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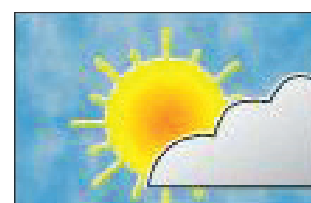
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Truck route

Public hearing set for 6:30 tonight

Herald Staff Report

Anyone wanting to know more about the proposed truck relief route around Big Spring is welcome to attend a Texas Department of Transportation public hearing on the matter set for this evening.

The hearing will be held at the Dora Roberts Community Center at 100 Whipkey Drive. Exhibits and maps of the route will be on display until the beginning of the hearing, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and items will be on display beginning at 1 o'clock.

According to officials, the purpose of the hearing is to discuss the social, economic and environmental effects of the route, which will begin at the intersection of U.S. 87 and FM 700 north of Big Spring to the intersection of U.S. 87 and RM 33 south of Big Spring.

The proposed route has been the subject of some controversy. Supporters say the route would guide increasingly heavy truck traffic from Big Spring's main north-south thoroughfare. Others say the route will take business out of the city.

TxDOT officials have said the proposed project would consist of acquisition of new right-of-way, construction of a four-lane, divided controlled access roadway 14 miles in length, bridges, intersection connections, drainage structures, and landscaping.

The state Relocation Assistance Program, which includes property and damages compensation, location and acquisition of replacement residences and commercial structures, will be presented during the hearing.

Portions of the proposed alignment will intersect mapped floodplains. The proposed project design would not increase the base flood elevation to level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances.

The current estimated total project cost is \$148 million.

Members of TxDOT's Abilene District staff will be available until the beginning of the hearing to answer questions and take comments. There will be an opportunity at the conclusion of the proposed project presentation for the public to comment either orally or in writing. Comments will also be accepted for 10 days after the date of the hearing.



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Brenda Franklin, Operation Christmas Child relay center coordinator, prepares a display of iconic shoeboxes at Allan's Furniture, the Big Spring drop off point for the annual holiday program.

Shoebox gifts sent worldwide

Operation Christmas Child now under way

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

How much Christmas joy can you cram into a shoebox?

According to local officials with Operation Christmas Child — a project offered annually by the Samaritan's Purse charity to provide shoeboxes full of gifts to children all over the world — the joy of opening the holiday box isn't limited by size or shape, just the imagination of the donor.

Brenda Franklin, Operation Christmas Child relay center coordinator, said the local group is hoping to collect nearly 800 boxes this holiday season, with the deadline to submit the shoeboxes of holiday cheer 4 p.m. on Nov. 22.

"Last year we set a goal of 725 boxes, a goal we managed to go over by quite a

"We managed to ship out 840 boxes last season, which was very satisfying. This year we're setting a goal of 775 shoeboxes, and I'm pretty confident we'll be able to accomplish that."

—Brenda Franklin

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GOP prepares for tough Texas legislative session

From state parks and highways to health care programs for the poor and disabled, state agencies are bracing for the hatchet to fall.

APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press

AUSTIN — As Republicans prepare to take a two-thirds majority of the Texas House, some of the party's issues that were wilting under opposition from Democrats will likely be pushed to the top of the agenda when the legislative session starts in January.

In addition to facing a budget shortfall expected to be more than \$20 billion with renewed calls for fiscal restraint, the House will also revisit the highly charged and partisan issues of voter

identification and immigration.

The new conservative makeup of the House also will have a hand in redrawing new congressional districts, a task that's almost sure to result in more Texas Republicans in Washington, D.C.

Texas Democrats suffered staggering losses in the state Legislature on Tuesday, losing their House leader and several longtime incumbents who weren't even considered vulnerable. According to unofficial returns, Republicans will pick up 22 seats in the chamber, giving them a 99-51 majority.

"A lot more Republicans is a more conservative House," said Republican House Speaker Joe Straus, who is being challenged for another term as the chamber's presiding officer by conservative Republican Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa. "It certainly solidifies the conservative nature of the House that we've had for a long time."

Straus says he has enough support for another term and believes the race

for speaker is over, but Chisum warned Wednesday that anything could happen before the 150-member chamber chooses their leader in January.

Both speaker candidates turned their attention Wednesday from the election

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File Photo

Coahoma's Dakota Griffith follows his blockers in one of the Bulldogs' games earlier this season. The Bulldogs will try to beat Idalou at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Coahoma.

Upset Special

Bulldogs try to knock off Idalou in regular-season finale

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — It seems like Coahoma has done it all this season.

The Bulldogs already have the playoff spot, more wins than they had last season and the program back on track. Only thing that might raise the bar for Coahoma is beating district darling Idalou to end the regular season.

“For us it’s really kind of a no-lose situation,” said head coach Trey Gardner, whose team can earn a share of the District 2-2A Division II title if it wins at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Coahoma. “We’ll get up there, play the best game we can play. See how it kind of

comes out. Not too many people expect us to have a shot. We understand we have to play really well.”

That’s not an understatement. Gardner said his Bulldogs might have to play a near flawless game to beat the Wildcats (6-3, 5-0 in District 2-2A Division II play).

Coming into the season, most coaches in the newly-formed district said Idalou is the team to beat, and it’s still true today. The Wildcats had a tough nonconference slate, but bounced back in district play to beat Stanton, Hawley, Post, Forsan and Anson.

They haven’t just beaten those teams. They’ve dominated, especially the defense, which has al-

lowed six points since district play started. If the Bulldogs could simply score, they’d accomplished something that hasn’t happened in two games against Idalou.

It goes deeper than the statistics sheet though for Gardner. He said what makes Idalou perennially a good team is the players’ mindset. Just like losing is a habit, he said winning is contagious and the Wildcats are used to and expect winning.

“They’ve got a lot of tradition,” Gardner said. “This is the 11th year in a row they’ve been in the playoffs, so obviously they’re going to be good at what they do. That’s a big part of it. They just don’t

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Bufs try to end season on good note vs. Hawley

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

FORSAN — All the motivation in Week 10 for Forsan is derived from what’s happened the last few weeks to their team.

A 56-0 loss to Coahoma, a 61-0 loss to Idalou and a 42-20 loss to Stanton. Ending the regular season on a good note against Hawley at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Forsan is something head coach Jason Phillips said his players want.

“I think it’s huge. The guys are pretty proud,” he said. “They realize we had a couple of games get away from us, especially in district. There’s maybe one we should have one and we could’ve been right in the middle of this thing. They want to win this game.

“Getting two district wins, moving up to 2A, that’d be a

real positive. Not only for the seniors, but for the guys coming back next year.”

The thing about this game is Hawley needs a win just as bad as Forsan at 2-7, 1-4 in District 2-2A Division II play. The Bearcats may have something to work with, too after an emphatic 34-19 win over Post last week.

Phillips said if the Bearcats are going to win, they’ll do it by committee, with a Wing-T and a cast of running backs.

Sound familiar? It’s an offensive the Bufs have faced numerous times this season. Hawley’s quarterback doesn’t have too much size, Phillips said, but he is able to run and throw the ball well enough to be effective. Dual-threat quarterbacks is something else Forsan has repeatedly seen

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File Photo

Forsan's Brendan Roman scores a touchdown in one of the Buffaloes' games this season.

Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Washer tournament

There will be a washer tournament Saturday at La Vedra Club park, with trophies for first, second

and third place. Registration is on Saturday and the entry fee is \$20 per person. The deadline to register is noon and the tourney starts at 1 p.m. Every player must use their own washer. Call Larry at 466-9969 to enter or for more information.

Senior Night

All parents of senior football players, managers, trainers, cheerleaders and band members are encouraged to meet at Memorial Stadium at 6:15

p.m. Friday. Seniors will be recognized during the Steers’ last home football game against Snyder. Call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685 if there are any question.

Steer Booster Club

Come support the Steer Booster Club from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the Verizon store on Gregg Street. There will be Steer Gear, hot dogs and much more.

Obituaries

James (Tony) Cherry

James (Tony) Cherry, 82, of Midland passed away Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, at home. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will be at a later date.

Tony was born April 12, 1928, in Mount Vernon to Niece (Gipson) and Charles Cherry. He played football for Mount Vernon High School. He married Veleria McClure on Dec. 3, 1949, in Rockwall. She preceded Tony in death Sept. 17, 1994.

He served in the Army Air Corp and retired from Mobil. He also worked for Parker & Parsley Petroleum. He had been a resident of Big Spring for 40 years before moving and living in Midland for four years.

Tony enjoyed playing dominos at the Senior Citizen's Center. His greatest passion was football. Survivors include a daughter, Brenda Rose of Midland; daughter, Patricia Holcombe of Midland; grandchildren, David Rose of Raeford, N.C., Dustin and Heather Rose of Midland, and Laci Holcombe of Lubbock; great-grandchildren, Whitney Connolly, Ashley Connolly and Shawn Connolly; and a brother, John D. Cherry of Tucson, Ariz.

