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# Herald 

## Students arrested at school

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer
Two Big Spring High School students face a variety of criminal and academic trouble
after drugs and after drugs and weapons were
found at the school Tuesday morning. LaRay. LaRay
dard, BSHS se a and member of the varsity football squad, and a 15 -year-old male student were both arrested
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Goliad Middle School Cavaliers, from left, Chico Alejos, Alex Franco, Jacob Davis, Aaron Aguirre, Tobyn Tannehill, Tyler Bryan, Brycen Kiker, Kaleb Rankin and Charlie Boling put together Thanksgiving baskets to donate to the Salvation Army. This is the $10^{\text {th }}$ year the Cavaliers have participated in this project.

## SA begins Turkey Day preparations

By THOMAS JENKINS

## Staff Writer

Preparations for the Thanksgiving dinner be Thanksgiving dinner began this morning, as the offer a slew of traditional holiday fare Thursday af holiday fare Thursday a According to Paula Lafer, a social worker with the local Salvation Army, anyone in the Big Spring area who goes without a Thanksgiving dinner this holiday will be doing so by

What: Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner. Where: Salvation Army dining hall, 811 W . Fifth. When: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.

Open to: The entire community.
"This is our way of say ing thank you to the community," said Lafler. "The

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## Three men arrested for drug possession

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
A drug bust in the 700 block of Wyoming Tuesday afternoon netted several alleged drug dealers and a considerable amount of crack cocaine, according to local law enforcement officials.
Steve Bozeman, 23, of Lubbock;
Pierre Gordon, 18, of Big Spring;
and Christopher Jackson, 20, also of Big Spring were all arrested at 707 Wyoming just after 3 p.m. Tuesday, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public informa tion officer with the BSPD.
"Nearly 10 grams of crack cocaine was recovered from the cash," said Everett "This in
ticular home had been under inestigation for quite some time. Nuring the three men arrested at the address."
According to Everett, the alleged dealers working out of the home in an "open air" manner "It's what we call an open air eal," said we call an open air
the home and sell the drugs to the home and sell the drugs to whoever came up to the house. So there was really no need to bust down any doors or anything like that."
Everett said all three men have been charged with possession of a controlled substance, and of the controlled substance, and at

This bust was part of an ongo ing investigation," said Everett. This is just the start. More ar rests are expected as a result.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bisspringher ald.com

## President-elect Obama

## rounds out economic team

By BETH FOUHY

Associated Press Writers CHICAGO - Preside ect Barack Preside naming a boand naming a board of economic experts outside government to advise him on ways to create jobs and bring stability to the ailing inancial system.
Obama was expected to introduce members of the advisory board Wednes day at a news conference his third in as many days
as Americans moved into the long Thanksgiving $\begin{array}{ll}\text { weekend. It was a remark- } & \text { by-page, line-by-line" bud- } \\ \text { able burst of public activ- } & \text { get review to root out un- }\end{array}$ able burst of public activ- get review to root out un-
ity for Obama, who has needed spending. sought to consumers assure nervous On Monday, Obama markets the financial tapped New York Federal swift president Tuesday, Obama introduced Congressional Budget Office Director Peter Orszag as his candidate to run the White House Office of Management and
elect also pledged a "page-
udget. The president On Monday, Obama Reserve President Tim Geithner as his treasury secretary and named several other top economic advisers.
His economic team largely complete, Obama was
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Barack Obama's campaign senior adviser Robert Gibbs speaks with reporters while in flight to Chicago in this 2005 file photo. President-elect Obama has named Gibbs as White House press secretary.

## Index



## FCI investigates inmate's hanging death

## By STEVE REAGAN <br> Staff Writer

Big Spring Federal Correction Institute officials are investigating the death of an inmate at the facility Monday evening.
Kevin Leroy Rice, 38, was declared dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center less than an hour after being found
hanging in his cell late Monday, FCI officials said. Linda Duchene, a public information officer with the facility, said Rice had been found hanging in his cell at approximately $9: 45$ p.m. Big Spring Emergency Medical Spring Emergency Medical Service personnel responded ly transported Rice to Scenic Mountain Medical Center,
where he was declared dead at 10:30 p.m. Preliminary cause 10:30 p.m. Preliminary cause ation by hanging ation by hanging An autopsy was ordered and scheduled to be performed in
Lubbock Tuesday or today said Howard County Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman.
Rice was sentenced to Big Spring FCI after being found
guilty in Northern Federal District Court of Oklahoma of the charge of felon in pos of the charge of felon in pos session of a firearm and ammunition. He was serving a charge, Duchene said.

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# Sports 

## 11 Bulldogs honored by District 7-2A coaches

By JONATHAN HULL

## Sports Edito

With all three football playoff teams from District $7-2 \mathrm{~A}$ now
eliminated, the league has eliminated, the league has
released its All-District Awards released its All-District Awards
and eight Coahoma Bulldogs and eight Coahoma Bulldogs second team with three more receiving honorable mention. Highlighting the Bulldogs honored is senior Damian Bailey, who was selected as a first-team offensive and defensive lineman.

Joining Bailey on the all-dis- ferred to Coahoma from Miami, trict offensive line is senior Texas, this season and made Chase Clanton, who qualified contributions deemed worthy of for the second team and also a first-team selection from the served as the Bulldogs' kicker this season.
Coahoma had two wide receivers honored. Junior Lupe Abrego whis selected to the first team, while classmate Josh Paniagua received second-team honors. Another of Coahoma's weapons in the passing game was recognized as a first teamer. Junior Lane Douglass trans-
tight end position.
Senior P.J. Daylong was Coahoma's most consistent offensive player this season, but
winded up as a second-team winded up as a second-team selection at running back.
Senior quarterback Nathan
Deporto and senior offensive Deporto and senior offensive lineman Harrison Chevalier were given honorable mention
on offense.

