

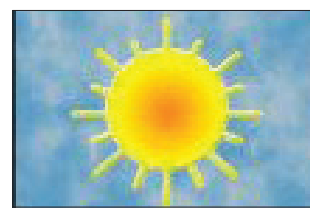
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Odessa man indicted for murder

DPS officer says Henson was intoxicated when he allegedly struck a Big Spring motorcyclist from behind

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

An Odessa man who allegedly ran down and killed a motorcyclist in mid-April was indicted by the Howard County grand

jury this week on several charges, including murder and intoxication manslaughter.

Paul Euege Henson, 36, of 9866 W. 25th St. in Odessa, was indicted Thursday on charges

of murder (first-degree felony), intoxication manslaughter (second-degree felony), manslaughter (second-degree felony) and failure to stop and render aid (Texas Transportation code).

The accident — which occurred during the early-morning hours of April 19 near the 165 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20 — claimed the life of James Alford Simmons Jr., 56, of

Big Spring, according to officials with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

“Simmons was traveling west See **INDICTED**, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Logan Henry, 2, tells Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus what he wants for Christmas at the Heritage Museum Saturday morning. Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand to help kick off the museum's Let It Snow exhibit, which runs through the Christmas season.

HC board to name new trustee

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

The search is almost over for a new Howard College trustee.

The District 3 seat on the board, which has been vacant since long-time trustee Harold Davis died Oct. 13, will be one of the main topics of discussion when trustees hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room.

Davis was District 3's representative on the board for more than 35 years. He was first appointed to the position in 1972, then was elected to the post six consecutive times.

Following his death,



Hansen

appointed a search committee headed by Board President Dr. John Freeman and College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks

to find candidates for the position. Sparks said earlier this month that it was highly likely a candidate would be named during Monday's meeting.

Whoever is named to replace Davis will serve until at least 2010, at which time an election will be held for the final two years of his unexpired term, Sparks said.

See **TRUSTEE**, Page 3A

Christmas parade shaping up to be among best, organizers say

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Preparations for the 23rd annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade are in full swing, organizers said.

The parade, which serves as this community's unofficial kickoff to the Christmas season, will be held Dec. 6 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

More than 40 entries have been received to date. That number is

short of a record, but Advertising Director Rick Nunez said that quality would trump quantity in this year's parade.

See **PARADE**, Page 3A

Lights for Gail upcoming

GAIL — Lights for Gail, the 15th annual Lighting of the star on Gail Mountain, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday.

The Borden County Courthouse will be open at 5 p.m., serving refreshments. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at the courthouse at 5:30 p.m. by horse-drawn sleigh.

Santa's sleigh and buggy rides will be held throughout the evening. The museum will also open at 5 p.m.

Everyone is invited. Those who wish can bring items for "Christmas for the Kids" at Buckner's Children's Home.

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Commissioners set for routine business

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

A routine agenda awaits Howard County commissioners Monday morning, as the court looks to pick up where it left off on end-of-year fiscal matters.

County Auditor Jackie Olson is to present commissioners with a number of budget amendments to help close out the county's fiscal year, according to County Judge Mark Barr.

"It's all very routine stuff," said Barr. "We just have to shift some things

around. They are just things that came in at the end of last year's budget. I don't expect there to be anything major."

Olson had been scheduled to present the budget amendments during a special meeting Nov. 14, but had to be postponed in order to allow her to prepare the necessary documents, according to Barr.

Also during the meeting, Olson is to present any invoices or purchase requests, while County Treasurer Teresa Thomas will discuss personnel considerations.

Eddy Jameson, county road and bridge administrator, is also to meet with commissioners and discuss any pipeline crossings or issues with road maintenance.

The meeting is set to get under way at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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Big Spring 47
EP Riverside 6

Stanton 35
Morton 21

Garden City 70
Throckmorton 66

Sierra Blanca 66
Sands 40

Continued domination

Steers blow out Riverside, 47-6

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

EL PASO — Big Spring dominance late in the 2008 football season continues.

The Steers apparently made the 343-mile drive to El Paso Friday with a desire to humiliate the team forcing them to play so far from home.

After getting off to a slow start in the first quarter against the El Paso Riverside Rangers, Big Spring received big plays on both sides of the ball, including two defensive touchdowns, as the Steers rolled to a 47-6 victory.

In fact, El Paso's only score of the game couldn't have come at a more insignificant time. Quarterback Peter Carreon dove across the goal line with no time left on the clock to kill the Big Spring defense's shot at pitching its second shutout in three games.

"We really got off to a slow start offensively, but our defense made some big plays for us," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "Our



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's LaRay Woodard dives into the end zone in the fourth quarter of the Steers' 47-6 victory over El Paso Riverside in El Paso Friday. The Steers play No. 2 Everman next week in a Region I semifinal at a date and time still to be determined.

defense really backed up our offense tonight and held those guys up until things finally started flowing for us."

Big Spring (8-4) now prepares for its biggest test of the season as the Steers will face second-ranked Everman (12-0) in the

regional semifinals at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Abilene, unless San Angelo Lake View lost Saturday. In that case, the Steers would play at an earlier time Saturday afternoon.

"Everman is a very talented football team, but this is the

type of game we want to be in," said Ritchey. "Only the best get to play in big games and this is as big as it has been for us this season. We're going

See **STEERS**, Page 2B

Mustangs eliminated

Herald Staff Report

GRANDFALLS — Injuries happen in football and there's never an opportune time for a key player to go down.

The Sands Mustangs had their top two players — Daniel Armendariz and Johnny Rogers — injured in the second half and it ended up costing them an upset victory over sixth-ranked Sierra Blanca. Instead, Sierra Blanca pulled away late for a 66-44 victory in a Six-man Division II, regional mathcup.

Rogers had shredded Sierra Blanca throughout the first half, but a sore ankle slowed him in the second half.

However, the Mustangs were able to keep pace until late in the fourth quarter. With the game tied with four minutes remaining to play, a second injury struck Sands as Armendariz left the game with a knee injury, stymieing a promising Mustangs drive.

From that point on, Sierra Blanca couldn't be stopped with Sands' top defensive player sidelined, bringing an end to the Mustangs' first postseason run since 2002.

Regardless of the outcome, Sands Head Coach Wayne Henderson believes this team is ready to take the next step.

"I'm extremely proud of this team. We're still very young and we feel very privileged to have the opportunity to play in the postseason this season," said Henderson. "We thought we played a step above of what was expected of us."

See **MUSTANGS**, Page 2B

Garden City advances



Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City's Josh Colunga (25) runs past a Throckmorton defender in the Bearkats 70-66 victory Friday in Trent. The game was decided by extra points. Garden City only missed one, while Throckmorton missed two, plus a one-point attempt, leaving five points off the scoreboard. The Bearkats face district rival Fort Davis in the Region II final at 6 p.m. Friday in Wink.

Stanton shocks Morton

Herald Staff Report

DENVER CITY — Welcome back to the Robbie Noland show.

Stanton's heralded running back led the Buffaloes to an upset 35-21 victory over the Morton Indians Friday in the regional round of the Class A, Division I playoffs.

Noland topped 100 yards in the opening quarter and had more than 200 yards by halftime. He finished the night with 250 yards and four touchdowns on 25 carries.

"We do what we do," said Stanton Head Coach Lee McCown. "It's what we believe in and we've stuck to it all season. The kids came ready to play and did a great job."

Stanton will face ninth-ranked Canadian, which was a 55-20 victor over undefeated Wellington Friday, in the Region I finals at 2 p.m. Friday in Plainview.

"We're going to prepare for Canadian the same way we've prepared for everyone all season," said McCown. "We're really enjoying it right now and are glad to still be playing. We're really looking forward to Friday and hopefully we can get us another golden ball. We know we're going into the game as a big underdog, but that's why you play the game."

Stanton's defense baffled Morton's prolific offense for long periods of time in the game,

See **STANTON**, Page 2B

Bulldogs run past Crane, improve to 2-0

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Coahoma Bulldogs Head Coach Kim Nichols saw what he wanted out of his team Friday night in its 60-40 victory over the Crane Golden Cranes.

"We played better against a stronger team than our first game," Nichols commented. "I thought our defense did a real good job in the first quarter and we were able to move the ball around and get some open shots."

In that first quarter, the Bulldogs clamped down on the Cranes from the opening tip off, forcing the Crane offense

to sputter, resulting in an 8-3 turnover advantage for Coahoma and allowing the Bulldogs to take a 16-0 lead.

"I saw a lot of things that I liked in that first quarter," Nichols said. "If we can come out and maintain that for an entire game, we are going to be alright."

Crane fell in love early with the long-range shot, missing all eight of its attempts in the period.

"Us being able to get out and run helps us. We don't have much size and they could bang you on the boards," Nichols said. "If we can get out and run the floor, we don't have to worry about being

undersized."

With the score 29-16 in their favor heading into the third quarter, the Bulldogs put the game away, outscoring the Cranes 16-9 to open a 20-point lead heading into the final quarter.

However, even with the easy victory Nichols was still not entirely satisfied with his team.

"We played a good ballgame, but there are still things I saw that I didn't like," Nichols commented. "We have to shoot free throws better. That's for sure."

See **COAHOMA**, Page 2B

Crossroads area football playoffs schedule

Friday
Six-man Division I, Region II final
Garden City vs. Fort Davis, 6 p.m., Wink
Class A, Division I, Region I final
Stanton vs. Canadian, 2 p.m., Plainview
Class 4A, Division II, Region I semifinals
Big Spring vs. Everman, 7:30 p.m., Abilene (tentative)

Homestyle Holiday Favorites

A Sumptuous Spread for the Family

FAMILY FEATURES

Each holiday season, hosts strive for the perfect balance between serving traditional fare and trying out palate-pleasing new recipes. Among friends and family however, the classics — which conjure up memories of holidays past — win hands down. Here's a sumptuous spread that's sure to please the whole family.

For a perfectly roasted turkey — the centerpiece of the holiday meal — baste the bird with *Swanson* chicken stock. The stock helps keep the meat moist and gives a lovely golden color to the skin. It also creates a base for homemade pan gravy that's perfect for drizzling over the turkey or topping **Moist and Savory Stuffing** or even mashed potatoes.

Green Bean Casserole is an iconic blend of rich flavors and textures. It features green beans, velvety *Campbell's* Cream of Mushroom soup and crisp french fried onion topping. Although it's almost certain to be one of the first items gone from the table, if you do end up with leftovers, slice leftover turkey, stir into the casserole and reheat for a one-dish meal the next day.

Serve up a spoonful of instant comfort with **Creamy Corn Pudding**. This super side dish combines corn with cream of chicken soup, eggs, Parmesan cheese and fresh chives. It's a delicious departure from the standard creamed corn or corn bread.

No holiday feast is complete without dessert. This year, why not add a **Chocolate Pirouette Crusted Cake** to the dessert buffet? It's a timesaving treat that will delight guests of all ages.

For more information, cooking tips and additional holiday recipes, visit www.campbellskitchen.com.



**Roasted Turkey
and Pan Gravy**

Roasted Turkey and Pan Gravy

Prep: 15 minutes
Cook: 3 hours, 30 minutes
Makes: 6 servings

- 1 12 - to 14-pound turkey
- 1 3/4 cups *Swanson* Chicken Stock
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1. Remove package of giblets and neck from turkey cavity. Rinse turkey with cold water and pat dry with a paper towel. Tie ends of drumsticks together.

2. Place turkey, breast side-up, on a rack in shallow roasting pan. Brush turkey with stock. Insert meat thermometer into thickest part of the meat, making sure thermometer is not touching bone.
3. Roast at 325°F for 3 to 3 1/2 hours or until thermometer reads 180°F and drumstick moves easily, basting occasionally with stock. Begin checking for doneness after 2 1/2 hours of cooking time. Let stand for 10 minutes.
4. Remove turkey from roasting pan. Pour off any fat. Stir stock and flour in a small bowl until mixture is smooth. Stir stock mixture in pan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils and thickens. Season to taste. Serve with the turkey.

Moist and Savory Stuffing

Prep: 20 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 11 servings

- 2 1/2 cups *Swanson* Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
- 2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 package (16 ounces) *Pepperidge Farm* Herb Seasoned Stuffing

1. Heat broth, celery and onion in 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add stuffing and mix lightly.
2. Spoon stuffing mixture into greased 3-quart casserole dish. Cover and bake at 350°F for 30 minutes or until hot.

For crunchier stuffing, bake the casserole uncovered.



**Green Bean
Casserole**

Green Bean Casserole

Prep: 10 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) *Campbell's* Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium)
- 1 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 bags (about 16 ounces each) frozen cut green beans, cooked and drained
- 1 can (6 ounces) french fried onions (2 2/3 cups)

1. Stir soup, milk, soy sauce, pepper, beans and 1 1/3 cups onions in a 3-quart casserole.
2. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until the bean mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir bean mixture and top with remaining onions.
3. Bake for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden brown.



**Moist and
Savory Stuffing**

Creamy Corn Pudding

Prep: 10 minutes
Bake: 35 minutes
Makes: 6 servings

- Butter
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) *Campbell's* Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 can (16 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives

1. Heat the oven to 350°F. Grease 1 1/2-quart casserole with butter.
2. Beat soup, milk and eggs with a whisk or fork in medium bowl. Stir in corn, cornmeal, cheese and chives. Pour soup mixture into prepared casserole.
3. Bake for 35 minutes or until puffed and golden brown.

Chocolate Pirouette Crusted Cake

Prep: 10 minutes
Thaw: 2 hours
Makes: 8 servings

- 1 box (19.6 ounces) *Pepperidge Farm* Chocolate Fudge 3 Layer Cake
- 1/2 of a 13.5 ounce canister *Pepperidge Farm* Chocolate Hazelnut Crème-filled Pirouettes (about 18)

1. Thaw cake according to package directions. Place on a serving dish.
2. Cut cookies into 2 1/2-inch-long pieces. Place cookies upright, side-by-side, all around edge of cake, pressing gently into the frosting. Place any remaining cookies on top of cake. Serve immediately.

Tip: This cake can be prepared up to 2 days ahead and stored in the refrigerator.



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Obituaries

Tina Reagan Marcum

Tina Reagan Marcum, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 21, 2008, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Tommy Hursh and Carl Leonard, Jr. officiating.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born April 23, 1928, in Bowie County and married Robert L. Reagan Dec. 10, 1946, in Abilene. He preceded her in death Aug. 12, 1996. She then married Homer "Buddy" Marcum and he also preceded her in death.

Tina came to Big Spring in 1940 from DeKalb. She was a homemaker, loved arts and crafts, sewing, quilting and crocheting and gardening. She had a great love for animals of all kinds, especially birds. She was a member of Community of Christ in Stanton.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Frances Reagan of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and David Fritzler of Big Spring and Valerie and Michael McCutchan of Coahoma; 11 grandchildren, Angela Dodd, J.R. Garrard, Calvin Garrard, Jimmy Garrard, Robert Prather, Traci Lambert, Sean Fritzler, Allison Fritzler, Steven Patterson, Michael Patterson and Cody Sneed; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Misty Patterson; three brothers, Arthur Peacock, R.E. Peacock and Edward Peacock; and one sister, Ocie Rowden.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186, Austin 78761-5186 or to the American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121

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

Paid obituary

Kenneth 'Butch' Haggard

Kenneth "Butch" Haggard, 68, of Stanton, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Take Note

- The Department of State Health Services will provide flu shots Nov. 24-26, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the clinic, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B. Cost is \$10, which is covered by Medicaid and Medicare. For more information, contact 263-9775.

- 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.

- 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 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. After Dec. 1 the number to call for rides to treatment will be (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 700 block of Interstate 20.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA/TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 2500 block of Highway 80.

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 Hodnett 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.

of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

- 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 to register.

- 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.

- All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

- Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love.






- 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.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Your Local Weather

Sun 11/23	Mon 11/24	Tue 11/25	Wed 11/26	Thu 11/27
				
74/42	67/40	72/51	75/53	73/46
Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 74F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Few showers. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

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Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

- 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.

- 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.

FRIDAY

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

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

Correction

Carryout times for the annual Salvation Army Thanksgiving dinner were originally announced as 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Thursday in a recent article in the Herald. Salvation Army officials say the correct times, however, are 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$96 million Friday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's \$86 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 1, 22, 52, 53 and 56. The Mega Ball number was 45.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

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How long will Muschamp wait for Mack Brown?

By **JIM VERTUNO**
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Texas coach Mack Brown insists Will Muschamp's elevation to head-coach-in-waiting doesn't start the tick-tock on the countdown to his retirement.

Actually, it does.

Not because fans are pushing him out the door, but because any time Muschamp's name is mentioned, it's sure to be followed by "you know, the guy who's been promised Mack Brown's job when he leaves."

"When?" just became a perpetual question in Texas, whether Brown likes it or not.

A key to making a smooth transition — whenever that is — will be timing.

The Muschamp promotion is interesting on several levels, starting with Brown himself.

Brown said Tuesday he's enjoying coaching more than ever. He reminded everyone he has eight years left on his contract and has no plans to retire, although he joked he won't hang around into his twilight years like Penn State's Joe Paterno and Florida State's Bobby Bowden.

And yet the announcement about Muschamp's future brought Brown's into focus as well.

At 57, Brown seems to have plenty of good years left under the hood of his well-oiled Texas football machine. The Longhorns are in the hunt for their second national championship in four years and Brown continues to reel in bumper crops of top recruits.

And by getting Muschamp, their first-year defensive coordinator, to agree to stick around for the long haul, the Longhorns

snared the hottest young assistant going.

Until the Texas deal was struck, the odds were very good that Muschamp was probably going to be a head coach at a major program next season.

Here's where things at Texas could get tricky.

Brown says he's the one who initiated the deal. Does that mean he told Muschamp he plans to stick around only a couple of more years?

Or did he warn him that it really could be another eight years of waiting? That would seem an awful long time for a hot commodity like Muschamp to sit around.

A best-case scenario for Texas is that Brown stays a few more years, keeps winning and keeps the cupboard loaded with talent for a smooth transition to Muschamp.

A worst-case scenario is that Texas takes a step or two backward over the next few years, the fans turn on Brown AND Muschamp and nobody is happy.

Think it can't happen?

Just ask Philip Fulmer and Tennessee fans.

A wild card could be athletic director DeLoss Dodds, who has led the Texas men's program since 1981.

When Brown got a two-year contract extension in 2007, it included a new clause that promised him a "significant position" at Texas if he voluntarily steps down from coaching.

That raised speculation that Brown — who served as athletic director at Tulane for three years when he was also the football coach — could slide right into Dodds' job if Dodds decided to retire.

On Tuesday, Brown politely but firmly told reporters he thought it was "unprofessional" to discuss Dodds' job. The two men share great admiration for each other and Brown said, "I hope DeLoss is the athletics director forever."

The details on Muschamp's deal haven't been finalized other than announcements that his salary will increase from \$425,000 to \$900,000 in January and that he'll get a five-year contract once he becomes head coach.

In the meantime, he waits, watches and learns how to be a head coach at a bell-cow program like Texas. His teacher is one who has mastered the required skills of recruiting, staff building, politicking and backslapping.

Muschamp says his role remains that of defensive coordinator, not co-head coach.

STEERS

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to enjoy the opportunity. Just because they're ranked No. 2 doesn't mean they can't be beaten. This is why they play the game."

After playing a scoreless first quarter in El Paso, Matt Ritchey took over, having a part in all three of the Steers' second-quarter touchdowns.