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

Paid obituary

Alice Barrier

Alice Barrier, 73, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in Grand Saline. The family will receive friends Thursday from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dick Demaray and Eliseo Gamboa officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born May 6, 1937, in Pueblo, Colo., to Eunice and Ellis Patterson. She married Jim Barrier on Sept. 29, 1956, in Raton, N.M. He preceded her in death Oct. 27, 2000. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1960, coming from Raton, N.M. She was a homemaker and was one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She is survived by one daughter, Jeanie Cunningham and husband Earnest of Edgewood; and one son, Jimmie Barrier and wife Stephanie of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Jeremy Gamboa, Brandi Sims and husband Josh and Cassandra Gamboa; four great-grandchildren, Nate Sims, Allie Sims and Drea Gamboa; all of Edgewood and Wesley Chandler of Corsicana; two sisters, Carolyn Miller of Hereford and Betty Del Sol and husband Rob of San Diego, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Pallbearers will be Wesley Chandler, Joe Lomas, Gary Bryant, Josh Sims, Jeremy Gamboa and Jaime Saldivar.

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

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Police

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

• DAVID EUGENE HEFFINGTON, 42, of 1207 Settles, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

• KATHERINE DAWN RIOS, 21, of 814 Creighton, was arrested Wednesday on two warrants from another agency and a charge of prohibited weapon – knuckles/switchblade.

• MICHAEL ANTHONY GOMEZ, 18, of 312 E. Davis Rd., was arrested Wednesday on three warrants from another agency and charges of failure to appear and driving without a safety belt.

• JOHN MANUEL SOLIS, 24, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 24, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to appear (14 counts), no driver's license – when unlicensed (four counts), possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and speeding.

• GENE HERNANDEZ, 30, of 1502 Bluebird, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and a warrant from another agency.

• LAQUANTHUS LAMAR RANDALL, 20, of 2524 Hunter, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• MARIE BUCKNER KAUSS, 50, of 428 Hillside Dr., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 70, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 61, was arrest-

ed Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 46, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ARLINDA ROSALES SMITH, 59, of 2002 S. Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on charges of assault – family violence, possession of a controlled substance and disorderly conduct – language.

• ROBERT ALLEN RIOS, 32, of 409 Sunset Blvd., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of public intoxication.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 500 block of S. Gregg Street.

• THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of E. FM 700.

• FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2400 block of Allendale.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – second offense.

• RICKIE DELL HAIR, 36, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• DAVID HEFFINGTON, 42, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction and failure to appear.

• CYNTHIA MARIE SILVAS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no seat belt and no driver's license.

• GENE HERNANDEZ, 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a parole violation and a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• MARIE KAUSS, 50, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• MICHAEL ANTHONY GOMEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of no liability insurance, no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and no seat belt.

• KATHERINE DAWN RIOS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, violation of a promise to appear and prohibited weapon – switchblade/knuckles.

• JOHN SOLIS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no driver's license (four counts), possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear (14 counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and speeding.

• LAQUANTHUS LAMAR RANDALL, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• PRINCE VANDERBILT, 23, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, driving while license invalid and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ROBERT ALLEN RIOS, 32, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check and public intoxication.

• ARLINDA ROSALES SMITH, 59, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, disorderly conduct – language and assault – family violence.

• ELEUTERIO PADRON, 61, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 70, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a

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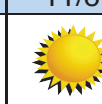
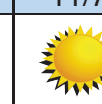
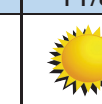
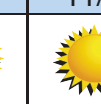
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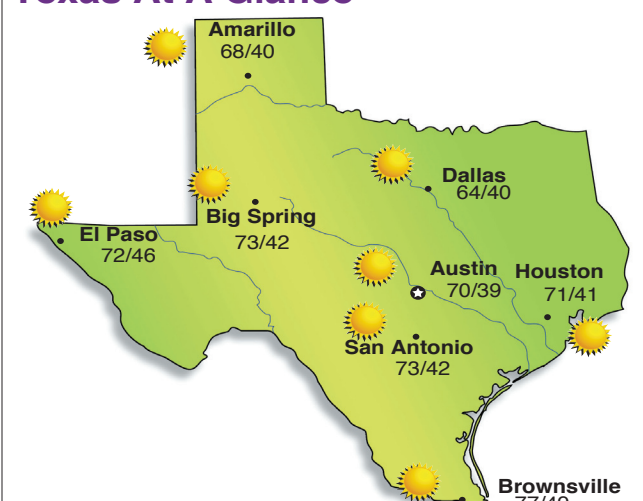
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Texas At A Glance



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Ablene	70	46	sunny	Kingsville	75	43	sunny
Amarillo	68	40	sunny	Livingston	69	35	sunny
Austin	70	39	sunny	Longview	62	36	sunny
Beaumont	68	40	sunny	Lubbock	73	39	sunny
Brownsville	77	49	sunny	Lufkin	67	37	sunny
Brownwood	71	41	sunny	Midland	75	46	sunny
Corpus Christi	73	45	sunny	Raymondville	78	46	sunny
Corsicana	64	38	sunny	Rosenberg	71	41	sunny
Dallas	64	40	sunny	San Antonio	73	42	sunny
Del Rio	77	44	sunny	San Marcos	71	38	sunny
El Paso	72	46	sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	38	sunny
Fort Stockton	76	46	sunny	Sweetwater	71	44	sunny
Gainesville	63	37	sunny	Tyler	62	35	sunny
Greenville	61	34	sunny	Weatherford	65	38	sunny
Houston	71	41	sunny	Wichita Falls	66	39	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	53	32	pt sunny	Minneapolis	45	31	sunny
Boston	58	40	rain	New York	54	40	rain
Chicago	42	25	pt sunny	Phoenix	85	59	sunny
Dallas	64	40	sunny	San Francisco	71	59	mst sunny
Denver	70	42	sunny	Seattle	52	48	rain
Houston	71	41	sunny	St. Louis	49	30	sunny
Los Angeles	80	58	pt sunny	Washington, DC	54	40	rain
Miami	74	49	pt sunny				

charge of public intoxication.

• ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 46, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

Note: An activity report was not available at press time.

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Week 10: SHS trying to stay in playoff hunt

Borden County (8-1, 3-0) at Sands (8-1, 2-1) -7:30 p.m., Friday, Ackerly

ACKERLY — The Sands Mustangs will repeatedly be thinking about the number 17 Friday. It's the margin of victory they have to have against one of the top teams in the state if they want to get into the playoffs.

"We put ourselves in this situation," Sands head coach Wayne Henderson said. "That's what we told the kids. When Grady got up on us and beat us, we put ourselves in this situation. Now you have to try to go beat the No. 4 team in the state by 17 points. "It's a tall order, but stranger things have happened in the game of six-man."

Borden County will indeed be a tall order for the Mustangs, who are com-

ing off a bye week. Sands is a little banged up, too. Albert Ybarra is questionable with a concussion and Junior Rogers has an arm injury.

If Sands loses, the Mustangs' season is over, but if they win by at least 17, it'll go to a coin toss to decide who gets the playoff spot. Grady will be cheering for Borden County Friday.

Stanton (9-1, 4-1) at Anson (3-6, 1-4) - 7:30 p.m., Friday, Anson

STANTON — Playoff spot in hand, it would be easy for Stanton to relax in Week 10. That's not the way head coach John Peterson does things, though.

Last week after the win over Forsan, Peterson said the Buffs' next focus

would be Anson and nothing more. Ending the regular season on a good note is key for his team.

Through a tough defense, among other things, the Buffs are in the playoffs for the second time under Peterson. Anson hopes to get one last win at 1-4 in district play.

Garden City (9-0, 2-0) at Sierra Blanca (1-7, 0-2) - 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sierra Blanca

GARDEN CITY — For the first time in six weeks, Garden City is back on the road.

The Bearcats have the district locked up, however, and the defending state champions are getting prepared to defend their title.

The Bearcats are coming off a 102-point performance on offense. Sierra Blanca hasn't found a district win yet this season.

Klondike (1-8, 0-3) at Grady (7-2, 2-1) -7:30 p.m., Friday, Lenorah

LENORAH — Grady needs a win against Klondike this week, but the Wildcats will be watching the score of the Sands-Borden County game.

The Wildcats will look to Joe Cook and Jake Rodriguez to lead the offense against Klondike, which doesn't have a district win yet.

Quarterback Shane Teague did not play last week, being sideline because of injury.

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this season.

"They've got some big guys up front," Phillips said. "They got a couple guys over 250. So their size is pretty good. Offensively, they run a Wing-T, which is a lot of misdirection-type stuff. They just don't have one superstar running back, but they got two or three guys that carry the ball pretty well."

The good news for Forsan (3-6, 1-4) is the offense somewhat found its way last

week at Stanton. Ty Johnson had a solid game and junior quarterback Foster Burchett found receiver Kolten Self repeatedly. It was a flashback to how the Buffs' offense was performing earlier this season.

Phillips is proud his offense got back on track against Stanton. He said Coahoma and Idalou were tough to overcome and Stanton is a formidable opponent.

"Of course we were playing two pretty good defenses in Coahoma and Idalou," he said. "Stanton is just as good, if not better than those guys defensively and we were able to run the ball and points up on the board. We took a couple weeks off offensively as far as execution goes. It looked like last week, we were getting back on track."

Titans add weapon. claim wide receiver Randy Moss off waivers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Titans felt that Randy Moss was just too good to pass up twice. So they didn't.

After skipping Moss in the 1998 draft, Tennessee claimed him off the waiver wire Wednesday.

"Timing is everything," coach Jeff Fisher told The Associated Press on Wednesday night. "I really think the quicker we get him on the field, the longer he's here, the more productive he'll be. We think that he can help us, and I'm looking forward to seeing him run under those deep balls."