Defensively, The Bulldogs league's ovarall MVP, while turned out two second-team ath- Tucker Travis and Nathan letes. Sophomore Jason Martinez was named for his efforts at the middle linebacker position, while junior Ray Gutierrez drew enough attention from the disback. Senior Corey Roberts was given honorable mention as an outside linebacker. Ballinger swept the district's most valuable player awards Matt Rodriguez was named the

Kalina respectively took home Offensive and Defensive MVP. The Bearcats continued their The Bearcats continued their lean sweep of major awards as ophomore Domick Nieto was amed 7-2A's Newcomer of the

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, by e-mailing him at sports@ r by e-mailing him at sports@ or by e-mailing him

## Greenwood wears down Lady Steers

## Big Spring heads into

 Thanksgiving break 2-2
## By JONATHAN HULL

## Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers ran with the Midland Greenwood Lady Rangers for one period, but couldn't keep up over the long haul. Big Spring held a 9-4 lead early in the contest, but a zone defense and fast break offense utilized by Greenwood slowed the Lady Steers as the Lady Rangers ran away with a 59-38 victory. It's the second consecutive loss for Big Spring
after opening the season with two straight wins. "We got off to a good start in the first quarter. We were beating their press pretty good," Big Spring Head Coach Mike Warren noted, "but then they slipped into a zone and we struggled to score. We didn't shoot the ball well and passed the ball into their zone, turning the ball over." Greenwood started an 18-4 run late in the first period and carried it over until the 3:20 mark in the second, giving the Lady Rangers a $22-13$ advantage.
Big Spring trailed by 14 at intermission and struggled to find any groove offensively throughout the third period, allowing
score them $13-6$ in the frame.
Gred to 22 percent forcent from the floor com-
See LADY STEERS, Page 3B

## Area roundup Lady Bearkats rout Sands

Herald Staff Report
GARDEN CITY - Garden City's Lady Bearkats used a 12-1 first period advantage to rout the Sands Lady Mustangs, 55-36.
The Lady 'Kats were led by Morgan Schwartz, who scored a game-high 19 points. Macy Schwartz was good for 10 .
Garden City travels to Big Lake to play Reagan County at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Sands } \\ \text { Garden City } \\ 12 & 17 & 14 & 9 & 9-36 \\ 18 & 11-55\end{array}$
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Gutierrez 1. Garden City (3-1)- Britton Avery 4, Macy Schwartz 10, Morgan
Schwartz 19, Kate Halfmann 8, Brooke Halfmann 6, Paige Niehues See AREA, Page 3B

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) reacts with Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) reacts with
Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens (81) after Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens (81) after
Owens scored against the San Francisco 49ers in the Owens scored against the San Francisco 49ers in the
second quarter of an NFL game, Sunday in Irving. Dallas second quar
won, $35-22$.

Owens still wants more after huge game Sunday

## By JAIME ARON <br> AP Sports Writer

IRVING - Terrell Owens isn't satisfied.
He insisted Tuesday there was nothing special about his latest outing, even if his 213 yards receiving were
more than his previous five games combined, his most in eight years and the sec-
ond-most of his career. It also happened to come right after he complained about the team's offensive system team where his T.O. image took root.
"It , no big deal. said was just a game," he things happen. "I play and thing unusual for me." He hasn't even bothered watching the highlights.
"For what?" he said. "It was nothing I ain't done I'm telling you, I'm still not satisfied. Still not. ... I know what I do. My friends and family, they know what I'm capable of. So it's not anything new."
And, Owens made it clear, there's more to come - as ing his way. ing his way. Il could've been doing it not saying that in a neganot saying that in a nega-
tive way. For whatever reason, the opportunities didn't present themselves. Like I said, I know what I can do once I get the opportunities and I get catchable balls."

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## Sports in brief

## Crossroads high school

 football playoffs schedule FridayClass 4A, Division II, Region I semis
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

## Send-off for Steers

## scheduled Friday

A send-off for the Big Spring Steers football team will be held at $8: 45$ a.m. at the Athletic Training Center. The public is invited to attend and show support for the Steers as they depart for Abilene for their playoff game vs. Everman.

## Registration for Big Spring

Youth Basketball has begun
The YMCA has begun accepting sign

Spring Youth Basketball League for boys and girls Spring Youth B
Divisions of play include separate boys and girls teams in grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6.
Games are scheduled to begin Jan. 10. Practices begin the week of Dec. 8.
A coaches meeting is scheduled for Tuesday. 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-

## Obituaries

## Corey Don Sharp

 Corey Don Sharp, 27, of Big Spring,
died Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, at Scenic died Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at
Myers \& Smith Chapel with burial at Myers \& Smith Chapel w
Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Mt. Olive Memorial Park. He was born Dec. 30, 1980, in Pampa. He grew up in Pampa, lived in Midland for two years, and then in Big Spring for two years. He was a truck driver for Basic Energy Services. He was
of the Navy and was a Baptist.
He is survived by his parents, Kathie and Royce Sharp of Big Spring; one sister, Carla Wilson and her husband Andrew of Midland; one brother, Jeff Sharp and his wife Andrew of Whitedeer; and several nieces and nephews. Arrangements are by Myers \& Smith Funerai Home.

## Manuela Jaquez

Manuela Jaquez, 73, of Odessa died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008, at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. A rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008, at Odessa Funeral Home. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday,
Nov. 26, 2008, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Nev. Joseph Uecker officiating. Interment will be at Rev. Joseph Uecker officiating. Interme
Ector County Cemetery, Rosehill section.
She was born Dec. 24, 1934, in Big Spring to Tiburico She was born Dec. 24, 1934, in Big Spring to Tiburico
and Rosenda Pineda Nunez. She was a Christian Catholic and a hosenda Pineder.
She is preceded in death by her husband, Panfilo Jaquez; parents, Tiburcio and Rosenda Pineda Nunez; and three brothers, Tata Nunez, Ramon Nunez and Raymundo Pineda.
She is survived by a son, Juan "Johnny" Jaquez of Monahans; daughters Delores Cantu of Arlington, Juanita Alvarado, Irma Galindo and Susie Balboa, all of Irving and Stacy Villareal of Odessa; brothers Lencho Pineda of Houston andTony Perez of Odessa; nine grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

## Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$1
None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's $\$ 111$ million
drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday
The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: $2,11,22,51,52$. The Mega Ball number was 46 .
Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-7-12-21-5
Number matching five of five: 1 . Prize: $\$ 21,268$
The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-5-5. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-7-1. Sum It Up: 16

## Support Groups

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at MONDAY
- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342
or 263-6819. CHANGING DATES
- The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library. For dates and times, contact Ramona Blassingane at 263-9748


## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the follow
ng activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a m. today: ing activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:
Note: An arrest log for the following time period wa not made available before press time. - UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON IN A
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 in the 600 block of Nolan.- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILIY VIOLENCE was report ed in the 1600 block of $11^{\text {th }}$ Street.


## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol owing activity:
Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail report - having 57 inmates at the time of this report. - MARK ARGUELLO, 35, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

ARTHUR SEISHIN KARWEDSKY, 39, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while

- DALLAS INEZ JORDAN, 38, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (judgment/sentence).
- LESTER CLAUDE DUFFER, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation. - SCOTT FOWLER, 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
MUnty jail Tuesday by the BSP, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention and evading arrest/detention with - SARAH NICOLE DUNLAP, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear. - ADAM ROSS JONES, 24, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of violation of parole.


## Take Note

- Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar to be 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 serv ing 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 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 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, those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. 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 cant make it. For more informa
- 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 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 of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at 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. an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today.
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## 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
for more information. - Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.


## MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad 1342 or 263-6819.
- 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.


## WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
11:30 Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to vided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a 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 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.0, 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 message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love All donations are appreciated.
- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at $204 \mathrm{~N} . \mathrm{W}$. 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
Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases,
employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at $800-926-5630$ or $432-686$ 0647.


