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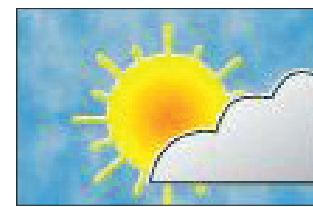
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Christmas forest to come alive

Heritage Museum has big plans for the holidays

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Only Grinches would dislike visiting the Heritage Museum the next few weeks.

The museum kicked off a slew of Christmas activities when it unveiled an art exhibit and its annual Christmas Tree Forest this week.

The art exhibit, "Angels We Have Heard On High," featuring angel-themed art work from members of the Caboose Watercolor Society, debuted Tuesday.

"Every year we have a theme for our Christmas exhibit and the Caboose Society has an art show in conjunction with that theme," Museum Director Nancy Raney said. "Last year, our theme was, 'A Home-spun Christmas' ... and this year we're following an angel theme."

The Caboose Watercolor Society — currently comprised of members Leada Wood, Carole Berry, Kay Smith, Sue Bagwell, Linda Rupard and Estelle Howard — was formed in 1997 and has frequently lent its collective talents to the museum during the holiday season, Raney said.

Up to 30 paintings from



Raney



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Up to 30 trees, including this one adorned with the names of area military veterans, are on display at the Heritage Museum as part of its annual Christmas Tree Forest, which will be on display through the holiday season.

Mishap ruins toys ready for children

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Officials with Spring Tabernacle Ministries announced this week the church's annual toy drive had to be cancelled after severe water damage at the facility destroyed much of its supply of holiday gifts.

Mona Lue Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle, said a problem with the installation of an evaporative cooler a few months ago led to the flooding, which caused serious damage in several of the rooms used to store the Christmas gifts, which included stuffed animals and clothes, among other items.

"We had refrigerated air units installed in the sanctuary, so we had the evaporative units moved from there to the area near the Christmas toy drive supplies," Tonn said. "However, when they cut the holes for the evaporative units, they cut them too large, leaving room for rain to get into the air ducts. A couple of months ago, when we got all that really heavy rain, the water came in through the space around the evaporative unit and basically went wherever the air conditioning ducts led

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Tonn

City officials caution: Protect your pipes

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

With temperatures expected to dip below freezing several times in the coming week, officials with the city of Big Spring are urging water customers to use some foresight to keep the water lines in the homes from bursting.

Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said local residents can protect their property — and more to the point, their water lines — by taking measures as temperatures continue to drop in the Crossroads area.

"We're really hoping people will take proper precautions as the temperature drops," said Darden. "That means leaving your hot and cold water dripping just enough to keep the pipes from freezing, as well as insulating any exterior pipes or fixtures."

"We also suggest people

take old newspapers or towels and stuff them in their meter boxes to help keep them from freezing. The boxes are underground, but they still sit in a void, so they are susceptible to the freezing temperatures and could burst."

Darden said area residents should also remember to insulate any sewer lines that are above ground or not buried at a safe depth, which would be 12 inches to 18 inches.

"If people don't take precautions, I expect we'll be handling quite a few emergency water cut-offs," he said.

Darden said freezing temperatures can also cause numerous breaks in the city's main water lines — deemed "Code Blue" by city officials — something he's hoping to avoid during the current cold snap.

"As long as the temperature warms up gradually, we should be OK," said Darden.

"However, if the warmer weather comes back quicker than we're expecting, we could certainly see a lot more main breaks in the city."

City repair crews have already had to deal with a slew of main water line breaks this year, with more than 100 breaks reported during a period between late July and mid-September.

According to City Manager

Gary Fuqua, the city worked to repair as many as 30 main water line breaks in a week during that period.

Fuqua attributed the summer increase in water line breaks to the increased demand for water throughout the city.

According to forecasts provided by Accuweather.com, low temperatures

Monday and Tuesday are expected to be in the high 20s, increasing slightly to the mid 30s by Friday.

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Mavs halt Spurs' win streak at 12

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs were going to lose eventually.

But the Dallas Mavericks seemed to enjoy being the ones who finally ended their four-week unbeaten streak more than most.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points and the Mavericks ended San Antonio's winning streak at 12 games, beating the Spurs 103-94 on Friday night. It was just the second loss of the season for the Spurs, who had been perfect in November.

The last time the Mavs were in San Antonio was April — when their season ended in Game 6 in their first-round series to the Spurs, after Dallas entered as the heavily favored No. 2 seed in the West.

This time, Mavs guard Jason Terry left asking: What streak?

"We didn't know what the streak was," Terry said. "This is what the rivalry is about. We play them three more times and probably in the playoffs again."

Manu Ginobili had 31 points for the Spurs, 16 in the first quarter alone. But two nights after rallying from 21 points down on the road to beat Minnesota, the Spurs couldn't stop Dallas on a 14-2 run during the final five minutes.

The Mavs scored 32 points in the fourth. Shawn Marion scored 11 of his 19 points in the quarter, including the 3-point play that put the Mavs up for good.

"The last few games we were ex-

cuting great down the stretch and making shot, but today they did," Ginobili said. "It was pretty clear they made all the shots they needed and we didn't."

Tyson Chandler also had 19 points for the Mavs, and nearly all from the foul line. Chandler, a career 62 percent free-throw shooter making his debut in the Dallas-San Antonio rivalry, hit 13 of his 16 foul shots.

Yelled Terry across the Mavs' locker room afterward: "We know who's shooting our technical free throws."

George Hill scored 21 points off the bench and gave San Antonio what would be its final lead with 4:45 left after a steal and tiptoe in front of the scorer's table before coasting in for a layup.

Mavs coach Rick Carlisle and his bench erupted, screaming that Hill had stepped out of bounds. Turned out Dallas had nothing to worry about.

After Hill's basket put the Spurs ahead 88-86, San Antonio turned the ball over three times on their next four possessions.

"You can see it on the little turn-key or whatever," Hill said. "But it happens it's been a good journey so far. The only thing we can do is focus on Sunday."

At 13-2, the Spurs still have the best record in the NBA but not their longest winning streak in three seasons. Next up for San Antonio: New Orleans, the only other team to beat the

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

The Garden City Bearkats hold up the trophy after defeating Borden County 44-42 in the regional round of the UIL state six-man football playoffs. They moved on to play Ira Saturday in Big Spring. Results and a recap from that game will be in Monday's issue of *The Big Spring Herald*.

Tennessee returns to Houston with no Young

HOUSTON (AP) — Vince Young won't be celebrating another triumphant return to his hometown.

In 2006, the former Texas star quarterback dashed through the Houston Texans' defense for the winning touchdown for the Tennessee Titans at Reliant Stadium, his first NFL game in the city where he grew up.

Young ripped off his helmet, ran toward a pack of fans wearing Longhorns gear and blew kisses to his family in the stands. He later called the moment one of the highlights of his career.

Since then, he's drawn as much attention for his negative behavior as his play. After this week's blowup with Titans coach Jeff Fisher, it's hard to gauge where Young's future is headed.

Fisher doesn't expect Young to be on the sideline when the Titans (5-5) visit the Texans (4-6) on Sunday. Rookie Rusty Smith will make his first career start following a tumultuous week that began with Young tearing a flexor tendon in his right thumb in the loss to Washington.

Young threw his pads into the stands after Fisher would not put him back in the game, and the two argued in the locker room afterward. Fisher said Young "wasn't welcome" at Monday's team meeting and was later placed on injured reserve.

Young wasn't traveling with the team to Houston, but Fisher said that's

standard procedure for players on the injured list. The Titans have dropped three in a row, but Fisher said Young's situation hasn't disrupted preparations for facing the Texans.

"What we do on Monday is we meet and put the (previous) game in perspective, correct the mistakes, address any issues that took place, and then you move on," Fisher said. "And that's what we've done."

Young apologized to Fisher on Tuesday via text message, but that hardly seemed to repair the rift. Fisher said he didn't send a text in response, and hinted he would've preferred a face-to-face apology.

"This issue has nothing to do with what's going on this Sunday," Fisher said. "Our focus is on our next opponent that's playing very well. This is a must-win game for both teams. That has no merit as far as what's going on here."

The Titans encountered a second crisis on Wednesday, when Fisher announced that offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger has been diagnosed with cancer and is expected to start chemotherapy treatment Monday.

Heimerdinger will still call the plays on Sunday and guide the 6-foot-5 Smith, one of Tennessee's sixth-round picks last summer. Smith beat out Chris Simms for the No. 3 spot on

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Newton leads No. 2 Auburn to 28-27 win over No. 11 Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Cam Newton ran around Bryant-Denny Stadium with a hand over his mouth, having hushed up those who might have thought his shot at the national title was done, along with the Heisman Trophy.

He's very much on track for both, thanks to his most audacious performance yet in this season of triumph and controversy.

No one had ever rallied a team to victory over Alabama after trailing by 24 points. That's just what Newton did Friday, leading No. 2 Auburn to a stunning 28-27 triumph that kept the Tigers in the thick of the BCS championship race and might have swayed any Heisman voters who had their doubts about voting for a guy hounded by unsavory allegations.

Newton threw for three touchdowns against the ninth-ranked Crimson Tide. He ran for the other score. And a day that started like Auburn might be headed for a staggering blowout ended with No. 2 taking a victory lap around Alabama's hallowed home field.

"Cameron Newton is physically and mentally as tough as I've ever seen," Auburn coach Gene Chizik said. "Period."

When Auburn fell behind 24-0 in the first half, it looked as though all those turned off by the prospect of Newton hoisting the Heisman and national championship trophies af-

ter his father was accused of seeking a huge payout might not have to worry about it.

Both awards, it seemed, were slipping away.

Not so fast.

Newton again rallied a team that has trailed in eight of its 12 games, leaving the crowd of 101,821 in disbelief. Well, except those orange-clad faithful crammed into one end of the stadium amid all the crimson, celebrating a win no one could have seen coming just a couple of hours earlier: the biggest comeback in school history.

Newton had a 1-yard TD run and threw scoring passes of 36 yards to Emory Blake, 70 yards to Terrell Zachery and, finally, a 7-yarder to Philip Lutzenkirchen with 11:55 remaining that gave Auburn its first lead of the day.

It held up, keeping the Tigers perfect heading to next week's Southeastern Conference championship game against South Carolina. If Auburn wins that one, the reward will certainly be a berth in the national title game.

"That's the kind of team we have," Zachery said. "We never give up."

Auburn (12-0, 8-0 SEC) trailed 21-0 before it even picked up a first down, and Alabama (9-3, 5-3) had a 314-2 lead in total yards when things looked especially grim for the Tigers.

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Animals get new 'leashes' on life



By **DANA BAKER**

Special to the Herald

This is the time of year when families are known to grow closer together. The time of year for new hopes, dreams and being grateful for the things we have in life and a time to plan for a brighter new year. But what happens when you are left out in the cold, alone and abandoned? Who do you call? Who will care?

This past week, I received a call from my friend, Melanie Gambrell.

"There is a mama dog south of town," Melanie told me. "She lives around an abandoned property. Nobody knows where or if the puppies are still alive. Big Spring Animal Control was called out and could not catch the mama."

The information about the dog had come to Melanie from a woman that passed by the property and was begging for help. The sad thing, of course, is that Melanie, founder of All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue and radio host of The Pet Connection, gets these calls often.

Folks have moved and neglected the responsibility of taking their loyal companions. According to the ASPCA, 5 million to 7 million companion animals enter animal shelters every year. Between 3 million and 4 million are euthanized and 25 percent of those animals are purebred dogs.

This is a call that no animal lover wants to hear, about a dog, cold, starving and with babies. The three of us went out to the prop-

erty, all with bags of treats, bags of dog food, water bowls and blankets.

We were met by multiple stray dogs. Finally, we saw mama. She stood her ground, keeping us away from the abandoned house on the property.

Snowball was lucky. We were not going to give up and just go away. Multiple phone calls were made to find temporary housing for mama and the eight tiny puppies. We also found Biscuit, a pup from Snowball's previous litter. Biscuit is now up for adoption.

Snowball was abandoned by the previous property owner. After searching the house, puppies were found under two mattresses thrown in the back yard. We pulled out two black and white boys, two multi-colored females, three females with mama's color and one boy with mama's coloring — a total of eight puppies. They will be ready for new forever homes the beginning of 2011. Our hopes and wishes are that mama is able to be adopted once the babies are out of the nest.

All 10 dogs were given a second chance by strangers. We hope that our readers will look for forever homes for these 10 dogs. Should you want more information on these dogs, or to help with donations, please call Melanie Gambrell at (432) 267-PETS or see the current video of mama and the puppies at www.bigspringherald.com

Please call and help. Give mama, the tiny pups and Biscuit new "leashes" on life and forever homes. It's time for these animals to have new hopes and dreams for the future. We look forward to our community helping.



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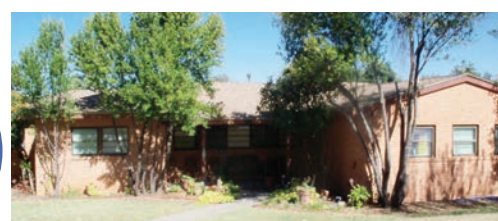
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Marvin Wayne Burns



Marvin Wayne Burns of Big Spring passed away Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, at a Lubbock hospital, two days before his 80th birthday. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends following the interment at the parish hall.

Wayne was born in Ackerly on Nov. 27, 1930, where he lived on a farm with his parents Ollie Mae and George Burns. He finished high school at Flower Grove and went on to undergraduate school at Texas Tech before graduating from law school at The University of Texas in 1953. His legal career included being county attorney and district attorney in Howard County, as well as private practice. His passion for politics was evident and he served as county chairman of the Democratic Party. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Korea.

Family was important to Wayne. He married Kay Hise and they had two daughters. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and served in many ways, including being senior warden. He enjoyed traveling to many places, eating fine foods and conversing with others about his views on politics and the world.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Burns; his daughter and son-in-law, Alyssa and Brian Cerney; his daughter and two grandchildren, Andi, Hunter, and Emily Eggers; his sister, Dorothy Burrow; his sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Don Frazier; his five nephews and their families; mother-in-law, Katy Hise; and brother-in-law, Gary Hise.

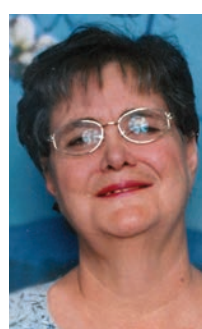
Memorials may be given to the charity of your choice.

