them out, using a ruler and a craft knife for the windows and door (a parent's job). Cut the window squares in half for shutters.

2. Hot-glue the shutters and door in place, using pencils to prop them at an angle while the glue sets. Cut or punch

out foam circles to resemble Necco wafers and candy dots. You can even paint some like starlight mints.

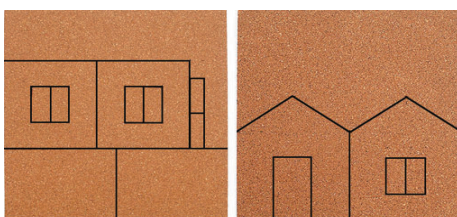
3. Hot-glue the walls together. Add the roof pieces, then let the glue set. Cut out foam roof tile strips and glue them in place starting at the lower edge and slightly overlapping the layers.

4. Use craft glue to attach the candy circles. Paint the seams of the house, the roof peak, the shutters, and the eaves with white puffy fabric paint to look like they're covered with icing.

5. Set out your finished house with our foam trees. To complete the scene, we added cork stepping-stones, fake snow, and a battery-operated tea light (available at craft stores).

Foam Trees

To make each tree, color a wooden skewer with a green marker. Next, cut out squares of green craft foam (ours ranged from 1/2 inch to 2 3/4 inches) and trim them as shown. Push the skewer point through a cork circle, then through the center of each foam piece. To finish, glue together two small stars, sandwiching the skewer point.



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Fashion Finds

Top colors for fall

Jewels Dress Cactus (\$14.99) from target.com



INDIGO BLUE:

This season indigo blue is the hue to go for when shopping. This brilliant blue has been seen on the Chloe runways and will be the color to go with for the upcoming red carpets.

This trend is mainly used in dresses, so incorporate it into your wardrobe by buying an indigo blue dress.

STONE GRAY: A great alternative to black is a stone gray. Gray is less harsh against many skin tones and gives you a softer

look. Established fashion labels such as Chanel are using this neutral in their ready-to-wear collections. The color mixes well with bright, saturated colors.

SUNSET ORANGE:

Orange has made a sudden splash on the runways for the fall season. This bright color can become either very fashion-forward or make you look like a prison inmate.

Use this color sparingly. Try the orange

hue in a T-shirt or in a chunky bracelet, but only one at a time. Pair orange with neutrals such as brown, grey and olive green.

In addition, look for **PURPLE** to make a big splash this fall and into the winter fashion lines.

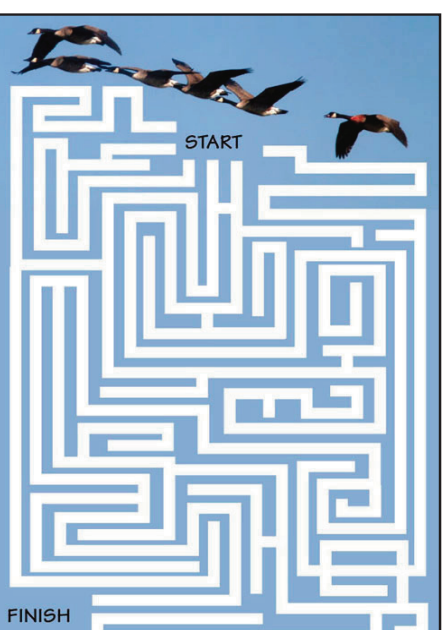
— Jenna Harvey, a high school student in El Dorado Hills, Calif.

Boys Vermillion Video Game Argyle Sweater (\$24.50) and Gray Stripe Zip Pocket Pants (\$24.50) from oldnavy.com. **Right, Sugar Tart Smocked Print Top in Mountain Grey (\$13.90)** from nordstrom.com



South bound

These geese are heading south for the winter. Help them through the maze to find a warmer climate.



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