Ritchey faked a wide receiver screen to his left and then hit Thaddeus Straughter, who was streaking down the seam wide open, for a 70-yard touchdown.

The long pass opened up Big Spring's run game and Ritchey gouged the Riverside defense for a 35-yard gain inside the Rangers' 5. Two plays later, Big Spring's junior quarterback walked into

the end zone off left tackle, making the score 12-0.

On Riverside's ensuing possession, Ritchey leaped to snag a Carreon pass over the middle at the Rangers' 45, got outside to the right sideline and plowed over a Ranger at the 3 as he plunged into the end zone, giving the Steers at 19-0 advantage at intermission.

While more touchdowns were to follow, none probably placed a dagger in the Rangers' hearts than Big Spring's second defensive touchdown.

On Riverside's first possession of the third quarter, the Rangers were backed up inside their own 5 after a personal foul penalty. On the next play, Carreon faked a handoff to running back Ricky Iturralde and wanted to run around right end.

However, Cade Hollandsworth was waiting for Riverside's

quarterback and knocked the ball loose in the end zone. Although it took Hollandsworth a moment to notice the ball was at his feet, he did eventually recover it for a touchdown, putting Big Spring ahead, 26-0.

"I thought the running back had received the handoff," said a laughing Hollandsworth as he recalled the play.

"So after I hit the quarterback, I turned around to see what was going on. Out of the corner of my eye I saw the ball on the ground and thought I might want to get on that."

It's the second touchdown of Hollandsworth's varsity career.

"Scoring on defense is an amazing feeling," he said. "It's great because everyone piles on top of you and it doesn't happen too often."

Big Spring has outscored its opponents 127-20 in the last three

games. A big part of that differential is the due to the defense forcing 13 turnovers in that span.

"We've got everyone back healthy right now and we're playing as a unit," noted Hollandsworth.

"A lot of it is how we're preparing. Everyone is going pretty hard right now with a lot of intensity. We all believe we can take this pretty far."

Big Spring 0 19 14 14—47

EP Riverside 0 0 0 6—6

Second quarter

BS — Thaddeus Straughter 70 pass from Matt Ritchey (kick failed), 7:36

BS — Ritchey 2 run (run failed), 4:45

BS — Ritchey 45 interception return (Tyler Tannehill kick), 3:28

Third quarter

BS — Cade Hollandsworth fumble recovery in end zone (Tannehill kick), 8:17

BS — Monte Anderson 7 run (Tannehill kick), 6:13

Fourth quarter

BS — LaRay Woodard 2 run (Tannehill kick), 7:50

BS — Zamir Linton 56 run (Tannehill kick), 3:51

EPR — Peter Carreon 3 run, 0:00

	BS	EPR
First Downs	16	13
Total yards	341	131
Rushes-Yards	35-252	36-71
Comp.-Att.-Int.	5-12-3	7-19-2
Passing yards	89	60
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Punts-Avg.	3-38.0	8-31.6
Penalties-Yards	8-67	9-90
Time of Poss.	22:46	25:14

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Big Spring — Matt Ritchey 12-99, Zamir Linton 4-84, Monte Anderson 11-43, LaRay Woodard 5-24, Ryan Klaasen 2-9, Team 1-(-7); EP Riverside — Ricky Iturralde 13-65, Peter Carreon 18-13, Leo Diaz 3-12, Alfredo Grajeda 1-1, Team 1-(-20).

Passing: Big Spring — Ritchey 4-7-2 82, Tyler Tannehill 1-5-1 7; EP Riverside — Carreon 7-19-2 60.

Receiving: Big Spring — Thaddeus Straughter 1-70, Pavel Plakhotny 2-8, Woodard 1-7, Sidney Parker 1-4; EP Riverside — Grajeda 1-21, Josh Gomez 1-16, Justin Lopez 1-12, Iturralde 2-8, Josh Blancarte 2-3.

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"I really feel like we let one slip away here," he continued. "We had Sierra Blanca where we wanted them, but those injuries hurt us. I believe we would have had a shot to win this game if both those guys were healthy and on the field."

COAHOMA

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Coahoma finished the night hitting 11-of-23 from the charity stripe while nailing 35 percent of their shots from downtown.

With the win Coahoma now moves to 2-0 on the year and will next be in action Monday as they travel to take on the Roby Lions.

Earlier in the night, the Garden City Lady Kats eked out a victory over the

Sands loses six seniors, but only two — Ethan Zant and Seth Fry — were heavy contributors on the field. At the same time, the Mustangs will return both Armendariz and Rogers to next year's squad, along with several freshmen who got some key experience this season.

"I really think we're ready to play at that next level," said Henderson. "Our goal is to be in the top 10 next year."

Bulldogettes, 46-38. K'Leigh Fowler lead the Bulldogettes scoring 12, while Kalea Neff scored nine in the loss.

The second and third quarters doomed Coahoma as the Lady Kats outscored their host 25-12 over the span, holding off a late Coahoma rally for the win.

Coahoma	16	13	16	15--60
Crane	0	16	9	15--40

Scoring: Jovi Paniagua 13, Cody Shepard 11, Michael Mendoza 10, Braden Griffin 9, Lane Douglas 8, Isaac Garcia 3, Josh Paniagua 3

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Graduates
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She is the daughter of Lila Adkins and the late Larry Adkins. She is the granddaughter of Evelyn Adkins and the late Lawrence Adkins and the late Floyd and Ima Dell Williams.

Stork Club



Lillian Brianne Yanez

Sept. 4, 2008

Victor Yanez IV, attached with the U.S. Army 412th Bravo Co., and Rhetta Yanez, both of Ansbach, Germany, announce the birth of their daughter, Lillian Brianne Yanez, born Sept. 4, 2008, at Medical Center Hospital, Odessa, weighing 4 pounds, 10 ounces and was 17 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Jaime and Cecilia Alvarado of Garden City and Macedonio and Mary Landin of Big Spring.

Lillian was welcomed home by big brother, 2-year-old Lee Alexander.



Tyler Owen Moland

Nov. 3, 2008

Todd and Andrea Moland of Mexia announce the arrival of their son, Tyler Owen Moland, born at 11:25 a.m. on Nov. 3, 2008, at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, Waco. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long.

His grandparents are Terry and Patti Meeks of Big Spring; Hal and Missy Conklin of Burleson; and the late Steve Vineyard. His great-grandparents are D.C. and Myrtle Lee of Sand Springs, the late Shirley Cope Lee, Ethyl Owen of DeLeon and the late Charles Owen.

Tyler was welcomed home by his 2-year old sister, Breanna Lynn.

Christian Antonio Piña

Nov. 7, 2008

Jesus and Monique Piña of Big Spring announce the birth of their son, Christian Antonio Piña, born at 2:36 p.m. Nov. 7, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He is the maternal grandson of Alicia Gonzales and Robert Gonzales, both of Kermit. He is the paternal grandson of Manuel and Martina Piña of Big Spring.

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Moss Elementary first-graders dressed up like Pilgrims and Indians to celebrate Thanksgiving Thursday afternoon.

INDICTED

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in the outside lane on I-20 on a 2008 Harley Davidson motorcycle when he was struck from behind by a 1989 Chevrolet Suburban," said Linda Chavez, a communications officer with the DPS Regional Office in Midland. "He lost control and hit the median, where he was ejected."

Simmons was taken to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where he died from his wounds April 22 at 9:55 p.m., according to DPS records.

Chavez said Henson allegedly left the scene of the accident, but was later tracked down in Sweetwater, where he was taken into custody by the Sweetwater Police Department.

According to Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, Henson is set to be tried for felony murder because of the circumstances that caused the accident.

"Any time someone is in the course of committing another felony offense — in this case it was driving while intoxicated, third or more offense — and causes the death of another, you have the grounds for a felony murder charge," said Wilkerson.

If convicted on the murder charge, Henson faces five to 99 years to life in prison, as well as a fine not to exceed \$10,000. Each of the second-degree felonies — intoxication manslaughter and manslaughter — carry a sentence of two to 20 years in prison and a similar monetary fine.

The charge of failure to stop and render aid is punishable by one year in county jail to five years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility and a fine not to exceed \$5,000, according to court officials.

Wilkerson declined to comment on the facts of case, but said he's looking forward to taking it to

trial. Also indicted were: • Billy Wayne Aldridge, 21, of 311 S. Jefferson St., deadly conduct (second-degree felony, enhanced) and delivery of a controlled substance (first-degree felony, enhanced).

• Miguel Antonio Arenivaz Jr., 19, of 2603 Ent, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony) and possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

• Lionso Lee Jimenez III, 29, currently in Howard County Jail, possession of a controlled substance (first-degree felony, enhanced).

• Simon Jacob Arenivaz, 18, of 2603 Ent, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Rocky Allen Autry, 25, currently in Howard County Jail, burglary of a building (state jail felony) and burglary of a habitation (first-degree felony, enhanced).

• Lester Claude Duffer, 28, of 2502 Hunter, unau-

thorized use of a motor vehicle (third-degree felony, enhanced), burglary of a building (third-degree felony, enhanced) and burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

• Edwin James Dean, 43, of 1205 Lancaster, burglary of a habitation with commission of an assault (first-degree felony).

• Billie Jean James, 46, of 3208 Ave. L in Snyder, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Robert Wayne Moseley, 44, currently in Howard County Jail, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Christopher Lee Myrick, 32, of 1013 S. Nolan, forgery (third-degree felony, enhanced).

• Jeremiah James Roberts, 29, currently in Howard County Jail, burglary of a habitation (first-degree felony, enhanced) and aggravated robbery (first-degree felony, enhanced).

• Michael Roy Roberson, 26, currently in Howard County Jail, possession

Police say more than \$3 million in boots stolen
FORT WORTH (AP) — Someone stole nearly \$3.2 million worth of boots and parts by hauling away shipping containers in a big rig, police said Friday.

The thefts occurred Labor Day weekend and Nov. 9 at the Justin Boots distribution center, said Fort Worth police Lt. Paul Henderson.

Both times someone cut the locked chain securing the gate, Henderson said. A surveillance video shows a white single-cab tractor entering the property without a trailer and leaving with one three different times.

In the first two thefts, three containers mounted on three chassis were taken, holding 10,740 pairs of boots and 7,400 sets of boot uppers worth nearly \$2.4 million, Henderson said. Two of the containers-chassis sets were found empty and the third was still missing on Friday, Henderson said.

In the Nov. 9 incident, two more shipping containers-chassis sets were taken from the same property and were later found empty, Henderson said. The nearly 10,000 pairs of boots in the containers were worth nearly \$800,000, he said.

U.S. gas prices dip below \$2, lowest in 3-plus years

HOUSTON (AP) — Only four months after peaking at an unheard of \$4.11 a gallon, the national average price for gasoline tumbled below \$2 Friday, its lowest point in more than three years. Yet the global economic contrast between then and now could not be more stark.

There was muted joy for consumers wading through an economy that's almost certainly in recession, with thousands of jobs being lost and mortgage foreclosures continuing to rise to record levels.

TRUSTEE

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Also Monday, trustees will discuss the status of campus-wide renovation projects.

Officials are hopeful that work on Phase One of the renovations — constructing additions to the science building — can be

gin within the next two or three months.

"We had some unanswered questions ... and we wanted to make sure that everything we wanted in the project was in there and that there was no wasted money," said College Vice President Terry Hansen.

Hansen said bids on Phase One will go out on Dec. 15. Aside from reno-

vation of the science building, upgrades to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems will be part of the first phase.

If all goes well, work on the science building should begin in February, Hansen said.

In other business, trustees will consider:

• Bids for computers and criminal justice program equipment.

• Catalog and handbook changes.

• Personnel matters.

• An appointment to the Howard College Foundation.

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PARADE

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"This is going to be one of the best Christmas parades the Herald has ever put on," Nunez said. "Be sure not to miss it."

The theme for this year's event is "The Star of Bethlehem." Grand Marshals will be Bill and Joyce Crooker.

Entrants are eligible for three cash prizes — \$100 for the Best of Show Award (for best interpretation of theme); \$75 Mayor's Award (for best use of lighting); and \$50 Grand Marshal's Award (for best costuming).

In addition, first-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories —

individual or family; civic group, school or church; commercial; and industrial.

Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

"We are very excited to once again be hosting the Community Christmas Parade," Herald Publisher Ron Midkiff. "This is our

Christmas gift to Howard County and we're hoping for another successful event."

For more information, contact Parade Coordinator Elizabeth Flores at 263-7331.

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Backdrop for Cowboys, 49ers: Remember the Rams

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — As the Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers prepare to meet Sunday, folks in both locker rooms might be saying, “Remember the Rams.”

OK, so it's not the most original thing. But it sure is apt. And the twist is that the rallying cry means opposite things to each team.

For the Cowboys, their game against St. Louis marks the low point of this season, a 20-point loss that wasn't even that close in a game they were expected to win. Thus, the reminder is all about staying humble.

Strange as that might seem for a club that hasn't won consecutive games since September, Dallas is ripe for an inflated ego.

The Cowboys (6-4) are coming off a victory at Washington that kept them alive in the NFC wild-card race and could send them into December on quite a roll. All they have to do is beat San Francisco (3-7) on Sunday, then Seattle (2-8) on Thursday, both at home. With Tony Romo and cornerback Terence Newman back from injuries, that should be easy — right? Maybe fans can think

that way. Players can't, at least not if Dallas coach Wade Phillips can help it.

“We lost to St. Louis, that's all I have to say,” he said.

For further emphasis, Phillips could note this score from last Sunday: 49ers 35, Rams 16.

Or, if he really wants to rub it in, he could note that San Francisco led 35-3 against a team Dallas trailed 34-7.

Beating St. Louis was huge for the 49ers. It was their first victory under interim coach Mike Singletary and the throttling performance came a week after they'd blown a late lead over Arizona.

Thus, “Remember the Rams” means picking up where they left off. So far, they've already been climbing a step every week, going from ugly home loss to narrow defeat on the road to lopsided victory. Beating an over-.500 team on the road would be the next step on the Singletary progress chart, the kind of thing that'll help when he lobbies to have “interim” dropped from his title.

It's worth noting that San Francisco's three wins have come against teams that are a combined 4-26.

“I want to see our guys go out week in and week



AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo makes a throw during football practice at the team's training facility in Irving Wednesday.

out and compete and try to get better every day, every game,” Singletary said. “That's really important for us. There's a place we want to go and we want to look at ourselves and be proud of what we're establishing.”

A win might mean a lot to Singletary, too. He grew up in Houston and went to college at Baylor, about an hour and a half away. His coach there, Grant Teaff, remains a mentor and close friend, and will be in the stands watching for

the first time since Singletary took over.

Plus, Singletary interviewed for the Dallas job before last season, when Phillips ended up getting it.

He insists none of it will matter Sunday.

“I think it's an opportunity to come in and to compete against a very good football team,” the Hall of Fame linebacker said. “We just have to make sure that on this end, we prepare as best we can.”

Singletary isn't San Francisco's only change. The 49ers have a new quarterback, too, with Shaun Hill replacing J.T. O'Sullivan since the coaching change.

Pushed by offensive coordinator Mike Martz and bolstered by running back Frank Gore, Hill was chosen the NFC offensive player of the week for his performance against the Rams. Now he's got to prove it wasn't a fluke against a defense that's coming off its best performance of the season, limiting Washington to two first-half scoring drives, both on short fields, in a 14-10 victory.

The good news for Hill is that Martz called a great game against them last year, when he was with Detroit. The Lions led 27-14

before falling 28-27.

One of Martz's key guys in Detroit was Roy Williams, who is now on the Cowboys. But the more interesting reunion involving a Dallas receiver is Terrell Owens going against the team where the T.O. phenomenon was born.

Although this is his fifth season away, it will be only the second time he faces the 49ers. Few former teammates remain, but San Francisco fans certainly remember when No. 81 was on their side.

Owens doesn't have a 100-yard receiving game this season and hasn't even cracked 70 in October or November. He was sent home from team headquarters Wednesday because of flulike symptoms. It seems unlikely this would be his breakout game — but, with T.O., that could mean the time is right.

Romo also should be better than he was last week, his first game in a month. He's more comfortable throwing with a splint protecting the broken pinkie on his passing hand, although he's also lobbying to play without it. The Cowboys haven't scored more than 14 points the last five games after averaging 29.2 the first six games.

Travel-weary Texans aiming to stop road skid

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Not to be rude, but Browns coach Romeo Crennel wouldn't mind seeing Cleveland in all its winter splendor by the time the Houston Texans get to town.

Those knock-you-off-your-feet wind gusts off Lake Erie, the sideways sleet, the bone-chilling Arctic temperatures, and of course, the lake effect snow — inches upon glorious inches of it.

Bring it on, Crennel said.

“I don't know that they've seen much snow from where they're coming from,” Crennel said.

There's something else these Texans haven't seen in a while — a road victory.

Winless in five games outside the Lone Star State this season, Houston hasn't won away from home in its last eight road games since beating the Oakland Raiders on Nov. 2, 2007.

Inside, outside, night, day, it doesn't seem to matter. The Texans (3-7) don't travel well.

“It's been over a year,” tight end Owen Daniel said. “So, I think we're due. We're due for one.”

On the flip side, the Browns (4-6) are trying to solve a peculiar bout of home sickness. In a recent

five-day span, Cleveland dropped a pair of home games it should have won. Despite holding double-digit leads in the second half, the Browns collapsed and lost first to Baltimore and then to Denver — defeats that triggered a quarterback change and

accusations by Browns running back Jamal Lewis that some of his teammates quit.

The Browns bounced back on Monday night, holding on for a 29-27 win at frostbitten Buffalo. Now Cleveland has some home improvements it must

make quickly.

Last season, the Browns went a franchise-best 7-1 at home. This year, they're just 1-4 with their only win a stunning 35-14 rout of the New York Giants.

What's the deal?

“It's really about execution,” center Hank Fraley

said. “We always want to win at home. We just haven't gotten it done this year. It's a shame because it's always fun winning at home because your fans are into it. We just haven't executed well and have to change that around starting this Sunday.”

STANTON

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despite surrendering 372 total yards to the Indians.

Most importantly, the Buffs were able to stymie Morton's top threat in the run game, Luey Enriquez. Enriquez had been averaging 10 yards a carry and 150 yards a game. The Buffs held him to a mere 26 yards on eight carries.

Most of Morton's offense came via the air as quarterback Emerson Cornish threw for 228 yards and two touchdowns. Cornish also threw two costly interceptions, though.

On the other hand, the Buffs passed the ball just six times with Tyler Fulton completing two of them for 10 yards. Stanton had 393 yards rushing on 49 carries.

Fulton complimented Noland by going for 80 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries. Last week's hero Adam Montez contributed 28 yards on five carries, while fullback Nathan Nix averaged 10 yards a pop with 40 yards on four totes.

“Our offensive line was getting such a good push and dominating the line of scrimmage,” said McCown. “Robbie's vision Friday was the best I've seen it all season. We had some other guys step up and make

some big plays, too. We've got to keep this going now.”

