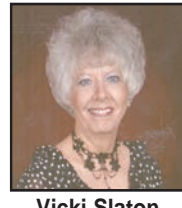




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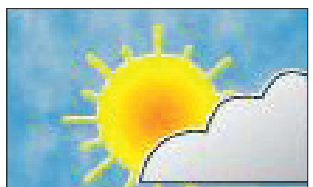


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VA to expand services

Five years after almost closing, Big Spring facility breaks ground on newest project

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Five years after the Big Spring VA Medical Center was in danger of closure, officials celebrated ground-breaking on a facility that will expand the hospital's services.

A crowd of about 100 people gathered at the north end of the VA grounds Friday morning to mark ground-breaking on a 40-bed inpatient facility that will provide treatment and other services to veterans suffering from drug addiction.

Construction on the 40-bed, 24,000 square-foot building is expected to begin immediately, with completion estimated for December 2010. It will replace a 12-bed temporary unit that was opened in December 2008.

"You work very diligently to tell your story and you hope it falls on ears that will listen to you. Fortunately, it happened."

—Mayor Russ McEwen



Local and Veterans Administration officials participate in ground breaking ceremonies Friday for a 40-bed drug abuse treatment facility that will be constructed at the local VA Medical Center. The facility is scheduled to be open by December 2010. At left, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen addresses those gathered for the ceremonies.

HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

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Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes due Monday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Operation Christmas Child project coordinators say donations are currently down compared to last year, but are hoping for a last-minute rush before Monday afternoon's deadline.

The operation, a project offered annually by the Samaritan's Purse charity to provide shoe boxes full of gifts to children all over the world, collected more than 600 boxes last holiday season, but current calculations have the project at only one-third of last year's numbers.

HOW TO HELP

- Fill a standard shoe box with items for children such as toys, shirts and caps. Items should not contain liquids and should be non-perishable.
- Take your filled shoe boxes to Allan's Furniture, 202 Scurry by 4 p.m. Monday. Include \$7 to help with shipping if you can.

son, but current calculations have the project at only one-third of last year's numbers.

"Last year we collected 685 shoe boxes for the operation," said Brenda Franklin, Operation Christmas Child

relay center coordinator for the charity's Big Spring drop off point, Allan's Furniture. "As of Wednesday, we've collected 262 shoe boxes for this year's Operation Christmas Child. It's a pretty big difference, but the days right before the deadline are always our biggest days, so we're hopeful we'll at least come close to last year's totals."

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Howard College board looks to hire architect for next remodeling phase

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Having decided how to finance renovations to Howard College's dormitories, trustees will next choose who will oversee the remodeling.

Selection of an architect and construction method will be at the top of the agenda when HC trustees hold

their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building Tumbleweed Room.

The board voted in October to issue \$3.5 million in revenue bonds to finance upgrades to the men's and women's dormitories, which haven't had significant upgrades since their construction in the late 1950s.

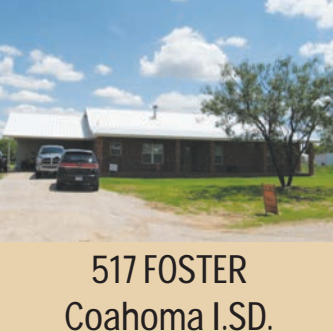
Next up is naming an architect, and College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said she intends to recommend that the board hire the Lubbock firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to handle those chores. PSC architects have been heavily

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A Sands stampede



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Hayden Ware sacks Sierra Blanca quarterback Adam Ramirez in the second quarter Friday night. The sack led to a Michael Gomez scoop-and-score touchdown as Sands beat Sierra Blanca 72-24 in Pecos.

Mustangs crush Sierra Blanca, 72-24

By JOE ZITIGMA

Sports Editor
PECOS – The Sands Mustangs took their revenge Friday night in Pecos.

One year after the Sierra Blanca Vaqueros ended the Mustangs' season in the second round of the playoffs, Sands handed Sierra Blanca a 72-24 beating at Eagle Stadium in Pecos.

Daniel Armendariz carried the load for Sands on the ground, carrying 13 times for 167 yards and accounting for six total touchdowns. He ran for two on the ground, passed for 52 yards and two more scores, and caught a 42-yard pass for six as well. His counterpart, Johnny Rogers, carried eight times for 42 yards and passed for 71 more and two touchdowns.

Head coach Wayne Henderson said it was his game plan to throw the ball over the heads of a large Sierra Blanca defense to complement his running attack.

"We tried to practice a little

bit of being a double threat both ways," he said. "We have some good kids and I'm really proud of them right now."

The Mustangs started the game by forcing a Sierra Blanca fumble at the Sands 31-yard line, which they promptly marched down the field for an opening drive touchdown that Hayden Ware punched it in from six yards out.

Sands struck again on the first play of the second quarter when, facing a fourth-down at its own 38-yard line, Armendariz found Adam Hernandez for his first touchdown pass of the night to take a 16-0 lead.

However, the Sierra Blanca offense would not go quietly. Vaqueros quarterback Adam Ramirez, whose scrambling efforts fueled his offense, answered the Mustang score with a 47-yard touchdown pass to Nick Gonzalez, cutting the lead in half.

After a Johnny Rogers touchdown pass to Armendariz

stretched the lead to 30-8, Sierra Blanca mounted a drive into Sands territory with one minute left in the first half. That's when Landon Parker sacked Ramirez behind the line and the ball squirted free to Michael Gomez, who took it 26 yards for the scoop-and-score.

"We played this team last year, and (Ramirez) was good last year too," head coach Wayne Henderson said. "When he started having to scramble and really make things happen, it didn't work as well for him, and therefore we were able to make some plays."

Ramirez and the Vaqueros came back to add another score with 14 seconds left before the break to cut the lead to 30-16, but Armendariz had other ideas.

Armendariz took two plays to march 46 yards into the end zone as time expired, giving the Mustangs a 38-16 halftime

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Garden City rolls to easy playoff win

By MATT PRICE

Special to the Herald

TRENT – One single defensive stand at the end of the first half of play shifted the momentum and caused Crowell to be hit by a Garden City avalanche in the second half of their six-man playoff game Friday night in Trent.

Garden City advanced to the next round of the six-man playoffs with an 86-36 win over the Wildcats.

The game was hard fought in the first quarter as Crowell won the toss and elected to receive. The Wildcats took only 24 seconds to strike for a touchdown and with the added two-point conversion led early 8-0.

Garden City struck back almost immediately, however, when Crowell tried an on-side kick on the kick-off only to have it run back for a touchdown by Bearkat junior Brett Chudej. Garden City then came up with its first defensive stop of the night; three plays later, Chudej caught a 45-yard pass touchdown pass for a 16-8 lead with 3:40 remaining in the first quarter.

The first quarter ended with the score 16-14 as Crowell pushed across a touchdown but failed to convert its point-after kick.

The two teams exchanged a couple of touchdowns in the second quarter and the score was 28-22 with a minute remaining in the first half. The Wildcats had the ball on the Garden City 15-yard-line and was poised to score and take the lead when the G-City defense came up big.

Crowell needed five yards for a first and goal and rolled the dice on fourth down, but Garden City stopped the Wildcats cold and took over with just under a minute left in the quarter and half.

The Bearkats took advantage and marched 65 yards down the field for a touchdown. The drive was capped by a 40-yard touchdown run from Josh Colunga, who finished the night with more than 300 yards rushing. The score at halftime was 36-22.

"That was huge for this game," Garden City Head Coach Vance Jones said. "I just wanted to get a stop and then to score like that? Huge. I was thinking ahead about what could happen and the big swing in this game but then to actually see it happen was wonderful."

The momentum shift was fatal to the Wildcats, who gave up 28 unanswered points in the third quarter and only managed to put up six points before the start of the fourth quarter. The score at the end of the third quarter was 72-28 Garden

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Stanton's playoff run ends with 35-21 defeat at hands of Olton

Herald Staff Report

SUNDOWN – Stanton coach John Peterson knew his defense was going to have to come to play against quarterback Bobby Wayne Workman and the Olton offense.

He knew he had to put up some points, too.

Stanton's defense played tough, but Olton scored 21 first-half points, all from Workman, and shut out the Buffalos through the first two periods to propel the Mustangs to a 35-21 victory in Sundown on Friday. The Olton quarterback threw for 438 yards, ran for 78 and picked off Stanton quarterback Tyler Fulton twice in the game.

"They were tough and they gave us some fits in our secondary," Peterson said. "They did a really good job. Workman's a very good quarterback. They had a very good offensive line as well."

Workman began the scoring with a 38-yard touchdown pass to Torey Jimenez in the latter stages of the first quarter. After the teams

exchanged possessions, Workman again found the end zone, this time picking off Fulton and returning it 30 yards to paydirt with six minutes left in the half.

Stanton looked like it was going to get into the locker room with at a 14-point deficit, but Workman worked the no-huddle and struck again from 37 yards out with 11 seconds left to give the Mustangs a 21-point halftime advantage.

The Buffaloes made things interesting in the second half, getting in the end zone on their first possession with a 15-yard touchdown scamper from Spencer Cortez.

After Workman tossed his third touchdown of the night, this time a 19-yard toss to Jimenez, Stanton joined the aerial assault with a 57-yard bomb from Fulton to Adam Montez.

But every time Stanton threatened to close the gap, Workman came back with something of his own. Less than a minute later, Workman

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Lamesa tops Lady Steers

Big Spring's Taryn Kennedy shoots during the Lady Steers' game with Lamesa Friday night in Steer Gym. The Lady Steers lost, 42-33. Leading scorers for Big Spring were Linzee Yarbar and Lashaunte Anderson with seven points apiece

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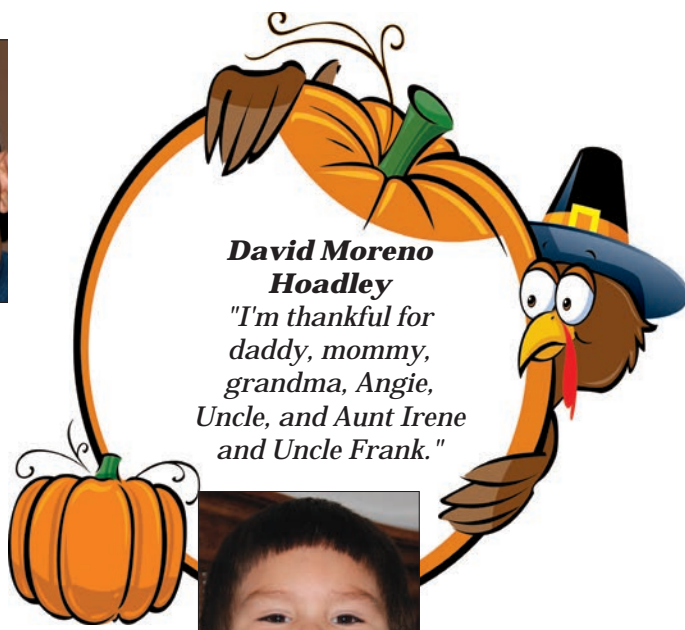


A Time for Thanksgiving



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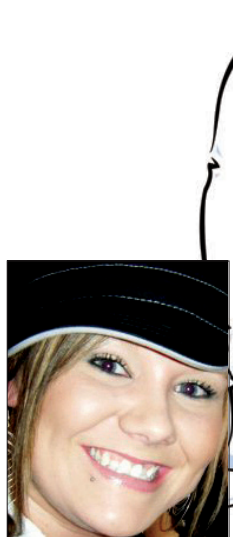
David Moreno Hoadley

"I'm thankful for daddy, mommy, grandma, Angie, Uncle, and Aunt Irene and Uncle Frank."



Mindy Zant

"I am thankful for a wonderful God who loved me enough to send His Son to die on a cross for my sins; for a wonderful husband...who loves to cook; for the best family, in the world; to live in America where we are free to make decisions for ourselves..if the government doesn't mess things up; for my back porch and chocolate."



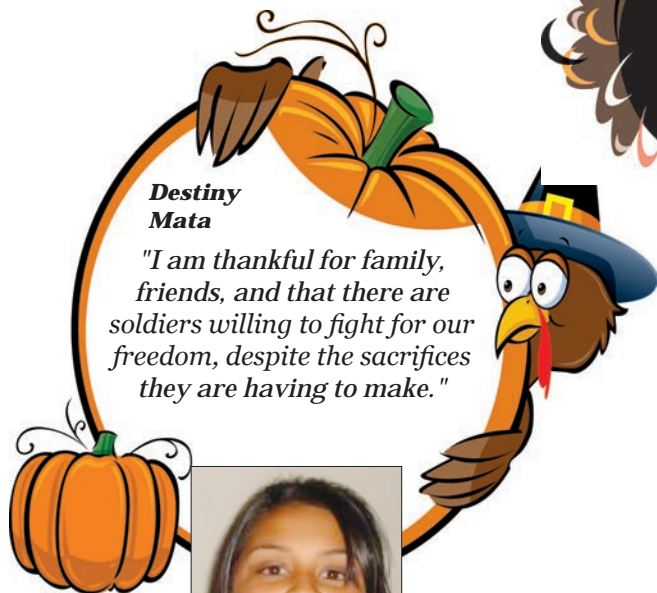
Angela Pace

"Mom, Dad, and Friends: I'm thankful for every moment that we have spent together. You were there for me when I needed it most... through the good times and the bad. I was given a second chance at life, two years ago and I am doing my best to fulfill my purpose. So now I want you to know that I'm here for you like you were for me. Thank you for everything."



Abigail Fierro

"I am thankful for momma, Michael, Destiny, Tasha, Grandpa Tyky, Eric and Tyrone!"



Destiny Mata

"I am thankful for family, friends, and that there are soldiers willing to fight for our freedom, despite the sacrifices they are having to make."



Connie Eggleston

"I am thankful for my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am thankful for living in a country that allows me to worship my Savior. He has blessed my life with a wonderful family, friends, job and my incredible church, Trinity Baptist. I am so thankful for His rich blessings. God is GOOD!"



Danelle Castillo

"I am thankful to be able to live in a free country where people protect each other, even if they don't know each other."



Thanksgiving can become hectic, especially if Thanksgiving dinner is taking place at your house. Running around, trying to get everything done might make you think you forgot something, but don't worry, we are providing you with a checklist. Hopefully this will help you remember everything and not worry so much.

Around the house


- * Clean the bathrooms — people will be visiting not only the kitchen, but the bathroom. Make sure the mirror is cleaned so the women can freshen up, clean the sink and the toilet. It would be nice to place some fresh fall scented potpourri or a plug-in, to give that inviting feeling.
- * Bring out extra chairs, to accommodate the amount of company that you will be catering to. Everyone should be able to sit comfortably, especially while eating.
- * If young children will be at your house, make sure that you accommodate them also. Make sure that they can't reach anything breakable or dangerous. You are protecting your valuables as well as the children.
- * If you will have house guests, make sure you have room and fresh sheets for

them.

- * Clean the silverware and plates that you will be using. If you are bringing out special dishes then make sure that they have been washed and are presentable.

In the Kitchen

- * Make sure that the oven is clean and ready for the heavy duty cooking that will be required.
- * Make sure you know how long to cook the turkey or ham and at what temperature.
- * Make sure you have adequate bowls, pots, pans and other utensils that you will need to prepare the meal. You don't want to be in the middle of cooking and find out that you don't have a big enough pan.
- * Serving sizes should be able to accommodate the entire party, especially if you are cooking for a large number of people during the holidays.
- * Plan where you will place the food for easy access for everyone. People don't want to be bumping into each other while trying to reach the food.
- * Once again, if feeding small children make sure that you have enough food for them to eat and if there are any allergies, you can plan your meal accordingly.



Thanksgiving Dinner

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- Ham
- green bean casserole
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- cranberry sauce
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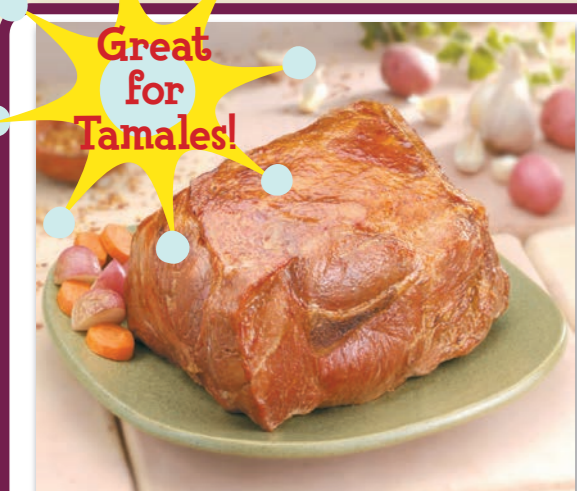
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Obituaries

Lloyd (Brother) Wolf



Lloyd (Brother) Wolf, 86, of Sweetwater, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2009. Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Wes Massey officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lloyd was born Oct. 5, 1923, in Quitaque to Esther Mae and John Andrew Wolf. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He married Reba Lee Davis on March 23, 1946, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Jan. 20, 1986. Lloyd was in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a top turret gunner on a B-17. He completed 33 missions over Germany and Belgium. He was a crew member of the Qualified Quail.