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Saturday, Mineral Wells (11-1), 7 p.m.
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Walnut Springs ( $8-3$ ) vs. Star (10-0), TBD

# Mavericks beat Pacers behind Terry and Kidd 

## Dallas rolling without Howard, picks up fifth straight victory after getting off to slow start



Nowitzki added 24 points and 12 rebounds and Antoine Wright scored a career-high 24 for the Mavericks, who played without howard for a third straight game There is no timetable for his return.
Kidd finished with 11 points and 13 assists as Dallas won its second consecutive home game after dropping the first four. The Mavericks reached . 500 (7-7) for the first time since splitting their first four games.
"We kept fighting," Kidd said. "We relied on our defense and got some stops.
Danny Granger's 22 points and Troy Murphy's 21 points and 14 rebounds led the Pacers. Brandon Rush added 18 points off the bench and ex-Maverick Marquis Daniels contributed 14

Indiana, which has lost three in a row and five of six.
Indiana held a 95 . $5: 05$ left, but Terry scored Dall next six points to ncored Dallas next six p
to $97-94$.
to After R
After Rush's basket, Kidd made a 3-pointer, Terry hit a 17 -footer o tie the score at 99 and Kidd drained another 3 with 1:22 left
to give the Mavericks a 102-99 to give the
advantage.
Indiana was unable to get closer than 106-103 the rest of the er tha
way.
Dalla
Dallas had been 2 -for- 16 from the 3 -point line before connecting on its final three.
"We were due," Terry said with a laugh.
Murphy scored his team's first eight points of the third quarter including a pair of 3s as Indiana tretched its lead to 64-51.
heading into the fourth quarter, then opened the period with an $8-2$ spurt to tie it at 85 . The Pacers went on a $10-3$ run capped by Rush's 15 -footer with 5:06 left to open a seven-point advantage,
They had to, because Nowitzki was held to two points in the final quarter.
"We had to stay positive even though we were down," Terry said. "We were at home and had to ride the energy of our crowd. We stood our ground and made the plays we needed down the stretch."
Indiana built a $56-49$ halftime edge, but once again the Pacers failed to finish off an opponent. They've led at halftime in 12 of 13 games, but have only five victories.
teams out," Granger said. Indiana had no defensive answers for Terry and Kidd own the stretch as Terry went -for-8 from the field in the fourth quarter while Kidd was hitting wo of three shots, both 3 -pointtwo of
ers.
"Ter
"Terry's an awful good player," Pacers coach Jim O’Brien aid, "and Kidd has been a clutch player his whole career."
Notes: Wright's previous career high was 21 points. Indiana had 10 offensive rebounds in the first quarter eading to 14 second-chance points. Dallas missed its first 103 pointers before Kidd hit from long range early in the from long range early in the hav ben Pack fave lan in


## Holidays prompt closings for schools, government |STUDENTS

## By STEVE REAGAN

Several city and county agencies will have reduced servi
Thanksgiving weekend.
The city of Big Spring will close all offices, including the landfill and compost, Thursday and Friday there will be no sanitati
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ment and Emergency Medical Service)
will continue their normal operations. All Howard County non-emergency
offices will be closed effective 3 . offices will be closed effective $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
today and will remain closed through the today and will remain closed through the
weekend, officials said. The sheriff's office will remain in operation, they added.
For more information,
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districts - Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan-dismissed for the Thanksgiving holiday Tueday afternoon. School will remain out the rest of the week, with normal schedules resuming Monday,
officials said
Howard College will follow a similar schedule - classes were dismissed Tuesday evening and will resume Monday. All college offices are likewise closed until Monday
The Big Spring Herald will publish its Thanksgiving edition Wednesday after noon. All offices will be closed Thursday and will be open until noon Friday, Publisher Ron Midkiff said.

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## News in brief

Report: Charity parts ways with troubled Clemens
UNDATED (AP) - Roger Clemens has been asked to end his involvement with a charity golf tournament he has hosted for haunt the seven-time Cy Young award winner, the Daily News reported in Wednesday's edition.
Although Clemens helped raise millions of dollars for charities associated with the event, the Giff Nielsen Day of Golf for Kids was held Nov. 11 at Houston's Shadow Hawk Golf Club without him.
"Roger Clemens is no longer affiliated with the tournament," said Nielsen, a Houston broadcaster. "We decided we would go our separate ways until his off-field stuff is settled
"I approached him, and as we talked, we reached a mutual agreement that we would put our relationship on hold. He was good about it. He said 'I agree with the decision.'
Clemens has denied using performance-enhancing drugs since he was identified in George Mitchell's report on drug use in baseball. He filed a defamation lawsuit in January against his former trainer, Brian McNamee, who claims he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone.
Federal prosecutors also are looking into whether Clemens committed perjury when he testified under oath in front of a congressional committee that he never used performance-en-
hancing drugs.
"He is dealing with some tough issues," Nielsen said. "He is dealing with something that is very challenging. The accusations against him are serious. It just made sense to say, 'Go take care of these issues and we will revisit the relationship take care of these issues and we will revisit the relationship
later, when it makes sense.' He was very receptive. He was

## Texas to test wireless call blocking in prison

 ming (AP) - Texas officials plan to test cell phone jamming technology after a prison system lockdown and search turned up hundreds of smuggled mobile devices.The test has been proposed for Dec. 18 at the Travis County state jail in Austin, the Austin American-Stateman reported in Wednesday editions.
House Corrections Committee Chairman Jerry Madden said he requested the test. Officials at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice were working to set up the demonstration, said agency spokeswoman Michelle Lyons.
Florida-based CellAntenna Corp., which recently conducted a similar test in South Carolina, has agreed to do the Texas demonstration, said company spokeswoman Priscilla Doyle. Prison officials from several states gathered at a South Carolina prison on Friday to see how the equipment blocks wireless calls. The technology prevents cell tower transmissions from reaching the phone.
Regulators can grant permission to federal agencies to use the technology but federal law prevents state and local agencies from jamming cell phone signals.
Still, prison officials hope they'll be granted permission to use the blocking technology. Officials say the consequences of inmates using cell phones can be alarming.
In Texas last month, prison officials arrested the mother of death row inmate Richard Lee Tabler on charges she paid for minutes on a cell phone that had been smuggled to her condemned son
at the school Tuesday, according to information released by the Big Spring Police Department.
Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for BSPD, said officers responded to the campus as the result of a multiagency investigation into a recent string
of burglaries in Big Spring and Howard of burgla
County.
Police searched Woodard's vehicle and Police searched Woodard's vehicle and
found a weapon - reportedly a shotgun found a weapon - reportedly a shotgun "The gun is believed to have been stolen "The gun is believed to have been stolen in one of the burglaries that are under investigation," he said, adding, however,
that Woodard has not been implicated in the burglaries at this time.
In the course of Tuesday's investigation, police subsequently arrested a 15 -year-old student who was allegedly in possession of a small amount of marijuana and a controlled substance.
Woodard was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon in a prohibited place, a state jail felony, while the 15 -year-old was charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces in a drug-free zone (a Class A misdemeanor) and possession of a controlled substance under one gram in drug-free zone (a third degree felony). Big Spring Independent School District
officials were busy this morning gatherofficials were busy this morning gather-
ing information and determining the next ing information and determining the next course of action.
"It is my understanding that this was part of a police investigation," said Steven Saldivar, assistant superintendent for the Big Spring school district. "One of the ed to the other."
No official school district action will be taken until classes return from the Thanksgiving holiday Monday morning, "aldivar said.
"At that time, we'll get together ... and make a determination "We will follow the to proceed, he said.

