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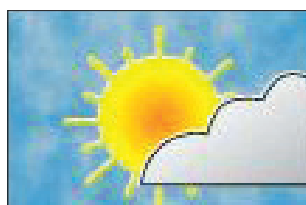
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Early morning motorists were greeted by foggy conditions on Big Spring streets Saturday. Conditions are expected to warm over the next several days, with high temperatures forecasted in the 60s and 70s for most of this week.

# Pray for rain

*Individuals asked to pray Jan. 25 in their own way and their own place*

**Herald Staff Report**

Pastors and community leaders are inviting Crossroads area residents to unite their faith and pray for rain next Sunday, Jan. 25, at 11 a.m.

"Pray in your own way. Pray in your own place," suggested Jim Mills, pastor of Gateway Baptist Church. "Churches can include it in their morning service. Individuals can select a location of their choice."

People are asked to pray for "an abundance of timely rain, with no damage," "Please help spread this word so we can united our faith as a community and avoid the devastating fires we experienced last year," said Rev. Mills, one of several spokespersons for the event.

According to Charles E. Yates with the USDA-ARS on Interstate 20, Big Spring received 10.75 inches of rainfall last year, the lowest recorded rainfall amount since 10.49 in 1964.

Last Monday, commissioners approved a burn ban for Howard County.

For more information on the Jan. 25 event, contact Mills at 263-4883 or 264-

## Census to provide jobs here; testing scheduled for Friday

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Need some extra cash? If \$12 to \$13 an hour sounds interesting, then you might want to show up at the Workforce Solutions Office in the Big Spring Post Office at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23. That's where testing will be held for potential enumerators, crew chiefs and supervisors who will work on the 2010 Census.

One of the best things about the job is that the hours are flexible. Some employees will work during the day but others are needed in the evenings and weekends, when people

are at home. The location is also a plus.

"Many people can work right in their own neighborhood," explained John Steele, a recruiting assistant.

Most positions do require a driver's license and use of a vehicle but census workers are reimbursed for authorized expenses such as mileage.

The jobs are temporary, of course, and workers are needed for the

spring of 2009 and early 2010. Assignments will last five to 10 weeks, according to the census bureau.

To be a census employee you must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen and have a valid Social Security number. You'll also have to pass a background check and pass a written basic skills test.

Workers also commit to training, for which they will be paid.

"The employment test is not difficult. It's 28 multiple-choice questions," said Steele. "You have 30 minutes to take it and you can take it more than once."

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## FISD board to discuss district-owned housing

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

FORSAN — Everyone needs to re-wire their house eventually. Even school districts.

Forsan Independent School District trustees will discuss the best way to go about renovating school-owned houses when they hold their monthly meeting

at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration building board room.

FISD currently rents 13 residences — 10 in Forsan and three in Elbow — to administrators and instructors who assume extra-duty responsibilities within the district, such as athletics or band, Superintendent Randy Johnson said.

The situation benefits both the district

and the individuals, he said.

"It's good for everybody," he said. "The teachers and administrators get a home that's rented at a very reasonable rate and the district has people living close by to keep an eye on the buildings ... And it's definitely helpful when we recruit

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## More peanut butter products recalled in U.S.

By **HOPE YEN**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — What began as an investigation of peanut butter shipped to U.S. nursing homes and cafeterias has broadened with the Kellogg Co. recalling 16 products and federal officials confirming salmonella contamination at a Georgia facility that ships peanut products to 85 food companies.

A nationwide salmonella outbreak has sickened hundreds of people in 43 U.S. states and killed at least six.

Late Friday, Kellogg said in a statement it was recalling its Keebler crackers and other products voluntarily in light of problems discovered in Georgia.

"The actions we are taking today are in keeping with our more than 100-year commitment to providing consumers with safe, high-quality products," said

David Mackay, Kellogg's president and CEO.

The recall includes Austin and Keebler branded Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers, as well as some snack-size packs of Famous Amos Peanut Butter Cookies and Keebler Soft Batch Homestyle Peanut Butter Cookies.

Sandra Williams, a compliance officer

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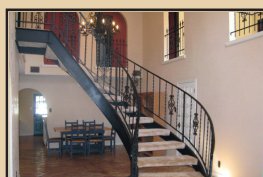
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# Lady Steers fall short

## Lake View's one-point victory prevents Big Spring from picking up first 4-4A win

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — In a close basketball game, free throws can either lift or hurt a team.

For Big Spring's Lady Steers Friday night, poor shooting from the charity stripe cost them a victory.

The Lady Steers went 4 of 14 from the free throw line, including a 1 of 4 stretch late in the fourth period. The missed opportunities sent Big Spring to its 10th straight loss, falling to San Angelo's Lake View Maidens, 37-36.

"I think this loss is pretty devastating," said Big Spring Head Coach Mike Warren. "Not many positives can come out of this loss, but we played hard and fought. We turned the ball over far too much and missed too many free throws. There isn't a team that can win a game when they do both of those things."

"We really got off to a bad start," Warren continued. "We made some adjustments in

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Valerie Ross (20) guards a player from Frenship in action from earlier this season at Steer Gym, while teammates Bridgette Tuitt and Taylor Seaton (12) look on. The Lady Steers fell short claiming their first district win of the season Friday, falling to San Angelo Lake View, 37-36.

# Steers surge past Chiefs

## Big Spring opens 4-4A play with win

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Steers couldn't have asked for a better way to start its District 4-4A season.

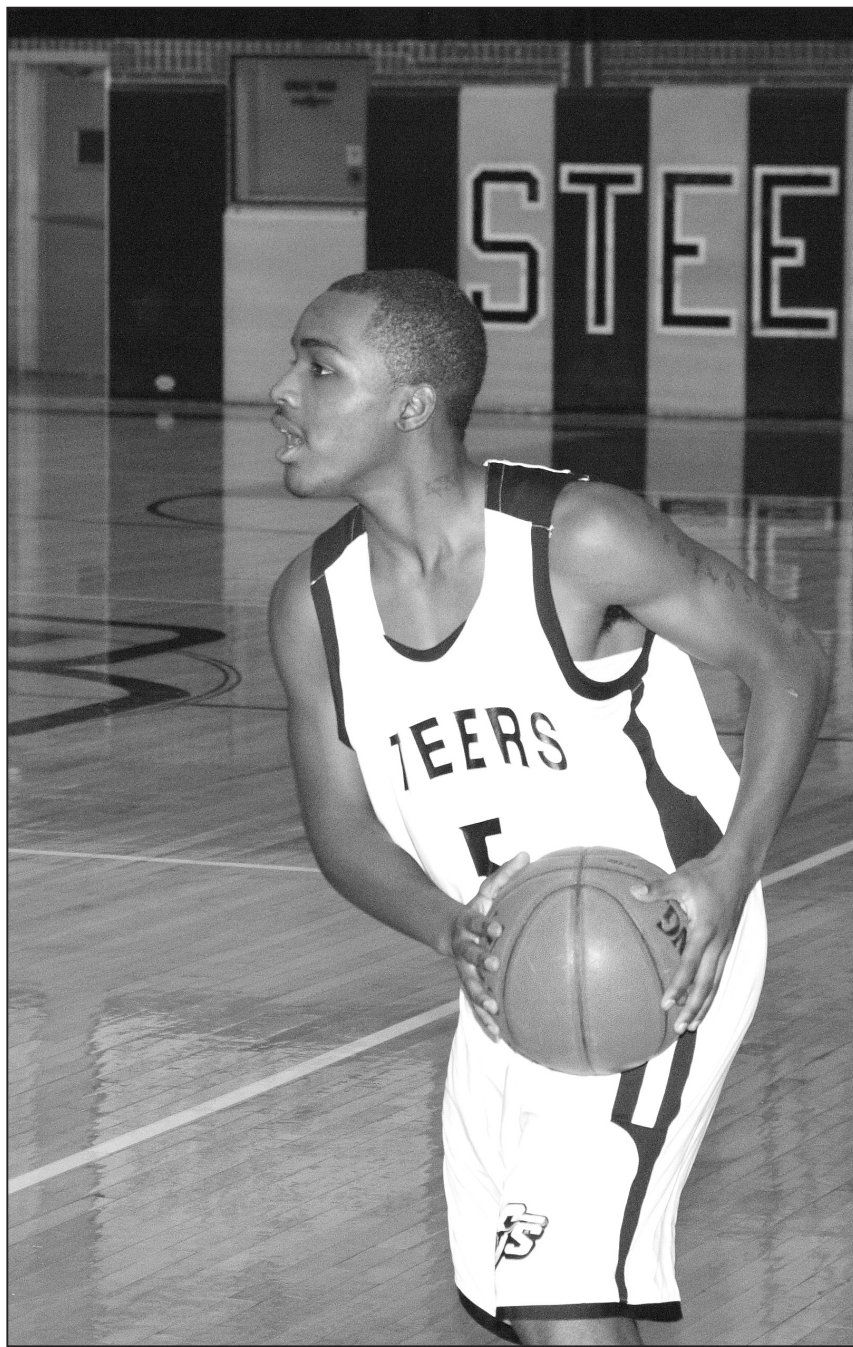
A quick 5-0 surge at the end of the third period carried over into the fourth as the Steers routed San Angelo's Lake View Chiefs, 68-53, Friday.

"Being 1-0 is so much better than being 0-1," said Big Spring Head Coach Marcus Morris. "I've been on both sides of it as a coach — 0-1 is quite an uphill battle. We went on the road and picked up a victory. Some say you steal games on the road, but I think we're supposed to win these away games."

"This is probably the most focused this team has been all season," Morris continued. "We didn't play well in the second period, but we've really faced some tough competition in the pre-district schedule. This team has learned from playing those guys and never quit."

Big Spring jumped out to a quick start as Jerrell Williams and Tyrone Clemons, playing with a brace on his knee after dislocating it a week ago, combined to hit 3 of 4 threes, helping the Steers get out to a 15-5 advantage after eight minutes of play.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Darius McCalister looks to pass the ball inside in action from earlier this season at Steer Gym. McCalister played a key role on both ends of the court in Big Spring's 68-53 win over San Angelo Lake View Friday.

# Cowboys fire defensive coordinator Stewart

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys fired defensive coordinator Brian Stewart on Friday after two seasons, the first big coaching move after the team limped to the finish line and missed the playoffs again.

More moves may come soon. Cowboys offensive coordinator Jason Garrett remained among the finalists for the St. Louis Rams' head coaching job.

The Cowboys began last season with Super Bowl expectations and ended it with a blowout loss to the Philadelphia Eagles on the final day of the regular season. Stewart is the second Dallas coach let go; the Cowboys earlier this month

replaced special teams coach Bruce Read with Joe DeCamillis.

Stewart coached the San Diego Chargers' secondary for three seasons before following coach Wade Phillips to the Cowboys. Stewart also spent two seasons as a defensive assistant with the Houston Texans.

Though Stewart had the title of defensive coordinator with the Cowboys, his responsibilities were unclear. Phillips, a former defensive coordinator, sometimes took over play-calling duties and other times left it unclear who was making the defensive decisions.

The Cowboys gave up 22.8 points per game, which was 20th in the

league.

During what has become an annual December decline, the Cowboys suffered a painful loss to the Baltimore Ravens in a game in which Willis McGahee and Le'Ron McClain ripped off long, record runs each time Dallas got close in the final minutes.

Still, all the Cowboys needed to do was beat the Eagles in the final game and they would at least salvage a playoff berth. Instead, they were stopped 44-6 and finished with a 9-7 record.

The Cowboys have lost nine consecutive season finales.

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# Eagles, Cards making shocking appearance

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Accustomed to life as a pro football bottom feeder, this NFC championship game stuff sure is strange to the Arizona Cardinals.

A litany of losing that seemed ingrained in a franchise that hasn't won a league crown since 1947 has made Sunday's conference title game almost surreal.

Sure, the Eagles being a part of it isn't strange: This is Philadelphia's

fifth trip in eight seasons. But the Cardinals?

"It just shows that's why you play the game," Arizona defensive end Bertrand Berry said Thursday. "Every time people talk about this matchup should go a certain way, if it did, it would be a sitcom. There would be no reason to play it."

"We're in a good position now. We earned our way to this point. Despite what everybody else thought about us, we're here and

we're not going anywhere."

Well, B-Train, you want to go to Tampa and the Super Bowl, right? "Sure. Everybody is relishing this moment," he added. "It's something that I always thought could happen, but we actually had to go out and make it happen. That's the most gratifying thing about this, we're actually going out and making it happen."

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# Area Roundup

## C-City rallies by Coahoma late

Herald Staff Reports

COLORADO CITY — Coahoma Bulldogs head basketball coach Kim Nichols has been preaching for the Bulldogs to play a full four quarters all season.

Nichols is still searching for that type of performance after the 20th-ranked Bulldogs fell to the Colorado City Wolves, 56-51, in a District 7-2A opener.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an 8-point lead after one, but scored a mere five points in the second period as the Wolves overtook Coahoma for a 30-25 lead at the break.

Coahoma played strong defense in the third, containing the Wolves to just five points, but could only manage a 2-point advantage heading into the fourth.

The score was tied at 51 late, but a foul sent the Wolves to the free throw line. Colorado City made the first and missed the second, but an offensive rebound and put back gave the Wolves a 3-point lead. They held on down the stretch.

Cody Sheppard was the lone Bulldog in double digits, scoring a game-high 17. Josh Paniagua and Isaac Garcia each chipped in eight.

Coahoma (18-5, 0-1) hosts Wall (15-2), which is ranked eighth in the state at 8 p.m. Tuesday. The Bulldogs game follows the girls game set for 6:30 p.m. against a Wall squad ranked third with a 21-2 record.