Pallbearers will be Hunter Eggers, Brian Cerney, Brent Burrow, Chris Burrow, Gary Hise and Erven Fisher.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Joyce Arceneaux



Joyce Arceneaux, 61, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, in a Midland hospital. Grave-side funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 29, 2010 at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with the Rev. Dean Thomas officiating.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 5, 1949, in Big Spring and married Curtis Arceneaux on April 21, 1970, in Ozona. He preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 2009.

Joyce was a caregiver for more than 30 years. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Kim Arceneaux of Dyer, Tenn.; one sister, Susie Overby of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Allen and Bertha (Day) Gamel; two sisters, Allene Elliott and Patsy Gamel; and one brother, Leon Gamel.

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

Maxine Teague



Maxine Teague, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, at her residence. Private family services will be at a later date.

She was born June 1, 1936, in Ardmore, Okla. She grew up in Abilene and moved to Big Spring in 1972 from Arlington. She had worked at Furr's Cafeteria, Don's IGA and Lawrence IGA.

She is survived by her son, Tony Teague of Big Spring.

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

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Nebraska beats Buffs, wins B12 North title

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska is off to the Big 12 championship game — and Bo Pelini won't go kicking and screaming.

The Cornhuskers' volatile coach was on his best behavior Friday while his 16th-ranked team beat Colorado 45-17 to lock up the Big 12 North without starting quarterback Taylor Martinez.

Pelini was the focus of the week after his foul-mouthed sideline rants during the loss at Texas A&M earned him a rebuke from the Nebraska chancellor.

If all the drama was any distraction, it didn't show on the field.

"A lot of people tried to tear this team apart," Pelini said, referring to the national media attention he attracted for

his meltdown in College Station, Texas. "We weren't going to let it happen. Enough said on that."

Running back Rex Burkhead passed for two touchdowns and ran for 101 yards and another score in Nebraska's final meeting with Colorado before they head to different conferences.

Nebraska (10-2, 6-2) will go to Arlington, Texas, next Saturday hoping to win its third Big 12 title, and first since 1999, before going to the Big Ten next year.

There was no North Division trophy presentation after the game. Athletic director Tom Osborne said through spokesman Keith Mann that Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe had safety concerns about traveling to Lincoln af-

ter his office received disconcerting correspondence from fans angry about the work of game officials in Nebraska games.

Colorado (5-7, 2-6), which played its third game under interim coach Brian Cabral, failed to become bowl eligible in its last season before joining the Pacific-12. The Buffaloes were 2-1 since Dan Hawkins' firing.

"Would I like to be the next head coach? Yes, but that's not up to me," Cabral said. "I just had a wonderful ride these last three weeks. I had the best seat in the house for three weeks.

There isn't a Buff alive that wouldn't give anything for that. I just feel so privileged to have been in this position. Where this goes, only God

knows."

With Martinez out because of injuries to his right ankle and left foot, the Huskers relied heavily on Burkhead to take pressure off backup quarterback Cody Green.

Burkhead went to the bench early in the second half, when the Huskers converted three turnovers into touchdowns to break open the game.

Before that, Burkhead, who finished with 19 carries, took handoffs and pitches from Green and direct snaps in the wildcat formation. He also showed he could still throw a little bit.

"Nothing Rex Burkhead does surprises me," Pelini said. "He's what a football player is supposed to be. They ought to put his picture next to it in the dictionary. He just

does so many things to help you."

Burkhead, who played quarterback as a high school sophomore, gave Nebraska a 17-3 halftime lead after he took a pitch and started running to his right. He pulled up and lofted a perfect spiral over Colorado's Jalil Brown and into the hands of Brandon Kinnie for a 26-yard touchdown.

Burkhead's other TD pass was worthy of the season highlight video. Lined up in the wildcat, he faked a handoff and ran right, pumping once before he reversed field and headed left. He pushed away defensive end Forrest West and, as he neared the sideline, flipped a short pass to Kyler Reed for a 4-yard TD.

TITANS

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the depth chart and moved up when backup Kerry Collins strained his left calf in the Titans' 29-17 loss to Miami two weeks ago.

"We drafted Rusty particularly because of the type of things that he did in college," Fisher said. "He played in a pro-style offense and made all the throws. He's a very accurate passer. He has a strong arm, (is) tall and sees well. He's very intelligent."

Smith is the third starter for Tennessee in as many weeks, and the Titans signed Simms on Tuesday to be his backup. Collins will be listed as the Titans' No. 3 quarterback on Sunday.

Just about every opposing quarterback has looked good against the Texans' NFL-worst pass defense this season. Houston has dropped four straight games, and the secondary has given up long passes in the final seconds to lose the past two.

Last week, Mark Sanchez guided the New York Jets 72 yards in under a minute with no timeouts for the winning touchdown in a 30-27 victory. Sanchez hit Braylon Edwards down the sideline for 42 yards to set up a 6-yard TD pass to

Santonio Holmes with 10 seconds remaining.

Texans owner Bob McNair said Wednesday the team is "underperforming" and the late collapses are no longer acceptable.

"The team has got to realize that during that crunch time, you've got to turn it up," he said. "The other team's going to turn it up. If we don't turn it up, we're going to be on the short end of the stick."

Houston has allowed at least two TD receptions in eight straight games and given up a league-high 13 receptions covering 40 yards or more. The Titans' pass defense isn't much better, giving up 258.7 yards per game to rank 26th.

But the starting running backs might have more to say about the outcome than either secondary.

Houston's Arian Foster leads the NFL with 1,004 yards rushing and 1,382 total yards from scrimmage. Tennessee's Chris Johnson is third in the league and second in the AFC in rushing with 968 yards rushing.

Johnson, who's made the Pro Bowl in each of his first two seasons and rushed for more than 2,000 yards in 2009, says one of his goals this season is beating out Foster for the rushing title.

"It's very important to me," Johnson said. "I can't worry about what he's doing. I just got to keep worrying about myself and hopefully at the end I'll be the leader. At the end of the day, I just worry about my job and just continue to put up numbers myself."

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♦ Q J 10
♣ 7 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♠ 2♣
2♠ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of clubs.

king of diamonds, in which case one loser can be lopped off. Furthermore, dummy's fourth diamond offers the prospect of saving still another trick.

But this latter possibility is complicated somewhat by the built-in block in diamonds. Thus, suppose declarer draws three rounds of trumps immediately and leads the diamond queen. Whether West plays the king on this trick or the next, South is unable to utilize dummy's fourth diamond, and he goes down one.

This threatening complication should start South on a train of thought that will lead him to the winning solution. He should cash the Q-J of trumps and then lead the queen of diamonds, leaving one trump at large. It does not matter whether or not West covers; in either case, South plays three diamonds in succession, ending in his hand.

As it happens, West cannot ruff the third diamond, and South makes the contract, since he can next cross to the king of spades and discard a loser on the nine of diamonds.

It is true that declarer runs the risk of the second or third diamond being ruffed, but, because making the contract is his primary consideration, he has no choice but to proceed on the assumption that the winning distribution actually exists.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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MAVS

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Spurs this season.

Tim Duncan had 15 points for the Spurs, and Tony Parker had just nine points on 4 of 12 shooting.

The Mavs returned to San Antonio for the first time since their season ended in Game 6 of a stunning playoff elimination last season. Dallas was seen as a legitimate threat the Lakers' supremacy in the West, but instead couldn't get past the first round.

This one could have passed for Game 7. The fourth quarter saw five lead changes and one tie before the Mavs pulled away.

Neither of the Texas rivals retooled their rosters much since their playoff series in April.

NEWTON

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Newton's day started with a rendition of "Take The Money And Run," blaring over the loudspeakers during pregame warmups, and he got off to a very shaky start along with the entire team.

Rattled? No way.

Love him or deride him as a tainted star, Newton certainly has no peer on the field. It's unlikely that anyone in the country could lead a team back from such a daunting deficit in Tuscaloosa, where Alabama had won 20 in a row.

Then again, the Tigers have come back time and time again this season, overcoming double-figure deficits three other times. This was their best one yet, their best one ever.

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

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5	9	2	8	7	6	3	4	1
1	3	7	2	4	5	8	6	9
3	4	1	7	2	9	6	5	8
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Zac Chesworth and Becky Cheyne

Cheyne-Chesworth

Keith and Vickie Cheyne of Big Spring are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Becky Cheyne, to Zac Chesworth, the son of Kelly and Jennifer Chesworth of Big Spring.

Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Red and Venitta Williams of Big Lake. Grandfather of the prospective groom is Lon Baucum of Abilene.

Becky is currently attending graduate school at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and is pursuing a doctor of physical therapy degree. Zac is a police officer for the Midland Police Department.

The wedding will be Jan. 1, 2011, in Big Spring.



Michael Dwayne Matlock and Dawn Teeters

Teeters-Matlock

The Rev. Dennis and Susie Teeters of Big Spring are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dawn Teeters, to Michael Dwayne Matlock of Andrews, the son of Sandra Matlock of Lubbock and the late Rev. Dwayne Matlock.

The bride-to-be is the

granddaughter of the Rev. Monroe Teeters of Big Spring and Norman and Patsy Mayes of Snyder. She is a 2001 graduate of Lamesa High School.

The prospective groom is a 1989 graduate of Plainview High School and 1994 graduate of Nazarene University. He is director of the Andrews High School Choir.

The couple will exchange vows Dec. 11, 2010, at the Spring Creek Fellowship in Big Spring.

They will reside in Andrews.

Christmas tree veterans salute

Local resident Gale Pittman is planning to decorate a Christmas tree for the Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest in honor and memory of service men and women now on active duty and those who gave their lives for their country.

The loved one does not need to be from Big Spring and it does not matter what war they fought in.

Families should send information on their service man or woman to Gale Pittman, 3401 Sherrod Rd., Big Spring 79720.

Anniversary



Sue and Phillip Riddle

Riddle

50th anniversary

Phillip and Sue Riddle of Big Spring celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their lake home on Lake Brownwood on Oct. 10, 2010.

The anniversary was hosted by their children and grandchildren. A delicious lunch from Underwoods Restaurant was served and enjoyed by all present and a beautiful anniversary cake was served with punch.

The Riddles have one son, Scott Riddle, and one daughter, Pam Johnson. Their grandchildren are Cody Riddle, Kelsey Riddle, Allison Sato, Kaitlin Johnson and Daniel Johnson.

Phillip Riddle was born in Big Spring and Sue Dolan Riddle was born in Nowata, Okla. They met at the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church in Big Spring and were married Oct. 2, 1960, at the Central Baptist Church in Elbow.

Phillip has farmed most of his life and retired from Fina Production after 27 years. Sue had worked for the Coahoma Independent School District, Big Spring Independent School District and Hobbs, N.M., School District.

They attend the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

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Texas HS football playoff scores, pairings

Midland (11-1) vs. Coppell (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Communications
Eules Trinity 42, Arlington Martin 21

Region II
Regional
DeSoto (10-2) vs. Austin Bowie (8-4), 6 p.m. Saturday, Round Rock's Reeves Complex
A&M Consolidated (11-1) vs. Round Rock Stony Point (12-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

Region III
Regional
Katy (12-0) vs. Galena Park North Shore (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Pasadena's Memorial Stadium
Cypress Creek (9-3) vs. Pearland (12-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Baytown's Stallworth Stadium

Region IV
Regional
Northside Stevens 31, Harlingen 30, 20T
SA Wagner (6-6) vs. Edinburg (10-2), 8 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome

State Quarterfinals
Midland-Coppell winner vs. Eules Trinity (13-0), TBD
DeSoto-Austin Bowie winner vs. A&M Consolidated-Round Rock Stony Point winner, TBD
Katy-Galena Park North Shore winner vs. Cypress Creek-Pearland winner, TBD
Northside Stevens (10-3) vs. SA Wagner-Edinburg winner, TBD

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Abilene Cooper (11-1) vs. Denton Guyer (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium
Abilene (9-3) vs. Southlake Carroll (9-3), 4 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

Region II
Regional
Longview (9-3) vs. Tomball (10-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Waco's Floyd Casey Stadium
Mesquite Horn (8-4) vs. Leander (7-5), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Waco's Floyd Casey Stadium

Region III
Regional
Cypress Woods (9-3) vs. League City Clear Creek (9-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Turner Stadium
Houston Memorial (7-5) vs. Port Arthur Memorial (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Galena Park ISD Stadium

Region IV
Regional
Cibolo Steele 48, McAllen Memorial 31
SA MacArthur (11-1) vs. Laredo Alexander (10-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome

State Quarterfinals
Abilene Cooper-Denton Guyer winner vs. Abilene-Southlake Carroll winner, TBD
Longview-Tomball winner vs. Mesquite Horn-Leander winner, TBD
Cypress Woods-League City Clear Creek winner vs. Houston Memorial-Port Arthur Memorial winner, TBD
Cibolo Steele (11-2) vs. SA MacArthur-Laredo Alexander winner, TBD

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
WF Rider (8-4) vs. N. Richland Hills Birdville (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Bedford's Pennington Field
Denton Ryan 19, Hewitt Midway 10

Region II
Regional
Wylie 38, West Mesquite 31
Carrollton Smith (7-5) vs. Tyler (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

Region III
Regional
Montgomery (11-1) vs. Pearland Dawson (8-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Humble's Turner Stadium
Humble (11-1) vs. Friendswood (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Thorne Stadium

Region IV
Regional
Cedar Park 48, Weslaco East 7
Lake Travis (10-2) vs. Victoria East (11-1), noon Saturday, Alamodome

State Quarterfinals
WF Rider-N. Richland Hills Birdville winner vs. Denton Ryan (13-0), TBD
Wylie (10-3) vs. Carrollton Smith-Tyler winner, TBD
Montgomery-Pearland Dawson winner vs. Humble-Friendswood winner, TBD
Cedar Park (13-0) vs. Lake Travis-Victoria East winner, TBD

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Aledo 40, Hereford 14
Stephenville 34, Canyon Randall 13

Region II
Regional
Bastrop 38, Frisco Liberty 24
Dallas Highland Park (12-0) vs. Mesquite Poteet (10-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

Region III
Regional
Dayton (9-3) vs. La Marque (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Tully Stadium
Port Neches-Groves (8-4) vs. Manvel (10-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Baytown's Stallworth Stadium

Region IV
Regional
CC Calallen 27, SA Alamo Heights 20
Boerne Champion 66, Port Lavaca Calhoun 42

State Quarterfinals
Aledo (13-0) vs. Stephenville (8-5), TBD
Bastrop (10-3) vs. Dallas Highland Park-Mesquite Poteet winner, TBD
Dayton-La Marque winner vs. Port Neches-Groves-Manvel winner, TBD
CC Calallen (12-1) vs. Boerne Champion (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3, Alamodome