The Titans didn't seem to be the front-runner to get Moss, ranking 23rd among NFL teams in the waiver system. But Tennessee was the only team to put in a claim on the talented, but much-traveled wideout.

Concerned about Moss' character in 1998, Tennessee, then the Oilers, drafted Kevin Dyson with the 16th pick overall instead.

Fisher said the Titans did their "due diligence" on Moss. That included talking to Moss and former teammates like current Titans backup quarterback Kerry Collins. Fisher said Moss was excited about the move, and the NFL's longest-tenured coach

with his current team isn't concerned about how the 13-year veteran now with his third team this season.

"Randy's been a good teammate, and he's very popular. I think this is a great opportunity for him. It's a fresh start," Fisher said. "We've got a great locker room. They'll accept him. I'm confident he'll accept his new teammates as well."

Moss can help the Titans, at 5-3 a half-game back in the AFC South with five divisional games remaining. They have lost their last two playoff games, and Fisher said Kenny Britt, who hurt his right hamstring in last week's 33-25 loss to San Diego, will miss the Titans' game Nov. 14 at Miami.

They hope to have Moss in sometime this weekend during the Titans' bye. Their last practice is Thursday, and players won't be due back until Tuesday.

"Randy's excited to get back playing football," agent, Joel Segal said. "He's ready to go and looking forward to get there."

Moss already is being welcomed.

Safety Michael Griffin tweeted "welcome Randy Moss" and All Pro running back Chris Johnson

had been lobbying for the Titans to pick up Moss as well. Johnson shares the same agent as Moss and had been telling Segal how much he wanted the receiver in Tennessee.

"Why do we need Randy Moss?" Johnson said Wednesday, before the move was announced. "You can't put eight in a box if you got Randy Moss out there on the outside. If you've got Randy Moss out there, you just can't play him one-on-one. I feel like Randy would be a great addition to this team, be a great addition to our receiving group and really help us go deep in the playoffs."

That's what matters most for the Titans.

Owner Bud Adams turns 88 in January, and this franchise's lone Super Bowl berth was way back in 2000. The Titans lost a wild-card playoff game in San Diego in the 2007 season and wasted the No. 1 seed and home-field advantage in 2008 with a divisional round loss.

Britt has the NFL's best game receiving this season with his 225 yards and three touchdowns Oct. 24, and Vince Young currently is the NFL's top

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No. 1 Westwood fires 66, No. 2 Tiger Woods shoots 68 in Shanghai

SHANGHAI (AP) — Lee Westwood didn't feel as though he had to prove why he was No. 1 in the world. With one quality shot after another Thursday in the HSBC Champions, he sure served up a reminder.

Westwood closed with two strong birdies for a 6-under 66, leaving him one shot behind Ryder Cup teammate Francesco Molinari in pristine weather at Sheshan International.

Tiger Woods, no longer No. 1 for the first time in more than five years, made one improbable par and three straight birdies on his way to a 68 that left him very much in the mix of this World Golf Championship.

The surprise, to some degree, was Westwood.

It was only his second stroke-play competition in three months, and only his second round of golf since Oct. 10. His mistake wasn't even his own doing, as he found a clump of mud on his ball in the seventh fairway, leading to a bogey.

Otherwise, it was the kind of round expected from the world's No. 1 player.

"I don't think I need to reinforce why I'm No. 1 in the world," Westwood said. "I think you get there as a result of having good performances. But it's nice to go out there and show everybody that there is a particular reason why I got to that stage."

The Asian influence in the tournament regarded as "Asia's major" shone through behind Yuta Ikeda of Japan, who bogeyed his last hole and shot 67, and rising Korean star Seung-Yul Noh, who also had a 67. They were joined by Henrik Stenson, coming off his worst season and seeing some signs of progress.

Luke Donald of England joined Woods at 68, while defending champion Phil Mickelson had a 69. PGA champion Martin Kaymer, who has gone to No. 3 in the world, opened with a 72.

Westwood, Woods, Kaymer and Mickelson all can go to No. 1 in the world this week.

Molinari tried to take some of the spotlight off the battle of the world ranking. He turned a potential bogey into a birdie on the third hole when his approach went over the green, leaving him a quick

chip down the hill. He chipped in, the start of four straight birdies that carried him to the opening 65 that put him atop the leaderboard.

"Everything seems in the right place at the moment," Molinari said.

Perhaps most inspiring for Woods is that he was coming off his longest layoff — four weeks — since he returned to golf at the Masters. It looked as though he had never left. In his previous competition, Woods was 9 under through 15 holes in his victory over Molinari in Ryder Cup singles at Celtic Manor.

He wasn't that sharp, but he was a little lucky.

Already 1 over for the tournament, he drove into a cluster of trees and bushes on the 15th. He figured he had no hope until caddie Steve Williams told Woods when he got to his ball, "I think we might have a shot."

The ball was behind some hedges, with sprigs sticking up around his ball. With a 4-iron, Woods

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BULLDOGS

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make many mistakes."

The Bulldogs (7-2, 4-1) aren't switching things up just because Idalou is on tap. Gardner said his usual offensive strategy might be the most effective, and that's making sure his offense stays on the field and the Bulldogs control the clock and the game.

Win or lose, Gardner said the Bulldogs are happy to be in this position as the regular season comes to a close. "I told somebody early on that if someone would guarantee me going into Week 10 we'll have a chance, I'll sign that contract," Gardner said. "That's right where we are. We've got a shot."

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Three winners are shown from a poster contest sponsored by the Office of Dispute Resolution and Big Spring Municipal Court. Goliad sixth graders are, from left, Chase Williams, second place, Joe Najar, first place, and Heavenly Edmondson, third place. Not pictured is Adrian Wilbert, tied for second. The theme was Respect Yourself ... Respect Others and the four top posters were displayed at American State Bank. Prizes such as gift cards and art supplies were donated by the Optimist Club, Big Spring Art Association and Sonic on Gregg Street.

State briefs

FDA tests confirm listeria at Texas food plant

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Federal health officials found the listeria bacteria at a San Antonio food processing plant that Texas authorities have linked to four deaths from contaminated celery, the Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday.

The federal agency said it found the pathogen in multiple locations in the SanGar Produce & Processing Co. plant, confirming the testing announced last month by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The Texas health authority shut the plant down Oct. 20 and ordered a recall of all produce shipped from there since January. A hearing on the case is set for Nov. 17 in Austin.

"It comes as no surprise to us," Texas health department spokeswoman Carrie Williams said Wednesday of the FDA's findings. "If there was any doubt out there, this erases it. It's another layer of confirmation that this plant had serious issues."

FDA spokeswoman Patricia El-Hinnawy said in an e-mail the agency would not comment on the results.

Jason Galvan, an attorney for SanGar, said he couldn't immediately comment on the FDA report.

"The FDA and the state have not turned over to us the documentation supporting their findings. We cannot comment on these most recent findings until the documentation is provided for independent evaluation by our experts," Galvan said.

Clinical testimony in sex assault penalty phase

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A psychologist testified about conditioning females as the penalty phase continues for a polygamist group member convicted of sexual assault of a child.

Testimony was to resume Thursday in San Angelo in the punishment phase for Keith William Dutson Jr., who faces up to 20 years in prison.

Jurors on Tuesday convicted the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints member over allegations from 2006.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reports Dutson was 20 and the girl was 15 at the time of their alleged polygamist union a year earlier.

Clinical psychologist Larry Beall testified Wednesday that the group's practices amounted to "sexual grooming," with females conditioned through intimacy, religious authority and secrecy.

SHORTFALL

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to the issues and challenges the House will face during their 140-day session that begins in January.

Bills that would require voters to present more forms of identification have struggled to get out of the closely divided House in recent years because of Democratic opposition. Voter identification legislation has "come back every session I've been here," Straus said. "I assume that it will (come back), sure."

Rep. Todd Smith, the Bedford Republican who carried the legislation last year, predicted a voter identification bill would pass under the new makeup of the House.

Both Straus and Chisum said immigration reform would be a key area, but Chisum noted that immigration legislation did not get passed during Straus' first term.

"We might look at the Arizona law, see how it could fit into Texas law," he said.

He said the state has to do something since the federal government is not securing the border.

"We have as many undocumented people here in the state as anybody and we need to figure out how to get them documented, those that are working and doing fine and abiding by the law," Chisum said. "We need a way to have that work force here. ... But it needs to be legal, documented, know where they are, paying taxes and abiding by the law."

The state budget shortfall will be the driving force behind almost every decision the Legislature makes when it convenes. From state parks and highways to health care programs for the poor and disabled, state agencies are bracing for the hatchet to fall.

"I think you have a majority of House members here who want to make sure that our economic

recovery in Texas is not hampered by increases in taxes of any kind," Straus said. "So I would say that fiscal discipline was certainly strongly elected yesterday."

State leaders, including Straus and newly re-elected Gov. Rick Perry, have been vowing to pass a balanced budget without raising taxes. Most of the new Republicans campaigned on fiscal restraint, but with the massive shortfall and a budget considered conservative already, finding places to cut won't be easy.

Schools say education has already been cut to the bone and transportation officials are asking for millions to build new roads and maintain old ones. Cutting money on social safety net programs like Medicaid won't be easy either, with new federal requirements.

Straus also is awaiting recommendations from a House committee about exemptions in the Texas tax code that can be repealed for new

revenue.