The boys have played Wall twice in tournaments this season, splitting the games.

Coahoma 20 5 13 13-51

Colorado City 12 18 5 21-56

Coahoma (18-5, 0-1) — Josh Paniagua 8, Mikey Mendoza 2, Braden Griffin 6, Lane Douglass 6, Hunter Williams 2, Isaac Garcia 8, Jovi Paniagua 2, Cody Sheppard 17.

Colorado City — Hart 16, Johnson 8, Espinoza 11, Sowa 2, Jones 3, White 3, Reyna 5, Higgins 8.

Free throws — Coahoma 7-13, C-City 16-20. 3-pointers — Coahoma 1 (Garcia), C-City 3 (Espinoza 3). Total fouls — Coahoma 19, C-City 23. Fouled out — None.

Stanton 44,  
Wink 22

STANTON — The Stanton Buffaloes climbed out of a slump Friday, pounding Wink, 44-22, in the Buffs' final non-district game of the season.

Stanton's defense set the tone, setting up several transition baskets.

Tyler Fulton scored 11 of his game-high 20 points in the second period. Jacob Cazares added 10 points.

Stanton starts district play Tuesday, hosting McCamey at 8 p.m.

Wink 6 2 3 11-22

Stanton 14 15 8 7-44

Wink — Abbott 6, Medina 3, Abila 2, Pedraza 1, Richardson 4, Casteel 6.

Stanton (5-12) — Tyler Fulton 20, Trace Sidle 4, Ryan Brantley 6, Jacob Cazares 10, Nathan Koonce 2, Sean Smith 2.

Free throws — Wink 2-8, Stanton 7-17. 3-point goals — Wink 2 (Abbott, Medina), Stanton 1 (Fulton). Total fouls — Wink 16, Stanton 11. Fouled out — Abila.

Garden City 77,  
Westbrook 31

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Barkats shut down all but one Westbrook player Friday night in their 77-31 victory.

Eli Farrell posted a game-high 27 points for the Wildcats, but it wasn't close to enough as three Barkats scored in double figures led by Brett Chudej's 23.

Garden City plays at Sterling City at

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LET SLEEPING HOGS LIE: Under the warm glow of heat lamps, show hogs catch a few winks Friday morning.

# Going to the hogs (and steers and goats and ...)

*Farm animals — and the people who raise them — were on display at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show*

PASS IN REVIEW: Judge J.D. Ragland, right, extension agent for Floyd County, looks over some of the steer entries Friday morning.



ALL SPIFFY: Latisha Hill looks over a goat she just finished grooming Wednesday.

Photos by Steve Reagan



LAMBS ON PARADE: Judge Robert Scott gives a youngster some pointers Wednesday afternoon.



WHO WAS THAT MASKED GOAT?: Muzzled to prevent it from eating everything in its pen, a goat awaits grooming Wednesday afternoon.

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# Steelers attempting to beat Ravens for third time

By **DAVID GINSBURG**

AP Sports Writer

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — What could possibly make the Pittsburgh Steelers feel better than beating the Baltimore Ravens twice in a season? An encore in the playoffs.

The Steelers defeated the Ravens in overtime at home in September, then rallied in December for a 13-9 win in Baltimore. That would usually be good enough to earn bragging rights in this contentious rivalry, but the Ravens get another shot at Pittsburgh in the AFC championship game Sunday.

And this time, Baltimore intends to get it right.

“This is a separate game. They don’t add up the points and start from there, like the CFL did one year,” Ravens defensive coordinator Rex Ryan said, referring to a Canadian Football League gimmick in the early

1960s. “This is a one-game deal, and we have to be the best team that day.”

The winner goes to the Super Bowl. The loser goes home.

“Hopefully for us,” Baltimore receiver Derrick Mason said, “the third time is the charm.”

Or will it be three strikes and they’re out?

NFL lore suggests it’s difficult to beat a team three times in a single season, but history indicates otherwise. Since the merger in 1970, a team attempting to complete a three-game sweep has been successful 11 of 18 times.

Advantage, Steelers.

But it’s not as if Pittsburgh overwhelmed the Ravens in either game. The first one couldn’t be decided in regulation, and the second one turned when a ruling on the field was reversed by a replay, providing the

Steelers with a victory and the AFC North title.

“As soon as the game is over, you’re over it,” Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis insisted. “You don’t dwell on it too much in this business. You take the good with the bad, and you move on. After you’ve made your corrections, you make sure it doesn’t happen again.”

Many of the plays that worked in that last game won’t be effective in this one. Game film has been studied and changes have been made. Even the Steelers realize that gauging the results of the first two games and applying them to this one could be a big mistake.

“You definitely have to throw those out the window,” offensive tackle Max Starks said.

“I’ve always been one to take the approach that each individual performance stands on its own,” Pittsburgh

coach Mike Tomlin said. “Whether or not we win this game will be based on how we prepare and how we play this game, and not really what’s happened in the past.”

The Ravens can only hope Tomlin knows what he’s talking about. This is the fifth time that two teams have met in a conference championship game after a 2-0 sweep during the season. Three of the four previous times, the team that won the first two games completed the sweep.

“We’ve come up empty twice against them now, and we’re ready to go get them again,” Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco said. “It should be a lot of fun.”

That’s a unique way to describe a meeting between two teams that don’t particularly care for each other.

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## NFC

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Gratifying and stunning.

The Cardinals have occupied a variety of divisional basements representing Chicago, St. Louis and now Arizona. Until coach Ken Whisenhunt changed the culture in the Valley of the Sun, bringing in a positive attitude and winning ways from Pittsburgh when he was hired two years ago, the Cardinals were a laughingstock.

Heading into this season, coming off an 8-8 record, Arizona still was an afterthought, rated behind perennial NFC West winner Seattle and supposedly-rising San Francisco.

And even after the Cardinals (11-7) were the first division winner in 2008, they fed into the doubters with mediocre — or worse — performances in December.

Among their worst losses was a 48-20 whipping at Philadelphia. So when the playoffs began, the Cardinals were underdogs at home against Atlanta.

They won.

In a rematch of one of their only decent showings in the eastern time zone, at Carolina, they blitzed the favored Panthers last Saturday.

Now, they are underdogs again to the Eagles, who have won at Minnesota and at the Meadowlands, knocking off the defending champion Giants to get within one step of the Super Bowl.

“The game is here, it’s in our home,” said Berry, knowing the Cardinals are 7-2 at University of Phoenix Stadium this season and 13-4 overall under Whisenhunt. “We’ve earned that right, as well, so we don’t make any apologies to anybody. If you don’t want to watch us, you don’t have to turn on the TV. We’re going to play the game whether people watch it or not.”

Oh, people will watch it. They just might rub their eyes when they see the Cardinals in it.

Viewers also might wonder how the Eagles managed such a strong run after coach Andy Reid benched quarterback Donovan McNabb in a loss to Baltimore that followed a tie at lowly Cincinnati. Or how Philly (11-6-1) even sneaked into the postseason parade considering all the help it needed.

But here the Eagles are, in the first conference title game featuring teams with only nine regular-season victories.

“Just because of the situation of how we got into the playoffs and us being a six seed, a lot of people didn’t expect much from us and we’ve kind of surprised some people there,” Eagles running back Brian Westbrook said. “And those other seasons we’ve been, of course, the No. 1 seed getting the bye and things like that and everybody expected us to win the Super Bowl and not just get there.”

“But now we are kind of opening people’s eyes a little bit and that’s what we want to do as we continue — to continue to open people’s eyes, see the things that we are able to do offensively, defensively and as a team.”

They have done those things superbly pretty much since McNabb’s benching, and suddenly are closing in on the NFC elite status they held earlier this decade.

“We’re just going out there and handling our business every week,” Westbrook said. “It’s important for us to focus on every game and continue to not overlook anybody. You know, we played these guys, we beat them pretty good the first game, but our goal is to continue to win football games, and we know they are going to be a tough team out there in their own stadium.”

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# ► Anniversary

## John & Oralia Tovas

John C. and Oralia F. Tovas of Big Spring celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, by duplicating their first ceremony with Pastor Samual Segundo officiating.

Given away by Luis Martinez III, the bride wore her original wedding dress. Mary Rivas served as maid of honor. Tito Tovas served as best man. Ted Tovas was the ring bearer and Veronica Rodriguez was the flower girl. Jovita and Joe (Pepé) Treviño were the honorary hosts and presented the coins. The couple's children hosted the event.

John was born in Sterling City and Oralia Flores was born in Greogry. The couple met in 1986 while employed at the VA Medical Center and became best friends. They married Jan. 13, 1989, at Family Faith Victory Center with a reception held at the VFW Hall.

The couple have six children, Maria Avalos and Luis Martinez III, both of Big Spring, Elizabeth Parra of Midland, Tito Tovas and Ted Tovas, both of Abilene, and Veronica Rodriguez of Garland; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

John is a correctional officer for the state of Texas



and Oralia is a cook specialist at the VAMC. The couple attend church at Family Faith Victory Center In't. They are members of the American Legion of Big Spring. She enjoys reading her Bible, crocheting, sewing, cooking and antique collecting. He enjoys gardening, reading the Bible and carpentry.

John and Oralia's comment about their 20-year, strong marriage: Have a strong commitment to God, be best friends and have good open communication toward one another.

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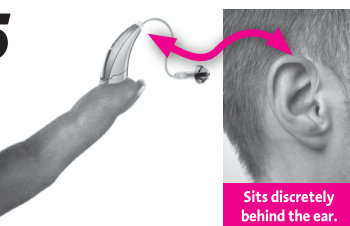
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Thursday  
hot turkey sandwich/bread, turkey gravy, potato wedges, green pea salad, orange wedges, southern pecan squares, milk

Friday  
cabbage rolls, scalloped potatoes, carrots, bread, fruit salad

Tuesday  
Breakfast  
grilled cheese uncrustables, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday  
blueberry loaf, fruit juice, cheddar cheese port, milk

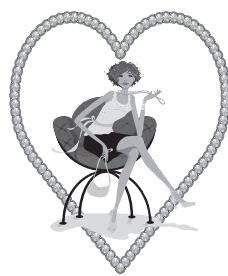
Thursday  
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Friday  
ham/cheese bar, fruit juice, milk

Tuesday  
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## State briefs

### Sculptor preparing Obama bust

HOUSTON (AP) — As Barack Obama considers the pantheon of larger-than-life presidents who came before him, David Adickes pauses to consider Barack Obama.

The Houston sculptor carefully examines the president-elect's profile: his slightly furrowed brow, the firm mouth pursed somewhere between smile and frown, the expressive eyes. Adickes squints. Something is not quite right.

"Looking at him, I see that his ears have to go back about a quarter of an inch," Adickes says, then reaches to gently tweak the features on a life-size model of the president-elect's head.

The bust is the first step in plans for a replica of Obama's head to join dozens of other presidential busts the size of two-story buildings sitting behind a chain-link fence in the parking lot and camped in rows inside the vast studio space in an industrial part of Houston.

They are the faces of American history past and present. On the table, the unfolding countenance of the 44th president. In the lot outside, looming 18 to 20-feet tall, the supersized sculptures of Teddy Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, Harry Truman, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln.

The enormous statues, created by Adickes using a painstaking technique of layered concrete and steel, will line a winding waterway at the planned Presidential Park and Gardens at Waterlights, an 18-acre mixed-use development in Pearland.

### Girl, 3, dies after dog attack

FORT WORTH (AP) — Authorities say a 3-year-old girl died after being attacked by her neighbor's Rottweiler.

Fort Worth police said Friday the 17-year-old dog attacked the toddler after she climbed through a hole in the fence of her backyard and into an enclosure with the animal.

The dog's owner turned the pet over to the city and was cooperating with authorities, said Keane Menefee, manager of the city's Animal Care and Control Division.

Menefee told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram the animal's vaccinations were not current, and that the dog will likely be euthanized.

### Man charged with injuring children

GAINESVILLE (AP) — The boyfriend of a woman whose four kids were burned with sulfuric acid faces charges after his girlfriend told investigators

he aimed to throw it on her but missed, authorities said Friday.

Tracy Lynn Escobedo, 27, has been charged with four counts of injury to a child, Cooke County Sheriff Michael Compton said. Escobedo was not yet in custody late Friday afternoon.

Authorities say the children's mother, Cynthia Darlene Stout, told them Escobedo tried throwing the substance on her during an argument in a pick-up truck but splashed the kids instead.

The children, who range in age from a 14-year-old boy to an 18-month-old girl, remained hospitalized Friday but their conditions were not made public.

Stout, 43, remained in jail Friday.

## Coahoma student earns All-State Band selection

Coahoma High School student Elisha Carroll has advanced to the ATSSB All-State Band in San Antonio.



Carroll

The junior plays alto clarinet in the "Big Red" Band under the direction of Shane Faucett and Carey Karvonen. She advanced to state during Area band tryouts at Lubbock Clooper Saturday, Jan. 10.

The All-State Band clinic and concert will be held next month in conjunction with the Texas Music Educators Association Convention.

## RECALL

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with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Detroit, advised consumers not to eat the products and to contact a doctor if they have any symptoms.

Salmonella is the nation's leading cause of food poisoning; common symptoms include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps. The current outbreak is the second in two years involving peanut butter.

"Kellogg reacted promptly to this potential public health risk after receiving notification of the potential problem from their supplier," Williams said.

In Washington D.C., the House Energy and Commerce Committee requested records as it opened its own inquiry.

FDA officials say, however, that much of their information remains sketchy. And new cases are still being reported.

"This is a very active investigation, but we don't yet have the data

to provide consumers with specifics about what brands or products they should avoid," said Stephen Sundlof, director of the FDA's food safety center. Although salmonella bacteria has been found at the Georgia plant, for example, more tests are needed to see if it matches the strain that has made people sick.