Morton 6 8 0 7—21
Stanton 7 14 14 0—35

First Quarter
M — Trevor Arthur 20 pass from Emerson Cornish (kick failed), 11:15

S — Robbie Noland 12 run (Brandon Almanza kick), 10:24

Second Quarter
S — Noland 48 run (Almanza kick), 7:03

M — Derek Gracia 30 pass from Cornish (Gracia pass from Cornish), 2:12

S — Tyler Fulton 1 run (Almanza kick), 0:26

Third Quarter
S — Noland 15 run (Almanza kick), 7:13

S — Noland 1 run (Almanza kick), 3:19

Fourth Quarter
M — Arthur 22 run (Javier Tovar kick), 11:52

	MORT	STAN
First Downs	17	14
Total Yards	372	403
Rushes-Yards	25-145	49-393
Comp-Att.-Int.	11-26-2	2-6-0
Passing Yards	228	10
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Punts-Avg.	5-38.3	4-30.4
Penalties-Yards	6-45	4-30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING — Morton Luey Enriquez 8-26, Emerson Cornish 12-52, Trevor Arthur 3-33, Aaron Lewis 2-11; Stanton, Robbie Noland 25-250, Adam Montez 5-28, Tyler Fulton 14-80, Nathan Nix 4-40, Mark Garcia 1-(-7)

PASSING — Cornish 11-26-2-228; Stanton, Fulton 2-6-0-10

RECEIVING — Morton Lewis 2-26, Trey Kimbrell 4-95, Derek Gracia 3-51, Colton Risinger 1-27, Enriquez 2-28; Stanton, Noland 2-10

INTERCEPTIONS — Stanton, Nathan Nix 1-1, Jacob Cazares 1-43

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Weddings

Cain-Triepeke



Mr. & Mrs. Triepeke
Sept. 17, 2008
First Baptist Church Chapel

Bridget Nicole Cain and Joseph Andrew Triepeke were united in marriage, Sept. 27, 2008, at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton officiating.

Bridget is the daughter of Tim and Mary Cain of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Mildred Franklin and the late Jim Franklin, Betty Cain and the late Charles Cain, both of Big Spring.

Joseph is the son of Darryl and Sandy Triepeke of Odessa. He is the grandson of Clarence Peterson and Doris Bigelow of California.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride's gown was an all over beaded ivory lace with a trumpet fitting, featuring a v-neck halter bodice. The chapel length train flowed with metallic beading of ivory lace.

Her tiered veil was outlined with metallic beads matching her gown. She carried a bouquet of white calla lilies, green button mums and bells of Ireland. The bouquet was enveloped in ivory satin adorned with the bride's great-grandmother's pearl and rhinestone brooch.

Bridesmaids were Tejel Patel of Austin, friend of the bride and matchmaker; Amanda Lamb of Houston, lifelong friend of the bride; and Lisa Naizer of San Antonio, former college roommate at Texas A&M.

They wore deep purple, satin strapless tee length gowns of their choice and carried bouquets of purple and white calla lilies, green button mums and Star of

Bethlehem, all enveloped in purple satin ribbon.

Ricky Cain, uncle of the bride, greeted the guests at the registration table as they arrived.

The groom wore a black tuxedo complete with black tie and vest. His boutonniere was a white calla lily and bells of Ireland. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with purple vest and matching tie. Each wore a purple calla lily and bells of Ireland for a boutonniere.

The groomsmen were Kunal "K.P." Patel of Saudi Arabia, former University of Texas roommate; Ajay Patel of Arlington, lifelong friend; and Mital Patel of Dallas, a college friend.

Ushers were Chance Cain of Lubbock, brother of the bride, and Kyle Cain of Carlsbad, N.M., cousin of the bride.

The guests traveled a short distance to the Trinity Baptist Craven Annex for the reception.

Each guest received a decorated purple organza bag of Mildred Franklin's, grandmother of the bride, famous peanut brittle.

The guests enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Tommy and Olga Billaba, friends of the bride's family. Those who helped with serving the guests were Pat and Gwyne Ray, Kenny Bearden, Andrew Lewis and Kevin and Terri Cain.

The bride's cake was four-tiered topped off with green hydrangeas; on the sides were diamond shaped pendants with purple iced ribbon on the bottom of each layer.

The groom's cake was a replica of the UT football field, with UT being home team and A&M being the visitors. The scoreboard read A&M, 9 and UT, 27.

Cakes and punch servers were Penny Phillips, Anna Sheedy, Renee' Bingham, Robin Lewis and Lisa Campbell.

Following a honeymoon trip to Sandal Resort in St. Lucia, the couple will make their home in Houston.

Bridget is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in finance. She is a financial analyst employed by KPMG LLP in Houston.

Joseph is a 2000 graduate of Odessa High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in finance. His is an analyst at Jefferies & Co. Inc. in Houston.

Graves-Kinard



Mr. & Mrs. Kinard
Nov. 22, 2008

Eba Maria Graves and Brad Aaron Kinard were married Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, at the Howard County Sheriff's Posse.

The bride is the daughter of Jimmy Graves of Big Spring and Maria Perches

of Snyder.

The groom is the son of Sonny and Bonnie Kinard of Big Spring.

Eba was a bartender for The Place. Brad is a master plumber of Kinards Plumbing.a

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Newton-Rau



Kristen Newton & Clayton Rau
4 p.m. Dec. 13, 2008

Bogart's Casa Blanca, Navasota

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The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late E. M. and Chloe Newton and W. B. and Helene Langley.

The groom-to-be is the grandson of the late Eddie and Annie Rau and the late Edgar J. Kappelman, Jr. and Frances Kappelman of San Antonio.

Clayton is a dental student at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and will begin his dental residency with the Navy upon graduation in May.

Kristen graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in finance and works as a financial analyst for Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

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YOUR VIEWS

Art Association tour a hit

TO THE EDITOR:

On Nov. 8, 2008, the Big Spring Art Association hosted the first Studio Tour in Big Spring. Eight studios, plus the Heritage Museum, Posey's Insurance and Howard College opened their doors to the public so visitors could have a chance to see all the talent that Big Spring has.

Each place had works from several different artists and photographers. There were close to 100 visitors to each studio, many from out of town. There were refreshments served at each place, and sales were made, with some intending on coming back again.

The weather was brisk and sunny, perfect for touring.

The tour was considered so successful, that all participants have agreed to start plans for another one the Saturday before Mother's Day, May 9, 2009. Information on this tour will be given out in the beginning of the new year.

We would like to thank all our sponsors for this tour: Carlos Restaurant, Warren Chiropractic, Spanish Inn, Kelly Newton Insurance, Bruce Cox, M.D., Posey Cotton Office, American State Bank and Displays of Splendor.

We would also like to thank the Big Spring Herald and KBST for the coverage we received. And we especially want to thank all our visitors for coming out to see us. Please come again and bring your friends. Thank you from the members of the Big Spring Art Association and all participating artists/photographers.

BIG SPRING ART ASSOCIATION

TO THE EDITOR:

As a teacher at Goliad Intermediate School, I have a comment regarding Mike Tarpley's letter addressing the need to continue the long tradition of praying during the Veterans' Day celebration. It is, "amen."

PAT RAY JR.
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I was saddened to read of the passing of Sally Beam. Mrs. Beam was my second grade teacher at Washington Elementary during the 1972-1973 school year. I was one of her meanest students. Probably the meanest one she taught. She had to correct me several times.

Back then, nothing was known about ADD/ADHD. I remember the Christmas party we had in her class. Each student drew a name. I got a book of Lifesavers candy. Mrs. Beam was one of the nicer teachers I had at Washington Elementary. My condolences go out to her family and friends.

ROBERT RAINWATER
SWEETWATER

TO THE EDITOR:

Fifty-five years ago, I moved to Big Spring at my company's request. I lived there until 1958 and am now 82 years of age. While there, I might have changed the city of Big Spring slightly?

It was there that I met a gentleman, Ted Grobel, who seemed to be interested in a sport that I had come to love. Along with his help, we got the city behind us and formed a club (Big Spring Timing Ass'n) that organized the first drag strip in the western part of Texas.

Now historical in the drag racing industry, our

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

A friend really comes through

Sometimes, when you're really in a pinch, a friend comes along and reminds you why you made them a friend in the first place. Such is the case for me and a fellow named Gary Cravens.

Gary, you see, was my best friend in high school. And to this day, I think you'd have to search far and wide to find a better friend.

Although its been almost 40 years since we graduated from high school and our lives took us in very different and far-reaching paths, we've remained friends — good friends.

I guess I didn't realize how good a friend we'd become until the last few months when I was injured in an automobile accident and was transferred to hospitals in Dallas.

In fact, it wasn't until I came out of the coma and had my brother Mark explain that of all the people who'd sent their best wishes and were praying for me, the only people, except family, that had religiously visited me — even when I was "out of it" — were Gary and his girlfriend, Ann.

When I did come to, it was great

to see them. You see, Gary and Ann were high school sweethearts who had married other people and were either divorced or widowed. They ran into each other at our 35-year high school class reunion and very quickly became an "item" again.

Anyway, I was sitting here this week thinking to myself that I couldn't think of something to write this column about when I received an e-mail from Ann telling me she and Gary thought I'd like to hear a story and wishing me a Happy Thanksgiving.

It couldn't have come at a better time. I was kind of down at the time, feeling lonely and alone, and their e-mail brought a smile to my face and reminded me of just how blessed I am to have friends like them.

I wound up thinking I need to share the story, so here goes...

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder.

John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly open the door to the freezer, the parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arm and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, "May I ask, what did the turkey do?"

Happy Thanksgiving everyone. Bless you all.

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Classic book deserves classic review

We had little in common, me and a prissy, "know everything" 16-year-old girl whose desk was beside mine in English class.

Sometimes, we "pre-graded" each other's themes. One was a review of homecoming.

"Miss Priss" wrote an ugly marginal note: "Don, you can't even review a parade!"

Spurred on by her tacky words, I entered Howard Payne University. I learned there that I had something in common with Blackie Sherrod, who became a lifelong hero and perhaps the world's best sports columnist ever.

Albeit separated by a couple of decades, we both sat at the feet of a revered professor of English, Dr. Cleo McChristy, who taught there for 50 years.

But she "learned" him a heap more than she did me. One of us forged on to win virtually every writing award in the English-speaking world, and it wasn't I (me?).

So, that I should attempt to review anything is foolish from the "git-go."

Sherrod wrote once of a pesky question posed by many readers until he idled his quill five years ago. They badgered him for "picks" in big football games so they'd know how to place bets.

The scribe, who entered his 90th year earlier this month, "pooh-poohed" his "picking" ability with something like this: I couldn't pick my own daddy from a parade of Dutch drummers if the old man were marching in the front row, blowing a tuba, wearing wood-free shoes and waving an American flag.

Thus warned that this treatise is not a review, you still may gnaw on this literary bone if you'd like.

The "true blue" Texas A&M Aggies will view it as a "prime cut." (My Uncle Mort says "true-blue'ers" enjoy listenin' to Aggie jokes as much as others do tellin' 'em.)

Memories are tweaked to the year 1922, when student E. King Gill

was summoned from the stands to suit out for the football game with Centre College. Injured Aggies were falling left and right in the bloody battle. A&M won it, 22-14, and Gill never actually entered the fray. He remained on the sidelines in case the team needed him.

Thenceforth, Aggie students have chosen to remain standing during football games — "just in case."

Fast-forward to 1983-89, the era of Coach Jackie Sherrill. Beloved or "behated," he brought the 12th man tradition to full flower. At the risk of having "certifiable" stamped across his noggin, he invited the student body to try out for the kickoff team that would handle these chores at all home games.

A host of football authorities, including some of his own coaches, rolled their eyes, figuring he'd played too many games without a helmet or spent too many days in the sun.

"No experience required" was splashed on signs posted around campus, enticing 252 students — including two women — to try out. Numbers fell in the heat, grueling practices and "first sergeant" directives, but at the end of Sherrill's tenure, some 70 youngsters had participated.

And their kickoff coverage stats were better than the scholarship players at games away from Kyle Field. Not once did opponents run kickoffs back for six points.

Sherrill, who had played for former A&M Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant at Alabama, knew the legendary story of Bryant's 1954 "Junction Boys."

They're the 100+ aspirants who went to torturous 10-day training there in the summer of '54, with less than a third of them "surviving" to play.

A year later, they won the Southwest Conference championship, restoring the image of Texas A&M football.

Now, to the present. Realizing that Sherrill's bold initiative was a smashing success, the 12th Man Kickoff Team Foundation wanted it to be chronicled.

They called on Caleb Pirtle III, a recognized author, to tackle the project.

Pirtle traveled throughout the state, interviewing 69 players who

still reside in Texas. There were conferences with numerous others, including Coach Sherrill.

The Foundation expected a 96-page book; instead, they got a 252-pager. "No Experience Required — Jackie Sherrill and Texas A&M's 12th Man Kickoff Team" is off the press. (All proceeds will be used to fund A&M scholarships for children of veterans of the Gulf War, Iraq or Afghanistan.)

For 10 months, Pirtle spent most waking hours working on it.

It is his 51st book, and was celebrated a while back during a three-hour dinner attended by former athletes and friends of the program.

As expected, laughter and stories abounded. One gaffe was verbally corrected. It was the book's opening tribute to three "deceased" players. One of them, Ashley Eddington, begged to differ. He's still very much alive.

A few of the book covers were printed upside down. Colorful Aggie Claytie Williams snapped them up, claiming to "finally own some real Aggie books." And the 12th man kickoff honorees signed them in like manner.

Sherrill spoke, recalling experiences begun 25 years ago. Tears fell when team members presented him with a ring.

He remembered hearing of the dinner thrown in '79, when "survivors" of the Junction camp marked another 25th anniversary.

The team gave Bryant a ring — the one he chose to be buried with.

Thus endeth an overview of the book now on sale at H-E-B stores and soon in bookstores. It may be ordered online at bestkickoffteam.com.

Pirtle calls the book "a fairy tale on crutches."

I wish Sherrod would come out of retirement to review it. A classic book deserves a classic review. Such would result in many smiley faces, showing us that football, at its core, is less about "X's," "O's," "W's" and "L's," and more about the full alphabet of life.

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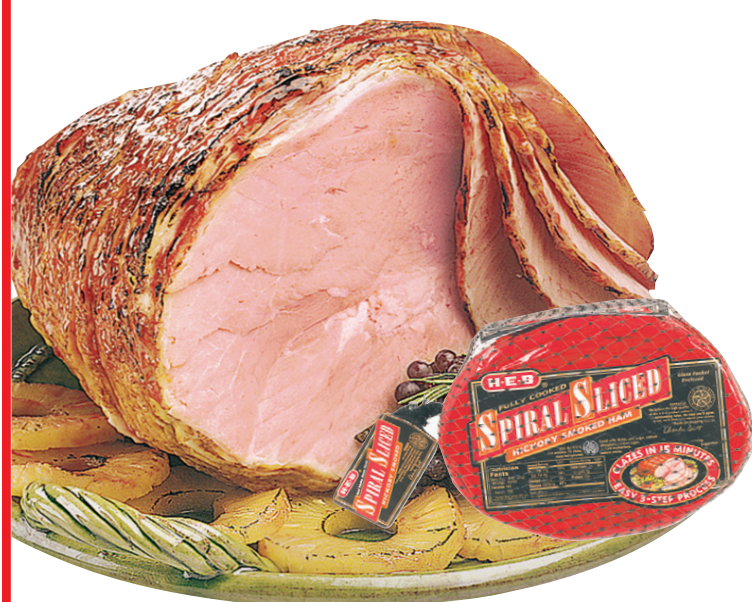
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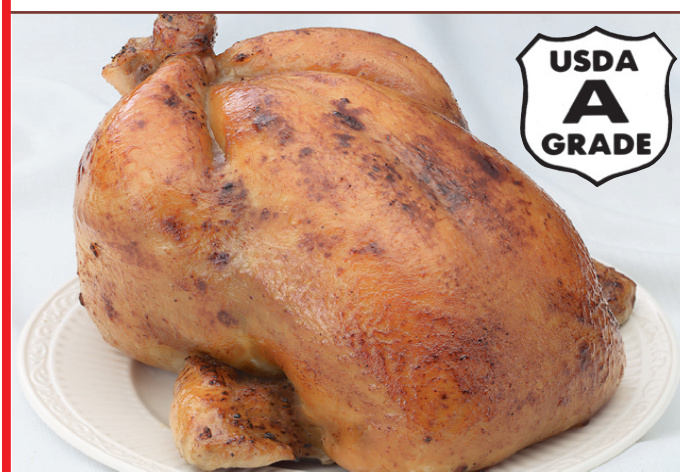
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When Thanksgiving dinner takes a wrong turn

By MEGAN K. SCOTT
Associated Press Writer

Switching the vinegar and ammonia in cole slaw. Serving cornish hens and finding them raw inside. Purchasing a chicken by accident.

If ever an ill-timed kitchen disaster is going to strike, it's around Thanksgiving. But while cooking mishaps can be horrifying when they happen, they can turn into great memories.

Here are some Thanksgiving cooking disaster tales, edited from first-person accounts:

NAME: Colleen Dougherty Bronstein,

55, artist, Yardley, Pa. HER DISASTER: I was making the cole slaw, which is a family recipe, and the cabbage and celery is chopped by hand, which takes around three hours. It's quite an ordeal. It's a recipe that was handed down from my father and his family. He was fanatical about chopping it.

When I finally finished, I reached into the cabinet

for the vinegar, and poured in two capfuls. As soon as I put the cap back on, I real-



ized something awful: I had switched the ammonia and the vinegar around in the kitchen cabinets for

whatever reason. I now had ammonia in my cole slaw.

The question was, "Do I forget about the cole slaw?" but that would be like saying, "Let's forget about the turkey."

So I sent my husband out for more cabbage and celery and started from scratch.

I now keep the ammonia out of the kitchen.

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Military News



Seaman Thomas

U.S. Navy

Navy Seaman Apprentice Matthew D. Thomas, son of Elizabeth S. and stepson of Lonnie Smith of Big Spring completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Thomas completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefight-

ing, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Thomas is a 2008 graduate of Big Spring High School of Big Spring. He will remain in Great Lakes to continue his "A" school for engineering technology.



PFC Paredez

U.S. Army

Army PFC Nicholas A. Paredez graduated from basic combat training on Oct. 2, 2008, at Fort Knox, Kentucky. During the nine weeks of training, Paredez studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military

courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat and field maneuvers and tactics.

Following graduation, Paredez reported to Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla., for AIT training. On Nov. 18, 2008, Paredez graduated AIT training for Fire Support Specialist. He will now go to Fort Benning, Ga., to attend airborne training.

Paredez is a 2005 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is the son of the late Leonard A. Paredez and Louisa and Jim Rangel. He is the grandson of Guadalupe Sr. and the late Santiago Paredez and Joe and Celia Ovalle.

Menus

Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center

Monday

chicken stir fry/rice, buttered zucchini, tossed salad, dressing, garlic bread, margarine, butter-scotch parfait.

Tuesday

pepper steak, baked potato with sour cream, peas & carrots, ww roll, margarine, pineapple chunks.

Wednesday

pinto beans with ham chunks, okra and tomatoes, cornbread, margarine, coleslaw, cherry cobbler.

•Low fat milk served with all meals.

Thursday and Friday, closed for Thanksgiving

Day holidays.

Coahoma ISD

Monday

Breakfast waffles, sausage, grape juice, milk.

Lunch

smothered steak, mashed potatoes, wheat bread, green beans, milk, Sloppy Joes.

Tuesday

Breakfast donuts, sausage links, applesauce, milk.

Lunch

pizza, corn, peach cups, milk.

Wednesday-Friday, closed for Thanksgiving Day holidays.

Forsan ISD

Monday

Breakfast

cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch

pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast

French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk.

Lunch

stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/Ranch, fresh fruit cups, Texas toast, milk.