Despite the chorus of no-new-taxes pledges, the fiscally conservative majority doesn't necessarily mean taxpayers won't be paying more to the state. Fee hikes, tax exemption repeals, higher college tuition, reduced college financial aid and tolls could all be part of the outcome, as they were the last time the state faced a budget shortfall in 2003.

Chisum said that he'll look at how big government is and which agencies are needed. Some may be outdated and not needed and that would be a way of making big cuts to the budget, he said.

The Legislature also is expected to redraw congressional district lines using new Census data — a highly partisan task that in the past has been marked by quorum-

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bit," Franklin said. "We managed to ship out 840 boxes last season, which was very satisfying. This year we're setting a goal of 775 shoeboxes, and I'm pretty confident we'll be able to accomplish that. Of course, if we manage to go over like we did last year, you certainly won't hear me complain."

Franklin said boxes are currently available for donors to pick up at the Big Spring drop off point of Allan's Furniture.

"The nationwide push for Operation Christmas Child is from Nov. 15 through Nov. 22," Franklin said. "However, we have boxes available, and if someone already has their items together and ready to go, we'll accept the boxes anytime between now and Nov. 22."

Franklin said participating in the annual program is simple, and regardless what country the box of holiday goodies ends up in, it's sure to bring a smile to the face of the child receiving it.

"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 send them to the processing station in Odessa on Nov. 22.

"These boxes will be the only thing many of these children will have to open Christmas morning," she added. "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 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, 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 2 to 4 years; 5 to 9 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."

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief organization Samaritan's Purse headed by Franklin Graham, has delivered more than 61 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in some 130 countries.

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busting shenanigans.

"I also want to be very careful not to gloat as a Republican, not to assume that the voters have said that we're strongly Republican now and forever more," Straus said. "I think that it's up to us as Republicans to lead in a way that will help convince the voters who gave us their confidence yester-

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By Eddy Pitchford

Working with fractions can be stressful for elementary students. While numerators divided by denominators can prompt more confusion than fourth graders want enumerated, a fraction of the dismay is reduced when it is learned that "to denominate" merely means "to divide."

In similar fashion, there is much confusion about denominationalism in religion. While many factors are involved, the multiple divisions can hardly be the product desired by Jesus, who promised to build one church and prayed for unity among his followers.

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rated passer at 103.1. But the Tennessee passing offense ranks 24th, averaging 187.6 yards per game.

"Randy is obviously a Hall of Fame player and has the ability to be a difference maker for our offense," Titans general manager Mike Reinfeldt said.

Nate Washington said before the waiver deadline that he didn't think the Titans needed Moss, defending the group of young receivers who

have been working hard. He said Moss would be welcomed, but Washington is the receiver most likely to slide out of a starting spot once Britt's hamstring heals up.

This move will allow the Titans to put the 6-foot-4 Moss on one side with the 6-3 Britt on the other.

"I welcome him with open hands," Britt said. "It's a guy I can learn from being another receiver ... and he can definitely help with our offense."

Moss is a relative bargain due about \$3.34 million for the final eight

games this season. He easily brings the best resume of any receiver for this team since leaving Houston. He has 948 career receptions for 14,778 yards and 153 touchdowns, though his numbers have dipped drastically this season in his stints first with New England and then Minnesota.

He has 22 catches for 313 yards and five TDs in eight games. In his four games with Minnesota, he had 13 catches for 174 yards and two touchdowns with the Vikings losing three of those four games to drop to 2-5.

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played away from the sprigs, through a gap in the hedges, shaping the ball from left to right to get it just left of the green. From there, he navigated a tricky, downhill chip to about 3 feet for the most unlikely par.

"I was able to build some momentum from there," Woods said.

He birdied the next hole with a sand wedge to 2 feet, then turned it on over the back nine, starting with a 5-wood from 247 yards that settled about 18 feet from the cup for a two-putt birdie. He birdied the next two holes, added a 20-foot birdie on the seventh and ended his round with a 6-foot par save.

"I hit a lot of good golf shots,"

Woods said. "I felt like I was able to control my distance well coming into the greens, and also putted really well today."

Westwood, still trying to manage an injury to his calf that affects his right ankle, had not played a round of golf since Oct. 10 at the Dunhill Links Championship at St. Andrews. His expectations were nil. The golf was quite good.

"I just went out there with a pretty clear mind," Westwood said.

"I was a little rusty in places with my scoring, but I putted nicely. All in all, I think I probably deserved about a 66."

He did just about everything well. Westwood hit a solid drive and a 6-iron to 15 feet for birdie on the 15th hole, one of the strongest holes at Sheshan.

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OUR VIEW

Deadline to get parade entries registered near

The official start to the Christmas season in Howard County, the 25th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, set for Saturday, Dec. 4, is fast approaching and there's little more than a week left to get entries in the procession registered.

Registration forms from individuals, businesses and church, civic and school groups planning their entries in keeping with this year's theme — “Star-Spangled Christmas” — have been coming in, but there are always those that wait until the last minute to get those forms in.

This year, the deadline to register entries is Friday, Nov. 12. That means, if you're planning to have an entry in the parade and haven't yet registered, it's time to do so as quickly as possible.

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade. And this year's parade will return to almost its original route, now that Gregg Street construction efforts have been completed.

Plans call for the route to begin lining up as it has traditionally done and the procession will actually begin at the intersection of 24th and Gregg Streets, proceed north on Gregg to Eighth Street, turn east one block before turning north and proceeding to Heart of the City Park on Scurry Street.

Entries will again be judged in five categories. And as has been the case in recent years, the entry judged “Best of Show” will receive a \$100 cash prize. The Publisher's Trophy, for best use of lighting, will earn one entrant \$75 and the Grand Marshall's Award, for best costuming, will receive \$50.

The parade is again set to begin at 5:30 p.m. that Saturday and we here at the Herald want to encourage everyone to come out and help us in getting the Christmas season off to a rousing start.

While it may seem there's plenty of time to make a lot of your decisions about the Christmas season, it's important to remember that a parade this size takes time to plan and coordinate.

That's why we're continually reminding readers about the need to get those entries submitted no later than Nov. 12.

Entry forms have been printed in several editions of the Herald and is again included in this edition. In addition, entry forms are available at the Herald's offices located at 710 Scurry.

So, if you are involved in any of the many organizations or businesses that annually take part in the Christmas Parade, get your entries filled in as soon as possible and let us know what you're planning to do.

Entry forms should be mailed to the Herald at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1431. For additional information concerning the parade, call 263-7331.

As always, we're asking the community to help us make this the best Christmas parade Big Spring has ever had.

So come on and join us. We're absolutely certain you'll be glad you did.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we enjoy our journey with You, Lord, on our way to Your heavenly destination.

Amen

Opinion in shadow of self

The recent firings of Juan Williams from National Public Radio, Helen Thomas from Hearst Publications and Octavia Nasr and Rick Sanchez from CNN for expressing their personal views have impacted the state of journalistic opinion in America.

These firings were uppermost in my mind when I spoke at the 18th annual St. Petersburg Times Festival of Reading last weekend.

I am usually a blunt speaker, so how would my words be interpreted or misinterpreted? Who would be filming or recording me?

I do not know how many people attended my talk, but more than a dozen latecomers had to stand along the walls. I always am humbled, and frightened, when a lot of people attend one of my talks.

I am humbled because I never fancied myself as being important enough that so many people would want to listen to me. I am frightened because I actually can draw a big crowd — not just any crowd, but smart people who say smart things, who listen attentively, who ask probing and interesting questions.

I do not know about other columnists, but I am uncomfortable with being able to shape people's opinions with my words. I am wary of the responsibility that comes with that kind of influence.

During my talk, for example, a woman said in front of the audience that because of a column I wrote in 1998 about a restaurant where I had been mistreated as

a black man, she has never gone back.

Over the years, others have shared how they embrace my words and have acted on them. One mother bought books I recommended in order to entice her son to read. “You changed his life,” she wrote in an e-mail message. “Now he reads all the time. Thanks.” I felt useful.

Then there are the controversial and volatile ideas that I and most opinion columnists often espouse, ideas that unsettle and produce enmity.

Readers learn our print personas and hold us to certain expectations. They expect us to take specific lines of argument. These expectations affect columnists. Former New York Times columnist Russell Baker aptly wrote: “In writing a column, you create a personality — and you become very quickly a prisoner of that person who is the column.” I fully understand Baker's observation.

I recall my introduction to the power of the columnist. I was in 10th grade at all-black Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale. My civics teacher, a native of Baltimore, would bring in a folder of H.L. Mencken columns he had clipped from the Baltimore Evening Sun. He would read aloud from the yellowed pieces, pausing to elaborate or explain.

He said that if Mencken, “the fearless gadfly,” had expressed the same opinions in many other countries, he would have been imprisoned or executed.

Of course, I immediately admired Mencken's irreverence, wit and use of the language. I wanted to be like Mencken.

On my own, I began to read all of the columns each day in the Miami Herald, the Fort Lauderdale News and the Fort Lauderdale

Sun Sentinel. I wrote letters — my version of columns — to the Herald, News and Sun Sentinel. None were ever published.

I dreamed of being a columnist for a major newspaper. I wanted to inform and insult and entertain just like Mencken, known as the “Holy Terror of Baltimore.”

Although I never became a holy terror, I have had for 25 years, through syndication, the privilege of informing, insulting and entertaining hundreds of thousands of readers in nearly every state and a few foreign countries.