Federal officials said the investigation is focusing on peanut paste and peanut butter produced at a Blakely, Georgia, facility owned by Peanut Corp. of America. Peanut paste is used in dozens of products, from baked goods to cooking sauces.

Health officials say as many as one-third of the people who got sick did not recall eating peanut butter. "The focus is on peanut butter and a wide array of products that might have peanut butter in them," said Dr. Robert Tauxe, director of the foodborne illness division at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The government is also scrutinizing a grower, raising the possibility that contamination could have occurred before peanuts reached the processing plant, which passed its last inspection by the Georgia agriculture this summer.

Peanut Corp. said it was cooperating with federal and state authorities. It has recalled 21 lots of peanut butter made at the plant since July 1 and distributed to institutions, food service industries and private label food companies. The company also suspended peanut butter processing at the facility.

The U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee wrote the company Friday requesting inspection and internal records dating back four years.

Health officials in Minnesota and Virginia have linked two deaths each to the outbreak and Idaho and North Carolina have reported one. Four of those five were elderly people, and all had salmonella

when they died, though their exact causes of death have not been determined. But the U.S. Center for Disease Control said the salmonella may have contributed.

The CDC said the bacteria behind the outbreak — typhimurium — is common and not an unusually dangerous strain, but the elderly or those with weakened immune systems are more at risk.

Kellogg is based in Battle Creek, Michigan.

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Maria Alicia "Alice" Salgado, 58, died Wednesday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Jim Gunn, 68, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Colorado City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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younger people who haven't established themselves in a home yet.

"It's a unique situation, because most of our staff does not live in the community of Forsan," he added. "It's nice to have people living close to the school district."

One of the 13 homes, however, is in need of electrical renovation and Johnson said trust-

ees will discuss the best way to approach the work.

"We can do it several different ways," he noted. "For instance, we can just replace the wiring or we can do other things while we're in the process of doing that. We'll also discuss whether we want to do just this one house or others."

Johnson said preliminary estimates on the rewiring should be available to trustees at Monday's meeting.

In other business,

trustees will consider:

- A design proposal from the high school welding program to add bleachers to the football stadium.
- Renewal of an agreement to participate in the West Texas Food Service Co-op.
- Selection of auditors for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Budget amendments.
- Superintendent evaluation.

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## CENSUS

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"The whole session takes about an hour to an hour and a half. In addition to the test you fill out some documents," he added.

The Workforce Solutions Office is located on the second floor of the Big Spring Post Office.

In addition to the testing scheduled at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in Big Spring, testing will also be held:

- Martin County Community Center, 301 N. St. Theresa in Stanton at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23.

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**LADY STEERS**

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the second half and played better, but we still turned the ball over far too much. I don't know what to attribute this to. Everyone keeps saying we're young, but after 21 games, free throws shouldn't be a problem. At this point, freshmen are more like sophomores, sophomores are more like juniors and juniors are more like seniors. There's no excuse for the mistakes we made."

The last time Big Spring won a game was actually over these same Maidens on the second day of a tournament in Clyde in December.

Big Spring struggled to find any offensive rhythm in the first half and went into the break down 24-16. Lake View's scoring in the first 16 minutes of play revolved around Mercedes Reyes, who scored 14 of the Maidens' 24 points in the opening half.

However, a defensive adjustment by the Lady Steers at halftime shut Reyes down completely in the second half. She didn't hit the score sheet at all in the final 16 minutes, mostly because of the play of Big Spring

freshman LaShaunte Anderson.

Anderson was given Reyes as an assignment in the second half and played suffocating man-to-man defense.

"Lashaunte did a good job on Reyes," noted Warren. "We let Reyes get off on us in the first half, but we shut her down and really took out Lake View's offense by doing so. LaShaunte wanted to guard her. That tells you a lot about the type of competitor she is. When you've got a freshman stepping up saying she wants to defend a team's best player, it just speaks volumes about what kind of player we've got. She's quick and did a good job. We did our job defensively. Our problem is on offense."

With Reyes out of Lake View's game plan, the Lady Steers were able to mount a comeback. They took their first lead of the game with 6:35 to play after a Cerbi Ritchey bucket put them ahead 31-30.

Big Spring extended its lead to 33-30 after a bucket by Anderson.

However, Christina Moses' ability to convert free throw attempts for Lake View late in the game propelled the Maidens to the win. Moses went 3 for 4 from the line as part of a 6-0 run that gave Lake View back the lead,

36-33.

Big Spring climbed right back into it, though, and Desiree Anderson tied the game up at 46 with 15 seconds to play.

The Lady Steers had several opportunities to win the game, but couldn't get any of their shots to fall from right under the bucket. Anderson also missed two free throws that would have put Big Spring up by 1.

Instead, it was Lake View who got the big free throw as Moses, who finished with 11 points, broke the tie with 13 seconds remaining, hitting the front end of a one-and-one bonus opportunity.

Anderson scored a game-high 14 points and 15 rebounds, putting together her best effort since before Christmas break. She was lone Steer in double figures.

"Desiree did very well. She had a double-double," raved Warren. "It's the best she's played since before the Christmas break. It's very good to have her contributing offensively. We need her presence at that end."

Bridgette Tuitt scored nine, but fouled out of the game, leaving Big Spring to contend with a full court press from Lake View in the final seconds without its best ball handler

on the floor.

"Bridgette fouling out hurt," said Warren. "Then we lost Valerie Ross shortly after that. We had players on the floor nervous about their role late in the game. That's just not a good situation for us."

The Lady Steers host Abilene Cooper (7-16, 1-1) at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Steer Gym. Cooper defeated Lake View by 10 last week and fell to Friendship, 57-35, Friday. Cooper did play with Friendship for one half, though, trailing 23-21 at the break.

"We can play with Abilene Cooper, but we've got to be ready to compete," said Warren. "We need to really get after them defensively. If we can do that, we can stop this team and pick up a district win."

San Angelo Lake View 37,		Big Spring 36	
Big Spring	7	9	11
Lake View	13	6	7-37
Big Spring (6-15, 0-3): Linzee Yarbar 0 0-1 0, LeShaunte Anderson 2 0-0 5, Valerie Ross 2 0-1 6, Desiree Anderson 5 4-8 15, Bridgette Tuitt 4 0-2 8, Cerbi Ritche 1 0-2 2. Totals 14 4-14 36.			
Lake View (7-15, 1-2): Briana Portillo 1 0-0 2, Christina Moses 4 3-7 11, C'Anne Bendanillo 1 0-0 2, Macy Olness 2 0-1 4, Mercedes Reyes 3 6-9 14, Yvonne Montalvo 2 0-4 4. Totals 13 9-21 37.			
3-point goals: BS 4 (Ross 2, L. Anderson, D. Anderson), LV 2 (Reyes 2). Total fouls: BS 18, LV 14. Fouled out: Tuitt, Ross.			

**AREA**

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8 p.m. Tuesday, attempting to remain perfect in district play.

Westbrook	10	10	4	7-31
Garden City	28	12	21	16-77

Westbrook - Farrell 27, Hahn 4.  
Garden City (8-8, 2-0) - Brett Chudej 23, Jesse Montes 13, Aaron Long 11, Hayden Halfmann 8, Brian Hirt 6, Michael Clarke 5, Reggie Halfmann 4, Marcus Dalton 3, Cole Schwartz 1.

Free Throws - Westbrook 10-18, Garden City 8-15. 3 point goals - Westbrook 1 (Farrell 1), Garden City 5 (Hirt 2, Clarke 1, Dalton 1). Total Fouls - Westbrook 11, Garden City 15. Fouled out - Westbrook (Hahn), Garden City (none). Technicals - Westbrook (none), Garden City (Clarke).

**Borden County 37, Grady 34**

LENORAH - The District 9-A, Division II lead was on the line Friday night, when Borden County and Grady met in Lenorah.

The Coyotes rallied from a 4-point deficit at the start of the fourth period to pull out a 3-point win, 37-34.

The No. 19 Wildcats struggled to establish their presence on the offensive end, particularly when the game mattered most in the fourth period. Grady was held to three points in the final frame.

Brennan Tarleton led the Coyotes with 14. Grady's Shane Teague matched Tarleton's production, while Dylan Cox scored 10.

Grady travels to Welch vs. Dawson at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Borden Co.	8	13	6	10-37
Grady	13	11	7	3-34

Borden County (8-1, 3-0) - Flynn Chapman 6, Brennan Tarleton 14, Michael Cooley 9, Fleming 8.

Grady (15-5, 2-1) - Shane Teague 14, Dylan Cox 10, Joe Cook 1, Jacob Rodriguez 9.  
Free throws - BC 0-4, Grady 4-8. 3-point goals - BC 1 (Cooley), Grady 4 (Teague 3, Cox). Total fouls - BC 5, Grady 9. Fouled out - None.

**Sands 73, Klondike 43**

ACKERLY - Five players hit double digits for the Sands Mustangs Friday in Ackerly in a 73-43 blowout win over Klondike.

Landon Parker led all scorers with 16 points, while Seth Fry scored 14 and Ethan Zant added 13. Johnny Rogers and Xavier Elizondo added 10 apiece.

Klondike	15	11	9	8-43
Sands	27	20	16	10-73

Leading scorers: Klondike - Ferguson 19.  
Sands (12-7, 2-1) - Johnny Rogers 10, Xavier Elizondo 10, Landon Parker 16, Seth Fry 14, Ethan Zant 13.

**Girls basketball Sands 60, Klondike 51**

Brittini Blagrave continues to be lethal from the field for the Sands Lady Mustangs.

Blagrave followed up a 32-point performance Tuesday night with a 31-point showing Friday in a 60-51 win over Klondike.

Ashli Stockton once again complimented Blagrave with 15 points.

Klondike	8	22	11	10-51
Sands	21	12	10	17-60

Leading scorers: Klondike - Torres 15, Brock 13, Skiles 10.  
Sands (13-10, 2-1) - Brittini Blagrave 31, Ashli Stockton 15.

**Garden City 58, Westbrook 7**

GARDEN CITY - The Garden City Lady Bearkats are ranked 12th in the state for a reason and

Westbrook's Lady Wildcats found out why Friday night.

The Lady 'Kats got 18 points from Morgan Schwartz en route to a 58-7 victory over Westbrook.

Paige Niehues chipped in 11 and Amber Halfmann scored 10.

Garden City travels to Sterling City for its fourth district game at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Westbrook	1	3	2	1-7
Garden City	26	13	7	12-58

Westbrook (0-3) - Whitesides 1, Bass-Olivias 1, Johnson 2, King 3

Garden City (20-3, 3-0) - Morgan Schwartz 18, Paige Niehues 11, Amber Halfmann 10, Kate Halfmann 8, Macy Schwartz 5, Melissa Hirt 4, Britton Avery 2

Free throws - Westbrook, 2-4, Garden City 6-6. 3-point goals - Westbrook, 1 (King). Garden City, 4 (Niehues 3, Macy Schwartz 1). Total fouls - Westbrook 5, Garden City 11.

**Grady 42, Borden County 38**

LENORAH - Grady's Lady Wildcats topped 19th-ranked Borden County, 42-38, Friday night to take the lead in District 9-1IA.

Eva Dyck led all scorers with 23 points and played a huge role in the fourth, scoring all 10 of Grady's points in the frame. Lauren Robinson added 13 for the Lady 'Cats.

Borden County was led by Taylor Richey, who posted 16, while Krystal Hobson added 14.

Grady plays at Welch vs. Dawson at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday.

Borden Co.	13	6	12	7-38
Grady	6	12	13	10-42

Borden County (17-8, 2-1) - Krystal Hobson 14, Taylor Richey 16, Olivia Key 5, Bailey Anderson 3.

Grady (15-7, 3-0) - Eva Dyck 23, Lauren Robinson 13, Kaitlyn Blocker 4, Maegan Blocker 2.

Free throws - BC 7-10, Grady 2-5. 3-point goals - BC 2 (Anderson, Richey), Grady 2 (Dyck 2). Total fouls - BC 10, Grady 7. Fouled out - None.

**Wink 45, Stanton 40**

STANTON - Despite holding a 1-point advantage at the break, Stanton simply couldn't deal with a halfcourt trap utilized by Wink in the second half, allowing the Wildcats to pull out a 45-40 win over the Lady Buffs Friday.

Losing Kesley Jones, who was leading Stanton with 19 points, with 2:30 to play in the game hurt the Lady Buffs on the offensive end as they had kept up with Wink to that point.

Stanton hosts McCamey to start district play at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Wink	11	9	18	7-45
Stanton	10	11	9	10-40

Wink - Walker 20, Solis 7, Clayton 6, Curtis 4, Shack 3, Sellers 1.  
Stanton (11-12) - Kesley Jones 19, Tiffany Saudeda 7, Ashton Snelgrove 4, Rachel Fleckenstein 4, Krista Sanchez 2, Michelle Graves 1.

Free throws - Wink 13-27, Stanton 15-22. 3-point goals - Stanton 1 (Sauceda). Total fouls - Wink 20, Stanton 21. Fouled out - Jones.

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**Club News**

**TOPS Tx No. 21**

TOPS Tx No. 21 was called to order by Leader Laura Sickles. She led the TOPS cheer. Linda Stapel led the TOPS pledge and Ethel Cassady led the KOPs pledge. The Welcome Song was then sung by all members.

Minutes of the past meeting were read by Linda Stapel and approved by the membership.

It was then approved for Frank Sickles to order needed charms and bracelets for awards for the year 2009.

The KOPS Honor Society will meet Feb. 14 in Abilene. All KOPS members are invited to attend.