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Alvarado 35, Lubbock Cooper 17
Henderson 36, Lucas Lovejoy 14
Tyler Chapel Hill 42, Navasota 13
Somerset (10-2) vs. West Columbia (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Berry Center

State Semifinals
Alvarado (12-1) vs. Henderson (11-2), TBD
Tyler Chapel Hill (12-1) vs. Somerset-West Columbia winner, TBD
DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Brownwood 35, Borger 6
Monahans 26, Snyder 7
Region II
Regional
Argyle (12-0) vs. Gilmer (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Ennis
Carthage 42, Dallas Madison 13

Region III
Regional
Athens 29, Brookshire Royal 26
Coldspring-Oakhurst 27, Kirbyville 20

Region IV
Regional
Geronimo Navarro 24, Mathis 21
Wimberley 42, Sweeny 17

State Quarterfinals

Brownwood (13-0) vs. Monahans (13-0), 7 p.m. Dec. 3, San Angelo Stadium
Argyle-Gilmer winner vs. Carthage (11-2), TBD
Athens (11-2) vs. Coldspring-Oakhurst (12-1), TBD
Geronimo Navarro (11-2) vs. Wimberley (13-0), TBD

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Wall 39, Muleshoe 28
Littlefield 28, Colorado City 14

Region II
Regional
New Boston 41, Mineola 14
Grandview (10-1) vs. Daingerfield (10-1), 5 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite's Memorial Stadium

Region III
Regional
Tatum (11-0) vs. Crockett (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Bullard
Cameron Yoe 45, East Chambers 29

Region IV
Regional
Lago Vista (11-0) vs. Marion (8-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, Austin's Burger Center
Rice Consolidated 28, Vanderbilt Industrial 14

State Quarterfinals
Wall (12-1) vs. Littlefield (11-2), TBD
New Boston (11-2) vs. Grandview-Daingerfield winner, TBD
Tatum-Crockett winner vs. Cameron Yoe (12-0), TBD
Lago Vista-Marion winner vs. Rice Consolidated (8-3), TBD

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Sanford-Fritch (9-2) vs. Holliday (8-3), 3 p.m. Saturday, Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium
Idalou 42, Crawford 6

Region II
Regional
Omaha Pewitt 31, Linden-Kildare 27
Gunter 14, Lone Oak 6

Region III
Regional
New London West Rusk 23, Arp 21
Lexington 56, Corrigan-Camden 25

Region IV
Regional
Schulenburg 37, East Bernard 27

Refugio 34, Poth 19
State Quarterfinals
Sanford-Fritch-Holliday winner vs. Idalou (9-3), TBD
Omaha Pewitt (9-3) vs. Gunter (9-4), TBD
New London West Rusk (12-0) vs. Lexington (12-0), TBD
Schulenburg (12-0) vs. Refugio (12-0), TBD

CLASS 1A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Canadian 56, Quanah 15
Albany 31, Seymour 7

Region II
Regional
Muenster 27, Lindsay 7
Mart 48, Clarksville 6

Region III
Regional
Normangee (9-3) vs. Big Sandy (8-4), 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Corsicana
Garrison 33, Thrall 7

Region IV
Regional
Goldthwaite 21, Ganado 14
Mason 28, Shiner 21

State Quarterfinals
Canadian (12-0) vs. Albany (12-0), 7 p.m. Dec. 3, Plainview
Muenster (12-0) vs. Mart (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3, Bedford's Pennington Field
Normangee-Big Sandy winner vs. Garrison (12-0), TBD
Goldthwaite (10-2) vs. Mason (12-1), TBD

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Farwell 28, Bovina 21
Springlake-Earth 35, Plains 20

Region I
Regional
Munday 35, Hamlin 19
Windthorst 28, Archer City 20

Region III
Regional
Mount Enterprise (6-5) vs. Chilton (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Eustace
Bremond 33, Tenaha 12

Region IV
Regional
Burton 42, Rocksprings 14
Falls City 52, Evadale 14

State Quarterfinals
Farwell (11-1) vs. Springlake-Earth (12-1), 7 p.m. Dec. 3, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Munday (11-2) vs. Windthorst (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3, Breckenridge
Mount Enterprise-Chilton winner vs. Bremond (10-2), TBD
Burton (12-0) vs. Falls City (11-1), TBD

SIX-MAN
DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Follett 90, Paducah 62
Garden City (12-0) vs. Ira (12-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Big Spring
Throckmorton (12-0) vs. Walnut Springs (10-2), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Comanche
Aquila 46, Penelope 22

State Semifinals
Follett (12-1) vs. Garden City-Ira winner, TBD
Throckmorton-Walnut Springs winner vs. Aquila (10-3), TBD

DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Matador Motley County 100, Miami 80
Sterling City 56, Loraine 44
Milford 44, Strawn 30
Richland Springs 66, Calvert 58

State Semifinals
Matador Motley County (8-5) vs. Sterling City (9-4), TBD
Milford (12-1) vs. Richland Springs (13-0), TBD

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Pictured left to right front row: Noah Wigington, Deonte Perez
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Tuesday: Beef stew, tossed salad, cornbread, apple crisp, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Cereal variety, colby cheese portion, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Corndog, potato rounds, orange smiles, broccoli, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage roll, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Nacho grande, ranch beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple chunks, salsa, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Tortilla, cheese omelet, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, carrots, pears, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Ham and cheese biscuits, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Charbroiled meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, strawberries and bananas, roll, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - French toast sticks, syrup, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, potato rounds, orange-pineapple gelatin, fresh fruit, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Honeybun, juice, milk. Lunch - Beef stew, seasoned corn, cornbread, apple and orange smiles, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Popcorn chicken, tater tots, broccoli and cheese, baby carrots, mixed fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - French toast, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Chili macaroni, green beans, garlic toast, rosie applesauce, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch - Pizza, seasoned corn, sparkly apple, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cereal variety, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit variety, milk.

Births

Maleyna Marie Escovedo, a girl, was born at 5:44 p.m. Nov. 12, 2010, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18-1/2 inches long. She is the daughter of Ashli Seals and David Escovedo Jr. of Big Spring. Grandparents are Richard and Carol Seals and Victoria and David Escovedo Sr. She was welcomed home by siblings Marcos, Diego and Reyna Escovedo.



Maleyna Marie Escovedo

Aiden Cruz Rodriguez, a boy, was born at 12:38 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, at Midland Memorial West Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19-1/4 inches long. Parents are Nick and Bree Rodriguez of Big Spring. Grandparents are Melinda Hawes of Big Spring, Stan Feaster of Big Spring and Julie Rodriguez of Boerne. Great-grandparents are Naomi Hawes of Irving, Bill Hawes of Midland and Cruz and Mary Rodriguez of Big Spring.



Aiden Cruz Rodriguez

Kelton Thomas Romine, a boy, was born at 12:48 p.m. Nov. 18, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long. Parents are Lance Cpl. Orin D. Romine and Jennifer Y. Romine of Big Spring. Grandparents are Aurora Lozang of Lovington, N.M.; Larry Collins of Richardson; and Larry and Vietia Romine of Big Spring. Great-grandparents

are Esther Mezick of Big Spring, Thomas Romine and the late Lucille Romine of Big Spring and Ermine Barrick of Fort Worth.

Bella Rosa Edmondson, a girl, was born at 9:42 a.m. Nov. 18, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. She is the daughter of Shilo Z. Rawls and Mark Edmondson of Big Spring. Grandparents are Tommy and Patricia Rawls and Doyle Edmondson Jr. and Diane Lopez. She was welcomed home by siblings Alexia Sky Edmondson and Alena Leloni Edmondson.



Bella Rosa Edmondson

Damien Gaston Lee Moore, a boy, was born at 8:09 a.m. Nov. 19, 2010, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. He is the son of Jackie and Destinee Moore of Big Spring. Grandparents are Jerry and Michelle Grace, Danny Moore and Vance and Deana Gaston, all of Big Spring. He was welcomed home by older sister Gracie Renee Moore.

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COOKBOOK RECIPE CORRECTION

Low Carb Cheesecake

- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 8-ounce package softened cream cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar or Splenda
- 3 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Place all ingredients in a blender. Blend until smooth and pour into a greased 9-inch pie pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until knife is clean.

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The following recipes were inadvertently left out of the Holiday Cookbook on Sunday, November 21.

Sesame-Spinach Salad

- 1 tbsp sesame seed, toasted
- 2 tbsp salad oil
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 small garlic clove, minced
- Dash cayenne pepper
- 1 10oz package spinach, coarsely chopped
- 4 celery stalks, sliced diagonally
- 4 green onions, cut into pieces

About 1 1/4 hours before serving: In large salad bowl, with fork, stir first 5 ingredients. Add vegetables and gently toss to coat spinach well. Refrigerate 1 hour to bring out the flavors. Makes about 6 servings.

-Shirley Gay

Jicama Salad With Cucumber and Pineapple

- Remove the thick peel from Jicama
- 1 1/2 cups jicama cut in 1/4" strips
- 1 1/2 cups cucumber seeded and diced
- 1 1/2 cups fresh pineapple diced
- 1 cup radishes sliced into half moons
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1/2 t ancho chile powder or regular chile powder
- Salt to taste

Toss all ingredients in a bowl. Serve on lettuce leaf if desired.

-Art Dodds

Tomorrow's Salad

- 1 small can Frozen Orange Juice
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 small can crushed pineapple
- 2 bananas
- 1 cup tiny marshmallows
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- Optional - 1 can coconut

1. Beat cream until fluffy.
2. Add orange juice, undiluted.
3. Add pineapple, undrained.
4. Add sliced bananas.
5. Add marshmallows.
6. Add pecans and coconut.
7. Chill overnight.

-Loma Jean Wynn

Happy Holidays!



EDITORIAL

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OTHER VIEWS

Let's settle 'Don't ask, don't tell'

The Obama administration disappointed some advocates of allowing homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces by appealing a federal court decision that would have eliminated the hypocritical "don't ask, don't tell" policy that now applies to gays in the military. It seems clear, however, that the administration's move, which was said to be a prelude to having Congress change the policy, represents a politically more desirable approach.

A policy changed by Congress is likely to appear more legitimate than one changed — however wisely — by a single judge.

It isn't difficult to sympathize with the Log Cabin Republicans and other gay-rights groups that have challenged "don't ask, don't tell" on constitutional equal-protection grounds and criticized the administration for its tactics, which sometimes have looked like a defense of the policy. If the policy really is unconstitutional, there's no excuse for maintaining it, as a growing number of military leaders agree.

On the other hand, a court challenge that ends up in the U.S. Supreme Court will take at least a year to resolve. Congress could act sooner.

There are potential problems with the administration's strategy. Senate Republicans acted unanimously in September to block a provision in a defense policy bill that would have eliminated "don't ask, don't tell." With Republicans soon to be in control of the House of Representatives and having gained seats in the Senate, it may be impossible to get Congress to change the policy. The preferred tactic then would be to do so during the current lame-duck session.

Given that a goodly number of legislators lost their re-election bids Nov. 2 but remain in office until January, any lame-duck decision will suffer a deficit of perceived political legitimacy. Even so, any decision by Congress would be politically more palatable than a court ruling.

The "don't ask, don't tell" policy does not prevent gay people from serving. It just prevents them from serving openly. It is long past time to change it so that people who volunteer for military service do not have to dissemble about who they are. It would be politically preferable for Congress to change it, and the sooner it's changed, the better.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we feel the thrill of studying Your word,
Lord.

Amen

The compassion litmus test

If it were the other way around — if Republicans instead of Democrats had one last hurrah in a lame-duck session — you know they would have no reservations about ramming bills through Congress. You have to admire that about Republicans; they have more cojones than Democrats.

They also have a lot more gall, especially when they claim that Democrats should refrain from passing any legislation that would be opposed by incoming Republican lawmakers.

It's hypocritical, and everyone knows it. But still we hear conservative extremists arguing that because many newly elected conservatives will join Congress on Jan. 3, Democrats should not take advantage of the simple fact that they still have majorities in both chambers of Congress.

Frankly, Democrats would have to be stupid not to try showing their base that they still have the spirit to fight for their issues. But if the Democrats cave in during the lame-duck session, if some of them feel they have to swerve a little to the right on some key matters, not only is their party in deep trouble but also the battles they fight will suffer huge setbacks.

One of them, for example, is immigration reform. If Congress doesn't pass the Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act during the next few weeks, what hope will there be of passing comprehensive immigration reform when the new and much more conservative Congress takes over?

The DREAM Act is the light

brew of immigration reform. Out of some 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country, it would grant a path to citizenship only to some 800,000 youths who were brought here illegally by their parents and have been raised as Americans. In most cases, the choice to come here illegally was made by their parents when they were too young to have a say about living their lives as illegal immigrants. Punishing them is grossly unfair.

These are young immigrants who are pleading for an opportunity to go to college or serve in the armed forces and complete the American lives they already have begun. If deported, most of them would be complete foreigners in the countries where they were born.

It's not as if these are additional kids we would be taking into our schools, our economy and society — as the media often make it seem.

These are kids who have been here for years, attending our schools and getting ready to become responsible members of our society. They are here, and they are staying here. Why would we want to deny them an opportunity to become outstanding American citizens?

The DREAM Act is a compassion litmus test. If you don't feel any sympathy for these young people, if you want to limit their potential to contribute to society and relegate them to lives as second-class citizens, if you are so hardened by illegal immigration that you don't see yourself giving amnesty even to kids, if you don't feel their frustration and pain, pinch yourself; you may not be alive!

Even among the generally anti-immigrant Republicans in Congress — at least in the past

— some have shown sympathy for young undocumented immigrants. A failed attempt to pass the DREAM Act in 2007 had the support of 11 Republican senators.

That is the reason some optimists believe they will be able to find a few Republicans with hearts during the lame-duck session.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., won re-election because he promised Latinos that he would bring the DREAM Act to a vote in the lame-duck session. There is little doubt that he will try. The question now is whether he can get the "few good Republicans" he says he needs to get the bill through the Senate.

It's probably a long shot, not only because an effort to pass the DREAM Act through the Senate failed only a couple of months ago but also because the immigrant-bashing zealots in Congress are mounting a new campaign to remind their followers that they must remain as Draconian as ever.

While immigrant rights advocates held rallies to support the DREAM Act across the country last week, some GOP lawmakers reportedly were "gearing up to challenge the DREAM Act," which means we can expect a barrage of scare tactics designed to mobilize xenophobic, immigrant-bashing Americans.

The compassion litmus test will be issued in Congress during the next few weeks. Will the Democrats stand united behind this bill? Will some Republicans do the right thing and support it? We are about to find out whether the children of the American dream have any place in our hearts.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nov. 5, it was \$2.75 per gallon.