Now, I am watching, in real time, my profession retreat into extreme political correctness. I am not talking about Fox News and a few other cable news programs. Who would publish Mencken today? Who would invite him to be a guest on a network Sunday morning news show?

Opinion in America, particularly in the traditional media, is a shadow of its old self. The nation is poorer as a result.

I conclude with the insights of Karl E. Meyer in his book, “Pundits, Poets, and Wits: An Omnibus of American Newspaper Columns”: “Columnists ... have benefited the land of the free by contributing as Walter Lippmann did to what the first President Bush has called ‘the vision thing.’ More commonly, they have been energetic advocates exerting influence through the quality of their arguments, and their independence from an electorate that has learned to put up with them.”

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The Democrats did good

The Democrats did good. Not in the election — they did pretty miserably there. But they did good for the country. They led America back from the brink of economic disaster.

The lead story in the Election Day Wall Street Journal was about the impending sale of General Motors stock to private investors. The subhead read: “IPO Would Raise \$10 billion, Cut U.S. Stake Below 50 percent; Value May Top Ford's.” That made me smile.

The Democrats put ordinary Americans on the road to health care security in a reform package that should actually lower government deficits, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Thus, politicians who try to repeal the health care law will have to come up with new taxes and/or spending cuts to preserve those deficit reductions. That's why they won't.

But Republicans controlling the House may try to follow through on promises to keep the parts of the health care reform that people like and get rid of those that they don't like. Trouble is, the things people don't like pay for the things they do.

In any case, the Democrats' health care reform is a godsend for uninsured workers. (Most everyone else without private coverage is in a government health insurance program.) Employers

who do cover workers will see their soaring medical costs moderate. And unless the reforms are seriously messed up, they will begin to help American companies better compete with foreign firms benefiting from efficient, government-regulated health care systems.

For this and other feats of economic stabilization, voters gave Democrats little credit.

But why should they have, when so many Democrats gave themselves little credit? Some went even further than that. They actually ran away from their party's accomplishments, making their victories feel like failures.

This was always going to be a tough election for Democrats in purple parts of the country.

For them, the only hope was to swing for the fences. Instead, they pretended they were on the other team. You saw the results.

I leave it to historians to explain President Obama's weak performance in touting the good his party did under terrible circumstances.

Clearly, voters anguished over lost paychecks and home values — and sometimes the homes themselves — were not in a mindset to thank Democrats or even those Republicans who did unpopular stuff to avoid a total economic meltdown.

It's true that Republicans with some Democratic help created the unregulated Wall Street free-for-all that brought America to its knees. But the George W. Bush administration was right to help banks in the name of

preventing total collapse. Those enraged by the Troubled Asset Relief Program (the bank and auto company bailout) and the government-managed bankruptcies of GM and Chrysler don't appreciate how close we came to another Great Depression.

The most fascinating political story now moves to the relationship between tea party Republicans and corporate Republicans. The tea party people profess to want smaller government, which would exclude the type of corporate welfare so dear to the old Republican leadership.

For example, the tea party's Rand Paul, now senator-elect from Kentucky, wants to end farm subsidies. That's actually a good idea. Wonder what John Hoeven, the new Republican senator from North Dakota, thinks about that.

Will the tea party folks let GOP leaders put them into deep freeze until the next election, or will they stand up for their beliefs? And speaking of their beliefs, how many of them understand that their government subsidies (Medicare is an example) are in fact government subsidies?

Still holding the White House and a Senate majority, Democrats have been hardly rendered powerless.

But given their recent show of cowardice in defending their good works, you question whether they'll even notice that.

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Cowboys get back to basics

IRVING (AP) — Miles Austin practiced without his sticky gloves Wednesday, forcing him to watch every pass into his hands more than usual.

During film sessions, offensive linemen studied not only whether they blocked their man, but how. Defensive linemen went through similar analysis.

Coach Wade Phillips hopes that kind of attention to details will salvage the 1-6 Dallas Cowboys.

A back-to-basics approach is the latest plan the Cowboys are trying to turn around their season. It can't hurt. Dallas has lost four straight and already has more losses than last season with nine games still to play.

"You keep trying the same things and getting the same results, so we'll try a new thing," quarterback Jon

Kitna said. "A little more individual-type work. Working with the receivers and tight ends and backs a little more than we have been. Refreshing, during-the-season type stuff."

Phillips said Monday that after watching every game this season, and several from last season, he concluded that sloppy fundamentals are the root of this team's problems. Wednesday was the first day to try doing something about it.

The majority of the workout was closed to reporters. However, based on what everyone said, including Phillips, the only difference was a few more individual and group drills.

The biggest change might've been the location — Cowboys Stadium. But that was only because the fields at team headquarters were drenched by rain.

Players didn't even fully dress out, going with only helmets and shoulder pads.

"I'm the one that's responsible and I'm going to get this team going better," he said. "It's important for everyone to know we're working hard at what we're doing. We're trying to do the best we can do and I think we're going to improve. We're committed to doing that."

Phillips continues to believe his team isn't as bad as the record shows. Their first five losses were all by a touchdown or less, but they're coming off a home loss that was never even close against a Jacksonville club that came in 3-4 and had lost its two previous games by at least 22 points.

"It's a guy here, a guy there, or a play here, a play there," Phillips said. "It hasn't been consistent enough. I

think part of our inconsistency is us (not) being fundamentally sound with all our guys."

Phillips initially said the emphasis on fundamentals would trump game-planning for Green Bay on Sunday night. His description Wednesday sounded more like a 50-50 balance — clean up what they can, when they can, in the course of running the plays they need to work on to face the Packers.

The message may have come across best in position meetings, when players review films of practices and games.

"Rather than 'You got your guy blocked,' in this case it's, 'How did you get him blocked? Did you step with a 45-degree angle? Did you put your hand in his breastplate?'" Phillips said.

Rivers bothered by tweeting of in-game comments

BOSTON (AP) — Boston coach Doc Rivers feels what is said on the court should be left on the court.

Detroit's Charlie Villanueva took it to Twitter on Tuesday night, writing on his account that Kevin Garnett called him a "cancer patient" during Boston's 109-86 road win.

Villanueva suffers from alopecia universalis, a medical condition that results in hair loss. He does not have hair on his head.

Garnett, known as a trash talker, stuck to his usual rou-

tine and did not speak to the media before Wednesday's game against the Milwaukee Bucks.

He did issue a statement before the game.

"I am aware there was a major miscommunication regarding something I said on the court last night. My comment to Charlie Villanueva was in fact: You are cancerous to your team and our league," Garnett said. "I would never be insensitive to the brave struggle that cancer patients endure. I have lost loved ones to this deadly

disease and have a family member currently undergoing treatment.

I would never say anything that distasteful. The game of life is far bigger than the game of basketball."

After Boston's overtime victory over the Bucks, he was asked about his emotions on the court the past two games, but not specifically about Villanueva's tweet. He also drew a technical along with Andrew Bogut in Boston's 105-102 victory.

"I'm a passionate player," he said. "If you don't like the

way I am ... I play this way the last 15, 16 years. I leave it on the court."

One of Villanueva's tweets read: "KG called me a cancer patient, I'm (mad) because, u know how many people died from cancer, and he's tossing it like it's a joke."

Rivers defended his forward while wondering why someone would need to share in-game comments.

"I actually heard what Kevin said. I was right there, what he really said is in the statement. I'm going to leave it at that," he said. "I don't

like the whole tweeting thing. I'm going to state that as well. Guys talk on the court. It doesn't mean they should or shouldn't. The fact that we're talking about this, it's just silly. It really is. We had a hell of a game yesterday and we should be talking about basketball.

"Talking about what the guys said during the game, there isn't a place. I don't find a place for it."

Villanueva was bothered by what he thought he heard.

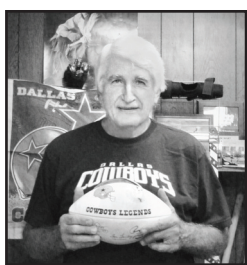
"I wouldn't even trip about that ..."

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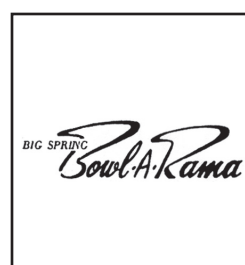
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HEALTH TALK

Q: I know I should be more physically active, but I just don't have the energy. What can I do?

A: It's ironic: once you get more physically active, increased fitness and improved sleep will probably leave you feeling more energetic; it's getting started that's the energy challenge.

Have you tried to push for too much intensity or time, too quickly? Most experts encourage people to start slowly; for those who are currently sedentary, that might mean just 10 or 15 minutes at a time. Move at a speed and intensity that don't leave you out of breath. Aim to feel energized, not exhausted, when you're done. Then gradually increase your time or speed a little each week, one bit at a time.

In the DREW study of overweight, sedentary older women, even 25 minutes of modest walking for exercise three days a week was enough to significantly boost feelings of energy; those who walked for an hour three times a week increased energy even further.

Make sure your lack of energy doesn't reflect eating too few calories — either in total for the day or in the two hours before your activity. Increasing activity doesn't mean you can eat unlimited calories, but don't let weight loss goals push you to cut calories so much you have no energy.

If your meals or snacks consist mostly of sweets or refined grains like muffins or pretzels that give you a short-lived rise in blood sugar followed by a crash, that could also explain your lack of energy.