Wednesday-Friday, closed for Thanksgiving Day holidays.

Big Spring ISD

Monday

Breakfast

Elementary: cereal, fruit

juice, animal crackers, GoGunts, milk.

High School: string cheese BB, milk.

Lunch: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, rolls, milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast

Elementary: sausage patties, biscuits, cheese omelets, applesauce cups, milk.

High School: pancakes on a stick, fruit juice, cinnamon toast BB, milk.

Lunch: sack lunch, milk.

Wednesday-Friday, closed for Thanksgiving Day holidays.

Life Policies

The Big Spring Herald has instituted a 600 word limit for all wedding submissions.

All wedding articles will be edited to fit the above listed policy.

All submissions for Sunday's life section must be turned in by noon Wednesday to be published in Sunday's edition.

Submitting articles by the deadline does not guarantee publication in the Sunday Life Section.

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Dating Violence

"The person I'm going out with scares me sometimes."

What is it?

Dating violence is controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior in a romantic relationship. It can happen in straight or gay relationships. It can include verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or a combination.

Controlling behavior may include:

- Not letting you hang out with your friends
- Calling or paging you frequently to find out where you are, whom you're with, and what you're doing
- Telling you what to wear
- Having to be with you all the time

Verbal and emotional abuse may include:

- Calling you names
- Jealousy
- Belittling you (cutting you down)
- Threatening to hurt you, someone in your family, or himself or herself if you don't do what he or she wants

Physical abuse may include:

- Shoving
- Punching
- Slapping
- Pinching
- Hitting
- Kicking
- Hair pulling
- Strangling

Sexual abuse may include:

- Unwanted touching and kissing
- Forcing you to have sex
- Not letting you use birth control
- Forcing you to do other sexual things

Anyone can be a victim of dating violence. Both boys and girls are victims, but boys and girls abuse their partners in different ways. Girls are more likely to yell, threaten to hurt themselves, pinch, slap, scratch, or kick. Boys injure girls more and are more likely to punch their partner and force them to participate in unwanted sexual activity. Some teen victims experience violence occasionally. Others are abused more often, sometimes daily.

If You Are a Victim of Dating Violence, You Might...

- Think it's your fault.
- Feel angry, sad, lonely, depressed, or confused.
- Feel helpless to stop the abuse.
- Feel threatened or humiliated.
- Feel anxious.
- Not know what might happen next.
- Feel like you can't talk to family and friends.
- Be afraid of getting hurt more seriously.
- Feel protective of your boyfriend or girlfriend.

You're Not Alone

- One in five teens in a serious relationship reports having been hit, slapped, or pushed by a partner.¹
- 50-80% of teens have reported knowing others who were involved in violent relationships.²
- Teens identifying as gay, lesbian, and bisexual are as likely to experience violence in same-sex dating relationships as youths involved in opposite sex dating.³
- Many studies indicate that, as a dating relationship becomes more serious, the potential for and nature of violent behavior escalates.⁴
- Young women, ages 16 to 24 years, experience the highest rates of relationship violence.⁵

Get Help

Being a victim of dating violence is not your fault. Nothing you say, wear, or do gives anyone the right to hurt you.

- If you think you are in an abusive relationship, get help immediately. Don't keep your concerns to yourself.
- Talk to someone you trust like a parent, teacher, school principal, counselor, or nurse.
- If you choose to tell, you should know that some adults are mandated reporters. This means they are legally required to report neglect or abuse to someone else.

Or Contact

Victim Services

263-3312

LETTERS

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small strip and others like it grew into a billion-dollar industry today.

I have a Web site, www.hdeshazo.com/geezer3/netgeezers_pg_0004.htm, that outlines the history of Big Spring and that event. Or, try www.hdeshazo.com and look under "1950s Drag Strip."

There were many young guys who might still be there who would like to have the memory.

HOWARD DESHAZO
SANTA FE, N.M.

Housing crisis fix

TO THE EDITOR:

We've all heard and read a lot about what is happening in other parts of the country regarding the foreclosure crisis and plummeting home values. In this area foreclosures have remained fairly constant since 2004. Various groups have offered various solutions to the foreclosure crisis and plummeting home values. I offer a solution for dealing with the foreclosure and home value crisis that this country faces. Amend the bankruptcy code and allow homesteads to be modified based on current market values. This will help stabilize home property values, keep homeowners in their homes and the mortgage companies will continue getting paid for their loans, albeit in some cases modified.

In Midland County and the surrounding area, bankruptcy filers would continue to pay their mortgages as they are because home values remain high. In other areas, filers would be able to modify the amount owed on the homestead downward based on the market value of the home. This keeps

the home from going into foreclosure and hurting the local property values even more.

Bankruptcy courts are equipped to handle modified contracts. They modify contracts in every reorganization case whether it is the amount to be repaid, the interest or the length under which that creditor is to be repaid. It has a long-established system based on the bankruptcy code and case law. The courts are also well equipped to verify whether a filer has the income to keep the home. The courts have to confirm a plan of reorganization based on the feasibility of that filer's ability to pay. If the filer does not have the ability to pay for the home, the home is surrendered and the mortgage company forecloses on that property.

The filer is allowed in most cases to convert to a chapter 7 and discharge his/her debt. This allows the filer to get a fresh start. The mortgage company will foreclose on the property. This is happening anyway. The bankruptcy gives the filer one more option to keep and save the home from foreclosure in an orderly manner. No other system currently proposed by the mortgage industry or politicians has the history or ability to do this.

One proposal would create a new system to determine the ability of the homeowner to repay. This system would be based on the willingness of the mortgage company to modify its existing contract. Without getting into details, the mortgage companies cannot and will not modify their existing contracts because this would violate the trust provisions of the mortgage trusts. A bankruptcy court can modify this contract by court order. The courts currently

modify long term secured debts in Chapter 12 reorganizations or farmer reorganizations.

Another proposal would have the government buy up mortgages at taxpayer expense, then renegotiate a new contract. A government bureaucracy would have to be created to handle this new responsibility. Bankruptcy courts are set up to do this now without having to spend taxpayer money. According to a government report, less than 3 percent of those that can be helped are receiving the help.

I believe this to be a good solution for a national crisis that does not involve another taxpayer bailout. Let's create a mechanism that allows homeowners with income to keep their homes through bankruptcy reorganization. It helps stabilize foreclosures and property values. Not everyone will seek bankruptcy as a solution. That's OK. But if you can offer a solution without government intervention or taxpayer money I think it is worth trying. The alternative is to do nothing and hope that it gets better.

ALVARO MARTINEZ
MIDLAND

Stop dumping pets on others

TO THE EDITOR:

I've spent the last few days crying because I had to do something that I really didn't want to do. And that was to have the Big Spring Animal Control officers come and pick up a bunch of poor, unwanted stray cats.

I know some people don't understand why it hurts me but those poor cats have done nothing wrong except to be born into a society where they are often treated like so much unwanted trash.

I know that the city shelter tries to find homes for the animals that they pick up but the sad truth is most of them are put to sleep.

But there is nothing nice about being a poor, unwanted stray dog or cat because in their search for food and water they are often mistreated. They have rocks thrown at them and even are shot at with bb guns or get run over.

And it's time that we the people of our town put a stop to it.

I think it should be a crime to just drop your unwanted pet off at someone's house because most likely they already have pets of their own and don't need or want an extra dog or a momma cat with a litter of kittens to feed.

I don't think that there is anyone who loves a sweet little puppy or kittens more than me.

But I don't like to see what happens to a lot of them because they grow up and often are allowed to have litter after litter of unwanted puppies or kittens. And it's a cruel cycle that only ends when those poor animals die.

I am asking anyone who has a pet and truly cares about it to please have it spayed or neutered because your put cannot tell you that they don't want to spend their lives having litter after litter of unwanted puppies or kittens.

And if you don't want your pet, please don't dump it off at someone else's house. You are forcing them to have to find a way to help your pet. Their first choice is to call the Big Spring Humane Society which is always full to the brim.

Their next choice is to call the city animal control for help which will most likely result in the animal being put to sleep. They have one last choice and that is to do what you did and just turn their back on your pet.

Big Spring has a law that if you feed stray, unwanted animals you can be fined for it. And since a lot of people can barely buy food they cannot afford to pay a fine.

So don't dump your put, call the city animal shelter at 264-2372 and help put a stop to the countless number of poor dogs and cats in our town.

I'm making a small donation to the city animal shelter to help with the expenses of taking care of the stray and unwanted animals they pick up. If you can, please make a donation, too.

I would like to thank Lisa Allison, police dispatcher and animal control officers David Hodges and Jose Enriquez for their kindness and understanding for they do their jobs so well ... a job I couldn't do.


Thank you,

LANA F. ANGUIANO
BIG SPRING



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney admires a Christmas tree at the museum Tuesday. The second annual Christmas Tree Forest will be on display at the museum throughout the holiday season.

Crossroads Hospice welcomes **Shontaye Bowman** to our staff




Shontaye Bowman is the PRN dietician for Crossroads Hospice here in Big Spring. She is originally from New Mexico, but she moved to the area about a year ago.

Shontaye holds a bachelor's degree in human nutrition from New Mexico State University, received in December of 2004, and a master's degree in human sciences from Texas A&M University-Kingsville, received in August of 2007.

Shontaye is also the Clinical Dietitian at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Her main goal as a dietician is to help prevent and treat certain illnesses by promoting healthy eating habits through education.

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Housing woes bad, likely to get worse, some economists predict

By **KEVIN G. HALL**

McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — If you think the housing slump can't get much worse, Martin Feldstein thinks that both home prices and the broader economy can — and very likely will — get a whole lot worse.

The Harvard University professor and former chief economic adviser to Ronald Reagan isn't part of the crowd that continually forecasts doom.

For two decades, he's headed the National Bureau of Economic Research, which officially determines when U.S. recessions begin and end.

So when he spoke on Monday night at the annual dinner of the National Economists Club, a gathering of like-minded wonks, Feldstein's grim calculations were noteworthy.

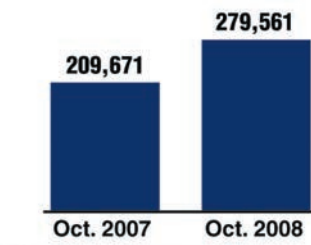
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Housing slump continues

Foreclosure filings for October grew 25 percent from October 2007.

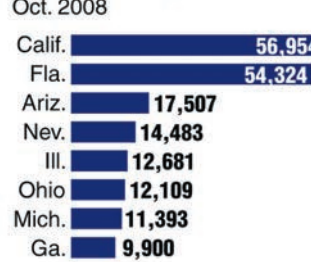
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Number of U.S. properties with foreclosure filings



Top foreclosure states

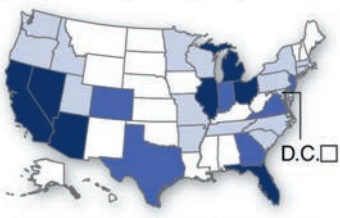
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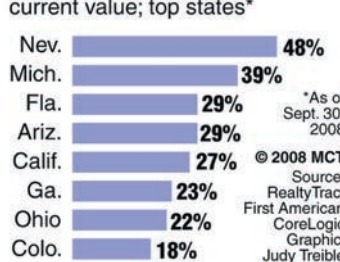
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Home values underwater

Mortgage greater than home's current value; top states*



amount of that is some \$2 trillion," said Feldstein. "If you look at the median (midpoint) loan-to-value ratio in that 12 million group of underwater mortgages — mortgages with negative equity — the median loan-to-value ratio is

120 percent."

That means about 25 percent of all U.S. mortgages exceed the value of the homes the mortgages are financing.

In the case of half the homes that are underwater, homeowners are pay-

ing a mortgage that's now 20 percent higher than the value of the home.

That's bad — but it's likely to get worse.

A recent report by First American Core Logic, a real estate data firm in Santa Ana, Calif., estimated that as of Sept. 30, 7.5 million mortgages, or 18 percent of all properties with a mortgage, had negative equity.

The group thinks there are another 2.1 million mortgages that are within 5 percent of going underwater.

Together, these two categories account for 23 percent of all properties with a mortgage. Nevada led all states with 48 percent of homes with negative equity.

Florida and Arizona each had 29 percent of homes with underwater mortgages, while 27 percent of mortgages in California were upside-down, the group said.

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Energy Watch



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Last week Treasury Secretary Paulson announced plans to use the 2nd half of the \$700 billion financial rescue program to help relieve pressures on consumer credit, scrapping an effort to buy devalued mortgage assets. "Illiquidity in this sector is raising costs and reducing the availability of car loans, student loans and credit cards. This is creating a heavy burden on the American people and reducing the number of jobs in our economy." Paulson's remarks are an acknowledgement that the centerpiece of the \$700 billion bailout request to lawmakers was ill-conceived.

Henry Paulson became Treasury Secretary when he was at the top of the financial world. Today, two months before he leaves office, some say Paulson is a reduced figure, damaged by the financial-market meltdown that happened on his watch and by the government's struggles to respond to it. "Paulson's credibility has certainly substantially diminished," said Peter Wallison, former general counsel at Treasury under President Reagan. "There has been a lot of shifting back and forth and he clearly hasn't thought through much of these policies. He has lost a lot of confidence from the market from all of this."

We agree. In our opinion, Paulson's speech gave the impression that the Treasury Department is confusing investors about whether or not it knows what it is doing. Paulson said the plans for the remaining fund in the rescue package are earmarked to relieve pressure on consumer credit supply rather than buying banks troubled assets, the latter of which was the original intention of the rescue package.

In this nervous environment, this reversal is not a confidence builder for investors. The rise of pessimism was evident in the tone of the media, the phone calls we received and the volatility indicators spiking again. Nationally, investors continue to obsess on the negatives and eliminate the positives of coordinated worldwide central bank rate cuts, extraordinary moves by the fed, and the government rescue package. This is a sign that investors are not ready to buy at these levels keeping the market in a deeply oversold condition.

Crude oil for the week continued lower on sustained concerns about withering global demand. Because there were no major new developments affecting supply, crude traders said they simply watched stock markets for guidance on the direction of the overall world economy.

As we have reported, oil consumption has been pressured as worldwide economies slow. In the U.S. last month, retail sales fell 2.8 percent, the fourth monthly drop in a row and the steepest since records began in 1992. The euro-zone economy is officially in recession, with output having contracted in two consecutive quarters for the first time since the currency area was formed in 1999.

Meanwhile, crude demand in major industrialized countries is evaporating. Some analysts expect world oil demand to shrink by 500,000 barrels a day in 2009, which would make the first annual decline since 1983. One economist predicted the "downside" target for oil prices is potentially between \$30 and \$35 a barrel.

With this in mind, OPEC has scheduled a special meeting in Cairo November 29th to discuss falling crude prices. The cartel last month agreed to cut output by 1.5 million barrels a day to 27.3 million barrels a day among its 11 members subject to quotas. OPEC statisticians are uneasy about a buildup of oil inventories in major oil consuming nations and the group will target further production cuts to reduce that overhang.

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The Better Business Bureau

Beware inauguration scams

A record number of Americans want to be a part of history and attend the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama but, unfortunately, only 250,000 tickets are up for grabs.

While many Web sites are claiming to sell tickets online, your Better Business Bureau is advising the public that purchasing scalped tickets could leave you out in the cold with empty pockets on Inauguration Day.

So how does someone get a ticket to the most popular event of 2009? The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies is responsible for divvying out tickets to Congressional representatives.

It is then up to the Congressmen and women to hand out the tickets — which are free — to constituents

the day before the inauguration.

According to the Times Wires Services, some members of Congress — who usually have several hundred tickets to pass out at their discretion — have received thousands of requests.

Senator Ben Cardin (D-Md.) told the Washington Post that his office had received 40,000 requests for tickets.

The fact that tickets haven't even been distributed to the members of Congress yet hasn't stopped online scalpers from trying to rake in cash from patriotic Americans.

A CNN.com report found that some online ticket brokers were selling VIP seats for upwards of \$20,000 each.

While many online brokers offer a money-back guarantee if they can't secure the tickets, the purchaser will likely already be en route to Washington, D.C., before they receive the bad news that the broker couldn't provide the promised tickets.

Not only are scalpers trying to sell tickets they don't have, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), the chair of the Inaugural Committee, plans to introduce legislation this month that would make scalping inaugural tickets a misdemeanor crime. The inaugural committee is also alerting lawmakers that it is a violation of Congress' code of ethics for members or staff to sell their tickets.

While there are a number of issues associated with purchasing inaugural tickets online, for those who are willing to assume the risk, the following steps should be taken to reduce the chances of being ripped off:

When buying from a ticket reselling company online, buyers should always look for the BBBOnline seal. The BBBOnline logo is a sign that the company has a good reputation for satisfying customers and a secure Web site for processing payments.

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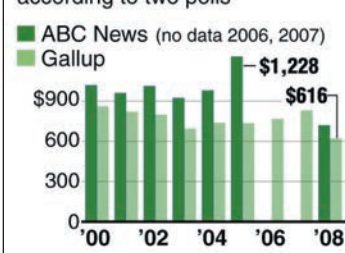
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Think Scrooge

New polls show that about half of American consumers intend to spend less on holiday gifts this year.

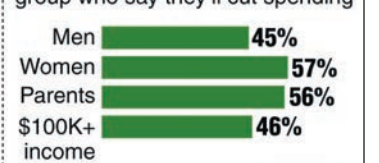
What we may spend

Trend in projected spending, according to two polls



Who's cutting back

Percent of consumers in each group who say they'll cut spending



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Graphic: Pat Carr



Buffalo Tales



The Junior High One Act Play Contest was held at Forsan on Tuesday, Nov. 18. Irion County placed first, Forsan second and Stanton third.

Earning honorable mention were Cole Long, Tanner Ballard and Zachary Long, while all star cast awards were presented to Jansen McDonald, Brady Gartman and Treagan Ballard. Colton Wheeler received the outstanding crew award. Directors were Jim Rhodes and Misty Hoelscher.

Sterling Chaney received a superior rating on his drawing Un Bandido Mexicano at the South Plains Foreign Language Festival on November 7. He received 15 of 16 points.

Forsan Junior High seventh grade boys defeated Iraan 30-15 and eighth grade boys defeated Iraan 28-14 in Iraan Monday night.

The seventh grade Lady Buffs began the season with a 32-4 victory over Iraan Monday. The seventh grade team consists of

Ali Knight, Brittany Hergert, Chandler Freeman, Maria Ortiz, Elizabeth Rhodes, Regan Haggard, Rachel Haggard, Kenna Colvin, BreAnna Martinez, Ke'Ara Scroggins and Fallon Newton.

Leading the Lady Buffs with 16 points was post player Ali Knight.

Following behind her was point guard Brittany Hergert with 9 points.

Maria Ortiz added 5 points and Elizabeth Rhodes scored 2

points. The next games will be against McCamey with girls at Forsan and boys at McCamey on Dec. 1.

Howard County 4-H is collecting grooming aids for the Council on Aging. Travel size toiletries can be turned in to Zane Yeater at Elbow or Misty Gartman at Forsan. Members of 4-H will prepare gift bags during the holidays.

The High School Staff Appreciation lunch will be held Tuesday, Nov. 25. School will

dismiss on the 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The high school/junior high canned food drive will begin after Thanksgiving and end Dec. 12. The classroom collecting the most cans will receive a \$50 prize.

Student Council finished its hat drive with more than 150 hats to be divided between the Lubbock Cancer Center and the Shane Brue Memorial Look Good, Feel Good Room.