Lloyd began his career with Cosden in 1949. He later worked for Fina and was part of the crew that built the cat-cracker. He retired in 1982. After retirement, he had a pecan orchard for several years. He enjoyed gardening and making board games. He was a member of 1st Baptist Church of Coahoma.

He moved to Nolan County in 1997. He is survived by three daughters, Judy West and her husband George of Coahoma; Kaye Bunn of Sweetwater; and Terri Wiede and her husband Mike of Colorado Springs, Colo.; seven grandchildren, Brandy Manning of Fort Worth; Allison Holt of Mansfield; Teresa Stone of Holladay, Ten.; Drew Bunn of Roscoe; Justin Wiede and Alison Wiede of Denver, Colo.; Jessica Wiede of Colorado Springs, Colo.; seven great-grandchildren, Justin Stone, Joe Manning, Katy Manning, T.J. Manning, Sarah Manning, Sabrina Jones and Jacob Bunn; five sisters, Edna Ray of Runaway Bay, Patsy Burke of Wichita Falls, Wilma Sherrod of Big Spring, Wanda Wilson and husband Hilton of Lamesa and Helen Davis of Big Spring; one brother, Burel Wolf and wife Linda of Lancaster; four sisters-in-law, Ruth Wolf of Roseville, Calif.; Winona Wolf of Merkel, Wanda Wolf of Big Spring and Jaynie Davis of Kentucky. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews who called him "Uncle Brother."

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Allen Bunn; five brothers, William, Charlie, Buren, John and Calvin Wolf; and two sisters, Frances Smith and Lorene Brown.

Pallbearers will be Guy White, Donald Lee, Bill Myers, Alan McQuire, Steve Carraway and Elias Soto.

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

Paid obituary

Mar Tina Sue Goertz Hall



Mar Tina Sue Goertz Hall, 61, of Big Spring died Thursday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris of St. Mary's Episcopal Church officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

The daughter of Dorothy and Albert F. Goertz was born Oct. 25, 1948 in San Angelo. She grew up in Texon and graduated from Artesia High School in Artesia, N.M. She also graduated from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces and University of Tulsa Law School in Tulsa, Okla.

She and John Valton Hall were married in Artesia, N.M., Sept. 2, 1968. They formed a realty and development company (SDC) in Ruidoso, N.M., which they sold in 1989. She was a partner in the law firm of Hall and Hall Ltd. in Santa Fe, N.M. In 2001, ill health forced her to move to Big Spring. She worked as a substitute teacher in the Big Spring Independent School District.

John Hall, her parents, and sister-in-law, Jean Goertz, and brother-in-law, Patrick Newbrough preceded her in death.

She is survived by her brother, Roger Goertz of Big Spring, sister, Gigette Newbrough Gilles of Abilene; a niece and an aunt.

Memorials may be made to the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or the donor's favorite charity.

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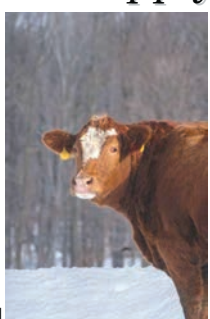
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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- DAVID HEFFINGTON, 41, 1207 Settles, was arrested on two warrants.
- MARK STANLEY, 48, no address given, was arrested on a charge of solicitation by a pedestrian.
- TERRY GREGORY, 51, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JACEN STOTT, 53, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1800 block of Mittle.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.
- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS was reported in the 500 block of 12th.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway and the 1500 block of Sycamore.

Take Note

• T&P Federal Credit Union has set up an account for Arthur Hernandez Jr. for medical expenses. Arthur has had numerous medical problems the past couple of years. He has had several surgeries on his stomach, the last one a few weeks ago. After the surgery he developed a staph infection. He is still in the hospital. The out-of-pocket expenses, the travel and expenses for his wife and many other numerous expenses are mounting up. Please help Arthur and his wife Melinda in this difficult time and make a much-needed donation.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected 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.

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

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

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

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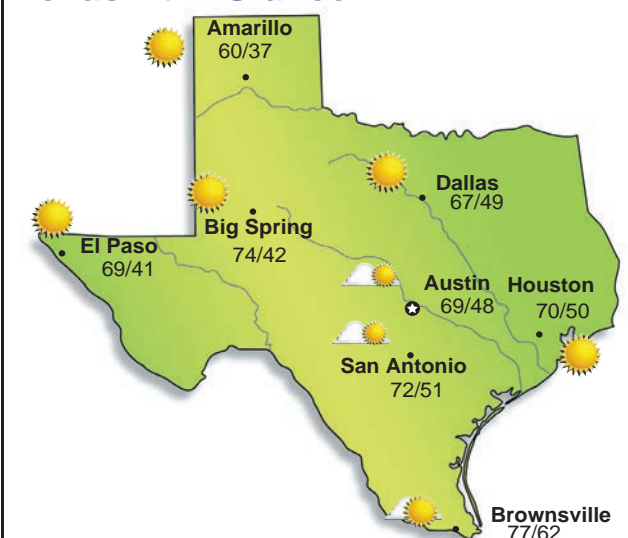
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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74/42	77/38	62/33	64/32	63/35
Sunny skies. High 74F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
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Austin	69	48	pt sunny	Lubbock	67	48	pt sunny
Beaumont	67	50	pt sunny	Lufkin	70	39	sunny
Brownsville	77	62	mst sunny	Midland	68	47	pt sunny
Brownwood	70	48	pt sunny	Raymondville	76	44	sunny
Corpus Christi	73	57	sunny	Rosenberg	78	60	mst sunny
Corsicana	67	48	sunny	San Antonio	72	51	pt sunny
Dallas	67	49	sunny	San Marcos	70	47	sunny
Del Rio	72	52	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	67	49	mst sunny
El Paso	69	41	sunny	Sweetwater	72	46	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	76	45	sunny	Tyler	67	47	mst sunny
Gainesville	66	47	pt sunny	Weatherford	66	46	sunny
Greenville	66	46	sunny	Wichita Falls	67	43	pt sunny
Houston	70	50	sunny				

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	49	45	rain	Minneapolis	53	45	rain
Boston	50	39	mst sunny	New York	54	45	mst sunny
Chicago	56	40	mst sunny	Phoenix	73	48	sunny
Dallas	67	49	sunny	San Francisco	60	45	rain
Denver	47	30	mst sunny	Seattle	47	39	rain
Houston	70	50	sunny	St. Louis	62	45	sunny
Los Angeles	72	49	sunny	Washington, DC	55	50	pt sunny
Miami	83	72	cloudy				

Moon Phases



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Births

Ella Jane Gannaway, a girl, was born at 1:47 p.m. Nov. 4, 2009, at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, weighing 9 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. She is the daughter of Greg and Miranda Gannaway of Midland.

Grandparents are Robert and Cathy Parsons, Lynn Gannaway and Donna Gannaway, all of Big Spring.



Ella Jane Gannaway

Ramona and Gerald Harris

will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary November 23, 1949 by Reverend C.C. Rhodes, pastor of the West Side Baptist Church. The couple have lived in Howard county area for the past sixty years.

Ramona is the daughter of the late C.M. And Ethel Weaver. Gerald is the son of the late B.P. And Lola Harris. The Harris' have four children: Lee, Clay, Leslie of Big Spring and Matthew of Dallas, Texas. They have 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ramona retired from Howard College in 1993 as a nursing instructor and Gerald is self-employed. Through the years, the Harris' have enjoyed playing golf, bridge, and traveling throughout the Big Bend area.



Happy 60th Anniversary!!



Gabriella Alexis Salazar

Gabriella Alexis Salazar, a girl, was born at 12:32 a.m. Oct. 20, 2009, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Melissa M. Escanuelas and Christopher A. Salazar Sr. of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Steve and Socorro Escanuelas and Pete Jr. and Cathy Salazar.



Cooper Tye Johnson

Cooper Tye Johnson, a boy, was born at 5:48 p.m. Sept. 30, 2009, weighing 7 pounds, 12.6 ounces and was 20-1/4 inches long. He is the son of Zachery and Brandi Johnson of Coahoma.

Grandparents are Sue Self and the late Robert "Snuffy" Self of Coahoma, Ron Robey of Big Spring, Budd and Dianne Johnson of Brandon, Fla., and Sherry and Ron Mowery of Granbury.

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Commissioners to consider burn ban

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will entertain a hot topic during their meeting Monday morning — quite literally.

The court is expected to meet with Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan to discuss the growing threat of wildfires in the Crossroads area, and to possibly enact a county-wide burn ban.

“Since we had our first hard freeze of the season, all of the grass and brush that was green is now brown, so we’ve seen a huge increase in the fuel load out there,” said Sullivan. “And as

the risk goes up, the need to hold people accountable for their actions goes up.”

The last burn ban enacted in the county was approved by commissioners in January, according to Sullivan, but was allowed to lapse in April because conditions had improved.

If approved by commissioners, Sullivan said the burn ban will follow the same rules as in the past.

“People are still allowed to burn in burn barrels. They have to be barrels with no holes in them and they have to have a tight screen on them,” said Sullivan. “They are also

required to have a fire extinguisher or water hose, and they have to stay with the fire from the time it’s started until it’s completely out. If someone calls in and sees someone is burning, and a deputy or fire department shows up and no one is out there watching it, that’s a violation of the burn ban and they could be fined up to \$500.

“If the fire gets away from them and gets onto someone’s personal property, then they will not only get a fine for failure to adhere to a burn ban, they will also be fined for reckless endangerment, which makes that fine \$1,000.

Like I’ve said, \$5 to go to the landfill is a lot easier on the wallet than a \$1,000 fine, not to mention a lawsuit if the fire damages someone else’s property.”

Having already responded to a half-dozen grass fires last week, Sullivan said there’s little doubt he and his firefighters are in for a long — and possibly dry — winter.

“The number of grass fires is picking up, just like we expected. Once we had that first hard freeze, we all knew it was just a matter of time,” said Sullivan. “One of the most recent fires was a resident who was burning his trash.

He was doing almost everything by the book, using a steel mesh and a metal burn barrel with a water hose right there. However, he went inside to wash his hands really quick and by the time he got back there were already four or five acres burning.

“It can happen that fast. We have plenty of fires to deal with throughout the year just from the oil fields and electrical lines, but when you add the human factor to it things get really tough, really fast.”

Monday’s meeting will get under way a bit differently than in the past, according to Coun-

ty Judge Mark Barr, with the commissioners prepared to preside in new surroundings.

“We’ll be having a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:30 a.m., just before the meeting, at our new location on the third floor,” said Barr. “We’ve had renovations going on in the old District Courtroom for sometime now, and we’ll be holding our first meeting there Monday.”

VA

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“This building will represent commitment, it will represent caring, it will represent kindness, it will represent responsibility and it will represent repaying the debt we owe to veterans,” said Ken Eigen, project engineer for the VA southwest regional

office. “What we are doing here means so much more than just putting up a building; building this will have an effect on people for years to come.”

Eigen said Friday’s ground-breaking culminates more than five years of effort on the part of officials to bring the facility to fruition.

“There were a lot of people along that path who helped make this a

reality,” he said. “This project is not only a blessing for Big Spring; it is also a blessing for veterans we haven’t been able to reach before.”

For local officials such as Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, who fought long and hard to keep the VAMC open after federal officials first announced intentions to close it in 2005, Friday’s ceremony represented a

vindication of their efforts.

“You work very diligently to tell your story and you hope it falls on ears that will listen to you,” said McEwen, recalling the countless meetings local leaders had with federal officials in their fight to keep the Big Spring VAMC open. “Fortunately, it happened.”

VAMC Director Daniel Marsh said the con-

struction project will employ up to 70 people and the facility will provide between 10 and 15 jobs once completed, but McEwen said its impact will go beyond that.

“It means the same thing we said five years ago — that we will take care of veterans in West Texas in a very meaningful way,” he said.

BOXES

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Franklin said Monday at 4 p.m. will be the deadline for local residents to submit their shoe boxes.

“All they need to do is get a shoe box and fill it with different items,” said Franklin. “Things like toys and hygiene items are always a good idea. Please don’t include anything that’s a liquid, like lotion or shampoo, or anything that comes in an aerosol can. No breakables, such as snow globes and things like that. When picking out toys, please don’t include anything that might be considered war related, such as toy

guns or knives. Perishables, like chocolate and other food items, should also be left out.

“Once they have their box filled they can drop it off here at Allan’s Furniture, located at 202 Scurry in downtown Big Spring. We’ll then pack up all the boxes into a crate and ship them out.”

Franklin said the boxes offer a source of hope for many children living in horrible conditions around the world.

“These boxes will be the only thing many of these children will have to open Christmas morning,” said Franklin. “Many donors will put scriptures and words of encouragement in the gift, as well, so I feel like we’re helping to deliver

a really good message.”

Donors can drop off their boxes at Allan’s Furniture from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday, according to Franklin. A \$7 donation is requested — but not required — to help with the shipping costs, and can be left inside the box, according to the Operation Christmas Child Web site.

Franklin said donors should mark their box for either a boy or girl in age groups of two to four years; five to nine and 10 to 14 years of age. The boxes can be decorated with Christmas paper but the lid must be able to be separated from the box.

“There is so much power in a simple gift,” said Franklin. “Children around the world get a

chance to hear of God’s love through a simple shoe box filled with many different items. It warms my heart to see all the boxes collected and to know we can make a difference in a child’s life.”

COLLEGE

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involved in renovation projects currently under way at various sites on campus.

The architects will be charged with designing upgrades to dormitories which simply cannot meet modern students’ needs, Sparks said.

“When the dorms were constructed in the 1950s, student (electricity) needs were much less than they are today,” Sparks said. “So we need to upgrade the electrical system in the dorms, along with other infrastructure systems as well.”

Renovation of the dormitories is expected to be completed during the

summer in order to minimize inconvenience to students, Sparks said.

“We do have some students who will be living on campus during the summer,” she said. “We’ll have to find some other accommodations for them ... it’s just a situation where there’s never a perfect time to do this.”

As far as other campus renovation projects go, Sparks will report to trustees on progress in those areas. She said renovation is almost complete at the student union building and Horace Garrett Building, while remodeling of the administration building has begun “in earnest.”

In a related note, Sparks said because of electrical primary modification work, the

Big Spring campus will be subject to intermittent blackouts over the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will dismiss for the holiday Monday and not resume until the following week.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Annual reviews of memorandums of understanding for college foundations.
- Catalog and handbook changes.
- President’s report.

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Bobby Bricker and Jolene Deel

Deel and Bricker

Bobby Bricker and Jolene Deel, both of Big Spring, have announced their intention to exchange wedding vows in December.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ronnie and Geneva Stacy of Big Spring and Jim McNutt of Luther. She is the granddaughter of Thelma Nesbit and the late Dwight Nesbit of Virden, N.M., and the late Melvin and Jessie McNutt, formerly of Montrose, Colo. She has two daughters, Lindsey and Reagan and one son, Shane. She is employed by the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

The groom-to-be is the son of the late Jack and Coreen Bricker, formerly of Carlsbad, N.M., and the grandson of Marie Bricker of Carlsbad, N.M. He has two sons, Weston and William. He is employed by Feiderhoff Brothers Drilling.

They plan to wed at 4 p.m. Dec. 5, 2009, at Kokopelli's in Big Spring.

Menus

Senior Center

Monday: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, cornbread, cherry cobbler, milk.

Tuesday: Beef stew with vegetables, tossed salad, dressing, cornbread, brownie, milk.

Wednesday: Crispy baked chicken, garden blend rice, mixed green salad, bread pudding with vanilla sauce, milk.

Thursday: Holiday

Friday: Holiday

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast-Pancakes; Lunch- Grilled cheese or ham and cheese sandwich, potato puffs, vegetable sticks, fruit cocktail, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Oatmeal; Lunch- Cheeseburger or hamburger, western beans, hamburger salad, fruit cup, milk, chips.

Wednesday: Holiday

Thursday: Holiday

Friday: Holiday

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast- Waffles, sausage, grape juice, milk; Lunch- Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, wheat bread, green beans,

milk, Sloppy Joes.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Donuts, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch- Pizza, corn, peach cups, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast- Pop Tarts, sausage, apple-sauce, milk; Lunch- Hot Pockets, chips, oranges, baby carrots with ranch dressing.

Thursday: Holiday

Friday: Holiday

Big Spring ISD

Thanksgiving Break

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast- Muffin, banana, juice, milk; Lunch- Hamburger, lettuce, tomato and pickle, baked chips, baby carrots with ranch dressing, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk; Lunch- Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken and noodle soup, pickle spears, crackers, strawberries and bananas, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast- French toast, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch- Pizza choice, seasoned corn, tossed salad, frozen peach cup, milk.

Thursday: Holiday

Friday: Holiday

Weddings

Schwartz-Tan

Nicole (Niki) Dyan Schwartz and Brent Benjamin Tan were united in marriage Aug. 1, 2009, at Tapestry Church in Roswell, Ga., with the Rev. Phil Rikard officiating.

Nicole is the daughter of Martha and Floyd Schwartz of St. Lawrence and granddaughter of Rose and Joe Schwartz of Garden City and Emma Doe of Big Spring and the late Robert (Huck) Doe.