The TOPS Club SRD (State Recognition Day) will be held in Wichata Falls on April 16-18. All TOPS and KOPS members are invited to attend. Contact Frank Sickles for information about reservations (432) 213-1342.

The program presented by Pam Klaus was a thoughtful reading titled "Ducks Quack — Eagles Soar." It gave all members motivation to re-evaluate our motives and determination to lose excessive weight. With TOPS help and encouragement, we can do it.

For more information about TOPS club meeting time and place, call Frank Sickles 432-213-1342 or Olnee Menges 263-6819.

If you need help in losing weight, TOPS can help you.

All visitors are welcome. Meetings are held each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m., weigh-in begins at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> and Goliad. TOPS means Take Off Pounds Sensibly.

**Keep Big Spring Beautiful**

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, Jan. 12, at the Dora Roberts Civic Center for the installation of new officers. Dinner was served in the festive lake room, catered by KBSB member Ellen Austin.

Debbie Wegman, outgoing president, presided and honored several members who had helped her make this a successful clean-up year.

Certificates of appreciation were given to Walter Ward, vice-president, for co-chair of the courthouse beautification, and chair of the Howard County Fair booth and Pat Simmons was lauded for sponsoring the annual Trash-off and Make a Difference Day as well as coordinating work with Keep Texas Beautiful.

Jan Hansen was thanked for chairing our golf tourney, Gloria McDonald for serving as historian, and Bobby McDonald and Perry Hall for heading up the e-waste collection project.

Other cited were Kathryn Wiseman, past president, for her guidance; Nancy Crenshaw for being secretary, an awesome responsibility; Jan Foresyth for her commitment as treasurer; Stacy Barr, as co-chair of the courthouse beautification; Loyce Phillips as education chair; and Janell Davis for press relations.

New officers installed were Walter Ward, president, Debbie Green, vice president; Nancy Crenshaw, secretary, and Jan Foresyth, treasurer.

Walter accepted graciously for the group and promised to try to follow in Debbie's footsteps for another successful year of beautifying our town. Pat Simmons presented Debbie Wegman with an outgoing gift.

We next meet the first Monday of February in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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**Callie Elizabeth Albus & Cody Joe Ward**

The parents of Callie Elizabeth Albus and Cody Joe Ward, formerly of Big Spring, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jeff and Kim Frazar of Camp Verde. She is the granddaughter of Betty Stephens of Center Point.

The future groom is the son of Sandra Ward of Healdton, Okla., and the late Joe Ward. He is the grandson of Inez Owen of Big Spring.

Callie is a graduate of Center Point High School and will graduate with her bachelors degree in psychology with a minor in special education at Angelo State University in spring 2009.

Cody is a graduate of Forsan High School and Angelo State University where he earned his masters degree in kinesiology in 2007.



**MENUS**

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sausages, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Carne Guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk

Wednesday  
Breakfast: breakfast on a bun, juice, milk.  
Lunch: chicken & noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk

Thursday  
Breakfast: cinnamon toast, peach cups, juice, milk.  
Lunch: barbecue on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits, milk

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**The 'Beast'**

No surprise, the Secret Service is mum on most details about the vehicle, which they nicknamed "The Beast"

**Body** Armored-plated; made of steel, aluminum, titanium, ultra-strength ceramics  
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**STALKING MYTHS & REALITIES**

**Only celebrities are stalked.**

1.4 million people are stalked every year in the United States. We may hear more about celebrity stalking cases in the media, but the vast majority of stalking victims are ordinary citizens.

**If you ignore stalking, it will go away.**

Stalkers seldom "just stop." In fact, behaviors can turn more and more violent as time goes on. Victims should seek help from advocates, law enforcement, and the courts to intervene to stop the stalking.

**Stalking is creepy but not dangerous.**

Stalking is creepy *and* dangerous. Three out of four women who were murdered by an intimate partner had been previously stalked by the killer.

**Stalking is annoying but not illegal.**

Stalking is a crime under the laws of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government.

**You can't be stalked by someone you are still dating.**

If your current girlfriend or boyfriend tracks your every move or follows you around in a way that causes you fear, that is stalking.

**Modern surveillance technology is too expensive and confusing for most stalkers to use.**

Stalkers can buy surveillance software and hardware for as little as \$30 and can easily track victims' every move on a computer.

**If you confront the stalker, he'll go away.**

Stalkers can be unreasonable and unpredictable. Confronting or trying to reason with a stalker can be dangerous.

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**Victim Services of Big Spring 263-3312**

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## OUR VIEW

# Taking time to reflect on King's legacy

Monday local residents who want to recognize the work of Martin Luther King Jr. and remember the message he preached, will have an opportunity as our community will again mark Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a march conducted along the thoroughfare named in his honor — Martin Luther King Boulevard.

But this year, following the march, a brief rally honoring Dr. King is scheduled.

According to City Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr., who is coordinating the event, the entire community is encouraged to take part in the observance which begins at 6 p.m. Walkers will head west on Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700 where they will hold a prayer.

Ramirez said the marchers will gather in the Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home parking lot. Marchers are asked to bring a candle or flashlight, and all of them should dress warmly.

Ramirez said those wanting to show their support can do so without having to walk the entire distance.

"If you want to march the entire way, that's great, but it's certainly not required," he said. "Some folks will have a car meet them at the stopping point so they don't have to make the roundtrip, or will ride to and from the stopping point, which is the intersection of FM 700 and MLK."

Ramirez said he's honored to be organizing this year's event, which holds special meaning not just for him, but for all people of color.

"It's such an honor to be a part of this, especially with it coming on the eve of President Elect Barack Obama's inauguration," said Ramirez. "This is a very historic time for America, not just for African Americans, but for all minorities. I'm hoping people of all faith and ethnic backgrounds will come out and march with us, and possibly make this the biggest turnout we've ever seen in Big Spring. That would really mean a lot to me."

Born Jan. 15, 1929, and assassinated April 4, 1968, Dr. King's legacy lives on. Many men and women have been civil rights leaders — leaders for all people — through the years, fighting for the simple right to live as equals among others. However, no one captured the nation's heart as well and eloquently as did Martin Luther King Jr.

We encourage you to participate in Monday's march, if you can. More importantly, however, we suggest everyone take time to reflect on how the efforts of Dr. King and others have made our nation a better place.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not allow small emotional concerns to cloud our judgment of You, Lord.

Amen

# Bush deserves some respect

I don't hate George Bush. I never have. I voted against him twice. I disagree with him, sometimes passionately. I think the country is in worse shape now than it was eight years ago, and that history will not be kind to him. I think America's standing in the world has dropped precipitately, and that it isn't just the elites who think so. I think his administration's failures in dealing with Hurricane Katrina were not limited to the question of whether to land Air Force One in Baton Rouge, and that the slogan "Mission Accomplished" on the aircraft carrier was the least of it when it comes to the mishandling of Iraq. I am glad he is leaving office next week. I won't miss him. But I don't hate him.

I hate Hamas and its leaders, who would rather see their children die than let Israeli children live in peace. I hate al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden for what they did on 9/11. I hate serial murderers and pedophiles and people who abuse their children.

Four years ago, when John Kerry was running, some Hollywood liberals who get respect because of what's in their wallets, not their brains, made a lot of noise about having "We Hate Bush" events. It was not only tasteless, but stupid and self-defeating. Americans don't hate

the president, and you don't win their votes by telling them that you do.

Shortly after Newt Gingrich swept into the Speaker's chair in 1994, he was invited to keynote an event at the Ronald Reagan Library, which is not far from where I live. A panel was scheduled after his speech, and the night before, the one woman on the panel had to cancel. The library's director called me and asked if I would take her place, and I was happy to oblige.

The first question posed to me was something about President Reagan's strengths, comparing him to FDR, the sort of question that was an invitation to extol the former president, a softball if tossed to anyone on the panel but me.

I answered respectfully. In fact, that was what my answer was about.

I talked about respecting President Reagan because of the office held, even though I didn't agree with him, about having differences with the president on the issues, yet not questioning his motives or patriotism. I said I was there because I believed these were fundamentally American values, part and parcel of how we do our politics, and I hoped that the same respect would be accorded to the man who was then in the White House.

The audience booed. Loudly. Not the whole audience, mind you. Nancy Reagan was in the front row with various notable members of the library's board, and they applauded, respect-

fully. The booing started in the second row. Mrs. Reagan apologized to me afterward and sent flowers the next day.

The booers did themselves no good, no more than the Hollywood Bush-haters. The event was on C-Span. I got a lot of mail. People watching were appalled. Who were these people who would boo the idea of respecting the president? Two years later, President Clinton won re-election handily. Gingrich's revolution petered out.

I cringe when I hear my liberal friends — not to mention some of the loudmouths who get paid for it — behaving the way the audience did that day. President Bush's last days in office have produced too much invective for my taste. Yes, I am happy his term is over. No, I don't agree with his assessment of his legacy. But if we can't show some civility toward him, if we don't respect the presidency, what will we say next week, when the loudmouths on the other side start their chant?

Barack Obama faces unprecedented challenges. If he doesn't make some missteps, especially in the early days, he will be the first president ever to avoid them. He needs breathing room, space to find his way and respect while he does. If we aren't willing to show it for President Bush as he leaves office, what basis will we have to demand it for President Obama when he takes over?

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## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

Halleluiah, Praise the Lord, WOW, another successful Festival of Lights celebrating its 12th anniversary and reaching the 20,000 visitors count. That was reached at approximately 6:20 p.m. the closing day with Marie Johnke of Lubbock and family going through. We reached the goal with 20,619 visitors coming from 34 states and eight countries — namely Germany, Canada, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, Philippines, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

I feel like we are in the big league now, as we heard comments like: "the most beautiful I've seen" coming from a lady in Arizona; then, "better than Marshall, better than San Angelo, better than Austin," and on and on. It sure made me feel proud of our accomplishment. I personally feel this was our best event.

As some of you have heard, some changes are being made with the operation of the Festival of Lights. Bobby McDonald stepped down last year and came back this year in a lesser responsibility position with the special exhibit under the water tower which drew some great comments.

I am stepping back to doing the administrative work, as working in the field had gotten to be a little difficult. The Lord really heard my prayers and concerns as He sent me Howard Stewart, a gem of a guy I have known for a good number of years. He and his son, Quintin, did some fantastic work. His wife, Vicki,

came aboard with her artistic talent and will serve as secretary/artist. She did the brochure this year. I got three for the price of one! You will be seeing more neat things as we start early plans for next year's festival.

There is never enough space to tell all the volunteers how much we appreciate them. The volunteers work in many areas. Debbie Wegman was in charge of greeters, which ran real smooth with the new greeters booth available.

The Adopt A Spot participants increased to 34 this year, which is greatly appreciated. The city helped in many areas, mainly in transportation, which involves the parks, streets and utilities departments. They assisted with the setting up of displays and at the end removing and returning everything to the warehouse. The Federal Correctional Institution furnished us with three trustees to assist Jennifer Cloud of the Parks Department. They started work in October, checking all displays and lights for repair.

Thanks also to the Howard County Sheriff's Department for allowing the inmates to test boxes of lights.

Donations came in various forms from Lee George, Skip Burcham, Judge Mark Barr, B&R Septic, Federal Correctional Institution, Lee Harris, Jerry Worthy, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Howard County inmates, Wal Mart, Tommy Churchwell, Dale Pitman, Elizabeth Shoemaker, Sarah Lipsett, Big Spring Revitalization, Robert Henry and

Brad Burt. Thank you!

We had Santa and Mrs. Claus a couple of nights and the children really seemed to enjoy it — there were even some big girls sitting on Santa's lap. This all happened at the pavilion we wrapped just south of the exit. We set up a little shop where we had our T-shirts, coffee cups and Festival of Lights Christmas ornaments, along with a few Christmas banners for sale.

The Yellow Dogs had a fund raiser for Relay for life by selling hot chocolate, coffee and apple cider. For the first year of doing this it went well. Hopefully, we can expand this type of addition.

Again, I wish to express my "thanks" to my committee for all its hard work to make this a very special and exciting festival. Should there be organizations, families or groups that would like to become involved in the festival, contact me or Howard Stewart.

PAT SIMMONS  
BIG SPRING

### TO THE EDITOR:

The Volunteer Services Council would like to thank everyone who contributed to make sure the 200 patients at the Big Spring State Hospital had a very Merry Christmas.

We thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts. Thanks to those who gave money to buy gifts, to those who brought gifts,

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STEERS

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However, Big Spring went cold shooting from the field in the second period and San Angelo's 1-3-1 zone started giving the Steers fits. Lake View rallied with a 13-4 run and held a 22-21 lead at the break.

Lake View started the second half with a 3-point shot by Paul Mesta, taking a 25-21 advantage. Big Spring recovered and eventually tied the game at 36 with less than a minute to play in the third.

With 45 seconds remaining in the frame, Big Spring embarked on a 5-0 run, taking a 41-36 lead into the fourth. Clemons led off the fourth with a 3-pointer, giving the Steers an 8-point advantage and there was no stopping the Steers from there as superior play on both ends of the court led them to a 15-point victory.

Williams scored a game-high 32 points as an encore to his 28-point performance Tuesday in Andrews. Clemons added 12, while Darius McCalister posted 11.

McCalister's biggest contribution might have come on the defensive end, though, as he drew the responsi-

bility of handling Lake View's top scorer Mesta for most of the night. McCalister held Mesta scoreless in the first half.

Mesta did hit for 11 in the second, but other than an open three at the start of the third period, the Lake View senior struggled to get into a groove.

Big Spring (8-13, 1-0) hosts Abilene Cooper (13-11, 0-1) at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Cooper is coming off a 1-point loss to 4-4A favorite Frenship Friday.