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## TURKEY

dinner is free, so no one has to go without a good we have in the past, we'll be delivering meals to

## OBAMA

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expected next week to introduce national security officials, including
Hillary Rodham Clinton Hillary Rodham Clinton
as his secretary of state. as his secretary of state.
Aides said the New York senator had not yet formally accepted the offer, but transition officials
have indicated that the have indicated that the
nomination is on track. Obama also was expect ed to announce he had asked Defense Secretary
Robert Gates to remain at Robert Gates to remain at
the Pentagon for a year, the Pentagon for a year.
James Jones, a former James Jones, a former
Marine Corps comman dant and NATO commander, was Obama's pick to be national security adviser. At his news conference
Tuesday, Obama set no Tuesday, Obama set no
goals for reducing the federal deficit -
${ }^{5}$ Dragon China Buffet ${ }^{7}$
$\$ 1.00$ .50 orfe come Up to 10 People
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those who can't make it here to the Salvation Army office for dinner. However, we need to get a solid count of how many meals will need to be delivered. What we're asking is for people that need a meal delivered Wednesday (today) to
make arrangements.
"We'll be delivering meals Thanksgiving until about 11 a.m.
This year's holiday menu will be filled with tradiaccording to Lafler
"Thanksgiving just
"Thanksgiving just isn't
key," she said with a laugh. "We'll also have the trimmings, like dressing, mashed potatoes and
gravy, and green beans. A gravy, and green beans. A lot of work goes into pre-
paring a Thanksgiving paring a Thanksgiving
meal, but it's well worth meal, but it's well worth
meal will be served in the Salvation Army's dining Fifth St - located at 811 W . until 1:30 p.m. "It's open to "It's open to everyone in Lafler. "Bring your family Lafler. "Bring your family and have a great meal."
you can help, or to set up a meal delivery, contact the Big Spring Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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edeverhigher. OnMonday, he announced plans for a massive economic stimuhave said could cost as much as $\$ 700$ million.
On Wednesday, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said his country will host an April 2 meeting of the Group of 20 industrialized and emerging economies to discuss the financial crisis. Brown told lawmakers in London that Obama has said he will attend the talks. With his Electoral College landslide victory, Obama said Tuesday he possesses a "mandate to move the country in a new direction, and not continue the same old practices that have gotten us into
the fix we re in.
At the same time, the pledged to consult with Republicans and approach
his administration with his administration with
humility "and a recognihumility "and a recognimonopoly of any one party."
Obama's promise to be careful with a federal buck was placed in a larger con-
"As s
is well under way, we need to set up a long-term plan to reduce the structural deficit and make sure we are not leaving a mountain of debt for the next generation," he said.
The picture took on troubling new dimensions a few hours before he spoke when the Commerce Department reported economic activity declined at a rate of 0.5 percent in the three months ending in September
Further underscoring weakness, Americans' disposable income fell at an
annual rate of 9.2 percent

in the same period, the that date to 1947 .
And The Washington Post reported Wednesday that the number of Americans using food stamps to buy groceries
was expected to pass 30 million this month, a new record.
The federal budget deficit was a record $\$ 455$ billion for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, and is certain to be higher this year possibly reaching $\$ 1$ trillion - as the costs of a financial bailout and an economic stimulus package are piled on top of smaller-than-expected tax
Against that backdrop,

Obama said: "Budget reform is not an option. It is an imperative. We cannot sustain a system that dollars on programs that have outlived their useful ness, or exist solely because of the power of a politician, lobbyist or interest group."
As an example, he cited a report that from 2003 to 2006, millionaire farmers received a total of $\$ 49$ milion in crop subsidies that hey may not have been entitled to
"If this is true, it is a prime example of the kind of waste I intend to end as president."
To serve both his objec
spending, Obama said he hoped some of the funds spent to stimulate the economy could also lay the groundwork for longerterm economic health. As an example, he said, 'a smart job of investing in health care modernization" could help in both the short term and the longer run.
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Corey Don Sharp, 27, died Monday. Funeral died Monday. Funeral
Services will be at $2: 00$ Services will be at 2:00
PM Wednesday at Myers \& Smith Chapel with \& Smith Chapel with

## $\$ 400$ REWARD

FOR FINDING AND SAFELY RETURNING

## OWENS

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Owens was averaging 50.5 yards per game before his breakout performance against San Francisco. He had five straight games of 38 yards or less, a stretch that included three games without quarterback Tony
Against the 49 ers , Owens had of his five longest all season His of his five longen season. His high. the way it defended Owens. Or rath. er, didn't defend him
Instead of jamming Owens at the line and having a safety take over once Owens works free - the approach most teams have used this

## AREA

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Free throws: S 16-23, GC 6-12. 3-point goals:
GC 1 (Ma. Schwartz 1). Total fouls: S 17, GC 21 . Fouled out: Avery, Niehues.

## Stanton 44

Plains 29
STANTON - Stanton's Lady Buffs mproved their record to .500 as they 44-29, Tuesday.
44-29, Tuesday.
Stanton got o
Stanton got off to quick starts in placing Plains in a hole it couldn't dig out of.
Rachel Fleckenstein led all scorers with 16 points.
Stanton travels to Wink Tuesday with tip off set for 6:30 p.m.
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Plains } & 4 & 12 & 3 & \text { 10-29 } \\ \text { Stanton } \\ \text { l4 } & 12 & 10 & 8-44\end{array}$
Plains (1-2): Hannah Crump 10, Patti Avila 9, Stephanie Addison 3, Adriana Corrales 3, Jasmine Mares 2, Lydia Whitzel 2.
Stanton ( $3-33$ : Rachel