Travel in any direction to beat prices in Big Spring, especially for gasoline.

**Paula Henry
Big Spring**

To the Editor:

I'd like to warn people about a scam that is in Big Spring, and probably other towns.

If you shop at a store that gives a receipt with an offer to go to a URL and take a survey about your opinion of the store where you just shopped, don't.

I did that on Oct. 7 and took the survey which had nothing to do with my shopping trip but wanted to know my general health, possible car purchases, home ownership, etc., but nothing about my shopping at that store.

On Oct. 11, I got a call and they said I had won a subscription to five magazines and I would need to pay \$3.83 a month for mailing costs. I thought it was reasonable. They tried to tell me about other winnings and I told them I had stopped the survey halfway through and never answered most of them, just hit "skip."

He said that was OK because I had also won the \$1,000 shopping card.

On Oct. 17, I got a contract to sign agreeing to their withholding \$49.90 a month for that mailing before they would send me the shopping certificate. I wrote back that the numbers were different and to cancel it.

The next day, they withheld \$49.90 and I called them back telling them to cancel it and refund my money. I called several times and they said the money was being refunded, but as of today, Nov. 23, I still have no money refunded. The store denies responsibility.

**Jim Lindsey
Big Spring**

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20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Courtesy photo

The GEO Group recently recognized 20-year employees serving in Big Spring. From left to right they are Capt. Juan Molina, Deputy Warden Steve McDaniel, SIS Oscar Franco and Maj. Tim Strain.

Energy Watch



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We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and took time out to count their blessings. The stock market also recently took time out and paused. In the first part of November, stocks experienced their worst weekly decline since early August. The primary causes appeared to have been fears about China, European debt, quantitative easing by the Federal Reserve, and the G-20 meetings. It was the major averages' first overall decline in the previous six weeks.

Although serious, the 2 percent-plus decline was somewhat expected because the stock market had been short-term extended and vulnerable to a pullback on good news, bad news, or even no news at all. The major stock market averages had not experienced a 2 percent pullback since the 17 percent rally from late-August's lows.

Indeed, investors had good reason to be a little jittery, given the rise in complacency and deteriorating momentum. A dismal earnings outlook from a high-profile technology company and renewed fears of China raising interest rates caused some profit-taking. And the completion of mid-term elections as well as the revelation about the Federal Reserve's second round of quantitative easing raised the profile of events that had previously slipped below investors' radar screens.

Regarding European debt difficulties, the most immediate worry appeared to be Ireland, which seems to have followed in Greece's footsteps in possibly needing a bailout from the European Union. Ireland and other countries, such as Portugal and Spain, have been racing to prevent default while trying to grow fast enough under the burden of austerity measures that are slowing down commerce. German Chancellor Angela Merkel said, "The euro is the glue that holds Europe together," which signaled that aid to Ireland could be necessary to preserve unity in Europe.

In addition, the "honeymoon" period for the second round of quantitative easing appears to have passed, as Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke was raked over the coals in the news media. Skeptics asserted that the Fed's policies will have little impact on unemployment and growth. The other concern was fear of inflation if the Fed overshoots on stimulus and subsequently is unable to remove liquidity from the market rapidly enough.

At the G-20 meetings, many countries were eager to criticize the Fed for its additional quantitative easing plans. Consequently, the U.S. left the meetings without getting much accomplished.

Beyond all of these headlines weighing on stocks, there seems to have been something much bigger at play. The ratio of investors bullish on the stock market versus those bearish on the stock market recently rose to a level nearly as high as that seen in early 2006. This is a contrary indicator about the direction of the markets. Similarly, other sentiment indicators also implied a negative trend. The volatility index — a fear gauge based on how much investors are willing to pay for options contracts to protect against declines in their portfolios — drifted down to levels consistent with short-term market tops earlier this year, as well as in 2007 and 2008.

Overall, it appeared stocks underwent a very normal pullback to remove some of the short-term excesses present in the market. Much like Thanksgiving dinner, when we were all fat and happy, excesses enjoyed during the holiday feast must be accounted for after-the-fact with dieting and exercise.

With any luck, our personal "austerity measures" will be short-lived and we will be back on track sooner rather than later. Our hope for the stock market is the same.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced Nov. 17 by Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors' chief market strategist. The opinions expressed in the report are those of the authors and are not necessarily those of Wells Fargo or its affiliates. Additional information is available upon request by calling 432-684-7335.

Tuk-tuks, cheap fuel edge out donkey carts in Gaza

KARIN LAUB

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Gaza's donkey carts — slow, but cheap and essential for survival in this scruffy land — have finally met their match. They are being edged out by an Asian import, a blend of motorcycle and miniature pickup truck.

Smuggled by the hundreds from Egypt in recent months, motor rickshaws, also known as tuk-tuks, have taken over congested streets of the Palestinian territory, in part because fuel has become cheaper than donkey feed.

Some just haul cargo. Others have been jazzed up with upholstered seats, colorful canopies and fringed curtains to serve as taxis, school buses or pizza de-



livery vans. They've become a badge of Gazans' ability to adapt to tough circumstances, including an Israeli border blockade and authoritarian rule by the Islamic militant group Hamas.

Tuk-tuks also have helped cre-

ate some jobs, perhaps making a small dent in unemployment running over 30 percent.

Ahmed Madhoun, who says he can't get a teaching job because he's not a Hamas supporter, bought a tuk-tuk four months ago for \$2,200, or roughly what a day laborer would make in four months. Madhoun now earns between \$8 and \$14 a day distributing merchandise to shops and delivering U.N. food rations.

This week, Madhoun and other tuk-tuk drivers lined up outside the U.N. food distribution center in the Shati refugee camp where just a few months ago, donkey carts would have been waiting to take on sacks of rice and flour.

Economist Mohsen Ramadan

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RIBBON CUTTING



Courtesy photo

Russell Cellular, 2101 Gregg St., was greeted by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce members and others during a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier this month.

McRib's and the art of artificial scarcity

MELISSA RAYWORTH

For The Associated Press

Bradley Chong had a McRib for lunch on Nov. 13. He had another the next day, and the next day, and the next. In fact, he claims to have eaten a

McRib practically every day since McDonald's brought back their sauce-laden, processed pork patty earlier this month.

Chong knows his access to the McRib won't last forever. On Dec. 5, it will disappear

from the McDonald's near his home in Honolulu and from every McDonald's in America. When will it return? No telling.

Is a McRib shortage to blame? No. McDonald's sells the sandwich year-round in

Germany. But despite fans clamoring for it in the United States, McDonald's spokeswoman Ashlee Yingling explains that "it's always been a promotional menu item" available for just a few weeks at a time.

Welcome to Artificial Scarcity, Consumer Edition. The tactic is used so often in American marketing that you might expect consumers to be immune to it.

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During boring classes, texting is the new doodling

MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — When his professors drone, Dan Kautz whips out his phone.

Kautz, a senior at Wilkes University, might send a text message to someone across the room — “I can’t wait to get out of here” — or make plans with his roommates. He’s become so adept at texting during class that he can tap out a message without even looking at the screen, making it appear as if he’s paying attention to the instructor when he’s really chatting with his girlfriend.

“Every single person I know texts in class at least occasionally,” said Kautz, a communications studies major from Pelham, N.Y.

It’s no surprise that high school and college students are obsessive texters. What alarms Wilkes psychology professors Deborah Tindell and Robert Bohlander is how rampant the practice has become during class: Their recent study shows that texting at the school has surpassed doodling, daydreaming and note-passing to become the top classroom distraction.

The anonymous sur-

vey of 269 Wilkes students found that nine in 10 admit to sending text messages during class — and nearly half say it’s easy to do so undetected. Even more troubling, 10 percent say that they have sent or received texts during exams, and that 3 percent admit to using their phones to cheat.

The phenomenon is part of a broader revolution in the way young adults communicate. Most prefer texting to e-mail and certainly to talking on the phone, Tindell said.

Indeed, most view texting as their right. Almost all the students surveyed by Tindell and Bohlander said they should be allowed to have their phones in class. And a clear majority — 62 percent — said they should be allowed to text in class as long as they’re not disturbing those around them. About one in four said texting creates a distraction.

“Students these days are so used to multitasking ... they believe they are able to process information just as effectively when they are texting as when they are not,” Tindell said.

Tom Markley, 21, of

Lehighton, Pa., is constantly trading texts with his friends and his girlfriend during class.

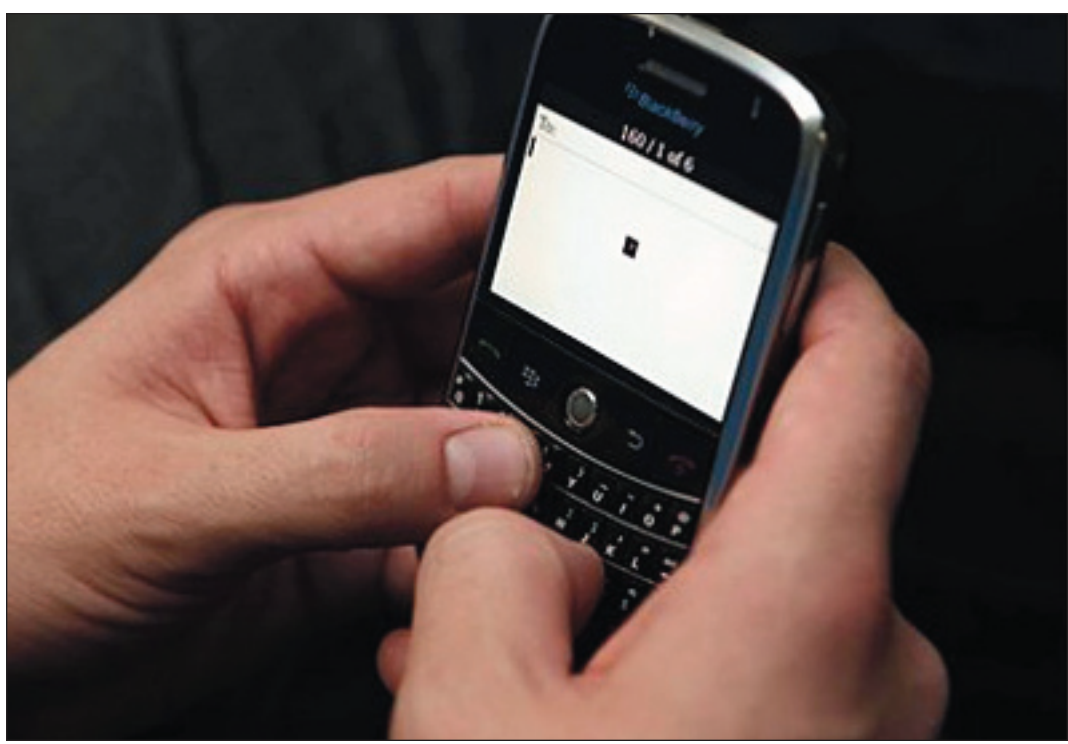
“If it’s a really boring class, texting is a nice alternative to having to sit there and focus,” said Markley, a senior computer science major at Wilkes.

But, he conceded, “there are definitely times when it takes away from your concentration. Suddenly you’ll be at the end of the period and say, ‘What did we do today?’”

Tindell instituted a no-texting policy as a result of the study, which has been presented at a pair of academic conferences. She tells students that if she even sees a cell phone during a test, its owner gets an automatic zero.

One Syracuse University professor has taken an even harsher stand.

Laurence Thomas, a popular philosophy professor whose courses have waiting lists, walked out on his class of nearly 400 students last week when he caught a couple of students fiddling with their phones instead of paying attention to him.



It wasn’t the first time Thomas has cut a class short because a student broke his no-texting rule. To Thomas, texting saps the class of its intellectual energy.

“My job is to engage the class, to give them stuff to think about,” he said. “They need to respect that.”

While Thomas keeps his eyes peeled for illicit texters, Tindell said most professors are likely as clueless as she used to be about the ubiquity of in-class cell phone use. Many of the students said their professors would be shocked if they knew about their texting habits.

Kautz said most of his professors either don’t notice or don’t care if students text during class time. He doesn’t believe a blanket prohibition is the right way to go.

“There are people who can text and still be focused on class,” he

said. “If my roommate is short on quarters for laundry and wants to borrow some, of course I’m going to want to text him back right away and not hold him back for 40 minutes.”

But he acknowledged that some students text excessively. “I know some people will sit there for the entire class just typing away,” he said. “I don’t even know why they bother coming.”

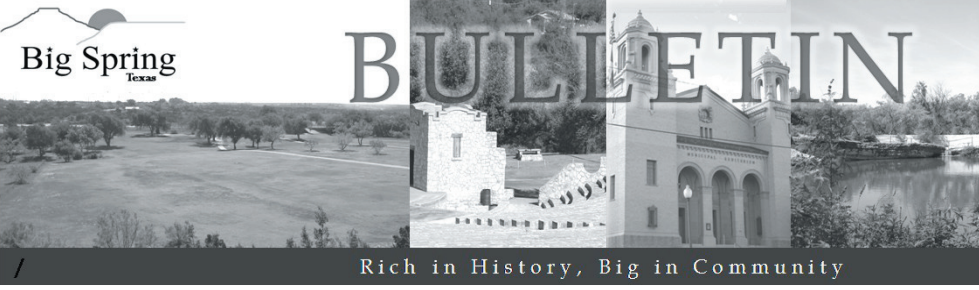
Chelsea Uselding, 20, a Wilkes junior from Chicago, sends an average of 150 texts a day. But she’s the rare student who doesn’t text during class — viewing that hour or two as a “nice break” from the phone and its unceasing demands on her time and attention.

There’s also a practical reason why Uselding, a dual major in psychology and international studies, idles her thumbs.

“I’m paying all this money to listen to the person speak, and I figure it’s a waste of my time if I’m not going to be listening,” she said.

Some high school and college teachers have sought to adapt text messaging to classroom use, texting assignments; asking questions of the class and having students respond via text, with the results shown on a large screen; and allowing students to text questions or comments during class.

“Our experience has shown that positive results can be achieved by encouraging students to bring their mobile phones out in the open and to use them to contribute to the class, and to their own learning — that is, by joining them instead of trying to beat them,” New Zealand scholars wrote in a 2009 paper published in the journal *Communications of the ACM*.



5 Tips on Heating Your Home and Staying Safe This Winter

Winter is approaching and heating your home could burn more than your wallet. Here’s a house-warming gift from the City of Big Spring: How to heat your home and celebrate the holidays safely this winter.