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These Coahoma Junior High and Coahoma High singers recently performed on the Region Choirs concert at Robert E. Lee High School in Midland. They worked with clinicians for the Treble, Tenor-Bass and High School Mixed Choir and then sang for an enthusiastic audience of family, friends and music supporters. Back row: Shayla Martin, J.J. Sloan, Emily Brumley. Front row: Jessi Morgan, Kenzie Moore, Heather Kirby and Megan Parrish.

'Granny Robber' suspect arrested

CINCINNATI (AP) — Police in Ohio have arrested a 68-year-old woman on a bank robbery charge — and they want to know if she's the so-called “Granny Robber” they've been seeking since last May.

Police in the southwest Ohio town of Franklin say a woman handed a note to a teller in a Huntington Bank branch Friday and made off with an undisclosed amount of money.

Officers said Barbara Joly of Middletown was arrested a short time later and they say she fit the description of the woman who robbed the bank.

Investigators say Joly had sunglasses and a scarf with her.

They won't say if those items were worn by the robber in Friday's bank holdup, but that is how an older woman was dressed during four bank robberies in the area since May.

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Texas Schoolboy Playoff Pairings

**CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
Region I
Area**
Odessa (9-2) vs. Arlington (7-4),
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell
Stadium
Eules Trinity (11-0) vs. Plano (10-1),
5 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
Odessa Permian 56, Burleson 21
Coppell (8-3) vs. Allen (10-1), 8 p.m.
Saturday, Texas Stadium

Regional
Odessa-Arlington winner vs. Eules
Trinity-Plano winner, TBD
Odessa Permian (12-0) vs. Coppell-
Allen winner, TBD

**Region II
Area**
Dallas Skyline (10-1) vs. DeSoto
(6-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Carrollton's
Standridge Stadium
Cypress Woods 22, Klein Forest 15
Garland (10-1) vs. Tyler Lee (7-4), 1
p.m. Saturday, Corsicana
Round Rock Stony Point 21, The
Woodlands 7

Regional
Dallas Skyline-DeSoto winner vs.
Cypress Woods, TBD

Garland-Tyler Lee winner vs. Round
Rock Stony Point (11-1), TBD

**Region III
Area**
Katy Cinco Ranch 62, Aldine
Eisenhower 21
Fort Bend Hightower 28, Galena
Park North Shore 21
Katy Taylor (7-4) vs. Houston Lamar
(8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's
Delmar Stadium
Pearland 34, Houston Clear Lake
28

Regional
Katy Cinco Ranch vs. Fort Bend
Hightower (10-0), TBD
Katy Taylor-Houston Lamar winner
vs. Pearland (11-0), TBD

**Region IV
Area**
Austin Westlake (7-4) vs. SA
Stevens (7-3), 8 p.m. Saturday, San
Antonio's Alamodome
Laredo United (7-4) vs. Harlingen
(8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Alice
SA Clark 28, SA Madison 21
Mission Sharyland (9-2) vs. PSJA
(6-5), 7 p.m. Saturday, Mission
Sharyland
Regional
Austin Westlake-SA Stevens winner
vs. Laredo United-Harlingen winner,
TBD
SA Clark (11-1) vs. Mission
Sharyland-PSJA winner, TBD

**DIVISION II
Region I
Area**
Mansfield 31, EP Montwood 21
Southlake Carroll (8-2) vs. Cedar
Hill (10-1), 11 a.m. Saturday, Texas
Stadium
Midland (8-3) vs. Arlington Bowie
(10-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls'
Memorial Stadium
Lewisville Hebron (8-3) vs. Wylie
(9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Regional
Mansfield (8-4) vs. Southlake
Carroll-Cedar Hill winner, TBD
Midland-Arlington Bowie winner vs.
Lewisville Hebron-Wylie winner, TBD

**Region II
Area**
Lake Highlands (9-2) vs. Tyler John
Tyler (6-5), 6 p.m. Saturday,
Corsicana
Klein Oak (8-1) vs. Cypress Creek
(8-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Houston's
Berry Center
Copperas Cove 16, Garland
Naaman Forest 9
Lufkin (7-4) vs. Cypress Ridge (8-2),
5 p.m. Saturday, College Station's
Kyle Field
Regional
Lake Highlands-Tyler John Tyler
winner vs. Klein Oak-Cypress Creek
winner, TBD
Copperas Cove (11-1) vs. Lufkin-
Cypress Ridge winner, TBD

**Region III
Area**
Katy (8-3) vs. Humble (7-2), Friday
Beaumont West Brook (7-1) vs.
Dickinson (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday,
Baytown's Stallworth Stadium
Houston Strake Jesuit (9-1) vs.
Houston Madison (7-2), Friday

Sports in brief

Crossroads high school football playoffs schedule

Saturday
Class 4A, Division II, Region I semis
Big Spring vs. Everman, TBA
Class A, Division I, Region I final
Stanton vs. Canadian, TBA
Six-man, Division I, Region II final

La Porte (6-4) vs. Clear Brook (7-3),
1 p.m. Saturday, Deer Park

Regional
Katy-Humble winner vs. Beaumont
West Brook-Dickinson winner, TBD
Houston Strake Jesuit-Houston
Madison winner vs. La Porte-Clear
Brook winner, TBD

**Region IV
Area**
Smithson Valley (10-1) vs. SA
O'Connor (8-3), noon Saturday, San
Antonio's Alamodome
SA Southwest (8-3) vs. PSJA North
(9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Corpus
Christi's Buccaneer Stadium
SA Reagan (9-2) vs. SA Warren
(9-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's
Alamodome
McAllen Memorial (9-2) vs. Los
Fresnos (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday,
Los Fresnos

Regional
Smithson Valley-SA O'Connor win-
ner vs. SA Southwest-PSJA North
winner, TBD
SA Reagan-SA Warren winner vs.
McAllen Memorial-Los Fresnos win-
ner, TBD

**CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Region I
Area**

EP Del Valle (8-3) vs. Abilene
Cooper (7-4), 2 p.m. Saturday,
Odessa's Ratliff Stadium
Denton Guyer 44, Arlington Seguin
0
Canutillo (9-2) vs. Wolfforth
Frenship (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday,
Pecos
Denton Ryan 49, Mansfield
Timberview 14

Regional
EP Del Valle-Abilene Cooper winner
vs. Denton Guyer (10-2), TBD
Canutillo-Wolfforth Frenship winner
vs. Denton Ryan (9-3), TBD

**Region II
Area**
Dallas Carter 62, Richardson
Pearce 28
Longview (9-2) vs. Lancaster (7-4),
Friday
Dallas Highland Park 24, Dallas
Kimball 7
Texarkana Texas (9-1) vs. Hewitt
Midway (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday,
Mesquite's Memorial Stadium

Regional
Dallas Carter (12-0) vs. Longview-
Lancaster winner, TBD
Dallas Highland Park vs. Texarkana
Texas-Hewitt Midway winner, TBD

**Region III
Area**
Magnolia (7-3) vs. Nederland (5-4),
1 p.m. Saturday, Conroe's Moorhead
Stadium
Houston Westbury (8-1) vs.
Friendswood (8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday,
Galena Park ISD Stadium

Lockhart (8-3) vs. Beaumont Central
(7-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Katy's Rhodes
Stadium
Angleton 55, Houston Davis 19
Regional
Magnolia-Nederland winner vs.
Houston Westbury-Friendswood win-
ner, TBD
Lockhart-Beaumont Central winner
vs. Houston Davis-Angleton winner,
TBD

**Region IV
Area**
Lake Travis 38, Schertz Steele 21
Alice 27, CC Ray 17
Killeen 19, SA Alamo Heights 16
Gregory-Portland 28, CC Flour Bluff
15

Regional
Austin Lake Travis (12-0) vs. Alice,
TBD
Killeen (8-4) vs. Gregory-Portland,
TBD

**DIVISION II
Region I
Area**
EP Parkland (8-3) vs. San Angelo
Lake View (6-5), 1 p.m. Saturday,
Midland's Grande Communications
Stadium
Stephenville 31, WF Rider 6
Big Spring 47, EP Riverside 6
Everman 24, Aledo 7

Regional
EP Parkland-San Angelo Lake View
winner vs. Stephenville (9-3), TBD

Big Spring vs. Everman (12-0),
TBD

**Region II
Area**
Denison 42, Dallas Lincoln 13
Sulphur Springs 35, Waxahachie 21
Rockwall Heath (11-0) vs. Dallas
Hillcrest (7-3), Friday
Ennis 42, Kilgore 14

Regional
Denison vs. Sulphur Springs, TBD
Rockwall Heath-Dallas Hillcrest win-
ner vs. Ennis (11-1), TBD

**Region III
Area**
Dayton 42, Elgin 14
Houston Sharpstown (6-4) vs.
Rosenberg Terry (5-4), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Deer Park
Brenham 31, Crosby 24
Houston Yates (4-5) vs. El Campo
(7-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Houston's
Delmar Stadium

Regional
Dayton vs. Houston Sharpstown-
Rosenberg Terry winner, TBD
Brenham vs. Houston Yates-El
Campo winner, TBD

**Region IV
Area**
Kerrville Tivy 14, Dripping Springs 6
Beeville Jones 30, CC Calallen 28
Pflugerville Hendrickson 13, Schertz
Clemens 9
Port Lavaca Calhoun 48, Edcouch-
Elsa 28

Regional
Kerrville Tivy (10-2) vs. Beeville
(8-4), TBD
Pflugerville Hendrickson (9-3) vs.
Port Lavaca Calhoun, TBD

**CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional**

Abilene Wylie (9-2) vs. Seminole
(7-4), 6 p.m. Saturday, Midland's
Grande Communications Stadium
Burkburnett (9-1) vs. China Spring
(11-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Aledo

**Region II
Regional**
Prosper 29, Alvarado 14
Van 35, Pittsburg 14

**Region III
Regional**
Tyler Chapel Hill (9-1) vs. Waco La
Vega (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mequite's
Hanby Stadium
Navasota 48, Silsbee 33

**Region IV
Regional**
Cuero 56, Sealy 24
La Feria 31, Bandera 14
State quarterfinals
Abilene Wylie-Seminole winner vs.
Burkburnett-China Spring winner, TBD
Prosper vs. Van, TBD
Tyler Chapel Hill-Waco La Vega
winner vs. Navasota, TBD
Cuero vs. La Feria (7-5), TBD

**DIVISION II
Region I
Area**
Monahans 28, Snyder 26
Bridgeport (10-0) vs. Llano (8-3), 6
p.m. Saturday, Stephenville's
Memorial Stadium
Sweetwater 28, Midland Greenwood
14
Vernon (5-5) vs. Liberty Hill (11-0), 4
p.m. Saturday, Mineral Wells

Regional
Monahans vs. Bridgeport-Llano win-
ner, TBD
Sweetwater (10-2) vs. Vernon-
Liberty Hill winner, TBD

**Region II
Area**
Celina 51, Kennedale 21
Texarkana Pleasant Grove 37,
Kemp 113
Kaufman 21, Argyle 16
New Boston 41, Nevada Community
7

Regional
Celina vs. Texarkana Pleasant
Grove, TBD
Kaufman vs. New Boston, TBD

**Region III
Area**
Gilmer 50, Mexia 36
West Orange-Stark 37, Caldwell 7
Carthage 49, Lorena 14
Rockdale 17, Cleveland 8
Regional
Gilmer vs. West Orange-Stark, TBD
Carthage vs. Rockdale, TBD

**Region IV
Area**
Bellville (10-1) vs. La Vernia (10-1),
7 p.m. Saturday, Victoria
Sinton 49, Pearsall 14
Giddings 28, Yoakum 0
Rio Hondo 48, Devine 43
Regional
Bellville-La Vernia winner vs. Sinton,
TBD
Giddings (9-3) vs. Rio Hondo, TBD

**CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional**
Muleshoe 28, Littlefield 10
Clyde 35, Tuscola Jim Ned 0

**Region II
Regional**
Pilot Point 15, Gunter 13
Winnsboro 27, Troy 9
**Region III
Regional**
Jefferson (7-4) vs. Arp (11-0), Friday
Kirbyville 43, Anahuac 20

**Region IV
Regional**
Altair Rice (10-0) vs. Navarro (10-1),
1 p.m. Saturday, Victoria's Memorial
Stadium
Hitchcock (7-1) vs. George West
(10-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, El Campo
State quarterfinals
Muleshoe vs. Clyde, TBD
Pilot Point vs. Winnsboro, TBD
Jefferson-Arp winner vs. Kirbyville
(11-0), TBD
Altair Rice-Navarro winner vs.
Hitchcock-George West winner, TBD

**DIVISION II
Region I
Area**

Idalou 47, Friona 6
Brady 21, Merkel 7
Lubbock Roosevelt 21, Childress 20
Cisco (10-1) vs. Bangs (9-2), 7:30
p.m. Saturday, Breckenridge
Regional
Idalou (11-1) vs. Brady, TBD
Lubbock Roosevelt vs. Cisco-
Bangs winner, TBD

**Region II
Area**
Callisburg (7-4) vs. De Kalb (6-5),
Friday
Grandview 62, Lone Oak 32
Pottsboro 29, Omaha Pewitt 15
Caddo Mills 37, McGregor 17

Regional
Callisburg-De Kalb winner vs.
Grandview, TBD
Pottsboro vs. Caddo Mills, TBD

**Region III
Area**
Daingerfield 43, West Rusk 7
New Waverly (9-0) vs. Hardin (6-3),
1 p.m. Saturday, Humble's Turner
Stadium
Franklin 21, Hughes Springs 20
Newton 54, East Chambers 14

Regional
Daingerfield vs. New Waverly-
Hardin winner, TBD
Franklin vs. Newton, TBD

**Region IV
Area**
Blanco 28, Hallettsville 9
Vanderbilt Industrial (9-1) vs. Three
Rivers (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday,
Seguin
East Bernard 42, Karnes City 0
Refugio 44, Dilley 14

Regional
Blanco vs. Vanderbilt Industrial-
Three Rivers winner, TBD
East Bernard vs. Refugio, TBD

**CLASS A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional**
Canadian 55, Wellington 20
Stanton 35, Morton 21

**Region II
Regional**
Seymour 31, Stamford 7
Quinlan Boles 31, DeLeon 3
**Region III
Regional**
Alto 41, Hawkins 14
Mart (9-2) vs. Hull-Daisetta (7-2),
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Navasota

**Region IV
Regional**
Shiner 33, Goldthwaite 7
Junction (8-3) vs. La Villa (9-2), 2
p.m. Saturday, Floresville
State quarterfinals

Canadian (10-1) vs. Stanton (7-5),
TBD
Seymour (8-3) vs. Quinlan Boles
(12-0), TBD
Alto (8-3) vs. Mart_Hull-Daisetta
winner, TBD
Shiner (9-1) vs. Junction-La Villa
winner, TBD

**DIVISION II
Region I
Area**
Stratford 41, Nazareth 7
Sundown 28, Ralls 0
Sunray 23, Clarendon 7
New Deal (11-0) vs. Iraan (11-0), 2
p.m. Saturday, Sweetwater

Regional
Stratford (10-1) vs. Sundown (10-2),
TBD
Sunray (7-4) vs. New Deal-Iraan
winner, TBD

**Region II
Area**
Archer City 38, Roscoe 27
Lindsay 38, Perrin-Whitt 10
Albany 20, Windthorst 16
Gorman 27, Muenster 19

Regional
Archer City (11-0) vs. Lindsay-Perrin
(8-4), TBD
Albany (12-0) vs. Gorman (7-4),
TBD

**Region III
Area**
Maud 26, Grapeland 7
Normangee 32, Evadale 6
Cayuga 33, Simms Bowie 19
Bremond 49, West Hardin 8

Regional
Maud (12-0) vs. Normangee, TBD
Cayuga vs. Bremond, TBD

**Region IV
Area**
Burton 41, Bosqueville 27
Falls City 34, La Pryor 21
Chilton (7-4) vs. Ganado (6-3), 2
p.m. Saturday, Navasota
Mason 41, Bruni 26

Regional
Burton vs. Falls City, TBA
Chilton-Ganado winner vs. Mason,
TBA

**SIX-MAN
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional**
Meadow 97, Valley 60
Follett 56, Ropes 30

**Region II
Regional**
Garden City 70, Throckmorton 66
Fort Davis 64, Vernon Northside 42

**Region III
Regional**
Strawn 58, Saint Jo 8
Gordon 60, Greenville Phoenix 0

**Region IV
Regional**
Abbott 56, Lometa 22
Calvert 56, Milford 8
State quarterfinals
Meadow vs. Follett (9-2), TBD
Garden City vs. Fort Davis (12-0),
TBD
Strawn (11-1) vs. Gordon (11-1),
TBD
Abbott vs. Calvert, TBD

**DIVISION II
Region I
Regional**
Lefors (8-2) vs. Benjamin (7-3), 4
p.m. Saturday, Turkey Valley
Silverton 60, Jayton 21

**Region II
Regional**
Sierra Blanca 66, Ackerly Sands 44
Borden County 64, Sanderson 18

**Region III
Regional**
Woodson 71, Fannindel 27
Roscoe Highland 78, Bowie Gold-
Burg 0

**Region IV
Regional**
Walnut Spring 48, Sidney 42
Star 101, Leverett's Chapel 56
State quarterfinals
Lefors-Benjamin winner vs.
Silverton, TBD
Sierra Blanca (7-2) vs. Borden
County (11-0), TBD
Woodson vs. Roscoe Highland (12-
0), TBD
Walnut Springs vs. Star, TBD

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 quali-
fy. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Garden City vs. Fort Davis, TBA

Registration for Big Spring Youth Basketball has 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.

Wal-Mart names Duke to succeed Scott as CEO

By ANNE D'INNOENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, unexpectedly announced Friday that its chief executive will retire in February and be replaced by the head of its international division.



Duke

The surprise change in leadership right before the crucial holiday season comes as Wal-Mart has roared back to success as people looking for bargains shop more at discounters. Still, the company faces hurdles ahead amid slowing growth in the U.S., and analysts say the decision to tap an international executive serves as a testament that the company sees its future growth overseas.

Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart said Mike Duke, 58, vice chairman of its international division, will take the reins from Lee Scott, 59, effective Feb. 1. Duke also becomes a member of the board of directors immediately.

Scott, who joined Wal-

Mart in 1979 and became president and CEO in 2000, will continue as chairman of the executive committee of the board until January 2011, according to Wal-Mart spokesman Dave Tovar. He will serve as an adviser to Duke until 2011.

During his tenure, Scott faced increasing scrutiny from union-backed groups over issues from environmental concerns to wages and health care, which critics say have been too skimpy. The negative publicity had depressed the company's stock price for two and a half years and made the company the poster child for bad corporate behavior.

But Wal-Mart's overhaul of its stores and merchandise and its re-emphasis on low prices came together at a time when the economy began to turn sour last year. Since September 2007, Wal-Mart's shares have made a remarkable comeback and its image has improved as the company made changes in environmental sustainability and other areas.

Even in recent weeks, the stock has held up as most company's shares have plunged.



Courtesy photo

Brynn Workman, front, Molly Walker, left, and Yanci Yeater show off their lace aprons and spatulas they received from County Extension Agent Kandy McWhorter following the 4-H Food Show held recently.