## LADY STEERS

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The two squads meet again Tuesday following the Thanksgiving break. This time the game will be played in Greenwood.
"We need to make sure we don't let the time off slow down what we're trying to do. We need to keep shoot-
season - the 49ers let cornerback Nate Clements play off Owens and the results, if foes weren't already convinced which strategy was best, this might clinch it.
Of course, Owens has faced jamming cornerbacks most of his 13 -year career. The difference this season is that his poor numbers have prompted talk that he's lost a step.
"Being that I'm 34, y'all want to say I can't get off the jam. I understand that," Owens said.
Reminded that he'll be Reminded that he'll be 35 a week it don't matter. I'm 34 and I just had (213) yards. Now what? I'm just saying, how about that?"
ing, how about that?" can commit itself to slowing any receiver. When it was suggested that as a highly paid receiver, he's expected to defy all kinds of coverages,

## Jones 6, Michele Graves 6, Naomi Delao 5, Adrian Carrasco 3, Krista Sanchez 3, Ashton Adrian Carrasco 3, Krista Sanchez 3, Ashton Snellgrove 3, Amber Beasley 2. Free throws: Plains 11-15, Stanton $11-22$ Free throws: Plains 11-15, Stanton 11-22. 3-point goals: Stanton 3 (Delao 1, Carrasco 1, 3-point goals: Stanton 3 (Delao 1, Carrasco 1, Sanchez 1). Total fouls: Plains 19, Stanton 24.

 Fouled out: None.Grady 35,
Wink 34
WINK - Grady's Lady Wildcats eked out a much-needed victory Tuesday night, $35-34$, over Wink. Trailing by 6 at intermission, the Lady 'Cats finally found their shot in the second half and rallied from a 4-point deficit in the final stanza for the win.
Lauren Robinson paced Grady with 13 points.
6.30 Lady 'Cats host O'Donnell at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Lenorah.

| Grady $661013-35$ |
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| Wink 9988 |

Grady (2-3): Eva Dyck 8, Medgan Blocker 5,
Julia Schuelke 4 Kaitlyn Blocker Julia Schuelke 4, Kaitlyn Blocker 2, Lauren
Robinson 13, Kelly Cook 3. Wink (2-1): Lindi Shackelford 6, Keisha Sellers
3, Trinity Walker 13, Jasmine Clayton 2, Celista 3, Trinity Walker 13, Jasmine Clayton 2, Celista
Turnbo 4, Jasmine Solis 3, Taryn Curtis 3.
ing, dribbling and passing. We need to find an outside threat and we need to get more physical inside. We need to work on all phases of the game right now," Warren said.
$\begin{array}{lrlrrr}\text { Greenwood } & 13 & 19 & 13 & 14-59 \\ \text { Big Spring } & 9 & 10 & 6 & 13-38\end{array}$
Big Spring
 Kaleena Garcia 1-3 1-3 3, Holly Davis 7-9 0-0 14,
Margeaux Baumman 3-6 0-0 6, Kayla Long 3-5 0-0 6, Danna Howard 1-5 0-1 2, Katie Duran 3-7 5-7 11, Ashley Ricketson $3-7$,-4 2 , 8 , Natalaie
Franco $0-20-0$, Bianca Reyes $1-10-02$, Megan

## Case.

"I get paid to catch balls," he said. guarantee you that if you were to get in front of me and got some help over the top, you probably could give me some trouble, too. ... I'm just saying, it's not that easy. Until you get out and play the game at real, live speed, it's not as easy as it looks."
Owens added that he has been oing some things to fight the coverage, such as being "a little bit more patient in my releases."
of coordinator Jason Garrett to find ways to get him away from coverage, such as putting him in motion. recent weeks. He's also mixed in a formation featuring Owens, newcomer Roy Williams and tight end Jason Witten on the same side.

Free throws: Grady 12 -23, Wink 5-14. 3-point
goals: Grady 1 (Robinson) Wink 4 (Shackelford goals: Grady 1 (Robinson), Wink 4 (Shackelford
2, Solis). Total fouls: Grady 14, Wink 19. Fouled out: Walker.

Grady 38,
Wink 22
WINK - The Grady Wildcats picked up their first win of the season as they pounded Wink, 38-22. Grady led by 4 at intermission, but really distanced itself in the third period, outscoring Wink 17-8 in the frame.
Dylan Cox was the only scorer from either team in double figures, hitting for 20 points. The Wildcats host O'Do
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Grady } \\ \text { Wink } & 7 & 10 & 17 & 4-38 \\ 6 & 6 & 8 & 2-22\end{array}$
Wink
Grady ( $1-2$ ): : Shane Teague 3, Dylan Cox 20,
6 Joe Cook 4, John Ramirez 2, Jacob Rodriquez 9. Wink: Abbott 8, Richardson 4, Casteel 6, Wink: Abbott 8, Richardson 4, Casteel 6 ,
Boggess 4 .
 goals: Grady 6 ( Cox 5 , Teague 1). Total fouls:
Grady 8 , Wink 10. Fouled out: None.
 $\begin{array}{lll}0-2 & 0-0 & 0 \text {, Valerie Ross } \\ \text { 2-6 } \\ 0-0 & 4 & 4 \text {, Dominique }\end{array}$
 Crystal Woodson $11-50$-0 2, Lauren Porras 2-5
$0-04$, Total $15-537-10$ 38. 0-0 4, Total $15-537-1038$. (Green). Reebounds: Greenwoodd 25 (Howard,
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Greenwood 8 (Howard, Ricketson 2), Big Spring Greennooy
8 Ritchey, Woodson 2). Steals: Greenwood 13 (Howard 5), Big Spring 16 (Tuitt 5). Turnovers:
Greenwood 29, Big Spring 25. Total fouls: Greenwood 29, Big Spring
Greenwood 17, Big Spring 20 .


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were. We got into some passing lanes and forced turnovers. We just didn't Big Spring now rests until after the Thanksgiving break and picks up play Tuesday at San Angelo Central. The Steers will then participate in the Andrews Tournament, beginning Dec. 4. Big Spring won that tourney last year. "We get a little time off with the turkey day Morris, "but we've got to back on the court practic| ing and improving." |  |  |  |
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| Greenwood | 11 | 13 | 23 |
| Gig Spring | 11 | 16 | 16 | $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Big Spring } & 11 & 16 & 8 & 16-51 \\ \text { Greenwod }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Greenwood } & \text { (2-1): Blake } \\ \text { McCulloch 8-11 } & 1-2 \\ \text { 17, Stacy }\end{array}$ 2-6 $3-38$, Brandt Cox $3-7$

Trevor Nolan $4-64,7$, Trevor Nolan 4-6 4-7 13, Josh Cook
$3-8,1-37$, Spencer Childs $0-34-44$
 Big Spring (0-2): Sammy Segundo $4-10$
$0-2$
7 , Jerrell Williams
$7-20$
$4-6$
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18, $\begin{array}{lll}0-27, \text {, Jerrell Wiliams } \\ \text { Jon Benavides } & 3-8 & 0-0 \\ \text { Seamster } & 7 \text {, Rob }\end{array}$ Seamster $3-6{ }^{1-4-8} 7$, Seth Pearson
$0-40-0$ $0-40-0$ 0, Total $20-555-1251$. (Smith, Nolañ, Big Spring 6 (Segundo 4, MCCallister, Benavides). Rebounds: Greenwood 31 (Cox 14),
Big Spring 18 (Seamster, Pearson 4). Assists: Greenwood 5 (Smith, Cook 2), Big Spring 5 (McCallister 2). Steals: Greenwood 11 (Smith,
Cox 3). Big Spring 19 (Benavides 6 ), Cox 3), Big Spring 19 (Benavides 6).
Turnovers: Greenwood 26, Big Spring 23. Total fouls: Greenwood 14, Big Spring 19.
Segundo, Seamster.