See if you feel more like walking after a balanced meal that includes a vegetable and/or fruit, whole grains, and beans, poultry or other lean protein.

Finally, if you're chronically low on energy, talk with your doctor since this may be a sign of anemia, a thyroid disorder, medication side effect or another health problem that can be treated.

Q: As long as my doctor can keep my blood pressure and blood sugar controlled by adjusting my medication, does it really matter how I eat or how much I weigh?

A: Absolutely! An unhealthy overall diet or level of body fat can mean you require higher doses of medicine than would otherwise be needed to control your blood pressure and blood sugar. Those higher doses mean greater chances of side effects that can reduce your quality of life.

Besides, additional doses or stronger choices of medicines are often more expensive, which increases the financial burden not only for you but for our whole country.

Medications to control blood pressure and blood sugar are life-saving, but use them as additions to a healthy lifestyle, not alternatives to it. Researchers now point out that although controlling blood pressure and blood sugar are important, this control does not necessarily stop underlying metabolic changes from unhealthy eating habits and excess weight that can promote chronic, low-level inflammation, heart disease and long-term cancer development.

Excess weight increases risk of conditions that impact your quality of life, such as osteoarthritis and urinary incontinence. Healthy eating habits and weight management do more than just improve your blood pressure and blood sugar: the pay-off includes more energy and lower risk for many cancers and other chronic diseases.

Q: I keep hearing that eating a variety of vegetables is important, but I am stuck in a rut eating just a few. How do you suggest I get more variety?

A: You're right: vegetables are a key source of many nutrients and thousands of different phytochemicals (natural plant compounds that are antioxidants or protect our health in other ways). No single vegetable provides them all, however, so the wider the variety of your choices, the better.

Set a goal to try at least one new vegetable each week. If you're ready to be adventurous, go to the grocery store or farmers' market and just pick up something that looks interesting (and find out what it's called if you don't know). Then check recipe websites for different ways to prepare it. The AICR Test Kitchen offers healthy, easy recipes. Or check the library for a vegetable or ethnic cookbook, since many international cuisines have developed fabulous ways to serve vegetables.

You might pick up a magazine focused on healthy cooking, and make a point of preparing one vegetable or salad recipe from it each week.

Or perhaps make it a game: pick a particular vegetable, ask people how they like to prepare it and circulate the results to everybody.

Casual Cooking with Kris

Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

This week's recipe is inspired by an occasional trip my husband and I take to the local Furr's Cafeteria. I always look to see if they are having it when I go and it becomes my dessert. Last year around this same time I decided to give it a try at my Thanksgiving meal with invited guests and no one was the wiser.



KRIS SOLIZ

I love making mashed sweet potatoes, but last year I made sweet carrot souffle. Super yummy and you couldn't tell it wasn't sweet potatoes. It's also something you can make for the special occasion meals that aren't holiday inspired. I hope you will give it a try at your next holiday feast. Enjoy!

Sweet Carrot Souffle

- 1 pkg peeled finger size carrots in bag
- 1/2 cup of packed brown sugar
- 1 cup of marshmallow cream in jar
- 1 stick of butter (real)
- 1 cup of warm heavy cream
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon

- 1/4 tsp of vanilla
- 2 eggs - well beaten
- non-stick spray

Boil carrots as you would potatoes for mashing until fork tender. Drain and place in a large mixing bowl. Add brown sugar, marshmallow cream, butter, cinnamon, vanilla and beaten eggs. Mix with hand mixer, adding a little warm heavy cream until desired texture you like, similar to mashed potatoes. Preheat oven to 325 degrees, spray a baking dish with non-stick and place carrot mixture into baking dish. Cook for about 30 minutes until light golden brown on top and puffy.

Angel Food menu for November

Because of the Thanksgiving holidays, Angel Food orders must be in by Nov. 10 and delivered Nov. 20.

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Bit O Blessing Box, \$21

4.5 lb. whole chicken; 1 lb. crunchy fish bites; 4 6-oz. hamburger patties; 1 lb. lean ground beef; 1 lb. kidney beans; 1 lb. sliced carrots; 1 lb. rice; dessert.

Bountiful Blessings Box, \$41

3.5 lb. split chicken breast; 2 24-oz. Birdseye Steamfresh means for 2; 2 lb. chicken fettuccini alfredo entree; 4 6-oz. hamburger patties; 4 6-oz. bacon wrapped turkey fillets; 1 lb. crunchy fish wedges; 1 lb. cooked meatballs; 1.5 lb. breaded chicken nuggets; 1 lb. lean ground beef; 1 lb. all meat hot dogs; 1 lb. sugar snap peas and carrots; 1 lb. yellow sweet corn; 1 lb. cut green beans; 2 lb. fresh apples; 24 oz. steak fries; 1 lb. pinto beans; 1 lb. rice; 1 lb. pasta; 25 oz. pasta sauce; 5.5 oz. pancake mix; 7 oz. blueberry muffin mix; 32 oz. 2 percent shelf stable milk; 1 dozen eggs; 16 oz. brownie mix.

Convenience Meals, \$28

Roasted white chicken; bbq white chicken; fish sticks; turkey and gravy over bread dressing; swedish meatballs with sauce over noodles; white chicken with gravy over rice; macaroni and beef; pot roast with vegetables; white chicken mexicana; country steak with gravy.

After School Box, \$24

2 lb. chicken fingers; 1.5 lb. corn dogs; 16 oz. string cheese; 3 peanut butter and jelly jamwich; 3 oz. hot dog in bun; 2 stuffed sandwiches assorted flavors; 3 oz. grilled cheese sandwich; 5.6 oz. breaded chicken sandwiches; 2 pizzas sloppy joe minis.

Allergen/Gluten Free Box, \$25

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3 lb. sweet potatoes; 3 lb. Idaho potatoes; 2 lb. yellow onions; head of green cabbage; stalk of sleeve celery; one-half fallon apple sider; 4 oranges; 2 grapefruit; 4 Granny Smith apples; 6-pack raisins; 8 oz. bag shelled walnuts; 10.5 bag mini marshmallows; AFM fruit and veggie recipe sheet.

Special 4, \$36, delivery in December

7.5 lb. roasting chicken; 3 lb. boneless netted ham roast; 12 oz. corn bread stuffing mix; 12-count mini corn cobbettes; 1 lb. frozen cranberries; 2 lb. green beans; 2 lb. diced sweet potatoes; 12-count wheat dinner rolls; 1.7 oz. pkg (2) brown gravy mix; dessert; recipies and cooking instruction sheet.

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7.5 lb. roasting chicken; 3 lb. boneless netted ham roast; 12 oz. corn bread stuffing mix; 12-count mini corn cobbettes; 1 lb. frozen cranberries; 2 lb. green beans; 2 lb. diced sweet potatoes; 12-count wheat dinner rolls; 1.7 oz. pkg (2) brown gravy mix; dessert; recipies and cooking instruction sheet.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Rising to the Occasion

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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♥	10 5 2		
♦	Q J 9 6		
♣	8 4 3		

WEST		EAST	
♠	—	♠	J 7 2
♥	A K Q J 9 7 6 3	♥	8 4
♦	10 4	♦	8 7 5 3 2
♣	10 7 2	♣	K J 9

SOUTH			
♠	A K Q 9 6 4 3		
♥	—		
♦	A K		
♣	A Q 6 5		

The bidding:
West North East South
4♥ Pass Pass 6♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.

South's blind shot at six spades certainly wasn't scientific, but all factors considered, it was a sensible bid that was likely to win most of the time.

Whenever your judgment says that you're more apt to gain points than to lose them by making a certain bid, you should not talk yourself out of doing so because your partner might have the wrong hand for you.

That's not the way to play winning bridge.

The slam ordinarily would have been easy to make, even with the relatively poor dummy South inherited. Had the spades been divided 2-1, he would have scored at least 12 tricks by cashing the A-K of trumps and A-K of diamonds, then crossing to dummy with a trump to discard his two low clubs on the Q-J of diamonds.

But when declarer ruffed the opening heart lead and played the ace of trumps, West showed out, and South had to reorganize his plans. With no ready entry to dummy to utilize the Q-J of diamonds, he decided to force his way into the North hand by deliberately losing a trump trick.

So he next cashed the A-K of diamonds and then led a low trump to dummy's eight. East won with the jack but could do no better than return a heart.

South ruffed and led another low trump to dummy's ten. He then cashed the Q-J of diamonds and on them deposited the 6-5 of clubs.

Only one more hurdle — a club finesse — remained to be surmounted, and when it succeeded, the slam was home.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Democrats, GOP, White House talk of cooperation, but huge challenges loom

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama may have expressed humility over the “shellacking” he took in the midterm elections. But he and his fellow Democrats made it clear they still differ with Republicans on many key issues, and all the talk of a new spirit of compromise could prove tough to follow up on.

Leaders of the two parties seemed to draw different lessons from the elections, in which Republicans took over the House and cut deeply into the Democrats' Senate majority.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky practically threatened Democrats with deeper losses in two years if they don't show more willingness to embrace GOP ideas for health care, taxes and other matters.

“They may have missed the message somewhat,” McConnell told reporters. Democrats “can change now and work with us to address the issues that are important to the American people,” he said, or they can refuse and see that another round of Republican wins “can happen in 2012,” when Obama will seek re-election.

Obama, in a White House news conference Wednesday, said voters were expressing displeasure with both parties.