Brent is the son of Susan Redovian and Benjamin Tan of North Canton, Ohio. He is the grandson of Patricia Wilkey and late Cyrus Wilkey of Akron, Ohio, and the late Mateo Tan and Leng Kuhn Tan of Macon, Ga.

The bride's formal ecru gown was by designer Melissa Sweet, featuring spaghetti straps, pintucking, pearls, crystals and a chapel-length train. She wore a chapel-length veil embellished with pearls and rhinestones. Her bouquet was of gardenias and stephanotis. Matrons of honor were

sisters of the bride, Kamie Hamilton of Canyon and Chelsea Petty of Midland. The bridesmaid was Stefanie Capozzi of North Canton, Ohio. The flower girl was Jacie Hamilton, niece of the bride, of Canyon. The bridesmaids wore tea-length dresses of pewter in different styles and carried bouquets of yellow calla lilies and yellow roses. The flower girl also wore a floor-length white chiffon gown with a white rose halo and carried a white and yellow rose ball.

The best man was Pete Bacapolous of Canton, Ohio. The groomsmen were Joe Sedlak of North Canton and Jeff Portis of Woodstock, Ga. The ring bearers were Kyle and Owen Capozzi of North Canton, nephews of the groom.

Candle lighters were the groom's sister, Marcie Shafer and groom's nephew, Noah Capozzi. The lector was Bob Ellis of Milton, Ga. Tavia Gary and Steve Humphreys of Atlanta, Ga., performed during the



Mr. and Mrs. Brent Benjamin Tan

lighting of the unity candle. Ushers were Jeff Hamilton of Canyon, Justin Petty of Midland and Chris Capozzi of North Canton. The program attendants were Alison McGeary

and Meghan Hurley of Atlanta, Ga.

The reception, dinner and dance were held at Kimble Hall in historic downtown Roswell following the ceremony. The hall and grounds were decorated with yellow roses for the bride's home state of Texas, yellow calla lilies, orchids and white hydrangeas. The tables were covered with alternating cloths of pewter and yellow and topped with black and white damask runners. Silver candlesticks and holders were used throughout the rooms. The multi-tiered wedding cake was white with yellow roses.

Nicole is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2000 graduate of West Texas A&M Uni-

versity with a degree in business management. She is employed with Apollo Group in Alpharetta, Ga., while pursuing her master's of business administration.

Brent graduated in 1996 from Hoover High School in North Canton, Ohio. He attended Oxford University in England before graduating summa cum laude from Malone University with a degree in economics in 2001. He is currently employed with Chubb and Son in Atlanta, Ga.

The newlyweds were showered with rose petals and fresh lavender before departing on a mini-moon trip to Savannah, Ga., immediately following the reception. They will honeymoon in Greece in December. Nicole and Brent currently reside in Roswell, Ga.

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OUR VIEW

Salvation Army needs help with holiday dinner

Thanksgiving. Perhaps no other word is more effective for conjuring up visions of families gathered together, not only in prayer, thanking God for the blessings he's bestowed on them, but around an impressive larder of homemade foods.

Unfortunately for many, Thanksgiving is not such a time. Some find themselves alone and homebound. Others are too far from family and do not have the time off or money available to travel long-distance. And still others simply don't enjoy having plenty of anything and find themselves in need.

And that's why the local Salvation Army is in the process of preparing to serve up hundreds of Thanksgiving dinners on Nov. 26.

Cpts. Ed and Terrie Cheshire say their office is already getting calls inquiring about the local charity's annual Thanksgiving dinner — most, so far, from homebound people in the community asking for delivered meals.

And that means the Salvation Army is currently seeking local residents willing to take a little time from their holiday to volunteer and help others.

"It really is just an immense amount of work and has to be done in a fairly short period of time," Ed Cheshire noted.

Volunteers are an integral part of the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving feast, providing everything from kitchen help to delivering meals.

"Our volunteers are absolutely vital to that process," Cheshire added. "We have groups that come in just about every year and help, and this year we're hoping to see some new faces as well. Giving your time and volunteering during Thanksgiving really gives you a new perspective on the holiday."

There's nothing difficult about volunteering — you simply show up and help out.

Anyone needing additional information about how they can help, or wanting to schedule a meal delivery on Thanksgiving, should call the Salvation Army's corps office at 267-8239.

We here at the Herald encourage those who can to lend the Salvation Army a hand.

What better way could there be to realize just what you have to be grateful for this Thanksgiving?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we keep our emotions in check, Lord, by bringing all our problems to You.

Amen

Women's health negotiated away

The House passed an "historic" health care bill last week — there was much celebration on the Democratic side, and wailing and gnashing of teeth from Republicans.

The bill was historic, all right.

Along with the first federal abortion ban in history passed in 2003 (and affirmed by the Supreme Court in 2007), this bill went further than any previous action to restrict access to abortion in the U.S. since Roe v. Wade gave women the right to choose.

Unable to hold their caucus together, the House leadership went all in with reproductive choice as the bargaining chip to get a bill — any bill — passed.

Never mind that it deeply undermined the rights of the majority (women) in this country.

The Stupak amendment, backed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops — who lobbied heavily for it, eliminates abortion services from health care coverage altogether.

Going beyond an earlier compromise that would have allowed insurers to cover abortion but not with federal funding, it bars abortion coverage not only in any public plan, but essentially

in private ones as well. Insurers participating in health care insurance exchanges are prohibited from offering coverage at all, even if a woman pays for it using her own money.

The pro-choice women in the House put up a mighty battle, but there weren't enough of them.

They were reportedly outraged and emotional, and broke off negotiations when George Miller (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, told them to get used to the fact that the House is now majority anti-abortion. The vote on the amendment (240-194) proved him right.

Women's groups are furious, though they're stopping short of outright condemnation of Nancy Pelosi, who reportedly met at length with the Catholic lobbyists in her office suite shortly before the dirty deal was done.

Instead, the groups are calling on President Obama to refuse to sign a bill with the Stupak provisions in it.

Don't count on it.

The Compromiser-in-Chief signaled long ago that he's willing to look the other way on abortion rights. Obama's speech at Notre Dame last spring was all about "common ground" on abortion, but if you listened with half an ear you heard that all the concessions he mentioned had to come from the pro-choice side. And according to The New York

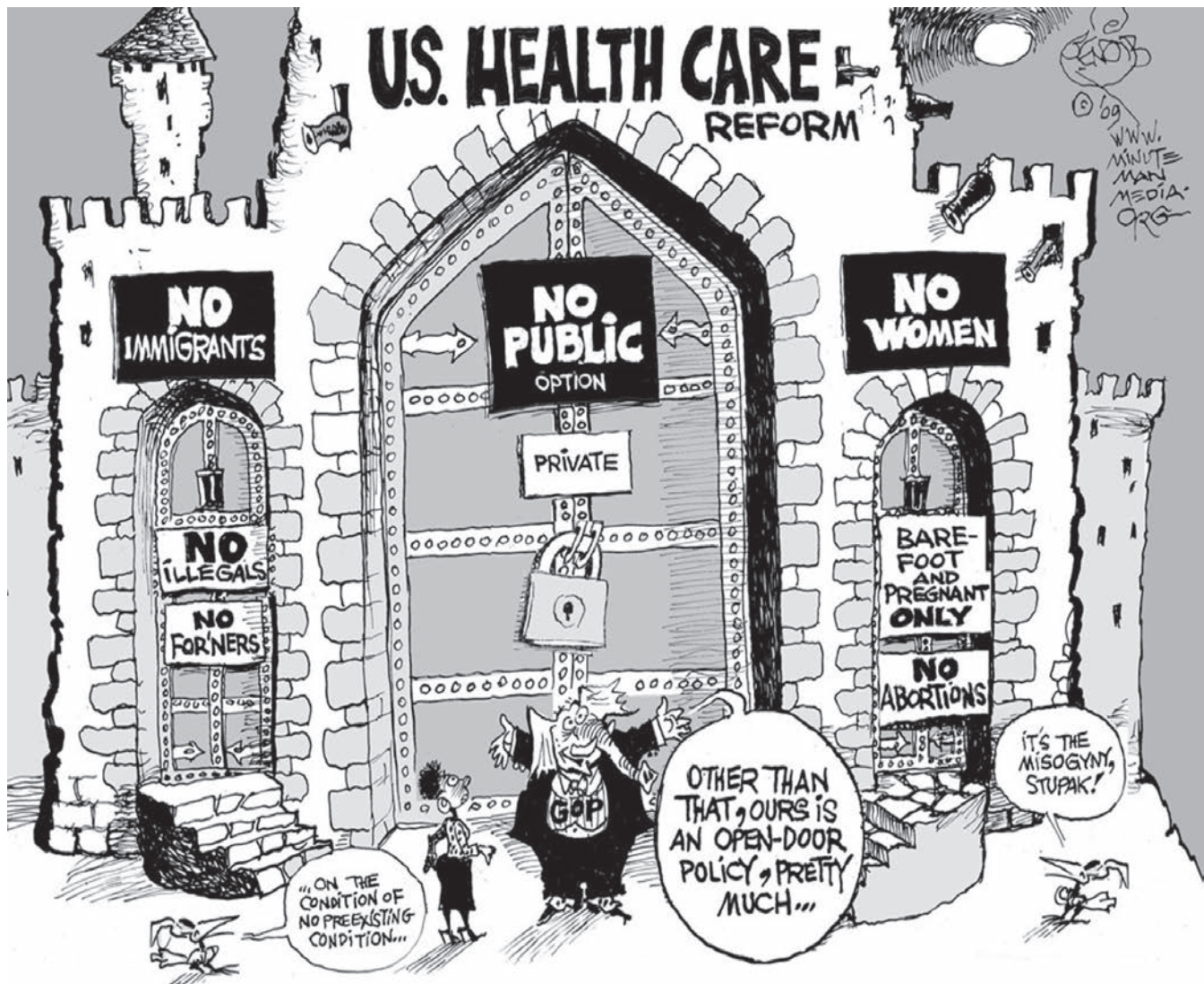
Times, he "listened intently" to Cardinal Sean O'Malley, the Archbishop of Boston, when O'Malley told him at Ted Kennedy's funeral that the bishops wouldn't support any health reform with abortion coverage of any kind.

The House got the message loud and clear (and the Senate is expected to follow), because they've "conceded" away any hope of reproductive choice for women who need health insurance. I suppose a very tiny minority at the top of the income heap (maybe a few female bond traders on Wall Street) won't be affected because they can just tap into the fat bonuses provided by Congress for enough money to pay for an abortion if they need it.

As for the rest of us, our daughters and granddaughters, welcome to the new reality. You're now officially a second-class citizen. The House of Representatives said so, and your president didn't draw a line in the sand on women's rights when asked if he could live with it. He punted, saying it's a health care bill, not an abortion bill.

Unfortunately, that's the change we now can believe in.

Martha Burk is a political psychologist and women's issues expert and is director of the Corporate Accountability Project for the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO).



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is to highly praise Washington Elementary School. When my grandson was born, he was born with neurofibromatosis, several heart conditions and absent IGA. He spent most of his first three years in hospitals and in doctors' offices. He was unable to go to any daycare facilities or sitters due to illness.

Last year we tried to send him to kindergarten, but the teacher and staff didn't want to take the time to work with him. During that time I took him to doctors and he was diagnosed with a detachment disorder due to never being away from us.

So this year, we tried again and the new principal was very aware of what the detachment disorder was and we explained his illness and our concern of him falling due to the five small brain tumors.

They were willing to work with us and, believe me, it was hard. They kept in contact with us daily and we had several meetings to stay on top of things.

Now my grandson walks into school by himself. So, for all this that we couldn't have done on our own, I praise from the deepest part of my heart, his teacher, Laura Jones; the principal, Mr. Aguero; and the staff at Washington Elementary.

TONI COLLINS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The Howard County Road and Bridge Department employees would like to thank everyone who has either donated money at the Howard County Credit Union, courthouse, or bought a raffle ticket to benefit our friend and co-worker, Gary Harris.

Our raffle was very successful and the winner of the Wal-Mart gift card was Victor Hewetty. We are still accepting donations at the courthouse for Gary.

Gary was burned over 25 percent of his body when he struck a gas line with his maintainer at work. He remains in the ICU Burn Unit at Lubbock UMC Hospital where he is recovering, although he has a long way to go.

Please keep him in your prayers.

DARRELL NICHOLS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of Walk with God, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the city of Big Spring and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for helping to make our first annual 5K Walk/Run such a special event. We look extremely forward to working with the community during the upcoming years to expand our mission and those it touches.

Walk with God came about as a result of a personal desire to promote unity and togetherness,

not only among the community of Big Spring and West Texas, but also among the community of Christ.

The 5K Walk/Run gives an opportunity for all to join together in the name of our Creator, and to share our compassion and humanity with one another. Regardless of religion, age, gender, or race, all are welcome to participate in this effort.

Proceeds from the 2009-2010 event were awarded to a very special youth group called Teen FLOW Youth Outreach Ministries in Midland.

The 5K event gives the participants a chance to just stop for a moment, reflect on the true meaning of life and give thanks to the Lord for all the beauty in the world. This walk is designed to be symbolic of the life we all lead. It poses obstacles and challenges to the participants just as life does.

However, it represents that no matter what we are walking through, our God does not abandon us, yet he holds true to his promises. Through perseverance, we will all complete this race ... the race called life! And never, ever will we be alone!

There were 42 participants and 26 sponsors from the West Texas area this year.

Thanks again to the city, the sponsors, the participants and

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First-place Cowboys host Redskins Sunday

ARLINGTON (AP) — Using the most basic fact, the argument could be made that Washington is playing better than any other team in the NFC East right now.

Yes, those 3-6 Redskins without Clinton Portis. Better even than the division-leading Dallas Cowboys, who they play Sunday in the 99th game of their ever-bitter rivalry.

Simply put, the last-place Redskins are the only NFC East team that won its last game. Could it be the sign of a turnaround toward a late-season surge?

"I just sense that we won one game, we won our third game of the season. That's really all I can sense," coach Jim Zorn said. "Being 3-6, it's not a record that just bodes of competitive-

ness, but our players have not thrown in the towel. We're just trying to climb our way out of this hole we've dug."

Washington took a positive step with a 27-17 victory over AFC West leader Denver, scoring its most points for Zorn since his second game as coach last season. Ladell Betts ran for 114 yards in place of Portis (concussion) even with the Redskins' fifth different starting offensive line combination this season.

The New York Giants haven't won in more than a month — a four-game losing streak since their 5-0 start — and Philadelphia has lost two in a row. Even Dallas (6-3), which had won four straight, needed a late touchdown just to avoid being shut out last weekend by desper-

ate Green Bay. "It's going to be a tough challenge for us," Cowboys receiver Roy Williams said. "They're pretty much in the position as Green Bay last week. They're looking for this game to be their momentum swing and we just can't let that happen two weeks in a row."

After an impressive recovery from their 2-2 start that including a loss in Denver, the Cowboys have to make sure a downward spiral doesn't continue after the 17-7 loss in Green Bay. Williams' touchdown catch came with 38 seconds left; "It was a lonely feeling in the end zone because it didn't matter," he said this week.

"We had a good run, but now from here on out we have to earn our

victories. It's just that simple," Bradie James said. "Let's start a new streak, that's what it's about."

Dallas has two games in a five-day span, following the Redskins with another winnable game: Thanksgiving Day against struggling Oakland. Then it's a trip to New York to face the Giants, whose last-play field goal in Week 2 ruined the Cowboys' debut in their new stadium.

While Zorn is trying to keep one victory in perspective, consider that U2's "Beautiful Day" was blaring from the speakers this week during a Redskins practice — and it was a sentiment no one could really argue with for a change. Their previous two wins had come against Tampa Bay and

St. Louis. "Coming off last week's victory, we've definitely got confidence. It was a big confidence-builder for us," Rock Cartwright said.

"You've got to keep it rolling. That's the whole objective," receiver Devin Thomas said. "You can never give up on a season just because things have gone bad. We knew we were just one click away from hitting on all cylinders." With a win in Dallas, the Redskins would be only two games out of the NFC East lead with six games to play, three against the other division teams — including the Cowboys at home two nights after Christmas.

Dallas, whose 57 wins against Washington are more than against any other team, doesn't

want things to get that close. The dismal day in Green Bay likely got the Cowboys' attention.

"It sobers you, you realize you can lose," coach Wade Phillips said.

"I don't think it's a sign of trouble. We lost before we got on the four-game win streak," Williams said. "It was a setback when we lost the second game. After we lost that second game, we won four straight."

The Cowboys will have two first-time starters filling in for players injured last weekend. Alan Ball takes over at safety for Ken Hamlin (high right ankle sprain) and Doug Free replaces Marc Colombo (broken left leg), creating the first change for the starting offensive line this season.

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City. The Wildcats scored a

touchdown in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter and showed signs of not wanting to be "45ed" and have the game end early. That fight was taken right out Crowell, however, when with 7:00 left in the game Bearkat senior

Marcus Cook intercepted a Wildcat pass.

At the 6:09 mark in the fourth quarter Chudej received a pass and ran it in for the last touchdown of the night to end the game by the 45-point mercy rule.

"We were down two cornerbacks tonight," Jones said. "The two that we put in there played awesome tonight."