"Cooper is a good team and has a kid named Rashad Barnes who can really shoot the ball," said Morris. "We're going to be challenged by

them, but we've got some things going for us right now."

	Big Spring 68,	San Angelo Lake View 53
Big Spring	15	6 20 27-68
Lake View	5	17 14 17-53
Big Spring (8-13, 1-0): Darius McCalister 4 1-3 11, Jerrell Williams 11 6-8 32, Zamir Linton 2 0-0 4, Tyrone Clemons 5 0-0 12, Matt Ritchey 2 0-1 4, Sidney Parker 1 3-4 5. Totals 25 10-16 68.		
Lake View (8-13, 0-1): Rico Muro 1 0-0 2, John David Baker 3 2-4 9, Seth Riddle 2 0-2 5, Chris Blair 4 2-4 10, Matt Hummingbird 4 2-3 10, Roy Garcia 1 0-2 2, Paul Mesta 4 0-0 11, Jamai Thompson 0 2-2 2, Remington Garcia 1 0-0 2. Totals 20 8-17 53.		
3-point goals: BS 8 (Williams 4, McCalister 2, Clemons 2), LV 5 (Mesta 3, Riddle, Baker). Total fouls: BS 17, LV 12. Fouled out: Ritchey, Hummingbird.		

COWBOYS

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Before the Eagles loss, Cowboys

owner Jerry Jones was asked about changes that might occur if Dallas failed to make the playoffs again.

"Look, can y'all not understand statements?" Jones said. "The coaching staff is in place. The coaching

staff is in place. The building is here. You want to ask the question, what if it blows down?"

The Cowboys fired Read following a season in which his special teams unit made several costly mistakes

this past season, including a blocked punt in overtime at Arizona that resulted in a game-winning Cardinals touchdown. The Cowboys also finished last in the NFC in average punt return yardage.

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"Hate is a strong word," Ravens safety Ed Reed said. "It's more of a

respect thing. They know we play hard, and we know they play hard. It would be something if one of those guys or one of us said we didn't respect them, because it would be a lie. At the end of the day, I believe that both teams are true fans of football."

The stakes have never been higher, so the players are keeping the banter to a minimum.

"Talk isn't important to us. We're just all about showing up on Sunday and playing football," Pittsburgh center Justin Hartwig said. "There is no need to talk."

All that's left is to get on the field and see if Pittsburgh can pull off a sweep.

"It's a one-game season," Ravens offensive coordinator Cam Cameron. "We'd like to think we're going to be even better this week."

Buccaneers fire Gruden, set to hire Raheem Morris

By FRED GOODALL

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Jon Gruden is out, replaced by another young rising star as coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Within hours of dismissing their Super Bowl-winning coach, the Bucs turned to defensive coordinator Raheem Morris as the successor — a move confirmed Friday by a person familiar with the decision who requested anonymity because the

team had not yet scheduled an announcement.

Gruden and general manager Bruce Allen were fired earlier in the day, three weeks after the team completed one of the biggest collapses in NFL history, losing four straight games following a 9-3 start to miss the playoffs.

Director of pro personnel Mark Dominik, who has been with the Bucs for 14 seasons, will replace Allen.

A news conference to announce the

moves could be held as early as Saturday.

Gruden was one of the league's hottest commodities when he was hired seven years ago to get a team built by Tony Dungy to the Super Bowl. But Gruden only guided the Bucs to the postseason twice after becoming the youngest coach to win the NFL title in January 2003.

That wasn't nearly enough for the sons of owner Malcolm Glazer, who took their time before deciding they

had seen enough of aging quarterbacks, mediocre drafts and a coach and general manager who often pinned the blame for poor finishes on injuries.

Morris has been a fast climber, too. He was the Bucs' defensive backs coach the past two seasons, and was promoted to defensive coordinator on Christmas Day, filling a vacancy that opened for next season when Monte Kiffin decided to join his son, Lane, at the University of Tennessee.



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and to those who took of their time to shop and to wrap. We could not have provided for the patients without all of your help.

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Also a big thank you goes out to the management staff at Alon for coming to our rescue as time was running out and wrapped and delivered the gifts to the units. We have come to depend on you since you have been doing this for the past several years.

I would also like to thank the many clubs which provided for our Christmas party and to the hospital staff for seeing that it came off without a hitch.

I must also give a big thanks to the Community Relations staff as they are always invaluable during this time of year.

**SHIRLEY BODIN**  
VSC CHRISTMAS CHAIRPERSON  
BIG SPRING

**TO THE EDITOR:**

I'm just wondering, regarding Sunday, Jan. 11, front page story, "Bids On Jail Furniture."

FFE — furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

With todays economy can't we RRR — reuse, recycle, and replace only what is absolutely necessary?

I don't know, maybe this idea has already been discussed and addressed.

**C.A. POPE**  
BIG SPRING

**TO THE EDITOR:**

I want to tell you how much I appreciate the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

On Sunday I noticed they were conducting a controlled burn for a neighbor. I asked if one could be done at my house and they said no problem. They were at my house until after dark and I can't tell you how much better I feel.

With everything being so dry, I worried every time I left the house that I would come home and not have anything left. These men and women perform this duty without any pay and on their on time. Donations are deeply appreciated and I think we should do all we can to help them with their cost.

Once again "hats off" to these men and women. Thank You.

**TIM KNOX**  
BIG SPRING

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Don't take it for granted. My kiddo's elementary (Odessa) is not going to be watching president-elect Barack Obama's inauguration. I was told "classes don't watch TV unless it's important."

Important? The inauguration of Barack Obama is a lesson in democracy, history, political science and basic current world events. His election is exactly what Martin Luther King Jr. fought and died for; how apropos that the inauguration should happen the day after the holiday.

Barack Obama's inauguration embodies a victory for all races, single parents, poor families, immigrant descendants and every voter.

But to not recognize this event, the crowning accomplishment of the civil rights movement shown by the voters' decision, is to say it is not important enough to watch, or talk about, or remember.

There is no time to wait for school board meetings, but maybe if you call your child's school and reinforce the importance of this event to our children and our educators?

**SHARON MCCUGH**  
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Pedestrians walk through New York's Times Square under a glowing Bank of America marquee. The Bush administration agreed early Friday to give Bank of America an additional \$20 billion worth of fresh capital to help it stomach the losses at Merrill Lynch, which the company acquired Jan. 1.

## Bank of America slides to 4Q loss; gets more aid

By IEVA M. AUGSTUMS

AP Business Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Escalating credit costs forced Bank of America Corp. to report a \$2.39 billion fourth-quarter loss, hours after it convinced the federal government it needed a multibillion-dollar lifeline to survive the absorption of Merrill Lynch's hefty losses.

Bank of America also attributed the loss to write-downs and trading losses in the company's capital markets business, but said most of its core business units remained in the black. Both retail and wealth management segments posted profit and the bank saw narrower losses in its investment bank during the quarter. The results don't reflect the \$15.31 billion loss Merrill Lynch suffered.

After a marathon negotiating session, the Bush administration agreed early Friday to give Bank of America an additional \$20 billion worth of fresh capital to help it stomach the losses at Merrill Lynch, which the company acquired Jan. 1. The funds are in addition to \$25 billion in TARP rescue funds Bank of America has already received.

The new infusion means Bank of America has now taken \$45 billion of government aid, the same amount as Citigroup Inc. In con-

## Citigroup posts 4Q loss, splits into two businesses

By MADLEN READ

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Citigroup said Friday it is splitting into two businesses as it reported a fourth-quarter net loss of \$3.29 billion — its fifth straight quarterly loss.

In Citigroup's reorganization, one business, Citicorp, will focus on traditional banking around the world, while the other, Citi Holdings, will hold the company's riskier assets.

CEO Vikram Pandit's move will allow Citigroup to sell or spin off the Citi Holdings assets to raise cash. It also reveals the company's growing focus on back-to-basics lending and de-

posit-gathering, and dismantles the "financial supermarket" created a decade ago.

Shares rose about 4 percent in pre-market trading. Some investors have been calling for a breakup of Citigroup for years, as the bank struggled to keep up with its Wall Street peers. Those calls grew louder as the mortgage crisis caused the company's troubles to mount.

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## Energy Watch



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Those of us who believed the stock market bottomed Nov. 20 and that we are still headed higher into or close to Jan. 20, did not have a good time last week. But the big sell off did what sell offs are supposed to do; scare those who did not trust the recent rally.

The big sell off, combined with very poor December retail sales, provided a real test of the mettle of the market and the result in our opinion was an "A" rating for short term momentum. Even the build-up to the Obama economic speech, which of course contained no magic solutions to our economic problems, was not able to bring in any sustained selling pressure.

Despite all these excuses to drop sharply, the stock market rallied into the close and volume was light, which probably in itself reflected some disbelief in the good market action. All of the media reports we have heard in the past several days have expressed total confusion as to how the market can go up when the economy is going down so sharply. Most financial television commentators almost shake their heads in disbelief.

Of course, the stock market is doing what it always does and that is to look beyond current problems to better times ahead. Things will get better. The only question is when.

Will the economy hit its trough this summer as we believe or will it be a year from now? No one knows for sure, but we will not worry about the "when" until market action tells us to worry. The job loss came in at 524,000 vs. a projection of 525,000 jobs, which was a pleasant surprise, but the unemployment rate rose to 7.2 percent vs. an estimate of 7 percent. Bad news. Bottom line, the stock market continues to climb a wall of worry which is classic bull market action.

For you oil folks out there, please see the above, the oil markets remain inexorably tied to the faltering global economies. However, last week crude futures also fell 17 percent in part on calming geopolitical concerns, which had ratcheted up prices earlier in the week.

Fears were quelled by some timely diplomatic moves. Russia and Ukraine agreed in talks to deploy an international monitoring group to observe gas flows via Ukraine after a dispute over gas pricing and the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip.

However, market participants said further price declines would be limited by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' resolve to constrict supplies in line with its latest production policy.

"We regard the cuts on the supply front as crucial to stabilize the oil price at \$40 a barrel," said one analyst, citing news of lower deliveries from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Angola as confirmation of OPEC's compliance with production cuts. "Now that OPEC has implemented the autumn decisions with unexpected unity, it also seems determined to enforce the cuts from December." We shall see.

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## Circuit City to liquidate remaining U.S. stores

By The Associated Press

Circuit City Stores Inc., the nation's second-biggest consumer electronics retailer, reached an agreement with liquidators on Friday to sell the merchandise in its 567 U.S. stores after failing to find a buyer or a refinancing deal.

The company, which employs more than 30,000 employees, said in court papers it has appointed

Great American Group LLC, Hudson Capital Partners LLC, SB Capital Group LLC and Tiger Capital Group LLC as liquidators.

Calls to the Richmond, Va.-based company and the liquidators were not immediately returned.

Circuit City filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in November as vendors started to restrict the flow of merchandise ahead of

the busy holiday shopping season.

It had been exploring strategic alternatives since May, when it opened its books to Blockbuster Inc. The Dallas-based movie-rental chain made a takeover bid of more than \$1 billion with plans to create a 9,300-store chain to sell electronic gadgets and rent movies and games. Blockbuster withdrew the bid in July because of market conditions.

## Texas drought worsens, cattle dying

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Drought conditions in Texas are so bad cattle are keeling over in parched pastures and dying.

Drought conditions worsened significantly in the past week, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor map released last week. Seventy-one percent of the state is now in some stage of drought, up from 58.3 percent the week before.

More than a week ago the two worst drought designations — extreme and

exceptional — covered 9.1 percent of the state. This past week, the two categories cover 15.1 percent of the state, with a circle near San Antonio and Austin widening in all directions. Only the eastern and southeastern parts of Texas are without any drought status.

It all results in death for dozens of cows in Bastrop, south of Austin. At Dr. Lee Davis' veterinarian clinic, up to 10 cows a week have been brought in for treatment over the past month. They fell in pastures from weakness due to lack of grazing forage, and

most didn't survive, Davis said.

"The problem is they're not getting enough energy because the grass is dead," Davis said. "Everywhere you go there's no grass. It's nothing but dirt."

Once a cow falls, bloodflow to muscles is diminished and chances of survival go down with time.

"It's hard to bring back a cow after it's been down for a couple of days," Davis said.

Lack of rainfall this past fall and into 2009 has left pastures barren. Cattle producers are instead feeding

animals hay.

Rachel Bauer, Texas AgriLife Extension agent for Bastrop County and a part-time rancher, has lost seven cows in the past six weeks.

"There is no outlook for any rainfall coming," she said.

The cause is a La Nina weather pattern settling over the central Pacific Ocean, bringing with it the likelihood of below normal rainfall and above normal temperatures.

Cattle producers are culling their animals and pulling cattle off pastures and arranging for supplement

## News in brief

### 2 engines from jetliner vanish in Hudson River

NEW YORK (AP) — Divers and sonar operators hunted for two missing engines from a US Airways jetliner in challenging, nearly impossible conditions as investigators made plans to carefully hoist the damaged plane from the water to retrieve the flight and data recorders.

The engines, lost when Flight 1549 splashed down after colliding with birds, were presumed to have been carried somewhere cold, dark and murky by the river's strong tides.

Exactly where, though, was a mystery. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers vessels and city police department boats were to resume the search Saturday, probing the sediment-obscured riverbottom along a 4 1/2 mile stretch from the point of impact to the southern tip of Manhattan.

Investigators also planned to conduct their first interview Saturday with the pilot, Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger, who slipped the crippled aircraft into the river when he couldn't make a nearby airport, saving the lives of all 155 people aboard.

Authorities want to closely inspect the engines to figure out how exactly the birds caused the plane to fail so badly and so fast. They may also examine any feathers remaining in the engine to determine the type of bird species, helping prevent future mishaps.