- Service your furnace.** Thousands of people are taken to hospitals for breathing carbon monoxide from faulty furnaces and blockages can cause fires. Make sure the filter and burners are clean, and nothing is blocking the exhaust. If you’re not familiar with furnaces, have a professional inspect them at least every other year.
- Give space to space heaters.** If you have an electric space heater, keep a 3-foot radius around it clear of everything, and keep children away from it. Kerosene or fuel heaters should not be used inside. Additionally, your oven is for cooking food. You risk breathing in carbon monoxide if you use it as a way of heating your home.
- If you have a fireplace,** have your chimney cleaned by a professional at least every two years. Burn only dry, hardwoods - not pines - to minimize soot buildup. Make sure your fireplace has a spark screen in place so hot ashes don’t shoot into the room. Give the fire a 3-foot radius and never leave it unattended without the glass cover closed.
- Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree, how flammable are your branches!** It’s best to use a fake tree with LED bulbs because they operate at much cooler temperatures than traditional ones. But if you have a real tree, keep it watered and don’t use outdoor lights. Also, never exceed the manufacturer’s recommendation for the maximum number of lights stranded together.
- Have open flames only in open places.** Keep anything combustible away from your candles. Curtains or Christmas decorations hanging well above candles eventually may catch fire as heat rises. Candles need to be in containers that will not fall over. Beware of papers or other light items that could get blown into the flame.

The City of Big Spring Mayor, City Council and Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the residents, businesses and visitors of Big Spring a Happy Thanksgiving! Just a reminder: City Offices will be closed on Thursday (Nov. 25) and Friday (Nov. 26) in observance of the holiday.

Report a Problem ONLINE

The City of Big Spring website provides links for citizens to report:

- Water leaks or water running in the street
- City Code violations i.e. tall grass, weedy lots, junk cars
- A missing or damaged street sign
- A traffic signal that is not working properly
- Potholes
- Stray Animals

Citizens wishing to report a problem online should log on to www.mybigspring.com and click on the “I Want To...” link for options.

The Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights will run from December 15th through December 31st. We need volunteers to help with setting up the lights and volunteers to work the Greeter’s Booth during the festival. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Debbie Wegman at (432) 264-2516.



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MALLO CUP

Candy maker pulls itself out of sticky strait

JOE MANDAK

Associated Press
ALTOONA, Pa. — In the past 10 years, Boyer Candy Co. has survived the death of its owner, a legal squabble among his heirs that halted production for nine months, and distribution hiccups as the company regained its footing. All that left customers to wonder, “Do they still make Mallo Cups?”

Yeah, they do.

This month, Boyer sets about reminding folks by launching a new product — Dark

Chocolate Mallo Cups — that company officials hope will help re-establish the reputation of this small company in Altoona, tucked into the Allegheny Mountains about 90 miles east of Pittsburgh.

Mallo Cups are coconut-laced milk chocolate cups filled with a marshmallow center. They were invented by

Emily Boyer, the mother of R.J. “Bob” and William “Bill” Boyer, who at first sold candy door to door during the Great Depression.

Mallo Cups are the flagship, distributed nationwide and accounting for more than 60 percent of sales at Boyer, which also makes its own Peanut Butter Cups, Smoothie Cups — a but-

Experts say the move makes sense for a smaller company safeguarding its niche in an industry dominated by larger rivals with names like Hershey, Nestle and Mars.

“I’m rooting for them, if that makes any difference,” said Beth Kimberle, a candy historian and blogger

Mallo Cups make sense, as long as the company harbors no illusions that they’ll be Boyer’s salvation.

“What Boyer is doing is called a brand extension,” Almond said. “You want to try to expand your business, but in order to do that, you have to have something new to sell.”

That’s why the bigger candy makers semi-regularly roll out new versions of old favorites — “We’re talking about Kit Kat Dark, Kit Kat White, Kit Kat Coffee,” Almond said. That’s a bigger risk for smaller companies with less advertising clout and more to lose if the new product tanks.

“It’s the equivalent of the Hollywood sequel,” Almond said.

Except Boyer officials believe the new version may be even better than the original.

“It’s an exceptionally good taste, with the dark chocolate and the Mallo



terscotch cup candy — and other products.

“We’ve been around since 1936. ... We’re an old-fashioned, family-owned company, and we don’t change that quickly,” said Deborah Forgione, Boyer’s director of marketing, and one of four trustees who control the company once owned by her late ex-husband. “This is a big undertaking for us.”

who develops candy exhibits in the United States, Japan and elsewhere.

“I love it when these regional brands sort of stay true to their original heritage, but keep on keeping on, you know?”

Steve Almond is author of “Candyfreak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America,” an ode to smaller candy factories he toured, though he’s never been to Boyer. He thinks Dark Chocolate

Hershey sues Mars over similar candy wrapper packaging

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Bitter rivals in the candy aisle may also duke it out in court.

The Hershey Co. sued Mars Inc. this week in federal district court, with the maker of Hershey’s and Reese’s chocolate candies accusing the maker of Snickers, M&Ms and Dove candies of mimicking some of its packaging.

Hershey is claiming trademark dilution and infringement, and unfair competition.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in Harrisburg, contends that Mars’ packaging of its Dove peanut butter chocolate Promise squares is trying to piggyback on the patented orange, brown and tan wrappings of the Reese’s peanut but-

ter chocolate products that Hershey has marketed for decades.

McLean, Va.-based Mars did not respond to telephone messages Friday seeking comment. The image of the Dove peanut butter Promises squares package on the Dove website is different from the image cited in Hershey’s lawsuit.

Hershey, based in the Pennsylvania town named after company founder Milton S. Hershey, is the nation’s largest maker of chocolate candies, with Mars second. In 2008, Hershey also was atop the larger confectionery category, but Mars leapfrogged it with its \$23 billion purchase of mint and chewing-gum giant Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co.

center,” said Bob Faith, a former vending company owner hired three years ago as CEO to reinvigorate the company after years of turmoil.

The Boyer brothers retired in 1969 and sold the company to American Maize Products, a corn syrup manufacturer, which tried to expand Boyer’s line of chocolate cup candies in the 1970s with varieties including the Fluffernutter and the Minty Mallo — the last time the company tried a variation of the venerable Mallo Cup.

The new products never really caught on, and American Maize sold Boyer in 1984 to Anthony Forgione, a New York entrepreneur who fell in love with the business and moved to Altoona. He stabilized Boyer by focusing on its core candies before his death in March 2001 almost toppled the company.

His divorce from Deborah Forgione — finalized just days before he died — set off a legal battle between her and two of their three children for control of Boyer. A trust controlled by Deborah and the three children now owns the company, but management instability during the court battles shut down the company for most of 2003 and saw Mallo Cups lose their coveted place on many store shelves.

Much of Faith’s job is undoing that damage.

“If you cut off the supply, they’re not sitting there waiting for you to come back,” Faith said. “We were out. It’s taken time to get people’s confidence. They love our product, but they don’t want the problems.”

Some problems were easy to fix. Before he ran Boyer, Faith said his vending company about a mile away had trouble buying Mallo Cups because of Boyer’s antiquated 1,000-pound minimum order requirement. That’s changed.

“We’ll find a way to

sell you our product,” Faith said. “We’ll sell to anybody: the little guys, the big guys, the middle guys.”

The vice president of sales, Tina Baker, says Boyer has 250 to 300 accounts, including chains like Sheets or Speedway SuperAmerica with hundreds of convenience store outlets — the company’s bread and butter.

Other problems were trickier and took money, which the Forgiones have been spending, Faith said.

Privately held Boyer guards its finances as carefully as Willy Wonka secreted his recipe for Everlasting Gobstoppers, but Faith offered a few numerical clues to the company’s rebounding fortunes.

After revamping its machinery and improving its methods, the factory now produces about 600,000 candy cups a day — about double a year ago. Most of Boyer’s 70 employees were lucky to work a couple days a week a couple years ago, but are now working full-time, with the candy line running four days a week.

And, despite its problems, the company had banked decades of goodwill with many customers.

Samuel Scheinberg, the third-generation owner of Shirley’s Shoes (since 1930), a few blocks away, has been eating Mallo Cups his entire life.

“Oh my, yeah! I remember as a child we would collect the coins,” he said, referring to cardboard tokens in each package that can be redeemed for candy or Boyer-themed products.

Said Faith: “Back in the ‘30s, ‘40s, ‘50s, we were a big player. There’s still a lot of name recognition out there, and you can’t put a value on that.”

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60 displaced in apartment fire

DALLAS (AP) — About 60 people were displaced in a four-alarm apartment fire in far north Dallas that was caused by a malfunctioning chimney flue.

The Dallas Morning News reported that the fire started about 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Sequoia at Frankford Springs Apartments and destroyed or damaged 14 units in the three-story building.

Anita Foster of the Red Cross said the top floor of the building was completely destroyed.

No residents were hurt, but a firefighter suffered a head injury. He was treated and released from Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Twin brothers killed in Central Texas fire

WACO (AP) — Twin Central Texas brothers have died in a fire that destroyed a portable building where they were sleeping.

Gatesville Fire Chief Billy Vaden told Waco television station KWTX that the blaze broke out Thanksgiving night in a rural part of Coryell County.

Coryell County Justice of the Peace Jimmy Wood says the boys, whose names were not immediately released, died five days short of their third birthday.

Officials say the twins sometimes slept in the portable building that was once used mainly for storage.

Vaden says the children's mother and boyfriend were in a mobile home nearby.

The cause of the blaze hasn't been determined. The county sheriff's department, Texas Rangers and state fire marshal are investigating.

The children's bodies were sent to Dallas for autopsies.

Thousands of rounds of ammo seized at border

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Federal officers seized more than 8,300 rounds of live ammunition and 17 firearms over a two-day period at border crossings this week.

At the Hidalgo International Bridge on Tuesday, officers seized six assault rifles, a handgun and 21 ammunition magazines hidden inside a pickup truck that was being driven out of the country. The 23-year-old driver, a U.S. citizen from McAllen, was held for further investigation.

The same day, eight assault rifles, two handguns, 87 ammo magazines and 1,574 rounds of live ammo were found in an outgoing sport utility vehicle. A 29-year-old U.S. citizen living in Reynosa, Mexico, was held.

On Wednesday, officers at the Brownsville Port of Entry stopped an outbound sedan and discovered 6,825 rounds of machine gun ammo hidden in the dash. A 38-year-old U.S. citizen from Brownsville was held.

DeLay's conviction starts lengthy appeals process

HOUSTON (AP) — The conviction of Tom DeLay, once one of the most powerful Republican wheelers-and-dealers in Congress, marks the beginning of a lengthy and vehement appeals process that will seek to cleanse the name and record of the former House majority leader.

DeLay's lead attorney, Dick DeGuerin, expressed confidence on Friday the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Austin will rule in his favor because it has in the past. Add to that a varied assortment of available arguments, and DeGuerin and law experts say they're convinced this is only the start of what will become a precedent-setting case.

"This is the first and only time that a prosecution like this has ever taken place in Texas. It's totally unprecedented, and we believe we're right," DeGuerin said.

DeLay, once one of the most powerful and feared Republicans of the House, was convicted Wednesday of illegally funneling corporate money to Texas candidates in 2002. He faces up to life in prison on the money laundering conviction, and two to 20 years for the charge of conspiracy to commit money laundering. The sentencing is tentatively set to begin Dec. 20.

DeLay resigned due to the indictment and a separate federal investigation into his ties to former disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff, a probe that ended without any charges.

Some legal experts argue that such unprecedented cases immediately raise the interest of the appellate courts. Others, however, note that Texas' conservative, largely Republican appellate courts do not have a strong record of siding with defendants.

"Statistically, he is going to be fighting an uphill battle," said Philip H. Hilder, a former prosecutor who is now a Houston-based criminal attorney concentrating on white-collar cases.

U.S.-Mexico project IDs border-crossing victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lorenia Ton visits the morgues of southern Arizona searching for clues among the unclaimed bodies and belongings of people who tried to cross the desert.

Sometimes it's a phone number written inside pantlegs, or a piece of paper sewn into a backpack. Other times there are family photos, images of saints, or love letters.

"Sometimes we cannot find anything," says Ton, whose job at the Mexican consulate in Tucson involves helping identify the remains and return them to Mexico.

To confirm the IDs, the consulate sends DNA samples to Bode Technology Group Inc., a private lab in Lorton, Va., outside Washington, as part of a project that has brought closure to dozens of families and countless

relatives on both sides of the dangerous border.

During one trip in April, Ton (pronounced TOHN') came across a body recently discovered by a hunter. Found with the dead man were his tennis shoes, a belt, a couple of dollars and pesos, a wallet, a baseball cap and voter identification card. Ton had a name: Agustin Gutierrez Ortiz, 34.

Jesus Gutierrez Ortiz, 37, who lives in Bradley Beach, N.J., described his brother as a hardworking father of two who left their hardscrabble town of La Natividad in the state of Oaxaca to help his family. He reported the younger Gutierrez Ortiz missing to Mexican authorities in June 2009, and Bode confirmed the worst a year later.

"I always asked God that he be alive, but in my heart I felt that he was dead because he was in the desert," Gutierrez Ortiz says in Spanish. "If I could have flown into the desert ... to look for him I would have."

The lab has made at least 47 positive identifications since the program began a couple of years ago. Many other cases are pending as the number of people who try to cross the border illegally has grown.

ID remains elusive for last known Ike victim

GALVESTON (AP) — Galveston County's last known victim from Hurricane Ike remains unidentified more than two years after the storm.

The woman was found 16 days after Ike made landfall on Sept. 13, 2008.

The storm caused widespread flooding and damage on the southeast Texas coast.

People on all-terrain vehicles discovered the badly decomposed body on the shore of Pelican Island. The woman is among 13 victims who are believed to have drowned in the storm.

The Galveston County Daily News reported Friday that county medical examiner's office spokesman John Florence says the agency is awaiting word on DNA testing from the University of North Texas. One DNA test failed to match her with a relative.

Florence said his office took DNA samples from two people who have missing relatives. The best chance at identifying the woman could be DNA taken from a man while he was in a California prison.

Another man initially agreed to provide a sample but then decided he didn't want the government having his DNA, Florence said.

If the second DNA test also is inconclusive, the medical examiner's office intends to have her facial features reconstructed with clay. A Houston police forensic artist could then draw a sketch of her face, Florence said.

The woman, whose remains are stored in the office's freezer, is estimated between 35 and 45 years old and about 4 feet, 11 inches to 5 feet, 3 inches tall.

Bob Walcutt, executive director of the Laura Recovery Center in Friendswood, said three other women are still missing from the peninsula since the storm.