In Sunday's Big Spring Herald


## Jingle bell rock

Before Miley Cyrus and Taylor Swift, there was Brenda Lee. As a 12 -year-old, Lee burst on the music scene with hits like "I'm Sorry" and "Rockin" Around the Christmas Tree." Fifty years later, she is still rocking. Plus, estoring snow globes and selecting a new TV

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## Other Views

U.S. health system fails chronically ill

Americans who have such chronic illnesses as heart disease, diabetes and depression are less likely to get the care and treatent they need than people in seven other medical care, they pay substantially more for it.
A new survey from the nonpartisan Commonwealth Fund provides the latest evidence of the dysfunctionFund provides the latest evidence of the dysfunction
ality of the United States health care system. It was ality of the United States health care system. It was published this month in the journal Health Affairs.
High costs, wasteful treatment and lack of access are signs of a system in urgent need of reform
The study surveyed people with chronic illnesses including heart disease, high blood pressure, depression, diabetes and cancer. It compared the health care experiences of American patients to those of
residents of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, residents of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the United King dom.
The most glaring difference, of course, is the percentage of uninsured people. Other developed coun tries cover all of their citizens and spend consider ably less doing it. In contrast, about 30 percent of the Americans surveyed were uninsured for at least part of the prior year. That's about double the rate for all Americans. But it makes sense. Many people with se rious chronic illnesses can't afford to buy health insurance that covers their condition. In many cases, their health conditions prevent them from working full-time, which means they probably don't qualify for health insurance through their job.
But even Americans who are insured skipped rec ommended tests or treatments because of costs, the study found. One likely reason is that Americans with insurance still pay higher out-of-pocket fees for health care than residents of the other countries.
Germany, which has the highest deductibles and co-payments, limits patient costs to 1 percent of income for someone with a chronic illness and 2 percent for everyone else.
Compare that to the United States, in which the average per-person deductible is $\$ 1,001$, according to a study released last week by Mercer, a New York based benefits consulting firm. And that's just the point at which coverage starts. Total out-of-pocket spending tends to be much higher, often many thousands of dollars for someone with a serious illness. None of the health systems examined in the Com monwealth Fund study was perfect. The authors found what they called "opportunities for improvements" everywhere. Nor did the United States perform poorly by every measure.
For example, Americans reported shorter waits to see a specialist than residents of other countries. Americans also were less likely to be discharged from a hospital without getting clear instructions on what symptoms to watch for and when to seek ad ditional treatment.
But given how much we spend as a nation for health care and how often Americans struggle to receive even the basic recommended tests and treatments, the overall picture is that of a system that desperately needs to change.
Politicians may say that we have the world's best health system. The mountain of accumulating evidence suggests a very different reality.

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Obama needs to focus on more than bin Laden

Barack Obama has said there can be only one presiinterregnum - when the White House has already given up on making foreign
economic) policy the words of the pre dent-elect matter. So how he describes the toughest security struggle he will face is important.
"I think it is a top
priority for us to stamp out al-Qaeda once and for all," Obama told " 60 Minutes" recently. "And I think capturing or
killing bin Laden is a critical aspect of stamping out al-Qaeda. He is not just a symbol; he's also the operational leader of an organization that is planning attacks against U.S.
thargets."
This warning followed Obama's pledge in the Oct. 7 presidential debate: "We will kill bin Laden. We will crush al-Qaeda. That has to be
our biggest national-security prior
But does it really make sense to
focus our fight against Islamist militants on one man?
Obama's public pledge to get bin Laden may be a deliberate effort to prepare the American public for the shift of our military's focus from Iraq to Afghanistan. He has promised to send troops withdrawn from the former to the latter.
This shift in emphasis is correct: CIA director Michael Hayden said recently that al-Qaeda remains the greatest threat to the United States, holed up in Pakistan's tribal areas along the Afghan border. "If there is a major strike on this country, it will bear the fingerprints of alQaeda," he said.
The diversion of troops and intel-
ligence assets to Iraq after our 2001 victory in Afghanistan permitted Taliban militants and al-Qaeda to regroup in wild, Pashtun tribal ar-
eas across the border, from which eas across the border, from which
they now attack NATO troops and threaten the stability of nucleararmed Pakistan.
Getting bin Laden, Hayden said, would certainly have a "significant impact on the confidence of his followers." Yet Hayden also admitted that "we simply don't know what or captured."
Al-Qaeda is a franchise organization, in which young militants organize small cells around the world and then look to the home organiza tion for guidance or training. But there's no guarantee that this militancy would end with bin Laden's death. More to the point, we don't have much clue as to where he's hiding out.
Intelli
Intelligence officials have not had a solid lead as to his whereabouts since late 2001. That's when U.S. commandure him during the battle of capture him
Tora Bora.

## Tora Bora.

To catch bin Laden, one of two things would have to happen, neiterm.
Either we need an incredibly lucky break in communications intercepts - unlikely, since the al-Qaeda leader and his circle no longer use cell phones - or we need to acquire vastly better human intelligence in Pakistan's remote and mountainous tribal areas. But winning over those tribes is a job that can be done only by the Pakistani government and military. That would require closer U.S.-Pakistani cooperation.
We are talking long term. It may take years before we nab al-Qaeda's No. 1, though we can hurt his organization badly in the meantime.

Putting the public focus on catching bin Laden is setting ourselves up to fail.
As former ambassador to Afghanistan, Ronald Neumann, told me: On the one hand, you may not achieve it, and on the other hand, going to have to level with people about how long we'll be there and why we're there.
Indeed, one of Obama's most crucial tasks will be to lay out to the public our broad strategy and goals for Afghanistan and Pakistan. The president-elect must explain why it's important to expand our military presence in Afghanistan to prevent Afghanistan from becom ing, once more, a terrorist haven He also must explain how we'll avoid another military quagmire Obama needs to lay out why we need to aid the weak government and minitary of Pakistan, an ally fight against Islamists in fight against islamists in the past, be frank about the fact that the wa on al-Qaeda won't be short war It will require an effort to stabilize an entire region involving diplomatic efforts that include Iran Russia and efforts
China.
This plays to Obama's strengths and to the strengths of Gen. David extends from the Middle East to Pakistan.
But it's much bigger than the effort to kill one man
So let's drop the rhetoric about catching bin Laden and start pre paring Americans for what this struggle really entails

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## Happy 21st birthday, Son!