### Israel Cabinet to vote on Gaza cease-fire

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli aircraft pounded 50 Hamas positions early Saturday, keeping pressure on the Islamic militant group as the country's top leaders prepared for a crucial vote on whether to end Israel's punishing three-week-long campaign against Gaza's rulers.

The vote on the Egyptian-brokered truce proposal follows a signing of a "memorandum of understanding" in Washington between Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni that calls for expanded intelligence cooperation between their two countries

to prevent Hamas from rearming.

Livni called the deal, reached on the final working day of the Bush administration, "a vital complement for a cessation of hostility." It paved the path for Saturday night's vote in the 12-member Security Cabinet.

Israel was expected to approve the Egyptian proposal, under which fighting would stop immediately for 10 days. Israeli forces would remain in Gaza and the border crossings into the territory would remain closed until security arrangements were made to prevent Hamas from smuggling weapons into the territory.

Under the deal, Egypt would shut down weapons smuggling routes with international help and discussions on opening Gaza's blockaded border crossings — Hamas' key demand — would take place at a later date.

### Pentagon wrangling over troop-level decisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lingering decisions on how quickly the Pentagon can get U.S. forces out of Iraq and into Afghanistan are being pushed off until after the Obama administration takes over next week as military commanders continue to wrangle over where the troops are needed most.

By the end of this month, Defense Secretary Robert Gates is expected to approve sending more Marines to southern Afghanistan, effectively lowering their numbers in Iraq's western Anbar province, and he may also endorse deploying an Army brigade equipped with armored Stryker vehicles. Senior military officials say there is general agreement to cut back on the 22,000 Marines in Iraq, but Army officials have concerns about how to free up the Stryker unit.

As the Pentagon looks to double the existing force in Afghanistan, the overall cast of the military's growing force in Afghanistan is becoming clearer: Commanders want to beef up the expeditionary units and trainers in the south and east with enough new troops to stem the violence without becoming an occupying force that would alienate the Afghan popula-

tion.

Their challenge, however, is to get troops out into the hundreds of tiny villages in the volatile southern region, where the Taliban insurgency has been centered. To do that, Gen. David McKiernan, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, has asked for more mobile forces and believes the strykers will allow soldiers to move more easily along the rugged trails to the widely dispersed tribal enclaves.

### Big Chill: Blast of Arctic air stuns Midwest

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Alabama briefly turned colder than Alaska, water fountains froze into ice sculptures in South Carolina and Florida shivered through its brush with the Arctic air blast that deadened car batteries in the Northeast and prompted scattered Midwest power outages.

As Southerners awaited an expected weekend thaw, the Northeast persisted under the bitterly cold air from Canada that sent temperatures plunging in some places below minus 30 degrees Friday and left even longtime residents reluctant to venture outdoors.

Quentin Masters braved the Big Chill, making a trip to a Syracuse, N.Y., post office to mail his sister a gift for her birthday Monday.

"It was almost too cold to come down," he said, but he added, "I don't want to be late."

Single-digit temperatures and sub-zero wind chills were expected in western New York through the weekend, with more seasonable conditions moving in early next week.

### Obama preparing to prohibit waterboarding

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama is preparing to prohibit the use of waterboarding and harsh interrogation techniques by ordering the CIA to follow military rules for questioning prisoners, according to two U.S. officials familiar with drafts of the plans. Still under debate is whether to include a loophole that would allow exceptions in extraordinary cases.

The proposal Obama is considering would require all CIA interrogators

to follow conduct outlined in the U.S. Army Field Manual, the officials said. The plans would also have the effect of shutting down secret "black site" prisons around the world where the CIA has questioned terror suspects — with all future interrogations taking place inside American military facilities.

However, Obama's changes may not be absolute.

His advisers are considering adding a classified loophole to the rules that could allow the CIA to use some interrogation methods not specifically authorized by the Pentagon, the officials said, although the intent is not to use that as an opening for possible use of waterboarding.

The new rules would abandon a part of President George W. Bush's counterterrorism policy that has been condemned internationally.

### 'The Snowman' accused of spray-painting graffiti on Washington Capitol

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — A mixed martial arts fighter and avowed anarchist has been charged with malicious mischief, accused of spraying graffiti on the state Capitol.

Jeff "The Snowman" Monson, 37, of Olympia, was charged because of photos published in the Dec. 29 edition of ESPN The Magazine that show him spray-painting an anarchist symbol on the Capitol.

Police had sought the person responsible for spray-painting columns on the north side of the Capitol on Nov. 26, The Olympian reported. The vandalism — which cost \$19,000 to clean up — included an anarchy symbol, a peace symbol and the words "no poverty" and "no war."

Police recognized Monson in footage captured by a surveillance camera, but the break didn't come until ESPN ran its article on the fighter, court papers show.

Monson told The Olympian in a telephone interview that he took responsibility for the graffiti, which he said was a protest against the Iraq war and economic inequality.

A warrant was issued Wednesday in Thurston County Superior Court. If convicted, Monson could face a maximum 10 years in prison.

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Bryan Layton Allison, 1108 College Circle, Ranger  
Christine Avalos Bara, 1405 N. Sixth Street, Lamesa  
Sonia M. Barlow, 4209 Parkway, Big Spring  
Toby Barnett, 1713 Dwayne Barnett, Lubbock

Casey D. Bernal, 901 Grand, Hereford  
Vern Black, 329 W Tennessee, Floydada  
Jeremy Bolton, 506 N. Avenue L, Lamesa

Dave Bracken, 2720 42nd Street, Lubbock

Richard Henry Burk, PO Box 171933, Arlington

Latonya Campbell, 5948 Callaston, Fort Worth

Michelle Marie Carrasco, 1704 Yale Avenue, Big Spring

Leonard Carson Jr. 102 S. Peach, Pecos

Scott S. Carter, 3223 Cornell, Big Spring  
Krishna Nicole Castillo, 905 Walnut, Colorado City

Jared Wendell Coby, 901 S. High Street, Longview

Doyce Ray Coyle, 3301 Auburn, Big Spring

Patrick C. Criss, 8030 Catalpa, Texas City

Wesley Wayne Crow, 2400 Robb Lane, Big Spring

Susan Cuellar, 2301 N. Pecos #238, Midland

Wanda Cunningham, 1505 Avion, Big Spring

Corey D. Dancer, 2605 Alamesa Drive, Big Spring

Ramona Davila, 2143 Texas Ave, San Antonio

Brandee A. Eberhardt, 197 Briarwood Lane, Big Spring

Wesley Allen Edmondson, 505 E. 14th Street, Big Spring

Randy James Ellis, PO Box 391, Syder Hilda L. Fuentes, 502 S. Seventh Street, Lamesa

Aldo Gustavo Galindo, 922 Jeter, Odessa

James Randal Gardner, PO Box 1490, Lyons, Colo.

Claudet Garza, E. Elm, Apt. 10, Laredo

Raul Gonzales, 2106 Johnson, Big Spring

Naomi Gonzales, 1606 E. Fifth, Big Spring

Jeffrey M. Grams, 224 Lelon Lane, Springtown

Gabriel Guerrero, 411 N.E. 10th Street, Big Spring

Nora Gutierrez, 606 N. Eighth Street, Lamesa

Dana L. Holguin Havink, 600 Star Linda CT. Unit B, Arlington

Kristin Hawkins, 405 N. Moss Lake Road, Big Spring

Rickie L. Henderson, 205 Providence Road, Big Spring

Gerald R. Hodges, 4312 Crane 1104, Houston

Allan J. Hoey, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 1502, Big Spring

Jeanie Renee Ivey, 5326 Old State Hwy. 7, La Grange

Brandy Johnson, 24327 Pleasonton, San Antonio

Rene M. Johnson, 9205 W. County Road 174, Midland

Robert Michael Kleck, P.O. Box 35, Rotan

Lynda Kynam, 2503 Central, Big Spring

Eloy Escobar Leal, 1806 E. 11th Street, Big Spring

Alana Marie Lee, 2711 66th Street, Lubbock

Patricia Luttrell, 2726 Redwood, Odessa

Joshua David Mackenstein, 414 Hickory/3417 N. Midland Drive, Midland

Shawn G. McKay, 3107 Bonham Ave, Odessa

Carroll Lee McNeil, 2601 Westridge, Lubbock

Betty Jane McWilliams, 2503 Fairchild, Big Spring

Ebeline Flores Mendoza, P. O. Box 291, Mertzon

Mari Montemayor, 627 State Street, Big Spring

Anna Marie Moreno, 4656 St. Frances Ave., Dallas

Angela Moreno, 1712 N. Third Street, Lamesa

Michael Todd McClinton, 1003 S. Mid-

kiff, Midland

William Leslie Neal, 2100 Alabama, Big Spring

Katherine Hardin Perez, 4908 Parkway Rd, Big Spring

Lisa M. Portillo, 1200 Stanford, Big Spring

Richard Wayne Rains, 4501 Parkway, Big Spring

Patricia Ramos, 538 Westover Road Apt. 226, Big Spring

Michael Dewayne Renteria, 2516 Dow, Big Spring

Gustavo Alfredo Rios, 1804 Scurry, Big Spring

Sofia Romero, 409 N. Ave Q, Lamesa

Robert Christopher Rosamond, 801 Lancaster / 1501 E. Sixth Street, Big Spring

Jennifer Ann Rositas, 1420 E. Sixth Street #10, Big Spring

Blanca L. Saenz, 1202 N. Sam Houston Ave., Odessa

Rudy Salazar, PO Box 1275, Stanton

Monica Serbine, 304 E. 20th Street, Big Spring

Stephanie Serrato, 1203 E. Mobile, Big Spring

Harl Bradford Shaffer, 5603 Gail 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 Moseley 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

Christina Williams, 400 Macarthur, Odessa

Jerry Lee Wrightsil, 2816 Ridge Road, Ft. Worth

### County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Charles Robinson, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$2,500 fine, \$428 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: James Arthur Whited, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,200 fine, \$439 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Melvin Biddle, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$348 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Bobby Masters, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Harold Edward Wilson, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: William Kyle Dugan, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Carl Estes, sale of alcohol to minors, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: David Franco, accident involving damage to a vehicle - less than \$200, \$250 fine, \$278 court costs.

Judgment and Sentence: Christian Davon Gordon, evading arrest, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Christopher W. Andrews, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Christian Davon Gordon, evading arrest/detention, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Daniel Ray Heckler, speeding - 62 MPH in a 50 MPH zone, \$500 fine, \$238 court costs.

Judgment and Sentence: Christian Davon Gordon, criminal trespass of a habitation, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Marvin John Malveaux II, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Marvin John Malveaux II, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Ashlee Ann Bingham, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$1,000 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Gary Lee Smale Jr., driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Leticia Kay Cantu, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Ronald Lee Simonek, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Arthur Seishin Karwedsky, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Raul Mendez Jr., possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Mark Ryerson, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,000 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Kasey Dalton Rawls, prohibited weapon - switchblade or knuckles, \$100 fine, \$228 court costs.

Probated Judgment: Gerald Franklin Kelley Jr., driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Ramon Lopez Jr., driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Adelaido Martinez III, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$300 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Antonio Martinez Jr., graffiti - less than \$1,500, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Arthur Callaway, theft of service - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$358 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Deangelo Depaul Gray, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Melanie Dawn Henderson, possession of a dangerous drug, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jonathan Paul Bustamante, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Robert Michael Moore, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Shane Thomas Estes, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Jamey Scott Johnson, criminal trespass, \$278 court costs, 27 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Reginald Jerome Vanderbilt, failure to identify - giving false information, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Dennis James Page, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

ed, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Michael Lee Lopez, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Isaiah Matthew James, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

**District Court Filings:**

Tana Leigh Thomas Kennemur vs. John Nathan Kennemur, divorce.

Cindy Worthan vs. Rory Worthan, divorce.

Toni Sue Fraley vs. Stanley Lynn Fraley, divorce.

Citibank vs. Jerry Jones, accounts, notes and contracts.

Stephanie Sanchez Castillo vs. Jose Angel Castillo, divorce.

Juliana Sasser Horton vs. Thomas Lawrence Horton, divorce.

Veronica Lee Ann Luera vs. David Christopher Petree, protective orders

**Marriage Licenses:**

Robert Dale Howland, 37, and Jodi L. Gates, 38, both of Big Spring.

**Warranty Deeds:**

Grantor: William Dale Dupree and Patricia Dupree

Grantee: Kinney Marlow Dupree and Melissa Dupree

Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 10, Fairview Heights

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Lawrence F. Travis

Grantee: Lawrence F. Travis and Emma Travis Revocable Joint Trust

Property: A tract out of Section 23, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Robert L. Adkins Sr. and Penny Adkins

Grantee: Amerimex Rig Movers LTD

Property: Two tracts out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Linda Layton

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 5714 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Carl O. Smith

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 2.5 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Lana Wyrick

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 2.87 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Cora Adams

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 2.87 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Jerry D. Weaver

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 2.87 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Barbara Frost

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 5714 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Edna Young

Grantee: Tim Blackshear and Terri Blackshear

Grantor: Victoria Singleterry

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 5714 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Ruby A. Mosher

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 408 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Gary L. Coats

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 408 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Francis Weaver

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 5714 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Glen O. Coats

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 4080 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Shirley J. Manning

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 4080 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: Dewey F. Weaver

Grantee: C. Ellis Welker, Josh H. Welker, Kyle Welker and Daniel Welker

Property: A 2.85 percent interest in Section 23, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 29, 2008

Grantor: John Clifford Lewis and Patricia Lewis

Grantee: Marcellus Weaver

Property: Lots 11-13, Block 4, Sherrad Heights

Date: Dec. 30, 2008

Grantor: John A. Brumley and Teresa Brumley

Grantee: Settles Hotel Development Company

Property: The E/40 feet of Lots 7 and 8, Block 14, Original Town of Big Spring

Date: Dec. 30, 2008

Grantor: Gary Lee Riddle and Brenda Riddle

Grantee: John David Ward and Rachel Ward

Property: A 9.9 acre tract out of Section 13, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 30, 2008

Grantor: Edna Young



# Obituaries

## James Gunn



James Arthur "Jim" Gunn, 68, of Coahoma died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with military honors will be at Colorado City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jim was born Sept. 25, 1940, in Salinas, Calif., to Zelma and Jewell Gunn. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1958 until 1961. He was a tool pusher for Nort Fiscus from 1961 until 1984. Jim worked for D&H Transport, Daniel's Construction Company and later as a dozer operator for Howard County, retiring due to ill health in 2008. Jim was hard on the outside, but soft hearted, and was a Daddy to all.