4-H SPOTLIGHT

Howard County 4-H Food Show

The Howard County 4-H Food Show was held Sunday, Nov. 16 at the courthouse. The following 4-H members participated: Tatum Miller — Clover Kids Division, Breads & Cereals Category; Brynn Workman — Junior Division, Fruits & Vegetables; Yanci Yeater — Intermediate Division, Fruits & Vegetables; and Molly Walker — Intermediate Division, Nutritious Snacks.

Sandra Bloom served as the judge for the event. She quizzed the participants on the nutritional value of their respective dishes and on what they had learned in the Foods Project. The Junior and Intermediate participants will advance to the District Contest Dec. 6 in Fort Stockton.

After the judging, everyone tasted the dishes. Each participant was presented with a lace apron and a spatula from County Extension Agent Kandy McWhorter for their participation in the County Food Show.

MOLLY WALKER
4-H REPORTER

RECORDS

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Hwy., Big Spring
Curtis W. Shelton, 3714 Millbrook Road, Big Spring
Janie Spurgeon, 1212 Wadley, Midland
Shawn Spurgeon, 106 N. Adams, Denver City
Robert Lee Summers, 2404 S. Monticello, Big Spring
James Sutton, 2225 Oakland, Abilene
Tonya D. Conner Taylor, 1111 Mo-seley Circle, Hobbs, N.M.
Jimmy Vasquez, 4000 W. Illinois #16, Midland
Brenda Vera, 1901 Ave M, Snyder
Alicia M. Vernon, 9614 Dover Ridge, San Antonio
Tyler J. Voss, Fannin Co. Rd 4925, Leonard
Chrissy Sue Ward, 1003-2 CR 175, Colorado City
Christina Williams, 400 Macarthur, Odessa
Jerry Lee Wrightsil, 2816 Ridge

Road, Ft. Worth

District Court Filings:

Lisa A. Parks vs. William R. Parks, divorce.
Michelle Marie Chandler vs. Jeremy Alvin Chandler, divorce.
Colorado Electric Supply dba City Electric Supply vs. Texas Builders and Church Renovations Inc. dba U.S. Electrical Contractors, Loyd Byrd and Western Motels Inc., accounts, notes and contracts.
Jennifer Dawn McNeill vs. Rolland Michael McNeill, divorce.
Harvey Dick Harmon Jr. vs. Shirley Ann Harmon, divorce.
Joseph B. Wrye vs. Cynthia Wrye, divorce.
Amanda Calley vs. Michael Calley, divorce.
Patricia Jernigan vs. Justin L. Jernigan, divorce.
Garland E. Helmstetter vs. Deborah L. Helmstetter, divorce.
Laura Villa vs. Rene Villa, protective order.
Sue Garrett Partee vs. Stanley Eugene Partee, divorce.
Citibank vs. Robbie Cadenhead, accounts, notes and contracts.

Donna Mae Anderson vs. Jeremy Heath Anderson, divorce.
Ashley Melton vs. Travis Melton III, divorce.
Angelica Martina Levario vs. Justin Lee Jernigan, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.
Corina C. Jendro vs. Sonya S. Drake, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.

Marriage Licenses:

Leland Michael Pechacek, 20, and Ariel Alexandra Rawls, 19, both of Big Spring.
Mark A. Cisneros, 24, of Odessa, and Evelina Victorino, 25, of Midland.
Luis C. Rios, 24, and Jessica A. Moreno, 25, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Thomas A. Welch Jr.
Grantee: Bobby Doe
Property: Lot 10, Block 16, McDowell Heights
Date: Nov. 13, 2008
Grantor: Lon Baucum
Grantee: Joshua Hamby
Property: The W/50 feet of Lot C,

Block 2, Highland Addition
Date: Nov. 13, 2008

Grantor: Mildred M. Callihan
Grantee: Callihan Family Survivors Trust
Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 17, 2008

Grantor: George Williams Sr. and Susan Williams
Grantee: Property Pros of Texas LLC
Property: Lot 5, Block 7, North Belvue Addition
Date: Nov. 19, 2008

Grantor: George Williams Sr. and Susan Williams
Grantee: Property Pros of Texas LLC
Property: Lot 10, Block 4, Capehart Addition
Date: Nov. 19, 2008

Grantor: George Williams Sr. and Susan Williams
Grantee: Property Pros of Texas LLC

Property: Lot 9, Block 38, Cole & Strayhorn
Date: Nov. 19, 2008

Grantor: George Williams Sr. and Susan Williams
Grantee: Property Pros of Texas LLC
Property: Lots 19 and 20, Block 15, Washington Place
Date: Nov. 19, 2008

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Terry Smith and Rhonda Smith
Grantee: Chesley Garrett and Daun Garrett
Property: A 6.4 acre tract out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; and Lots 9 and 10, Harvey's Subdivision
Date: Nov. 13, 2008

Grantor: Johnny C. Moore Sr. and Lallye Moore
Grantee: Nancy J. Jones
Property: Lot 6, Block 6, Furrh Addition
Date: Nov. 14, 2008

Grantor: Larry Alan Newton and Susan Diane Newton
Grantee: Chad Kemper and Ashley Kemper
Property: The S/100 feet of the SW/4 of Block 20, College Heights
Date: Nov. 17, 2008

Grantor: Robert C. Wash, Inc.
Grantee: FLSAN Development Company LLC
Property: Lot 5, Block 44, Original Town of Forsan
Date: Nov. 18, 2008

Grantor: David Parrish
Grantee: William Bryan Males
Property: A 19.98 acre tract out of Section 27, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 18, 2008

Grantor: William Bryan Males
Grantee: Lisa Cervantes and Ricardo Cervantes
Property: A 19.98 acre tract out of Section 27, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 18, 2008

HOMES

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If home prices fall another 10 to 15 percent, as measured by the Case/Shiller

Home Price Index, then four out of every 10 mortgages in the U.S. could be underwater, Feldstein said.

"At those levels, it's hard to see how many people are

going to be willing to keep up with their mortgages," Feldstein said.

The implications for many homeowners are staggering. Before the recent housing boom of 2000 to 2006, homes increased in value at a historical annual rate of about 2.3 percent when adjusted for inflation.

That means that for homeowners who owe 35 percent more than their homes' value, it would

take, at historical averages, about 15 years just to break even on their home investment. They won't build equity. It would be a huge incentive for millions to hand the keys back to the lender and seek cheaper housing.

Not all real estate experts buy Feldstein's stark numbers.

"That's the highest percentage I've heard from anybody, by quite a bit," said Rick Sharga, senior

vice president for Realtytrac, an Irvine, Calif., company that publishes foreclosure data.

More conservative forecasts, though still dismal, point to a smaller drop in home prices of 5 percent to 7 percent, he said.

Added Jay Brinkmann, chief economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association in the nation's capital, "If you generalize the numbers too far, I think it leads to some incorrect conclusions."

The Case/Shiller Index is driven by home sales that have taken place. It doesn't reflect the stability in older, established neighborhoods, Brinkmann said.

The vacant and for-sale rates nationwide for

homes built before 2000 — that is, pre-boom — is just 2 percent.

The delinquency and foreclosure problems are concentrated mostly in a handful of states, such as California, Florida, Arizona and Nevada, which had overbuilding and weak lending standards.

"Those states have about 25 percent of the mortgages and 50 percent of the foreclosure starts" in the latest association survey, Brinkmann said.

Nationwide, 6.4 percent of all mortgages were delinquent through June, but the number of delinquencies and foreclosure starts are breaking records every quarter, the most recent MBA survey said.

their state Attorney General's office.

Because of the overwhelming requests for tickets, some members of Congress are planning to distribute tickets via a lottery system. Constituents can contact their local member of Congress (www.house.gov) or U.S. Senators (www.senate.gov/general) to request tickets and get their name in the hopper.

For more advice from your local BBB on avoiding scams and fraud, go to bbb.org.

Trish Powell is president of the BBB of the Permian Basin and can be reached at (432) 563-1880.1

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Delicate Art of Larceny

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A Q 9 6 4
♥ 9 7 2
♦ 10 4
♣ K 7 4
WEST
♠ —
♥ J 4 3
♦ K J 6 3 2
♣ A 10 6 3 2
EAST
♠ J 8 3
♥ Q 8 5
♦ A Q 7 5
♣ J 9 5
SOUTH
♠ K 10 7 5 2
♥ A K 10 6
♦ 9 8
♣ Q 8

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1♠
1NT 3♣ Pass 4♠
Opening lead — three of hearts.

Anything declarer can do to induce an error by the defense is a legitimate part of the game. Deception plays an important role in bridge, and a contract stolen by a ruse counts just as much as one fulfilled on its merits.

West's notrump overall was "unusual," showing length in both minor suits. After his initial pass, the notrump bid could hardly have its natural meaning, and so, by convention, showed interest in the minors.

South's four-spade bid was very dubious. North had passed originally

and was scarcely likely to have a hand that would produce a game opposite a skimpy opening bid.

West led a heart, and South noted that there were four losers — two diamonds, a club and a heart. The only real chance of making the contract appeared to lie in somehow getting the defense to make a mistake. Declarer knew he had four losers, but he also knew that neither opponent could be aware of this.

From the opening lead and East's play of the queen of hearts, South could be sure that West had the jack. (If East had the Q-J, he would have played the jack, not the queen.) So South decided to capitalize on this knowledge and give West a chance to go wrong.

He won the queen with the ace and drew three rounds of trump, ending in his own hand. Then he led the six of hearts!

West was not anxious to take the lead, and it was difficult for him to conceive that declarer had started with the A-K-10-6 of hearts and would play in this fashion. So he ducked the heart, expecting East to win with the ten or king.

But dummy's nine won the trick. South then led a heart to the king, cashed his ten, discarded a diamond from dummy and so wound up with 11 tricks, leaving West feeling very foolish indeed.

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

2		1			6	5
1		8	6			9
						4
		4	1			3
		3	9	8	6	
	7		2		8	
9						
	8			9	3	6
4	1		7			8

News in brief

Obama outlines jobs plan to rebuild roads, modernize schools, improve energy system

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama on Saturday outlined his plan to create 2.5 million jobs in coming years to rebuild roads and bridges and modernize schools while developing alternative energy sources and more efficient cars.

"These aren't just steps to pull ourselves out of this immediate crisis; these are the long-term investments in our economic future that have been ignored for far too long," Obama said in the weekly Democratic radio address. The economic recovery plan being developed by his staff aims to create 2.5 million jobs by January 2011, and he wants to get it through Congress quickly and sign it soon after taking office.

He called the plan "big enough to meet the challenges we face" and said that it will jump-start job creation but also "lay the foundation for a strong and growing economy."

Aides said the economic plan outlined Saturday went further than the president-elect has gone before.

A trio of crises — housing, credit and financial — have badly damaged the economy, and financial analysts have projected the country's economic hardships will continue through much of 2009.

Obama acknowledged Saturday that evidence is growing the country is "facing an economic crisis of historic proportions."

He noted turmoil on Wall Street, a decrease in new home purchases, growing jobless claims and the menacing problem of deflation.

He said he was pleased Congress passed an extension of unemployment benefits this week, but added, "We must do more to put people back to work and get our economy moving again."

Obama moves quickly to fill Cabinet slots, plans to tap Geithner as treasury secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama has moved with unusual speed to select officials for his administration, and senior Democratic officials say he intends to name Timothy Geithner as his treasury secretary as soon as Monday.

It was not clear when Obama intended to formally unveil any of his other picks for the administration that takes office at the stroke of noon on Jan. 20.

One Democrat said John Podesta, a leader of Obama's transition team, had told Senate aides on Friday that Obama hoped for speedy confirmation so the new administration could get to work quickly thereafter.

Word of Geithner's likely selection emerged as New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, in line to become secretary of state, said through a spokesman that discussions were on track for her appointment but no final arrangement had been made.

Obama's choice for attorney general, a third critical post as the president-elect rounds out his top Cabinet echelon, is Eric Holder.

He held the No. 2 slot in the Justice Department in President Bill Clinton's administration.

The president-elect plans to announce Geithner's appointment in Chicago on Monday, barring an unforeseen snag in a background check that is nearly complete, said one of the senior officials, both of whom were familiar with the deliberations. He's the president of the New York Federal Reserve.

Group including Carter, Annan refused entry to Zimbabwe for humanitarian mission

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said Saturday that he and others planning a humanitarian mission in Zimbabwe had been refused entry to the impoverished African country.

Carter and two other members of The Elders group — former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and rights advocate Graca Machel, who is married to Nelson Mandela — had planned to assess the country's humanitarian needs as Zimbabweans are stalked by disease and hunger while political crisis occupies its politicians.

But they were told Friday night by former South African President Thabo Mbeki, who is mediating the political crisis, that efforts to secure travel visas for the group had failed, Carter told reporters at a news conference in Johannesburg.

"We are very disappointed that the government of Zimbabwe would not permit us to come in, would not cooperate," Carter said.

It was the first time the 2002 Nobel Peace laureate has been denied permission to carry out a mission in any country, he said.

What's a celebrity governor to do? Palin ponders future of travel, book deals, TV

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Oprah wants her, and so do Letterman and Leno. Fresh from her political defeat, Sarah Palin is juggling offers to write books, appear in films and sit on dozens of interview couches at a rate that would be astonishing for most Hollywood stars, let alone a first-term governor.

The failed Republican vice presidential candidate crunched state budget numbers this week in her 17th-floor office as tumbling oil prices hit Alaska's revenues. Meanwhile, her staff fielded television requests seeking the 44-year-old Palin for late-night banter and Sunday morning Washington policy.

Agents, including those from the William Morris Agency, have come knocking.

There's even been an offer to host a TV show.

"Tomorrow, Governor Palin could do an interview with any news media on the planet," said her spokesman, Bill McAllister. "Tomorrow, she could probably sign any one of a dozen book deals. She could start talking to people about a documentary or a movie on her life. That's the level we are at here."

"Barbara Walters called me. George Stephanopoulos called me," McAllister said.

"I've had multiple conversations with producers for Oprah, Letterman, Leno and 'The Daily Show.'"

Palin may have emerged from the campaign politically wounded, with questions about her preparedness for higher office and reports of an expensive wardrobe, but she's returned to Alaska with an expanded, if unofficial, title — international celebrity.

Fla. teen kills self by drug overdose as live Web audience egged him on, tried to stop him

MIAMI (AP) — A college student committed suicide by taking a drug overdose in front of a live webcam as some computer users egged him on, others tried to talk him out of it, and another messaged OMG in horror when it became clear it was no joke.

Some watchers contacted the Web site to notify police, but by the time officers entered Abraham Biggs' home — a scene also captured on the Internet — it was too late.

Biggs, a 19-year-old Broward College student who suffered from what his family said was bipolar disorder, or manic depression, lay dead on his bed in his father's Pembroke Pines house Wednesday afternoon, the camera still running 12 hours after Biggs announced his intentions online around 3 a.m.

It was unclear how many people watched it unfold.

Biggs was not the first person to commit suicide with a webcam rolling.

But the drawn-out drama — and the reaction of those watching — was seen as an extreme example of young people's penchant for sharing intimate details about themselves over the Internet.

Biggs' family was infuriated that no one acted sooner to save him, neither the viewers nor the Web site that hosted the live video, Justin.tv. The Web site shows a video image, with a space alongside where computer users can instantly post comments.

Astronauts face longest, hardest spacewalk yet; NASA struggles with recycling trouble

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts up on the international space station faced the longest and hardest spacewalk of their mission Saturday, a seven-hour-plus excursion to wrap up repair work on a gummed-up joint.

As the crews of the orbiting shuttle-station complex focused on the greasy outdoor extravaganza, engineers back on Earth struggled to understand a potentially

serious problem with a newly delivered recycling system that is supposed to turn astronauts' urine into drinking water.

The \$154 million system shut down again Friday and had managers wondering whether space shuttle Endeavour would bring back any samples of processed urine. The equipment has to work properly and the water has to pass safety tests in order for the space agency to double the size of the station crew next year.

At a news conference Friday, astronaut Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper said her upcoming spacewalk — the third of the mission — would be busier than usual. She and Steven Bowen have to finish cleaning and lubricating a jammed solar wing-rotating joint, and put in new bearings.

"It looks like it's going to be challenging," she said. "We have a lot of work to do."

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Claims may be presented in care of SKIPPER DRIVER to the estate addressed as follows:
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#5986 November 23, 2008.

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Claims may be presented in care of RICHARD FERRELL GREGORY to the estate addressed as follows:
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DATED this 10th day of November, 2008.
RICHARD FERRELL GREGORY, Independent Executor of the Estate of Richard Evans Gregory, Deceased
#5987 November 23, 2008.

No. P-13,696
ESTATE OF ALMA MAURINE DRIVER, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

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Claims may be presented in care of SKIPPER DRIVER to the estate addressed as follows:
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SKIPPER DRIVER, Independent Executor of the Estate of Alma Maurine Driver, Deceased
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DONALD D. KUCERA, Independent Executor of the Estate of Charoon Kucera, Deceased
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Sagittarius aspects have us all riled up like children on too much candy.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Luckily for us, the Libra moon is a patient nanny, a regular Mary Poppins who turns all our precocious and hyper energy into fun and games. Libra lunar energy offers brilliant ways of achieving peace and harmony, and we need only to match our intention with hers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are an independent thinker. You are able to see both sides of an argument and agree with neither. However, voicing your opinion is unwise right now. People read your vibes before you say a word.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You like someone and so you are willing to overlook something about

them that others might call a flaw. The right feeling is there, and that's what matters to you. Your benevolence is reciprocated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you can't work every day next week on your plan, you will get cranky. Be proactive. Break your project into smaller bits. Figure out how you can devote a little bit of daily time to your dream.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You might do some schlepping around on behalf of others, but the one who really benefits is you. You'll see happy sights and exchange positive energy with people as you're out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is much out there to stimulate your already impressive intellect. Seize every opportunity to read. The thoughts and experiences of various authors will become the raw material for your completely original ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A certain relationship is lovely in its own way,

and also serves a function in the larger scheme of your social life. People are working in concert to do something meaningful, and you may be the reason for this.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be unreasonable. Set your sights on ambitious goals and stretch yourself in ridiculous ways. You don't know what you can do until you try. And you don't know who you are until you see what you can do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You might feel like you're a mouse going down a tunnel that you know does not have cheese at the end of it. It may not be here, but the cheese is definitely somewhere close by. New tunnels must be explored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Creative people get you dreaming and scheming -- a pleasurable use of your energy. So arrange to spend time with the most imaginative of your peers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You come

across as such a friendly person now that perfect strangers will invent reasons to talk to you. There is something to be learned from each and every person who is in your life, if only for a few minutes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Talking up your work isn't always a natural skill, but you're getting better at it. There will be potential customers, clients and bosses around you. Practice describing your own strengths and style. You could make a fantastic sale.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People around you may be making risky moves, but you're not tempted to join in. You value security. Stand your ground and you'll find that there are others who feel the same way.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Pluto has been flirting with the idea of leaving Sagittarius for many months now. He's left before, most recently crossing into Capricorn from Jan. 25 to June 14 of this year, but we've known

him to keep returning his devotion to the centaur. Until now. This is big news when one considers Pluto is leaving Sagittarius for the last time in our lifetime. Since the dwarf planet takes 248 of our earth years to circle the sun, we've seen the last of this transit. The outer planets move slowly and reflect changes that affect generations and eras. Pluto in Sagittarius represented a time of new philosophies and religious turmoil. Sagittarius is the sign of travel as well and it got increasingly easy during this transit to connect personally with people all around the globe. Now we head into the Pluto in Capricorn era. The last one was between 1762 and 1768, a time of revolutionary changes in governments including the birth of the United States. On a personal level you can apply the energy of this transit by thinking of the long term and noticing what trajectory you are on. The slightest of changes in your direction will,

over the course of this long journey, affect where you wind up.