Garden City will play Throckmorton Friday night in the third-round of the playoffs. Throckmorton beat the

Bearkats in the first game of the season for Garden City's only loss this season.

"We have now given ourselves another chance at (Throckmorton)," Jones said to his team after the game.

SANDS

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advantage. "He's really come on for us here lately," Henderson said. "We've had the one-two punch of him and Rogers all year long. And when Rogers isn't going good, Armendariz is. It just

happens that the last two games Armendariz has been the one that's doing it."

The Mustangs took control of the game in the third quarter, when they reeled off 28 points, two TDs through the air and two on the ground. A 40-yard Ramirez touchdown run for the Vaqueros extended the

game into the fourth quarter, where it ended with a 39-yard touchdown run from sophomore Junior Rogers.

The Mustangs will move on to face Borden County next week, who cruised by Balmorhea Friday night in the early game in Pecos 56-8.

"Coming into this year we wanted to do

better than what we did last year and obviously we did that," Henderson said.

"We're going to have to have good practices for what's coming at us. (Borden County is) unbelievable so we'll see what we can do."

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Sands 8 30 28 6 — 72
S. Blanca 0 16 8 0 — 24

First Quarter
S- Ware 6 run (Armendariz kick)- 5:37

Second Quarter
S- Hernandez 42 pass from Armendariz (Armendariz kick)- 9:51
SB- Gonzalez 47 pass from Ramirez (Perez kick)- 7:33
S- Armendariz 8 pass from Rogers (PAT NG)- 5:41
S- Gomez 26 fumble rec (Armendariz kick)- 1:00
SB- Porras 1 run (Perez kick)- :14

S- Armendariz 10 run (Armendariz kick)- :00

Third Quarter
S- Armendariz 20 run (PAT NG)- 7:58
S- Gomez 48 pass from Rogers (Armendariz kick)- 5:45
SB- Ramirez 40 run (Perez kick)- 5:06
S- Parker 10 pass from Armendariz (PAT NG)- 4:08
S- Jr. Rogers 21 run (Armendariz kick)- :31

Fourth Quarter
S- Jr. Rogers 39 run — 9:38

BUFFS

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threw a 22-yarder to Ryan Nieto to extend the Mustang lead back to 35-14.

A Fulton one-yard plunge with 6:12 remaining cut the lead back to 14, but Workman then milked the rest of the clock to end the game

and Stanton's season. Peterson said he was proud of the way his team played its season.

"We're very pleased with our young men and they did a great job," he said. "They completed our season as best they could, it just happened to be a loss at the end. We're not disappointed at all, we're just going to move on and get better."

Stanton will be a team to reckon with next season as well, Peterson said.

"We have a lot of young men coming back," he said. "We have a lot to look forward to in the future. We'll see what realignment does for us and we'll go from there."

OLTON 35, STANTON 21

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First Quarter
OLT-Torey Jimenez 38 pass from Bobby Workman (Javier Villanueva kick), 2:21

Second Quarter
OLT-Workman 35 interception return (Villanueva kick), 6:39
OLT-Ryan Nieto 38 pass from Workman (Villanueva kick), :11

Third Quarter
STA-Spencer Cortez 15 run (Thomas Ramos kick), 10:28
OLT-Jimenez 19 pass from Workman (Villanueva kick), 3:51
STA-Adam Montez 57 pass from Tyler Fulton (Ramos kick), 2:13

OLT-Nieto 22 pass from Workman (Villanueva kick), 1:34

Fourth Quarter
STA-Fulton 1 run (Ramos kick), 6:12

TEAM STATISTICS
STA OLT
First downs 12 25
Rushes-yards 33-145 25-84
Passing yards 155 438
Comp.-att.-int. 7-21-1 26-42-2
Punts-avg. 4-39.5 1-11.0
Fumbles-lost 2-2 2-2
Penalties-yards 5-32 15-35
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING: Stanton, Tyler Fulton 9-37, Taylor Spinks 7-15, Blake Evans 2-5, Spencer

Cortez 5-22, Andres Chavez 6-16, Adam Montez 2-31, Dallas Smith 1-5, Kelby Baker 1-14; Olton, Billy Ross 3-6, Bobby Workman 22-78.

PASSING: Stanton, Tyler Fulton 7-21-1, 155 yds; Olton, Bobby Workman, 26-42-2, 438 yds.

RECEIVING: Stanton, Taylor Spinks 1-(-2), Adam Montez 2-71, Caleb Ramsey 1-10, Thomas Ramos 3-74; Olton, Pecos Martin 5-56, Steven Perez 1-16, Ryan Nieto 9-194, Torey Jimenez 8-133, Eli Perez 2-19, Billy Ross 1-20.

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Wedding



Damisha Lynette Anderson and LaPaul Eric Scaggs

Anderson-Scaggs

Damisha Lynette Anderson and LaPaul Eric Scaggs, both of Big Spring, were united in marriage at 6:45 p.m. Nov. 7, 2009, at the Shiloh House of Praise in a ceremony directed by Pastor Holston Banks Jr.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jesse Lee Anderson Jr. She is the daughter of Sherry Ann Anderson and the granddaughter of Lee Esther Bigham, the late Sammie Ray Bigham, the late Jesse Lee Anderson Sr. and the late Maude Esther Anderson.

LaPaul is the son of Carol Ann Scaggs and the late Dee Scaggs Jr. and the grandson of the late Dee Scaggs Sr., the late Mammie Lee Scaggs, the late William

Thomas and the late Elizabeth Thomas.

Damisha wore a white gown with silver sequins and beading. She carried a bouquet of large white roses with small purple roses, accented in purple ribbon and silver beads.

Matron of honor was Teresa Shawn Walker. Bridesmaids were Dorothy Smithy, Jessica Perez and Annie Simpson. Junior bridesmaid was Traosha Walker.

Chad Warren served as best man. Groomsman were Victor Pruitt, Jason Threats and Jesse Anderson Sr.

Flower girls were LaPaulashia Scaggs and Malaiya Simpson. Ring bearers were Darius Primus and LaPaul Scaggs Jr.

Anniversary



The Walkers Celebrating 50 years of marriage

Howard and Marijo Walker will celebrate 50 years of marriage at home over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Howard had seen Marijo Thixton in early 1959 and "wanted to find out who that pretty girl was riding that motorcycle." They met in the spring at a portable skating rink on a vacant lot which is now the site of Denny's Restaurant.

They were married Nov. 25, 1959, by Justice of the Peace Walter Grice. They have been blessed with three boys, Cecil Wayne and wife Laura of Amarillo, and Robert Allen and wife Vickie and James Bruce, all of Big Spring. They have three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. During their marriage they have lived in El Paso, Spain and Big Spring.

The Walkers have been longtime owners and op-



Marijo and Howard Walker

erators of the Harley Davidson Shop, Texas' oldest Harley Davidson dealership. Howard has been a member of the Harley Owners Group, Masonic Lodge 598 and the San Angelo Suez Shrine Club. He enjoys hunting, fishing, sporting clays and motorcycles. Marijo has been a member of the Harley Owners Group and enjoys riding motorcycles and fishing.

They are Baptists and said they have "had fun our first 50 years" together.

When Dad/Gramps just ain't interested in family

Dear Margo: By his choice, my father-in-law, "Herman," has had little to do with my wonderful family. He is a negative, toxic individual whom I don't

trust given his manipulative and abusive behavior. When his wife finally moved out some years ago, Herman did as he had long ago threatened: He cut off contact with his son (but not his daughter). He seems to have a particular dislike for me, most likely because I don't play along with his unacceptable, hurtful conduct. Happily, our family has a very close relationship with my parents, who lovingly dote on their grandchildren.

My children are now in fourth and first grades, and they've met Herman only once or twice that they can remember. I personally see little to be gained by reaching out to Herman, but I'm concerned my husband and/or children may have later regrets if he kicks the bucket. My husband says he doesn't care; my son is now asking questions about his grandfather. Just how honest should I be with my son? And is it truly best to let nasty sleeping dogs lie? -- Preferring the Status Quo

Dear Pre: Forget about the bucket. I am on record, somewhat controversially, as being in favor of lopping off anyone, relative or friend, who can be judged "abusive and toxic." What is the point of absorbing punishment just so things look "normal"? As for your son, without a lot of detail, simply tell him that the other Grandpa is kind of grouchy and not very friendly to anyone, which is OK, because everybody can't like everybody. -- Margo, simply

Dear Margo: I have a doozy for you. My first cousin, "Lily," is a living, breathing waste of

space. This girl had her first child at 15, her second at 17. Subsequently, she's had two more. When her first child was 4 months old, Lily's mother died and she came to live with our family, along with the baby. My mom did everything she could to help them, even quitting her job to watch Lily's child while Lily went to high school full time. Lily never

cared for her child. She'd come home from school and put him to bed so she wouldn't have to deal with him. My mom finally thought that if she let her have some freedom and get out of the house, it might be an incentive for her to take care of her child. But the second she was out of sight, she got pregnant again! (This time she didn't even know who the father was. She says she's "narrowed it down" to two guys.)

My mom told her if she wanted to be an adult, she should start living like one, and helped her get an apartment, find a roommate and get a job, and even babysat while she was in school. But that went down in flames, too. She stole checks from her roommate and ended up in jail. Fast-forward: Her oldest child was adopted by my parents and is now my 12-year-old brother. Her second child was adopted by other family members. The third child she had while incarcerated was adopted to a couple in my hometown, and the fourth child's paternal

grandparents took custody because she was such a poor mother.

The reason I'm writing is, after all of this, I've learned that Lily is providing a DAY CARE service in her home. She's gallivanting around, making people think she's a wonderful person and a caring "mother" to her boyfriend's children, even though her criminal record would make it impossible for her to obtain licensure in the state of Ohio. I really think the parents of the children she "cares for" deserve to know who is watching their children. I'm requesting two things of you: First, I'm wondering whether there are any agencies I can contact about putting a stop to this. Second, please remind your readers to be very careful about with whom they leave their children. -- Disgusted in Ohio

Dear Dis: You already know that her criminal record would disqualify her from operating a licensed day care center, so I suggest you call City Hall in your town to find out which department licenses such facilities. Then contact them with the information you have, and they will do the rest. As for your second request, consider it done. And P.S.: Your mother sounds like a saint. -- Margo, speechlessly

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Lenders' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to dearmargo@creators.com. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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Victim Right

A victim of crime is defined by Chapter 56 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as (1) someone who is the victim of sexual assault, kidnapping, or aggravated robbery or who has suffered bodily injury or death because of the criminal conduct of another, (2) the close relative (spouse, parent, adult brother or sister, or child) of a deceased victim or (3) the guardian of a victim. The law also applies to victims of juvenile crime, including victims who suffer property loss.

The State of Texas intends that victims of crime receive the following safeguards, assurances and considerations:

Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 56 Texas Constitution, Article I Section 30

- Receive adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts;
- have their safety considered by the magistrate when setting bail;
- receive information, on request, of relevant court proceedings, including appellate proceedings, of cancellations and rescheduling prior to the event, and appellate court decisions after the decisions are entered but before they are made public;
- be informed, when requested, by a peace officer about the defendant's right to bail and criminal investigation procedures, and from the prosecutor's office about general procedures in the criminal justice system, including plea agreements, restitution, appeals and parole;
- provide pertinent information concerning the impact of the crime to the probation department prior to sentencing;
- information about the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and payment for a medical examination for a victim of sexual assault, and, on request, referral to social service agencies that provide additional assistance;
- information, on request, about parole procedures; notification of parole proceedings and of the inmate's release; and the opportunity to participate in the parole process by submitting written information to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for inclusion in the defendant's file for consideration by the Board prior to parole;
- a separate or secure waiting area at all public court proceedings;
- prompt return of any property that is no longer needed as evidence;
- have the prosecutor notify, upon request, an employer that the need for the victim's testimony may involve the victim's absence from work;
- on request, counseling and testing regarding AIDS and HIV infection and testing for victims of sexual assault request victim-offender mediation coordinated by the Victim Services Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- be informed of the use and purpose of a victim impact statement, to complete a victim impact statement and to have the statement considered before sentencing and acceptance of a plea bargain and before an inmate is released on parole.

A victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a deceased victim may be present at all public court proceedings, with the consent of the presiding judge;

A judge, attorney for the state, peace officer, or law enforcement agency is not liable for a failure or inability to provide a service enumerated herein.

Victims should also know that they can have a victim advocate accompany them during the sexual assault exam if an advocate is available at the time of the examination.

Contact
Victim Services
432-263-3312

New head of GOP tones down rhetoric

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican activist Cathie Adams has almost made a career out of stirring things up. She has criticized senior members of her own party, bucked business leaders by opposing their cherished lawsuit reform efforts, called global warming a “hoax” and used the specter of Adolf Hitler to warn of perceived Obama Administration excesses.

Then she got elected chairman of the Texas Republican Party.

Adams, who was chosen to lead the party in a special election last month, won't be blasting fellow Republicans anytime soon. She'll be trying to get more of them elected, even if they don't hold her conservative views on abortion, stem cell research or other social issues she has been involved with over the years.

While she hasn't changed her beliefs, Adams, 59, says the new gig requires her to stay neutral in contested races while projecting party unity.

“I am going to be supportive of our Republican team and I'm excited about every one of our candidates,” Adams said. “As party chairman I'm definitely in a different role.”

Adams, who led the Texas Eagle Forum for 16 years, has been harsh on fellow Republicans who flirt with political moderation. She helped lead a silent protest of a speech by openly gay U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe at the 2000 GOP convention, a slap at then-GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush's move at inclusiveness.

More recently, she complained that 2008 Republican presidential nominee John McCain's policies were “awful.” And as state Rep. Joe Straus lined up the votes to become Texas House speaker in January, she called the San Antonio Republican a “radical” who was out of step with the conservative GOP.

She has also been a consistent thorn in the side of the state's senior U.S. senator, Kay Bailey Hutchison, who has riled Adams by supporting abortion rights and embryonic stem cell research.

As recently as a few weeks ago, Adams warned that Hutchison would “not be there” for social conservatives if she's elected governor. It wasn't particularly surprising, since Adams had already endorsed Gov. Rick Perry, calling him the best pick for true conservatives in the GOP primary race.

The purist rhetoric was gone in a recent interview with *The Associated Press*. Adams vowed unquestioned loyalty to both the speaker and the senator. She said Straus and Hutchison, moderates in a state party known for its take-no-prisoners conservatism, “know that I'm going to be their best friend.”

Asked specifically if she could overlook Hutchison's support for abortion rights if she becomes the party's



AP Photo/Harry Cabluck

Cathie Adams, who chairs the Texas Republican Party, is shown at party headquarters in Austin. Adams was elected to succeed Tina Benkiser, who stepped down as chairman Oct 5.

nominee for governor, Adams didn't hesitate. “Absolutely,” she said. “I'm going to be the No. 1 cheerleader if she is the person the people of Texas choose.”

The Hutchison campaign is making nice, too. Spokeswoman Jennifer Baker said the senator “looks forward to working with the chairman to continue to strengthen the party” when she gets elected governor.

Adams has also toned down her unconventional views on lawsuit reform and private school vouchers.

She no longer opposes limits on medical malpractice jury awards and said she would support using public money for private school vouchers as long as there are safeguards to ensure that the state doesn't put regulatory shackles on schools that get the funds.

Some critics are skeptical that Adams will be able to contain her bomb-throwing nature.

“I think we're going to see the same Cathie Adams we've seen for two decades,” said Dan Quinn, spokesman for the liberal Texas Freedom Network.

LETTERS

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also the wonderful friends who supported me in my cause and helped to organize such a beautiful event. God will bless you all, as he already has!

BRANDI NALLEY
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to write in to say how disappointed I am in the Crossroads Youth Football Association this year!

First, I hope with all the fund-raisers this year, the new sports complex is paid in full with money left over.

Second, I would like to compliment whoever did a fine job of not updating the Web page, but you were able to get an update about the super bowl information, which I'm sure was only to get out to everyone to be sure and turn in their equipment so that the association can prepare for the next year of money grubbing the parents to death.

Third, the super bowl ad flyer was the biggest rip off all year! A full page ad cost \$75 (which I bought trying to help the league out). Some of the ads you couldn't read, some were so blurry you couldn't even tell who was in the picture. At least give me a color program so I know some of the money was put into the association and not in someone's pocket.

KEITH BROCKMAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am exercising my right of freedom of speech to complain about the sports section of the *Big Spring Herald*. Up until a month ago, the sports editor covered the Big Spring steers in a positive light, which he should. A spotlight was shown on a different senior every week, which has been a tradition for the sports section for a while now.

I, for one, enjoyed these articles because I have watched most of these

young men play in one sport or another since they were youngsters. These same young men are proud to be Steers and represent Big Spring in a positive manner, whether at home or on the road. If you have not attended any of these games, then you have surely missed the teamwork and dedication displayed by every young man on the team. I am blown away by their team spirit.

We have a great coaching staff that demands every player show good sportsmanship on and off the field. The Steers receive community support from their families, their teachers, their fellow students and everyone who fills those stands and cheers the team on.

Then, as I anticipate reading about the Steers in their hometown paper, I eagerly open my paper, turn to the sports section and my heart breaks as I read one player didn't live up to his potential and was arrested.