Obama and, to some degree, Republican leaders did signal they might reach accords on a few issues, such as energy. Obama abandoned his proposed cap-and-trade system for trying to reduce greenhouse gases, which Republicans sharply opposed. But he said the two parties might reach compromises on other fronts, such as promoting electric cars, nuclear power, energy efficiency and “energy independence.”

Obama also said there should be bipartisan agreement on a plan to give businesses a tax break by letting them accelerate the depreciation of some equipment.

Republicans vow to repeal and replace health overhaul, but it's Obama who packs veto power

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans say they'll repeal and replace President Barack Obama's health care law, but tinker and tweak is as far as they're likely to get.

And that might not be a bad thing if you're a GOP strategist. It keeps the issue Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell calls the “tipping point” in the midterm elections alive for 2012, when they'll try to unseat Obama himself.

Republicans will control the House in January, but they don't have the votes to overcome a Senate filibuster, much less Obama's veto on repeal. Plan B, denying

funds to carry out the law, could backfire if it escalates to a government shutdown.

Other options call for legislative guerrilla tactics.

Republicans could use the oversight authority of Congress to slow down or block regulations, essentially tying up the instruction manual for the overhaul. Expect flyspeck scrutiny of agencies implementing the law.

Mexican police remove 18 bodies from mass grave near Acapulco announced in YouTube video

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — In another grisly turn in Mexico's drug war, police have recovered 18 bodies from a mass grave announced in a YouTube posting — a video saying the victims were from a tourist group kidnapped in Acapulco a month ago.

Authorities said they would resume their search Thursday for more remains at the burial site in Tres Palos, a town just south of the Pacific resort city.

Police did not yet know if the bodies found were from the 20 men

abducted at gunpoint Sept. 30 while visiting Acapulco from neighboring Michoacan state, Fernando Monreal, investigative police chief for Guerrero state, said Wednesday night.

Officers began digging at the site early Wednesday after receiving an anonymous phone call alerting them to two bodies dumped on an empty lot.

Hours earlier, a video appeared on Youtube in which two men — their hands apparently tied behind their backs and answering questions from an unseen interrogator — say they killed “the Michoacanos” and buried them in the area.

The two bodies reported in the tip were found wearing the same clothes as the pair seen in the video and were lying on top of the mass grave.

U.S. officials: Military wants to boost aid to Yemen as part of broader development assistance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military wants to significantly increase its equipment and training aid to Ye-

men in 2011, proposing as much as \$250 million to help the struggling country battle al-Qaida-linked extremists within its borders, according to U.S. officials.

The increase in funding was recommended well before last week's failed mail bombings, which U.S. officials believe were linked to the terror group's branch in Yemen, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

Military aid to Yemen in 2010 was \$155 million, and the 2011 recommendation is expected to be well in excess of \$200 million, depending on final negotiations between top administration officials.

Indonesian volcano spews towering clouds of hot ash and gas as shelters, villages empty

MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia (AP) — Towering clouds of hot ash gushed from the mouth of Indonesia's deadly volcano Thursday, hours after its most explosive eruption in a deadly week sent screaming women and children fleeing mountainside villages and emergency shelters.

Scientists — shak-

ing their heads as they watched the wide, fast sweeps of a needle on a seismograph — worried that the worst might be yet to come.

“It looks like we may be entering an even worse stage,” said Surono, a state volcanologist, who'd earlier said a week of continual eruptions appeared to be easing pressure behind the magma dome lodged in the Mount Merapi's crater. “We have no idea what's happening

now.” The volcano, one of the world's most active, has erupted many times in the last century, often with deadly results.

Forty people have died since it burst back to life just over a week ago — almost all of them from the first, Oct. 26 blast, and subsequent chaotic evacuations. In 1994, 60 people were killed, while in 1930, more than a dozen villages were torched, leaving up to 1,300 dead.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A PRODUCTIVE FORMATION
Wichita Water LLC, P.O. Box 847, Levelland, TX 79336-0847 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject oil and gas waste into the San Andres Clearfork and Spraberry Formations, Ringneck Dove Lease, well number 1. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles North of Big Spring, TX in the B.C. (Canyon) Field, in Howard County. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3100 to 6600 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792). #6764 November 4, 2010

Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A NON PRODUCTIVE FORMATION

Trilogy Operating, Inc. P.O. Box 7606 Midland, TX 79708 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Formation, Senza Lease, Well Number 2. The proposed injection well is located 7 Miles NE of Big Spring, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3100 to 3700 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #6765 November 4, 2010

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Libra moon urges us to weigh our decisions well. And though careful research, precise measurement and critical thinking may lead us to the most logical, intelligent and potentially successful choice, they will not necessarily indicate the best choice. The Scorpio sun suggests that we go with our instincts.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are so sensitive to the needs of your loved ones and will take care of as many of their wants as you can without hesitation or complaint. Serving others will feel comfortable to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When the road ahead looks uncertain, you'll take control and do the right thing. All will go well as long as others are willing to defer to your good judgment without putting up a fight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be in an unusually competitive mood. When you apply yourself to a goal, your winning personality shines through. You'll make a sale or be the clear winner of a game. Hopefully, the others won't get too jealous.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You like to be needed, but at the same time, you know that it's unhealthy to foster co-dependency. Help loved ones test their skills so they'll know if they are ready for independence. Also talk about the many rewards of autonomy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're a truly wonderful conversationalist. You can ask compelling questions that don't put anyone on the spot. You learn more about people by keeping things light and breezy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you see that others are doing something different with great results, you may be tempted to hop off your course. However, this is no time to change it up. Keep doing what you're doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be wondering which way to go. The two options available are equally appealing. Why not flip a coin? Better to leave it to chance than to let this

decision hang you up. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are interested in and excited about what you're doing. Learning more about your subject of choice makes your eyes light up and your heart pound. This is a rare enthusiasm, and it will take you far.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your style of work is netting terrific results, though you may find yourself in need of a break. It doesn't behoove you to delegate tasks to others unless they agree to do things exactly as you would.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't want to ruffle anyone's feathers. However, when you feel that it is your place to do it, you can lead conversations that challenge and excite others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Life may have put distance between you and some of the people you love, but when you finally do connect, the miles won't matter. It will feel as though no time has passed at all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People appear tougher than they really are. Most people need tenderness, and so few are strong enough to consistently give that. Deal with your friendships delicately.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (Nov. 4). People are so pleased with your contributions to their lives. Allow yourself to be celebrated, and celebrate yourself. This month brings rare, lovely and fulfilling leisure time. Stellar opportunities come in December -- partner up and work hard. Follow romantic notions in March. May is lucrative. Sagittarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 25, 41, 28 and 49.

ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHT: Why and How To Bring Aquarius Energy into Your Life. Aquarius, the 11th sign of the zodiac, is the sign associated with friends, wishes and

sharing. Aquarius is about bringing people together and making us aware of how interconnected and interdependent we really are. It's about exploring our similarities and learning from our differences. It's the answer to loneliness and isolation and ego-based thinking. When you feel like you're the only one on earth who has problems, or when you think no one understands you or can relate to you, that's the time to bring Aquarius energy into your world. One way is to associate with Aquarius people, who tend to be friendly and compassionate and have high social intelligence. But that isn't the only way. Since Aquarius is ruled by Uranus, the revolutionary planet that rules invention, technology and all things futuristic, one way to get the Aquarian energy flowing is to use technology to reach out. Pick up your phone to call someone and talk about your feelings. Find online groups that deal with the things you are dealing with. Connect through social media. Reach out and share your experiences, and you'll be joined by a loving spirit.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Kathy Griffin may be the reigning queen of the "D-list," but her Emmy awards and successes in publishing tell a different story about this Scorpio comedian. With her sun, Mercury and Neptune all in the scintillating sign of Scorpio, she is in love with telling the truth -- especially in a way that will shock people and make them laugh hysterically. Her moon in Taurus indicates a ferocious work ethic.

To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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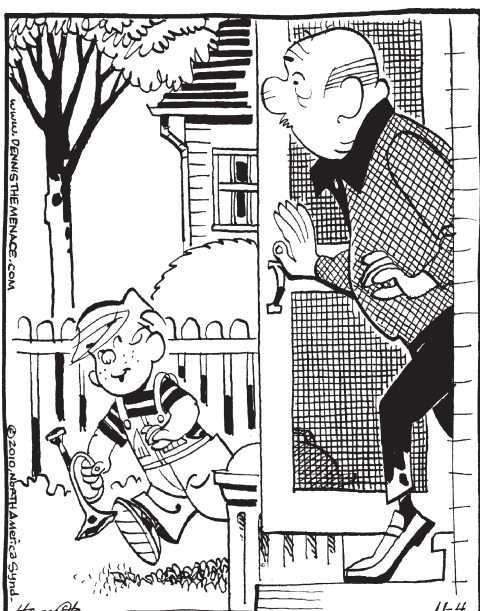
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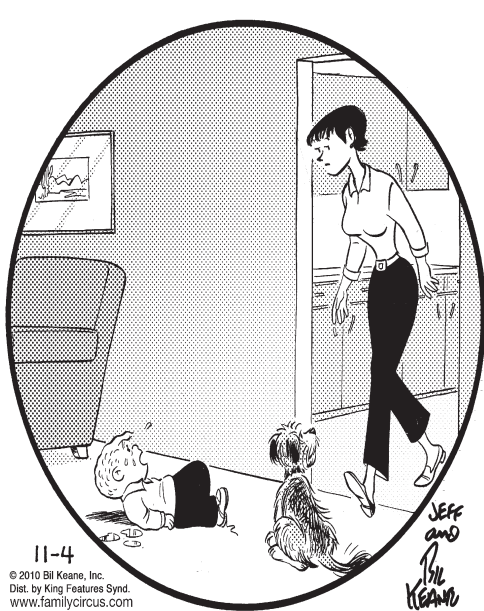
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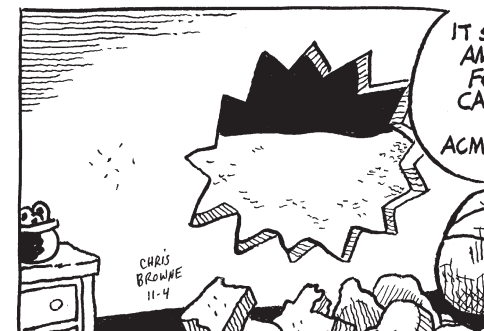
"OH, HI, MR. WILSON. I GUESS YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME KNOCKIN' ON YOUR FRONT DOOR."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