CELEBRITY PROFILE: Happy sweet 16 to Miley Cyrus, who has celebrated already in true Sagittarian style -- with 5,000 of her nearest and dearest at a private Disneyland party. And of course there were fireworks -- this fire sign couldn't have it any other way. Miley's Mars in Cancer and Jupiter in Libra indicate that her tight relationship with her mother and father will continue to be the source of her good fortune.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: When my husband retired from the military, he was offered a great job in another state. The pay is terrific and there is a wonderful pension plan.

The problem is this city. It is unfriendly, crime-ridden and filled with alcoholics and people who dump trash everywhere. I am also sick of the weather. It is either hot and dry or hotter and drier.

After four years and two different jobs, I have made no friends. I am a polite, easygoing person and don't understand it. We have been through several online meet-up groups with no luck, and we are atheists, so church is not an option.

I am now a stay-at-home mother. I find myself crying more often than not. I sit in front of the TV every day because I have no one to talk to except my hus-



KATHY MITCHELL
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band and children. I find myself being overly critical of things that used to just roll off me. I need friends -- women to shop with, lunch with and do all those other girl things.

My husband suggested antidepressants and I tried them for 18 months. The only benefit was a very mellow personality and 37

extra pounds. He told me of other wives who hated this place at first, but after 10 years of antidepressants ended up loving it. I don't want to feel like this for 10 years.

My husband doesn't want to move because he likes his job. Divorce is not an option. Any suggestions? -- Not the Land of Enchantment

Dear Not: No one should need drugs in order to adapt to a new home, but friends can make a place more tolerable. Invite some of your husband's co-workers and their spouses for dinner. See if there are mothers in the pediatrician's office with whom you could form a playgroup. Start a book club. Host a holiday party for the neighbors. Volunteer for some parent programs at the school. Developing friendships takes time and effort. If

you are stuck in this city, please don't give up trying to make connections.

Dear Annie: Last Monday, a supplier called and asked whether my boss needed the supplies shipped immediately or wanted to wait until there was something else to ship with them.

When I asked my boss, he said he needed the supplies "next Friday." I wasn't sure which Friday he meant, so I asked, "Not this Friday, but next Friday?" He looked at me like I was an idiot and said, "No, this Friday. Where did you go to school?"

Have I been totally screwed up all these years? -- Confused in the Rockies

Dear Confused: This has been confusing people for decades. We checked with Rob Kyff, who writes a nationally syndicated column on grammar and language. He says: "Next

Friday' can mean either the Friday immediately coming up OR the Friday after that. Many people were taught to use 'this' for a day of the week coming up and 'next' for the one after that. When someone refers to 'next Friday,' it's always wise to verify which one they mean."

Dear Annie: "Party Pooper" asked if she and her sister were obligated to give their parents a 40th wedding anniversary party when they couldn't afford it. Mom and Dad were miffed and booked a cruise instead.

If these people could afford to send themselves on a cruise, they could just as well have afforded to throw themselves a nice party. That's exactly what my husband and I did. We knew our kids were in no position to spend so much, and it was also time for a family reunion on my hus-

band's side. We combined the two and had a great weekend. The party had four generations in attendance. I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend as much as we did. -- Two Years From the 50th

Dear Two Years: We're sure they did. What a lovely way to celebrate.

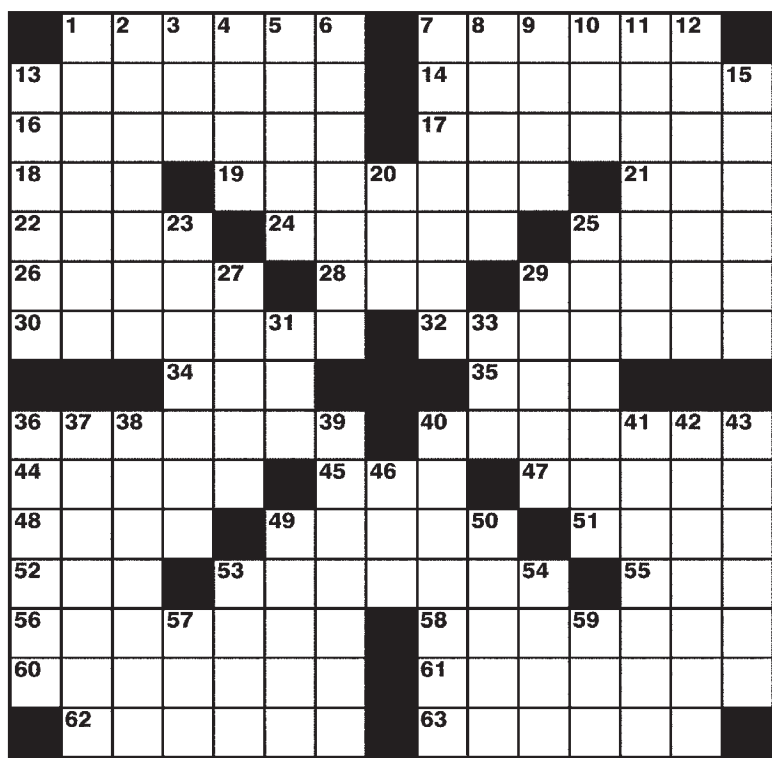
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T-Day Mishaps

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NAME: Judi Moran, 63, Newberg, Ore., retired elementary school teacher

HER DISASTER: Early in my marriage, I entertained my in-laws for the first time on Thanksgiving: my mother-in-law and my husband's aunt, along with subsidiary husbands and children.

Let me preface my account by saying these two women were Southern ladies who believed in putting on the "bird" and cooking for an entire army when folks came for holidays. I was a bit petrified at their expectations.

So, I decided to cook the turkey in a paper sack! It was a novel idea I'd read in a women's magazine somewhere.

I can't say whether this turkey cooking trick has worked for others. But in my case the meat turned out so tough, it wasn't clear whether I was serving the turkey or the sack.

My husband, in an initial taste test, nixed the bird and volunteered to run out to KFC for buckets of a different breed of fowl.

NAME: Jack Mott, 27, media sales, Chicago

HIS DISASTER: My roommate and I decided to stay in Chicago to save money on traveling and try to make our first Thanksgiving dinner. My roommate was on stuffing, yams, and mashed potatoes. I had the turkey.

We wanted to get the smallest turkey we could find, and I was happy to discover an 8-lb. bird while my roommate gathered up the rest of the ingredients for the holiday feast and \$50 worth of booze.

When it came time to cook, I peeled off the turkey's wrapper, took out the innards, stuffed and salted the bird before putting it in the oven. A good hour and a half had gone by, when my roommate started to clean and prep for the other fixings.

That's when he noticed that nowhere on the "turkey" wrapper did it say "turkey." Upon further inspection I found a delightful recipe for Perdue Chicken Salad on the back of the wrapper. As it turns out, I had bought an 8-lb chicken, stuffed it, and cooked it for nearly two hours.

My roommate, livid, made me go out to the nearest

store to find a de-thawed turkey. I came back with a 25 pound turkey for two people. I removed the stuffing, put it in the turkey, and cooked it.

We now had a lot of meat. That's when our landlord, a single mother of two, knocked on our door to deliver a holiday gift. We invited her and her visiting parents to share the feast.

NAME: Hope N. Kirsch, 53, attorney, Scottsdale, Ariz.

HER DISASTER: I had invited all kinds of friends to Thanksgiving dinner at my house in Montville, N.J. I thought how nice it would be for everyone to have their own hen. That's nicer and classier than a bird.

The hens looked great on the outside.

But when everyone cut into it — at the same time it seemed — it was raw.

I guess because the oven was small; I had shoved the 12 hens in there. The guests were telling me that it would take another six hours for the hens to cook. I threw them away and we ate the side dishes. My sister now does the cooking.

NAME: Kelly Hayes-Raitt, 47, of Santa Monica, Calif., political activist, writer

HER DISASTER: I was in my early 20s, going to one of those "orphan potlucks," and I foolishly offered to bring the mashed potatoes. Naturally, I waited too late to get started.

In my rush after peeling 10 pounds of potatoes, I naively turned on the garbage disposal, immediately exploding 10 pounds of potato peels all over the kitchen.

I didn't have time to clean it up, and, being inexperienced and unknowledgeable about the potato's true nature, I waited until the next day to clean.

By then, the peels had hardened; I literally had to scrape the dead, shriveled, peeling skins from the ceiling and walls — and repaint!

Of course, being that it was Thanksgiving weekend, I got to live with the overflowing, clogged sink until the following Monday.

The next year, I volunteered to do the turkey, and I now leave the skins on when I make mashed potatoes.

NAME: Susan Daffron, 43, publisher, Sandpoint, Idaho

HER DISASTER: My husband and I are vegan and

every year we make a stuffing and potato casserole for Thanksgiving. The first year we moved up here to the wilds of Northern Idaho, we were invited to our neighbors for a holiday pot luck dinner.

That winter of 1996 was the worst one in at least a decade. By the end of November we already had about 5 feet of snow on the ground and as usual, on Thanksgiving Day, it was snowing. Our casserole was in the electric oven baking when the power went out.

We took the half-baked casserole up to the neighbor's house and they reheated it on their wood stove. We all sat around in candlelight and ate slightly weird food all the folks in the neighborhood had managed to cobble together. The snow kept falling and falling and the electricity was out for 4 days.

The first thing we did after the holiday weekend was buy a back-up generator.

NAME: Jessica Setnick, 36, registered dietitian, McKinney, Texas

HER DISASTER: Last Thanksgiving, I woke up with my eyes swollen shut and my husband drove me to the emergency room, where I was told I might have lupus.

When we got home, I looked up lupus on the Internet and scared myself half to death. I got in bed and pulled the covers over my head and told Greg, my husband, and our two kids to have Thanksgiving without me.

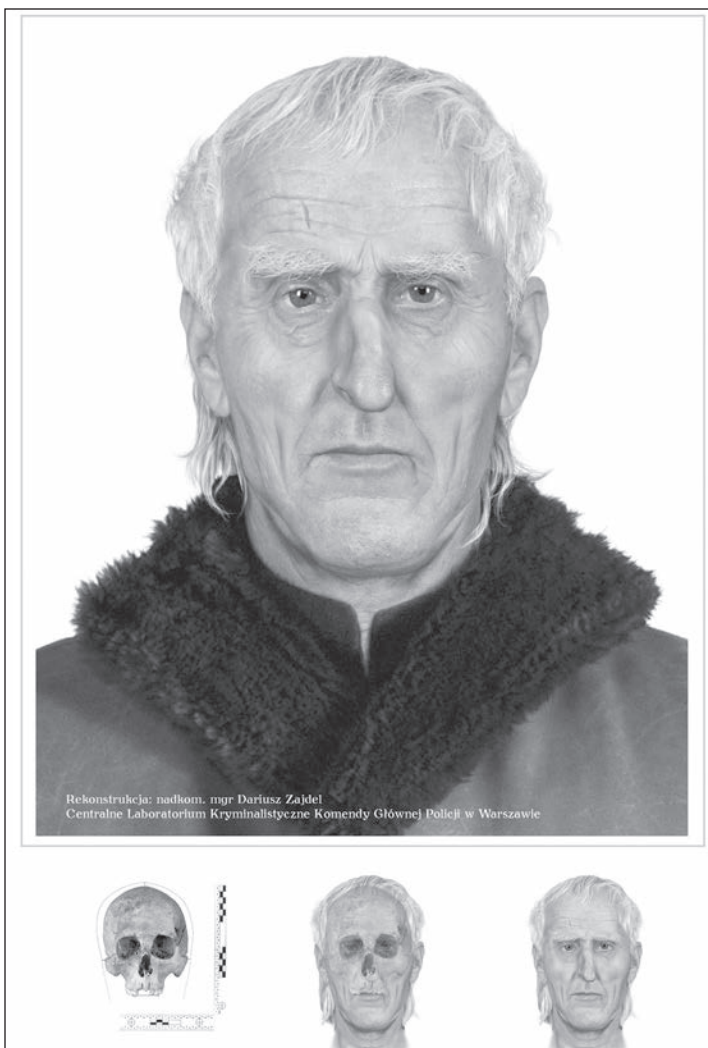
Greg decided to try to be a hero and bake the pecan pie. He confused the canisters and switched the salt and sugar without knowing it. When he brought it in to me, something looked very wrong. When I brought a piece to my lips, it made my eyes water. It was impossible to even take a bite.

Determined to try again, Greg fixed another pie, using the correct amount of ingredients, and baked it. Somehow the sugar caramelized and became brittle. Greg took one bite and cracked a tooth.

It fell out in his hand. At this point he announced that he was not going into the kitchen again, and we ended up ordering pizza. The good news came on Monday that I didn't have lupus.

And I'll be in charge of cooking this year.

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In this image provided by the Kronenberg Foundation in Warsaw, a computer-generated reconstruction of what astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus may have looked like on the basis of a skull discovered in the cathedral in Frombork, northern Poland, is seen.

Scientists say Copernicus' remains, grave now found

By **MONIKA SCISLOWSKA**
Associated Press Writer

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Researchers said Thursday they have identified the remains of Nicolaus Copernicus by comparing DNA from a skeleton and hair retrieved from one of the 16th-century astronomer's books.

The findings could put an end to centuries of speculation about the exact resting spot of Copernicus, a priest

and astronomer whose theories identified the Sun, not the Earth, as the center of the universe.

Polish archaeologist Jerzy Gassowski told a news conference that forensic facial reconstruction of the skull that his team found in 2005 buried in a Roman Catholic Cathedral in Frombork, Poland, bears striking resemblance to existing portraits of Copernicus.

The reconstruction shows

a broken nose and other features that resemble a self-portrait of Copernicus, and the skull bears a cut mark above the left eye that corresponds with a scar shown in the painting.

Moreover, the skull belonged to a man aged around 70 — Copernicus's age when he died in 1543.

In addition, Swedish genetics expert Marie Allen found that DNA from a tooth and femur bone matched that taken from two hairs retrieved from a book that the 16th-century Polish astronomer owned, which is kept at a library of Sweden's Uppsala University where Allen works.

Gassowski is head of the Archaeology and Anthropology Institute in Pultusk, in central Poland, and Allen works at the Rudbeck Laboratory of the Genetics and Pathology Department of Uppsala University.

Copernicus was known to have been buried in the 14th-century Frombork Cathedral where he served as a canon, but his grave was not marked. The bones found by Gassowski were located under floor tiles near one of the altars.

Gassowski's team started his search in 2004, on request from regional Catholic bishop, Jacek Jezierski.

Copernicus is believed to have come up with his main idea of the Sun at the center of the universe between 1508 and 1514, and during those years wrote a manuscript commonly known as Commentariolus (Little Commentary).

His final thesis was only published, however, in the year of his death. His ideas challenged the Bible, the church and past theories, and they had important consequences for future thinkers, including Galileo, Descartes and Newton.

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Saturday December 6th

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Howard Men vs. Frank Phillips College 7:30 pm

A canned food drive to benefit the Salvation Army / Howard
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All donations will be collected during the home basketball
game December 6th. Admission to the game will be free with
the donation of a canned food item. We are aware that all
students, employees and their families are admitted for free to
the game but we are asking for your help with this project in an
effort to help the less fortunate in our community.

Special for the Holidays

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Christmas Ornaments

Date: December 1 - 12, 2008

Day: Monday & Friday

Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm

Room: College at the Mall

Instructor: Shelley Futrelle

Cost: **Free**

Description: This class is for those that are interested in making one-of-a-kind ornaments for their Christmas celebrations. We will be making four different ornaments that could be used for gifts or could be used to display as a one of a kind Christmas decoration.

Christmas Stockings

Date: Saturday December 6, 2008

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Room: College at the Mall

Instructor: Shelley Futrelle

Cost: **Free**

Description: Come join us for a fun class creating stockings to display at Christmas time. We will be working on a great stocking that can be used for Advent, and another stocking that can be used to hold all kinds of goodies. This class is for both the beginner and the advanced.

Christmas Recipes

Date: December 13, 2008

Time: 1:00 - 3:00pm

Room: College at the Mall

Instructor: Shelley Futrelle

Cost: **Free**

Description: Come and find unique Christmas recipes that can be passed down thru the generations. Wow your family with the awesome Christmas candies and cookies. This class will include some no-bake options, some fun decorating ideas for Christmas treats, and a wide variety of recipes. Come join us for this intriguing class.

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During this season of Thanksgiving, we would like to wish all of our community the warmest of holiday wishes. Our campuses will be closed for business Wednesday, November 26, 2008 - Sunday, November 30, 2008 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Campuses will open and classes will resume at regularly scheduled times on Monday, December 1, 2008.



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Appetizers

Four Cheese Party Bites

1 – 8oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened

1 cup Ricotta cheese
1 cup. Mascapone cheese
1 cup shredded cheddar
1 pkg. fresh mushroom diced (any kind)

8 slices crisp bacon, crumbled
1 tablespoon chopped chives, fresh or dried
2 eggs whites, lightly beaten
Worstershire sauce
pkg. Wonton wrappers

Cook bacon. Cool and crumble. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray muffin tin with nonstick spray. Place one wonton wrapper into each muffin tin and bake until very lightly brown. Lightly saute mushrooms in bacon drippings with a dash or two or Worstershire sauce and drain. Mix all four cheese and slightly beaten egg whites. Add bacon, mushrooms and chives. Place spoon full of cheese mixture into baked wonton wrapper and bake for a few minutes until the cheese is lightly brown and bubbly. Serve warm. Makes about 12-18 party bites.

Kris Soliz
Big Spring

Party Cheese Ball

Prep Time: 15 min. Total time: 3hr 15 min. Servings: 24

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) Philadelphia cream cheese, softened

1 pkg. (8 oz.) Kraft shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon finely chopped onions

1 tablespoon chopped red bell peppers
2 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon of lemon juice
Dash ground red pepper (cayenne)

Dash salt
1 cup chopped Planters pecans

Beat cream cheese and cheddar cheese in small bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well-blended.

Mix in all remaining ingredients except pecans; cover. Refrigerate several hours overnight. Shape into ball; roll in pecans. Serve with assorted crackers.

Kim Crowley
Big Spring

Mango Salsa

2 cans tomatoes and green chilies – regular or mild
1 large or 2 small limes
2 cans of mango slices
¼ teaspoon salt and pepper
1 bunch cilantro, chopped about 1 tablespoon

In a sauce pan mash mangos into small pieces. Add remaining ingredients except cilantro and heat over low heat until warm. Serve over pork loins, chops, ribs or beef. Sprinkle with chopped cilantro.

Mary Churchwell
Big Spring

Hot Jalapeño Dip

2-8 oz. Philadelphia cream cheese
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 small onion, granted
5 jalapeño peppers
¼ to ½ cup pepper juice

Put onion, peppers and pepper juice into blender and puree. Then add cream cheese and garlic salt and blend well. Use chips for dipping

Verla Paige
Big Spring

Breads

Bacon & Provalone Cheese Biscuits

2 cans of small biscuits (16-20)
4-5 sandwich slices of Provalone cheese – cut into ¼
8-10 slices of uncooked, diced bacon

½ c. diced onions

Saute bacon and onions until bacon is cooked but not crisp. Let cool slightly. Preheat oven according to direction on biscuits. Place ¼ piece provalone cheese onto slightly flattened biscuit. Place small amount of onion/bacon mixture in middle. Pinch to seal shut and lightly roll into ball. Place into a muffin tin & bake. Serve warm.