Never mind the fact that these same young men have played their hearts out all season and have exhibited a team effort to get as far as they have gotten. So, Mr. Sports Editor, speak highly of these dedicated young men or don't say anything at all.

Since this paper is called the *Big Spring Herald*, why are our athletes taking second place to the Dallas Cowboys and every other *Associated Press* story that is published? I am not opposed to supporting other area schools, I am just stating the fact that parents and grandparents should not have to purchase a newspaper from the town where the Steers played to find out the statistics of the game.

Lastly, Mr. Sports Editor, did you have to say the Steers end their regular season with two losses? Why not say the Steers finished their regular season with a history making eight wins and two losses, and will move on to the playoffs?

As I write this letter, they are still in the playoffs, so come on, Mr. Sports Editor, get your Steer gear on and look in the stands and on the field. We will all show you Steer pride.

DIANN NELSON
BIG SPRING

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BIG SPRING TAX ROLLBACK PETITION

On September 22, 2009 the Big Spring City Council voted to raise property taxes in the city of Big Spring to pay a for pool/water park project.

Your friends at the Concerned Citizens Council believe that an expenditure of this size should be voted upon by the citizens that are expected to pay for the project.

As such, the Concerned Citizens Council began circulating the following petition. If successful, this petition will put the tax increase up for a vote by the citizens of Big Spring.

If you agree that this project and tax should be voted upon by the citizens, please sign and return this form to:

CCC
P.O. Box 2155
Big Spring, Texas 79721

For more information about the rollback petition, please visit our web-site at www.BigSpringFreedom.com

or call CCC Chairman Shannon Thomason@432-816-3237

This petition, signed by the following registered voters in the taxing unit of the City of Big Spring is intended to require that an election be held in the City of Big Spring concerning the question of reducing the tax rate for the current year. The provisions for this petition are set forth in Section 26.07 or (26.085) of the Property Tax Code.

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News in brief

Senators set to cast crucial first vote Saturday on health care overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — A crucial first Senate vote on President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in a rare Saturday night session looms as a test of Democratic unity and the president's prestige.

Democratic leaders are optimistic of success, but they need every Democrat and both independents to vote "yes," and two moderates remained uncommitted ahead of the roll call, which is expected around 8 p.m. The vote will determine whether debate can go forward on Majority Leader Harry Reid's 2,074-page bill to dramatically remake the U.S. health care system over the next decade.

Most everyone would be required to purchase insurance under Reid's legislation, and billions in new taxes would be levied on insurers and high-income Americans to help extend coverage to 30 million uninsured. Insurance companies would no longer be allowed to deny coverage to people with medical conditions or drop coverage when someone gets sick.

The two holdouts are Sens. Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas and Mary Landrieu of Louisiana. A third centrist, Ben Nelson of Nebraska, announced Friday that he'd be supporting his party on the test vote, while cautioning that it didn't mean he'd be with them on the final vote.

If that reasoning holds with Lincoln and Landrieu, Reid, D-Nev., will have the 60 votes he needs to prevail in the 100-seat Senate. The 40 Republicans are unanimously opposed.

Obama says his trip to Asia helped build steps toward U.S. economy's recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack

Obama's eight-day trip to Asia produced no tangible wins for the United States, though he is citing talks with Asian allies that he says could help create thousands of job and open new markets for American goods in the future.

Citing progress on a trip that took him from Tokyo to Seoul, Obama noted that "Asia is a region where we now buy more goods and do more trade with than any other place in the world — commerce that supports millions of jobs back home."

"I spoke with leaders in every nation I visited about what we can do to sustain this economic recovery and bring back jobs and prosperity for our people — a task I will continue to focus on relentlessly in the weeks and months ahead," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address taped while he was in Seoul, the South Korean capital, and released Saturday.

The president pitched his trip as a way to reintroduce the U.S. to those trading partners, including China.

The Chinese government is the United States' biggest foreign creditor with \$800 billion of federal U.S. debt, which gives it extraordinary power in the relationship. And Beijing feels the global recession, sparked by U.S. financial industry excesses, vindicates its authoritarian leadership.

Senator says investigators may reveal more troubling e-mails from shooter

WASHINGTON — The government intercepted at least 18 e-mails between the alleged Fort Hood gunman and a radical Muslim cleric, and a key senator says there could be more communications that might have tipped off law enforcement or military officials.

Federal investigators say they intercepted the messages between the suspect, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, and Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical American-born cleric. They were passed along to two Joint Terrorism Task Force cells led by the FBI, but a senior defense official said no one at the Defense Department knew about the messages until after the shootings. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss intelligence procedures.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said Friday after a briefing from Pentagon and Army officials that his committee will investigate how those and other e-mails involving Hasan were handled and why the U.S. military was not made aware of them before the Nov. 5 shooting.

Levin said his committee is focused on determining whether the Defense Department's representative on the terrorism task force acted appropriately and effectively.

Levin also said he considers Hasan's shooting spree, which killed 13 and wounded more than 30, an act of terrorism.

Prosecutors to drop manslaughter case against guard in deadly '07 Iraq shooting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department intends to drop manslaughter and weapons charges against one of the Blackwater Worldwide security guards involved in a deadly 2007 Baghdad shooting, prosecutors said in court documents Friday.

The shooting in busy Nisour Square left 17 Iraqis dead and inflamed anti-American sentiment abroad. It touched off a string of investigations that ultimately led the State Department to cancel the company's lucrative contract to guard diplomats in Iraq.

Iraqis have said they're watching closely to see how the U.S. judicial system handles the five men accused of unleashing an unprovoked attack on civilians with machine guns and grenades.

A one-paragraph notice filed Friday says only that prosecutors have asked that the case against Nicholas Slatten of Sparta, Tenn., be dropped. The government's detailed request to the court was filed with the judge and with the defendant, but was not made public.

Prosecutors filed the request in a way that allows them to file new charges against Slatten later. There is no indication in the documents whether they intend to.

Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd said Friday he could not say whether new charges would be filed.

GOP: Recommendations for fewer women's health tests could mean rationed health care under bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are seizing on this week's recommendations for fewer Pap smears and mammograms to fuel concern about government-rationed medical care — and to try to chip away support by women for President Barack Obama's proposed health care overhaul.

"This is how rationing starts," declared Jon Kyl of Arizona, the party's second-in-command in the Senate, during a news conference. "This is what we're going to expect in the future."

Said Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska: "Those recommendations will be used by the insurance companies as they make a determination as to what they're going to cover."

Democrats said the recommendations had nothing to do with the big health care bill. And besides, they said, the recommendations, especially one that women start mammograms at 50 rather than 40, were deeply flawed.

"It's entirely possible that this panel got it wrong, and I think they did," said Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin, the vote-counting Democratic whip.

Fears that the government is going to run health care have not come up during negotiations for Saturday's crucial procedural vote, Durbin added.

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Amanda Moreno photo

Moss Creek Ranch offers fine dining, lodging hunting and other activities. The lodge is located at 1601 Moss Lake Road. For reservations, call 935-4809.

MOSS CREEK RANCH

Quality dining, lodging await

By Amanda Moreno

Special to the Herald

Destination weddings have become popular, and now Big Spring has the opportunity for destination dinners.

Moss Creek Ranch opened its doors to the public September 2007.

What once was a private hunting lodge has evolved into a fine-dining location for Big Spring.

Bob Price, owner of Moss Creek Ranch, decided that Big Spring needed a true, top-quality-dining experience. For the past year and a half, the word has been spreading, and not just through Big Spring, but beyond.

"We have a good customer base in town, but we also have people who come from Lubbock, Snyder and Midland," Chris Tubb, manager, said.

While eating at Moss Creek Ranch, patrons are able to experience prime beef and fresh seafood at every meal.

"We are able to have fresh seafood brought in and a different menu weekly," Tubb said. "The chef is responsible for the changing menus each week."

Through a nationwide search, Tubb said they were able to find Thomas Kelly, head chef. He is originally from Traverse City, Mich..

"We have a professional staff of about 16 people," Tubb noted.

There are frequent additions to the menu and desserts change daily.



In recent months, a lunch menu has been added. Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and no reservations are required. The only time that a reservation might be needed for lunch, according to Tubb, is if a large party will be arriving. Dinner is served Friday and Saturday, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Reservations are required for dinner.

In addition to the cuisine, Moss Creek Ranch offers a bed and

breakfast in the main house. There are also three other cabins for lodging, all found on a sprawling 3,800 acres. Including all locations, 25 people can be accommodated for an over-night stay.

"This is a great place for weekend getaways," Tubb said.

The main house offers the bed and breakfast lodging, but breakfast is provided at the other cabins, as well.

Inclusive hunting packages, including dining and lodging, can be purchased.

"We are the only place in this area that offers these inclusive hunting packages," Tubb said.

The ranch also includes a five-stand sporting clay range.

Moss Creek Ranch is also available for private events, weddings, corporate outings and social events. For private events there must be at least eight or more attending. For more information, e-mail Tubb at chris@moss-creek-ranch.net or Thomas Kelly at tom@moss-creek-ranch.net.

Moss Creek Ranch is located at 1601 S. Moss Lake Road. For reservations, call 935-4809 or visit moss-creek-ranch.net.

Texas jobless rate up, but so is number of jobs

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas unemployment rate rose slightly in October while the state bucked a yearlong trend by adding jobs.

A Texas Workforce Commission report released Friday says the jobless rate rose to 8.3 percent from 8.2 percent in September.

The state added 41,700 jobs, just the second time in the past year there has been a monthly increase.

The Texas jobless rate continued to track well below the national rate of 10.2 percent.

Education and health services had the biggest increase among job sectors, adding 14,900 jobs.

More than 160 Texas businesses to be checked

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nationwide review of about 1,000 employers to check for the hiring of illegal immigrants will include more than 160 businesses in Texas.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced the audits that will include some businesses connected to public safety and national security.

ICE spokeswoman Nina Prunedra in San Antonio says 161 businesses in Texas will face review, including about 60 in the San Antonio area. About 40 in the Houston area also have been notified that their paperwork will face inspection.

Names of the companies have not been released

by the government.

The Homeland Security Department will give a seal of approval to businesses volunteering to use a pending electronic program, called E-Verify, to check the immigration status of workers.



RIBBON CUTTING

Dharmesh Patel (with scissors), general manager of the new La Quinta Inns and Suites at 1102 W. Interstate 20, is joined by motel staff and Chamber of Commerce representatives during a recent ribbon cutting to celebrate the facility's grand opening.

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland office.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.



The old bromide, "do what I say, not what I do," reflects a very cynical attitude. We don't particularly like that expression, but it probably does apply in selected cases. However, in the stock market, the opposite advice is always right on.

We believe that successful investors must always do what the market does, and not what it "says." What that means is that the action of the stock market must be respected, what it is doing, rather than what is being said about the market on any given day.

For example, last week the stock market had several days of positive action despite news that could have brought in some heavy selling pressure. Friday's unemployment news for October showed a loss of 190,000 nonfarm jobs and a jump in the unemployment rate to 10.2 percent. Both were worse than expected and could have been jet fuel for the bears. However, there was also some good news as the September job loss was reduced to 219,000 from a prior figure of 263,000. And, there was also pickup in temporary hirings.

Well, investors had a chance to latch onto the good or bad news, and they chose the good. The result was a modest rally on Friday. It wasn't a "thing of beauty," but the 10.2 percent number could really have gotten the sellers going. Overall, we give the bulls a fractional victory Friday and last week after two weeks of a moderate correction/consolidation.

Also in the "do what I do, not what I say" philosophy, we have the health care bill, now through the House, and its many uncertainties. Some politicians say it is a done deal, despite all the uncertainties it represents in its current form. What the market is "doing" reflects its opinion that a health-care bill will be coming, but in a much less controversial form.

Because we always try to respect what the market is doing despite what some may be saying, we have to question our own cautious short-term advice of the past three weeks. Being bullish for quite some time, we are currently inclined to make the market prove that the correction is over by a bit more positive action. Our feeling is that there has been a lot of good news already on the table.

Examples of the good news are corporate earnings for the third quarter have been much better than expected, and third quarter productivity increased at a 9.5 percent seasonally adjusted rate. This means that labor costs have fallen, which will help boost profits and set the stage for a potential job increase by next spring.

With lots of good news already out there and the market up 62 percent since its March 9 lows, we believe the market probably needs more work at lower levels in order to reduce optimism. But we will not ignore for long what the market "does" despite what we are "saying" now.

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News in brief

Italian police arrest 2 Pakistanis accused of supporting Mumbai terror attacks

ROME (AP) — Italian police on Saturday arrested a Pakistani father and son accused of helping fund and providing logistical support for last year's terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, authorities said.

The two were arrested in an early morning raid in Brescia, where they managed a money transfer agency, police in the northern Italian city said. The day before the attacks began on Nov. 26 they sent money using a stolen identity to a U.S. company to activate an Internet phone account used by the attackers and their accomplices, said Stefano Fonzi, the head of anti-terror police in Brescia.

Italian police began the probe in December after being alerted by the FBI about the transfer, Fonzi told The Associated Press.

Ten militants, allegedly from Pakistan, killed 166 people in a three-day assault on luxury hotels, a Jewish center and other sites in India's financial capital.

The funds were transferred under the identity of another Pakistani man who had never been to Italy and was not involved in the attacks, Fonzi said. His identity was probably stolen when he used another money transfer agency in Pakistan, Fonzi said.

World largest atom smasher back in operation year after failure

GENEVA (AP) — Scientists switched on the world's largest atom smasher for the first time since the \$10 billion machine suffered a spectacular failure more than a year ago, circulating beams of protons in a significant leap forward for the Large Hadron Collider.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research has taken the restart of the collider step by step to avoid further setbacks as it moves toward new scientific experiments — probably starting in January — regarding the makeup of matter and the universe.

It has undergone a year of repairs after it was heavily damaged by a simple electrical fault.

Progress on restarting the machine, on the bor-

der between Switzerland and France, went faster than expected Friday evening and the first beam circulated in a clockwise direction around the machine at about 10 p.m. local time, said James Gillies, spokesman for the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

This is an important milestone on the road toward scientific discoveries at the LHC, which are expected in 2010, he said.

Postal Service to allow volunteers in Alaska town to write 'Santa' responses

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Wide-eyed children around the world will be hearing from Santa's "elves" at the North Pole after all.

During Christmas seasons for decades, these dedicated elves responded to thousands of letters addressed to "Santa Claus, North Pole."

All that was ending with a U.S. Postal Service decision to discontinue the program based in the small Alaskan town amid privacy concerns.

The elves from Santa's Mailbag vowed to fight the decision, while North Pole residents voiced outrage.

A reversal of the Postal Service move was announced Friday.

Iconic glove Michael Jackson wore to be sold at NYC auction

NEW YORK (AP) — A collection of Michael Jackson memorabilia, including the now iconic rhinestone-studded glove he wore when he performed his first moonwalk dance in 1983, is being sold at auction.

The glove and other Jackson items are part of a

music memorabilia auction being held by Julien's Auctions at the Hard Rock Cafe in New York's Times Square on Saturday.

Jackson wore the left-handed glove, which accompanied his fedora, when he unveiled what was to become his trademark dance on Motown's 25th-anniversary TV special.

It's a modified, store-bought glove covered with a mesh of rhinestones.

The glove's pre-auction estimate is between \$40,000 and \$60,000.

China says 42 dead, 66 trapped in mine explosion

BEIJING (AP) — A gas explosion tore through a state-run coal mine in northern China on Saturday, killing 42 people and leaving 66 others trapped underground as rescuers worked hastily to save them.

China's mines are the world's deadliest, and the blast shows the difficulties the government faces in trying to boost safety in an industry where large state-owned coal mines are considered safer than smaller, private ones.

A total of 528 people were working in the Xinxing mine in Heilongjiang province at the time of the 2:30 a.m. explosion, the State Administration of Work Safety said in a statement.

It said 389 escaped after the blast.

China Central Television reported that 42 were dead, 31 rescued and the others trapped about a third of a mile (500 meters) underground.

The report said the explosion was caused by a gas buildup.

Television footage showed smoke billowing out of the mine, with a collapsed building nearby.

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♦ K 7
♣ K J

The bidding:
South 1♥ West Pass North 3♥ East Pass
4♥

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Declarer's primary responsibility at the start of play is to ascertain and then proceed with the line of play that offers the best chance to make the contract. This plan should include a provision to take advantage of any lie of the cards that may add to his chances without hurting them, even if that possibility is not particularly likely.

Consider this case where South missed an opportunity to improve significantly on his chances of making four hearts and, as a result, went down one. East won the opening dia-

mond lead with the ace and returned a diamond to South's king.

Declarer promptly led the queen of hearts and let it ride, percentage-wise the correct play missing the K-x of the suit. East won with the king and returned a third diamond, ruffed by South.

Declarer drew the missing trump and cashed his club winners before leading the ace and another spade. When East turned up with both the king and jack, the contract was kaput.

South expressed his dismay at having lost to the singleton king of hearts and later finding the K-J of spades badly placed. Nevertheless, he should have made his game. The critical play came early, when he erred by taking the heart finesse. Before doing so, he should have taken the necessary steps to protect against the possibility that East might have the singleton king.