Jim is survived by his wife: Mary Ann Gunn of Coahoma; two step-sons: Pete Fincher and his wife Karen and their sons: Garrett and Cole, all of Stephenville, and Brad Fincher and his wife Deb of Morgan Mill and their daughter: Shandy McMillian and her husband Norman of Spring; mother: Zelma Gunn Howell of Abilene; one daughter: Laura Gunn of Phoenix, Ariz., and her five children and her two grandchildren; seven sisters: Janise Riddell of Abilene, Nancy McBride of Dudley, Marcia Sanders and her husband Rocky of Abilene, Edna Gunn of Cartersville, Mo., Joan Gunn of Austin, Norma Verner of Lubbock, and Detra Howell of Abilene; two brothers: Michael Gunn and his wife Jeanette, of Cartersville, Mo., Gary Howell of Abilene; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his father, Jim was preceded in death by two sons: James "Jimmy" Robert Gunn and Kenneth Wayne Gunn.

Pallbearers will be Joe Martinez, Craig Kilpatrick, Danny Sizenbach, Nort Fiscus, Rex Fiscus and Donald Martin.

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

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## Maria Salgado

Maria Alicia "Alice" Salgado, 58, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Jan. 20, 1950, in Marfa to Faye and Jesus Jimenez. She married Fred Salgado June 26, 1971. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, a homemaker, and a Catholic.

She is survived by her husband: Fred Salgado of Big Spring; daughter: Linda Salgado and her husband Ramiro Mier of Big Spring; five grandchildren; brother: David Jimenez of San Angelo; sister: Elizabeth Corrales of Midland; mother: Faye Jimenez; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by one son: Fredricko Salgado Jr. in 1976.

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

• Dr. Steven L. Brown will speak on Navigating the Medical Maze during Monday's noon meeting of the Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association at the Howard College Cactus Room. Lunch is \$6. Contact Bo Fryar at [jbfryar@rcrom.net](mailto:jbfryar@rcrom.net) or 399-4510 or Jean Slate at 263-4080 for reservations through Friday. Dr. Brown is a clinical associate professor of internal medicine at Texas Tech University and a cardiologist in private practice in Midland. He has written numerous articles for medical and research journals.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

• West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas

Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

• 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.

# Take Note

## Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• JASON WAYNE CAREY, 27, 1801 Settles, was arrested on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• SARAH NICOLE DUNLAP, 24, 1104.5 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• MIARIAH DIRSTAN RODRIGUEZ, 17, 1112 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.

• JENNIFER JANE TERRELL, 35, 1505 Sycamore, was arrested on charges of expired motor vehicle registration and two counts of failure to appear.

• PRISCILLA CRYSTAL LOPEZ, 32, 1505 Sycamore, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid, expired motor vehicle registration and failure to appear.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT reported in the 1400 block of Sixth.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/ FAMILY VIOLENCE reported in the 1800 block of Settles.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE reported in the 1000 block of 12<sup>th</sup>.

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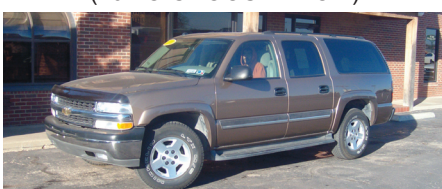
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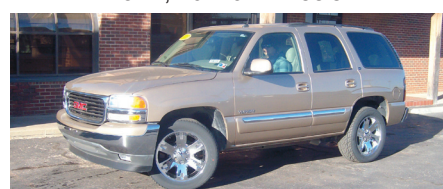
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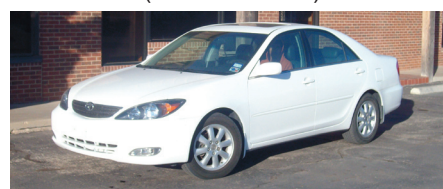
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Whereas John G. Kelley on the 16th day of October A.D., 2008 in the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, in Cause No. 45950-A, John G. Kelley, Plaintiff, VS. Nancy J. Fields Defendant recovered a judgment against Nancy J. Fields for the sum of \$7,848.49, with interest from the 2nd of October, 2008 A.D., at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum, and all costs of suit.

WHEREFORE, you are commanded that out of the property of said Nancy J. Fields subject to execution by laws, you cause to be made the sum \$7,848.49 with interest thereon from the 2nd day of October, 2008 A.D., at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum, together with the sum of \$113.00 cost of suit, and also the cost of executing this writ and you will forthwith execute this writ according to laws and the mandates thereof.

BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of Execution issued out the Court of Howard County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered: 45950A; Issued November 19, 2008 A.D.; John Kelley

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**Property Legal Description:**

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Howard County Sheriff Office  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Deputy Dean Restelli  
432-264-2244  
#6017 January 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2009

**Legals**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.  
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Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone 325-676-6800  
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Salwa Mahmoud, 53, holds a photo of her daughter Shyima on Sept. 24, 2008. Shyima was 9 when she started working as a servant for an Egyptian family and was later taken by the same family to California where she endured 20 hour work days inside their posh home.

# Child maids being exported to the U.S.

By RUKMINI CALLIMACHI  
Associated Press Writer

IRVINE, Calif. —Late at night, the neighbors saw a little girl at the kitchen sink of the house next door. They watched through their window as the child rinsed plates under the open faucet. She wasn't much taller than the counter and the soapy water swallowed her slender arms. To put the dishes away, she climbed on a chair.

But she was not the daughter of the couple next door doing chores. She was

their maid. Shyima was 10 when a wealthy Egyptian couple brought her from a poor village in northern Egypt to work in their California home. She awoke before dawn and often worked past midnight to iron their clothes, mop the marble floors and dust the family's crystal. She earned \$45 a month working up to 20 hours a day. She had no breaks during the day and no days off.

The trafficking of children for domestic labor in the U.S. is an extension

of an illegal but common practice in Africa. Families in remote villages send their daughters to work in cities for extra money and the opportunity to escape a dead-end life. Some girls work for free on the understanding that they will at least be better fed in the home of their employer. The custom has led to the spread of trafficking, as well-to-do Africans accustomed to employing children immigrate to the U.S. Around one-third of the estimated 10,000 forced laborers in the United

States are servants trapped behind the curtains of suburban homes, according to a study by the National Human Rights Center at the University of California at Berkeley and Free the Slaves, a nonprofit group. No one can say how many are children, especially since their work can so easily be masked as chores. Once behind the walls of gated communities like this one, these children never go to school. Unbeknownst to their neighbors, they live as modern-day slaves, just like Shyima, whose story is pieced together through court records, police transcripts and interviews. "I'd look down and see her at 10, 11 — even 12 — at night," said Shyima's neighbor at the time, Tina Font. "She'd be doing the dishes. We didn't put two and two together."

Shyima cried when she found out she was going to America in 2000. Her father, a bricklayer, had fallen ill a few years earlier, so her mother found a maid recruiter, signed a contract effectively leasing her daughter to the couple for 10 years and told Shyima to be strong. For a year, Shyima, 9, worked in the Cairo apartment owned by Amal Motelib and Nasser Ibrahim. Every month, Shyima's mother came to pick up her salary. Tens of thousands of children in Africa, some as young as 3, are recruited every year to work as domestic servants. They are on call 24 hours a day and are often beaten if they make a mistake. Children are in demand because they earn less than adults and are less likely to complain. In just one city — Casablanca — a 2001 survey

by the Moroccan government found more than 15,000 girls under 15 working as maids. The U.S. State Department found that over the past year, children have been trafficked to work as servants in at least 33 of Africa's 53 countries. Children from at least 10 African countries were sent as maids to the U.S. and Europe. But the problem is so well hidden that authorities —including the U.N., Interpol and the State Department — have no idea how many child maids now work in the West. "In most homes, these girls are not allowed to use so much as the same spoon as the rest of the family," said Hany Helal, the Cairo-based director of the Egyptian Organization for Child Rights. By the time the Ibrahims decided to leave, Shyima's family had taken several loans from them for medical bills. The Ibrahims said they could only be repaid by sending Shyima to work for them in the U.S. A friend posed as her father, and the U.S. embassy in Cairo issued her a six-month tourist visa. She arrived at Los Angeles International Airport on Aug. 3, 2000, according to court documents. The family brought her back to their spacious five-bedroom, two-story home, decorated in the style of a Tuscan villa with a fountain of two angels spouting water through a conch. She was told to sleep in the garage. It had no windows and was neither heated nor air-conditioned. Soon after she arrived, the garage's only light bulb went out. The Ibrahims didn't replace it. From then on, Shyima lived in the dark.

She was told to call them Madame Amal and Hajj Nasser, terms of respect. They called her "shaghala," or servant. Their five children called her "stupid." While the family slept, she ironed the school outfits of the Ibrahims' 5-year-old twin sons. She woke them, combed their hair, dressed them and made them breakfast. Then she ironed clothes and fixed breakfast for the three girls, including Heba, who at 10 was the same age as the family's servant. Neither Ibrahim nor his wife worked, and they slept late. When they awoke, they yelled for her to make tea. While they ate breakfast watching TV, she cleaned the palatial house. She vacuumed each bedroom, made the beds, dusted the shelves, wiped the windows, washed the dishes and did the laundry. Her employers were not satisfied, she said. "Nothing was ever clean enough for her. She would come in and say, 'This is dirty,' or 'You didn't do this right,' or 'You ruined the food,'" said Shyima. She started wetting her bed. Her sheets stank. So did her oversized T-shirt and the other hand-me-downs she wore. While doing the family's laundry, she slipped her own clothes into the load. Madame slapped her. "She told me my clothes were dirtier than theirs. That I wasn't allowed to clean mine there," she said. She washed her clothes in a bucket in the garage. She hung them to dry outside, next to the trash cans.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

It's only reasonable to make assumptions about how things will turn out by looking at what has occurred on similar occasions of the past. However, history is a bad predictor now. Wrongs are made right, though not in the manner one would think, as Mercury, traveling retrograde in Aquarius, fortuitously aligns with Jupiter, the planet of abundance.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The impulse to create a gathering of loved ones and celebrate deep into the night is an old one. However, warm memories of such a night is not usually guaranteed. For you,

tonight is guaranteed to gleam in retrospect.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Some arguments are not worth having, even though you know you'd win. Do not give into the urge to hold a loved one's feet to the fire over recent mistakes when, in reality, you know the difficulty of this person's task.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Advice pours in from all quarters. Everyone wants to put in their two cents which would likely result in nothing more than dime store counseling. Seek guidance from only the most qualified persons.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). A pleasant surprise occurs today. This treat comes directly at you and might take the shape of a new friend or pet. Although unplanned, when you see a chunk of old-fashioned happiness, scoop it up.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). By all accounts you will be made a serious offer for the role of partner in an important joint venture. If you accept, a successful enterprise will develop. This merger involves business or love, but not both.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It feels good to give big. Twice as much as is expected of you isn't nearly enough to get the all-over body rush that generosity can bring. Give 10 times as much and elevate your spirits to the same degree.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A well-traveled acquaintance will enthrall you with stories. You have come a tremendous distance, too, and might be inspired to ponder and work out the details of your own journey to dramatic effect.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Intention is the principal feature noticed on your face. Your aim is to be understood and to experience clarity in your understanding of others. You're immune to the usual miscommunications.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do not bite off more than you can chew. Overdoing it will hold you back. Set a reasonable target for your project. Go through all the necessary steps for success and you will enjoy your reward.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You probably won't know how to react to some people or information you come across now. Having compassion in your heart is important, and might be enough in and of itself.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Habits you kicked once or twice will require

your attention. But maybe there's a better way than to continually face the music. For instance, you might finally break free by turning the other way and running.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A relationship that has momentum does not need to be pushed along. Pull back and you just might notice that things accelerate instead of stopping, as you feared they might. Trust your own powers of attraction.

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HOLIDAY MATHS

Answer to previous puzzle

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### Newsday Crossword

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  - 15 Spring blooms
  - 16 Settled down
  - 17 They're in the gallery
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  - 20 Unmoved
  - 21 For this purpose
  - 22 Boil
  - 24 Candidate, at times
  - 26 Puts up
  - 28 Buyer
  - 31 Hook look
  - 34 "Look \_\_\_!"
  - 36 Sacred syllables
  - 37 "Say ..."
  - 41 One round
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  - 12 Left
  - 13 Outside opening
  - 14 Invoice abbr.
  - 18 Satisfies
  - 23 Branch location

### SATURDAY STUMPER by Merle Baker

- Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- 25 Name that means "young man"
  - 27 Fictional valet/driver
  - 29 Eastern leader
  - 30 Direction from Madrid to Barcelona
  - 31 Eyes on the Prize grp.
  - 32 Transporter of seven chickens, turkeys, etc.
  - 33 Identify (with)
  - 35 Others, for short
  - 38 Lyrical
  - 39 Lions' habitat
  - 40 Ford rival
  - 45 Money maker
  - 46 Badger
  - 48 Take
  - 50 Queen \_\_\_ (Maryland county)
  - 52 An official language of Singapore
  - 53 Like elm leaves
  - 54 Brought forth
  - 55 Ticker-tape parade?
  - 56 Pointer's remark
  - 58 Accordingly
  - 61 1969 Peace Prize grp.
  - 62 Its motto is Per Ardua ad Astra

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# SLAVE

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When the couple went out, she waited until she heard the car pull away and then she sat down. She sat with her back straight because she was afraid her clothes would dirty the upholstery.