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News in brief

North Korea accuses South of using civilians as 'human shields' ahead of war games with U.S.

YEONPYEONG ISLAND, South Korea (AP) — North Korea accused South Korea of using civilians as human shields around artillery positions at an island the North attacked this week, seeking to justify a bombardment that killed four South Koreans and sent tensions soaring.

The comments Saturday came on the eve of U.S.-South Korean war games in the Yellow Sea that have enraged the North and concerned neighboring China, and after the South Korean marine commander vowed revenge at a funeral for two marines killed in the barrage.

Tuesday's attack on Yeonpyeong Island, which houses military bases and tiny fishing communities, also killed two civilians in one of the worst artillery attacks on South Korean territory since the 1950-53 Korean War.

South Korea was conducting artillery drills Tuesday from the island, located just 7 miles (11 kilometers) from North Korea's mainland, but was firing in a direction away from the North.

The North said it told South Korea not to conduct the drills on the morning of the attack, calling the warning "part of its superhuman efforts to prevent the clash to the last moment."

As protesters in Seoul demanded their government take sterner action against North Korea, the North issued new warnings against the war games scheduled to start Sunday with a U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in the Yellow Sea.

AP Exclusive: Rescued teenager says 3 adrift at sea more than 50 days thought they would die

SUVA, Fiji (AP) — For more than 50 days, the three boys slurped rainwater that puddled in the bottom of their tiny boat, gobbled flying fish that leaped aboard and prayed for salvation.

Etueni Nasau and his two cousins almost gave up hope they would survive as they bobbed in their aluminum dinghy across the South Pacific for more than seven weeks, before a fishing trawler spotted them by chance and brought an end to their extraordinary ordeal.

"I thank God for keeping us alive all this while, while we're drifting out in open sea," Nasau, 14, told *The Associated Press*. "We prayed every day that someone will find us and rescue us. We thought we would die."

In a shy, quiet voice, Nasau spoke Saturday from his hospital bed in Fiji, where the trio were brought a day earlier and quickly treated for dehydration, bad sunburn and malnourishment.

Nasau, also known as Edward, and his two 15-year-old cousins, Samuel Pelesa and Filo Filo, jumped into the 12-foot- (3.5-meter-) long boat, known locally as a "tinnie," sometime in late September — Nasau couldn't remember the date — to make what they thought was a short journey between islands in their archipelago home of Tokelau.

But they ran out of fuel for their outboard mo-

tor and began drifting out to sea. As land retreated from sight, they contemplated the handful of coconuts they had brought with them to snack on — and the little else in the boat.

Afghan officials: Suicide bombers kill at least 12 at police headquarters in east Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Two suicide bombers wearing police uniforms blew themselves up at an Afghan police headquarters Saturday, killing at least 12 officers and wounding 16, officials said.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attacks, which happened within 20 minutes of each other in the eastern Paktika province.

Nawab Waziry, the head of Paktika's provincial council, said both men wore police uniforms and made it through three security gates before reaching the main building on the police compound. One attacker denoted his explosives inside the police headquarters building while the other blew himself up near the entrance, he said.

"There are lots of casualties," Waziry told *The Associated Press*. "The site was covered with blood."

Gen. Daud Andarabi, the spokesman for the regional police commander in southeastern Afghanistan, said the blasts killed at least 12 officers.

Passenger-laden Qantas A380 flies for first time since engine blowout grounded fleet

SYDNEY (AP) — A Qantas A380 laden with more than 450 passengers — including the airline's chief executive — took to the skies Saturday for the first time since a midair engine explosion three weeks earlier triggered a global safety review of the giant superjumbo.

Qantas CEO Alan Joyce said he was flying the first leg of the Sydney-Singapore-London flight as a sign of the airline's conviction that it had completed all modifications and other checks on the Rolls-Royce engines, and the planes were safe to fly.

"We are 100 percent comfortable with it," Joyce told reporters. "If we weren't, we wouldn't be restarting the operations today."

Qantas grounded its six A380s immediately after a Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engine on one of its superjumbos disintegrated shortly after the plane took off from Singapore on Nov. 4, sending shrapnel slicing through a wing and causing multiple problems for the pilots.

Investigators say leaking oil caught fire in the Qantas engine and heated metal parts, causing them to disintegrate before the jetliner returned safely to Singapore with 466 people aboard. Experts say chunks of flying metal cut hydraulics and an engine-control line in the wing of the A380, causing a cascade of problems including the loss of control of a second engine and some braking power, fuel leaks and more than 50 on-board warnings.

It was the most serious safety incident for the world's largest and newest jetliners. Other airlines using the Trent 900 engine aboard A380s — Singapore Airlines and Germany's Lufthansa — also

briefly grounded some planes while safety checks were conducted.

Tens of thousands expected to join protest over Ireland's harsh plan to rescue economy

DUBLIN (AP) — Tens of thousands of demonstrators were massing on a wintry Dublin on Saturday to oppose the government's harsh austerity plan, aimed at slashing the country's budget deficit to meet the terms of a bailout for its humbled economy.

The labor union-organized rally follows Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen's announcement Wednesday of a four-year package to cut spending, raise taxes and ax thousands of state jobs, the toughest budget measures in the nation's history.

Cowen acknowledged that living standards will fall, but insisted action is needed to tackle a 2010 deficit running at 32 percent of GDP, the highest in Europe since World War II.

His government will unveil an emergency annual budget on Dec. 7, which must be passed to allow an \$113 billion loan from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund.

Ireland's Congress of Trade Unions — an umbrella group which represents labor unions with about 832,000 members — said the protest would be a final chance to influence the budget.

Sunni militants strike deal with Pakistani Shiites, gaining new route into Afghanistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Shiite Muslim militias in Pakistan's tribal regions are helping some of NATO's fiercest enemies evade missile attacks from U.S. forces to cross safely into Afghanistan, a tribal activist told *The Associated Press*.

Shiites, who control a key piece of tribal real estate, cut a deal with the deadly Haqqani network to give insurgents a safe, alternative route to Afghanistan through Pakistan's Kurram tribal region, said Munir Bangash, who is familiar with the deal. A second tribesman from Kurram confirmed the deal but spoke only on condition of anonymity fearing retribution from the Taliban and from fellow tribesmen.

The deal underlines the problems of shutting down the Haqqani network's access to its bases in Afghanistan from its refuges in Pakistan.

The Haqqani network is blamed for many of the deadliest attacks on US troops in Afghanistan. Washington has been pressing Pakistan to launch a military operation against the Haqqani network in North Waziristan but so far the military has held back, saying its 140,000 soldiers deployed across the tribal belt are already stretched too thin.

Analysts and Afghan government officials have accused Pakistan of protecting the Haqqani network as allies who could be of use after the Americans and their allies leave Afghanistan.

Willie Nelson charged with marijuana possession after 6 ounces found aboard tour bus

SIERRA BLANCA (AP) — A U.S. Border Patrol spokesman says country singer Willie Nelson was charged with marijuana possession after 6 ounces was found aboard his tour bus in Texas.

Patrol spokesman Bill Brooks says the bus pulled into the Sierra Blanca, checkpoint about 9 a.m. Friday. Brooks says an officer smelled pot when a door was opened and a search turned up marijuana.

Brooks says the Hudspeth County sheriff was contacted and Nelson was among three people arrested.

Sheriff Arvin West didn't immediately return a phone message left at his home Friday, but he told the *El Paso Times* that Nelson claimed the marijuana was his. The singer was held briefly a \$2,500 bond before being released.

Nelson spokeswoman Elaine Schock declined to comment when contacted via e-mail by *The Associated Press*.



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Legals

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(43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas T-4534 Howard County, et al vs. Regaltex Properties, Inc. A tract of land out of the NE/4 of Sc. 44, Bk 32, T1N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, T-4619 Howard County, et al vs. W. H. Adams Being part of the East one-half of Tract No. 20, of William B. Currie Subdivision of the SE/4 of Sc. 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas T-5142 Howard County, et al vs. Lee Cortez and Louisa Cortez The N. 50' of the NW/4 of Blk 23, (also known as Lot 12, Blk 23,) in College Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas T-5163 Howard County, et al vs. Juan Arias Gonzalez A 4.97 acre tract, more or less, out of the NW part of Sec. 105, Blk. 29, W & NW Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas T-5519 Howard County, et al vs. Jim Travis Coker, Annette Coker and Jim Jason Coker A tract of land out of Sc. 45, Bk 31, T1N, Howard County, Texas T-5574 Howard County, et al vs. Rosa Gloria Carrasco Lts 7-8, Bk 60, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas T-5772 Howard County, et al vs. Socorro Arellano Parra S/2 of Lt 12, Bk 17, Boydston Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas T-5776 Howard County, et al vs. Sandy Luera and Martha Rando Lt 1, and East Ten feet (E/10') of Lt 2, Bk 2, Parker Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas T-5829 Howard County, et al vs. Elwin D. Payne and Cheryl I. Payne A tract of land in the W/2 of Sc. 43, Bk 31, T1N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Witness my hand this 26th day of October, 2010. Stan Parker SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS BY: Deputy #6754 November 14, 21 and 28, 2010

Legals

ESTRAY NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY On the 12th day of November, 2010, I impounded the following estray: Kind of Animal: Longhorn Cross Breed: Color: Red Age: 8 to 12 Months Size 600 to 700 lbs. Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics, under skin chip information, None And on the 12th day of November, 2010, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Howard County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Howard County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, and contacted local owner of the estray but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray, is not determined by the 30th day of November, 2010, said estray will be sold at public auction/ Sheriff's Sale at 300 S. Main at 10:00 am. Witness my hand this 12th day of November 2010. Dean Restelli Deputy Sheriff of Howard County Texas #6772 November 21 & 28, 2010

Legals

ESTRAY NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY On the 18th day of November, 2010, I impounded the following estray: Kind of animal/or fowl: Equidae Breed: Equidae Color: White Sex: Male Age: unknown Size Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics, And on the 22nd day of November, 2010, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Howard County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Howard County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, and contacted Local owner of the exotic fowl but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray, is not determined by the 8th day of December, 2010, said estray will be sold at public auction/ Sheriff's Sale at 500 N. Birdwell. Witness my hand this 22nd day of November 2010. Dean Restelli Deputy Sheriff of Howard County Texas #6778 November 28, and December 5, 2010

Legals

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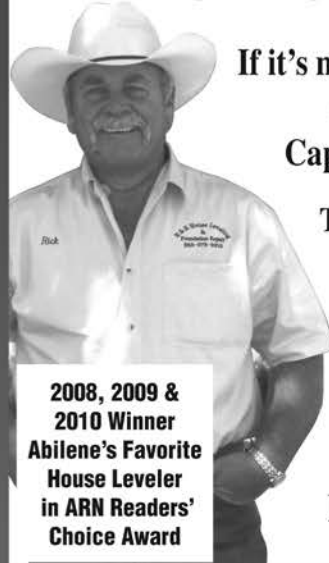
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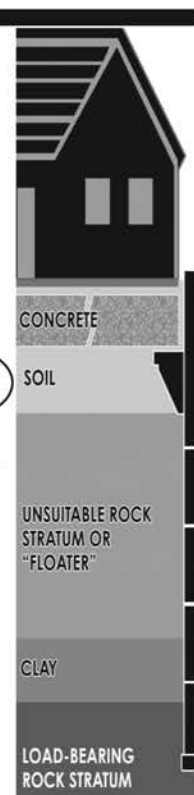
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World events threaten Obama's economic message

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreign policy challenges are intruding on President Barack Obama's promise to focus on the economy after the Democrats' election debacle and threatening to knock the White House off message altogether.

The escalation of tensions between North and South Korea this past week capped a postelection period that included two presidential trips abroad, discussions about America's future in Afghanistan and a debate in Washington over Senate ratification of a nuclear treaty with Russia. The risk for Obama is that

the capital and energy spent on a foreign crisis can undermine the perception that he's working on the public's top priority: finding jobs at home for Americans.

White House officials say the international focus hasn't diminished the amount of time Obama spends working on the economy. Aides acknowledge that events abroad can make it more difficult to spotlight Obama's economic message — one of an economy on a slow but steady march toward recovery, and a president aware that his political future rests on his ability to speed that recovery.

Take Obama's trip to Kokomo, Ind., last Tuesday, his first domestic trip since the Nov. 2 elections.

By the time Obama arrived at a Chrysler plant to promote the revival of the U.S. auto industry, attention had turned to how the White House would respond to North Korea's artillery attack against a South Korean island.

"You learn quickly as president that there are events that happen like North Korea that you have to address as they happen, not how you would plan for them to happen," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said.

Obama aides say they see opportunities for the president's economic message to break through, starting with a bipartisan meeting with lawmakers this Tuesday.

The top issue will be what to do about the Bush-era tax cuts set to expire at year's end. Obama also plans to take a few more domestic trips.

White House communications director Dan Pfeiffer said he doesn't believe the public is looking for the president to take an all-or-nothing approach to the economy.

The recent burst of activity on the foreign policy front comes after an election that

saw international issues seldom discussed, and a year that saw Obama spend just three days abroad.

Ari Fleischer, who served as press secretary for President George W. Bush, said it's too soon to tell whether a November filled with foreign policy following an election focused on the economy will hurt the current administration.

But Fleischer added that the ease with which world events can trump an administration's agenda is "a vivid reminder of how much more complicated and multifaceted governing is than campaigning."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Some say the key words for the Sagittarian sign are "I seek." Others reduce the last word to "see." It's a difference of one letter, but it changes the whole gist, as looking for something is obviously not the same thing as seeing it. I prefer the latter interpretation. Take in the sights as the sun, Mercury and Mars all explore Sagittarius.