After taking the second trick, declarer should play the K-A of clubs and then ruff dummy's remaining diamond. The advantage of this sequence of plays can be seen when South next tries the heart finesse, losing to the singleton king.

After winning the trick, East must return a club or a diamond, yielding a ruff-and-discard, or else return a spade. Either way, declarer can't lose more than one spade trick, and the contract is assured.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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 Judgment and Sentence: Justin Ray Rodriguez, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 90

days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Darnice Valentine, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Calvin Jacob Lawson, criminal trespass, \$750 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Christopher Salazar, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$250 fine, \$328 court costs, 10 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Calvin Jacob Lawson, criminal mischief - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$750 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: possession of dangerous drugs, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Alfonso Baca III, 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: William Lynn Simmons, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Shalyn Walton, theft of property - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$750 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Christopher Ryan Colegrove, assault causing bodily injury, \$2,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: Ronnie Eugene Leal, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$378 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Cinthia Ann Ybarra, accident involving damage to a vehicle - more than \$200, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Leslie Loumenny Fuentes, driving while intoxicated, \$2,000 fine, \$418 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Joe Anthony Bustamante, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Jose Alfredo Melendez, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, \$750 fine, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.

District Court Filings:
 In re Saul Moreno, family.
 In re Katie Humphries, family.
 In re Zaayn Lyle, family.
 In re Isaac Xavier Villa, family.
 In re Mariah Antoinette Cooper, family.
 In re Leah Star Carreon, family.
 Macedonio Landin Jr. vs. Mary Linda Landin, divorce.
 In re Lucas Earl Ewing, family.
 Robert Carey vs. Tracy Carey, divorce.
 Randall Reid vs. Basic Energy Services, civil.
 William Lane Rothell vs. Priscilla Ann Rothell, divorce.
 In re Jaeden Isiah Jaramillo-Aguilar, family.
 In re Elijah Joey Garcia, family.
 In re Valerie Delossantos, family.
 Aguinardo Martinez vs. April Martinez, protective order.
 Letisha Mendez vs. Micheal Mendez, divorce.

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 Date: Nov. 13, 2009

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Oprah's departure presents problems for stations

CHICAGO (AP) — For more than two decades, Oprah Winfrey has been the inspirational, change-your-life champion who reigned over daytime television much like Johnny Carson once ruled late night.

Now she's ready to say goodbye, leaving a huge void for broadcast TV even as she raises the possibility of more Oprah than ever when she starts her own cable network.

Winfrey told viewers Friday that she will dim the lights on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" at the close of its 25th season in late 2011.

"I love this show. This show has been my life. And I love it enough to know when it's time to say goodbye," she said, holding back tears. "Twenty-five years feels right in my bones, and it feels right in my spirit. It's the perfect number, the exact right time."

For the hundreds of network affiliates who depended on Winfrey to deliver millions of viewers every day, Friday's announcement starts an 18-month clock to find a way to fill the space left behind after the end of the most successful daytime talk show in television history.

Winfrey's show "is one of daytime television's very foundations," said Larry Gerbrandt, an analyst for the firm Media Valuation Partners in Los Angeles. "You could, and stations did, build their schedules around her. They gave it the best time period, leading into their news, and used it to promote other shows."



AP Photo/Harpo Productions, Inc., George Burns

Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey announces during a live broadcast of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in Chicago that her daytime television show, the foundation of a multibillion-dollar media empire with legions of fans, will end its run in 2011 after 25 seasons on the air.

Winfrey cautioned viewers that they would hear "a lot of speculation in the press about why I am making this decision," warning them not to listen to the "conjecture." But she offered no specifics about her plans for the future, except to say that she intended to produce the best possible shows during the final two years.

"I just wanted to say whether you've been here with me from the beginning or you came on board last week, I want you all to know that my relationship with you is one that I

hold very dear," she said. "Your trust in me, the sharing of your precious time every day with me has brought me the greatest joy I have ever known."

It has also brought her a fortune estimated at \$2.7 billion. As a newcomer, she chipped away at the dominance of Phil Donahue. She flirted with a tabloid format for a time, but gradually reinvented her show to focus on themes of inspiration, hope and the power of positive thinking.

"She's made such an imprint in today's society. She's just part

of everyone's lives," said Yasmeen Elhaj, a 19-year-old student from Chicago who was in the studio for Friday's announcement. "People talk about Oprah like that's her friend. So that's why everyone is sad to see her go because she's just a giving person, feels like she's your home girl."

The show has a breadth that no other has been able to match. A serious hour on domestic abuse

could be followed the next day by a rollicking party with the Black Eyed Peas.

When Whitney Houston and Sarah Palin wanted to talk this fall, Winfrey's show was their first stop. An endorsement by Winfrey for her book club is a make-or-break opportunity for authors.

But even Winfrey was not immune to the dips in ratings that have plagued broadcasters

as viewers flock to specialty programming on cable. Her average audience — easily the largest of daytime talk shows — fell from 12.6 million in 1991-92 to 6.2 million in 2008-2009.

This season, boosted by blockbuster interviews with Palin, Houston and others, the show is doing better, averaging 7.2 million viewers a day.

Winfrey, 55, is widely expected to start up a new talk show on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network, a joint venture with Discovery Communications Inc. that was first announced last year. It will replace the Discovery Health Channel and debut in some 80 million homes.

Discovery is pouring resources into OWN to prepare for its January 2011 launch. Chief Financial Officer Brad Singer told analysts this month that Discovery plans to invest \$30 million to \$40 million in 2009 on programming, staffing and other costs.

Discovery also is lending the venture \$100 million, and OWN hired "Oprah" co-executive producer Lisa Erspamer this month as its chief creative officer. Erspamer is expected to move from Chicago to Los Angeles in January.

Winfrey's move to cable leaves a gap in the afternoon programming at many TV stations, where it leads into the local evening news.



City Hall Accessibility Improvements

Big Spring City Hall is undergoing construction improvements to improve accessibility access to the facility. This construction may cause limited access to the building until construction is completed. Should accessibility needs arise, every effort will be made to resolve and accommodate. Please call to schedule an appointment and a member of the staff will assist you into the building. Thank you for your cooperation during this time as we are looking to provide improved accessibility to services.

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**By the Code
Supplemental Use Standards
SECTION 8-1. Accessory Uses**

Recent additions have been made to the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the requirements for freight containers and portable storage containers used as an accessory building. The addition states that "freight containers and portable storage containers shall be painted to match the main building or painted tan or beige and may not be stacked. This section shall apply to all accessory uses of such containers including legal non-conforming uses in existence at the time of adoption." This means that all freight or portable storage containers, whether existing or new, can be used as long as no other ordinances are violated, and that all existing containers must be brought to current standards. Permits must be obtained to place any accessory building on a property.

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PAT SIMMONS

that now. We have both checked on the progress at the warehouse daily since the first part of October. Now he takes over the reigns and that makes me feel so good. I missed the move to the dam Thursday for the first time in 12 years. I even felt guilty for not being there, but Howard and I had gone over the plans the night before. I just moved on to other work that had to be done. We will certainly be in contact daily.

We have some new things going on this year. I hope most of you have heard that Big Spring has been

branded the "Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas." How about that? It all happened like a trickle down effect from the poinsettias at the Festival of Lights by way of Bobby McDonald, then the CVB (Conventions and Visitors Bureau) took it under their wing. This is really a positive thing to happen to Big Spring.

There is an exhibit under the water tower on Interstate Highway 20 to attract visitors passing through. This was through the efforts of McDonald and the CVB, and there will be three 50-foot poinsettias

under the water tower, along with three other poinsettias of various size. Nearby there will be a permanent sign showing we are the "Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas" together with our logo.

These lights will go on for Thanksgiving travelers. Later, there will be other directional signs to the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights. Go out and look at the poinsettias.

We are expanding our display in the park this year. After going through the last archway, you will take a left, going east toward Belaski Pavilion across from the Cotton Mize ballfield. The expansion will carry a Western theme, of course, and our poinsettias will be entwined in it.

Belaski Pavilion will also take on a new look. You will just have to wait and see it, but I will say we will have a gift shop there, hot chocolate and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there for five nights, Dec. 17-18 and 21-23. Bring the kids out. We are going to have some really neat items in the gift shop.

We will ask our visi-

tors to exit on Highway 87 to avoid congestion on Golf Course Road. Speaking of traffic, the park will be closed to through traffic exiting at Belvedere, as that gate will be closed.

Another new item we have this year is a booth at the entrance of the park on Highway 87 where our brochures will be passed out. The information and donation booth will be at the same place at the spring area entrance. I will certainly be out every night at one place or another because I want to see and offer thanks to all our visitors for coming.

This year, with the city being branded the "Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas," I have set my sights higher and am expecting to have 25,000 visitors. With a few more, we could match the population of our fair city.

It takes lot of involvement to make the wheels of this festival turn. We have 38 adopt-a-spot areas where volunteers have agreed to put up lights — displays which are furnished by the Festival of Lights — to maintain their area during the Festival and take it

down and place them in storage after the event is over. There's no cost, just a labor of love.

We are securing the festival in various ways this year, one being monitoring with cameras. Violators will be prosecuted.

There are other workers who labor just like this was their very own project, which it actually is. Howard Stewart, his wife Vicki and son Quintin have all taken on that role. Bobby McDonald and Paschal Odom have also put in their share of hours. This is what makes the wheels turn in an event such as this.

The city of Big Spring parks and street departments are also huge supporters, as well as other departments. Without them we could not move, as we are dependent on them for the transportation of our displays and other heavy items. It takes big vehicles and lots of muscle to get this Festival moving. Thanks again for all your help. Thanks also to FCI Big Spring for the three wonderful trustees that have done a super job, as well as Jennifer Cloud of the Parks Department. Again, thanks.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The moon in the sign of the water bearer has a philanthropic tone. We each have something to offer humanity that is unique and essential. And each individual contribution profoundly affects the evolution of the planet. The Aquarian moon reminds us that it's important to do your own thing and to be tolerant of another's differences.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everything may be in working order, but it will still benefit you to make a pit stop for the repair and maintenance of your soul. Whatever you feel like you need to lighten your spirits, get it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll go about your activities with a light heart because you have people at home who love you and enjoy your company. Your house will feel especially cozy this evening when you return.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A new love is simply a new person awakening the feeling of love that was already inside you. It's nice to have someone unlock it for you, but not necessary. It was always there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life is not a problem to be solved; it's an experience to be savored. Balancing the sweetness of fun with the saltiness of hard work is challenge, but it can be done. One need only watch you!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will find yourself in the company of people who know you and love you in spite of your quirks. So refrain from spending your energy on improving this or that. See if you can love things as they are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The topic of conversation you choose

among friends says a lot about where you and your friends are emotionally. Here's a topic to help you stay positive: What are the three best things that happened to you recently?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The secret to winning this race is knowing how to pace yourself. Pay attention to the internal signals that alert you to when you're starting out too fast or trudging along below your ability.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Remember when you used to sit around and wonder what your life would be like? Well, this is it. Give it your approval rating. Things are moving fast now, too, so throw in a twist to keep it interesting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're proud to have all sorts of different kinds of friends. The rabble-rousers help you appreciate the quiet, loyal people in your life. Sunday morning pals are an essential complement to your Saturday night conspirators.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are a few worries in the back of your mind, but you may as well let them go -- they are unfounded. The clouds on the distant horizon aren't coming any closer to you. So warm your face in the sun and feel glad to be alive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A rift that arose out of nowhere needs to be mended. A simple misunderstanding can grow into an irreconcilable difference if neglected, so time is of the essence. Reach out and apologize for your part in it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you want your own fun, you'll have to seek it out consciously. Because the kind of fun that just happens to find you is actually someone else's fun -- still good, but not a perfect fit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 22). Your special

charisma will be amplified. It benefits you to bring more to the table in relationships and work, and your enhanced offerings will attract major love and success. March brings a whirlwind of publicity. Your stellar reputation brings financial abundance. A family-oriented event is a must-attend in August. Libra and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 21, 50, 32 and 10.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

The sun transits the early stages of Sagittarius, whose symbol is the centaur. As legend has it, the centaurs were an unruly group. Given to wild parties and rowdy fights, the half-man, half-horse crew was the sort your mother wouldn't want you hanging around, even if they could double as fast transportation. Followers of Dionysus, the god of wine and revelry, the centaurs were creatures of messy excess. But one scholarly, noble centaur changed the perception of the whole species. Chiron was the kind, intelligent healer who was also wise, prescient and somewhat of a guru to the heroes of the time. During this time of year when dangerous excess is so common, a high-minded approach to life will keep us focused on what really matters during the holidays -- an appreciative, caring and sharing heart. Wednesday's spiritual Pisces moon presses into Thursday, and grateful

prayers will be offered up in thanksgiving. A stressed aspect between Venus and Neptune could cause some tension for women doing an unequal amount of work to make the holidays nice. Appreciation may be delayed. Stay focused on giving for its own sake, and don't expect to be praised.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Scarlett Johansson has been starring in productions

since she was a young girl, and her first on-screen appearance happened at the age of 10. This independent Sagittarius with her moon and Saturn in sensual Scorpio has the natal chart of a lifelong learner. She will continue to explore and develop her talents in many directions, including music and writing.

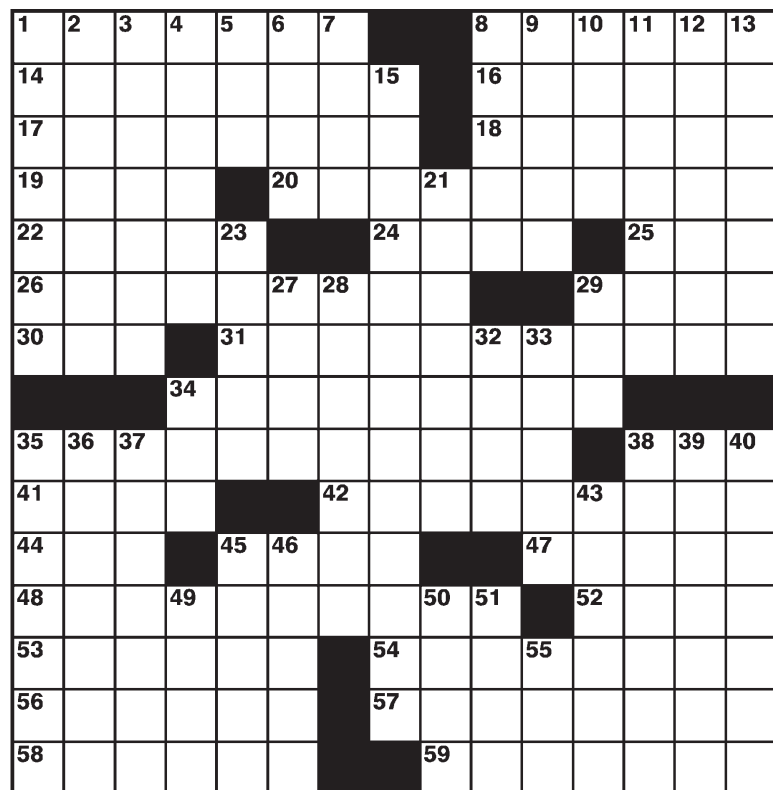
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- 1 Fly-by-night
 - 8 Stuffed party treat
 - 14 Home-run hitters
 - 16 First number
 - 17 It hangs from the waist
 - 18 Way out
 - 19 One of Snoopy's brothers
 - 20 Pair of cheaters?
 - 22 Comprehensive
 - 24 Cantankerous sort
 - 25 Drift
 - 26 Hotel-brochure info
 - 29 Med. specialty
 - 30 Like Betelgeuse
 - 31 Barbara Bush's "I READ," e.g.
 - 34 Jefferson successor
 - 35 Oscar performer for 1995
 - 38 Neil Armstrong alma mater
 - 41 Many months in Mato Grosso
 - 42 Rams
 - 44 Singsong sound
 - 45 Put down
 - 47 Bitter follower
 - 48 Came unglued
 - 52 Literary style
 - 53 Con
 - 54 Become relevant again
- DOWN**
- 1 Library regular
 - 2 Poem by Poe
 - 3 Cheered
 - 4 Northern bird
 - 5 Hot-selling '80s dolls
 - 6 Dry
 - 7 Apollo mission astronauts
 - 8 Fabian and Hilarius
 - 9 They may play Scrabble
 - 10 Drip
 - 11 One of the Leeward Islands
 - 12 Service station?
 - 13 20/20 creator
 - 15 Shooting game
 - 21 Bath receptacle
 - 23 Met people
 - 27 Paddy product
 - 28 Revolutionary?
 - 29 Snapper's selection
 - 32 Chinese menu word
 - 33 London lines
 - 34 Remote energy sources
 - 35 Decathlon champ at Helsinki
 - 36 Close enough
 - 37 Tour guide
 - 38 Experience
 - 39 Only American star of *Doctor Zhivago*
 - 40 Ring areas
 - 43 Make up
 - 45 Flexible
 - 46 Got to
 - 49 Harry Senate on *Boston Public*
 - 50 It's midway between two springs
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 - 55 Fire starter



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These Coahoma High School and Coahoma Junior High School singers are shown after their recent performance in the Region 6 All-Region Choir concert at Lee High School in Midland. Pictured from left to right are, back row, Nick Sevey, senior; Kenzie Moore, sophomore; Megan Parrish, senior; and Cole Sneed, sophomore; and front row, Caleb Daniels, seventh grade; Emilea Brumley, freshman; Brandon Coker, seventh grade; Coley Rinard, seventh grade; Shayla Martin, eighth grade; and Richie Ewing, seventh grade.