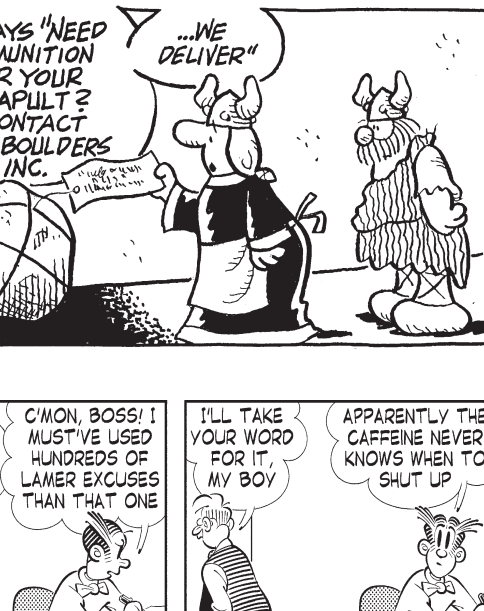
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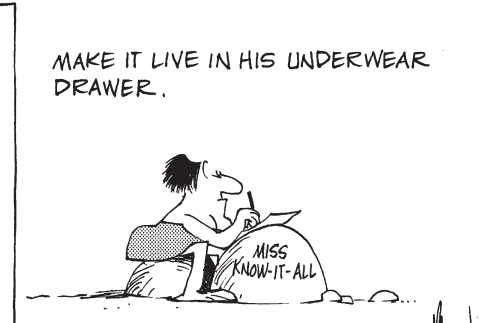
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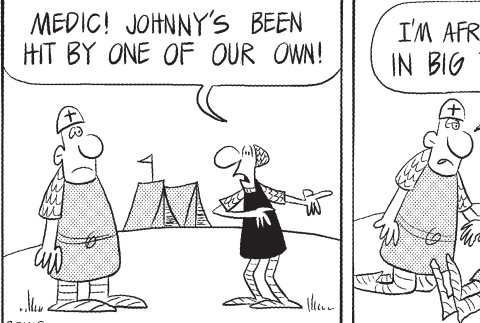
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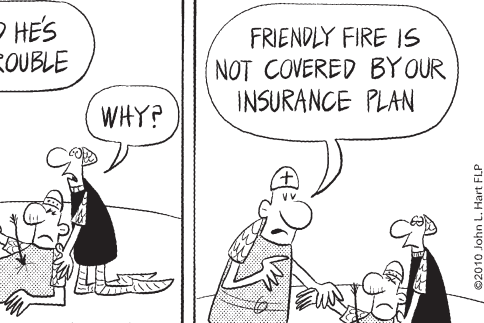
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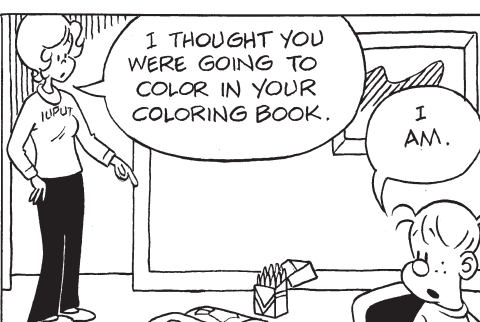
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I DRESS UP AS MY BIGGEST FEAR AND THUS BECOME LESS SENSITIVE TO IT.



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HI AND LOIS



I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO COLOR IN YOUR COLORING BOOK.

I SCANNED THE PAGES SO I CAN DO IT DIGITALLY.



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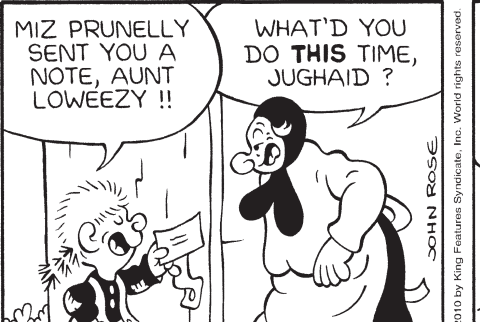
HAI! YOU VENUS FLY-TRAPS ARE SO LAME. US FLIES KNOW HOW TO AVOID...

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MIZ PRUNELLE SENT YOU A NOTE, AUNT LOWEEZY !!

I DON'T WANNA CONFESS T'MORE THAN I HAFTA !!



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WHY AREN'T YOU GOING TO DINNER?

AS SOON AS I FINISH MY "DOGGIE BAG" LEFT FROM LUNCH



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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 4, the 308th day of 2010. There are 57 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 4, 1980, Ronald Reagan won the White House as he defeated President Jimmy Carter by a strong margin.

On this date:

In 1884, Democrat Grover Cleveland was elected to his first term as president, defeating Republican James G. Blaine.

In 1922, the entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered in Egypt.

In 1924, Nellie T. Ross of Wyoming was elected the nation's first female governor to serve out the remaining term of her late husband, William B. Ross.

In 1939, the United States modified its neutrality stance in World War II, allowing "cash and carry" purchases of arms by belligerents, a policy favoring Britain and France.

In 1942, during World War II, Axis forces retreated from El Alamein in North Africa in a major victory for British forces commanded by Lt. Gen. Bernard Montgomery.

In 1952, Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president, defeating Democrat Adlai Stevenson.

In 1979, the Iran hostage crisis began as militants stormed the United States Embassy in Tehran, seizing its occupants; for some, it was the start of 444 days of captivity.

In 1991, Ronald Reagan opened his presidential library in Simi Valley, Calif. with a dedication attended by President George H.W. Bush and former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald R. Ford and Richard Nixon. At the first-ever gathering of five past and present U.S. chief executives.

In 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by a right-wing Israeli minutes after attending a festive peace rally.

In 2008, Democrat Barack Obama was elected the first black president of the United States, defeating Republican John McCain.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Doris Roberts is 80. Actress Loretta Swit is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Harry Elston (Friends of Distinction) is 72. Blues singer Delbert McClinton is 70. Former first lady Laura Bush is 64. Actress Markie Post is 60. Rock singer-musician Chris Difford (Squeeze) is 56. Country singer Kim Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 50. Actress-comedian Kathy Griffin is 50. Actor Ralph Macchio is 49. "Survivor" host Jeff Probst is 49. Rock singer-musician Wayne Static (Static-X) is 45. Actor Matthew McConaughey is 41. Rapper-producer Sean "Puffy" Combs is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Shawn Rivera (Az Yet) is 39. Actress Heather Tom is 35.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Part of some suits
 - 5 Oscar actress Blanchett
 - 9 Italian beverage
 - 14 "Got it"
 - 15 Carry out
 - 16 Rolled the dice
 - 17 Doctor's directive
 - 18 Spice obtained from nutmeg
 - 19 Work groups
 - 20 Boxer's preflight measurements
 - 23 Absorbed, as an expense
 - 24 PBS science expert
 - 25 Strikes (out)
 - 26 Goat quote
 - 29 Belgardians
 - 31 Put to (outdo)
 - 33 Die down
 - 34 VCR button
 - 36 Intensify, with "up"
 - 37 Circular word
 - 38 Bread, for instance
 - 42 Paperless pup
 - 43 Dirt + water
 - 44 Spot for a massage
 - 45 Traveler's aid, for short
 - 46 Shilling fraction
 - 48 Inner turmoil
 - 52 Big quantity
 - 53 Eats or drinks
 - 54 Barber's obstacle
 - 56 GI address
- DOWN
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 - 8 Drivers' hurdles
 - 9 Jewel box
 - 10 Highest-circ. US magazine
 - 11 Casino comp, often
 - 12 Hardly any
 - 13 GQ execs
 - 21 Inception
 - 22 Appeals strongly to
 - 27 Fit for duty
 - 28 White House nickname
 - 30 Author Harte
 - 32 Surprise Symphony composer
 - 35 Charged
 - 37 Go across
 - 38 Hoodwink
 - 39 Birth announcement
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 - 41 Disassembled
 - 42 UK sports cars
 - 46 Facets
 - 47 Has a hankering
 - 49 Impressive assemblage
 - 50 Tops of some towers
 - 51 Overthrow
 - 55 Something good
 - 58 Not to be repeated
 - 59 Cabbie's customer
 - 60 Honolulu-based detective
 - 61 Fiscal exec
 - 62 Monopolize

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