**HOLIDAY
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You feel powerful, and you are. Your success secret? You keep life in a perspective that makes the world seem manageable, and this comes naturally to you. Help others do the same.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The tools you have to do a job may at first seem less than ideal. If this causes you to connect with neighbors and friends as you ask

for information and help, something good will come of it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You need a team member who is 100 percent your advocate. You will soon meet a loyal supporter who will make phone calls on your behalf and will talk you up to all the right people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is someone you are attracted to who is more fun than appropriate. This connection is not necessarily good for your life, your attitude or your prospects. Don't flirt with disaster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A change of scenery will not solve a problem. If you thought the answer was to change things up, you were not entirely wrong. But sooner or later, you have to get to the root of things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Think of yourself as rich and lucky. It's how you see things and not how they are that matters most. It might even be argued that how you see things is how they are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are in charge of someone who needs constant supervision, and that person is you. You are so mindful right now that it is as if you are a witness and a guide to your every action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some people look at a problem and immediately start to feel down about things. You, on the other hand, will see all circumstances you encounter as neutral events. This helps you see possibilities that others cannot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll get the chance to hone your technical skills. Practice makes better. You'll need these skills in the weeks to come. Dig in and make some progress!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Many arrangements will be proposed to you that are not to your advantage. Be careful not to put yourself in a position of paying out more money than you will be receiving.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One of your many talents is your ability to empathize and relate to a wide variety of characters. You can get into a groove with someone who moves through the world very differently than you do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have attracted satisfying and honest relationships in the past, and you are about to add a new connection to this category. Go forward in good faith.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 28). Character development doesn't always happen through hardship. This year's lesson: Being strong in good times takes grace, too. Invest carefully next month. You'll follow a romantic whim in January and be most fulfilled by the result. Family needs your cooperation in May. There's an important June wedding. Libra and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 47, 1, 22, 45 and 49.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The old saying goes that you can't take it with you. There have been many people who just couldn't accept that this was the case. The sarcophagus of an Egyptian prince was sealed off in rooms filled with gold and treasures to be enjoyed in the afterlife. Norse chieftains were buried with their ships and weapons. Michael Jackson was buried wearing his iconic bejeweled white glove. Maybe you can't take it with you. But can you still enjoy and appreciate material wealth without identifying yourself by it? Can you have nice things

and maintain them well without forming an attachment to them? These are the kinds of questions that arise from this week's events, as Mars and Jupiter square off in a rather abrasive fashion, challenging our relationship to personal property. Mars is the god of war and aggression and the planet of passion and pursuit. Jupiter is about luck, abundance and the downside of that state, which is greed and excess. Most of this week will be affected by the square, and there will be many discussions and arguments about the ownership of stuff. Keep your perspective. Always remember that relationships are the true treasures of this earthly plane.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Even though he's serious about his politics, Sagittarius Jon Stewart makes comedy out of his political views. The first three luminaries in his natal chart are Sagittarius, indicating that he is independent, liberated, self-taught, courageous and skilled in the art of debate. Stewart's natal Mars is in the sign of show business, Leo, and he has lucky Jupiter in the empathic sign of Pisces.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

ConocoPhillips Company, 3300 North A Street, Building 6, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Grayburg formation, Overton, B. -A- Well Number 8. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles West of Forsan, Texas in the Howard Glasscock Field in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the sub-surface depth interval of 2250 feet to 2476 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, TX 78711. (Telephone (512)463-6792).

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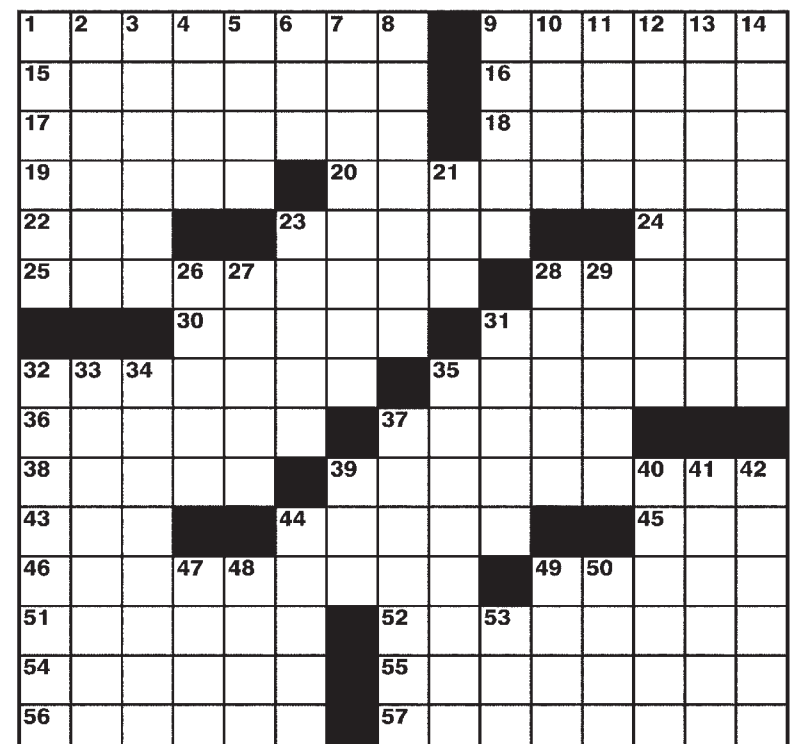
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24 English ____
25 Shade source
28 It may cover your dog
30 Room service
31 Disorder
32 Father
35 Shows of approval
36 Disparage
37 "Wisdom never lies" source
38 Complete
39 Cosby show
43 Spoil
44 ____ slip
45 *Waging Peace* author's initials
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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I need a polite way to tell people to leave me alone. My husband and I work opposite shifts and only have a few hours a week to spend together. I work a late shift and need to sleep during the day. My doorbell rings constantly even though I have posted a note: "Do not disturb day sleeper." Somehow, my friends and relatives do not think this applies to them.

stand why I don't want to "get away." I have made it clear to everyone: "Do not call. Do not come over. I'm busy with my chores and want to spend time alone with my husband." They completely ignore me. Please help before I blow a gasket. — Pleading for a Little Privacy



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

I allocate \$10,000 from my annual budget to my father, and he constantly complains that he does not have enough money. Yet he still manages to take overseas vacations. He

Dear Pleading: Instead of telling people to leave you alone, give them a time when it's OK to call. They are much more likely to cooperate if they have specific guidelines. If you get home at 7 and need time to settle in, ask people to call you between, say, 8 and 10. Then try to be accommodating during those hours. Anyone who calls or pops in when you're trying to sleep should be told, nicely, that you need your rest. Then hang up or close the door.

Dear Annie: My older brother and I have been providing financial support for our father by paying for his medical bills and household expenses. Our younger brother is only able to support himself.

has stated many times that he is leaving all his worldly possessions to our younger brother because he needs the money most. Dad does not seem to appreciate that my older brother and I are sacrificing in order to help him.

My father is taking my younger brother on a vacation next month. What do you think of this, Annie? — Dad's Personal Bank

Dear Bank: We think your situation is building tremendous resentment not only toward your father, but toward your younger brother, as well. You are generous to help support Dad, but you are apparently giving him more than he needs. Who is managing his money, handling these deposits, paying his bills? It might help to have a neutral third party, perhaps an accountant, lawyer or the bank, handle the finances and remove the emotional hurt from the equation.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Debbie from Sarasota, Fla.," who said it is not normal for women to be naked in the gym locker room.

Speaking as a personal trainer and group fitness instructor who has worked in countless clubs, I can tell you it is extremely common for women to be naked for

extended lengths of time in the locker room, and to hold lengthy conversations like that. "Debbie" must belong to a conservative health club and not be aware of how most clubs are. — Katherine from N.Y.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy

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Dear Margo by Margo Howard

Dear Margo: I have a close friend I've known for 10 years, and every Friday night we get together for Shabbat with other good friends and family.

He has gone through some difficult times over the years, losing a very long-term relationship and his beautiful home.

We have all been there for him, emotionally and financially. Our Friday night group is a wonderful support system we've all relied on over the years.

Recently, the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) broke down his front door, ransacked his place and then hauled him off to jail.

It turns out that he is accused of being part of a methamphetamine trafficking ring they've been monitoring for the past two years.

He was released on bail after a few days and is awaiting trial. He has not denied what he is accused of, but doesn't seem to think it should interfere with our friendship.

I am shocked that he may be involved in something so onerous and harmful. I hate the thought of abandoning him and our long friendship, but I fear that my association with him may put my reputation and even my job in jeopardy. What should I do? — On the Horns of a Dilemma

Dear On: This is, indeed, a hard call. Friends stand by friends, hell or high

water. In this case, however, the high water is a destructive criminal activity. The fact that he has not denied it (to the friends) suggests the charge is true. I'm not sure how his difficulty could have any impact

on your livelihood, but if it does, then you will have to get out your emotional scale and balance all the factors. Then, too, some people have very strong feelings about people who deal drugs, and I am one of them. I think there are times when a good friend forfeits a relationship when the other person has gone beyond what he deems acceptable. From the sound of things, you did not have this information before the DEA entered the picture, so I guess I would tell you to put the friendship on ice until after the trial. That verdict will determine the outcome. — Margo, unhappily

Dear Margo: My son and daughter-in-law are newly separated and heading for a divorce. They are trying to get along for my grandson's sake. My son told me last night that when they were expecting a second baby two years ago, they terminated the pregnancy for a couple of reasons. My

daughter-in-law wanted the baby, but my son pushed for an abortion. I'm absolutely devastated; I can't look my son in the face. I am Catholic, and abortion goes against everything I believe. And my son told me not to tell anyone! I feel I've failed as a mother. I am so heartbroken that I want to die. — Grieving Grandmother

Dear Grieve: I don't understand why your son wanted you to have that information at this late date, but there you are. He is clearly a lapsed Catholic; whereas, he has to know you take your Catholicism seriously. The bottom line, however, is that it is the parents' decision about whether or not to have a child.

My guess is they sensed, at the time, that the marriage was unraveling, and they didn't feel they wanted to bring another baby into the world. You in no way failed as a mother. In fact, this has nothing to do with you. I hope you can arrive at an understanding of the situation in this light. I think any person of faith must allow others to live life as they see fit. I suggest you concentrate on your grandson during what has to be a confusing time for him. And I would look forward, not back. Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future. — Margo, understandingly © 2010 MARGO HOWARD



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YEONPYEONG ISLAND, South Korea (AP) — The United States and South Korea prepared for war games Sunday as South Koreans demanded vengeance over a deadly North Korean artillery bombardment that has raised fears of more clashes between the bitter rivals.

The North, meanwhile, worked to justify one of the worst attacks on South Korean territory since the 1950-53 Korean War. Four South Koreans, including two civilians, died after the North rained artillery on the small Yellow Sea island of Yeonpyeong, which is home to both fishing communities and military bases.

North Korea said civilians were used as a "human shield" around artillery positions and lashed out at what it called a "propaganda campaign" against Pyongyang.

It claimed the United States orchestrated last Tuesday's clash so that it could stage joint naval exercises in the Yellow Sea with the South that include a U.S. nuclear powered supercarrier — enraging the North and making neighboring China uneasy.

The North Korean attack on an area with a civilian population marked a new level of hostility along the rivals' disputed sea border. Only eight months ago, according to the findings of a South Korean-led international investigation, a North Korean torpedo sank a South Korean warship in waters farther west, killing 46 sailors.

The aggression could be linked to the North's attempt to strengthen its government as it pursues a delicate transfer of power from leader Kim Jong Il to a young, unproven son. It also may reflect Pyongyang's frustration that it has been unable to force a resumption of stalled international talks on receiving aid in return for nuclear disarmament.

The attack laid bare weaknesses 60 years after the Korean War in South Korea's defenses against the North, which does not recognize the border drawn by the

U.N. at the close of the conflict and which considers waters around Yeonpyeong as its territory.

The skirmish prompted President Lee Myung-bak to replace his defense minister on Friday.

At a funeral Saturday near Seoul, South Korea's marine commander, Maj. Gen. You Nak-jun, vowed a "thousand-fold" retaliation for the attack.

Dignitaries and relatives laid white flowers at an altar for the two marines killed in the North's attack. The mother of one of the victims fell forward in her chair in grief.

Passers-by paused at Seoul's main train station to watch funeral footage on a big screen.

Elsewhere in Seoul, about 70 former special forces troops protested what they called the government's weak response and scuffled with riot police in front of the Defense Ministry, pummeling the riot troops' helmets with wooden stakes and spraying fire extinguishers.

"Let's go!" the activists shouted, as police, numbering several hundred, pushed back with shields.

North Korea's state news agency said that although "it is very regrettable, if it is true, that civilian casualties occurred on Yeonpyeong island, its responsibility lies in enemies' inhumane action of creating a 'human shield' by deploying civilians around artillery positions."

The North said its enemies are "now working hard to dramatize 'civilian casualties' as part of its propaganda campaign."

South Korea was conducting artillery drills Tuesday from the island, located just 7 miles (11 kilometers) from North Korea's mainland, but fired away from the mainland.

The North said it warned South Korea to halt the drills on the morning of the attack, as part of "superhuman efforts to prevent the clash to the last moment."

The North said that

Sunday's planned U.S.-South Korean war games showed that the United States was "the arch criminal who deliberately planned the incident and wire-pulled it behind the scene."

The war games starting Sunday and involving the USS George Washington supercarrier display resolve by Korean War allies Washington and Seoul to respond strongly to any future North Korean aggression. However, Washington has insisted the drills are routine and were planned well before last Tuesday's attack.

North Korea on Saturday warned of retaliatory attacks creating a "sea of fire" if its territory is violated.

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Black Friday draws large crowds

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

Bargain shoppers, braving rain or frigid weather, crowded the nation's stores in the wee hours of the night to get their hands on deals from TVs to toys on Black Friday.

Early signs pointed to bigger crowds at many stores including Best Buy, Sears, and Toys R Us for the traditional start to the holiday shopping season.

In an encouraging sign for retailers and for the economy, more shoppers appeared to be buying for themselves than last year, when such indulgences were limited. Lengthened hours that pushed some store openings into Thanksgiving also appeared to pay off.

Toys R Us, which drew in shoppers with 50 percent discounts on such toys as Buzz Lightyear and Barbies, was counting on getting an extra boost by opening 24 hours straight, starting at 10 p.m. on Thanksgiving.

Brian Dunn, CEO of Best Buy Co., which started its holiday TV ads 11 days earlier this year than last year, reported customer counts were showing high single-digit percentage increase Friday morning compared last year. He said shoppers were throwing in items like Blu-ray players to go with early morning

bargains that started at 5 a.m.

"Traffic was fast and furious. We started earlier and we have more TV (commercials). I think both of these things helped," Dunn said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I do think there will be more self-gifting this year."

Still, analysts monitoring stores said many people were paying with cash and were focused, doing plenty of research before venturing out.

"Where there are bargains, there are people looking to gobble them up," said Marshal Cohen, chief analyst for market research firm NPD. "The consumer is still very calculated."

The earlier hours were an enticement to shoppers like Jessica Marshburn, who was armed with a Rockstar energy drink and an advertising insert from a newspaper.

"It's easier this year. I just stayed up," said Marshburn, who was at Washington Square mall in Tigard, Ore., for its midnight opening. Her game plan? Kohl's, Target, and Best Buy, as they opened. She and her friend Cristy Doering were shopping for themselves while keeping their eyes open for deals that might make good gifts.