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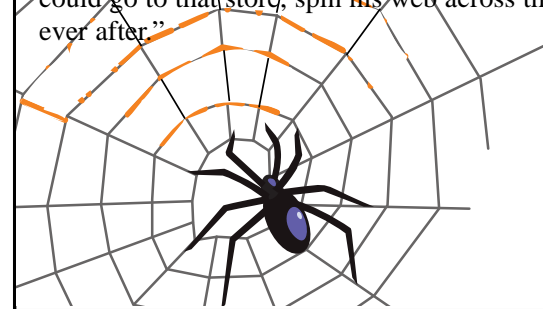
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Economics 101, by way of toy hamster

RACHEL BECK
AP Business Writer
NEW YORK — In a world full of economic indicators, the best one during the holiday season may prove to be a furry toy hamster.

Zhu Zhu Pets are the must-have hit for the holidays. They're out of stock in lots of places, and retailers are flying in the robotic hamsters from China in a desperate attempt to replenish their store shelves.

This is about much more than the next Tickle Me Elmo. The Zhu Zhu Pets' craze tells us a lot about the state of the economy.

The Zhu Zhu Pets' cheap price — \$8 to \$10 at most — shows how Americans still are extremely focused on price and value. This toy mania also illustrates how stores are keeping in-

ventory levels low — so low that a sellout of a given product doesn't necessarily mean soaring demand and a stronger economy.

Economists are watching holiday sales for indications of how robust the economic recovery will be. While many believe the recession is technically over since the economy grew 3.5 percent in the third quarter, there aren't any signs that a truly strong recovery has begun.

Forecasts for overall spending during the all-important Christmas period are lackluster.



A hamster from Zhu Zhu Pets, by Cepia, is shown at the Time to Play Holiday 2009 Most Wanted List event in New York. Zhu Zhu Pet Hamsters are among a handful of popular toys that are becoming hard to find.

AP Photo/Mark Lennihan

The National Retail Federation, the world's largest retail trade group, predicts total holiday

sales will drop 1 percent for the combined November and December period from last year's already weak spending. Other groups are estimating slight gains over a year ago.

Zhu Zhu Pets' popularity appears to be a bright spot. Parents are scrambling to find the toys, bombarding stores for updates on new shipments and then buying out any new stock as soon as it arrives.

Some enterprising consumers are already trying to capitalize on the Zhu Zhu Pets mania. More than 14,000 Zhu Zhu Pets' related items are for sale on eBay, many going for double the retail price or more.

Part of what's driving the success of the robotic hamsters has to do with the price. The cost was set deliberately low by Zhu Zhu Pets' creator, toy-industry veteran Russell Hornsby and his small company, Cepia LLC of St. Louis.

There are five pet hamsters on the market right now, as well as accessories for them like tunnels and slides, a garage and a funhouse. The hamsters move around and make sounds appropriate to where they are playing.

Hornsby set out in January to get retailers interested, but the economy was in shambles at the time and merchants resisted. Toys R Us and Walmart agreed to test the products in limited markets last spring. After getting good results, they placed orders for stores nationwide. The toys are now sold at other retailers including Target and Amazon.com.

Every Zhu Zhu Pets' item sells for under \$20. Hornsby told The Associated Press in an interview that he recognized the kind of economy he was launching this toy in, and knew that affordability mattered.

Today's consumers are cash-crunched and can't easily get loans. On top of that, the U.S. economy is still bleeding jobs, with the unemployment rate at 10.2 percent and 15.7 million Americans out of work. Those with jobs generally aren't getting raises.

Jim Silver, a well-known analyst who works at the toy-focused

Web site Timetoplay-mag.com, said keeping prices low has been the winning strategy for the toy industry in 2009.

"The best-selling toys this year have very low starting prices, and then consumers can build on them if they want," Silver said.

That's something to note because low prices tend to leave retailers and manufacturers with thin profit margins, which will keep them from adding new jobs or expanding their facilities or production.

At the same time, the demand for Zhu Zhu Pets might not be all that it seems.

Last Christmas, retailers found themselves with too much merchandise after consumers cut back their spending in the weeks after the financial meltdown. Stores had to slash prices to move out goods, hurting profit margins. Last year retailers suffered their worst sales declines in at least three decades.

This year, merchants are being extra careful. Inventory levels — the amount of goods stores keep on hand — are expected to drop as much as 13 percent, according to Ken Perkins, president of the consulting firm Retail Metrics LLC. When inventories are kept so thin, that means new production of goods is limited.

That helps explain the Zhu Zhu Pets frenzy. Retailers were conservative in their orders before the holiday season, and Hornsby said he had to be, too, in what was manufactured.

"You don't want to oversupply or undersupply. That's the danger of the beast," Hornsby said.

Now Cepia is racing to get more merchandise into stores. It has stepped up its production to 220,000 units a day, 10 times what it was last winter. Retailers are flying in the toys from China instead of waiting for them to arrive by boat.

There's no denying Zhu Zhu Pets are a holiday hit. But the ultra-low pricing strategy and razor-thin inventory levels that got them there actually may be signs of weakness in the economy.



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Desserts



Oreo Ice Cream Pie

Ingredients:
 1 small bag Oreo cookies
 3 Tbls. butter, melted
 Cookies and Cream ice cream (or your favorite ice cream)
 1 11.75 oz. jar Smucker's topping(Hot fudge)



Directions:
 1. Crumble Oreos in to 9x13 pan. Pour melted butter over cookies and mix.
 2. Pat down lightly. Spoon ice cream on top of Oreos and freeze until hard again
 3. Then spoon the topping on top and freeze again until ready to serve.

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Martha Washington Chocolate Candy

Ingredients:
 1 can, (6 oz.) flaked coconut
 1 cup pecans, chopped
 1 can sweetened condensed milk
 1/4 lb. soft margarine
 2 boxes, (2 lbs.) powdered sugar

Directions:
 1. Blend all ingredients.
 2. Roll by hand into small balls about 3/4-inch in diameter.
 3. Chill in refrigerator at least one hour.

4. Insert toothpick into each ball and dip into chocolate-paraffin mixture to coat thoroughly.

Chocolate- Paraffin Mixture
 1/4 lb. paraffin
 1 pkg. (12 oz.) chocolate bits

Directions:
 Melt paraffin and chocolate bits in a small saucepan over low heat 10-15 minutes. Use for dipping as directed for Martha Washington Chocolates.

Gloria McDonald



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SEASON'S EATINGS

Best Holiday Recipes
From Our Readers To You

Supplement To The
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Sunday, November 22, 2009

Appetizers

Meat Loaf Cups

2 eggs, beaten
 ¼ cup Milk
 ¼ cup Ketchup
 ½ cup Crushed Crackers
 4 tsp. Minced Onion
 1 tsp. Salt
 ¼ tsp. Pepper
 2 lbs. Ground Meat

In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients. Crumble meat over mixture and mix well. Press into 12 foil-lined or greased muffin cups. Bake at 350-degrees for 25 minutes or until done, Drain before serving. Drizzle with ketchup.

*Verla Paige
 Big Spring, Texas*

Green Chili **WINNER** Chicken Won Tons

1 Pkg of Tyson Fajita Chicken Strips – fully cooked
 2 cans chopped green chilies
 Diced onion to taste
 1 pkg Kraft Mexican shredded Cheese
 1 pkg Won Ton Wrappers (In the Produce Section at Wal Mart)

Put about 1 Tbsp. Olive oil or any

oil in a large skillet, saute the onions until tender. While that is cooking, cut the chicken into small pieces. Add this to the onions with the chilies. Cook until just warm, not hot. Put a spoonful in the middle of a Won Ton wrapper, top with cheese. Fold into a triangle. Seal the edge by dipping finger in water and running it around the edge, then press together. Fry until golden. If they don't come out perfect the first time, just keep trying.

*Mary Ellen
 Atkinson*

Water Chestnut Appetizers

1 can (15 oz) whole water chestnuts
 1-8 oz pkg cream cheese
 ¼ cup soy sauce ¼ cup sugar
 ¼ cup sugar (or Splenda)
 4 slices of bacon quartered

Drain water chestnuts and marinate in soy sauce for 30 minutes

Roll each chestnut in sugar/splenda then wrap with a strip of bacon (cut each slice of bacon in half crosswise AND lengthwise) and secure with a toothpick. Arrange in a shallow pan and bake for 20 minutes at 400-degrees.

Drain on paper towel. Before serving, return to a moderate oven (300-degrees) for about 5 minutes to reheat and crisp the chestnuts.

Lou Knight

Onion Side Dish

Peel 2 medium size sweet onions and cut a thin slice from bottom and top of each one. Scoop out a 1-inch-deep hole from the top of each onion. Place onions, top sides up, in a 2-qt. microwave-safe-dish with a lid. Add 1 beef Bouillon cube and ½ tbsp. butter to shallow hole in each onion; cover with lid. Microwave, covered, High for 8 to 10 minutes or until onions are tender. Pepper if desired. If you'd rather grill, wrap each prepared onion in heavy-duty foil. Grill over high heat (400 degrees to 450 degrees) 15 to 20 minutes or until tender. Let stand 10 minutes

*Shirley Gay
 Big Spring*

Hot Spinach Dip

1-10 oz pkg frozen chopped spinach
 1-8 oz pkg cream cheese
 3 tbsp milk
 2 tbsp butter/margarine
 1/8 tsp nutmeg
 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
 1 tbsp lemon juice

Cook spinach according to pkg. directions. In small saucepan over low heat, cook and stir cream cheese, milk, butter and nutmeg. Add drained spinach, lemon juice, and half of bacon. Pour into

serving dish. Top with remaining bacon. Serve warm with crackers or raw vegetables.

Eloise Wynn

Black-Eyed Peawheels

1-15 ounce can black-eyed peas
 ½ stick butter or margarine
 1 dash garlic
 ¼ tsp seasoned salt
 2 dashes cayenne
 2-3 ounce packages cream cheese
 2 packages sliced ham
 8 green onions

Heat peas in melted butter; add garlic, seasoned salt and cayenne. Simmer for 15 minutes. cool and mix black-eyed peas and softened cream cheese together in food processor until mixture is creamy and well blended. Spread mixture onto each slice of ham; roll green onion lengthwise in ham. Chill and cut into ½ inch peawheels.

*Kim Crowley
 Big Spring*

Salsa

3-15 oz cans of whole tomatoes
 chop in food processor
 pour into large bowl

Add 1-15 oz can of tomato sauce
 2 tbls. Garlic Salt
 ½ oz crushed red pepper (I use about ½ of this amount)
 ½ cup cilantro finely chopped (I don't usually put this in)
 1 cup finely chopped green onions

Keep refrigerated...
Gloria McDonald

Easy Pumpkin Pie

3 eggs
 1 cup canned pumkin
 1 cup evap. milk
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/4 cup maple syrup
 1 Tsp. cinnamon
 1/2 Tsp. salt
 1/2 Tsp. nutmeg
 1/2 Tsp. Maple flavoring
 1/2 Tsp. Vanilla ext.
 1 unbaked pie shall
 whipped cream

In a large bowl, beat the first 10 ingredients till smooth, pour into pie shell, Bake at 400-degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350-degrees. Bake 40-45 minutes, longer until done. garnish with whipped cream.

*Verla Paige
 Big Spring*

Cranberry Cobbler

1 1/2 cups fresh cranberries or 2 cups whole cranberry sauce
 1/4 cup sugar (if fresh berries are used)
 1 egg beaten
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 cup flour
 1/2 cup melted butter
 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Sprinkle fresh fruit with sugar; place berries or whole sauce in baking dish. Combine egg and sugar; add remaining ingredients. Pour over cranberries. Bake 350-degrees for 45 minutes. Serve with cream or ice cream. Makes 6 servings

*Mamie Lee Dodds
 Big Spring*

Desserts

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Cream
 2 cups sugar
 2 cups brown sugar
 4 eggs
 2 tsp vanilla

Add
 5 cups blended oatmeal
 2 cups flour
 2 tsp baking soda
 1 tsp baking powder
 1 tsp salt

Add 8 oz grated chocolate bar
 24 oz chocolae cips
 3 cups nuts chopped
 cook at 375-degree, 10-12 minutes
Lois Kennedy

No-Cholesterol Million Dollar Pound Cake

2 1/2 cup sugar
 2 cup Promise tub margarine
 Egg substitute=6eggs
 1 tsp. Lemon extract
 1 tsp. Vanilla extract
 1 tsp. Butter flavoring
 1/4 cup low-fat milk
 3 3/4 cup flour
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1 tsp. baking powder

Cream sugar and margarine together for about 7 minutes. Add extracts and flavorings, milk, flour, salt and baking powder; mixing well, Add egg substitute a small amount at a time; beat well after each addition. Bake in greased (Pam spray) and floured 12 cup Bundt pan at 325 degrees for 85-90

minutes. Cool in pan 10-15 minutes before inverting on serving platter. Serve with fresh fruit: strawberries, pineapple, peaches, etc.

*Eloise Wynn
 Coahoma*

Festive Yam Pie

2 cups mashed cooked yams or canned sweet potatoes
 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 1/2 cup light cream
 1/2 cup milk
 3 eggs
 1/2 tsp salt
 1 tsp cinnamon
 1 tsp ground nutmeg
 1/2 tsp ground ginger

1-11 inch or 2-8 inch unbaked pastry shells
 2 cups sour cream
 1/4 cup sifted confectioner's sugar
 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Combine yams, brown sugar, cream, milk, eggs, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger in a large mixing bowl; pour into pastry shell(s). Bake in preheated 305 degree oven for 1 hour (8 inch pies, 50 minutes) or until knife inserted in center comes out clean; cool. Mix sour cream, confectioner's sugar and vanilla spoon around edge of pie and in center.

*Kim Crowley
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Desserts



Wheat Free Pumpkin Cookies

Mix in medium size bowl
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1/3 cup honey
1 cup pumpkin puree

Add
1 1/3 cup buckwheat flour
2 T. arrowroot powder or cornstarch
2 t. baking powder
1 t. cinnamon
1/2 t. nutmeg
1/2 t. ginger
1/4 t. cloves
1/4 t. salt

Stir In

1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)
1/2 cup coconut

Place teaspoons of dough on greased cookie sheet and bake about 8 minutes at 350-degrees.
Charla Scott

Monster Cookies

6 eggs
2 cups brown sugar
2 cups white sugar

1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup corn syrup
1 cup butter
3 cups peanut butter

Mix Well Then Add
7 cups oatmeal
1 1/2 cup flour
4 tsp baking soda

Mix Well Then Stir In
1 cup M&Ms
1 cup chocolate chunks
1 cup chocolate chips

Put on cookie sheet in large teaspoonfuls
Bake in oven 350-degrees for 12-15 minutes

Lois Kennedy

Orange Creamsicle Pie

1 can (15oz.) mandarin oranges, drained, reserve syrup
1 pkg. (3oz.) orange flavored gelatin mix
1 cup ice **WINNER**
1 can sweetened condensed milk
4 cups whipped topping(Cool Whip) from a 16 oz. pkg.
1/2 tsp. orange zest (opt)
graham cracker crust (bought or homemade)

In a large microwave safe bowl, microwave reserved orange syrup on high in 10-second intervals until hot. Stir in gelatin mix until dissolved. Add ice; stir until slightly thickened. Remove and discard any remaining ice. Whisk in milk; let stand until slightly thickened, 5-10 minutes. Fold in 1 cup topping and zest. Transfer mixture to crust; smooth top. Refrigerate until just set, about 2 hours. Top with orange segments in single layer; refrigerate 6 hours or overnight. Just before serving spread with remaining 3 cups whipped topping. (can be lightened up by using light syrup, sugar-free, fat-free items resulting in 239 calories; 5 g. fat per serving) (classic 341 calories; 21 g. fat per)

*Shirley Gay
Big Spring*

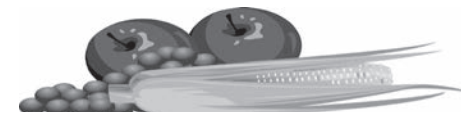
Mama Lou's Chocolate Pizza

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1 boxed brownie mix
2 eggs
1/2 cup water
Pizza pan sprayed with cooking spray

Topping:
1 container of Milk Chocolate icing
1/2 chopped pecans
1/2 cup milk chocolate chips
1/2 cup white chocolate chips
1/2 cup coconut

Instructions:
Put moistened/mixed brownie mix in pizza pan and cook according to



mix instructions
Remove from oven and let cool
Spread all the contents of the Milk Chocolate icing on the cooled brownie
Sprinkle chopped pecans over icing
Sprinkle coconut over icing
Sprinkle milk/white chocolate chips over icing as well
Cut as you would for pizza serving - using small slices as this is very rich
Serves 12+

Lou Knight

Pecan Roll-ups

1 cup butter
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese
2 cups flour
1/4 Tsp. salt
2 cups pecan halves
1 cup confection sugar

In a larger bowl, beat butter and cream cheese till lightly fluffy, combine flour and salt, gradually, add to butter mix and mix well, Cover and refrigerate for 1-2 hours. Divide dough in half. On a lightly floured surface-roll out one portion into a 18"x18" rectangle. Cut widthwise into 6-3" sections, Cut each section into 3"x 1" strips. Roll each strip around a pecan half. Place 1" apart on ungreased sheet. Bake 350-degree for 12-15 minutes roll in confection sugar. Store in alright container.