Dear Son,
You will be 21 years old very soon. I can't believe that so much time has gone by already. It seems like just
yesterday when you were sitting in a stroller, chewing on my purse handle, and drooling every time you smiled. Oh, I understand why: You didn't have any teeth
to hold in all that "happy juice." "happy juice. since then, I have grow... and grow... and grow some more into the 6 -foot, 5 -inch man that you are
man that you are
your unique height, you can now see more and reach higher than anyone in our entire family. It is a testament of your innate humbleness that you choose not to reach any higher than your red Converse sneakers. Those sneakers are high tops, though; sort of a nod of acknowledgement to your vast poten tial. Also, the red color is no doubt an attempt to draw your listeners' eyes downward rather than into the far reaches of your beautiful face. So unpretentious!
You have had an extremely varied life. You've tried basketball, which considering your frame, would have probably made you way too much money if you had played for more than six weeks. You were also in Boy Scouts for a short time. Ap"being prepared" " poo bad becau "being prepared. Too bad, because Ah, you were much too young to

deal with the pressures of those fleeting endeavors, anyway. A longer stint in band and theatre were the means you employed to make a large army of friends in high school, but these activities lacked the "stickiness" needed to make you pick up your trombone or
utter a single monologue since you utter a sing
A guitar was more to your liking, A guitar was more to your liking
you said. This, of course, shows you said. This, of course, shows
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short time, at least.
You are also resourceful in your commitment to ecology, son. You commitment to ecology, son. You
even try to save your little piece of the world by keeping the use of of the world by keeping the use of
laundry detergent to an absolute laundry deter
minimum.
One thing you have really taken a liking to, which will probably have no bearing on your future, whatsoever, is video games. Boy, if there is one area where I can showcase your stick-to-it-ness, this is it. Never in my life have I seen such determination, persistence, and singlemindedness as your dedication to your video games ... with the excep tion of your older brother. Yeah, he modestly denied it as well. But we, your family, are well aware of your alternate life. And, of course, we are so proud of your accomplish ments there.
College was a boon for you. So many majors, so little time! I am so pleased with the way you persevered through so many changes and adapted so well. In your signature style, you finally settled on a double major which should open up more possibilities for jobs when you graduate, if applying for a job doesn't clash with your ideal
stress-free life.
College is supposed to be a launch pad for success and I know that you will soon be launching your career whatever that may be. Because of the self-discipline you have shown in your video game life, I can see that college isn't just a way station to mediocrity for you. I understand you are happy right now. You've told me that many times. Ah yes, I remember when eating noodesing rauce fore meal and reusing dental floss made me happy too. It was a long a time when your older brother had to ago. and his first toy was a salami. We were happy, though. Our rented, asbestos-filled house with no shower made us happy. The rat that chewed the nipples off the baby bottles made us happy and so did the army of sweet ants that could devour a pan of brownies in one night. We were so happy
Still, being in the possession of remarkable hindsight, I can say now that college and a good-paying job might have been a better option When you were born, 21 years ago,



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## BBQ

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## This year,

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By RUSS KENDALL
By RUSS KENDALL McClatchy Newspapers BELLINGHAM, Wash. Barbecuing a turkey over an indirect charcoal fire will produce the most delicious, crowd-pleasing tur-
key you'll ever have. It'll
be moist, juicy and have an incredible smoky tang. The gravy will be out-of his world amazing! Best of all, if you already have than you might think Besides charcoal


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charcoal grill with a vented hood, you'll need a good meat thermometer, aluminum foil, 8 to 10 chunks of an aromatic dried hardwood such as apple, alder, mesquite or hickory barbecue tongs, insulated gloves, a baking pan big gloves, a baking pan big
enough to hold the turkey, and a cooking grate with hinged sides.

## INGREDIENTS

A 12-14-pound turkey works best, and will take around $21 / 2$ to 3 hours to cook.
Three big carrots, peeled and cut into big pieces Three big pieces of celery washed and cut into big
pieces
Three medium-size onions, peeled and cut into quarters Garlic clove, peeled and chopped
16 oz . of chicken or vegetable stock
Seasonings to taste: I use garlic powder, onion powde curry powder, black pepper paprika and celery salt.

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SOAKING THE WOOD First, get your wood chunks soaking in cold water for 45 to 60 minutes. Do not use greenwood or resinous softwood. Apple and alder produce a sweeter, milder smoke flavor than hickory and mesquite, which make for a spicier smoke flavor.

## PREPARING THE GRILL

I use a chimney starter to get my coals going. It's convenient and keeps food from tasting like lighter fluid. Just put a couple of loosely wadded newspaper pages in the bottom, fill the top with charcoal briquettes, and light it. In about 20 minutes they should be lightly covered with gray ash and ready to go.
PREPARING THE TURKEY
Make sure your turkey is completely thawed. Liberally spice your turkey top and bottom with your seasonings of choice, but go easy on the salt: it will
draw out moisture from draw bird and make the the bird and make the meat pieces and garlic in the baking pan add the stock, and put the turkey on top of and vut the turkey on top of the vegetables breast-side
down. The lighter breast meat cooks faster than the darker thigh and leg meat, so starting with the breast-
side down keeps the breast meat from over-cooking.

## START COOKING

When the coals are ready, put on work gloves and pour the hot coals into two piles, one on each side of the grill. Don't worry if a few coals spill over. At this time, add 10 to 12 new coals to each pile. Also, shake the excess water from the wood chunks and add two or three to each pile of hot coals.
Arrange the cookinggrate on the grill so that when you open the hinged sides you will have access to the hot coals. Put the baking pan with the turkey, veg etables and broth on the cooking grate, leaving the hinged side free to open. Put the lid on the grill. If you have vents at the bot tom of the grill, open them as far as they'll go. Then close the upper vents almost all the way liver. Resist the urge to keep peeking Eve urge to you take the grill lid off you lose heat and smok and add to the cookin time.
After an hour take the did off the grill. Admire he beautiful golden color of your turkey. Savor the wonderful smell. Then using the tongs, carefully turn the turkey over so
the breast side is facing

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up. I use this occasion to add more spice powder to the breast side Add 10 to 12 new coals to each side. I also add another chunk or two of wet wood. Replace the lid and let it cook for another hour another hour.
After two hours or so, the bird. Good thermometers are worth what they cost. (The love of my barbecue life is a battery-powered remote thermometer. I push the temperature sensor into the meat and close the grill. The probe sends a signal to the receiver clipped to my belt that updates the temperature of the meat every few seconds. The unit is accurate and has a range of about 100 feet. The thing flat out rocks!)
No matter the temperature at this two-hour mail When the brea with foil. When the breast meat done But I out when it reac because it will continue to cook and the tempera ture will increase another 5 to 10 degrees even when away from the heat. When the turkey is done, the juices will run clear. If the juices are pink, it's not quite ready.