Kris Soliz
Big Spring

Hot Rools

½ cup Crisco
2/3 cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup warm water
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup boiling water
2 pkg. dry yeast
6 cups flour

Pour boiling water over Crisco, sugar and salt. Mix well. Dissolve yeast in warm water. Add eggs first to Crisco then the yeast mixture. Mix Well. Add 3 cups of flour. Beat with electric mixer. Add 3 more cups and mix by hand. Cover the bowl with a clean towel and let rise for 30 minutes. Turn out on floured board and knead. Cut out and put in greased pans. Let rise again for 30 more minutes. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven for 20 minutes or until brown on top. Remove from oven and spread tops of rolls with butter. Serve warm.

Darlene Hipp
Big Spring

Orange Glazed Cranberry Pumpkin Bread

3-1/2 cup flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
3/4 teaspoon salt
1-16 oz. can whole berry cranberry sauce

2/3 cup canola oil
1 2/3 cup sugar
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
1 teaspoon baking powder
1-16 oz. can solid pack pumpkin
4 eggs

In large bowl, mix dry ingredients. In second bowl, stir all remaining ingredients until well moistened. Add contents of bowls and mix well. Pour into 2 loaf pans (sprayed with oil.)

Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes or until tests done. Cool on wire racks.

Glaze
1 cup powdered sugar
¼ cup undiluted orange juice concentrate

1/8 teaspoon all spice
Mix well and drizzle over cool

breads

Boy Fryar
Howard County

Easy Refrigerator Rolls

2 cups warm water
2 pkg. active yeast
½ cup sugar
2 teaspoon salt
¼ cup shortening
6 cups flour

Mix water and yeast together. Stir sugar, salt, shortening and 5 cups flour. After mixing, turn onto floured board. Use 1 cup flour to knead into dough until smooth and elastic. Place greased side up in greased bowl. Cover with damp cloth and place in refrigerator. After 2 hours, shape into rolls, cover with towel and let rise. Bake in a 375 degree oven for 10 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.

These rolls may be frozen for a week. That makes it so nice to do them for the holidays. remove from freezer, cover with towel and let rise for four hours. Bake as directed above.

Bobby Marshall
Knott

Bean Bread

2 cups cooked beans, drained or 1 can pinto beans
2 cups corn meal
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 tablespoon salt
2 eggs

1 ½ cups milk
Mix dry ingredients, then add

eggs and milk. Stir in drained beans. Pour into greased pan. Bake at 450 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until brown. (You may add some green chilis, chopped fine if desired)

Verla Paige
Big Spring

Casseroles

Broccoli Rice Casserole

½ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped green pepper
½ cup chopped celery
2 tablespoons margarine
3 cups cooked rice
1-20 oz. package frozen broccoli flowerettes

1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can of chicken soup
1 small jar Cheese Wiz (8 oz)
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon black pepper

Saute the onion, pepper and celery. Cook the rice as directed on the package. Cook the broccoli as directed on the package and drain it. Mix the vegetables and soups together with Cheese Wiz. Line an oblong 9x13 inch pan with rice,

Vegetables

Vegetarian Chili

1 medium onion, chopped
1 medium green pepper, chopped
8 oz. fresh mushrooms, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced (may use bottled mince garlic in olive oil)
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 can (28 oz.) diced tomatoes
1 can (16 oz.) dark red kidney beans, drained

1 can (15oz) pinto beans, drained
1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce
5 tablespoons chili powder, less if milder taste is desired

1 teaspoon dried leaf oregano, crushed

1 to ½ teaspoons ground cumin
2 oz. low-fat cheddar cheese, shredded (optional)

In a large pan, cook onion, green pepper, mushrooms and garlic in hot olive oil about five minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring often. Stir in undrained tomatoes, tomato sauce, chili powder, oregano, cumin and drained beans. Bring to boil then reduce heat. Simmer covered for about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. To serve, sprinkle individual servings with a little cheese. Makes about 4 main-dish servings.

Bo Fryar
Howard County

Salads

Cranberry Salad

1 pound cranberries
¾ cup sugar
1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 cup chopped pecans
2 ½ cartons whipping cream

Chopped cranberries in food chopper. Add sugar and let set for 3 hours. Mix pineapple and marshmallows and let set for 3 hours. Combine all ingredients, except the whipping cream. Let set overnight covered in the refrigerator. Fold in the whipping cream before serving. Serves 12.

Loma Jean Wynn
Coahoma

Chicken Salad

1 large can of boneless white meat, chicken or you can use left over baked chicken or left over turkey from the holiday

1 cup dried cranberries
1 cup chopped pecans
1 tablespoon sweet pickle relish
2 tablespoon Miracle Whip or Mayo (to you taste, you might want more)

Mix well, chill, serve on lettuce

leaves or with crackers.

Footnote: A hard boiled chopped egg is also good, 2 tablespoons of green onion and ½ stalk of celery.

Darlene Hipp
Big Spring

Apple-Pear Salad with Lemon-Poppy Seed Dressing

1-16 oz. pkg. romaine lettuce, thoroughly washed
1-6 oz. block Swiss cheese, shaved
1 cup roasted, salted cashews
½ cup sweetened, dried cranberries

1 large apple, thinly sliced

1 large pear, thinly sliced

Lemon-Poppy Seed Dressing

Toss together first 6 ingredients in a large bowl. Serve with Lemon-Poppy Seed Dressing.

Lemon-Poppy Seed Dressing

Makes 1 ¼ cups
2/3 cup light olive oil
½ cup sugar

1/3 cup fresh lemon juice

1 ½ tablespoon poppy seed

2 teaspoons finely chopped onion

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

½ teaspoon salt

Process 2/3 cup light olive oil and remaining ingredients in a blender until smooth. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator up to 1 week. Serve at room temperature.



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The sugar will form lumps, but they will dissolve as the milk continues to simmer.

Beat the egg yolks and 1/2 cup sugar together with a mixer until fluffy. Add the flour and butter. Mix well. Slowly add the egg mixture to the milk mixture. Cook until thick (mixture should coat a metal spoon when done). Add vanilla, stir and pour into pie shell. Cover with meringue and bake in a 350 degree oven for 12-15 minutes until golden brown.

Never-Fail Meringue
1/2 cup water
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
3 egg whites, room temperature
6 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine first 3 ingredients and cook in microwave 1-2 minutes until thick and clear, stirring twice while cooking to keep from lumping. Cool slightly. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form. At medium speed, add sugar 1 tablespoon at a time until sugar is dissolved. Add cornstarch mixture and vanilla. Beat until stiff peaks form. Spread on pie.

Patsy Zant
Acklery

Cherry Chiffon Dessert
1 can Eagle Brand condense milk
1-21 oz. can cherry pie filling
1-15 1/4 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
1 cup chopped pecans
1-8 oz. container Cool Whip, thawed
1 cup miniature marshmallows
1 cup angel flake coconut
In a large bowl, combine all ingredients, mix well. Chill at least 30 minutes before serving. Refrigerate any leftovers.
Shirley Gay
Big Spring

Orange Brownies
Stir together in a small bowl
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon salt
In a large bowl cream together
2 sticks soften butter
4 eggs
Stir in
1 teaspoon orange zest
2 teaspoon orange extract
Add flour mixture and continue mixing until well blended. Spread mixture into 13"x9"x2" pan, sprayed with non-stick spray. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes or until set. Cool completely. Frost with orange cream cheese icing.

Mary Churchwell
Big Spring

Bourbon Balls
1 cup pecan pieces
3 cups vanilla wafers
1 cup powdered sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons cocoa
3 tablespoons light corn syrup
1/2 cup bourbon whiskey
Grind pecans and wafers in food processor until finely ground. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Pinch off enough dough to roll into balls the size of cherries. Dust in extra powdered sugar. Dough can also be rolled into 2" logs and ends can be dipped into chocolate bark that has been melted. Approximately 3 dozen.
Mary Churchwell.
Big Spring

Cream Style Corn Cake
1 17oz. cream style cornstarch
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
3/4 cup sugar
1 cup oil
2 1/4 cup flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cups chopped nuts
3 eggs
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup raisins
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine

corn and sugars. Add eggs and oil. Beat until well blended. Combine dry ingredients. Add to batter mix well. Stir in raisins and nuts. Pour into a greased 9 inch pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes. Cool thoroughly, frost.
Caramel Frosting
4 tablespoons margarine
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup milk
2-3 cups confectioner's sugar
Bring margarine and brown sugar to boil over medium heat. Remove from heat. Stir in confectioner's sugar a little at a time until desired consistency. Frost cool cake.
Margaret Cline
Big Spring

Delicious Peach Cake
1 1/3 cups frozen or fresh peaches
1 1/2 cups sugar
3/4 cups Wesson oil
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 tablespoon cocoa
pinch of salt
2 eggs
2 cups flour
1/2 cup coconut
1/2 cup nut
Mix well all ingredients. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes in greased and floured loaf pan.
Verla Paige
Big Spring

Casseroles continued

then add the vegetable mixture. Sprinkle the top with paprika and grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. This can be prepared ahead of time and cooked later. Store in refrigerator.
Loma Jean Wynn
Coahoma

Runza Casserole
2 pounds hamburger
2 onions, chopped
4 cups shredded cabbage (can use pre-shredded in a package)
salt and pepper to taste
2 tube refrigerated crescent rolls
1 pound mozzarella cheese, shredded

Grease a 9x13 casserole pan. Begin to brown hamburger and onion for a few minutes in a large pan. Then add cabbage to steam. Spread 1 tube crescent rolls over bottom of the pan. (be sure to grease pan first) Spread meat on top and add cheese. Place second tube of crescents on top and pinch layers together. Bake at 350 for 35 to 40 minutes. Cover last 10 minutes to soften the crust.
Kelly Gaskins
Knott

Entrees

Aloha Chicken Skillet
Prep Time: 5 min. Total Time: 40 min. Servings: 4
2 tsp. oil
4 boneless chicken breasts
1 medium each: red and yellow pepper, cut into chunks
2 cans (8 oz. each) pineapple chunks in juice, undrained
1/2 cup fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth
1/4 cup Kraft Catalina dressing
1 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 1/2 cups instant white rice, uncooked

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook five to six minutes on each side or until browned on both sides.

Add peppers, pineapple, broth, dressing and garlic powder; mix well. Bring to boil
Stir in rice, cover. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 5 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Remove form heat; let stand 5 minutes.
Kim Crowley
Big Spring

Crispy Ranch Chicken


2 cups Rice Krispies cereal
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 envelope (1 oz.) ranch salad dressing mix
2 eggs whites, beaten frothy
8 skinless, boneless chicken thighs or breasts
1/4 cup melted butter or margarine
Preheat oven to 350. Spray a large baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Combine the rice cereal, Parmesan cheese and dry ranch dressing mix in a large bowl. Place beaten egg whites in a medium bowl. Dip each piece of chicken in the egg whites to coat evenly. Arrange the coated chicken on the prepared pan. (you can press some more of the dry mixture on the chicken pieces if they don't look coated enough). Drizzle melted butter over chicken. Bake until golden and juice run clear when chicken is pierced with a knife, about 30 to 40 minutes. Serve hot.

Shirley Gay
Big Spring

Sweet and Sour Smoked Sausage with Rice
4 cups cooked rice
12 ounce smoked sausage (with or without skin)
1 medium size onion, sliced
1 large green pepper, cut in 1-inch

pieces
1 cup celery, sliced diagonally in 1-inch pieces
1 can (14 1/2 ounce) stewed tomatoes
1 cup beef broth
1 can (8 ounce) pineapple chunks or tidbits
1/4 teaspoon each garlic powder and black pepper
1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
Cook sausage in 1/2 cup water covered about 5 minutes. Remove from water and cut in thin slices. Combine sausage, onion, green pepper and celery in a large skillet or dutch oven. Cook until vegetables are tender crisp. Drain tomatoes and pineapple reserving the liquid. Add tomatoes, broth, pineapple and seasonings. Cover and simmer for about 5 minutes. Blend cornstarch and reserved juice. Pour into sausage mixture. Cook stirring until clear and thickened about 3 or 4 minutes. Serve with rice. Serves 6
Shirley Gay
Big Spring

Marinated Chicken Breasts
1 cup sour cream
1 garlic clove, pressed
1 teaspoon celery salt
salt & pepper to taste
2 tablespoons Worcestershire



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sauce
dash of paprika
½ cup bread crumbs
2 pkgs. boneless chicken breasts
½ cup soft margarine
Combine first 8 ingredients in bowl. Coat chicken breasts with mixture. Place in greased 2 qt. baking dish. Allow to marinate in refrigerator over night. Thirty minutes before baking, remove pan from refrigerator. Sprinkle chicken with bread crumbs. Place pat of margarine on each piece. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake chicken 1 hour and 15 minutes uncovered or until done. Serves 6
Margaret Cline
Big Spring

One Dish Meal
2 cans of cream of mushroom
2 cans of cream of chicken
1 can fiesta cheese soup
cube steaks
potatoes
Mix soups and water in roaster pan. Brown steak and add to soup mixture. Slice potatoes around and add to mix. Salt and pepper (add onions if desired) Bake at 350 degrees for 2 to 3 hours.
Verla Paige
Big Spring

Desserts

Humming Bird Cake

3 cups flour
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup chopped pecans
1 & ½ cups vegetable oil
3 eggs
2 mashed bananas
1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, undrained
½ cup coconut
1 & ½ teaspoons vanilla

Stir by hand the oil, sugar, vanilla and eggs. Add pineapple, coconut and mashed bananas. Mix well the flour, salt, soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and pecans. Bake in 3-9 inch cake pans that are sprayed with Pam. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Can be baked in a tube or bundt pan for 1 & ½ hours.
Cream Cheese Frosting
1-8 oz package of cream cheese, softened
½ cup butter, softened
1-18 oz. package, powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon cinnamon

¼ teaspoon nutmeg

Combine cream cheese and butter and mix well. Add sugar and vanilla and beat until light and fluffy. Spread between layers and on top and sides of cake. Sprinkle with chopped pecans or whole pecans on top of cake.

Loma Jeam Wynn
Coahoma

Pumpkin Bars

4 large eggs
1 2/3 cup sugar
1 cup oil
1 can pumpkin
2 cups flower
2 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
shift flour, baking powder, soda, salt and cinnamon. Beat eggs, oil, sugar and pumpkin until light and fluffy. Add flour mixture. Beat until smooth. Spread in 9x13 ungreased pan or you can use 15x10x1 pan. Cook about 25 minutes until done. Cool completely. Ice with cream cheese icing.
Icing
1-3oz pkg. cream cheese, soften
1 stick oleo or butter softened
2 cups powdered sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla

Beat well until smooth. Ice on cooled bars. Makes about 24 bars.
Darlene Hipp
Big Spring

Mini Upside Down Pineapple Bites
2 cans of small biscuits 16-20
1-15 oz. can of crushed pineapples (drained)
½ c. brown sugar
16-20 marrichino cherries
1 stick butter

Preheat oven according to biscuit directions. Spray muffin tin with nonstick spray. Place a pat of butter into each muffin tin, 1 tablespoon of crushed pineapple, brown sugar & one cherry in the middle. Place one biscuit on top and back. Cool for a few minutes and turn muffin tin upside down onto a platter to release mini bits. Serves 16-20. Can be made bigger if you use larger biscuits.
Kris Soliz
Big Spring

Triple-Layer Peanut Butter Brownies

Prep Time: 40 min. Total Time: 2 hr 10 min Serving: 32
1 pkg. (19 to 21 oz.) brownie mix (13 x 9 inch pan size)
1 cup cold milk
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) Jello vanilla flavor instant pudding
1 cup creamy peanut butter

Desserts continued
½ cup powered sugar
1 ½ cups Cool Whip Whipped Topping (Do Not Thaw)
3 squares Baker's semi-sweet chocolate
½ cup Planters dry roasted peanuts, coarsely chopped

Prepare and bake brownies in 13x9-inch pan as directed on package; cool. Meanwhile, beat milk and pudding mix with whisk, 2 min. Add peanut butter and sugar; mix well. Refrigerate until brownies are completely cooled.

Spread pudding mixture over brownies
Microwave Cool Whip and chocolate on high 1 min., stirring every 30 second. Spread over pudding; sprinkle with nuts. Refrigerate 1 hour.
Kim Crowley
Big Spring

Maple Pecan Pie
1 can Eagle Brand milk
2/3 cup maple syrup
1/8 teaspoon salt
¾ cup chopped pecans
½ cup whipping cream
Blend milk, syrup and salt in a heavy sauce pan. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally until it begins to boil. Let boil for 3 minutes and stir constantly until thickens. Cool. Add ¼ cup of the chopped pecans. Pour into cool baked pie shell,

sprinkle with ¼ cup pecans. Top with sweetened whipped cream. Garnish with the rest of the pecans. Chill.
Bobbie Marshall
Knott

Black Russian Cake
1 box Duncan Hines yellow cake mix
1 small box instant chocolate pudding
1 cup oil
4 eggs
¼ cup water
½ cup Kahlua liqueur
½ cup Vodka or cold strong coffee
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chopped pecans
Glaze:
½ cup confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon Kahula liqueur
1 tablespoon milk
½ teaspoon vanilla
Mix all cake ingredients, except pecans, together in a mixing bowl. Beat at medium speed for 4 minutes. Stir in pecans. Bake in a greased and floured Bundt pan at 350 degrees for 45 to 48 minutes. Cool 20 minutes; turn cake out onto serving platter. Glaze while warm.
Patty Zant
Ackerly

Christmas Wreaths Filling
9 oz. pitted prunes, cooked,

drained and mashed (about 1 ½ cups)
1 ½ cups peeled chopped apples
¾ cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts
¾ cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
Dough
1 cup warm milk (110 to 115 degrees)
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 pkgs. yeast
2 eggs, lightly beaten
½ cup shortening
4 ½ to 5 cups flour
Icing
2 cups confectioners' sugar
2 to 3 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoons vanilla
red and green candied cherries, halved
Combine all filing ingredients in a bowl, cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Combine warm milk, sugar, salt and yeast in a mixing bowl. Let stand 5 minutes. Add eggs, shortening and 3 cups flour; mix until smooth. Add enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 ½ hours. Punch dough

down; divide in half. Roll each half into an 9"x18" rectangle. Spread each with half the filing. Starting at the long end, roll up tightly and seal edges. Place on a greased baking sheet, sealing ends together to form a ring. With scissors, cut two-thirds of the way through the ring at 1' intervals. Carefully turn each section onto its side. Cover and let rise until nearly doubled, 30-45 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until slightly golden. Cool 20 minutes. Beat confectioners' sugar, milk and vanilla together until smooth. Place each wreath on a platter; drizzle with icing while still a bit warm. Decorate with red and green candied cherries.

Patsy Zant
Ackerly
Zona's Rich Caramel Pie
1 cup sugar
2 cups milk
4 egg yolks
½ cup sugar
3 heaping tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 baked 9" pie shell
Place the milk in a 3 qt. sauce pot. Heat until it just begins to simmer. Meanwhile, caramelize the 1 cup sugar in a heavy skillet until a rich golden brown color. Slowly pour the caramelized sugar into the simmering milk, beating well as you add it.

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