It never occurred to her to run away.

"I thought this was normal," she said.

If you could fly the garage where Shyima slept 7,000 miles to the sandy alleyway where her Egyptian family now lives, it would pass for the best home in the neighborhood.

The garage's walls are made of concrete instead of hand-patted bricks. Its roof doesn't leak. Its door shuts all the way. Shyima's mother and her 10 brothers and sisters live in a two-bedroom house with uneven walls and a flaking ceiling. None of them have ever had a bed to themselves, much less a whole room. At night, bodies cover the sagging couches.

Shown a snapshot of the windowless garage, Shyima's mother in the coastal town of Agami made a clucking sound of approval.

"It's much cleaner than where many people here sleep," said Helal, the child rights advocate. He explains that Shyima's treatment in the Ibrahim home is considered normal — even good — by Egyptian standards.

Even though many child maids are physically abused, child labor is rarely prosecuted because the work isn't considered strenuous. Many employers even see themselves as benefactors.

"There is a sense that children should work to help their family, but also that they are being given an opportunity," said Mark Lagon, the director of the U.S. State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

That's especially the case for well-off families who transport their child servants to Western countries.

In 2006, a U.S. district court in Michigan sentenced a Cameroonian man to 17 years in prison for bringing a 14-year-old girl from his country to work as his unpaid maid. That same year, a Moroccan couple was sentenced to home confinement for forcing their 12-year-old Moroccan niece to work grueling hours caring for their baby.

In Germantown, Md., a Nigerian couple used their daughter's passport to bring in a 14-year-old Nigerian girl as their maid. She worked for them for five years before escaping in 2001. In Germany, France, the Netherlands and England, African immigrants have been arrested for forcing children from their home countries to work as their servants.

In several of these cases, the employers argued that they took the children with the parents' permis-

sion. The Cameroonian girl's mother flew to Detroit to testify in court against her daughter, saying the girl was ungrateful for the good life her employers had provided her.

Shyima's mother, Salwa Mahmoud, said her father believed she would have better opportunities in America.

"I didn't want her to travel but our family's condition dictated that she had to go," explained Mahmoud, a squat, round-faced woman with calloused hands and feet. She is missing two front teeth because she couldn't afford a dentist.

"If she had stayed here in Egypt, she would have been ordinary," said Awatef, Shyima's older sister. "Just like us."

On April 3, 2002, an anonymous caller phoned the California Department of Social Services to report that a young girl was living inside the garage of 28 Pacific Grove.

A few days later, Nasser Ibrahim opened the door to a detective from the Irvine Police Department. Asked if any children lived there beside his own, he first said no, then yes — "a distant relative." He said he had "not yet" enrolled her in school. She did "chores — just like the other kids," according to the police transcript.

Shyima was upstairs cleaning when Ibrahim came to get her. "He told me that I was not allowed to say anything," said Shyima. "That if I said anything I would never see my parents again."

When police searched the house, they turned up several home videos showing Shyima at work. They seized the contract signed by Shyima's illiterate parents.

Asked by police if anyone other than his immediate family lived in the house, Eid, one of the twins, said: "Hummm ... Yeah ... Her name is Shyima," according to the transcript. "She uh ... She works — she works for us at the house, like, she cleans up the dishes and stuff like that."

Twelve-year-old Heba got flustered: "Yeah. She's uh — my — uh — How do I say this? Uh ... My dad's ... Oh, wait, like ... She's like my cousin, but — She's my dad's daughter's friend. Oops! The other way. Okay, I'm confused."

Heba eventually admitted that Shyima had lived with the family for three years in Egypt and in California.

The police put Shyima in a squad car. They noted her hands were red and caked with dead, hard-looking skin.

For months Shyima lied to investigators, saying what the Ibrahims had told her to say. She went without sleep for days at a stretch. She was put on four different types of medication. She moved from foster home to foster home. Her mood swings alarmed her guardians. In school for the first time, she struggled to learn to read.

Investigators arranged for her to speak to her parents. She told them she

felt like a "nobody" working for the Ibrahims and wanted to come home. Her father yelled at her.

"They kept telling me that they're good people," Shyima recounted in a recent interview. "That it's my fault. That because of what I did my mom was going to have a heart attack."

Three years ago, she broke off contact with her family. Since then she has refused to speak Arabic. She can no longer communicate in her mother tongue.

During the 2006 trial, the Ibrahims described Shyima as part of their family. They included proof of a trip she took with the family to Disneyland. Shyima's lawyer pointed out that the 10-year-old wasn't allowed on the rides — she was there to carry the bags.

The couple's lawyers collected photographs of the home where Shyima grew up, including close-ups of the feces-stained squat toilet and of Shyima's sisters washing clothes in a bucket.

In her final plea, Madame Amal told the judge it would be unfair to separate her from her children. Enraged, Shyima, then 17, told the court she hadn't seen her family in years.

"Where was their loving when it came to me? Wasn't I a human being too? I felt like I was nothing when I was with them," she sobbed.

The couple pleaded guilty to all charges, including forced labor and slavery. They were ordered to pay \$76,000, the amount Shyima would have earned at the minimum wage. The sentence: Three years in federal prison for Ibrahim, 22 months for his wife, and then deportation for both. Their lawyers declined to comment for this story.

"I don't think that there is any other term you could use than modern-day slavery," said Bob Schoch, the special agent in charge for Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Los Angeles, in describing Shyima's situation.

Shyima was adopted last year by Chuck and Jenny Hall of Beaumont, Calif. The family lives near Disneyland, where they have taken her a half-dozen times. She graduated from high school this summer after retaking her exit exam and hopes to become a police officer.

Shyima, now 19, has a list of assigned chores. She wears purple eyeshadow, has a boyfriend and frequently updates her profile on MySpace. Her hands are neatly manicured.

But in her closet, she keeps a box of pictures of her parents and her brothers and sisters. "I don't look at them because it makes me cry," she said. "How could they? They're my parents."

When her father died last year, her family had no way of reaching her.

EPilogue: On a recent afternoon in Cairo, Madame Amal walked into the lobby of her apartment complex wearing designer sunglasses and a chic scarf.

After nearly two years

in a prison cell in California, she's living once more in the spacious apartment where Shyima first worked as her maid. The apartment is adorned in the style of a Louis XIV palace, with ornately carved settees, gold-leaf vases and life-sized portraits of her and her husband.

She did not agree to be interviewed for this story.

Before the door closed behind her, a little girl slipped in carrying grocery bags. She wore a shabby T-shirt. Her small feet slapped the floor in loose flip-flops. Her eyes were trained on the ground.

She looked to be around 9 years old.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story is based on interviews in Los Angeles, Irvine and Beaumont, Calif., and in Cairo and Agami, Egypt, in September and October. In addition to interviews with Shyima, her mother and nine of her brothers and sisters, the AP also interviewed her neigh-



(AP Photo/Ric Francis)

**Shyima Hall, 19, who was 10 when she was trafficked to a gated community as a domestic worker,**

born in Irvine, law enforcement officials and the lawyer who prosecuted her case. Quotes and scenes were observed by the reporter or described by Shyima and confirmed in police transcripts and court records.

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Community Education classes are offered on a non-credit basis. Community Education Units (CEU's) are awarded for successful completion of some courses. Generally, there are no entrance requirements or examinations.

## Special Interest Classes

## Introduction to Welding

Instructor: Randy Key  
January 28 – May 7, 2009  
Wednesday & Thursday 6:00 – 8:00pm  
Room: Occupational Building  
Cost: \$350.00

Description: This course is an introductory course. You will learn the proper technique for: Flat Welding, Downhill Welding, Horizontal Welding, Overhead Welding, and more. You must provide your own hood, gloves, and safety glasses. Students must wear boots, pants, and long sleeve shirts. This class will be limited to 10 students.

## Computer Classes

## Basic Internet, Email &amp; Ebay

March 16, 19, 23, 2009  
Monday & Thursday  
6:00 – 8:00pm  
Instructor: Debra Tate  
Cost: \$55.00

Description: Wish you knew how to use the Internet? Want to share email with your child or grandchild at college? Want to send photos to your friends and family or see the ones they send you? What to find what you are looking for on the Internet? What to explore the eBay marketplace? Come learn the basics in a hands-on class.

## Introduction to PowerPoint

February 9, 12, 16, 2009  
Tuesday and Thursday  
6:00 – 8:00pm  
Instructor: Debra Tate  
Cost: \$55.00

## Improving your photos with Paint.net

March 21 & 28, 2009  
Saturday  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
Instructor: Debra Tate  
Cost: \$55.00

Texas Alcohol Education  
Program for Minors

This class is designed to help participants increase their knowledge about alcohol and drugs among young people. The curriculum contains information on the following topics: Societal values related to alcohol consumption by minors, the influence of alcohol advertising on young people, the relationship between motor vehicle and other accidents and alcohol use; relevant laws relating to the purchase possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, drinking patterns, and problems of young people including abuse, addiction and decision making skills. TCADA approved.

Instructor: Michelle Marbeiter  
Room: HGC 209  
Cost: \$50.00  
Classes held Tuesday – Thursday from 5:30 – 8:30 pm  
February 24-26  
March 24-26  
April 21-23  
May 19-21

## Classes At The Mall

## Trash to Treasure Class

January 24, 2009  
Saturday 10:00 – 3:00  
Instructor: Shelley Futrelle  
Cost: \$10.00

Location: College at the Mall  
Description: Bring your recyclable treasures to class, and see what you can create. Fun crafts that can easily be used in your home from items you didn't think could have another use.

## Album Workshop

February 2 – 6, 2008  
Time: Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 12:00pm  
Instructor: Shelley Futrelle  
Cost: \$15.00

Location: College at the Mall  
Description: Create two unique albums that will be fun to display all your pictures in. Come and see what this unique class is all about. Create two albums from the ground up.

## Album Workshop - Night class

February 2 – 6, 2008  
Monday – Thursday 6:00pm – 8:30pm  
Instructor: Shelley Futrelle  
Cost: \$15.00

## Children's Game Workshop

February 28, 2009  
Saturday 1:00 – 5:30pm  
Instructor: Shelley Futrelle  
Cost: \$10.00  
Location: College at the Mall  
Description: The Children's Games workshop focuses on teaching parents, youth leaders, pastors, teachers, etc., new educational games to play with their children. From big movement's games to paper games, this workshop focuses on children's growth and fun. In a four hour (I can't remember how long) session you will experience and study new ideas that involve adults and kids in some serious fun! This course is taught by two children's evangelists that have had lots of experience teaching kids new games. Come and join us for this intriguing new course that could be a lifesaver when you run out of ideas!

## Easter Scrap Booking

February 17 – March 26, 2009  
Tuesday – Thursday 10:00am – 1:00pm  
Instructor: Shelley Futrelle  
Cost: \$15.00

Location: College at the Mall  
Description: Create two unique albums that will be fun to display all your pictures in. Come and see what this unique class is all about. Create two albums from the ground up.

## Easter Scrap Booking (Night Class)

February 17 – March 26, 2009  
Tuesday – Thursday 6:00pm – 8:30pm  
Instructor: Shelley Futrelle  
Cost: \$15.00

## Creative Easter Eggs

March 28, 2009  
Saturday 10:00 – 3:00  
Instructor: Shelley Futrelle  
Cost: \$10.00

Location: College at the Mall  
Description: Learn to make fun eggs that can be displayed in a basket, on a mantle, or used as gifts.

## Scrap Booking Techniques Class

April 14 – 23, 2009  
Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am – 12:00pm  
Instructor: Shelley Futrelle  
Cost: \$15.00

Location: College at the Mall  
Description: Discover new, exciting techniques that can turn your pages into something fresh and new. Join us for this two week, four session class, and find creative ways to invigorate your albums.

## Scrap Booking Techniques (Night Class)

April 14 – 23, 2009  
Tuesday – Thursday 6:00pm – 8:30pm  
Instructor: Shelley Futrelle  
Cost: \$15.00  
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## Certified Nurse Aide

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Prior to enrollment in this program, a background check must be completed through the following website: howardcollegecx.com. The cost of the background check is \$39.00. Students' employment status will also be verified through the DADS' Nurse Aide Registry and the Employee Misconduct Registry.

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## March 16- April 29, 2009

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
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Location: Lamun Lusk  
Instructor: Jane Gilmore, LVN  
Cost: \$350.00

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Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
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Instructor: Lynn Toman  
Location: College at the Mall  
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
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Friday  
Dates:  
January 23  
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## Medication Aide Re-certification

This course fulfills the annual education renewal requirements for the certified medication aide. Topics include review and update of medication aide training rules, medication administration, and related responsibilities.

Instructor: Rose Thomas, RN  
Location: Lamun Lusk  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Cost: \$36.00

Saturday  
Dates:  
January 24  
February 21  
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May 16  
June 20

## Heartsaver First Aid

This course provides the skills to effectively recognize and treat emergencies in the critical first minutes until emergency medical services personnel arrive. Included in the course is a complete health and safety training instruction for first aid, adult CPR and AED.

Instructor: Lynn Toman  
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