## MAKING GRAVY

Lift the turkey from the cooking pan and put it on a serving platter. Keep it covered with foil for 15 minutes.
Meanwhile, strain the broth from the cooking pan to remove the vegetables pieces. Start a roux in a saucepan. This is done by melting two or three tablespoons of butter, adding wo or three tablespoons of flour, and stirring over medium heat for a few minutes until thickened. Add the strained broth to this roux and stir vigorously. Add salt and pepper to taste. Pour into gravy oat. Ser ding diately with sliced turkey Yum.

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## Frankie's big adventure

By CHAD DRYDEN McClatchy Newspapers
BOISE, Idaho - Like most kids, 5 -year-old Joseph Tacke likes to play th boxes. The Boise, Idaho, boy also likes to play with his best buddy, a stuffed mon key named Frankie. was playing with both. He was playing with both. He shipping box closed thelid shipping box, closed the lid tape.
The next day, when FedEx came to pick up a box of General Electric refrig of General parts destined for Indiana, Frankie went out the door instead.
Joseph and Frankie have been reunited, but not before Frankie visited five states and met some kind strangers who helped him get safely back home to Joseph.
'My Grandma gave him to the mail guy' The story of Frankie's adventure begins with a leaky refrigerator.
Gary Beck, the boyfriend of Joseph's mother, Suzanne Harding, ordered parts to repair the fridge and had them shipped to Harding's house. But the wrong parts showed up. And they were double shipped (a second box was sent to Beck's own
home). home)
Harding arranged for a next-day FedEx pickup large enough for both shipments of parts. Joseph was given the original GE box. After packing up Frankie he took the box to his room. When FedEx showed up the next day, the refrigerator parts had not been repacked. Harding, meanwhile, was trying to make it back in time with the larger box.
The only one home was Joseph's grandmother, Linda Hauhuth, who lives with her daughter, and Joseph, and another grandson, Nick Harding.
Suzanne Harding forgot to tell her mother about the pickup. Searching the house, the only box Hauhuth could find was the one in Joseph's room with Frankie inside.
She gave the box to the FedEx driver, unaware of its contents.
"I knew I had seen a small GE box laying around," Houhing about parts going nothing or monkeys in box back
Later that afternoon, Su zanne Harding returned with the larger box.
"I was packing the parts and asked, 'Did the FedEx guy come?"' she says. guy come?" she says.
At that point, she real ized what had happened.


Five-year-old Joseph Tacke's stuffed monkey, Frankie, went on a wild adventure after it was mistakenly shipped across country from Boise, Idaho.
his coworkers had a little fun with the monkey. Nicknaming him Boss, they took pictures of Frankie operating a fork lift and sitting behind an office desk.
Wooldridge wrote a story about the monkey's travels and his day "working" at the center. Wooldridge included the story with Frankie, along with hats, a flashlight and night light, for the monkey's return trip to Boise.
"The whole experience "lightened the day," Wool dridge says.
"In this type of economy and what's going on in the thing like this was great to do. The most important thing is Joseph got his thing is, Joseph got his Harding says she doubted


Frankie would return, but attention - says it was all when he came back bear- in a day's work. ing gifts, photographs and "That's how we feel about the story, it prompted her our customers," he says. "I to write a letter of grati- have a 5 -year-old son, and I tude to Wooldridge and know what it would do to TMSi CEO Ron Cain. him if he were to lose his "In this electronic world, favorite stuffed animal. He you don't see these things wouldn't sleep well until it very often," she says. "The got back." Now reunited, fact that they went to this Joseph and Frankie are extent is very heartwarm- back to their own advening." Wooldridge - admit- tures. Joseph, in his words, tedly embarrassed by the is "happier than happy."


By Steve Becker
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The news brought Joseph to tears.
"He was very upset at the beginning," Harding says. She initially called Fe aEx, which referred her to General Electric. The next day, she phoned GE's cusomer service call center in Memphis, Tenn. The call center operator then called a GE representative about the monkey.

Bringing good
things to life
The rep happened to be isiting TMSi, a distribu in Jeffersonville Ind the handles GE shipments and was Frankio's final destiwas Frankie's final destiThe bu
The building was put on alert.
"I reached out to the su ervisor in charge of the receiving department and said, 'I don't care what ou have to do, I want this
package found today," says Robert Wooldridg TMSi facility manager. It wasn't an easy task -
up to a half-million packup to a half-million packages come through the building each day.
Wooldridge started the search by contacting FedEx, which had dropped off around 900 parcels that morning. He got the box's tracking number, went to the FedEx Web site and discovered that Frankie had arrived at Thier.
'We don't feel that w did anything special' did anything special'
It took about three hours to find Frankie.
"We air-shipped that monkey back that after monkey and (Joseph) had it back the next day," Wool dridge says.
But before Frankie was sent back, Wooldridge and

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First published in 1998, the story is essential and enjoyable reading. In a review from Pub lisher's Weekly, Jane Finnis' third mystery starring innkeeper Aure lia Marcella, gets off to rocky start. "Buried Too Deep" (AUCD F FIN J) fea tures Marcella, who runs the Oak Tree mansion in the wilds of occupied Britannia. Add in sea raider who have been attacking people along the coast and Aurelia's twin brother, Lucius, a government agent, who is investigat ing the possibility that these raiders are goldseeking marauders from
Gaul. Meanwhile, greedy Roman landowner Ostorius Magnus and his unsavory nephew have been squeezing tribesmen off their lands. A shipwreck sets off rumors of buried treasure when the vessel's strongbox is found to contain a severed head rather than the expected plunder. During their long quest, Aurelia and Lucius spot Voltacos's men mysteriously digging a trench Various murders further muddy the case. This is a book on CD
Quite a few Christian fiction books have arrived. Cindy Woodsmall, Al and Joanna Lacy, Maureen Judith Miller all write
inspiring volumes. Check out the New Book Binder for a complete list.


Some oldies but goodies: Barbara Parker has writen an engrossing standalone thriller - "The Perect Fake." Tom Fairchild is determined to get his life back in order after spending time in prison or theft. Now on parole, Tom, a would-be graphic artist, is working with his sister at her map shop in Miami. When real-estate developer Stuart Barlowe wants to hire Tom to make an exact copy of a Renaissance map, Tom ees a way of earning the money he needs to make estitution for his role in the theft. But does Barlowe really want a dupliforgery? Parker's villains
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Margaret Truman has just about placed a murder at all the well known spots in Washington D.C "Murder on K Street" is filled with big-time political maneuvering, lobbying and of course, murder Filled with topical humor and events, this will fill an evening of lousy television watching.
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