At the Walmart store in Columbia, Md., customers came in waves, with a big

rush at midnight when toys and clothing went on sale and then another surge just before cut-rate electronics were hauled out at 5 a.m. Parking spots were in short supply and shopping carts were even more scarce, as people stalked the exits waiting for discarded ones.

The chain averted the dangers of years past by keeping its doors open all night to head off potential stampedes. Shoppers instead lined up for tickets entitling them to heavily discounted TVs and computers and then camped out in cordoned-off aisles.

While the system kept things orderly, some shoppers didn't appreciate it.

Kelly Miller was looking to do some marathon gift shopping, but ended up buying just a few toys, including a \$4 Candyland game.

"I might have picked up more," she said, "if I could have found what I wanted without stepping on people lying on the floor. I got fed up."

Retail analyst Cohen, who had a team of consultants monitoring 11 regions, estimated that 15 percent of purchases so far on Friday were items for the shoppers themselves, up from about 9 percent last year on the same day. On Black Friday 2008, he estimated it dropped to about 5 percent. In good economic

times, such purchases run about 26 percent, Cohen said.

Kevin Jones, a Black Friday first-timer, was at Walmart in Columbia, Md., to buy a 42-inch Emerson LCD television for \$398 for his new apartment.

"This year, I'm taking care of me first. I deserve a little gift," he said.

The fierce battle for shoppers' wallets promises savings for those willing and able to buy amid an economy that's still worrying many.

The strong Black Friday builds on retailers' momentum after a solid start to November.

Shoppers who can afford it are buying more nonessentials, like jewelry and luxury goods.

Still, nearly 15 million are unemployed, and concerns about job security cloud consumer confidence. Spending may be picking up but has not returned to pre-recession levels.

"It's a dogfight between retail companies," said Chris Donnelly, a senior executive in consulting group Accenture's retail practice. "This year is the first time that there's a little more money in the marketplace so they're being more aggressive about getting the last dollar. At the end of the day, they're going to outweigh people who are pulling back."

Many stores pushed more exclusive deals online Thursday in a bid to rope in shoppers before Black Friday. It apparently worked. According to IBM's Coremetrics, online sales soared 33 percent on the holiday compared with Thanksgiving 2009. The average order was \$182.74, up from \$159.81 on last year's Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving weekend is huge for retailers. In recent years, Black Friday — called that because the surge of shoppers could take retailers into profitability, or "the black," for the year — has been the busiest shopping day of the year, according to data from research firm ShopperTrak. But the retail blitz doesn't make or break the holiday season. In fact, shoppers seem to be procrastinating more every year, giving retailers some nail-biting moments waiting for sales the last few days before Christmas.

Retailers do study buying patterns for the weekend to discern shoppers' mindset. This year, that means taking the measure on their willingness to spend just a little bit more.

Last year, the Thanksgiving shopping weekend accounted for 12.3 percent of overall holiday revenue, according to ShopperTrak.

Black Friday made up about half of that.

Stocks slide on worries over Korea, European debt

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks sank during Friday's shortened session as jittery traders were afraid to commit to any holdings ahead of the weekend amid lingering uncertainty surrounding Europe's debt troubles and North Korea's war threats.

European stock markets and the euro fell as worries mounted that Portugal will be the next country to need cash from other European Union countries, even as details of Ireland's bailout were being worked out.

On Friday, Portugal adopted a raft of debt-reducing austerity mea-

sures, which the government claimed would be enough to restore market confidence in its public finances without resorting to a bailout.

However, that didn't soothe traders who are also nervously eyeing North Korea's threat of war, which could destabilize its neigh-

boring Asian nations. North Korea warned Friday that plans by South Korea and the U.S. to stage military maneuvers have put the Korean peninsula on the brink of war.

North Korea fired artillery shells at a South Korean island on Tuesday, killing four

people. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 95.28, or 0.9 percent, to 11,092. The S&P 500 index was down 8.95, or 0.8 percent, to 1,189.40. The Nasdaq composite index fell 8.56, or 0.3 percent, to 2,534.56.

"Until there's final resolution of both Spain

and Portugal investors will continue to be fearful," said John O'Donoghue, co-head of equities at Cowen & Co.

The 16-nation euro fell to \$1.3244 in midday trading Friday from \$1.3368 late Thursday, earlier dipping below \$1.32 for the first time since Sept. 21.



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Feds: Somali-born teen plotted car-bombing

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Undercover agents in a sting operation stopped a Somali-born teenager from blowing up a van full of explosives at a crowded Christmas tree lighting ceremony in downtown Portland, federal authorities said.

The bomb was a dud supplied by the agents and the public was never in danger, authorities said.

Mohamed Osman Mohamud, 19, was arrested at 5:40 p.m. Friday just after he dialed a cell phone that he thought would set off the blast but instead brought federal agents and police swooping down on him.

Yelling "Allahu Akbar!" — Arabic for "God is great!" — Mohamud tried to kick agents and police after he was taken into custody, according to prosecutors.

The FBI affidavit that outlined the investigation alleges that Mohamud planned the attack for months, at one point mailing bomb components to FBI operatives, whom he believed were assembling the device.

It said Mohamud was warned several times about the seriousness of his plan, that women and children could be killed, and that he could back out, but he told agents: "Since I was 15 I thought about all this;" and "It's gonna be a fireworks show ... a spectac-

ular show." Mohamud, a naturalized U.S. citizen living in Corvallis, was charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and is scheduled for a court appearance Monday. Few details were available about him late Friday.

Authorities allowed the plot to proceed in order to build up enough evidence to charge the suspect with attempt.

Officials didn't say if the suspect had any ties to other Americans recently accused of trying to carry out attacks on U.S. soil, including alleged efforts in May by a Pakistan-born man to set off a car bomb near Times Square or another Pakistan-born Virginia resident accused last month in a bomb plot to kill commuters.

U.S. Attorney Dwight Holton released federal court documents to *The Associated Press* and the *Oregonian* newspaper that show the sting operation began in June after an undercover agent learned that Mohamud had been in regular e-mail contact with an "unindicted associate" in Pakistan's northwest, a frontier region where Al Qaida and Afghanistan's Taliban insurgents are strong.

The two used coded language in which the FBI believes Mohamud discussed traveling to Pakistan to prepare for

"violent jihad," the documents said.

In June an FBI agent contacted Mohamud "under the guise of being affiliated with" the suspected terrorist. But the documents did not say how federal officials first became aware of Mohamud.

An undercover agent met with him a month later in Portland, where they "discussed violent jihad," according to the court documents.

As a trial run, Mohamud and agents detonated a bomb in Oregon's backcountry earlier this month.

Friday, an agent and Mohamud drove to downtown Portland in a white van that carried six 55-gallon drums with detonation cords and plastic caps, but all of them were inert, the complaint states.

They left the van near the downtown ceremony site and went to a train station where Mohamud was given a cell phone that he thought would blow up the vehicle, according to the complaint.

There was no detonation when he dialed, and when he tried again federal agents and police made their move.

Omar Jamal, first secretary to the Somali mission to the United Nations, condemned the plot and urged Somalis to cooperate with police and the FBI.

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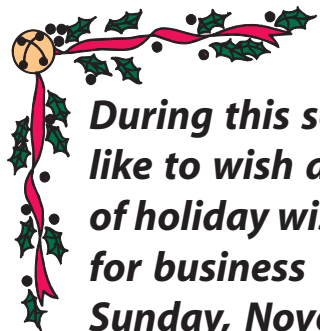
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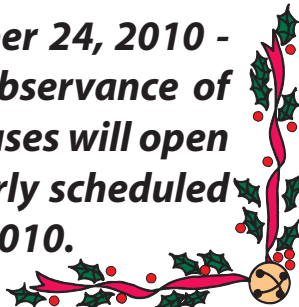


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During this season of Thanksgiving, we would like to wish all of our community the warmest of holiday wishes. Our campuses will be closed for business Wednesday, November 24, 2010 - Sunday, November 28, 2010 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Campuses will open and classes will resume at regularly scheduled times on Monday, November 29, 2010.



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Silent Night

JOSEPH MOHR

FRANZ GRUBER

Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright.
 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight!
 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light!

Round you Vir - gin Moth-er and Child! Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,
 Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far. Heav'n - ly hosts sing, "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace! Sleep in heav - en - ly peace!
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth! Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth!

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Holiday Songbook

Supplement To The Big Spring Herald
Sunday, November 28, 2010

Away In A Manger

p G C G D7

A - way in a man - ger No crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
 The cat - tle are low - ing, The poor Ba - by wakes, But lit - tle Lord
 Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -

G

Je - sus Laid down His sweet head, The stars in the sky_ Looked
 Je - sus No cry - ing He makes, I love Thee Lord Je - sus Look
 ev - er, And love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren In

C G D7 G C D7 G

down where he lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus A - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle Till morn - ing is nigh.
 Thy ten - der care, And take us to heav - en, To live with Thee there.

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It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

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Guitar Capo 3:

p G C G C G C A7 D D7

It came up - on _ the mid - night clear, That glo - ri - ous song of old,
 Still thro' the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful wings un - furled;
 For lo! the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - ets seen of old,

G C G C D7 G

From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
 When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told,

mf B Em D A7 D D7

"Peace on the earth, good will to men From heav'n's all gra - cious King,"
 A - bove it's sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov'r - ing wing,
 When the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King,

pp G C G C D7 G

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 And the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CHARLES WESLEY

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Joyfully

G D G D G C D G

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!
Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er last - ing Lord;
Hail! the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail! the Son of right - eous - ness!

D G A D A D

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the fa - vored one.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

G C G D G C G D

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh, the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die;

C E7 Am D G D G

With th'an - gel - ic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."
Please, as man with men to dwell, Je - sus our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

C E7 Am D G D G

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

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GOD BLESS YOU, AND HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

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Angels from the Realms of Glory

Bb F Bb Eb G

An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

F Bb F Bb D

all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear; sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

G Bb C F Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: Come and wor - ship,
yon - der shines the in - fant light:
ye have seen his na - tal star:
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

Bb Eb C Eb F Bb

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

TRADITIONAL

Arr by Sir John Stainer

God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may, Re -
 In Beth - le - hem, in Jew - ry, This bless - ed Babe was born, And
 From God our Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, A bless - ed An - gel came; And
 The Shep - herds at those ti - dings Re - joic - ed much in mind, And

mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas Day; To
 laid with - in a man - ger, Up - on this bless - ed morn; The
 un - to cer - tain Shep - herds, Brought ti - dings of the same; How
 left their flocks a feed - ing, In tem - pest, storm, and wind; And

save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r, When we were gone a - stray.
 which His Moth - er Ma - ry, Did noth - ing take in scorn.
 that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by Name.
 went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, The Son of God to find.

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,
 O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

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Good King Wenceslas

John Mason Neale

English

Good King Wen - ces - las looked out On the Feast of Steph - en,
 "Hith - er, page, and stand by me, If thou Know'st it, tell - ing,
 "Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, Bring me pine - logs hith - er;

When the snow lay round a - bout, Deep and crisp and ev - en;
 Yon - der peas - ant, who is he? Where and what his dwell - ing?"
 Thou and I will see him dine When we bear them thith - er."

Bright - ly shone the moon that night, Tho' the frost was cru - el,
 "Sire, he lives a good league hence, Un - der - neath the moun - tain;
 Page and mon - arch, forth they went, Forth they went to - geth - er;

When a poor man came in sight, Gath - ring win - ter fu - el.
 Right a - gainst the for - est fence, By Saint Ag - nes' foun - tain."
 Through the rude wind's wild la - ment And the bit - ter weath - er.

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O Christmas Tree

English version by Ruth Heller

German

Happily G D G C D

O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, O tree of green, un -
 O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, You set my heart a -
 O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, You come from God, e -
 O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, You speak of God, un -

G G D

chang - ing. Your boughs, so green in sum - mer time, Do
 sing - ing. Like lit - tle stars, your can - dles bright Send
 ter - nal. A sym - bol of the Lord of Love Whom
 chang - ing. You tell us all to faith - ful be, And

G D

brave the snow of win - ter - time. O Christ - mas tree, O
 to the world a won - drous light. O Christ - mas tree, O
 God to man sent from a - bove. O Christ - mas tree, O
 trust in God e - ter - nal - ly. O Christ - mas tree, O

G C D G

Christ - mas tree, O tree of green, un - chang - ing.
 Christ - mas tree, You set my heart a - sing - ing.
 Christ - mas tree, You come from God, e - ter - nal.
 Christ - mas tree, You speak of God, un - chang - ing.

The First Noel

D A D G D G D

The first no - el the an - gels did say Was to cer - tain poor
 They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the
 And by the light of that same star, Three Wise - men
 This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er Beth - le -
 Then en - ter'd in those Wise - men three. Full rev - 'rent -

D A D D A

shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
 east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it
 came from coun - try far, To seek for a King
 hem it took its rest, And there it did both
 ly up - on their knee, And of - fer'd there, in

D G D D A D

keep - ing their sheep On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 His pres - ence, Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

D A D

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O
Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; O

come ye, O come ye, to Beth-le-hem. Come and be-
sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heaven a-bove! Glo-ry to

hold him, born the King of an-gels; O come, let us a-dore him, O
God, all glo-ry in the high-est;

come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.

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Joy To The World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re-
Joy to the world! the Sav-ior reigns; Let men their
He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare Him
songs em-ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
na-tions prove The glo-ries of His right-eous-

room, And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture
plains, Re-peat the sound-ing joy, Re-peat the sound-ing
ness, And won-ders of His love, And won-ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n, and na-ture sing.
joy; Re-peat, re-peat, the sound-ing joy.
love. And won-ders, and won-ders of His love.

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Jingle Bells

Brightly *G mf*
Dash-ing thro' the snow In a one horse o-pen sleigh,
Day or two a-go I thought I'd take a ride, And
Now the ground is white, Go it while you're young;

O're the fields we go, Laugh-ing all the way;
soon Miss Fan-nie Bright Was seat-ed by my side. The
Take the girls to-night, And sing this sleigh-ing song; Just

Bells on bob-tail ring, Mak-ing spir-its bright; What
horse was lean and lank, Mis-for-tune seem'd his lot, He
get a bob-tailed nag, Two for-ty for his speed, Then

fun it is to ride and sing A sleigh-ing song to-night!
got in-to a drift-ed bank, and we, we got up-sot.
hitch him to an o-pen sleigh, And crack! you'll take the lead.

Jin-gle Bells! Jin-gle Bells! Jin-gle all the way! Oh, what fun it is to ride

¹ In a one-horse o-pen sleigh! ² In a one-horse o-pen sleigh! *Fine*

¹ ² *Fine*

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