*Verla Paige
Big Spring*

Salads



Fruit Salad

1 can peach pie filling
1 can crushed pineapple, drained
1 can mandarin oranges, drained
1 can blueberries, drained
5 bananas cut up

Combine all ingredients

Fannie Bell Adkins

Chicken Rice

5 cups cubed cooked chicken breasts
3 cups cooked rice
1 1/2 cups diced green pepper
1 1/2 cups sliced celery
1 can (20 oz.) pineapple tidbits, drained
3/4 cup mayonnaise
4 tsp. orange juice
2 tsp. vinegar
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp ground ginger
1/4 tsp garlic salt
1 can mandarin oranges, drained
1 cup slivered almonds, toasted

In large bowl, combine the first 5 ingredients.

In small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, orange juice, vinegar, salt, ginger and refrigerate, overnight is ok.

Just before serving, fold in the

oranges and toasted almonds.
Serves 10.

*Loma Jean Wynn
Coahoma*

Greek Tossed

Bow Tie Pasta-small box
1/4 cup red onion
1/2 small red bell pepper
1/2 cup Feta Cheese chopped/ crumbled
Small can sliced black olives
1 can artichoke hearts
2 roma tomatoes
Greek Salad Dressing with Feta Cheese

Boil pasta till done. Rinse. Dice onion, pepper, tomatoes and artichoke hearts. Crumble feta cheese and add olives. Add Greek salad dressing to taste.

Lou Knight

Emerald Dressing

2 cups fresh spinach
2 small onions, chopped
2 heaping tsp. Garlic, chopped
4 Tbls. lemon Juice
6 tsp. sugar
4 cups mayonnaise **WINNER**

Place all ingredients in blender, blend until smooth.

Gloria McDonald

Casseroles



Corn Casserole

2 cans corn, drained
1 can chopped green chilies

Melt and Cream together
1-8oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 stick margarine
1/4 cup milk
1/2 tsp garlic slat
salt and per to taste

Pour over corn and chilies and bake at 325-degrees for 20-25 minutes, or cook in microwave 5-6 minutes

Loma Jean Wynn

Green Bean Casserole

1/4 lb bacon
1 medium onion
2 cans green beans, drained
1 can mushroom
1/4 cup almonds **WINNER**

Fry bacon, crumble. Cut up onion, saute. Add bacon, onion, green beans, soup and almonds in casserole dish. Bake in 300-degrees oven for 30 minutes.

Fannie Bell Adkins

Forgotten Chicken

1 fryer, cut up or 8 to 10 favorite pieces (1 use 4 to 6 breasts)
1 envelope onion soup mix
2 cups raw minute rice
2 cans cream of chicken soup
2 cans water

Place chicken in bottom of casserole, sprinkle with onion soup mix. Pour 2 cups rice over this. Mix soup and water and pour over the chicken and rice. Cover tightly. Cook at 375-degrees for 1 hours. Do not uncover while cooking.

*Kim Crowley
Big Spring*



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Entrees



Speedy Green Cream Enchilada Casserole

WINNER

2 pounds ground beef
1 medium onion, chopped
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can cream of chicken soup
salt and pepper to taste
2 (4oz.) cans chopped green chiles
regular size Dorites, crushed
slightly
¾ pound cheddar cheese, grated

Heat Soups and chiles slowly in sauce pan while browning ground meat with onion. Line a greased baking dish with Dorites; then alternate meat, soup mixture and chips again, meat, ending with soups. Top with grated cheese. Bake in 350 degree oven about 30 minutes or until cheese is bubbly.

*Shirley Gay
Big Spring*

5 Ingredient Chili

1 lb lean ground beef
2 cans (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes in juice
2 cans (15.5 oz.) red kidney beans, rinsed & drained
¼ cup instant minced onion
1 Tbsp. chili powder

Cook beef over med-high heat in a large skillet until crumbled and no longer pink; drain. Stir in tomatoes, beans, onion and chili powder. Cook uncovered for 20 minutes. Season to taste.

Serves 4-6

Eloise Wynn

Mexican Lasagna

1-box lasagna noodles at least 12 noodles (can use no boil or reg)
4-15oz cans of red enchilada sauce
2 lbs of ground meat (beef, pork or chicken)
1 onion diced
3-4 garlic cloves finely chopped
2 tps. cumin
salt & pepper to taste
1-Large tub of small curd cottage cheese
2-small cans of green chillis
1 pkg taco seasonings
Lg handful fresh chopped cilantro
1-8oz pkg cheddar cheese
1-8oz pkg mozzarella cheese
1-8oz pkg monteray jack

Cook ground meat, adding diced onions, salt, paper and cumin. Ad garlic the last 2 minutes of cooking time to the ground meat. In bowl combine cottage cheese,

green chillis, cilantro and taco seasoning. Mix well. In another bowl combine all three cheeses, mix well. Preheat oven 350-degrees. In large baking dish spray with non-stick cooking spray. Lay down 4 noodles length wise. Spoon ¼ meat mixture over noodles, spoon ¼ of cottage cheese mixture, pour 1 can of enchilada sauce over area and add ¼ mixture of cheese.

Continue to add two more layers of everything as above, adding additional can of sauce on last layer before adding cheese. Cover with foil, bake 30-40 minutes. Remove foil continue baking additional 15 minutes till bubbly. Remove from heat, let rest for 10-15 minutes. serve with pinto beans, Mexican corn and salad.

Kris Soliz

Spicy Glazed Turkey Breast

Prep. time 20 minutes
Roast 325-Degrees 2 hours or 2 ½ hours
Standing time - 10 min.

1 10oz. jar jalapeno jelly
2 lbs. lime juice
1 clove garlic, minced
¾ tsp salt
¾ tsp black pepper
1- 6 to 6 ½ pound whole turkey breast
salt and pepper
jalapeno jelly (optional)

Glaze

In a small saucepan stir together first 5 ingredients. Cook and stir over medium heat until jelly is melted. Remove from heat and set a side. Sprinkle turkey with salt and pepper. Place skin side up on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer into thickest part of breast not touching bone. Roast uncovered until juice runs clear or thermometer register 170-Degrees F. Generously brush glaze 2 or 3 times over breast during the last 30 minutes of cooking. Transfer to platter, cover loosely

with foil and let stand 10-15 minutes before carving. If desired, served with the additional jelly.

*Art Dodds
Big Spring*

Christmas Breakfast Strata

Prep. time 25 min. Bake 350-Degrees for 30 min.
Let stand 10 min. Serves 10-12

6 English Muffing Split and Quartered
9 eggs
1 cup milk
1-4 ½ oz. can diced green chili peppers, drained.
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 cup diced cooked ham
½ cup finely chopped green onions
2½ oz. can sliced, pitted ripe olives
1-70oz. jar roasted red sweet peppers drained and cut in strips
1½ cups shredded provolone cheese (6oz.)
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese (2oz.)

Arrange English muffins in single layer in greased 3 quart rectangular dish. Set a side. In a large bowl, combine eggs, milk, chili pepper, salt and pepper. Whisk with wire whisk or rotary beater. Pour egg mixture over muffin quarters. Sprinkle with ham, green onions, olives, and sweet peppers. Top with cheese. If desired, cover and chill 2-24 hours until ready to bake. Bake uncovered 350-degrees about 35 minutes. (45 if chilled), or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

*Mrs. Mamie Lee Dodds
Big Spring*



Angel Biscuits

1pkg. yeast dissolved in 3 T luke warm water
¼ c. oil
2 ½ c. buttermilk
5 c. flour
¼ c. sugar
1 T. baking powder
1 t. baking soda
1 t. salt

Mix all ingredients in order listed, the dough will be very sticky, Roll out on floured surface, cut out for rolls. Bake at 400-degrees. Left over dough may be refrigerated.

Loma Jean Wynn

Morning Glory Muffin

4 cups flour
2 ½ cups sugar
4 tsp baking soda
4 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp salt

WINNER

In Another Bowl Beat
6 eggs
2 cups oil
4 tsp vanilla

Ad Liquid Ingredients to Dry Mix until just combined

Stir In
4 cups grated carrots
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup sunflower seeds
1 cup coconut
2 peeled/grated apples
Bake at 350-degrees – 35 minutes
Makes 3 dozen muffins

Lois Kennedy

Wheat Free Banana Nut Bread

Cream Together
½ cup buttermilk
¾ cup sugar

Mash and Stir in
3 medium bananas

Beat and Add
2 eggs
¼ cup. milk

Mix In
2 cup. barley flour

Breads



will be greasy otherwise.
Fannie Bell Adkins

Wheat Free Oat Pancakes

Mix
2 cups oat flour
5 tsp. baking powder
½ cup flaxseed meal
Beat and Add
2 eggs
1 ½ c. water
2 tblsp. honey
Drop by ¼ cup onto hot pan or skillet. Cook about a minute per side.

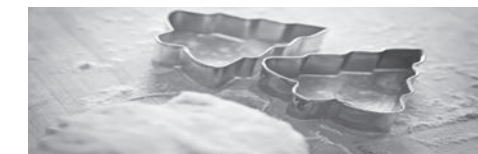
Charla Scott

Oatmeal Applesauce Bread

1 ¼ cup flour
¾ cup sugar
1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. nut meg
1 cup quick cooking oats
½ cup raisins
1 ¼ cup apple sauce
½ cup oil
2 large eggs
½ cup milk
Preheat oven to 350-degrees. Sift dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Stir in oats and raisins. Beat apple sauce, oil, eggs and milk together. Make a well in center of dry ingredients. Pour applesauce mixture into well and stir only until moistened. Pour into greased 9x5x3 loaf pan. Bake 55-60 minutes.

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How to Eat Healthy This Holiday

Turkey recipes are as many and varied as the people who make them. Rather than offer just one turkey recipe, we had New York food editor Loretta Dinacci give pointers on how to make your bird healthier. She describes how to find the freshest turkey and avoid unhealthy additives and salt. She also advises which oils and seasonings to use to achieve that rich flavor everyone loves.

New Specialty Diet Category

Wheat allergies are one of the fastest growing health issues in the country. A recent study in the journal *Gastroenterology* found that four times as many people have celiac disease – a condition in which the body cannot absorb strands of protein called gluten – than they did 50 years ago. Studies from the University of Michigan Health System estimate that 1 in 100 people have celiac disease.

The Health eCooking™ Show helps people with wheat allergies find delicious gluten-free meals this holiday season. Our **Corn Bread Stuffing** web video shows how to make a Thanksgiving staple using all gluten-free products. In fact, all of our featured side dishes (**Healthy Mashed Potatoes, Healthy Butternut Squash, Italian Green Beans and Quinoa Gravy**) are naturally gluten-free. These recipes are easy to make and something everyone can enjoy.

Corn Bread Stuffing With Chestnuts and Figs

www.smmccares.com new web cooking video features *Health eCooking* chef Mitch Prenskey as he demonstrates how to make a gluten-free stuffing in just minutes. He starts with a stale, crumbled, gluten-free corn bread. (We prefer either a store-bought mix like *Bob's Red Mill®* or corn bread made from scratch using masa harina.) Roasted chestnuts and soaked figs bring out an aroma that will have your family gushing. Since you don't need to cook this stuffing in the bird, you can just toss it in the oven and go enjoy your holiday.

Entrees



Portuguese Soup

2 cups onion, chopped
6 cloves Garlic, chopped fine
6 Tbls. cooking oil
1 lb garlic flavored smoked sausage (cut size into bite size pieces)
10 cups beef stock or 10 bouillon in 10 cups of hot water
1 #303 can kidney beans with liquid
1 small head green cabbage, chopped
12 new potatoes, scrubbed & quartered
¼ to ½ cup vinegar
1-16oz. bottle catsup
Salt & Pepper
Saute onion and garlic in oil until transparent. Add sausage & cook until brown.

Mix rest of ingredients in a large pot & start to simmer. When onion, garlic, & sausage mixture is ready, add to stock. Simmer for 40-50 minutes. Add all other ingredients & simmer for at least 40 minutes.

Gloria McDonald

Cajun Shrimp Soup

½ cup chopped green pepper
1 garlic clove, minced
2-12oz. cans V-8 juice
½ cup water
¼ teaspoon thyme leaves, crushed
1/8 to ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 lb. fresh peeled shrimp
Hot pepper sauce (if desired)
¼ cup sliced green onions
1 Tablespoon margarine or butter
1-8oz. bottle clam juice
½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon basil leaves, crushed
1 bay leaf
1/3 cup uncooked regular long grain rice

In large saucepan, saute green pepper, onions and garlic till tender. Stir in V-8 juice, clam juice, water, salt, thyme, basil, pepper flakes and bay leaf. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; add rice. Cover and simmer 15 to 20 minutes, or until rice is tender. Stir in shrimp, simmer, uncovered, an additional 3 to 5 minutes, or until shrimp are tender. Remove bay leaf. Makes 4 serving (1 ½ cup)
220 calories per serving
Lou Knight

Vegetables



Apple-Spiced Sweet Potatoes

Non stick cooking spray
3 1/2 - 4 pounds sweet potatoes peeled and cut in 2 inch chunks
1-20oz can apple pie filling
2/3 cup golden raisins
3 Tbs butter or margarine cut in cubes
1 1/2 Tsp apple pie spice
1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
1/2 cup sugar
2 Tbs butter

Lightly coat 3 1/2 or 4 quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Add sweet potatoes, apple pie filling, raisins, and 3 Tbs butter and apple pie spice, mix well.

Cover and cook on low setting 6-8 hours, or on high setting for 3-4 hours. Mean while in a large heavy skillet combine pecans and 2 Tbs butter and sugar cook and stir over medium heat 8-10 minutes or until the sugar and butter cling to the nuts, turns golden and starts to melt. Pour hot mixture onto a large piece of foil; cool completely. When cool, coarsely crush. To serve: Top each serving with some of the candied pecans. If a slow cooker is not available, Sweet potato mixture may be baked in a slow oven.

*Art Dodds
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Corn Bread Stuffing with Chestnuts and Figs Recipe

Yield: 8 Servings

- 1 cup diced dried figs
- 1/4 cup 100% corn bourbon or orange juice
- 3 cups stale gluten-free cornbread, crumbled
- 3/4 cup onion, diced
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 cup cooked chestnuts, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. fresh sage, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. fresh thyme, chopped
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 cups fat free, reduced sodium chicken broth
- 3 egg whites

Preheat oven to 350°

Soak figs in bourbon or orange juice until soft. Drain. Combine cornbread, onion, celery, garlic, chestnuts, seasonings and soaked figs in a bowl. Add chicken broth and mix well. Let stand 5 minutes. Lightly whisk egg whites and fold into mixture.

Evenly spread mixture into a nonstick baking dish coated with cooking spray. Bake for 45 minutes or until light brown.

Nutrition facts (per serving): Calories: 283; Fat: 5g; Saturated Fat: 2g; Cholesterol: 35mg; Sodium: 562mg; Carbohydrates: 51g; Fiber: 5g; Protein: 9g.

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With holiday preparations underway, Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) celebrates autumn with delicious, healthy recipes for Thanksgiving. This month, www.smmccares.com features stuffing, side dishes and desserts with less fat, lower cholesterol and lower sodium than traditional dishes. We also debut launch the first of many how-to articles and videos, presenting quick healthy cooking tips from expert chefs.

SMMC makes it easy to cook healthier foods that are low-calorie, lower in fat and full of flavor. Instead of simply telling our community to eat better, we're showing everyone how to make their favorite dishes healthier in a new web series called *The Health eCooking™ Show*. Recently, SMMC put dozens of *Health eCooking* recipes and cooking videos on www.smmccares.com and we add more delicious recipes and videos every month.

In the coming months, the series will introduce a new category of how-to-cook videos to complement our popular recipe videos. Professional chefs will demonstrate useful, everyday tips for healthy cooking, like how to chop an onion, how to sweat vegetables or how to grill salmon. It's just another way we're adding useful and entertaining information to our website.

Health eCooking™ is part of SMMC's free Healthy Woman membership program, but everyone can use it, especially people who want to eat better, lose weight or find foods that help them manage diabetes or heart disease. All recipes on our site are approved by registered dietitians and tested by professional chefs. Recipes include tips for healthy cooking and verified nutritional values. Our database provides a wide range of options for those in search of heart healthy, gluten free or diabetic recipes.

"Cooking shows are popular on television. They're even better on the web because you can slow the program down, back it up, even print the ingredient list," says Kim Howell, Healthy Woman coordinator at SMMC. "It's easy to cook healthier foods when you watch a chef prepare a low-fat pasta dish or make a dessert for someone with diabetes."